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Morgan De Jong sings with accompanists Sophie Eicher, Josh White & Josh Kuipers.

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Perkins to address global issues

By Leann Johnson

Northwestern will host a Global Vision Week from Nov. 17 to 21. Various activities will take place throughout the week in an effort to help students recognize cultural differences and honor the unity of people through Christ.

On Monday and Tuesday, John Perkins, founder and president of the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, will speak during the chapel services. He will also speak during an evening address in the chapel on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Perkins will address cultural diversity and the unity that results from such differences.

The annual Global Fair will be held in the Smith lobby on Tuesday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. During the Fair, international students and those who have studied or served abroad will display pictures and maps and share stories of their experiences. The Study Abroad office will also be available to show students the different opportunities available for those interested in studying abroad next year.

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Chapel is one of the things that our college values greatly. So why does it seem that the student body has a hard time expressing their respect in the pews? Students are asked to do one thing in chapel: have respect. We no longer have parents breathing down our necks, but chapel still has rules to abide by. No sleeping is allowed. Homework is off limits. There is no talking, but lately texting on cell phones has become an issue. You’d think that refraining from these things would be common sense (or courtesy), but apparently this is not the case.

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I don’t know about you, but I would be pretty embarrassed if a faculty member confiscated my chapel card. All one really has to do in chapel is sit down and keep quiet. You’d get busted for causing disruptions in class, so why do some people think it’s fine to disrupt a place of worship?

Please know that I’m not perfect; I’ve talked in chapel, even chuckled once in awhile. However, I try my best to be a part of the experience. You are already there, so why not make the most of it? Certain speakers may not appeal to you, but rather than just tuning them out to take a nap, listen.

Some of you might argue that a religious experience can’t be forced. But since chapel attendance is mandatory, by necessity you already put yourself in the position to receive that experience. NW’s version of Christianity may not be your thing. However, you do attend a Christian college. So get involved and enjoy yourself please.

It may be that your peers are a part of the problem. If this is the case, then maybe it’s time for relocation. Pick a spot in the front of chapel or wherever you choose, so you can focus solely on the speaker and praise God in song. It may seem a little weird to sit alone, but it’s worth a try.

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OPINION

So, you thought Halloween was over?...

By Cody Raaf

You’ve noticed the change on campus, and it’s not just newly-arrived arctic décor. No, it’s the students themselves. Their mild appearances have become darker; they’ve almost entirely disappeared, holing themselves up in a remote corner of campus. Myself included, we have become so altered that campus itself seems a lonelier, scarier place.

Terrorized?

Last spring the Northwestern College Theater Department performed “Terror Texts,” Old Testament stories of gruesome violence and muddy theology set to rock music and dressed in goth clothing. For those of you who saw this last spring, look out. This “tribal-industrial” musical has again besieged campus, with greater force than before! The make-up is darker, the songs are louder, the costumes weirder and the dances deadlier. The stories, however, are the same.

Really? Again?

Prepare Yourself!

The Woman Who Ate Her Son 2 Kings 6:24-20
The Bald Man and the Bears 2 Kings 2:22-25
King David 2 Samuel 6
The Fat King Judges 3:12-30
The Valley of Trouble Joshua 7:2-26
The Levite’s Concubine Judges 19-21

By Katherina Beeler

The election is FINALLY over. Quite frankly, I’ve been sick of this election since ’06. Now we have elected a president whose stance was “Change.” That’s a good thing right? I mean, shouldn’t the United States of America “change” and try to bring about justice and better help those in need?

Yes! However, is the government really going to change anything at all? Is a newly elected president going to make all the changes this country needs?

I really don’t think so. Personally I think the United States of America does need to bring about change, especially for the good of the whole world. But even if a president does listen to the people and brings about change, it will take time. We need to have patience and believe that it will happen. When we have faith in him, that boggles my mind! I mean Jesus did AMAZING things—he’s God! Yet, he says WE will do greater things. Key here, who does Jesus say will do greater things? Believers of faith, me, you, not the government. Believers might not think they can do anything to change things for the better, but if Paul says with him (God) all things are possible. Don’t forget, it’s not we alone that will change things, but God using us.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” In order for things to change it’s going to take us, as believers, being transformed through Christ. Then we will know what God’s will is. After this, we can’t ignore God’s call and command for us to go out and change things. He doesn’t call us to sit around while there are children dying of hunger and wait for the government to feed them. It takes us to help them. It takes the body of Christ, the church, to come together, pray and be his hands and feet.

