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Feel the RUSH — It’s time to dance!

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For the fourth year in a row, Northwestern will present RUSH, a student dance performance. The performance will feature around 100 students in 13 different dances.

The process for RUSH started right away this fall. Auditions took place at the end of August with amazing turnout. According to sophomore Amanda Maloney, Artistic Director for RUSH, approximately one hundred fifty people on campus auditioned. This is quite a change from the first year of RUSH, when less than 10 people performed. The contribution of students to RUSH, however, has not changed. “It’s all student led,” said Maloney. “All the choreographers, dancers, everyone designing the lights and set—they’re all from campus.”

The greater numbers have also had an effect on the involvement of the campus. “It’s no longer a thing for just theatre majors and the dance team,” said producer Vaughn Donahue. “Now it’s something that everyone on campus, no matter their experience or major, can be a part of.”

“We’ve really expanded our diversity,” said Maloney. Among the dance styles are hip-hop, modern, lyrical and ballet, tap, jazz and even a couples routine. However, the largest change in this year’s production of RUSH is the timing. Because of the current renovations to the RSC and the bookings in the theatre building, the only available weekend to produce RUSH fell on Sept. 15-16.

“RUSH is produced usually over a period of three months,” explained Donahue. “This is in three weeks.”

“It’s literally RUSH!” Maloney said, laughing. Nonetheless, she is confident that the show will come together.

“Everyone is so committed and excited about RUSH,” she said. “I think it will be really great.”

There were also some changes made because of the short time frame. Because there is no three-month long build to the show, Donahue has been in charge of publicity, which includes a MySpace account and a promotional video, which was shown during the O-show to introduce the freshmen to RUSH.

“RUSH has helped integrate the campus,” said Donahue. “All these people that don’t normally get to know each other get together to dance, which is a cool by-product of the show.”

The performances will take place on Sept. 15 at 7:30 and 10 p.m. and on Sept. 16 at 2, 7:30, and 10 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre. There will be a free will donation to cover the costs of the show. Tickets sold out in a record two and a half days, but there may still be a chance to get in. Donohue said that students still wishing to get into RUSH need to arrive at least an hour before the show and sign up on the waiting list in case seats open for the show.

Caring faculty, excellent academics result in record enrollment

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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Enrollment for the fall semester at Northwestern boasts 1,342 students, exceeding the previous record of 1,313, set in 2002. In addition to the enrollment record, NW also experienced record retention rates and another large incoming class.

A recent press release revealed that 80 percent of last year’s freshmen returned to campus, as did 68 percent of sophomores.

Director of admissions Mark Bloemendaal observed, “The retention rates reflect that NW students are convinced they’re receiving quality and value.”

“They get the classes they want, and they recognize we’re committed to helping them be successful in reaching their goals,” Bloemendaal said.

Bloemendaal also noted that the genuine investment of faculty in the lives of students and the strong sense of community on campus encourage students to return to NW.

Effective recruitment brought 363 freshmen to NW this fall, 28 percent of whom were in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. The average composite ACT score of the freshman class was 24.2. Bloemendaal said that the academic profile of NW has improved, attracting better students.

In addition to the record-setting statistics, enrollment figures show a notable increase in male students, American ethnic minorities and international students. While Bloemendaal named men’s athletic programs as a significant source of male recruits, he said that NW also tries to send a message to males interested in spiritual growth.

Of the increase in campus diversity, Bloemendaal said, “More minority students are in prime areas that we recruit.” Thus, increased cultural diversity nationwide has fostered greater diversity on campus. This year, 23 foreign countries are represented.

“The message of quality education in a Christian environment—that you don’t have to sacrifice anything academically to be in this environment—is really getting through,” explained Bloemendaal.

Icons and modern art collide at nationally known artist’s exhibit

BY JULIE JOHNSON
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Sept. 1 through Oct. 1, in the Te Paske Gallery, Northwestern College will be hosting “Series Transversus,” an exhibition of paintings by David Baggarly of Wyoming, R.I.

Baggarly’s paintings tend to be abstract, a combination of religious iconography and modern art. All of the colors and symbols in his paintings have meaning, from yellow representing the spirit of God, to thorns symbolizing Christ’s execution.

