Homecoming brings new and old events
“Gratefully Red” alumni and current students take a weekend to celebrate

BY SARA JANZEN
STAFF WRITER
Northwestern will welcome back old traditions and celebrate a few new ones during the homecoming festivities this weekend.

**Sporting Events**
Friday night at 7:30 the Raider varsity volleyball team will take on Dana College in the Bultman Center. Saturday at 1:30 p.m. the Raider football team will kick off against Concordia University on Korver Field. Also on Saturday, the Raider varsity volleyball team will host Midland Lutheran at 5 p.m. in the Bultman Center.

**Morning on the Green**
Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until noon, homecoming staple Morning on the Green on the Common will once again take place. More than 35 booths representing different student organizations and dorms will offer games, food and other fare to visitors and students.

Beginning at 11 a.m., a homecoming picnic will be held in Jaycee Park for returning alumni and current NW students.

**Other Events**
Besides football, volleyball and Morning on the Green, there are many other events happening this homecoming weekend.

Friday at 9 p.m. students will be able to attend NW’s first Battle of the Bands in the RSC mini-gym. Registration for the 16th Annual Raider Road Race begins at 7:30 a.m. by Christ Chapel for those who have not pre-registered. The race, which begins at 8:30 a.m., follows a 5-kilometer course around Orange City and is open to runners and walkers of all skill levels.

The homecoming dance will take place at 9 p.m. in the white alumni tent at Jaycee Park. Students and alumni are invited to this semi-formal dance. It costs $2 and refreshments will be served.

This year’s homecoming theme is “Gratefully Red.” Jenny Neuhauser, director of alumni relations, explained the meaning behind it: “Basically last year when we were charged to come up with a theme, we asked a group of students ‘what about NW are you grateful for?’”

From her own experience as a NW alumna, Neuhauser said she has grown in her appreciation of NW and the impact it had on her while she was a student.

“The longer I was out I realized the profound impact NW made on my life,” Neuhauser explained. “The theme Gratefully Red—not to be confused with the Grateful Dead—is a way to put an attitude of gratitude front and center of homecoming.”

Neuhauser hopes students will take full advantage of this homecoming weekend, not only by attending the events but by meeting some alumni.

“If you see people you don’t recognize this weekend,” Neuhauser explained, “they’re probably alumni. Say hello to them and thank them for coming back. Be good hosts and hostesses.”

**Theatre season opens with the bare necessities**

**BY SARAH LUPKES**
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

The theatre department is bringing Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera to life with this year’s family theatre production of “Jungle Book Tales,” stories from Rudyard Kipling’s classic children’s book. Shows are on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Children from area schools will watch the show every Tuesday and Thursday at noon until Nov. 12.

Adapted and directed by theatre professor Jeff Taylor, “Jungle Book Tales” tells the story of Mowgli, a boy who is being raised by wolves in the jungles of India. Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther guide him as he learns about life and how children and adults alike can survive them by following a code of honor with loving and loyal friends.

“Most people are familiar with the Disney animated movie version,” Taylor said, “but to see these stories acted out by real people makes these stories more powerful.”

This production is bringing some new and old faces to the theater stage.

“They all do a wonderful job of interpreting the characters and bringing them to life,” Taylor said. “I have enjoyed working with such a creative team of student designers, too. They have taken the designs beyond what I could imagine.”

“I read the script, and I was so enamored. I wanted so much to be part of this production,” said freshman theater major Abby Bierly, who plays Mowgli’s wolf-mother. “This is my first college theater experience, and I am very excited. Every moment of this experience has been above and beyond what I ever imagined.”

Taylor and Bierly both said there is plenty to anticipate in this production.

“This story will be a delight to the audiences but has potential to get the audience thinking about real life issues,” Taylor said.

Bierly said she enjoys performing because it is a means for people to temporarily escape reality.

“This is such a fun story,” Bierly said. “There are laughs, tears, hugs and more than a few growls that are sure to entertain.”

Local bands to battle for winning title

**BY LIZ LAWRENSEN**
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**
Northwestern will witness its first Battle of the Bands on Friday, Oct. 2, at 9 p.m. in the RSC mini-gym.

