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Popular C.C beanies cap off winter outfits

BY SHELBY MAZNIO

Girls at Northwestern are gearing up for the winter months with a new favorite accessory: C.C beanies. These hats, complete with a small leather tag saying “C.C,” can be spotted all over campus.

The exact origin of the beanie trend is unknown, but seniors Elisabeth Kahanic and Heidi Gritters were among the first few students to have them. “Heidi and I joked about getting social work department beanies,” Kahanic said.

After that, word of the beanies spread around campus. Both girls purchased their C.C beanies last fall semester on Amazon. Gritters bought hers for $11, and Kahanic scored her beanie for $5 plus free shipping.

The market for winter beanies contains a variety of brands, and C.C beanies are on the long list of hats. So what makes them so special? Warmth, style and the low prices.

“It’s hard to find beanies that look good,” Gritters said. “C.C beanies look good on everyone.”

With over 20 colors to choose from, customers can find the perfect color to match their wardrobe. Kahanic owns a plum-colored beanie, and Gritters can be seen sporting a rust or white beanie around campus.

“I want to get another color that goes with more things,” Kahanic added. “Having two beanies is plenty for me.”

Trends will come in with the new school year and leave the next, and Kahanic and Gritters think the trend won’t last past this year.

“What’s weird is that it is the exact same hat,” Gritters said. “It’s a unique trend. But it’s that one hat. It can’t spread.”

Kahanic compared the trend to that of the Neff beanies.

“It’s just a trend for this year,” she said. “I don’t know if it will go into next year.”

Carly Rozeboom is the owner of two beanies, one charcoal gray and the other white ivory, and also purchased hers on Amazon.

“I purchased a C.C beanie because a bunch of the girls in my social work classes were wearing them and told me how affordable they are,” Rozeboom said.

Rozeboom also likes that the hats have a cute style that sets them apart. “I couldn’t help myself,” she said.

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Christina DeKok and Carly Rozeboom purchased C.C beanies after seeing their Social Work classmates wearing them.

Alumna and students call out catcalling

BY KARA NONNEMACHER

“But why was she walking alone?” “But it was a compliment!” “But don’t you think she asked for it?” “But what was she wearing?”

This is the noise that often clouds the stories of women who are harassed. Northwestern alumna and current Chicago resident Kati Heng grew tired of these blame statements put on victims of street harassment. In September, Heng combined her love of writing and passion for putting an end to street harassment by starting a Tumblr blog called, ”But What Was She Wearing!”

On the blog, women submit selfies showing what they were wearing when they were catcalled.

In a recent interview with Buzzfeed, Heng said, “So often, when women try to talk about the harassment we face, we’re met with that stupid question, ‘What were you wearing?’ as if WE are the ones responsible for what happened to us. By having the selfies of what we were wearing upfront, it takes the question away, forcing people to get past it and just read the stories.”

Heng’s own experiences being catcalled prompted her to start the blog. During high school, she was involved in cross-country, and men regularly shouted inappropriate comments at the team. While attending NW, she was occasionally honked at when running through town. After moving to Chicago, the catcalls began happening almost daily.

Shortly before starting the blog, Heng was catcalled twice in one weekend. In one incident, she was on her way down the street toward Dominos and noticed a man making inappropriate gestures at her. In the other, Heng was out walking with her boyfriend and a man yelled past Heng to her boyfriend, “Hey, I want to F*** your girlfriend!”

This comment was more frustrating than most for Heng because she was no longer the target of harassment.

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NW students Joslynn Roth and Lauren Stanton submitted this photo to Heng’s blog in October.

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Colored hats keep heads cozy

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"I think the wide variety of colors is a factor that attracts a wide variety of individuals with different styles," Rozeboom said. "I also think the affordability attracts college students."

Another perk of the inexpensive beanies is the thickness.

"They are warm enough for winter, but not so thick that they can't be worn while in class," Rozeboom said.

This allows one to wear the hats both inside and outside, which means no hat hair while in class.

As for the trend growing or not, Rozeboom is confident that NW will be seeing C.C beanies for years to come.

"Honestly, the C.C beanie could stay popular," Rozeboom said. "They seem high enough quality to last years."

