The country’s conclusion: Obama triumphs

BY JENNA BOOTE
NEWS EDITOR


Notably, McCain states, “We fought—we fought as hard as we could. And though we fell short, the failure is mine, not yours.”

Over 700 miles away, Obama states in his acceptance speech, “If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.”

Carl Vandermeulen, professor of English and Communications, and former Democratic county chair explains why he feels the election is historic. “If you watched Obama’s speech in Grant Park, and looked at the faces of the black people in the crowd, you realized that for them, this was a powerful moment. It was history rewritten. Something they never believed possible had actually happened.”

Obama will become the 44th president with 52 percent of the nation’s popular vote and a 338-163 advantage in electoral votes.

In Sioux County, 3,010 students cast their ballots for Obama, comprising 18% of the presidential vote. McCain garnered 13,440 votes for 81% overall. With these results, Sioux County remains the most Republican County in Iowa. However, the percentages from the 2004 election shows the gap between Republicans and Democrats narrowing.

“Tell Me the Truth.”
Kids’ play now open to public, honest!

BY JENNA BOOTE

Northwestern’s Allen Theatre will be featuring family-based tales in the production of “Tell Me the Truth” on Friday, Nov. 7 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday Nov. 8 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Elementary students have watched the six-member cast take the stage every Tuesday and Thursday since Oct. 2. The show will continue to run until Nov. 13.

Karen Barker, NW professor of theatre and speech, has taken the reins by adapting and directing the play. Barker reveals that the opening act of “Tell Me the Truth” is the poem, Tell Me, by Shel Silverstein.

An assortment of poems is found in Barker’s adaptation including Dr. Seuss, Silverstein, Jane Yolen and Judith Viorst. Robert Munsch’s well-known story, “Love You Forever” and Tomie dePaola’s “The Clown of God” are also incorporated into the show’s selection.

The one-hour production will also depict a story about the Underground Railroad, “Follow the Drinking Gourd.” Immigrant’s hopes and dreams will be seen in the story, “Topsy the Lamplighter.”

Another tale included in the production is “The Dot,” which Continued on page 8

Film critic and author to speak

BY TEDI SWANSON
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Award-winning film critic and author Jeffrey Overstreet will be on campus Sunday and Monday, Nov. 9-10. Overstreet’s visit begins Sunday night with a 9 p.m. showing of “Shotgun Stories.”

On Monday morning, Overstreet will speak in chapel about seeing movies and culture through the eyes of faith.

“He challenges all of us to bring our faith to every situation,” said Deb Menning, instructor of English. “Overstreet wants us to know that we need to step outside our insulated Christian bubble to see the world as it really is—broken, beautiful, and beloved by God—a place needing to hear a message of hope, grace, redemption,” said Menning.

Not only will Overstreet be speaking in chapel, but he will also be speaking several times throughout the day in various locations, including a discussion at 10:40 a.m. in the Proscenium Theatre, an evening lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Music Hall’s choir rehearsal room and an all-male discussion of “Shotgun Stories” in Heemstra Hall at 9:30 p.m.

The evening lecture, “Through a Screen Darkly: A Memoir of Dangerous Moviegoing,” shares
The apostle Paul says, “Be watchful... stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” What does it mean to be a man? Just about everywhere I go I see the compliant character of men being lived out to the fullest. Why do so many guys lack passion? I see boys who devote their lives to playing video games and watching TV, apathetic to anything meaningful. I see boys who have allowed themselves to be molded by society, subscribing to the notion of a “worldly man.”

The world tells us that in order to be men we need to have sex, drink alcohol, buy cars and let the women wear pants. The world tells us that our role is to be passive, but to keep the couch cushion warm, with one hand on the remote and the other around a smokin’ hot girlfriend.

These characteristics do not turn boys into men. We accept these characteristics because we are lazy and want to mask our true selves. We are boys who are afraid of growing up, boys who will still be boys at forty years old. I do not want to make the generalization that every guy is like this.

When we choose to be passive, we are not only doing a disservice to ourselves, but also to every person with whom we come in contact. Let’s explore some reasons as to why we need to step up as Christian men.

First, what is our role? Proverbs 31 says, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.” How many times have you kept quiet when you knew the right thing to do was to stand up for that guy on your wing that everybody treats like crap? Quit being a pancy! Be a man! We do not speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves because we feel we need to be heroic or epic; we stand up for them because God commands us to do so.