The Te Paske Gallery is located in the Korver Visual Arts Center (next to Subway), and is open from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to midnight on Sunday.

PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL NEDRUD
BELOW: Students browse Baggarly’s paintings in Northwestern’s Te Paske Gallery.

PHOTO BY ABIGAIL NEDRUD
Country line dance members practice for RUSH in the Proscenium Theatre.

PHOTO BY VAUGHN DONAHUE
What would the Crocodile Hunter do?

BY JIM BIERLY
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The Crocodile Hunter passed away last week. As we mourn his passing, let's remember that Steve Irwin died happy. He died doing what he loved. So what if it was dangerous and foolish in the eyes of the world? I can't speak for him, but I'd like to think that even if Steve Irwin knew for certain that his life's course would lead to a "premature" (according to our current popular definition of what the average lifespan of a white male in Australia should be), he would not have lived his life any differently. Or if he had, he would have been miserable. Irwin was born to get up close with God's amazing creatures, interact with and enjoy them and to fight for the protection of the environment. He had adventures the likes of which none of us will ever experience. He saw things firsthand that we can only observe on our television screens. He was a man who knew how to live. I want to have a life like that. I want to live fully, joyfully, doing what I love and making the world a better place in the process. Irwin's life was anything but ordinary. It was not a "normal" life. So many of you claim to want "just a nice, normal life." But will you really be happy with it? Here's a newsflash; there are no "normal" people. You only had to pay attention to the talking purple dinosaur as a child to know that everyone is different. So why do we spend so much time trying so hard to "fit in" with what we perceive to be normal? Why are we so desperate to find their spouse and settle down ASAP? This is the mindset that is addicted to "normalcy" and terrified of anything "weird" or "different" which leads—would-be-missionaries to spend their lives pushing papers in a job they hate. It’s this mindset that leads—would-be-brilliant academics to abandon their dreams in favor of more "realistic" options. It’s that kind of thinking that leads our brilliant academics to spend their lives helping other people file their taxes. Don’t get me wrong; I’m as much a fan of the Protestant work ethic as the next person. Wherever you end up in life, you can serve God. But if you have a dream, if you are passionate about something, if you have a crazy idea of what to do with your life that everyone else thinks is kind of kooky and quieres for it. Throw yourself into it with everything you’ve got. Abandon the allure of the safe, ‘normal’ middle-class lifestyle and plunge into your own personal wilderness of risk, struggle and joy. That’s what Steve Irwin would do.

Zombie films highlight our deepest fears

BY MIKE KUGLER

I think horror movies are great silt beds for cultural ideas. The shows and group—Freddie, Jason, “I Know What You Did Last Summer”—reflect upon sexual fears and titillation, and our love and resentment of our culture of beautiful bodies. Better films, like “The Fly” or “Hannibal” test our moral and religious convictions in a powerfully visceral manner. I also like zombie films. Since “I Walked With a Zombie” (1943), our walking dead have been slow, hollow, lurching types. George Romero’s “Night of the Living Dead” (1968) added the basic quality of cannibalism. The “Return of the Living Dead” series added punk dark humor. These movies work as satire. Romero’s “Night” offered images of 60% racial tensions, and the mutual suspicion of strangers forced to cooperate in an America seemingly—at least as far as the mass media was concerned, coming apart at the seams—a world where friends, acquaintances, kind and generous people now turned into unthinking cannibals overthrows our taken for granted notions of right and wrong. The zombie movie parodies life after death, judgment, the end times, attaching the very basic fear of being eaten alive to the taboo of cannibalism.