Student activities coordinator, Lori Couch, views this new event, which will replace Air Band, as an exciting event for the student body. Due to a lack of Air Band, acts the past two years, Couch and the Student Activities Council decided to try something different this year.

“There was always great audience turn-out and participation, but never enough acts,” Couch said.

Couch said only one person has asked why Battle of the Bands is replacing Air Band, and she views this as confirmation of a positive change.

Battle of the Bands has five groups on the lineup: Bromance, Cadence to Arms, Happy Sam Sawyer, Synthesize Me Captain and We’re Okay.

Each of the groups will play a cover song during the first round of competition. Artists whose music will be covered include Imogen Heap, Ingrid Michaelson, MGMT, One Republic and Kelly Clarkson.

A panel of professors will judge the acts.

When the judges have compiled their opinions and reached a final decision, three of the five bands will move on to the second round, when the bands will perform new songs of their choice. After this, the audience will participate in a live vote. The winning band will play an encore performance and receive an undetermined pizza prize.
Response to “Traylessness” article on Sept. 18: 
For $29,246 I expect...

BY JON MANCHESTER

After reading Mr. Valencia's article on the frivolousness of going trayless, I have realized how we the students should speak out after talking to students. I have compiled a list and this is what they want for the price of college. These are my demands, too. (Cont’d)

OPINION

The blessings of adversity

BY BRIAN BRANDAU

"O soul, are you weary and troubled; no light in the darkness you see?" You’re certainly not alone, but in the times of our deepest trials, it can certainly seem that way. Every Christian (and, in fact, every man, woman and child on the planet) experiences the tribulations of life at many points in their journey. Sometimes the worries are light and transient, sometimes overwhelming and enduring, but they are absolutely endured and it’s never a positive experience. And yet I believe that if this is how we view the difficult patches of our lives, we have entirely forgotten God’s purpose for them. In Romans 5:3-5, Paul reminds us to consider the bright side of affliction: “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces endurance; endurance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us.” Again in James 1:2-4, we are told to “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Indeed, suffering is not just a test of faithfulness, but an opportunity for spiritual growth—and we should be thankful for the opportunity! It seems like an idiotic notion to appreciate our struggles, to take comfort from the midst of deepest despair, and yet, as Christians this is exactly what we are called to do! God uses our hardships to mold us into His will, which is something that should be joyous. As He reminded the Israelites through the prophet Isaiah: “See, I have refined you, but not like silver; and tried you in the furnace of adversity.”

When you’re lost or angry or confused or grieved or afraid, you have no greater need for your Savior, whose power is made perfect in weakness.” Take solace in these times, when God grants you the means to drive you to your knees in awesome humility. In the sunny days of life, we often feel like we have no need to go to God, but the storms drive us into His arms. Be glad of this, even when all else is pain. In this way, we can truly say that, “When peace like a river attendeth my way, when storms the steepleblows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say ‘It is well, it is well with my soul.’

A Noble article

BY T.J. NOBLE

Wow. I know so many of you by either face or name or both. What an amazing thing to know most of the campus. I’m very glad to have been drawn to Northwestern for an exceeding number of reasons, even though I know our college isn’t perfect. That’s okay. Since when did faults become a bad thing? I have a large collection myself.

So, why is it so hard to love a flawed campus? Oh! That’s right; we’re paying for this. We think that we have to complain about stuff like the RSC or the lack of trays in the cafeteria. Sure. Write your whiny articles. You do realize that many peoples’ opinions went into making those decisions, right?

That said, I’m not writing an article to change your mind about our campus; that topic has been adequately covered. I do want to do something that makes people get out and start complaining. For example, some lessons you learned could be among the following:

1. You learned that God and s’mores have something in common:
2. You learned that while Iowa isn’t technically Hollywood because it’s a little flat and may be very corny, our nights have way more stars.
3. You learned that receiving CAPITOL letters in a text means someone is a little more serious than mine.
4. You learned that Facebook is code for “family reunion” because of the friendship you look forward to the reactions to your picture.
5. You learned that you have pages, now your grandma has one too.
6. You learned that receiving CAPITOL letters in a text means someone is a little more serious than mine.
7. You learned that living with you parents is cheaper than that diamond ring you looked at.
8. You learned that watching a terrible movie is exactly what we are expected to do in this world.
9. You learned that the testing is exactly what we are expected to do in this world.
10. You learned that babysitting (aka: being a camp counselor) is a great form of birth control.
11. You learned that you learned nothing about your parents from your parents.
12. You learned that you lived with your parents is cheaper than that diamond ring you looked at.
13. You learned that your parents are saying, “insert more serious reason” into your life. These are our lessons. These are our stories.
14. You learned that when you go back home, you’re going to realize you’re not the person you thought you were. But no matter what, while your professors are saying, “insert more serious reason” into your life, you can share them around a campfire.
15. You learned that Facebook is code for “family reunion” because of the friendship you look forward to the reactions to your picture.
16. To be informed about all the political movements made by the secret society that is the SGA.
17. More complaint boxes.
18. More football scholarships;
19. Not to be threatened by the flu of any other animal.
20. Not to have to speak to people who annoy me.
22. A guarantee of a “ring by spring.”
23. Fewer squirrels running around; I want more exotic animals such as giraffes.
24. Someone else to chew my food.
25. Escalators to all bathrooms.
26. More decorative crosses on campus.
27. Segways
28. Subway
29. Towatching something other than sports in the cafenara. Sure. Write your whiny articles. You do realize that many peoples’ opinions went into making those decisions, right?
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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Bon Iver, Megafaun bring redemption to Omaha**

**BY JORDAN LANGER**

Bon Iver frontman Justin Vernon gave a decidedly spiritual performance on September 19th at The Slowdown, Omaha’s cozy, hip music venue. It might have been the first of many. His recent overnight concert at an L.A. cemetery—which included Wes Anderson, Buddhist monks and plenty of fog—probably also qualifies as religious.

Those familiar with his music might know what I’m talking about. His debut album “For Emma, Forever Ago” has become synonymous with introspection. This comes much to the credit of its widely-circulated mythical context: three winter months in monastic isolation at a cabin in Wisconsin, after breakup with both a woman and his former music partners. The story predates the record’s simple but vulnerable themes: memories, loss and pain. The quiet and enclosed tone corresponds. Most of the musical energy comes from Vernon’s impassioned falsetto, reminiscent of soul vocalists. His acoustic accompaniment (a la Iron and Wine) gives a simple rhythm that echoes off the walls and ears. The listener might imagine himself in the cabin.

The performance in Omaha marked his first stop in what will be the last tour for this album. As such, I wondered if the show might have something unique in store. At the time, I had never heard of Megafaun, the act opening for Bon Iver. The three-man cast is composed of Vernon’s ex-bandmates, and relevant to the personal narrative that Vernon would later sing on.

It was more than their ties that qualified them to introduce Bon Iver. They came on bold and boisterous—well suited to their reliance on multi-part harmonization (think Fleet Foxes).

And Vernon seemed as vulnerable as ever. It might have partly been due to the applauding sold out crowd. His thank-you’s were many, and I felt like I was consoling him and he was consoling me.

Maybe it was just the intimate setting—he still has a relatively small catalogue of songs, and concert-goers were thrilled to hear their favorite sing-alongs, such as “Skinny Love,” “Blood Bank” and “Wolves.”

For me, the eclectic interludes made up the greatest part of the show. Though such portions appear in his recordings (“Lump Sum,” “Wolves” and the material on the new collaborative album, Volcano Choir), the effect was much greater live and intensified the loneliness of his melodies.

But the encore might have prompted this article more than anything else. On their return, Vernon chose to play “For Emma,” which encapsulates the theme of the entire record into a succinct narrative. It nicely summarized everything he had played before. To conclude the show, members of Bon Iver and Megafaun gathered on stage with numerous instruments and without microphones and began a chorus: “Come on ease your mind, oh, come on ease your worried mind.”

Seeing these formerly broken band members come together was a very redemptive moment. The words gave restoration to anyone who's ever had their heart broken—by Vernon or by the world.