Second, we open the door to sin. When we do not hold to our convictions, we allow sin to come right in front of the door of our lives, pushing our values out the back door. We need to guard our hearts and weigh everything with scripture. How lenient will you be when your church decides not to live up to biblical standards or misquotes Scripture? What will you say to the gossiper who can never find enough dirt on other people? How long will you be afraid of what other people might think of you if you take a stand? This world cannot afford Christian men who back down when faced with a challenge.

Your standing with God is more about who you are than what you do. God does not look at who you are; he looks at what you are. God’s chosen people have always misinterpreted his commandments for them as acts of outward obedience, but as the LORD said to Samuel when he was looking for the new king, “The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).

Third, we may be the only sermon some will hear. As Christians, we are often oblivious to the way people perceive us. People become curious when they see godly disciplines being lived out in a world where God is only spoken of on currency or when someone smashes their finger with a hammer.

One person I have watched closely who has impacted my life greatly is my dad. From the time I was a toddler to the last time I talked with him on the phone, I have been watching him, listening to what he says. I watch how he treats my mom. I watch how he handles telemarketers. I watch the way he handles his business.

Will you be the leader your wife and kids will need someday? The presence or lack of Christian male leadership qualities does not only have the capability of helping or harming us males, but also everyone we come in contact with.

I encourage you to pursue integrity and discipline. Weigh every possible characteristic of a man with scripture. Pray that God will show you the kind of man he wants you to be and the kind of man that others need you to be. Allow yourself to be transformed.

“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When became a man, I put childish things behind me” (1 Corinthians 13:11).

The importance of purity

Matthew 5:8 says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” Purity is essential to the gospel. It is Christ who cleanses us and makes us pure. He washes us white by the power of his blood and refines us of all our iniquities.

Psalm 24 asks, “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, for they will see God.” Purity is essential to the gospel. It is Christ who cleanses us and makes us pure. He washes us white by the power of his blood and refines us of all our iniquities.

Therefore, we need to pursue purity in every area of life. We need to pursue purity in our friendships, in our media consumption, in our entertainment, in our sports, in our dating and marriage.

The apostle John in his first epistle wrote, “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (3:2).

Seeing is central to being transformed. As we behold Christ, we are changed to be like him and are changed from one degree of glory to another (2 Cor. 3:18).

Purity also holds with it the idea of single-mindedness. It is being ungrounded by the world and having an undivided heart. “No one can serve two masters,” Jesus said in Matthew 6:24.

Where does your allegiance lie? “Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and weep. Change your laughter to mourning, and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up” (James 4:8-10).
“Be willing to reexamine what you believe.”

Plot summary
BY KILEY SELIGMAN AND KRISTI KORVER
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The Shack is the story of Mackenzie Allen Philips, who encounters God after four years of depression that follow the brutal murder of his daughter, Missy, in a shack in the forests of Oregon. Mack Receives a mysterious note inviting him back to the shack. It’s signed “Papa.”

Mack reluctantly decides to walk back into his dark nightmare. Over the weekend Mack eats, fights and lives with God. Papa is an African-American woman whose actual name is Elousia (which is Greek for tenderness). Jesus is a young middle-aged man of Middle-Eastern descent. The Holy Spirit is a small creative woman of Asian descent named Sarayu (Sanskrit for air or wind).

Through conversations and experiences at the shack, Mack finds healing from the “great sadness” that his daughter’s death left him in. Like Mackenzie, readers are invited to meet God in The Shack: “where tragedy confronts eternity.”

Challenge yourself: a positive book review
BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

At Northwestern, students are constantly called to challenge their beliefs. After hearing students say that William P. Young’s The Shack was a great book and hearing family members charge that it is not biblically sound, I wanted to read the book for myself with a discerning eye.

The Shack grabbed my attention from the very first page. I read the first section of the narrative in one sitting, because it read like a suspense novel. It took me longer to read the rest of the book after Mack reaches the shack, because I wanted to digest each part before I moved onto the next chapter and the next idea presented to Mack from God.