Like Smokey the bear says, “Only YOU can prevent forest fires.” Let’s twist it and remember that “Only YOU (and the Holy Spirit working within and through you) can make change.” Okay, it’s not as catchy as Smokey the bear, but remember what Jesus quoted from Isaiah in Luke 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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Government = change?...

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Change = God + us.
Are you looking for an Ethiopian experience?

Save on airfare and indulge your tastebuds at Lalibela

BY AMANDA KUEHN & KRISTI KORVER
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The building in which Lalibela is situated is so non-descript that restaurant-goers might easily pass it by. Located in a small strip mall at 1001 West 11th Street in Sioux Falls, it sits right next to The Crescent Coffee Shop. Open the door, however, and you’ll find a setting that is far from the ordinary. "Ethiopian paintings cover the walls, African-backed chairs surround high and low top tables and a stage in the back hints at the anticipated nightclub atmosphere to come Saturday night." Lalibela opened five years ago and is one of three Ethiopian restaurants in Sioux Falls. The city has a rapidly growing Ethiopian population according to the Multi Cultural Center of Sioux Falls. Refugees and immigrants enjoy a taste of home at Lalibela and welcome all people to partake with them.

Take a seat in the easy-going ambience and you can see Lalibela regularly sipping a cup of tea, conversing around the bar and sharing platters of exotic food just set on the table. If you’re lucky, Mulugeta, the owner of the Ethiopian hot spot, will readily introduce first-timers to the thrill of Ethiopian food. "It’s spicy, but not too spicy," Mulugeta stated.

You might want to start with an order of sambusa, a flaky triangular pocket filled with spiced chicken, beef or lentils, and a tall glass of mango guava juice, as it may take you a while to sift through the menu. Most entrees are served on injera, a spongy pancake-like bread that is used to scoop up the main course. "I’ve never gotten to eat my silverware before," said senior Kari White.

Menu items range from doro wot, a spicy tender chicken in berbere sauce to minchet abish, a flavorful curried beef dish to yebg tibs, lamb served with peppers, onions, garlic, tomato and rosemary. The more exotic diner might try dulet, which consists of tripe, kidney, liver and beef. Vegetarian options are also available. Meal prices vary between $6 and $12, but most can easily be shared.

In addition to the standard run of drinks, you can also order Ethiopian beer or Ethiopian tea or coffee, each with its own unique flavor. The mango-guava juice is more a nectar than a watered-down fruit drink and comes highly recommended. If you still have room after finishing the spread of meats, spices and vegetables that comes atop your injera, Lalibela also has dessert options.

"Anyone willing to try something new should come here. It’s true to the original culture and not just ‘Americanized.,” senior Jena Boote said of her Lalibela experience. Senior Rachel Posthuma added, “If you’re looking for an international night out and a unique combination of tastes in your mouth, then come here!”

From two beds to one: hope still left for TV

BY RACHEL RIESHEMA
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Upon celebrating their 50th anniversary, TV Guide created a list of the top 50 shows of all time. The Honeymooners and I Love Lucy came close to glory, but Seinfeld swooped in to claim the top spot. What did this show have that the others didn’t?

The four quirky characters had problems that were true to real life. All nine seasons contained an unmatched comedic edge, but there was another element that captured the audience’s attention. Much of the dialogue had references to casual sex.

Morally speaking, the top two shows have little in common. I Love Lucy originally showed off and Ricki Ricardo’s bedroom with separate twin beds, a far cry from today’s bedroom scenes. As the seasons progressed, the producers decided it was okay for them to share their beds together. Avid I Love Lucy viewers in the 50s may have been uncomfortable, but today viewers probably see this as extremely conservative.

A select few shows are still written so that audiences will learn lessons through respectable characters. Just like in the classic shows, I Dream of Jeannie and Happy Days, current ones have created well-structured worlds accompanied with clever writing.

The CW network has a new series, Privileged, which is making a brave entrance. An aspiring journalist, Megan Smith, leads a very complicated life after returning to her hometown, Palm Beach. Trying to balance her personal life, career aspirations and the job of tutoring the spoiled twins Rose and Sage, Smith begins an interesting ride. Each episode uncovers more layers of her past, managing to leave out sexual references. The storylines may soon drift in this direction, but for now, it’s free of impropriety.