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**Viruses, vegetarians and werewolf girl scouts**

**BY JOSH DOORENROS**

October is far too long. It’s really hard to get excited about the month where the only thing one could possibly be excited for is—Heemstra Harvest Bash, of course—does not come until the eve of November.

In an attempt to help you, the reader, to get through October, I have compiled some peppy and uplifting holidays to help you bridge the gap. Enjoy!

October is National Popcorn Popping Month! Most people are shocked to have such an inane thing to celebrate, but there’s great beauty in this month. It’s the celebration of the human condition, the soul that expands in the fires of tribulation, bounces condition, the soul that expands in the fires of tribulation, bounces condition, the soul that expands in the fires of tribulation, and enlightenment. Celebration loss, and then finally bursts in joy about the popper of life, love, and friendship to be a popcorn kernel by jumping up with warm sheets and a box of tissues. Just give your favorite virus a hug today! And don’t forget our personal virus throughout the day in the bathroom and you, together, can stare at the bottom of a toilet for a while. Maybe you and he can hang out in your bed, cuddling up with warm sheets and a box of tissues. Just give your favorite virus a hug today! And don’t forget our personal virus—we have something unique in store.

Enjoy and, remember, celebrate around making popping motions.

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Heemstra Hecklemeter for September 27

The Red Raider Chorus certainly exhorted our soccer men to a strong victory over Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday. From the stands, I saw that the Hecklers even got to the Wesleyan fans. They were anxious and annoyed the whole game. But, we dearly missed the voice of Caveman and his hilarious calls.

On a scale of one to spank, the Hecklers were about a 7.

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**campus QUOTES**

“Men don’t have penis envy, they have breast quest.”
- Professor Laird Edman, reexamining the validity of Freud’s psychoanalytical theory in a psychology class

“I’m not a cannibal. I’m a humanitarian.”
- Freshman Tim Colough discussing vegetarianism and humanitarianism

“You can’t be a pimp for Jesus”
- Professor Michael Andres in discussing cultural relevance in relation to the Gospel message

“I only own one true pair of boxers, but I only wear them when I am feeling....free.”
- Sophomore Abraham Klafter in reference to his “Image and Clothing” paper for Kensak

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**Orange City’s Holland Plaza STADIUM THEATRE**

**Fame**
- Nightly 7:00, 9:30
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:00)

**Wolves**
- Nightly 7:15, 9:00
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:15)

**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs**
- Nightly 7:15, 9:00
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:15)

**Zombieland**
- Nightly 7:30, 9:45
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:30)

**Happy Happens**
- Nightly 7:00, 9:30
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:30)

**Love in Paris**
- Nightly 7:15, 9:00
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:15)

**Heath and Whiteout**
- Nightly 7:15, 9:00
- Sat & Sun Matinees (2:15)

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Jordan Gowing

BY JORDAN VERMEER
STAFF WRITER

For Jordan Gowing, homecoming court was a humbling experience. As a Religion major, Jordan knows he is not the only person looking to serve God. Gowing is looking forward to seminary next year, but he enjoys remembering his favorite college memories.

Many of his favorite memories stem from his freshman year, such as the time he spent the night on top of an unnamed location in Le Mars. Other favorites include playing the video game Gears of War so much that he and a friend called it “saving the world” as an excuse to play it more. Gowing also vividly remembers and event he calls “Daniel and the lion’s den.” A little fish, Daniel, was put into the tank of a much bigger fish, Frank the Tank. The ensuing chase was made ridiculous with the over-enthusiastic audience of twenty Colenbrander men.

Gowing began living in Coly as a freshman unsure of his major. He has since embraced community living to the point of encouraging shower parties as an RA last year. During his time at NW, Gowing has learned that when a community of men gets together, they are surrounded by an aura of invincibility. Gowing can serve God in no better way than by guiding that community of men.

Queen Krystal Van Wyk

BY ANNE EBERLINE
FEATURES EDITOR

From eating pie off the road to being crowned homecoming queen, Krystal Van Wyk’s college career has been full of surprises. Although she was sound harsh, her freshman initiation of eating smashed pies off the road remains one of Van Wyk’s favorite Northwestern memories. “The fact that we all failed our tests the next day made our roots grow deeper,” said Van Wyk.