At the shack, Mack is confronted with the questions of free will, what love truly is, individuality, trusting in God completely, forgiveness and many other issues that Christians deal with on a daily basis. Young also provides metaphors to clearly convey his ideas and make the reader feel like they are a part of the story. For example, one day Mack and Sarayu, the representation of the Holy Spirit, spend a day in the garden digging up and replanting flowers. Mack comments on the beauty of the garden and Sarayu agrees. It is beautiful, because the garden is Mack’s soul.

God understands what Mack is dealing with. “You really don’t understand yet. You try to make sense of the world in which you live based on a very small and incomplete picture of reality,” Mack is told.

Just like every human being, Mack has questions in his heart. Slowly, God reveals the answers to Mack’s questions or gives him the courage to trust and live without answers.

The main controversy over the novel is the fact that two parts of the Holy Trinity are presented as female. Mack had an abusive father growing up, and God explains the choice to appear as a woman, because Mack would be more open to a mother figure than a father figure.

I am still unsure of how I feel about this representation. This is also one of the ways that The Shack challenged me. It has caused me to think through the issue of God being represented as both male and female.

The majority of the book helped strengthen my faith by giving me real applications for my faith. Two quotes from the book that related to my life and struggle with trust are, “It’s extremely hard to rescue someone unless they are willing to trust you,” or “Just keep giving me the little bit you have, and together we’ll watch it grow.”

I think any mature Christian should read this book. It is a work of art that makes you really contemplate what you believe and if you are truly living your life to the fullest. If you already have a firm foundation in your faith, you have the ability to decide which theological aspects of the book you believe in and which you don’t.

If you are new to the Christian faith, I suggest waiting to read this book. It does have some different viewpoints that take a strong doctrinal faith-base to be able to sort through.

Young’s viewpoint on life is represented by the storyline in The Shack. He said, “For me, everything is about Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit, and relationships, and life is an adventure of faith lived one day at a time.”

Intrigued shackers beware: a critical book review
BY KRISTI KORVER
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In 148 pages first-time novelist William Young attempts to create a gripping storyline that grapples with hefty theological issues like the problem of suffering and the mystery of the trinity in his fictional book, The Shack.

Christians are buying The Shack by the case and passing them out like tracts. Book clubs of grandmas and postmodern youth pastors are carrying around tear-and coffee-stained paperbacks. Fueled by intrigue, I read all fifteen chapters during a four-hour car ride. As soon as I finished the last page, the book was snatched from my hands by another intrigued shacker.

Eugene Peterson claims that The Shack “has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress did for his.” If the buzzing blogs are any indication, the book is provoking thought and conversation for many.

Some worry about the book’s impact; however, Mark Driscoll, pastor of Mars Hill Church in Seattle, even calls the theology in The Shack heretical.

As far as the quality of writing goes, the book is poetic, elegant or well crafted. The characters outside the Godhead are somewhat cliché and the lack of movement loses the readers interest.

While many call The Shack a page turner, the plot is average. There is tension in the story initially, but it drags on—the story becomes one long conversation over one long weekend. It feels less like a story and more like a post-modern, conversational-style theology textbook. But the dialogue is rich. In one conversation Jesus explains to Mack, “As the crowning glory of Creation, you were made in our image, unencumbered by structure and free to simply ‘be’ in relationship with me and one another. If you had truly learned to regard each other’s concerns as significant as your own, there would be no need for hierarchy.” One should expect rich conversation when reading words intended to express the mind of God.

Young’s theology has rocked the worlds of many readers. One of the most popular lines from the book is, “you won’t put God in a box but you put God in the Bible.” This is a statement that is hard to interpret. The shack relies more on personal experience with God than on Biblical understanding of God.

Is excellent fiction to be judged by the number of copies that are sold or the buzz it creates on blogs? Is it to be judged by the quality of its plot development or the precise word selection? Or is excellent fiction something that must be judged over time, when the impact it makes on its readers can be seen? If truly excellent fiction changes its readers, The Shack falls short. Intrigued shackers should read with caution and then wait and see. The book is no Pilgrim’s Progress yet.
The North Face pushes the boundaries of innovation

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

When we were in elementary school, the Starter jacket reigned as king of winter fashion. It not only did its job of keeping our little torsos warm, but it let us show support for our favorite teams and separated the “cool” from the “uncool.” Today, another brand of coat is taking over the winter fashion throne: The North Face.