"They're cute and thicker than other beanies."

She doesn't think the beanie will be going away anytime soon, either.

"Neff was a huge deal last year, and it's still going strong," De Kok said.

Emily Wallace also searched online for her C.C beanies and owns three: beige, burgundy and black. She discovered them through a Google search when she was preparing to move to NW from her home in Arizona. Wallace was searching for a beanie to help her stay warm in the cold winter months, and C.C beanies came up first on the search page.

"They are cozy," Wallace said. "You can wear them on a bad hair day and no one will know."

Surprisingly, it appears that this trend is not as popular outside of NW as one might think. But despite arguments that the beanies will disappear as a new trend takes over the spotlight, Wallace thinks otherwise.

"Northwestern is pretty much a hipster campus," Wallace said. "The saggy beanie stereotype will probably stick around.

Regardless of the beginnings of this fast-growing trend, C.C beanies are rapidly taking over campus. Thanks to the long cold months coming up, they will more than likely stick around.

Regarding the sound impressionistically. Although it was an intentional creative choice, several movie theaters put up signs explaining that it was not an equipment malfunction, but actually part of the movie.

There is an intricate weaving of futuristic, high-tech science action scenes with old-movie style banter, the comic relief often provided by the Endurance’s robot TARS, who has his own humorous quips. Both McConaughey and Hathaway, the movie as a whole sweeps the watcher away on an incredibly captivating journey through the undiscovered space, making the two hours and 49 minutes worth it.

While there are several stylistic choices which Nolan made that didn’t connect with all audience members, the pure impact of the story will have them sitting on the edges of their seats.

Rating: ★★★★★

Lyric: “The Grammarians” - Tigers on Trains

The song starts slow and relaxed and then blossoms into an astounding climax. It brings out happy and sad emotions at the same time, which is normal and great.

Katrin: “Budapest” - George Ezra

Sort of beachy, sort of makes me want to not do homework. Which is good because school is almost done and I’m not busy AT ALL!
Carenda Czirr
Where did you get your sweater? As a gift.
Length of possession: about 2 years
Favorite part: The colors! They remind me of Christmas.
Shareable? Yes.

Jimmy Ieergens
Where did you get your sweater? From Michael Johnson. It was laying in his room, and I heard there were pictures.
Length of possession: The night of the picture, I had it for about 35 seconds.
Favorite part: It was pretty warm! Might consider getting one for myself.
Shareable? Personally I don’t let people borrow it. But I’m glad Michael let me.

Ethan De Groot
Where did you get your sweater? Goodwill
Length of possession: 4 months or so
Favorite part: I like how it continues to stretch out more and more, so by the end of the day it looks like I’m wearing a mini-skirt.
Shareable? Yes, mi sueter es tu sueter.

Alexia Pater
Where did you get your sweater? From my lovely roommate’s closet.
Length of possession: I am unsure how long she has had it.
Favorite part: The sleeves that can completely cover my hands.
Shareable? Yes. Sharing is caring.

Miles Fletcher
Where did you get your sweater? I traded it for a lovely bunch of coconuts.
Length of possession: For an entire circle of life.
Favorite part: It feels slimy, yet satisfying.
Shareable? Of course. I want others to feel the love tonight.

Jennifer Ubben
Where did you get your sweater? I believe JC Penney’s or somewhere like that.
Length of possession: Since freshman year of high school, maybe longer.
Favorite part: I like that it’s sort of dorky, but I can still wear it to church if I want to.
Shareable? Only if we’re tight. It’s gotta be in the right hands.

Jake Auerbach
Where did you get your sweater? From Flying Worm Vintage in Omaha.
Length of possession: Since spring break last year.
Favorite part: It is full zip.
Shareable? Probably only my roommate.

Justina Anderson
Where did you get your sweater? I stole it from my older brother who wore it when he was about 12.
Length of possession: Since senior year of high school.
Favorite part: The comb of patterns and yarn that the sweater pulls together so nicely.
Shareable? Yes, people may borrow my sweater.

