A celebration like this only comes every 125 years
Northwestern celebrates anniversary with a variety of events

BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year's Homecoming will feature special events for both current students and alumni as Northwestern celebrates its 125th anniversary.

The anniversary events will take place throughout the weekend, and particular events are open to current NW students.

“Desert and Dialogue in the Dorms” will occur from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. This is an opportunity for current students to meet alumni who have lived in their dorms. Coffee and cookies will be served in the dorm lobbies.

“It will be a great merging of alumni with students,” said Alumni Director Rachel Van Den Broek, “just to hear peoples’ stories.”

Saturday’s supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the four-court area of the RSC. Blue Mountain, Pizza Hut, Quiznos, Szechuan Inn, Taco John’s, Woudstra’s Meat Market and de Koffiehoek will have stations providing specific meals for a price.

All students on a meal plan may bring their ID card to a booth by Sodexo and receive chicken tenders, corn, company potatoes, snicker salad and a cookie.

Also at this time, an All-School Reunion for alumni will be held in the Student Services Mall of the RSC. The reunion will group each decade of graduates together.

Following the meal, alumni can attend the 125th anniversary program in the Bultman Center gym from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Students saw the “sneak peak” of this program in last Friday’s chapel.

The program will also feature involvement from area alumni pastors and former NW President Friedhelm Radandt (1979-1985).

The Homecoming dance will follow from 8 p.m. to midnight. Students can join alumni for swing dancing to the Des Moines Big Band. Tables will also be set out for those who don’t wish to dance.

“Even if you don’t like to dance, come and enjoy the music,” said Anita Cirulus, who serves on the 125th Anniversary planning committee.

In special honor of the anniversary, Friday night’s Airband competition will be hosted by 88 Improv, a group of NW Black V alumni organized in Omaha, Neb.

“We hope it will encourage current students to recognize the fact that there have been 125 years of people who have come before them,” said Van Den Broek concerning the weekend, “just to recognize they’re a part of something bigger.”

Additional events include Morning on the Green, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, which feature fun activities to raise money for various NW student organizations and clubs. At 11 a.m. in the Te Paske Gallery there will be a reception for the opening of an alumni art exhibition. The exhibit will remain open during the weekend.

“It’s rare that you can experience something like this,” observed Cirulus. “It’ll be another 25 years before we have a celebration like this, so it’s really special to be at NW at this time.”

Children’s show “The Impossibles” opens tonight

BY SARA JANZEN
STAFF WRITER

This Friday and Saturday the theatre department will present the children’s play “The Impossibles.” There will be two performances held in the Allen Black Box this weekend, one on Friday at 7 p.m. and one on Saturday at 2 p.m. The show runs until November 8 with a show every Tuesday and Thursday for school groups.

“The Impossibles” is a collection of 14 children’s stories and poems compiled by director Karen Bohm Barker. Barker’s small cast moves in and out of characters and stories, acting as narrators, as they retell the classic children’s tales verbatim.

“It’s a chance to get in touch with your youth,” said junior actor Brady Huffman, “to remember what it’s like to be a kid.”

Huffman also said that the stories are ones that many students will have grown up listening to, like “Gerald McBoing Boing” by Dr. Seuss.

“Some stories are just for fun,” said Barker. She went on to say that others dealt with more weighty topics, such as courage, belonging and important moments in history.

The show will retell the stories of historic figures who overcame “the impossibles,” like Ruby Bridges and Diego Rivera and feature poetry from Maya Angelou, Robert Louis Stevenson and Shel Silverstein.

The show’s title comes from a poem by Silverstein entitled “Listen to the Mustn’ts.” The poem encourages children to remember that, as is said in the poem’s final line, “anything can happen, child, anything can be.”

Barker tries to promote the imaginative spirit of the poem throughout the entire play by giving the audience ample opportunity to use their imaginations. The set is simple and minimal and the actors use small costume pieces and props to get into characters.

The cast is also minimal; the six-person ensemble is made up by seniors Lindsay Westerkamp and Tucker Schneider and sophomores Kelly Holton and Amanda Bracklein, Huffman and Brett Vander Berg, juniors Amanda Bracklein, Huffman and Tucker Schneider and sophomores Kelly Holton.

Those wishing to reserve tickets should e-mail the theater box office at boxoffice@nwciowa.edu, call x7098 or visit the box office Monday through Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. or Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

The actors in “The Impossibles” rehearsing for the show.

PHOTO BY EMILY SWEET LANDEGENT
Three generational perspectives
An alumna and a mother

BY RUTH LANDEGENT ’83

With tears in our eyes, my husband, Dale, and then high school daughter, Bethany and I drove Titus, the 18-year-old to college. Change. Independence. Out of the nest. On his own. It was painful, it was exciting, it was...well, it was 12 miles. OK, so it wasn’t too far from home. Nonetheless, life was going to change.

Looking back at Titus’ freshman year and now to his “second senior year,” I can honestly say that all the things a parent hopes will come about during their child’s college days have and are being realized. I desire for both Titus and Bethany to consider and appropriately incorporate all that college offers into who they are and who they want to become. College is the right environment to examine where we have been and where we believe. Built in to academic, extracurricular and social opportunities is the powerful potential for change. Change can sometimes be destructive. It does not have to be.