The North Face company goes beyond just creating coats and claims to be, “Home of the technically advanced, innovative apparel, footwear and gear that inspires athletes to Never Stop Exploring.” Looking around as the temperature starts to drop, it is apparent that The North Face coats are one of their products that are really taking hold.

The North Face provides coats for men, women and children to protect them against the elements of every season. Their jackets are categorized into waterproof, snowsports, insulated, fleece, softshell, lifestyle and windwear. They also have five different collections. Trans-Antarctica is inspired by the 1990 Trans-Antarctica Expedition. Flight is for athletes to train in. Summit is for weather and terrain extremes. Cryptic is for those who like to hit the slopes, and Steep Tech is for protection for the worst of weather.

The North Face was named as such by its founders, because the north face of a mountain in the northern hemisphere is the most challenging part for climbers. The company started by creating high-quality climbing and backpacking equipment. In the 1990s they broke into the apparel market.

So what is so great about The North Face that people will spend so much money for a simple jacket? For women, jackets range from $55 to $499, for men from $60 to $649. Similar company Columbia’s most expensive coats are around $200.

The North Face claims innovation in their apparel in order to persuade people to buy their products. In an advertisement for employment The North Face company said, “At The North Face, we push the boundaries of innovation so that our customers can push the boundaries of exploration.”

This year, The North Face won an innovation award for a new jacket design at the Outdoor Tradeshow in Germany. The new Mammatus jacket is light and durable, and it is completely waterproof. The Thunder jacket stores in a hand pocket.

On the website, each jacket has a features section to tell about the technology that is employed in that piece of apparel. Many people have The North Face jackets. It depends on the person whether they buy the jackets simply because they are a trend or because the jackets are really worth the money. No matter the reason, The North Face jackets are taking hold.

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Hillary Aekens
“They’re lightweight, but they are warm and can be worn with anything. Even though they cost more, they are a good investment.”

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Microwave popcorn: the snack for every student

BY ANNE EBERLINE

STAFF WRITER

Popcorn, a snacking classic, offers flavor versatility for hungry college students. While movie theater and air-popped popcorn may be able to supply the top level of flavor and texture, microwave popcorn provides a convenient, yet tasty, alternative.

There are a variety of styles and flavors to choose from allowing you to customize your snacking experience. The most common popcorn flavor is butter. Some view butter as the more, the better. Freshman Angela Aldrich, a NW popcorn enthusiast, said, “As bad as full butter might be for you, it still tastes amazing and I prefer it over light.”

However, some feel the butter can be too much. “It’s almost like it’s caked on so thick that it gets everywhere,” said senior Kristen Burghorn, an experienced popcorn popper. “I like mostly popcorn flavor, with just a hint of added flavor of something else.”

In addition to multiple levels of butter flavor, many brands also offer flavors such as kettle corn, cheddar or caramel microwave popcorn. If you’re looking for a more exotic popcorn option, Jolly Time has a caramel apple flavor and Act II has buttery cinnamon.

Along with a variety of flavors comes a variety of prices. Some snacking connoisseurs find that price is an indicator of quality. Sophomore Heather McCollam, another NW popcorn lover, said she can tell a difference in flavor and how well the popcorn pops. “As the old saying goes,” McCollam said, “you get what you pay for.”

Others don’t seem to mind the differences and opt for the lower end of the price range. “I think it all roughly tastes the same, so why not just get the cheaper stuff,” Aldrich said.

Microwave popcorn is an easy snack that is optimal for both social and solitary snacking situations. A full bag of popcorn works well for large group movie nights. It also can be useful for getting you through busy days. Burghorn said, “Popcorn can suffice for dinner or a late night snack while doing homework.”

No matter what you are looking for in a snack, popcorn most likely has an option for you. Enjoy exploring the diverse popcorn realm and join McCollam who said, “I think I need to pop some now.”

High fives from down low for NW’s football team

BY LEANN JOHNSON

STAFF WRITER

Northwestern football players dedicated their spare time on Thursday nights throughout October to an extra hour of practice. However, on these nights, the practice was part of a flag football program for third through sixth grade boys and girls in the Orange City community that the NW football team helped with this year.

During the practices, NW football players coach these kids to have real football skills, drills, skills and fundamental mechanics for the first half-hour. Then the approximate 100 kids separated into teams for flag football games that put these new skills into play for the last 30 minutes. Usually 40 to 50 NW players helped out.