Zack Schornack
Where did you get your sweater? I got it from my brother last year.
Length of possession: Almost a year now.
Favorite part: Probably the brown elbow patches. Those are pretty neat.
Shareable? Absolutely. Everyone should be able to bust out a nice sweater when the time is right.

Ben Boice
Where did you get your sweater? It was passed down to me from past West Hall senior Jacob Van Der Linden when I was a sophomore.
Length of possession: Coming up on two years.
Favorite part: The Northwestern logo is retro.
Shareable? Nope. At least not until I give it away to someone else in the hall when I graduate.
NW alumna creates catcalling awareness

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"The blog gave me awareness as well; I had accepted this type of behavior to be normal," Roth said. Maddie Booher shared an equally disturbing story. Booher was about to walk into her dorm building when a few male students walked out.

Booher said this on the blog: "I didn’t know any of them. One guy greeted me, while the rest of them narrated and laughed, saying things like, 'lady from the Hub gets harassed by strangers,' and 'verbal harassment happening outside of cafeteria.'"

Maddie’s experience proves that not only does street harassment come in all forms, but that it also happens between men and women on NW’s campus.

Lyric Morris submitted a selfie wearing jeans and her boyfriend’s baggy sweater. She was asked how much she cost while in downtown Des Moines.

"Too often the blame is put on the woman rather than the man who actively chose to do what he did," Morris said. "The blog comes at the idea of false blame — the victim should not be attacked.

In early November, Heng’s blog began receiving attention from popular media providers. After bust.com, a magazine for women, published a story about Heng’s project, outside submissions grew to one per day.

On Nov. 7, Buzzfeed published a story about the blog. Since then, its popularity has exploded. It caught the attention of The Huffington Post, Elle, Daily Mail UK and StyleBlazer. Ever since the blog was featured on these sites, Heng receives 200–300 submissions per day from women all over the world and has more than 18,000 followers on the blog.

"At first, all the submissions were from white girls, but I wanted to show everybody’s stories," Heng said. Now, she is happy to see more diversity in the submissions. The blog is peppered with the stories of white, black, Muslim, gay and lesbian men and women who want to see street harassment come to an end.

As with anything on the Internet, Heng’s blog has gotten pushback from both males and females, although they are far outnumbered by supporters. A few men have voiced that they think catcalling is fine. They say oftentimes women don’t respond to catcalls, which tells them the comments are well received. Others deny the validity of the posts, and think the girls were not actually wearing what their selfies showed.

Some women argue that they appreciate being called, and want Heng to stop telling men to stop.

"For some girls, it’s a confidence thing," Heng said. "The call is masked as a compliment, but it’s not. It’s objectifying, gross and scary.

Heng has two goals for the project. One is for females and one is for males. For females, she wants to create awareness that catcalling is a problem regardless of the outfit.

"Many moms tell their daughters to dress conservatively to prevent street harassment," Heng said. "This shouldn’t be taught because it’s body-shaming, and catcalls really have nothing to do with what a girl has on."

For males, she wants the blog to create more awareness and let them know that catcalls are not compliments. Although the blog’s big question is, "But What Was She Wearing?" the real issue is street harassment. As time goes on, Heng hopes to focus in on the issue rather than just the outfit.

The NW women who submitted to the blog also hope to continue raising awareness about the issue of street harassment. Amiotte brings the subject up in class when given the opportunity, and also talks to men about it when she can.

"The best way to make a woman feel special is by standing up to guys who catcall," Amiotte said. "Once we get past the vulgarity of street harassment, we can go back to people just giving genuine compliments."

Morris hopes the blog will cause people to stop and think before they catcall. She also hopes that the creativity of the project inspires people to think of other creative ways to fight for social justice issues.

Morris proudly acknowledges that it’s "no secret [she’s] a feminist," and will continue talking about this issue as well as other issues connected to women’s rights. Additionally, she is using her skills in art and graphic design to work with Heng on developing a logo and new layout for the blog. Jana Latchaw is the administrator of a "But What Was She Wearing?" Facebook site that shares stories directly from the blog.

Booher urges women to continue sharing their stories so people are aware that gender-related harassment is an issue that needs to be addressed.