Another show worth investing your time into is ABC’s new series, Life on Mars. It possesses a unique premise that keeps you engaged from the beginning credits to the final cut. The main character, Sam Tyler, is hit by a speeding car causing him to be transported to 1973. Trying to figure out why he is in this new reality is never easy for him. Many connections from the past are revealed in a remarkable way. One of his assigned cases leads him to his mother at a much younger age, which helps him discover a few revelations about his past.

As a full-time of episodes have aired thus far, abc.com welcomes you to catch up with Sam Tyler and his new life in 1973. The show’s combination of time traveling and crime investigation gives it an edge when comparing it with the multitude of other crime-based shows.

Back in the 90s, viewers enjoyed watching episodes of Full House and Step by Step every Friday night. Both shows had a refreshingly wholesome quality. Fans seeking to reclaim quality television can reacquaint with these and other favorite TGIF shows or TV Land classics by buying them on DVD.

A more recently aired show might also satisfy the desire for a decent storyline. Despite a few misdirections, the witty banter accompanied with quirky characters on The Gilmore Girls has left dedicated fans wanting a TV movie. Luke’s diner door is always open to new visitors. For those who are afraid to express their secret obsession with the land of Stars Hollow, admitting it will only lead to more good times at those town meetings.

The shortcomings of characters will likely surface no matter what show is selected. It’s just a matter of entering worlds where morals are still valued in the ever-changing sets of Hollywood.
Raider Nation: 2008 NW basketball spirit

BY KRISTY VAN WYK
STAFF WRITER

Juniors Zach Potter (left) and Jordan Gowing (right) show their school spirit by dressing up as the Burger King and his jester for the first home basketball game, Burger King night.

NW students and faculty discover dollars funds events that help

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR
BY KRISTI KORVER

The Lilly Grant was given to NW received extension money this year. So far this semester, the Lilly Grant extension money has supported the Black Hills Retreat, which took place in September. 101 members of the NW community enjoyed a weekend at the Black Hills Sept. 19-21. The event was a campus ministry retreat focused on spiritual disciplines. For each student the cost of the retreat was 30 dollars, a cost offset greatly by the Lilly Grant.

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Staff Writer
BY KRYSTAL VAN WYK

The headpiece wasn’t the only item that set the students apart from the rest of the crowd that night. Black student section t-shirts displaying the words “Raider Nation” in red and white unified the NW student section. “We give mad props to C.J. Wurpts for the shirt design,” said Potter. Hopes for this year’s student section involve “creating a sense of unity among our students,” said Potter. Gowing added, “We’re trying to get people excited about the games.”

To continue the unity of the student section, Gowing and Potter have stepped forward and taken action to do what it takes to make a difference. “I compare myself to one of those dads who are completely un-athletic,” said Gowing, “and I am living my dreams through all my kid’s athletic events which, in all actuality, is through the basketball teams.”

Potter said, “Yeah, we aren’t good at sports, so we feel this is our way to be a part of the team.” Burger King Night was just the start of the themes Gowing and Potter tentatively have planned for upcoming home games. “Themes we are particularly excited about are Beach Night, ‘Make it Rain’ Night and Founding Fathers Night. We’ll just have to see where the wind blows,” said Gowing.

Other theme nights will include Jersey Night, Hick Night, Superhero Night, Richard Simmons Night and many more. For more information about upcoming themes, you may join the Raider Nation Facebook group. Both Potter and Gowing urge students to contact either one of them if they have any suggestions for themes, cheers or ways to improve this year’s student section. For those who did not buy a “Raider Nation” shirt and now want one, a limited supply is available for purchase.

Lilly Grant extension supported Black Hills Retreat

BY KRISTI KORVER
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Lilly Grant was given to Northwestern in 2002 by Lilly Endowment Inc. The 2.5 million dollars funds events that help NW’s students and faculty discover more about God’s calling on their lives.

The Lilly Grant’s support technically ended last year, but NW

games. The two stopped in Sioux City, Omaha, Ames and Des Moines over their midterm break to obtain close to 300 Burger King crowns for the 2008 opening weekend.

Thanks to these two dedicated fans, each student had the privilege of royally displaying school spirit. One of the groups that benefited from royally displaying school spirit fans, each student had the privilege of"
The rumor of the cell phone blocker solved

BY LEE STOVER

During the month of October, rumors circulated across Northwestern’s campus that a cell phone service-blocking machine was placed in the chapel in an effort to encourage students to pay attention during services. Some dismissed these claims, while others cried, “conspiracy!” However these rumors were received, it turns out they are true.

