Board of Trustees members to discuss suite-style housing

By Emily Brewer
Assistant News Editor

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On Oct. 12, SGA invited Christie to attend its meeting and speak about the Board’s decision to build suite-style housing instead of a new residence hall. After Christie’s presentation, SGA members decided that the information Christie provided them was not information that was being passed around campus, and that a forum or meeting of some form was in order.

They tabled the discussion until their next meeting on Oct. 22.

Christie representatives attended the Oct. 22 meeting. They approached SGA and requested it act as a liaison. After an hour and a half, the discussion was tabled until the Nov. 2 meeting.

Christie representatives were also present at the Nov. 2 meeting. They brought a petition with them, which as of Nov. 2 had 602 signatures. The signatures are from current students, a few professors and a couple of prospective students who felt strongly enough about the situation. This came about after the SGA took on the role of liaison between the Board and student body.

The SGA meeting ended with a presentation, SGA members relay information from the administration to the students, we are also called to represent student information that was being passed down. NW decided that the information SGA members relayed is correct.

Directed by Karen Bohn Barker, professor of theatre and speech, this play is deeper and more emotional than many of the plays the theatre department presents, but members of the cast think students will be able to relate to it nonetheless.

“Ballad Hunter” has a lot to do with family and relationships in general,” senior Susan Schoenrock said. “Relationships are so complex in this play, and I think that’s true in everyone’s life.”

Schoenrock plays the role of Gussie, whose daughter, Lotta, is played by junior Greta Floding and whose mother, Hetty, is played by sophomore Kylie Steinbach. The story begins one day when Gussie enchants a stranger on the mountain with her beautiful voice, and he, a recorder of local music who is known as the ballad hunter, in turn enchants her.

“The story then skips to another team to the world finals this year since NW placed fourth in its region last year. “Placing third regionally, we’d like to think we have a decent chance at getting selected again,” Wallinga said. For now, all they can do is wait.

“Calsbeek, Van Wyk and Haselhoff correctly answered seven of the 10 problems given to participants. Among NW’s seven teams, one team successfully answered two questions and two teams answered one question each.

“Have 21 students from a computer science department of our size wanting to participate, and to have over half of our teams answering a question correctly speaks well of our students and their abilities,” Wallinga said.

The competition tests participants’ abilities in a different way than classes. “It’s different than the programming you do in class,” said two-time participant junior Evan Lundell. “In class, it’s more about the concepts. In the competition, they’re real life situations. You have to bring in knowledge from other areas.”

The Battle of the Brains is the largest and most prestigious computing competition in the world, with participants from 90 different countries around the globe. Teams are given one computer and five hours to solve real-world problems using open technology and advanced computing methods. The winning team is the one that solves the most problems in the fewest attempts within the least amount of time.

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“Ballad Hunter,” which hits the stage next week, focuses on family and relationships.
Is popularity what’s best?

BY MATTHEW LEITHER

In his press release to Northwestern College regarding the Board's decision to build suites on campus, President Christy said that suite-style housing is “becoming very popular, so we’re excited to be able to provide this new option for our students.”

Christy is correct—suites are often popular to other students. Our generation has had much more privacy than previous generations, and has been more able to pursue our own endeavors without interruptions from siblings. Because home-dwelling high school students had more luxuries, they often hesitate to live in traditional dormitories. A newspaper article from 1984 explains this well:


One of the great things (and curses) about dormitory living is that we are forced to share space. Not just with people we enjoy being around, but with everyone. There are people who irritate us by leaving their beard hair in the bathroom, forgetting to flush and even sleeping in our beds. These students distract us from our homework, interrupt at the climax of movies and blare awful music. At times, they make us wish we could shut the door and block everything out.

At the end of high school, the adventure known as ‘college’ was knocking on my door, but four years seemed like an inconvenience, like too long of a break between first and second breakfast. I didn’t want to go on that adventure with strangers. I didn’t want to leave the comfort and solace of everything and everyone I had ever known.

But I did. And like Bilbo, I’ve looked back fondly on the simpler times. But in my adventures at Northwestern I have moaned people from the windows of the children’s library, totaled my roommate’s car, dropped the curtains in the bathroom to just to hear the tornado, and it’s been a pretty good time. I’ve travelled to the beach, the desert, the mountains and to lakes. I’ve ministered, learned, written, cried, puked, laughed and slept my way through college. I’m no Bilbo, but adventures are fun every once in a while.