For NW’s football team co-captain, senior Kyle Ochsner, this program was a “great experience.” It reminded Ochsner of when he was a little kid just starting to play football. He enjoyed “watching the kids play and grow and seeing the smiles and enjoyment on their faces.”

NW decided to get involved in this program as a way to give back to the community. In past years, parents have typically coached these practices. However, this year there were not enough parents signed up to coach, so Orange City Parks and Recreation director Mitch Aalbers contacted the NW football team to see if they would be willing to coach.

The football team agreed to help as a way to show their appreciation to the young kids who come to watch them play. Ochsner said, “I can’t think of any home game where we come out of the locker room before a game or during the half that an elementary kid isn’t there giving us a high five as we run past.”

“This is a way of thanking them, returning the favor of watching them and helping them grow,” Ochsner added.

Diane Krommendyk, an Orange City Christian School kindergarten teacher, is mother to a fourth grade son who loved these nights. Her son, Noah, came away from his last game tiredly saying, “College kids are so amazing, she added. “The elementary kids have learned more from them and listened better to these players than they would to their parents.”
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GPAC Champions! Volleyball finishes conference play undefeated

BY BETH MOUW
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The Northwestern volleyball squad went 3-for-3 in their most recent match-ups to secure the conference championship—a feat last accomplished nearly a decade ago in 1999. Last Friday they defeated Midland in four games and took Dana in four games on Saturday. Finally, on Tuesday they overcame Dordt 3-2 to finish out their regular season with a perfect 16-0 record in the GPAC. The Raider women are now ranked ninth with a 25-6 overall record and will begin the postseason tournament as the top seed. The 12-team, single-elimination tournament will begin Thursday night with the top four seeds. The conference championship—a feat recently matched by both the men’s and women’s basketball teams—will be determined.

NW 3, Dordt 2

Game one saw NW jump out to an early 13-5 lead on the road to the top four seeds. The Defenders led from the start of game three and won 25-18. Although NW was able to grab an early lead in game four, Dordt quickly came back and won 25-22. Despite trailing 9-7 in the decisive fifth set, NW scored the next three points to pull ahead 10-9. Dordt managed to tie it at 10 before the Raiders decided once and for all that they would finish the GPAC undefeated. The match ended 15-11 with a timely kill from sophomore Hillary Hanrao from the left side. “It was a good team win,” said junior Randa Hulstein, who led the team with 18 kills on the night. “It was a good environment and a fun team to play with.”

NW 5, Midland 1

After dropping the first game 23-25 to Midland last Friday, the Raider women came back with a vengeance in the second set and easily won 25-14. The next two sets were similarly decisive, the final scores being 25-19 and 25-18, respectively. The Raiders will host a GPAC quarterfinal match on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Their opponent is yet to be determined.

Women’s basketball begins season 2-1

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raider women’s basketball team began its season 2-1 against some tough competition and averaged over 80 points a game in last week’s play.

NW 93, Waldorf 82

Northwestern played a non-conference game against Waldorf Wednesday night, winning 93-82. The Raiders jumped to an early 11-2 start and then each team scored eight to bring the score to 19-10. Waldorf then went on a 16-3 run to earn a 26-22 lead. NW battled back and outsored the Warriors 23-10 to finish the half with a 45-36 lead. NW 70-70 to start the second half and kept widening the gap, the largest lead being 71-49 with ten minutes left of play. Waldorf came within eight with 1:38 left in the game, but the Raiders held on for their second victory of the season.

NW 81, Dakota State 74

The Red Raider women earned their first victory of the season over Mayville State last Saturday in the Tyson Tip-off Classic in Sioux City.

NW made a bold statement right away, pulling ahead 14-0. The Raiders continued their dominance and led by 27, 62-35 at halftime and then rolling to the 109-74 victory. Neth led the Raiders with 26 points, going 9-of-21 from the field. She pulled down seven rebounds and dished out four assists to lead the team. Kleinjan added 24 points with three threes. Kuhlmann added 14 points, Nieuwsma had 11, and junior Anna Anderson scored ten to put five Raiders in double figures. Sophomore Bobbie Jean Rich assisted in the Raiders 55-39 rebounding dominance by pulling down 12. NW shot 55 percent from the field, 60 percent in the second half.