We’re true. Recent developments, such as the discovery that the contraption was, in fact, illegal, persuaded staff to remove the service blocker. “When doing a little more research, we discovered that the blocker was illegal, punishable by about an $1,000 fine, so we took it down,” said Mike Stokes, a staff member in the AV department.

Stokes said, “Someone brought up the idea; we looked into it. We found our particular device for only $150, which is relatively cheap; so we decided to try it out.”

The tryout period lasted for a few weeks in October and officially ended with the removal of the machine at the end of the month.

The machine itself is relatively small, roughly the size of a small cereal box, and has four antennas, one antenna for each different type of cell-phone signal. It pulsates a signal on a frequency that interferes with a phone’s signal. Depending on how often each individual phone’s service provider refreshed its signal, some phones may have gone in and out of service in the chapel.

The machine also has a remote control and can be turned on and off, which enticed some to use their phones during chapel. It’s not just about phones though; it’s a respect issue. Students sleep, talk and do homework too.

Although it is not addressed in the student handbook, there was an e-mail sent to all students by the Student Development Office at the beginning of the school year that covered, in depth, the chapel attendance policy. According to the document, not only is it sleeping and studying prohibited, but there is also “no use of cell phones, headsets, laptops or other electronic devices during chapel.”

Even when referring to chapel etiquette, the document states, “In order to create a worshipful environment, to show respect to speakers, musicians and our maintenance staff, and to care for our chapel facilities, please observe the following rules...” One of those rules happens to be, “turn off all cell phones when entering the chapel sanctuary and balcony.”

“Service learning, I guess. Right?”

Public relations practicum works with local clients

BY KILEY SELIGMAN

Three groups of students from the public relations practicum, Crosswalk Media, are turning their knowledge into real life skills by helping local businesses and programs with public relations. The practicum is split into groups and each group leader chose a project from a list at the beginning of the semester.

One group, co-headed by public relations majors junior Lindsey Haskins and senior Betsy Poppens, is working with The Bridge. The Bridge is a local organization that provides transitional housing for women and children.

This group is helping Bridge director Sandi Altena recruit Bridge Builders. A Bridge Builder is a liaison in individual church congregations. The Bridge contacts these Bridge Builders to give them information about volunteer opportunities, donations and other things the Bridge needs. “Instead of sending the information to pastors and church secretaries who are already overloaded, Bridge Builders make announcements and communicate the needs of The Bridge to the congregation,” said Haskins.

Haskins chose to work with The Bridge, because “I appreciate the ministry they have and wanted to help out in any way I could.”

The Bridge practicum group has made a newsletter, several bulletin announcements, a poster and has put things on The Bridge website.

Not only does this work help the business, but it adds to the public relations experience of group members as well. “It allows me to take principles from class and apply them to a real world situation,” Haskins said.

“It holds us accountable, because people are going to see it and it needs to be right.”

The public relations department does not charge The Bridge for providing these services. “With The Bridge we don’t charge, because it’s a ministry,” Haskins said.

Another group, led by junior Emily De Weerd, is helping Orange City Harbor and the Northwestern social work department plan a children’s grief day camp. It will be a day of games, crafts and activities for any local child, Pre-K through sixth grade, who has lost a loved one.

The camp will help teach the children much of the grieving process. There will also be an adult meeting to teach their parents or guardians how their children grieve. De Weerd said, “It is important for children to know how to grieve and express their feelings.”

De Weerd’s group has created a brochure, print ad, radio ad, church bulletin and news release to help promote the camp.

She said it is necessary to help promote the use of public relations in small towns such as Orange City. “They don’t understand the marketplace as well. They think you throw it on KSOU and everyone will know about it. Public relations is new to Orange City, but public relations is important for every business and everyone.”

The third group is headed by senior Amanda Wright. This group is working with Jamey Durham, NW assistant professor of communications, to promote the new cinema digital video major.

“Right now we are working on the things we want to promote, such as the opportunities that the major can offer and the ways that an education at NW can help you reach your future goals in video production,” Wright said. “Hopefully, we will be able to help spread the word about the new major and recruit more students for the program.”

Wright chose to work with this idea, because she has taken video production classes at NW and knew more about the major than the other practicum leaders.

She appreciates the opportunity to work with a real client. “It is a great way to help us learn these skills now, rather than after we graduate and have to figure things out on our own.”