"This should not be kept secret because the behavior cannot be excused," Booher said. If you would like to share your catcall experience, email your story to stopthecatcall@gmail.com.

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Top: The logo for Kati Heng’s blog. Bottom: Abbie Amiotte submitted this selfie to show what she was wearing when she was harassed on the streets of Orange City.
Behind the Scenes: Meet Ned Price

Students who frequent the cafeteria probably recognize the chefs and cooks who prepare food for them on a daily basis, but there is a man behind the scenes who makes everything tick. He is Nedrick "Ned" Price, Northwestern's General Manager of Campus Dining.

This position comes with many tasks and responsibilities, such as overseeing the caf and the Hub. Despite the rigor of the job, Price loves what he does. "I've been in college food service since 1991," Price said. "I've done a little bit of everything, from hotels to restaurants."

Before joining Sodexo in the campus dining field, Price was the owner of his own restaurant. Price has an interesting story on how he came to work at colleges.

"We were in a military town, and when Desert Storm hit we lost 75 percent of our business," Price said. "We closed up shop and I got a job at Manhattan Christian College."

Price wasn't totally sold on the idea of working at a college, but he came to love it. "I remember telling my wife that I'll just work here until I find something better, and I ended up being there for 10 years," Price said.

As Price started working at MCC he fell in love with the campus dining scene, and he's been utilizing his trade on college campuses ever since.

Price has worked at four colleges, three of which were private schools and one public institution. Price said that although he enjoyed his time spent at a public school in Oklahoma, he has really come to enjoy the smaller feel of a private school.

"You get to know the students and faculty and staff, which you don't get all the time at a bigger school, or even a smaller public school," Price said.

Ned Price has served the NW community as General Manager of Campus Dining for more than a year, said. "You are able to touch so many lives in this position."

Price has only been at NW for a little over a year, but he and his wife have already fallen in love with Orange City. Price actually felt that NW was a good fit before he even set foot on campus.

"I was looking at Sodexo job openings and I found this post," Price said. "I went to the website and saw some videos about things that happen in the dorms and some of the traditions, and it just hit me: This was where I wanted to be."

Along with being a passion of his, working in the culinary field has opened a lot of doors for Price, both within the profession and beyond his work.

He began working as a busboy when he was 16 years old and hasn't looked back since. While he was a college student, he got a job at a Marriott Hotel. They told Price that if he got a hotel and restaurant degree, they would pay for his college education. Later, while at MCC, he was able to further his education.

"While I was working there I got a bachelor's degree in management and ethics," Price said. "It was a fun two years learning how to blend those areas."

His time there also inspired Price to branch out into more areas, this time working with children.

"You went to Manhattan Christian to be a minister or a pastor, and that got me hooked on youth ministry," Price said.

"I was able to start a youth ministry program at my church, which didn't currently have one, and I began working double duty as the campus dining manager and as a youth director at my church," Price said.

Now that Price is here at NW, he still has that adventurous edge and wants to overhaul the campus dining experience.

"I'm always willing to try new stuff, I love it when people bring me new recipes," Price said. "Sometimes it's a winner and sometimes it's not."

Price thinks he has a very talented team that has plenty of ability to keep improving. He has many visions for where he and his team can take campus dining, and he is always looking for feedback.

"I'm always accessible for people to come up to me and say 'Hey, I like this' or 'Hey, this wasn't my favorite,'" Price said. "Just understand that I try my best to make everyone happy, but we don't always hit a home run. There's no tougher critic on me or on my staff than myself."

Price's main goal is for students to come into the dining hall and feel at home.

Student celebrates Christmas year-round

The Christmas season seems to come earlier and earlier each year. Just days after Halloween, Wal-Mart was flooded with tinsel and Christmas ornaments, and Orange City's main street streamed with decorations. Even Northwestern's campus is welcoming the early Christmas season with music and sweaters.

However, for some people an "early" Christmas season doesn't exist.

"Former closet Christmas junky," Kali Wolkow, celebrates Christmas 365 days a year. She is known for blaring Christmas tunes in the art building, at work and in her room all year long. The ironic thing is that Christmas isn't even Wolkow's favorite holiday — the Fourth of July is.