NW 81, Dakota State 74

NW played their first game of the season last Friday, falling to Dakota State. The Raiders had a ten-point lead 41-31 at the half, but the Trojans outscored NW 54-40 in the second half of the game. The Raiders shot 47 percent in the first half compared to 53 percent by DSU. Neth had 20 points and nine rebounds to lead the Raiders, going 6-of-12 from the field, 2-of-6 from the three-point line and 6-of-9 from the free throw line. Kuhlmann made her college basketball debut scoring 19 points, pulling down five rebounds and dishing out two assists. Kleinjan and junior Andrea Wedel had 14 and 11 points, respectively. NW had a 34-32 advantage on the boards and also had one less turnover, 27-26.

The Raiders are set to face off against eighth-ranked Jamestown at 6 p.m. tonight and Valley City tomorrow at 2 p.m.
Men’s soccer sets its sights on the GPAC championship

BY CAMERON CARLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The regular season is completed and the post season is ahead for the Northwestern men’s soccer team. Last Saturday the team took on Doane to complete regular season play. The Raiders were victorious, boasting a 2-0 shutout.

Sophomore Caleb Blauwet tackles a Cougar running back on Saturday’s defensive battle.

Senior Andy Janssen scored both goals for the Raiders, one unassisted and the other with an assist from senior Steven Grand. Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Lanser made three saves and posted his second shutout of the year.

“I thought we were very dynamic on the offensive side of the ball against Doane,” said head coach Dan Swier. “We made some great runs and put ourselves in good positions to score. I thought the team finished the regular season very well.”

The victory gave NW the fifth seed in the GPAC tournament this week. The Raiders were scheduled to play Doane again on Thursday. Results were not available at press time.

For the tournament game against Doane, Coach Swier said, “We won’t change a whole lot. We just need to clean up a few things but as a whole, we will approach them the same way we approached them on Saturday.”

Heading into the GPAC tournament, the team has its goals set on victory. “Anything less than the GPAC championship will be disappointing,” said Swier. “This team slipped to the number five seed, but has the capability of repeating as post-season champions.”

As the top team in the GPAC, the Raiders have a bye into the second round of the tournament, the number two seed SiouxFalls earlier in the year and shutout the number four seed in the last matchup.

“We are playing well right now,” Swier said. “There are few teams who can stop us when we play at the top of our game.”

New coach, new season for Raider wrestlers

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Red Raider wrestling team set out on their first tournament of the season last Saturday, the NIACC Open. It was the first meet for head coach Rik Dahl. The team finished with the record of 21-10 on the day with every wrestler earning at least one win.

Freshmen Matt Dowell competed in his first collegiate match at the 141 weight class and lost. The opponent was from the University of Iowa.

Dowell went on to finish 1-2 on the day and earned his first victory. The jump from high school to college was a change for Dowell who said “the level of competition is definitely higher.”

The team did well as a whole, finishing with four of the seven athletes in the top four. Sophomore Clay Wakefield went 3-2 and finished fourth on the day. Senior Claudel Noel finished in second place and has already qualified for the national tournament, going 3-1. Sophomore David Carter wrestled 165 and finished 2-2 on the day. Junior Martin Beeler of the 174 weight class finished in third, also going 3-1. Senior Cole Spree qualified for the national tournament after finishing third at 141 and going 4-1 on the day. Senior Tom Eaton wrestled 184 and had only one loss along with a forfeit to Spree moving his record to 3-2.

The team looks to press on when they compete in the Dakota Wesleyan Open on Nov. 15.

Women’s soccer season ends; two named GPAC honorable mention

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern women’s soccer team played their final match of the season last Saturday, falling 3-0 to Doane College. The Red Raiders end their season with a 5-12-1 overall record, 3-8-1 in the GPAC.

The Tigers out-shot NW 15-2 in the contest, scoring all three of their goals in the second half. Sophomore Amanda Mihaly and junior Becca Bruns each had one shot.

Sophomore Wendy Hofmeyer made five saves as goalkeeper in the loss.

Conference Honors

Sophomores Becca Hurley and Wendy Hofmeyer were named GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention for their play this season. Hurley scored twelve goals to lead the Raiders this year, while Hofmeyer made 79 saves and allowed an average of 1.74 goals per game.