Senior Jenna Boote is also leading a group, however, this group does not work with a local client. Boote’s group is helping further the idea of Crosswalk Media and is introducing local businesses to the group.

The public relations practicum is utilizing the knowledge of students to help out the community, giving the students real life experience in their field and benefiting local businesses.

As Haskins put it, “It’s service-learning, I guess. Right?”
SPORTS

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

Raiders drop close games to Morningside and Jamestown, win over Valley City

The Red Raider women’s basketball team went 1-2 last week with a win over Valley City and two losses to Morningside and Jamestown. The Raiders fall to 3-3.

NW 75, Morningside 89
Northwestern fell to top-ranked Morningside on Tuesday. The Raiders held an early 17-16 lead until Morningside went on an 11-point run and then outscored NW 35-11 to lead 51-28 at the half.

Like the second set, NW started fast in the third with an 8-3 lead. Doane wasn’t ready to give up and battled back to 20-18 before the Tigers closed out the match with five straight points.

Sophomore Hillary Hanno was the hot hand on the night with 20 points to lead the Raiders and added 14 digs. Freshman Rylee Hulst tallied nine kills, 12 digs and one block. Junior Randa Hulstein recorded a team-best seven total blocks and added eight kills. Sophomore Kaelin Beaver lopt up 37 assists, while junior Janna Bloemendaal led all players with 20 digs. The Raiders impressively held the Doane attack to just .016 for the match.

NW 3, Dana 0
It was an easy road to victory in NW’s first post-season GPAC play-off game against Dana College on Saturday, Nov. 8. Individual game scores were 25-18, 25-12 and 25-8. NW hit a solid .345 for the match and limited the Vikings to .066. Rylee Hulst led all players with 10 kills, hitting an impressive .500 in the three sets. Randa Hulstein and Hanno contributed eight kills apiece. Beaver lofted up 28 assists and totaled seven digs. The Red Raiders served eight aces, three by Kooima, two by Randa Hulstein and one each by Hanno, Beaver and Bloemendaal.

The Red Raiders will host second-seeded Morningside in the GPAC Championship game on Saturday night in the Bultman Center. It will be the third meeting between the two teams with NW winning the previous two matches, 3-1 in Sioux City and 3-0 in Orange City. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS EDITOR

BY BETH MOUW

Miles qualifies for cross country nationals, women finish sixth in GPAC

Sophomore Charity Miles finished fourth at the GPAC Championships on Saturday, Nov. 8, which secured her place in the second straight season. The GPAC Championship was run at the Elks Country Club in Hastings, Neb.

In less than ideal conditions which involved freezing wind chill, Miles finished the 5K in 18:41 and earned all-conference honors. The Red Raider women’s squad placed sixth out of 13 teams with a score of 137, after finishing second at the region meet last year to qualify for nationals.

“We may not have finished where we wanted to,” commented sophomore Jenna Sorensen, “but we definitely worked hard and encouraged each other at every practice.”

Nebraska Wesleyan defended its team championship and took the meet with 65 points. Concordia and Doane placed second and third with 89 and 91 points, respectively.

In addition to the fourth-place finish by Miles, Sorensen placed 22nd with a time of 19:43 and just missed out on the wildcard draw that would have allowed her a nationals birth as well. Sophomore Sara Hess took 29th place with a time of 19:56. Sophomore Steph Powell, freshman Teresa Scholten and junior Ingrid Carlson placed 38th, 46th and 66th, respectively. Junior Jessica Bechtel-Popp and sophomore Beermann Rozeboom also competed and placed 71st and 76th.

The NAIA National Championships will be run on Nov. 22 in Kenosha, Wis.

All eight of the top Raider finishers return next season. “I think because of the unity and hardworking spirit on the team, we will come back next year and be that much stronger,” said Sorensen.

Volleyball continues to roll with wins over Doane and Dana

BY BETH MOUW

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After a nail-biting first set, the Northwestern volleyball team won its 16th straight match as they overpowered Doane in the GPAC semifinals, 3-0, on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The last time the two teams battled was on Oct. 25, and that time it took all five games that time it took all five games to reign victorious. The Raiders, ranked ninth in the NAI A and the top seed in the 12-team single-elimination tournament, improve to 27-6 overall.

NW 81, Jamestown 85
The Raiders fell to ninth-ranked Jamestown last Friday in a back-and-forth battle at the Bultman Center. The Jimmies scored some key free-throws and a lay-up to ice the win.