When asked why she likes Christmas so much, or even how she can stand the music all year long, Wolkow generally gives her short version of the answer:

“If anyone deserves to celebrate their birthday all year long, Jesus seems like a good option, don't you think?"

Her passion for the Christmas season is as strong as one admits a possible obsession, goes beyond sheery music, Hallmark movies or even a celebration of Jesus' birthday. It is deeply rooted in family and traditions.

“Things that mean a lot to do with what helps my family be a family," Wolkow said. "All of our family's traditions are centered around Christmas."

One dreaded tradition that makes Wolkow cringe is when the family holds hands around the tree and sings "Silent Night" and "O Christmas Tree" together.

"We hate it ... but at the same time love how we all hate it together," Wolkow said.

Other traditions in the Wolkow household include Christmas cookie decorating and stockings stuffed with presents from Santa. There is also a holiday meal of ham and homemade mac-and-cheese and an annual Christmas slumber party with her mother's side of the family.

So how does the rest of the Wolkow family, who has a rule that "no Christmas music is allowed before December and none after," respond to Wolkow's year-round continuance of the Christmas celebration?

"I'm not even the black sheep in my family ... I'm like the polka-dotted camel so it doesn't even surprise them," Wolkow said.

It is mostly Wolkow's older sister Lexi who pushes for minimal festivities. Wolkow said her sister is a bit of a grinch when it comes to Christmas, and she even wears a shirt plastered with the Grinch's face during twelve days of the Christmas season.

Wolkow believes that if allowed, the rest of her family would only welcome Christmas music beginning in November and possible a brief stint in January.

"The acceptance of her strange preference of Amy Grant's "I Need a Silent Night" over country classics or Top-40 hits goes beyond the walls of Wolkow's home. Wolkow describes Samantha Rhoda, her roommate since sophomore year, as being "really supportive of my uniqueness in all things, including Christmas."

Alexis Graves lived on Wolkow's wing freshman year and remembers thinking her year-round celebration of Christmas as being "really supportive of my uniqueness in all things, including Christmas."

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Regardless, Wolkow finds Christmas music comforting. It reminds Wolkow that her family in May and August and October is the same as the one in December.

"It's kind of a nice way to wake up," Stokes said. "It kind of livens you up walking to class when you hear Christmas music."

However, not everyone enjoys Wolkow's music selection. Art student Lyric Morris admits to being "Scrooge, Grinch Lyric" because she has very strong opinions against Christmas music being played before Thanksgiving and after January.

"Personally, I think it's kind of annoying," Morris said. "I'm sometimes willing to put up with it, but I get annoyed."

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"I need a little Christmas to remind me of God's love and my family's," price said.
Nap your heart out, NW

BY JESSIE SCHULDT
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You may be expecting to read an opinion article about a well-known political or social issue. If that's what you're looking for, then I apologize. Here is my feeble attempt to explain something that is near and dear to my heart.

Napping. A time to rejuvenate ourselves, something I rarely took advantage of during my childhood. Since starting college, I have really become a nap expert. From afternoon naps to drink-a-Red-Bull-and-take-a-power-nap naps, I have come to enjoy every kind of nap.

I like to think of Thanksgiving break as a nap for the fall semester. It’s the nap that reenergizes you to come back and finish out the semester. You take a break from your normal everyday life to catch up on sleep and family time. It’s glorious until you suddenly realize it’s over and you’re back to the reality of classes, homework and, last but not least, finals.

We often get caught up in the business of our lives and neglect nap time. This is something that needs to change, people. What can you do? Practice. Practice. Practice. If you’re not tired enough to take a nap, try staying up a little later each night. Soon, the sleepless minutes will begin to accumulate into hours and you will have enough to trade in for nap time. It takes perseverance and determination, but you can be successful.

As I near the end of my college career, many of my fondest memories involve naps. Waking up in my cozy dorm bed, sun shining through the window and that “Ahhhhh!” feeling became something that I looked forward to.

You can experience this wonderful feeling, too. Take advantage of your naps, but don’t take them for granted.

So take that metaphorical nap of Thanksgiving break and also a few real naps, especially after Thanksgiving dinner. We can all be victorious if we keep each other accountable. Friends don’t let friends skip nap time.