The wild thing within

BY ANNE BACKSTROM & BREANN ROZEBOOM

Inside all of us is a wild thing. Legendary Pictures and Village Roadshow’s latest film brings crowds to the theater for their adaptation of Maurice Sendak’s 1963 children’s book, Where the Wild Things Are. Contrary to what we are tempted to assume, Where the Wild Things Are is not so much a film for children as it is a film about them. Consequently, the motion picture is meant to be viewed through the eyes of an adult. As we all once lived as a child, the character of Max symbolizes how we understand life. The film does not portray the glamorized Hollywood version of childhood, but rather, the reality of growing up in a complex and confusing world.

Max (Max Records) is the loneliest, youngest child in a single parent home. The confusions and uncertainties of growing up are held under a magnifying glass as Max struggles to deal with his emotions. The changes in family relationships tangle the order that he had once relied on. As Max wrestles with the forces of this cacophony, he retreats to a place he knows well: his imagination.

Records is well-cast for the role of Max. In his quiet and contemplative stances, irresolute tantrums and inability to deal with conflict, he portrays the realistic behavior of a child his age. A scene toward the beginning of the film shows Max acting up and embarrassing his mother. As we can imagine his mother’s horror and sympathize with Max’s anger, we see that the characters in the film were created to depict characters an audience can understand. From here we are introduced to the world of the Wild Things.

The wild things are beautiful illustrations of how Max understanding reality. They were not created to teach moral lessons. Through these beasts, emotions and relational ties are personified. For example, Max understands what it feels like to be unwanted. He meets Alex, the smallest wild thing who is considered the “baby” and ignored within the group. Also, Max, within his family, does not understand why people hurt each other by not staying together. Max wants to get rid of the sadness and see his family unified. With these illustrations in mind, we see the intention this film has to embody the mind of a real child.

Director Spike Jonze offers a breath of fresh air in the construction of the wild things. Though CG was used to refine the facial features, actors gave life to the beasts through nine-foot suits built by the Jim Henson workshop. The tangibility of the wild things brings a sense of rawness that CG would never be able to duplicate. Where the Wild Things Are is a picture of our youth: not only the joy of carefree adventure, but also the confusion of growing up in a complicated world. The film, whether by wild rumpus or dirt-clod war, projects reality on the side of childhood that is often ignored.
The Poor Will Be Glad: a microfinance manifesto

BY KEVIN "FREEBIRD" WALLACE
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Micro-economics: don’t let this word turn you off from one of the most interesting and important books of the year. Written by Peter Greer, president of HOPE International, and Phil Smith, a philanthropist and private investor, “The Poor Will Be Glad” is a book that is one to get excited about. Trust me: you want to read this. The book shows how micro-economics is alleviating poverty in developing countries around the world and what Christians can do to encourage and support the efforts of micro-economics.

“No matter how many times that statistic is listed, when you think about it in terms of people, it is always a staggering number. And the Bible says we’re supposed to take care of all these people? How? Greer and Smith would suggest micro-economics.”

Micro-economics focuses on giving “a hand up, not a handout” (Greer, et al, 61). In a developing nation, there are no “Help Wanted” signs: you have to start your own business. What micro-financing attempts to do (condensing what Greer and Smith take 260 pages to explain) is create small loans (smaller than a college student’s pay-check) and allow the person to repay the loan firm in a short period of time with a low interest rate. And they do. Greer and Smith have found that almost 98 percent of loans pay back their loan on time after having benefited; compare that to the 90 percent of Americans who pay off their credit card bills.

The authors are completely willing to share the realities of micro-economics with their readers. Micro-economics isn’t perfect; a small number who take out loans either end in the same poverty they were in or sometimes in a worse place. Greer and Smith caution against believing that micro-economics is going to solve poverty world-wide. They agree that to believe so would probably be naively and foolish, but micro-economics is a step in the right direction to begin to solve the issue of extreme impoverishment. Greer and Smith have a lot to say about how poverty should be handled. They make a very compelling argument showing how simply throwing money at a situation does nothing to alleviate the pressures that poverty puts on people. The authors use anecdotes from churches and relevant information about poverty to show the reader how sometimes poverty doesn’t have the right effect.