Her greatest fear as a freshman was that she would be paired with a bad roommate, but Van Wyk said, “That ended up being one of the biggest blessings of my life.” Her friendships also led her to some crazy experiences, including sleeping on the top of an abandoned building. Van Wyk said, “In the morning, we realized the cars could see us from the highway so we left within like 10 minutes.”

If Van Wyk could choose to become like any NW professor, she would choose to the current Professor of the Year, Prof. John Vander Brugge. “I don’t even need to say anything more than that,” she said. “Or Juffer because I can only wish that I can be that cool and still beat college-age boys in Horse.”

As a three-year resident and former RA of Stegenga Hall, Van Wyk, a perpetual lover of hugs, describes herself as being like the building. “Like Steg opens its arms to the campus, as do I.”

Chelsea Stromley

BY SARA CURRY
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Chelsea Stromley’s initial reaction of, “Do that many people really know who I am?” to her homecoming nomination is a perfect example of her spunky yet humble personality.

In the fall of 2006, Stromley was terrified of meeting the fellow freshman she had only been in contact with through MySpace, although this fear turned out to be unfounded.

One of her many Northwestern memories occurred on the infamous snow day before the spring break of 2007. After putting on their swimsuits over their clothes, she and a friend took to the huge mounds of snow in their paradoxical outfits. This snow craziness doesn’t come close to the ridiculousness of Stromley’s annual ritual of swimming across a pond after the slime fight.

“That has got to be the worst smelling water I have continually gotten into for no reason whatsoever,” she said.

Stromley, an aspiring social worker, hopes to emulate Professor Val Stokes as an advocate of justice for the marginalized population. “I believe she is a person that truly understands and exemplifies the love that Christ has called us to day after day.”

A loving person herself, Stromley believes that the new couches in the RSC best exemplify her heart for simple acts of service. “It is just one of those simple joys in life that allows you to take your mind off the busyness of everything going on.”
**FEATuRES**

**King Andrew Klumpp**

**BY EMILY GOWING**

ConTRIBUTING WRiTER

Before being crowned king, senior Andrew Klumpp looked back on his time at Northwestern.

Although not the craziest thing he’s done at NW, the story of the snow storm during his freshman year will have to suffice. “There was so much snow and wind that when walking outside of West Hall,” he said, “you couldn’t see over many of the snow drifts.”

He wonders how one could stare at the snow drifts all day long without being enticed to jump in. “Of course, this certainly couldn’t happen with the hindrance of clothing,” said Klumpp. “That’s just foolishness.”

One thing led to another and Klumpp can tell the story of “some once-in-a-lifetime snow drift diving.

When asked which professor he’d most want to be like, Klumpp answered, “If I could somehow fuse Elizabeth Truesdell and Mike Kugler with the endearing qualities of Jim Mead, I feel as though I would become something of a shockingly frank, tactfully blunt, sarcastic, innuendo-laden, quirky, sweet kick-wearin’ deity who is probably more intelligent than 98 percent of the world yet maintains formidable people skills.”

Klumpp’s humor and lightheartedness captures the essence of a fun-filled senior well on his way to bigger and better things.

**Sarah Earleywine**

**BY RENEE NYHOF**

EDiTOR

“Please, don’t let us get pulled over by the cops, I just started college.” Those thoughts not only take Senior Sarah Earleywine back to orientation week her freshman year but also to her scariest moment at college.

A couple guys asked her group of girls to go swimming. But swimming really meant having the girls watch as the guys jumped into the Alton and Orange City pools to jump a few times off the diving boards. But, as they left the Orange City pool, red and blue lights appeared in the review mirror.

Earleywine recalled, “I remember sitting in the back thinking ‘can’t believe this, my parents don’t need this kind of call. I haven’t even started classes yet’.”

That was the last scary moment Earleywine had at Northwestern. Since then, she has dived into the Athletic Training major and is currently applying to physical therapy schools. She’s also participated in a Spring Service Project to Amsterdam as well as a Summer of Service to Haiti.

“When NW offers a great education, I knew if I left here with only that, the four years I’ve been here would mean nothing,” said Earleywine. “I’m very grateful for the unexpected talks with roommates late at night, those points you’re so exhausted everything seems funny and even those scary moments are memories I’ll have forever.”