In defense of NWConfessions

BY JEANIE FAIRCHILD

Last week there was an opinion article written against the Facebook page NWConfessions.

There was a claim that “sexual references and foul language are in almost every single post.” I have browsed this page several times on my own, so this accusation seemed rather inaccurate.

After reviewing 76 original confessions and 32 replies, I found only six instances of swearing and eight sexual references. Of these sexual posts, one kept to the widely accepted views of the Christian church and two were neutral in nature. That comes to roughly 6 percent of the post containing swearing and 7 percent discussing sex. This invalidates last week’s claim.

Also, I disagree with the blanket statement, “There is nothing beneficial or kind coming from NWConfessions.” There are some truly beautiful moments on this page where students have replied with words of compassion, humility and love.

An example is one student asked the writer of a post for forgiveness. The original confession reported being rejected by every person who found out this individual was not a Christian. The reply confessed to having done the same thing many times in the past and asked the confessor for forgiveness.

While these moments of kindness may be special cases currently, it doesn’t have to stay that way. It comes down to how we as individuals respond to it.

Negative, hurtful things happen everyday all over the world. The way I see it is we have two options: 1) We can ignore them and never learn from these experiences; or 2) We can approach them with humility, compassion, respect and love.

Saying that everything on the NWConfessions page is nasty will only encourage more nastiness. Instead of shaming people for speaking up, let’s encourage people to speak up with love and respect.

Share Christ in words

BY CLARISSA OEHLER
PHOTO EDITOR

Keep Christ in Christmas and "Jesus is the reason for the season" are two cliché sayings that appear this time of year. What would happen if we, as Christians, took this to heart and applied it to celebrating Christmas? This article is not directed toward non-believers, businesses or the media. If you are not seeking Christian values, it will have served no purpose. Rather, this article is directed toward those of us who are Christians — myself included.

I write this because the meaning of Christmas is being quickly devoured by our culture, and something as very simple as a “Merry Christmas” instead of “Happy Holidays” can make a huge difference.

Most of us have experienced a shift in the term “Christmas” becoming “Holiday.” But we should be showing Jesus’ light and the Gospel in whatever ways we can.

I understand that “Happy Holidays” can encompass several holidays, but generally most people are referring to Christmas itself. I am also aware that just by saying “Happy Holidays” does not mean that somebody is not a Christian or does not support the real meaning of Christmas.

I think we do, however, have a unique responsibility as Christians. In Matthew 5, we see that we are to be the light of Christ in a dark world. What a better way to show that we are a Christian than to openly make ourselves evident.

I have also noticed that our generation is very cautious in order to not offend anybody. The Gospel is offensive to non-believers because it is true, convicting and powerful. 1 Corinthians 1:18 says, "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing." People didn’t like what Jesus was saying because it was convicting.

If the reason that we, as Christians, don’t use the term “Merry Christmas” in the attempt to be politically correct, then we could be avoiding a very important conversation with a non-believer or not standing up for Christ’s truth.

We should be doing all we can to show Christ’s light. By saying "Merry Christmas," I have opened up conversations with some older folks at the store because they asked me if I was a Christian. They then told me that they were Christians, too.

Likewise, if somebody is offended, what a better way to start a conversation about Christ if they ask about it. "Merry Christmas" is such a small part of a day that could potentially start a conversation to lead people to Christ.

If you currently say “Happy Holidays,” I encourage you to use "Merry Christmas" more often when you can.

If we aren’t going to stand up for Jesus in day-to-day life, then who is? If we don’t continue to celebrate Christ’s birth during our fun Christmas festivities, then nobody will.
Northwestern hosted Midland University on Saturday, Nov. 15, and despite a snow-covered Kover Field, the Raiders were able to come away with a 22-2 win. The win on Senior Day gave NW a regular-season record of 8-2 and a 12th-place ranking heading into the post-season. Because of Morningside's upset loss against Doane, NW won its share of the GPAC title. It marks the first conference title for NW since 2000. NW will be competing in its third straight postseason contest.