Greer and Smith try to show what American churches can do to help. A lot of what they suggest is echoing Mother Theresa’s saying when people asked what they could do to help: “Come and see.” The authors also advise that once people retire they then focus more on directly helping the kingdom (you would have time)

A D UDE RESPONDS

JOSH DOORENBOOS ANSWERS A FEW PRESSING QUESTIONS

Dear Dude,

What should the U.S. government do about health care reform? Are we experiencing the effects of global warming? Has campus dynamic changed since the fall of the October Rule? — Sickly warm with love

Dear Sick,
The question of Health Care Reform is one which we should all consider our position in: some believe the government should totally intervene and move towards a Nanny-State in which the government makes decisions to cut costs and thereby destroying much of the ice caps (giving us higher oceans and thereby destroying much of the coasts) and more sun. The questions of “does Global Warming exist,” “does it affect us,” “is it man-made” and “what can we do about it” are really of secondary importance here. The real question is “What’s wrong with it?” Are you trying to tell me you want more winter? More snow? I’ll take skin cancer if it means I get to walk to class in 70 degree weather in mid-winter.

Also, the coasts will be destroyed and we’ll have more ocean to swim in — where’s the loss? That’s a win-win situation right there. More oceans, fewer people to cram the beaches with! If we’re really lucky we might get ourselves a real coast in Iowa!

So keep using those harmful chemicals and, if you’re really feeling motivated, go out and start your car for no reason at all! Leave it running for hours! When you run out of gas, go fill up and do it again. I’m calling for hours! When you run out of gas, go fill up and do it again. I’m calling this the Iowa Beach Campaign.

On the subject of the October Rule: the tragedy of its fall has been felt all around campus. Males are becoming less intelligent, women are wearing skimpier clothes and both are forgetting what their roommates look like. The beauty of the October Rule was that it encouraged freshmen to make friends with their fellow hall-mates before selling-out to find a mate, it discouraged upper classmen from preying on helpless, hormonal freshmen and it encouraged people to be smart about jumping into relationships. The true genius of the October Rule went far beyond that, though. You see, early in the semester, freshmen try far too hard to dress nice—all the freaking time. By October, though, they’re sick of trying so hard and join the rest of us in our twice-a-week showering and wearing—whatever—doesn’t-smell-funny-yet habits.

Bring back the October Rule! Just because a few people got their heads shaved, felt emotionally abused and maybe were threatened with bodily injury by their hall-mates doesn’t mean we should let go of all the good things the October Rule did.

If you want your questions answered, just email them to Greg White (gwwhite@nwciowa.edu).

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what do the people think?

Senior Editor Ed Anderson

Professor of Psychology Laird Edman

No heavily distorted power chords? No smokin’ guitar solos? What’s the purpose of that?

I love Owl City. His music sounds kinda like circus on downers.

Brett Favre? Facebook? Twitter? Jim and Pam’s wedding?

Facebook is much better for keeping up with your friends. Twitter is the stalkers-are-us of social networking.

I still haven’t seen the wedding!

I’m still miffed they never sent me an invitation.

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PURSUING QUESTIONS

JOSH DOORENBOOS ANSWERS A FEW

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“It looks like there’s a bag of yard work in your noodles.”
- Freshman Tyler Zeutenhorst referring to freshman Josh Vander Plats’ new mein ramen

“You sound like a clarinet with a watermelon in its mouth.”
- Professor of Music Thomas Holm making fun of the A Capella choir’s attempt at singing.

“I don’t want to see my sauce.”
- Junior Greg White talking about the small quantity of cheese on his pizza.

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Orange City’s
Holland Plaza STADIUM THEATRE

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“Sickly warm with love”

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“Yeah, it sounds like that HIV stuff that has been going around.”
- Professor of History Doug Anderson, in reference to a student being ill with the flu over the weekend.

“Don’t want to see my sauce.”
- Junior Greg White talking about the small quantity of cheese on his pizza.
Cell phone use: do you talk ear-to-ear or thumb-to-thumb?

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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To text or not to text—that is the question.

Over the past five years, the number of people with text messaging plans has increased dramatically. More than 12.5 million text messages were sent in June 2006, which was a 70 percent increase from June of the previous year, according to the International Association for the Wireless Telecommunications Industry.

More recently, the TV show American Idol reported that for the 2009 American Idol finale, voters sent in almost 100 million texts—that's approximately eight times the amount of texts sent during the entire month of June three years ago.

Although these numbers show that texting is becoming the new norm, what do the few people on campus who do not have texting think of this increasingly popular form of communication?