In all this overthrow of religious, moral and modern civil order, the zombie movie may be the highest metaphor for that world.  Our Christian stories no longer convince; their hopes are not trusted. The risen Christ terrified the people who loved him. People getting up from the dead are pretty scary. But Christ’s victory over death is also frightening in our chaotic world. In the face of violence and hatred, we choose the way of peace and forgiveness. The community of Christ fights nihilism shown in these zombie films by bearing each other’s burdens, loving one another, feeding the hungry, loving the children, performing mercy, celebrating life, and giving hope. It is a love that transcends all the fears of those who would destroy. The zombie is also a metaphor for the protection of the environment. For if we are not careful, we have the option of lifeless and barren Earth. The zombie is also a symbol of our deaths. We are all going to die, and our bodies will rot like the zombies if we do not put any love and love can’t be trusted. Violent authoritarian clans assume power from impotent governments. How quickly would Americans shed their commitment to civic rights and rule by law, even common decency, if threatened by a relentless foe? Faster than you can say "Dawn of the Dead" (1978) continued this, but took place in a public space still new to many Americans—the mall. By the end of the film, when the zombies have taken over, their victims are also—our muscle, our tendons and actions, which animate Christ’s love. We lurch lovingly into a suffering world.
You could feel the immorality of the multi-million-dollar movie industry by going to the theater (estimated cost: $11), or you could make your own feature film. Get your friends together with a video camera (you can rent one from the LRC) and create your own flick. Possible titles include “The October Rule” and “Left Behind”. If scripting a movie seems daunting, shoot a music video to a song like Michael W. Smith’s “Friends Are Friends Forever” or the Doxology.

Don’t use the school’s network to pirate music or play on Facebook; use it to apply for reality television shows! Go to your favorite television network’s website and nominate yourself or your friends for “A Makeover Story” or “What Not To Wear.” You’ll be doing your part to stop illegal downloading while working to beautify Northwestern’s campus.

Instead of paying to work out in the Wellness Center at the high school (estimated cost: $16/month), get fit with friends in a game of pick-up basketball. Orange City’s outdoor courts at Veteran’s Park and the RSC’s indoor courts provide the perfect venues for you to school your friends in the art of balling.

You do not have to break the bank by filling your life with earthly possessions you bought on a shopping spree at the Southern Hills Mall (estimated cost: $1,200…really. Did you see my new shoes?!). Instead, you can break world records! You probably cannot run a four-minute mile, so start small. See how long you can hold Listerine in your mouth or how many clothespins you can clip to your face. You can reach the Guinness Book of World Records at www.guinnessworldrecords.com. Good luck.

Instead of complaining that you go to lame Northwestern in boring Orange City, just be happy you don’t go to boring Dordt in lame Sioux Center.

Go to Bob’s Drive-In in Le Mars. I’m not trying to make a joke for them, but they have amazing taverns and make their own root beer! And, most meals cost only $3-4.

3. Practice jumping off the sides of walks. In many action movies there are some great fighting scenes where the protagonist run-jumps on the side of a wall in order to kick the antagonist in the head. You could practice running up to and jumping on the side of a wall in case you ever need to defend yourself from your mortal enemy.

2. Go to Lifelight. This is great way to get off campus for part of all of the weekend. There are many different Christian artists to see and hear throughout the program.

1. Pray that another leading member of the televised animal kingdom does not die so you don’t have to think about anything sad.

I hope this helps you beat the Labor Day boredom blues for next Labor Day weekend. Just remember to use your creativity, have loads of fun, and keep it legal.
Nine countries provide Gonzalez with a global experience

BY KYD BRAM
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Names are her area of expertise, and Associate Professor of Spanish, Diana Gonzalez, is hard at work learning the names of her new students. Originally from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, Gonzalez attended the University of Göttingen in Germany and obtained her doctorate in the study of names and their origins in different languages.

Her travels as a teacher have taken her all over the world. From 1997 to 2006, Gonzalez worked three different jobs in three different countries. After teaching at Dordt College in Sioux Center, she accepted a position with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Lima, Peru. During her time there she prepared Latin Americans for mission work among minority ethnic groups. Back in the States this year, she now makes her home in Orange City and is thankful to be somewhat familiar with the area. “Iowa is flat, much like where I come from in Argentina. In that way, it reminds me of home,” she said.

One of the most influential changes she experienced in her own education was when she started her dissertation work in Germany. Her lessons there as both a student and teacher included not only studies in language but also in the effects of government on education. While attending school in Argentina, she was educated under a dictatorial government, while in Germany, she was able to experience firsthand the rights given to students and teachers, as well as the diversity allowed in curriculum.

Growing up in Bahia Blanca, Gonzalez began her education in language as a child. Fluent in Spanish, English and German, she can also read Italian, Portuguese and French. “We spoke Spanish at home,” she explained, “but it was not uncommon to hear Italian words and phrases in Argentina because of the high number of Italian immigrants there.”