"It feels awesome to make the playoffs three years in a row," said senior receiver Ben Green. "Just to be part of a team that is making school history is an amazing feeling. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys to do it with."

The Raider defense made an impact early with an interception by junior linebacker Court Ecklund on the first play of the game. Shortly after that, sophomore kicker Julian Dittman put the first points of the game on the board for the home team with a 25-yard field goal with 11 minutes left in the first quarter.

After the defense forced the Warriors to punt, the Raiders increased their lead when junior running back Jessie Riley reached the end zone from 24 yards out. The Raiders held a 9-0 lead at the end of the first quarter after failing to convert on the extra point.

The two defenses battled over the next two quarters to hold each other scoreless as they headed into the fourth quarter. Sophomore running back Paul Hutson started the fourth quarter with a two-yard punch into the end-zone to finish off a 15-play, 83-yard drive. In an attempt to make up for a failed extra point earlier in the game, NW went for the two-point conversion but an interception and 98-yard return gave Midland their only two points of the game.

With just under five minutes left, Hutson capped off the Raiders' scoring with a 1-yard rush and his second score of the game. NW had 346 yards of total offense and 19 first downs while holding Midland to 268 yards and 15 first downs.

Sophomore quarterback Craig Bruinsma went 16-21 passing with his top targets being sophomore wideout Landon Johnson, who collected 98 yards, and senior receiver Ben Green, who recorded 44 yards. Riley rushed 15 times for 94 yards and a score while Hutson carried the ball 18 times for 80 yards and two touchdowns. Ecklund and junior defensive lineman Lawton De Long led the defensive effort with six and a half tackles each. Ecklund and senior defensive back Jermaine Ambrose each recorded an interception.

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA

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Volleyball claims regular and postseason titles

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA

The NAIA No. 7 Northwestern volleyball team captured a 3-1 victory over Midland in the GPAC Championship on Saturday, Nov. 15. Midland claimed the first set 25-27, and NW won the remaining sets with scores of 25-18, 25-16 and 25-18. NW improved to 31-3 on the year and marks the first time since 2010 that NW has won both regular season and postseason GPAC titles.

The Raiders found themselves down 9-6 in the first set until NW knotted the score at 11. Both teams exchanged blows until senior outside hitter Kaetlin Floerchinger scored off of an error and a kill to put NW up 21-19. Midland fought back and tied the score at 25, and then scored the finals two points to win the set.

In set two, NW held onto a 17-16 edge by closing on an 8-2 run. NW hit a dominating .600 for the set. The Raiders cruised to a 25-16 victory in set three. off of a relentless offensive attack.

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Men's basketball loses lead

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA

The Northwestern men's basketball team fell 89-82 in the GPAC opener against Hastings on Saturday, Nov. 15. NW slips to 4-2 on the season.

The first half of action saw both teams exchanging buckets throughout. After being tied up at 32, a layup by freshman guard Nathan Wedel kick-started a 12-0 run for the Raiders going into the break for a 44-32 lead.

However, Hastings responded with a 15-4 run of their own to open up the second half. NW separated once again following another Wedel layup to put the hosts up 60-50. At the five minute mark, Hastings began hitting three-pointers, and took an 81-70 lead with 1:38 remaining. NW got it back to within one point, but Hastings made clutch free-throws down the stretch to preserve the road victory.

"We weren't assertive enough," Wedel said. "We knew what we wanted to do and execute, but we weren't aggressive enough to get it done."

Sophomore forward Jordan Baker led the team with 20 points, his second consecutive 20-point outing. Baker also grabbed seven rebounds. Wedel added 17 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Isaiah Taylor scored 10 points.

The Raiders shot a steady 48 percent for the game, but only 22 percent (4-for-18) from three-point range, compared to a 44 percent from Hastings.

"I don't think it was necessarily them doing anything different defensively, but just that we had a cold shooting night from three-point," Wedel said. "We just have to learn from our mistakes and make the corrections. We've been working on a lot of defense in practice this week."

In the second half, Hastings shot 7-for-10 from three-point range, including 16 offensive rebounds. The young NW squad will host Dakota State, a rematch of last week's buzzer-beating finish, on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Tip-off will be at 6 p.m.