Sophomore Jill Bird is one of the few non-texters left at Northwestern College. Bird's mom and dad blocked texting on her phone so she cannot send or receive texts. Her main reason for not buying her own texting plan is because she does not want to waste her money.

"Ten dollars a month, that's $120 a year, so I don't think I'm going to get it," Bird said.

Besides her financial reasons for disliking texting, Bird believes that texting takes away from personal interactions. She gets annoyed when she is talking to someone face-to-face and they start texting someone else.

"I feel like they're choosing between me and whoever they're texting," Bird said. "It makes me feel like I'm not that important."

Since texters can send multiple messages to more than one friend every minute, Bird appreciates it when her friends take time specifically to call her. She believes that even though she does not have texting, that does not mean she is impossible to contact.

"If someone really needs to talk to me, then it forces them to call me," Bird said.

Despite her misgivings toward texting, Bird is not completely against it. "It's so common that I can't really be too much against it," she said. "I recognize that texting does have some benefits, including making it easier to give directions and cutting down on awkward conversations."

On the opposite end of the spectrum is freshman Sarah Adams. For Adams, texting is an hourly activity. She has an unlimited texting plan and sends about 100 texts each day.

Adams believes texting is a good thing and is "a way to communicate without interrupting everything that's going on." However, even this avid texter realizes that texting has some drawbacks.

"A lot of communication is tone of voice, and that's taken out, along with body language," Adams said. Through her experiences, Adams has realized that the chance of miscommunication increases when other modes of communication are eliminated.

"Sarcasm isn't always seen as sarcasm," Adams warned.

Freshman Emily Stanislaw used to be like Adams and would send copious text messages each day. However, she is currently a non-texter.

"I got a new phone and saw that it had texting on it," Stanislaw said. Unfortunately, the phone did not come with a texting plan. "I racked up a $180 bill," Stanislaw said. This caused her parents to block incoming and outgoing texts on her phone. Currently, however, Stanislaw does not want a texting plan. Her texting experience agrees with Adams'. "Texting can lead to a lot of miscommunication," Stanislaw said.

So although NW's non-texters might feel a little out of the loop, most believe that they are not missing out on quality conversations. As Stanislaw put it, texting is good for simple chats but not for having long conversations with her close friends and family. "I'd rather talk to them ear-to-ear than thumb-to-thumb."

Tip Top Tux: new Orange City store meets formalwear needs

BY JORDAN VERMEER
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"I'm just trying to make it as man-friendly as possible," said Michael Julius, the owner of the new men's formalwear store in town: Tip Top Tux, located right next to the bakery in Orange City.

Tip Top Tux has been up and running since October 15, fighting the uphill battle of publishing its name.

"It's all phonecall business so far," says Michael. "It's like planting a seed in the spring and waiting till fall to harvest. I just hope I'm not annoying people."

Michael and his partner and mom, Connie Julius, are both local entrepreneurs. Michael started and managed the Worthington Pizza Ranch while his mother owns the local Curves establishment. Together they hope to offer Orange City and the surrounding areas a meager slice of what L&K had been providing for years: "The loss of L&K was devastating to Orange City," Michael recounts. "If you thought tux, you thought L&K."

One of Michael's goals is to strive for the perfection of L&K.

Another goal is to someday not only have men's formalwear, but men's clothing in general. Mainly, though, Julius is just trying to fill a hole that has been in Orange City since September.

Even though Connie and Michael were unsure at first about the solidity of their business, "People were saying they were so happy they got a tuxedo store back, that sealed the deal," said Michael. "With those compliments, the Julias' are sticking with it and hoping their investment pays off. But Tip Top Tux does not only rent and sell formalwear; it is a DJ business too. Tip Top Tux originated from the DJ business that Michael was running. He thought, "We're usually always a part of the day of, might as well help with the planning of."

Alongside the DJ and formalwear, they offer tailoring, men's gifts, party favors, and slideshow video. Their only female piece of clothing offered is their wide selection of garters.

"We'll have a big 'ol bash this November," said Connie. "All the tuxes will be on display to touch and see."

Currently, the store is in the midst of a month-long quiet opening to work out the kinks. And, while they may be small, that is also their strength: appreciating every customer walking through the door, striving for perfection of measurement because, as Michael said, "We want to give people the comfort of wearing a tux, as well as looking good in it."

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The battle of voices continues 7 years strong

The Fern always has something going on behind its doors. Whether engaging in a mindless, intellectual, entertaining or profound discussion, Fern residents will enjoy a bittersweet night taking turns between stuffing their faces with fondue snacks and forcibly ripping out every long, stubborn leg hair with their waxing kits.