As of right now, Gonzalez is not only a Spanish professor but also the editor of a women’s supplemental journal based in San José, Costa Rica. She hopes that the variety of teaching experience she’s gained from all over the world has helped prepare her to find the right teaching style for students at Northwestern and one that best serves their needs.

Brower crosses continents and comes full circle to NW

BY RYAN DOUGHAN
STAFF WRITER

“Education forms me lifelong. My whole life is one of seeking to learn and understand the world around me,” said professor Derek Brower, one of two new professors in the education department.

Brower has truly come full circle. After graduating from Northwestern in 1989 with a philosophy degree, Brower realized he had never really steered towards any kind of career path. He jokingly stated, “I left NW with a degree that allowed me to build farm construction. I was just out working labor.”

At this point he went back to school and earned both his education certification and master’s degree in technology education from Western Washington University.

Brower said that he has a great passion to see the world and experience new opportunities. He and his wife then joined the Peace Corps and traveled to Botswana to teach for two years before returning to the States. “Being in the Peace Corps changes your life. You go in thinking one thing and come back a different person,” explained Brower.

After his return to his home area in Washington, Brower had planned to settle down and start a family. However, for whatever reason, he struggled finding work in the area and reasoned, “If we have to move one hundred miles away, then we might as well move overseas again.”

So they moved. He obtained employment teaching on a military base on an island in the Pacific. This location offered a few added benefits such as snorkeling and scuba diving with his marine biology class.

Teaching on the base also had some drawbacks, and after a time Brower felt his faith becoming stagnant because he did not feel challenged. “It’s very different in America. Once you have all your needs met, what do you need God for?”

Searching for more challenges and trying to follow God’s will for his life, Brower and his family decided to move to Thailand to teach at a mission school. “God allows us to do great things if we step out in faith and trust him,” Brower commented.

Brower said that he is exited to be back at NW. As he looks at the students here, he sees that many of them are in a similar place as he was in, a place of seeking what God wants for them.

Though he doesn’t claim to have all the answers and openly admits there are things he is still figuring out, he is passionate about his work in instructing others and sharing with them the wisdom he has learned.

Truesdell: making the transition from a tutor to a teacher

BY ALEISA SCHAT
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Tom Truesdell, a 2001 Northwestern graduate, is back on campus—only this time he’s not sitting in a desk; he’s doing the teaching. “It is a bit surreal, to be working with some of your former instructors,” Truesdell said with a laugh.

Truesdell joins the NW faculty as the sabbatical replacement for Ann Lundberg in the English department. He will be teaching Basic Writing and College Writing this semester and in the spring.

Truesdell is joined by his wife, Elizabeth, who is slated to fill Sarah Toloma’s position in the biology department for the duration of Toloma’s two-year sabbatical.

A writing center tutor at NW during his undergraduate years, Truesdell seems to have found his niche as a writing center specialist and now as a writing professor. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in English education from NW, he took a year off from school. Remembering fondly his experience as a writing tutor at NW, Truesdell decided to pursue a master’s degree in writing pedagogy and theory at De Paul University in Chicago. Prior to taking the position at NW, Truesdell supervised a staff of 40 tutors as a writing center specialist for the College of Lake County in Grayslake, IL. He especially enjoyed working with immigrants in the community, many of whom were eager to learn English. He credits the experience with making him a much better teacher. “It forced me to learn how our language works—simply saying ‘it sounds better this way’ just didn’t cut it.”

Truesdell comes from a family of sports enthusiasts and attends athletic events in his free time. He also likes music and travel, and, true to form, enjoys a good game of Scrabble.

His tastes in literature are eclectic, ranging from 20th century American authors to contemporary Indian literature.

Truesdell hopes to stay in the area—at least for awhile. “My wife and I really enjoy the community here at NW,” he said. At this point, he is unsure what he will be doing next year while his wife finishes her two-year appointment in the biology department. He hopes to find something in his field. Said Truesdell, “We’re taking a step of faith.”
Truesdell puts reality in required courses

BY MEREDITH KANE
STAFF WRITER

“I am just excited to be teaching, and to solidify my knowledge,” Visiting Instructor of Biology Elizabeth Heeg-Truesdell raved after finishing her first week at Northwestern. Having graduated magna cum laude from NW in 2001, Truesdell returned to campus this year to work in the science department.