"We are trying to exceed expectations," Wedel said. "We aren't going to let our youth be used as an excuse for what we want to accomplish this season."
Community lives on in apartments

BY EMILY WALLACE

Residence life on campus has made a series of changes this year, and these changes are not limited to dorm life. This is the first year the apartments have had a full-time residence director.

The RD of the apartments is former Hospers RD Brittany Caflay. Caflay and the apartment resident assistants are implementing a new program in the apartments. The program is a new way of utilizing the funds each residence hall is given for events.

“It’s not a confusing thing but because it’s new, it seems confusing,” said Ally Austin, resident assistant of Bolks Apartment A.

Every year, funding is provided to each dorm to financially support each dorm’s all-hall event. In the past, the problem has been that the apartments have had difficulty planning successful all-hall events, so often times, the funds go unused.

“We have been trying to get that money used in a way students want it to be used,” Austin said.

The new program is geared toward encouraging apartment residents to plan events and activities with one another. When an apartment plans an activity or event that fits into one of six categories that have been designated, money that was spent by apartment residents will be reimbursed from the apartment building’s all-hall fund after clearing with their RA.

The six categories are hospitality, wilderness, spiritual disciplines, diversity, interfaith dialogue and service.

“The whole point is to foster community; it’s to make it feel like a wing event, but just in your own apartment,” Morris said.

In the past, some students have thought of the apartments as a place devoid of community, but Caflay and the apartment RAs hope this program will give apartment residents a chance to foster community between different apartments.

“We aren’t going to force the community thing on people who don’t want it,” Austin said. “But to the people who do want it, they, here’s some money for it. We want to encourage apartment community, but we know it’s not dorm community. We don’t know what to expect, but so often the idea is that people move to the apartments because that’s where ‘community goes to die,’ but that’s not true; community just looks different.”

Apartment residents are encouraged to take part in this new opportunity to participate and build community. If apartment residents have any questions they are invited to ask Caflay or any apartment RAs for more information.

Winter weather changes parking rules

BY MADISON RASKA

The snow has fallen, and along with the changing weather, Northwestern’s parking rules for students have changed.

However, some rules have remained the same.

“Whether it is winter or not, overnight parking is only allowed in designated student parking lots,” said Peter Boerema, Director of Campus Safety and Environmental Health.

“Students may not park in ‘no overnight’ areas from 12-6 a.m. Monday-Friday and 1-6 a.m. Saturday-Sunday.”

The vehicles cannot be parked in the “no overnight” areas for any length of time during those time spans.

“These are areas that vehicles are towed out of when snow removal is necessary,” Boerema said. “Improperly parked vehicles in student lots may also be towed if they are in the way of snow removal equipment: blocking an aisle, on the sidewalk, not in a marked spot in a paved lot or not between the arrow signs in gravel lots.”

When violating parking regulations, students are fined $15 for being in an unauthorized lot, being improperly parked, or failing to display tag. It is a $50 fine for parking in a handicap area without a proper permit and a $60 fine for having to be towed.

“All fines are reduced by $5 if paid within three business days,” Boerema said. After those three days, the fines are full value. If unpaid after one week, the fines double. It is possible to have multiple violations on one ticket.

“If a student has an outstanding ticket for longer than a month, they may have a hold put on their account until the fine is paid.

When a student’s vehicle is towed, it is important to know where it has been taken. “Vehicles with NW registration stickers are towed to the gravel parking lot north of the maintenance building (east of the football field) and may be picked up by the owner at any time,” Boerema said. “Vehicles that do not have NW registration stickers are towed to Elite Auto Body. The towing fee must be paid to Elite before the vehicle will be released.”

If students have a bike on campus they also have rules to follow during snow removal.

“During the winter, the bike racks that are on the sidewalk areas around the Bolks buildings need to be left empty to allow proper snow removal,” Boerema said.

Bolks residents should use the bike rack behind Vanderhill Cottage for the winter. Fern residents should use the bike racks on the east side of the building near the main entrance to the caf’ lobby. Coly and Hospers residents should use the bike racks on the north side of Coly, between the two dorm buildings. Plex residents should use the bike rack to the east of the Plexes.