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“Last year’s winner, Morgan De Jong, is competing again this year and has fond memories of her involvement. “I do not half-heartedly, so when I’m involved, I am determined to do my best,” said De Jong. “It’s fun but stressful. Through this epic battle we call NC/DC, I have been given some opportunities to sing for churches and with praise teams. Yet, stresses aside, I’d say NC/DC is a great way to meet new people and use the gifts I’ve been given to give back to my Savior.”

Seven years running, it is said that the talent is deeper than ever before.

“This year I think some very good singers will not even make the top five because of the great amount of talent,” said Couch.

Each year, Student Activities Council has considered taking a different route than the traditional idol competition, but every year, students express their continued interest in the event.

“The competition has developed into what it is today. We have a very talented group this year, and we love to hear positive feedback from the campus.”

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BY SARA CURRY

Whether engaging in a mindless, intellectual, entertaining or profound discussion, watching Glee or The American Idol, or rewriting the lyrics of “Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?” to “Where at Northwestern is President Greg Christy,” building paper mache Fern fountains, sharing coffee over a profound discussion, Fern is all about branching out and growing together as a dorm.

“The point is to have shared experiences together and to spend time with people from all over the dorm,” Barber said, “not just on their wings.”

Photo by Emily Gowings

Michelle Christy was the latest speaker at the Fern Mug ‘n Muffin.

Dorm Beat:
Fern takes on another “hair-raising” adventure

BY SARAH CURRY

Although Fern Smith Hall doesn’t have its own version of Harvest Bash, Steggy Keggy or Coly Christmas, you can bank on the fact that Fern always has something going on behind its doors.

Each week a group of students called the Community Life Committee get-together to discuss dorm happenings and come up with new ideas for events. Known for their catchy event titles like, “Bringing Brooches Back,” this committee keeps Fern residents on their toes with clever ideas for fun around every corner.

One event coming up is “Let’s Talk About Wax, Baby,” which celebrates the conclusion of Fern’s twist of “Beard Month” known as “No Shave November.” After showing off their hairy legs, Fern residents will enjoy a bittersweet night taking turns between stuffin’ their faces with fondue snacks and forcibly ripping out every long, stubborn leg hair with their waxing kits.

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This event has much more to offer if sweating in the kitchen isn’t your cup of tea. There will be mini-games set up for spectators, and every attendee has the opportunity for a door prize as long as you bring a canned good as an entry fee. “For every canned good donated they will receive one stub to be put into the drawing for thousands of dollars in door prizes,” said Carruthers.

Many businesses in Sioux County have donated goods and services as door prizes which include hotel stays at Holiday Inn Express, flowers, t-shirts, coupons, and a $1000 necklace and earring set. The event planners are hoping that the students will be just as excited and generous as the Sioux County businesses.

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Cooking up some new competition

BY ANNE EBERLINE

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Cooking up some new competition
Women’s basketball tips off with a win

BY SARA ADAMS
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The women’s basketball team has begun a brand new season this week and they are starting it off right. The first game resulted in a 77-49 win against Waldorf College.

The Raiders started the game off with a 10-0 lead and continued playing hard, ending the first half 43-20. The team continued strong play through the second half and acquired 34 additional points.

Junior Becca Hurley led the team in points with 22, followed by freshman Kendra De Jong with 16. Sophomore Jessica Wedel added in her three-point shooting.

As a team, Northwestern had 64 rebounds, outnumbering Waldorf’s forty. Although it is only the first game of the season, Head Coach Earl Woudstra has already begun thinking about the rest of the season. Head Coach Kyle Achterhoff. “We need to be the aggressors and create big plays.”

NW was able to get on the scoreboard early in the second quarter on a 3-yard scamper by junior Taylor Malm.

The Cougars put 35 unanswered points on the board, including a 69-yard pass and a kick-off returned for a touchdown.

“We did some good things in the first half, but we needed to relax and just play hard in the second half,” Achterhoff said.

The Raiders scored their second touchdown with 6:19 to play on 1-yard burst by freshman Brandon Smith to make the final score 14-49.

The Raiders allowed 462 total yards while totaling 226 yards of their own, including 191 yards on the ground.

“Offensively, we played really well,” Achterhoff said. “We ran the ball against the best defense in the nation, and, if we wouldn’t have made a couple of small mistakes, we could have scored 28 points.”