Truesdell’s family moved from her birthplace of Sheldon, Iowa, to Harriston, Ontario, just before her fourth birthday. Her family remained in Canada for her whole childhood and adolescence. When the time came for her to attend college, she made the decision to move to Orange City. The fourth of five children, Truesdell chose to enroll at NW just as her father and three elder siblings had done.

Truesdell now works alongside these respected professors rather than attending their classes. “It is nice to be welcomed by the faculty and staff,” she remarked, adding, “It is hard to call them by their first names.”

This semester, Truesdell is teaching Human Anatomy and Physiology, as well as a section of Cell Biology. She hopes that her students develop an appreciation for the material being covered, and that she can help them to understand the purpose of the course, beyond simply fulfilling a requirement.

Meanwhile, Truesdell is also completing her doctorate in biochemistry, molecular biology and cell biology from Northwestern University. When not in the classroom or studying herself, Truesdell enjoys going to the park with her husband and their son Aiden.

Zonnefeld steps up to higher education

BY KIM EASON
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The corner computer lab on third floor VPH has been renovated into new office space. Sneak around the west side steps and you’ll find another Northwestern addition, Instructor in Education, Ryan Zonnefeld.

When Laura Heitritter originally told him about the opening in the education department, Zonnefeld admits that he didn’t really listen. On speaking to Heitritter again at HullChristian’s Jog-Walk-a-Thon in May he realized the position was a better fit for his gifts than he expected. It seemed God was calling him to NW, and he applied and got the position.

Zonnefeld graduated from Dordt College with a B.A. in K-6 elementary education and endorsement from the University of Sioux Falls and a master’s degree in Educational Administration. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in educational leadership from Iowa State. Zonnefeld has spent the past nine years serving as a teacher and principal in Christian schools. Most recently he served as principal at Hull Christian School for five years.

Zonnefeld and his wife, Valorie, live in Sioux Center, with their three children, Caden, Jocelyn and Cambri. They enjoy golfing, camping, hiking, and just being outdoors as a family.

One of the first things that impressed Zonnefeld about NW was the warm campus climate. “I got to talking with some students and I realized that I could enjoy working with them,” he said.

“I’m excited to work with students to help them discover their God-given talents in education. We’re colleagues in education, and I’m looking forward to learning together and working in that model.”

Cambetas’ research interests benefit NW

BY LEAH VAN EATON
STAFF WRITER

Visiting Instructor of Psychology Daniela Cambetas laughingly claimed that she is no ping-pong pro, “It’s just for fun—a de-stressor.” Cambetas’s college advisor first introduced her to the sport and since then it has become a favorite pastime for them both.

Though Cambetas may not be a ping-pong expert, she has earned expertise within her discipline. With a doctorate in Educational Psychology from the University of South Dakota, Cambetas has had experience in both research and the classroom. She is specifically interested in seeing how policy reflects research.

As an undergraduate political science major at Hunter College in New York City, Cambetas worked closely with the youth bureau agency to help provide safe alternatives for adolescents. “Through this work, Cambetas became increasingly interested in research and developmental psychology. Cambetas’s interest and passion will be put to good use as she teaches developmental psychology and research methods.

Cambetas had a smooth transition to NW and has been “impressed with the level of research that students are doing here.” She has even had students approach her about research projects, which she finds exciting. Cambetas has found the NW community welcoming. It feels like a family here,” she said.

Savariappan takes opportunity

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Savariappan described the opportunities he saw for himself and his family. The high population in India makes job openings highly competitive, with 200 or more people applying for each position. With more openings and fewer applicants, the U.S. job market has much to offer.

Savariappan also saw opportunities for his daughters, Eunice Paul and Britney Paul. Eunice, a sophomore in high school, has already received two national awards for academics, and Britney, a first grader, is enjoying her education in an American classroom.

Victoria, Eunice and Britney will remain in Milwaukee while Savariappan and his wife return to Orange City this December.