NW shot a 49 percent from the field. Kuhlmann led the scoring with 25 points, while Hurley and Kleijn added 20 and 13, respectively. Sophomore Allison Hulst led the rebounding effort with four.

The Raiders travel to Omaha to take on the College of St. Mary tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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Junior Andrea Wedell fights for a shot in Saturday’s game against Valley City State.
Men's basketball begins season 2-1

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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After three games this past week, the Red Raider men's basketball team began its season 2-1. They opened the year playing against Jamestown and came up short with a 62-78 loss. Senior Kale Wietzema led the team in scoring, putting up 20 points and grabbing eight rebounds. The team shot 43 percent from the field and 28 percent from the three-point line.

"With any loss we are disappointed. It was our first game of the year and it was a learning experience on the one hand, but we are bitter about it," said junior guard Jerome Hoegh.

NW traveled to Valley City State on Saturday. The Raiders came up with a 96-85 win over the 26th-ranked Vikings. Brown led the team in scoring, putting up 20 points for the second game in a row. Wietzema had 13 points and led the team in assists with six while junior Michael Jiskoot had his first double-double of the season, scoring 18 points and pulling down 15 rebounds.

"We played a lot better defense and got some good offense going," said Hoegh. "I thought that was a much better game for us."

The Red Raiders then set their sights on Bellevue University, who was ranked 23rd coming into the game. Bellevue "hadn't lost a home game in three seasons," said Hoegh. NW went in and played their "best game of the year." The team found victory with a score of 92-88.

"We played as a team on offense, and when that happens we are unstoppable," said Hoegh.

The Raiders will and travel to Valley City on Saturday. The Raiders opened the year playing against Doane and are shooting 49.4 percent from the point line. The team shot 43 percent from the field and grabbing eight rebounds.

Men's cross country closes season at the GPAC

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern men's cross country team traveled to Hastings, Neb. for the GPAC Conference Championships on Saturday. The weather was cold and the footing rough, but that didn't stop senior Jack Peterson from running his best time by more than 30 seconds. Peterson led the Raiders with a 26:57 on the 8K course, placing 24th. Jiskoot had his first double-double of the season, scoring 16 points and getting some good offense going, said Hoegh. "I thought that was a much better game for us."

After three games, NW is averaging 83.1 points per game and are shooting 49.4 percent from the field.

Loss to Hastings

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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After a year filled with excitement and close losses, the season ended Wednesday evening for the men's soccer team. The fifth-seeded Raiders beat fourth-seeded Doane in the first round after Northwestern beat them the week before in the regular season.

Not much changed the second time around, as the Red Raiders defeated the Tigers 1-0 in double overtime.

"We had good opportunities and they did as well. It was a back and forth game. Our defense played really well and held them to zero goals, and offense created opportunities that we didn't quite capitalize on," said junior Aaron O'Brien. "I had the feeling it was going to come down to the last minutes or a shootout."

Campbell ends men's soccer season

It was a last minute victory with O'Brien making the winning goal off of a penalty kick in the 101st minute of the game. This was the second straight shut-out for NW against Doane.

They were only shut out three times in the season coming into their game against us last Saturday," said head coach Dan Swier. "We managed to shut them out two games in a row, which is a true testament to our commitment to defending well as a team with 11 players."

With the win, the Raiders focused their attention to the next round when they took on number one seed Hastings. In the regular season, NW lost 0-1 to Hastings in a close game on Korver Field. According to O'Brien "they got away with a scrappy win in the regular season. The Raiders hoped for an upset to put them in the GPAC championship."

The game did not go as planned and NW lost to Hastings 1-3. The Raiders were eliminated from the GPAC tournament and will not receive a bid to play in the national tournament.

The Raider defense held Hastings to four total goals in the two matchups. The Broncos averaged 3.3 goals-per-game in the season.

NW kept it close in almost every game this season, being short of victory by only one goal on five different occasions. NW's downfall was offense. The Raiders only averaged 1.32 goals-per-game, led by O'Brien who had nine this year.

NW finished at 9-9-2 on the season.

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PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA
Senior Kyle Ochsner runs the ball at the DWU game on Saturday. Ochsner led the Raider offense with 95 rushing yards.
Oman semester abroad: NW’s second program approved

By Tedi Swanson

Offering a unique combination of cultural immersion and academic rigor, the new semester study abroad in the Middle Eastern country of Oman gives students the opportunity to experience a traditional culture that is rapidly modernizing.