After this loss, NW will travel to Mitchell, SD, to finish out the season against Dakota Wesleyan on Saturday, Nov. 7.

“Dakota Wesleyan is a team that has struggled, but they knocked us out of the playoffs last year, so we will be ready to play Saturday,” Achterhoff said. “They throw the ball really well, so we’ll have to be ready to defend the pass.”

This GPAC game is the finale to the regular season and could decide if the Raiders continue their season into the playoffs.

“We are not ready to be done playing, so we will play hard on Saturday against Dakota Wesleyan,” Achterhoff said. “Hopefully we will get a win and then we will have to wait to see what will happen with rankings to see if we make the playoffs.”

Football loses to Sioux Falls

Soccer teams finish season

BY SARA ADAMS
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The men’s and women’s soccer teams said goodbye to the field this week in their final game against Doane in Crete, Neb. The men’s team suffered a loss 1-2, putting their record at 5-12-1.

Freshman Adam Potter scored the single goal for Northwestern with an assist from freshman Jonathon Taves. Junior goalie Jeff Lanser made eight saves for the team.

Senior Aaron O’Brien found it unique that the team bonded so well despite a lower average than they had expected. He says this because “the men’s soccer team has always been a great group of guys and this year was no exception.”

The women’s team also experienced a loss to Doane 0-1 with two shots taken by senior Becca Bruns and one by junior Taylor Malm. Freshman Matt Carlson looks to block alongside.

For Bruns, this resulted in friendships being formed that she says she will “always look back on with a huge smile on my face.”

PHOTO BY EMILY GOWING

Sophomore running back Taylor Malm breaks through the Sioux Falls defense en route to 191 total rushing yards for the Raiders.
**SPORTS**

**Men’s basketball falls in season opener**

**BY ANDREW LOVGREN**

**STAFF WRITER**

It wasn’t the storybook start to a season as the Northwestern men’s basketball team fell to Benedictine 78-91 in their season opener on Saturday.

“The guys played hard and the guys played unselfishly,” said Head Coach Kris Korver. “We had moments when we played some good basketball.”

NW kept the score close at the end of the first half 37-42.

“The difference in the contest was about a three- to four-minute spurt where Benedictine went on a 9-0 run to create an eight-point cushion,” Korver said. “Basketball is a game of spurts and runs. We need to understand that in the game of basketball there will be momentum changes. We just need to work on extending our spurts and limiting our opponent’s spurts.”

Twelve different Raiders saw action Saturday, led by sophomore Walker Seim who went 6-10 for 17 points, eight rebounds and a block. Freshman Ben Miller scored 18 points and freshman Daniel Van Kalsbeek scored 14, while both had seven rebounds.

“We committed 21 turnovers in the game and with experience we will improve in this area,” Korver said.

NW was able to out-rebound the Ravens 47-41. The Raiders sunk 44 percent of their shots in the first period, but only 35 percent in the second.

“We have a hard-working group of guys who love the game of basketball and are coming together as a team,” Korver said. “It was a lot of fun watching them experience their first road trip together, their first game together and battling out on the floor together.”

The Raiders play Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., at Jamestown and then Saturday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m., at Valley City.

“Our goal is to come together as a team and become the best team we can. The future is bright for Raider Basketball,” Korver said. “We have a talented group, an unselfish group, and a hard working group.”

**Volleyball heads into GPAC Tournament**

**BY CAMERON CARLOW**

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The Red Raider volleyball team completed the regular season with last Saturday’s match-up against Dordt.

Northwestern won the match 3-0, finishing with a 30-2 record and a perfect 16-0 record in the GPAC.

NW opened game one against the Defenders by earning a 25-18 win. With the score tied at 11, NW scored four straight points to go up 15-11 where they continued to roll to the win.

Game two was led by the Raiders the entire time. Dordt trailed by five before going on a 4-0 run and pulling within one, 16-15. Northwestern then went on a 6-1 run to put away game two 25-20.

The Raiders finished off Dordt in game three with a 25-20 win. The Defenders took the lead early but a few runs pulled NW to the victory in the three-game match.

Three different Raiders had double figures in kills in the match. Junior Hillary Hanno threw down 13, hitting .343 on the day. Senior Randa Hulstein also had 13 kills, hitting .259 alongside her younger sister Rylee Hulstein, who had 12 kills and hit .552 in the three-game match.