Savariappan is pleased to have his first full-time teaching position in the United States, though he taught calculus part-time at Marquette while working toward his master’s in mathematics. At NW, he will be teaching Discrete Mathematics and Statistics for Natural and Social Sciences. Although he is presently a sabbatical replacement for Kim Jongerius, who will be returning next fall, he and his wife hope to stay in Orange City and at NW for much longer.
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Northwestern's cross country team kicked off their season last Friday at the Dordt Invitational with first place finishes for both the men and the women. Both defeated second place Dordt teams by tight margins.

"Today was a good start for the Raiders," head coach Dale Thompson said Friday.

"Cross country is about pack running," said Thompson. "It was fun to watch the women run in big packs. When the scoring five are within 30 seconds and your 1-7 in about 45 seconds, you will score well at a meet."

Sixteen women competed for the Raiders, who squeezed past Dordt by two points to take first place with 30 points. Dordt's Jen Thompson said Friday.

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Kempers finished in 14:44, taking first place.
Junior Laura Jacobson led the women, finishing fourth with a time of 15:50.
Jacobson was followed by a string of four freshmen. Just eleven seconds later, Stephanie Korke rolled in for fifth place in her first collegiate race, followed immediately by Sarah Storm, Jennifer Moseman and Natalie Johnson.

The men also took first with a score of 37, four points ahead of Dordt. The winning time in the men's race was 20:37, by unattached runner Brock Lehman.

Sophomore Dan Walhof finished fourth with a time of 21:27, followed immediately by junior Anthony Ebert, in fifth place with a time of 21:29. Also finishing in the top ten was freshman Curtis Bowden with a time of 22:05.

"The men worked in pairs [Friday] and we will keep working on support during the race," said Thompson.

"Starting the season with sixteen freshmen, Thompson recognizes the need for the team to "get.""

"We have a lot of new people on the team this year, and we have a lot of training still to do to get where we would like to be at the end of the season," said Thompson.

"However, we do have a good cluster of upperclassmen to help lead the way."

The team will undergo a few more weeks of training before their next meet at South Dakota State University in Brookings on Sep. 22.

She earned her second shutout of the year with her performance.

After the game the Raiders enjoyed the success of the historic win but also the tacit knowledge of the game's importance in the Great Plains Athletic Conference race.

"Any time you can beat someone for the first time and record that historic win, it's a big deal," Cliff said. Retzlaff commented that she was "ecstatic," adding that "it was nice to get the win for Petri (Reynen) in her senior year."

The Lady Raiders will continue along the GPAC trail with a home game versus Midland Lutheran College on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m., at the NW Soccer Complex. The Lady Raiders are now 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the GPAC.
Excitement surrounds Raider volleyball program

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Only two weeks into the season, the Red Raider women's volleyball team already boasts an 8-1 record, and Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch is optimistic about the remainder, with great hope and confidence in the skills of his players.

“We have a few different goals,” said Van Den Bosch. “We want to compete for the conference title. Spiritually, we try to lift each other up in prayer every day.” The team does this through a system of prayer partners. “That can trickle down into other teammates,” he said.

One strength Van Den Bosch sees in his team is balance. “We’re a balanced offense,” he said. “Quite a few different hitters can put the ball away. We’ve got a balance on defense. All the girls in the back row play very good defense.”

Van Den Bosch is optimistic about the contributions this year’s freshmen will make and confident in the leadership of his upperclassmen. “This year we have five freshmen that play significant roles on varsity,” he notes. “We are just getting them seasoned in college volleyball, but they are doing a fantastic job already.”

Their development is due in part to the work of the captains, Van Den Bosch said. “Our girls have done a very good job of meshing,” he said.

“Our captains, Katie Schnoes, Allison Waggie, and Megan Meyer, have been very good leaders, displaying what it takes to be successful every day in practice and showing the freshmen how it works,” said Van Den Bosch.

The team’s only loss thus far has been against Bellevue in the Red Raider Classic held Aug. 25-26. The women have since won their first conference game on the road against Morningside on Aug. 30 and returned home champions after going 4-0 at the St. Ambrose Tournament in Davenport, Iowa.

“I think that was a big confidence booster for us,” Van Den Bosch said of the Sep. 1-2 tournament. The Red Raiders will take the court again tonight at Briar Cliff. Their next home game will be Fri. Sep. 15 vs. Midland Lutheran.