**Grant Hegstad**

**BY SARA CURRY**

CONTRIBUTING WRiTER

When Grant Hegstad first set foot on Northwestern in 2006, he was like any other freshman: nervous about the combination of homework, tests and reading in addition to sports and other activities.

After embracing the college way of life, Hegstad’s version of “other activities” turned out to be quite different from what most people may think.

“When my roommate was gone for a weekend,” he said, “we moved all of his stuff into one of Co’y’s bathrooms and set up his desk, computer, and everything else in the bathroom.”

The bathroom switch-a-room may have been the craziest thing he’s done at NW, but his favorite memory took place on the football field against Concordia University during his sophomore year.

“Our field goal attempt at the end of the game was blocked,” he said, “but after a pass and a number of tackles, we recovered the ball in the end zone to win the game with no time left.”

Hegstad, an aspiring teacher, aims to emulate the serving example of Dr. Dick Van Holland.

“He was always so relational with all of us students,” he said. “He has such a servant heart as an educator.”

From the classroom to the football field and even to Co’y’s bathroom, Hegstad has made timeless memories at NW and the list will only continue to grow as he lives it up for one last year.

**Jessica Pomerenke**

**BY JORDAN VERMEER**

STAFF WRiTER

Jessica Pomerenke has had a fun and fulfilling college career. She considers it an honor to be on homecoming court, and her excitement is palpable.

Some people may call her crazy, but Pomerenke’s love for math is one of the things that sets her apart. She is also a warrior poet who rocked the tennis court, managed the basketball team and welcomed freshmen on O-staff.

During her time at Northwestern, Pomerenke has created some memorable moments. She and her roommate, being the fun-loving people they are, made everyone who came into their room sophomore year sign a toilet named Tink. What’s more, she performed Thriller for air band during her junior year.

“Pretty sure our wing got so sick of that song blasted from our room daily. We tend to have our music at max volume.”

If there was one NW item that depicts her, she would choose the classy biscuits and gravy: homey, tasty, and always available Monday nights. “I think my roommate and I have never missed a Monday dinner because we get that excited about ‘bgf’ our sweet code for biscuits and gravy.”

Pomerenke has enjoyed having class with many professors and hopes to one day become one herself. She hopes to blend Dr. Huffman’s jokes, Dr. Jongerius’ dry sarcasm, and Jolynn Oliver’s compassion.

**Andy Norris**

**BY ANNE EBERLINE**

FEATuRES EDiTOR

Andy Norris has a history of crazy and memorable experiences at Northwestern.

During his freshman year, he and his first roommate, Taylor Muggie, had their first bonding moment after letting their room grow filthy. “We stayed up until four in the morning cleaning and watching the 1970s Street Fighter with Sonny Chiba.”

He continued this lively pattern into his sophomore year when he and a group of friends decided to launch a single firework that contained 30 rounds in the middle of the Green. It didn’t go as planned.

“When he lit the fuse, it instantly went off,” said Norris. “We were running away with flames shooting at us and a beacon of light showing us running away.”

As a freshman he also learned valuable lessons, such as that the October rule was once a very real rule. “The upperclassmen thoroughly enjoyed keeping their promises,” said Norris.

As a Religion major, Norris hopes to become like Prof. John Vonder Bruegge, but not necessarily for the obvious reasons. “I would be able to one day decide to grow a massive beard and pull it off,” said Norris, “and then the next day, I could decide to shave it off and pull that off, too. Besides being ridiculously smart, of course.”

If Norris could choose to be an item on campus, he would choose to be a carpeted wall in West Hall. “I could separate people and at the same time, embrace each side.”
Football victory pushes team to 3-1

ANDREW LOGOREN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 18th ranked Northwestern Red Raiders survive a dangerously close game to defeat Dana 35-27 on Saturday.

“The game didn’t go as planned,” said head coach Kyle Achterhoff, “and we didn’t play up to our potential and that is disappointing.”