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Sophomore Caleb Blauwet tackles a Cougar running back on Saturday’s defensive battle.

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Junior Becca Bruns plays the ball on Saturday’s game against Doane. Bruns had one of the two Raider shots in the game.

PHOTO BY RENEE NYHOF
Falling behind: sweating over decision to add equipment

BY CHRIS BARKER
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association has been doing some digging this semester to try to figure out what changes students most want to see. One of the most commonly articulated requests is for improved exercise facilities on campus. Students have specifically asked for more treadmills and elliptical machines. In response to this, SGA has been looking into the state of NW’s exercise facilities and the possibility of improving them.

As part of its research, the SGA contacted multiple schools in the GPAC and other schools of similar size to determine where Northwestern’s exercise facilities sit in relation to these schools. NWC has two elliptical machines and ten stationary bikes. Among schools of our size, Northwestern sits last in number of ellipticals and treadmills. Grinnell College, enrollment 1,600, has an enrollment of 7,000 people who currently have power in the region. Interstate 90, the main interstate that runs across South Dakota, is currently shut down from Mitchell to the Wyoming state border. Considering traveling this weekend? Please take into consideration the risks and dangers of winter, such as becoming stranded and other travelers on unsafe roads.

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Dehydration is a prevalent problem in winter. Another tip is to keep a winter survival kit on hand. Items included range from bandages to dried food, flashlights, road flares and heat packets. Having a shovel to scoop out your car is a necessity as well as an ice scraper.

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Kid’s play opens

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focuses on bringing out the artist in everyone.” Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge” informs about the value of students having the opportunity to experiment with different art forms. The student-curated exhibition offers an array of works that explore different mediums and styles, reflecting the diverse perspectives of the students who created them. The exhibition invites visitors to engage with the artwork, fostering connections and opportunities for exchange.

Pederson’s artistic journey

BY JENNA BOOTE
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Liz Pederson will share her artwork with the Northwestern community on Monday, Nov. 10 until Saturday, Nov. 15, with a closing reception on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Pederson says that in high school she preferred painting, but college opened her eyes to sculpture. If she had to pick one medium, Pederson would pick sculpture, but adds that she approaches her work by thinking about how she can best convey her idea. Pederson says she tries to not limit herself and that she expects her work to change a lot over her lifetime.

One of Pederson’s favorite pieces is a small sculpture that has a full, curvy figure and Playboy bunny ears. She explains that the piece is a comment on the changing definition of femininity and beauty.

Pederson adds that all her works are inspired by historic art works. “I couldn’t get enough of modern art history. Most people in my class contemplated jumping in front of a semi, but I loved learning about it; maybe a little too much, as I enjoyed locking myself in one of the small cells in the library to read and reread the assigned chapter.”

For those on the fence, Pederson adds that her mother is a chef by profession—students will not want to miss the reception.

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Music performances this week

BY LINDSEY HASKINS
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The Northwestern College Symphonic Band will perform in Christ Chapel on Friday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., and the Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble will be in concert on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

“The [symphonic band] concert will feature a great combination of elements in band literature, from traditional to new material, offering an incredible variety,” said Timothy McGarvey, director of both ensembles.

The concert will open with the symphonic band’s performance of “Early Light” by Carolyn Bremer. Based on “The Star Spangled Banner,” the piece reflects the composer’s happy anticipation for hearing the anthem played before baseball games. Next, the band will play William Schuman’s “When Jesus Wept,” which communicates the empathy and compassion of Christ for those mourning over Lazarus’ death.

Four other pieces, “Second Suite in F” by Gustav Holst, “Mambo Furioso” by Brant Karrick, “The Kiss” by Michael Torke and “Niagara Falls,” a piece by Michael Daugherty, will close the concert. The 18-member Jazz Band will perform six pieces. The ensemble will open its performance with “A New Kind of Soup” by Doug Beach. The group will also play “A Tribute to Tommy Dorsey” and George and Ira Gershwin’s “Someone to Watch Over Me.”

The six-member Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Dan Duffield, will perform four pieces. “With a smaller ensemble this semester, we want to explore some of the vast percussion ‘pops’ literature, which should flow well with the Jazz Band’s portion of the concert,” says Duffield.