By partnering with Al Amana Centre, Northwestern College will allow students to work in a place that been educating students for over one hundred years. Al Amana Centre practices academic excellence and has designed coursework in a fashion that allows students to be immersed in the culture instead of simply studying in a different location.

“If I could be a student again, I would go to this semester program. Students will have a chance to live in a very unique nation and in a very historic and fascinating neighborhood; and a chance to live and learn from Omanis and others,” said professor Scott Monsma, associate professor of sociology, who has been highly involved with the creation of this program.

The Oman study abroad program will allow students to take classes such as Introduction to Arabic and Christian-Muslim Relations, as well as work on an independent study and take a course at the Oman Medical College. Aside from taking classes, the students will also spend time getting to know the culture of Oman and will take four weekend trips to the interior of Oman to learn about the diversity within the country.

“In many ways Oman is exemplary for what is possible — and offers us some hope that people of different faiths and people from different nations can find a way to work together,” said Monsma.

Although the news seems to paint the Middle East in a negative light, Oman is a place where Christians, Muslims, Hindus and others find a way to live together peacefully. The trip to Oman will not only offer many academic opportunities, but will also challenge students who participate to think about Islam and the Middle East in a new way.

“Given the challenges that we see in the Middle East and in how we understand Islam, this would be a great program to go to and learn about both,” said Monsma.

As well as giving students the opportunity to learn about Middle Eastern culture and Islam, it will also allow them to experience things that are not readily available in the Midwest. Students will have the opportunity to go snorkeling, watch the sea turtles at Turtle Beach and visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. The Oman study abroad will present students with many unique learning opportunities.

More bloody biblical stories: Terror Texts returns

By Amanda Kuehn

Even after struggling through some of the production changes, senior Eugene Huck positively commented, “It’s going to be a good show.”

Terror Texts will make its second run in NW’s England Theatre on Nov. 14 and 15 at 10 p.m. and Nov. 19-22 at 7:30 p.m. The encore performance has allowed the play’s entrance into two playwriting competitions.

Returning audience members can expect the same stories from 2 Kings, 2 Samuel, Judges and Joshua, brought to life by a different cast and enhanced by a variety of alterations. Minor structural adjustments have been made in the script and almost all the costumes have been re-choreographed. The costumes have been completely re-designed as well.

A brand new song has also been added to the original musical score, which was composed by Joseph Barker and Heather Josey-Cranson, NW director of music ministries. Portions of the score, which includes traditional choir music, jazz, ballads and industrial rock, have been rewritten for the revamped show and its recently produced CD.

Both those returning to Terror Texts and those coming for the first time can expect a one-of-a-kind experience. Tickets for the show are free for students and $5 for the public. They can be purchased by visiting the box office between 9 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday or between noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday. The box office can also be reached by phone, 712-707-7098, or e-mail, boxoffice@nwciowa.edu.

A fresh look at ancient Rome

By Rachel Rietsema

Google Earth has a new world of ancient Rome ready for visitors in Google Earth’s 3-D creation of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Explorers will find everything as it was in A.D. 320 under the rule of Emperor Constantine.

Anyone who visits the Google website will be able to download it for free. The tour allows you to stand in the middle of the Colosseum, walk where gladiators walked in the gladiatorial training school, Ludus Magnus, and visit the Arch of Constantine.

Google’s new development was completed with the help of the Rome Reborn Project and Perfect Productions. Through the model Google Earth, users take a virtual tour among the 6,700 buildings and 11 interior structures. The Temple of Venus and Rome, the Basilica of Maxentius and the Temple of Vesta are included in the discovery process.

Rome visitors can also see Trajan’s Column, a 125-foot monument, when standing at the Forum’s center. With the use of historical records, every structure has been constructed and placed with great precision. This first ever recreation of an ancient city is based on the model of Plastico di Roma Antica, which was created by archaeologists and model makers between 1933 and 1974.

A major player in this 3-D world, Bernard Frische of the University of Virginia says that “the project is the continuation of five centuries of research by scholars, architects and artists since the Renaissance who have attempted to restore the ruins of the ancient city with words, maps and images.”

Gianni Alemanno, the mayor of Rome is excited that more people can experience the heritage of the city. “It’s a perfect example of how the new technologies can be ideal allies of our history, archaeology and cultural identity.”

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