NW started well with a five-yard scoring run by junior Taylor Malm with 3:29 left in the first quarter to open the game with a score of 7-0. However, Dana soon struck back with two field goals of 20 and 22 yards late in the first and a 13-yard pass from Zach Lesiak to Jake Harrel to make the score 6-7 at the end of the first.

Malm found paydirt again with a 1-yard rush with 3:39 to go to put the Raiders up 14-7 at the break.

“I was very pleased with how we moved the ball offensively and our completion percentage was very high,” Achterhoff said. “So, we should be able to build on those positives. Our special teams played well all game.”

To open the third quarter, Malm scored touchdown number three with a 6-yard run to put the Raiders up 21-7.

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– Kyle Achterhoff

Though coming away with the victory, the Raiders turned the ball over four times and struggled defensively throughout the game.

“We need to improve our pass rush and our tackling,” Achterhoff said. “Defensively, we need to take care of the ball and finish every play by handing the ball to an official.”

NW plays host to Concordia in their homecoming matchup Saturday.

“They are a team growing under the leadership of senior Luke Vermeer who are a team that will make us work on both sides of the ball.”

– Kyle Achterhoff

Scoreboard

CROSS COUNTRY
Buena Vista Invite
Women
Dordt (29), NW (35), Briar Cliff (91), Winona State (94).

Men
Dordt (15), NW (57), Winona State (80), Buena Vista (109), Briar Cliff (127).

FOOTBALL
NW...........................................................................35
Dana....................................................................27

SOCCER

Women
NW...........................................................................3
Bethany (Kan.).................................0

Men
NW...........................................................................2
Bethany (Kan.).................................1
MidAmerica Nazarene...................0

GOLF
Doane Invite

Men
NW (643), Morningside (661), Briar Cliff (671), Doane (677), Concordia (688), Hastings (696).

Women
NW...........................................................................3
Bethany (Kan.).................................0

FALLS Voleyball picks up four wins

CAMERON CARLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

The sixth-ranked Raider volleyball team put up big wins this week in the Bellevue Tournament.

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First Northwestern had to get past No. 5 Georgetown. The Raiders had lost to Georgetown once this season but managed to redeem themselves with a 3-1 victory this week with the scores of 22-25, 25-20, 25-16 and 25-21.

Leading the Raiders in kills were senior Jon Roberts, freshman Jonny Schwall and freshman Michael Clark. Roberts shot 84 and 81 to total a 165 followed by Schwall who shot 85 and 81 to finish the event with a 166. Clark started off a little slow, shooting a 88, but bounced back with a solid 79 on day two. Clark finished with a 167 total.

This week the Raiders will travel to Lincoln, Neb. to compete in the second round of the GPAC Championship.

So far, NW is third in the four-round GPAC Championship. Vermeer is currently tied for third individually at even par with a 71 with a 36 and 35.
Men and women’s soccer each finish 1-1 on the week

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After hitting a rough patch at Morningside, Hastings and Briar Cliff, Raider fans could be seen cheering for the Raider men’s second victory of the season. The score was settled at 1-0 against Nebraska Wesleyan. Forward freshman Jonathan Taves scored his fourth goal of the season in the first period at 40 minutes and scored his fourth goal of the season coming from NW. Senior Lee Stover was senior Kyle Gerhard, senior Jack Pederson and freshman Jesse Baldwin. Gerhard was 11th overall with a time of 27:53. Pederson crossed the line at 28:12 and finished in 14th place. Directly behind Pederson was Baldwin running 28:13. The women of NW managed to contribute four to the team’s nine total. The women did not add to their win-streak against Dordt in the next game. Although goalkeeper junior Jennifer Cantwell made 18 saves, the Dordt players were shooting often and the end result was a 0-4 loss. This leaves their record at 1-7-1 with a 1-3-1 record thus far in the GPAC.

Their next game will be played on the Midland field this Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at 1 p.m.

The Raiders went on to beat Neb. Wesleyan 1-0 on a goal by freshman Jonathon Taves. Senior Aaron O’Brien controls the ball for the Northwestern men’s soccer team this week.

The Raiders suffered a loss 0-2 put them down field in the 1-0 victory over Neb. Wesleyan last week.

Cross country teams finish in second

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The Northwestern men and women’s cross country teams each pulled in a second place finish this week at the Buena Vista Invite.