NW had four players in double digits in digs on the night. Senior Janna Bloemendaal had 13, which was the most on the team and moved her up to first in career digs for NW. Senior Delainye Woudstra finished the day with 11, alongside the 12 that both junior Kaitlin Beaver and Randa Hulstein produced.

Beaver also led the Raiders with 39 assists. Woudstra was 15-15 in serving.

After the win against Dordt, NW will compete as the No. 1 seed in the GPAC tournament. The Raiders will host the eighth seed Sioux Falls on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Sioux Falls defeated the ninth seed Midland Lutheran in the first round of the tournament and is 19-18 on the year. NW defeated Sioux Falls 3-0 in both of their regular season match-ups.

After the GPAC tournament the Raiders hope to make a splash in the National Tournament. NW is ranked No. 3 nationally in the latest NAIA poll and will hope to receive a strong bid by doing well in the GPAC tournament.
Research shows diet soda damages kidneys

BY SARAH LUPKES
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We hear time and again that diet soda is better than regular soda. “Same great taste without the calories!” is the promise we hear from the speakers of our TVs and radios.

While diet soda does not contain the sugar or calories of regular soda, it is full of other health-draining chemicals like caffeine, artificial sweeteners, sodium and phosphoric acid.

Although products sweetened with artificial sweeteners are marketed as healthier than their sugar-laden versions, recent research shows that they can be potentially hazardous to women’s health.

Research shows a correlation between diet soda consumption and kidney damage. A major U.S. lifestyle and health study, aimed specifically toward women, revealed that regular consumption of artificially sweetened drinks can lead to a gradual decline in the kidney function, according to www.themedguru.com.

After an examination of more than 3,000 women over a period of 11 years, researchers Dr. Julie Lin and Dr. Gary Curhan reported that those who drank two or more servings of artificially sweetened soda, or diet soda, per day had a two-fold increase in the rate of kidney function decline.

The researchers said that the link between artificial sweeteners and kidney damage was ambiguous, but on a large-scale study, this is valuable information. They cautioned about the hazards of artificially sweetened soda, providing women with a vital reason to limit high intake of diet drinks.

No relation between sugar-sweetened beverages and kidney function decline was noted in their research.

The bond regarding the Phoenix Project discussed in last week’s Beacon passed this week by two votes.

Northwestern’s top 5 NC/DC performers:

• Rachel Bolda
• Simon Campbell and Morgan De Jong
• Kristen Menchaca
• Anna Pitney and Andrew Stam
• Lisa Walters

The next round of NC/DC will be with Dordt tonight at 10 p.m. in the Bultman Center.

Sheppard’s vocal recital to hit a broad spectrum of emotions

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Abby Leusink Sheppard will perform a senior vocal recital this Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Sheppard studies voice with Emily Lodine, lecturer in music, and has prepared a diverse repertoire.

Sheppard said her songs hit a broad spectrum of emotions. She explained that the audience’s emotional reactions caused by the recital’s pieces range from, “Oh, I’m sad!” to ‘I’m happy’ to ‘Rejoice!’ to ‘I’m going to kill myself’ to ‘Love is cute and beautiful.”

Some of Sheppard’s vocal selections include “O Mio Babbino Caro” by Giacomo Puccini, “Flower Duet” from the opera “Lakme” by Leo Delibes, “Didi’s Lament/When I am Laid” by Henry Purcell, “Take Care of This House” from “1600 Pennsylvania Avenue” by Lerner & Bernstein, three Schumann pieces and a piece by Argento. Her program will finish with a very humorous piece entitled “Vocal Modesty,” which is very sarcastic and dramatic.

Her favorite piece from the recital is “O Mio Babbino Caro.” Although the piece is quite popular, Sheppard has fallen in love with it in a unique way. She said, “I love the way the melody lines match the pleading of the daughters so perfectly.”

After graduating from Northwestern, Sheppard plans to be either a vocal music teacher or an elementary music teacher. Although she is unsure of which school she will be teaching at, she feels quite sure she and her family will remain in the state of Iowa. Abby said that she and her husband, Clint, plan to “buy a house and have babies and get on with our lives.” Abby has a great love for music, which has inspired her to pursue music in a profession and to do such rigorous vocal study. She explained her love of music: “Music can reach parts of your soul that nothing else can reach.”

Sheppard believes music is such a powerful art that she cannot ignore it or allow her gift to go to waste. Her favorite quote about music comes from Victor Hugo: “Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.”

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