Men’s soccer seeing red after conference tangle with Dordt

The soccer rivalry between Northwestern and the Dordt College Defenders just got a little more intense. Four yellow cards and three red cards were given out in a match that produced a lot of aggressive play and numerous fouls, 50 combined, for both teams.

Dordt was able to put away a couple of first half goals and then hang on to win 2-1. The Defenders even played a man down for almost 30 minutes in the second half but were still able to hold off a persistent Red Raider attack.

The disdainful demeanor between the Raiders and Defenders didn’t take long to present itself. Mike Oppeneer, a senior forward for Dordt, and Dave Lavery, a junior midfielder for NW, let their tempers flare forward for Dordt, and Dave Lavery, a junior midfielder for NW, let their tempers flare. Mike Oppeneer, a senior forward for Dordt, and Dave Lavery, a junior midfielder for NW, let their tempers flare.

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The Red Raiders chose to continue playing their game and showing their fans what they can do. The Raiders defeated Mount Marty College 3-0 in the first game, then 13-11 in the following. Sophomore Trevor Kuiper and junior Joe Grady combined for the shutout from the Bench. Kuiper and junior Joe Grady combined for the shutout from the Bench.

Schnoes recognized nationally

Senior Katie Schnoes was named NAIA Volleyball Player of the Week for her performances in last week’s competitions. Schnoes helped the Raiders to a 5-0 record last week, in win against conference rival Morningside and a perfect record in the St. Ambrose Invitational.

Men’s golf earns second

The men’s golf team earned a second place with a 308 in their season opener at the Buena Vista Invitational. They will be able to recover over the next few days and hopefully get that elusive first win.”

Women’s golf begins fall season

The women’s golf team shot a 357 to finished sixth in the Red Raider Invitational on Thursday. Buena Vista won the women’s title, and Freshman Luke Vermeer shot a 72 to lead the men, tying for first place in the meet. Senior David Klyn shot a 77 to tie for 14th place and sophomore Justin Pankuk tied for 19th with a 78.

Baseball team takes doubleheader on the road

The baseball team came home victorious after a doubleheader in Yankton, S.D., Wednesday night. The Raiders defeated Mount Marty College 3-0 in the first game, then 13-11 in the following. Sophomore Trevor Kuiper and junior Joe Grady combined for the shutout from the Bench. Kuiper and junior Joe Grady combined for the shutout from the Bench.
Students can benefit from new hospital campus

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Orange City Area Health System recently opened its new $29 million medical campus May 1, 2006. It’s located east of Northwestern, on Lincoln Circle, just past Blue Mountain and the Windmill Plaza.

The new building was centered on creating a comfortable healing environment. Each patient has a private room, and the patient wing is curved around the “healing garden,” which includes a pond and fountain.

The building also has a chapel with a skylight and a stained-glass window. Another fountain is in the front lobby, in the middle of a wall made entirely of cultured stone.

New aspects of the hospital include restorative pools for physical therapy. These will be available to the public when the Medical Office Building opens on Sept. 15.

Dutch Mill now has a pharmacy at OCAHS in addition to their downtown location. The kitchen added a grill menu. Surgery has expanded into knee replacement surgeries and will add hip replacement surgeries next year.

The emergency room is located at the back of the building, and either a receptionist or nurse will be available for assistance. Appointments can also be made at the medical clinic by calling 737-2000. The clinic is located at the front of the building.

The new hospital also had an impact on NW’s new nursing program. The former obstetrics section in the hospital has become the nursing lab for the program. The lab is fully stocked, and nursing students will learn clinical skills here. All supplies used are also purchased locally.

“The hospital has been very generous with hospital beds and exam tables,” said Ruth Daumer, professor of nursing.

Ultimate plans include building a nursing lab on the hospital ground.

During the sophomore year of the program, all clinicals will be done at OCAHS and the Sioux Center Community Hospital. Nursing students are also able to find jobs at the hospital as a certified nurse assistant or a patient care technician.

The relationship is not merely a user relationship, it’s one of stewardship. “It’s important to invest back into them,” said Daumer. She is giving presentations at the hospital and also is a judge at Sioux Valley’s Quality Fair.

“It’s Godly timing,” said Daumer. “It’s a neat opportunity to serve the county in the healthcare region.”