“It was a tough meet for the team,” head coach Dale Thompson said. “We are tired, some are sick and we ran that way today.”

The men finished with 57 points, putting them behind Dordt, who had 15 points. Following NW was Wartburg, Buena Vista and Briar Cliff.

Two of the top ten finishers came from NW. Senior Lee Stover led the pack for the Raiders, finishing in seventh place in 27:41. Following Stover was freshman Sean Guthmiller with a time of 27:51 and finishing in tenth.

“Stover had a solid race for the men,” Thompson said. “We just could not get our packs far enough into the scoring to make a difference.”

Other top Raider men runners were senior Kyle Gerhard, senior Jack Pederson and freshman Jesse Baldwin. Gerhard was 11th overall with a time of 27:53. Pederson crossed the line at 28:12 and finished in 14th place. Directly behind Pederson was Baldwin running 28:13.

The women of NW managed to pull in 35 points but still finished second to Dordt, who had 29 points. Briar Cliff finished third and Wartburg finished fourth on the day.

Four of the top ten and seven of the top 15 were Raiders. Senior Ingrid Carlson led NW with a 27:24 and a third place finish. Following Carlson was sophomore Teresa Scholten in fifth, senior Angela Wiggins ninth and junior Sara Hess in tenth.

“Two senior women had a good race,” Thompson said. “Ingrid Carlson led the way and Angela Wiggins brought along the pack.”

“We are anxious for the next meets,” Thompson said, as the Raiders will travel this week to the Briar Cliff Invite. The gun is set to go off on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

The goal keeper, junior Jeff Lanser, had four saves during the game, which puts him at 47 total saves.

Unfortunately, as they headed from home to the Dordt field, the team was not as successful. The Raiders suffered a loss 0-2 put them at 2-6-1 thus far. They still have seven more conference games and a non-conference game against Upper Iowa in the future. This Saturday they will head to the Midland field in Nebraska to chase down the win.

The Raider women brought in their first win of the season this week against Nebraska Wesleyan. The final score was 2-1 with goals scored by midfielder junior Annaliese Frye and forward junior Katy Phillips. The two goals scored by Frye and Phillips were the first goals scored on the year for the Raiders.

It was a rocky start when Neb. Wesleyan scored a goal within the 3rd minute, but the Raiders did not falter and came back with an unassisted goal by Frye in the 28th minute. This gave the team confidence setting them up for their second goal for the victory at 78 minutes assisted by midfielder sophomore Hannah Taylor.

Frye led the team in shots, contributing four to the team’s nine total. The women did not add to their win-streak against Dordt in the next game.

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Despite indications that the economy is improving, unemployed Americans now outnumber job openings six to one, the worst ratio since 2000 (www.msnbc.msn.com).

According to the latest statistics from the Labor Department, July 2009 saw 2.4 million full-time permanent jobs open and 14.5 million unemployed workers.

Unemployment rates in August reached 9.7 percent nationwide. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found Iowa’s unemployment rate set at 6.8 percent as of August 2009.

What does this mean for college graduates? Bill Minnick, director of NW’s Career Development Center, said, “On the whole, career development centers are seeing fewer employers posting jobs on their websites and recruiting on campus.”

Minnick is the president of the Iowa College Recruiting Network.

In another discussion, the SGA looked at the student feedback they received during the past week about NW’s general education requirements. Last week, professor Elizabeth Truesdell, a member of the General Education Taskforce, requested that the SGA ask students, “What do you like about your general education program, and how could it be made better?”

SGA members received several suggestions from students, including eliminating the third semester of the language requirement and having the general education courses count toward major requirements. They will now give the suggestions to Truesdell, who will then present them to the Taskforce.

In addition, the SGA voted to elect junior Jacob Peterson and sophomore Emma Lundgren as the student representatives on the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) and the Admissions, Honors and Retentions Committee, respectively.

Senior Davina Ramasamy, another student representative on the AAC, gave an update on the Denver, Col., Urban Semester, a new semester-long study program NW is looking into implementing next fall.

The SGA also decided to revoke its earlier proposal that would request the addition of a student representative on the Strategic Planning Committee.