I am so grateful that Titus still loves Jesus. Not all students who enter college with a great love for God leave college still walking closely with Christ. Exposure to unique ideas, people unlike themselves and a broader world view are truly significant aspects of growing and maturing as a college student. It is, however, dismaying to see a student become cynical and critical or uncommitted and directionless as they move through the college experience. Dale and I are so blessed to see strong evidence that as Titus has changed, he continues to listen to God and take his life cues from Scripture and godly mentors. This brings us great joy. It’s been reassuring to see that exposure to the “world” has propelled Ti to be involved in meaningful relationships and to live a life of authenticity and integrity. (Heemstra guys, I know a little about life in Heemstra. I don’t need to know anymore! There are some things mothers should never hear about.)

Northwestern is a living organism. Dynamic. Flexible. Challenging. Changing. It’s a community filled with diversity and opportunity. NW has some remarkable professors and staff. We are grateful for the many mentors and life-shapers employed at NW.

Students: consider this. Most likely, you’ve read and reflected on new information, and dialogued on subjects that were never spoken of in your earlier years. Be wise. Be careful. Be thoughtful. Are you going to incorporate truth—God’s truth—into your life? Or are you merely acquiring something new, but not making it your own? Or are you merely following the crowd?

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A student and son

BY TITUS LANDEGENT ’08

There was squirrels, Tony Campolo, disc golf, Ballyhoo, tennis, and basketball. These professors sacrificed their personal bubble, time for family, solitude, class preparation, sanity and their own money for me. My college experience would have been incomplete without you. In a world that says “stick to your own kind,” you adhered to me—foolish, undisagnosed and self-centered. As I pondered, “Why is this so important to me?” I came to the conclusion that it would be completely foolish of me to gain the academic wisdom from my teachers and want nothing beyond their 10:40-11:30 time slot in my life. Not all, but some professors actively participate in the non-classroom culture of their students. In love, they forsake a simple, distant lifestyle and instead partner with students as they enter adulthood, independence, and an unsteady future. They understand the value of multi-generational friendships and community. Without older influences, we become a gelatinous blob, conforming to the whims of Generation Y—stuck in a narrow understanding of life.

Three men have forced me out of this model, and I owe them immeasurably more than the B colonies I earned in their classes. They are: Dr. Marc Wooldridge, Dr. Ed Starkenburg and Professor Derek Brower. The first two are now serving elsewhere, and just today the third cheerfully spoke “grace and peace” to me in chapel.

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Board of trustees offers presidential position to Christy

BY JANICE SWIER
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Last Friday the board met and with a majority vote decided to offer Greg Christy the presidential position. The official offer was made to Christy on Monday, Oct. 1.

There is no specific date by which Christy needs to make a decision, but it is expected that he will make a decision before the beginning of next week. The board encouraged both Christy and his wife Michelle to take time to pray about the position before accepting or rejecting it.

When Christy was first presented as the final candidate for the presidential position, the announcement was met with some controversy. The main causes of controversy were Christy's lack of RCA background and the absence of a PhD. Board of trustees member and professor Jeff VanDerWerff said that he feels that the campus community was more prepared to accept an applicant who had no PhD, but the combination of no PhD and no RCA connection caused some people to be concerned about his fit at Northwestern.

The board when met they were ready to discuss some of these issues but started the meeting by re-examining the identity of NW and what its strengths and weaknesses currently are.

“It was a discussion we hadn’t had for a while, and it was a really healthy thing for us to do,” said board chairman Drew Vogel.

Senior Holli Wubben is excited that Christy was offered the position for this reason as well.

“When I went to the student forum I was impressed with how humble he was; he didn’t try to make up answers to questions he was asked that he hadn’t given a lot of thought to. I think that his personality will make him a very good leader for both the students and the college,” said Wubben.

The difference of opinions in whether Christy is the right fit for NW has some concerned about the transitional period should Christy choose to accept. VanDerWerff thinks that there are going to be a few small bumps regardless of what he decides because there are people on both sides of the issue.

Vogel is not as worried about the transition.

“NW is a place where people’s, both on and off campus, debates are driven by care, love and concern for the college; but once a decision is made the people who love the college will support the institution,” said Vogel.

Freshman Sarah Lichter feels that students will accept the transition and the board’s decision.

“I think most students are interested in the process and have opinions but ultimately trust that the college will make the right decision,” Lichter said.

If Christy accepts the offer he is expected to start as college president in mid-January. In the event that Christy declines the position the board will convene and look at alternatives.

News from way back when: A look at the headlines throughout the Beacon’s existence

BY KIM EASON
NEWS EDITOR

Reflecting on Northwestern’s 125th anniversary, it’s interesting to see how the college has evolved throughout the years. While the stories and events have changed year by year, the method of getting news and information is still relatively the same: word of mouth, posters in the caf, and of course, the Beacon.

Back in 1922, when NW was only an academy, the Beacon was known as the Monitor. Those four pages were jammed full of short articles, quotes and jokes, as well as many ads and classifieds.

During these early years, the local YMCA and YWCA were very popular, and many headlines involved these organizations, like “Indian Missionary Speaks to Y.M.C.A.”

The biggest news of 1923 was the building of Science Hall, one wing of what is now VPH. “New building to be erected this spring” announced the news to the NW community, explaining that the board of trustees had determined there was enough money for the much-needed project. “The new building is to furnish classrooms, society rooms, laboratory, dining room, dormitory and gymnasium facilities,” the article said.

Despite these drastic differences from today, life wasn’t all that different. One headline read “Academy enrollment marks increase,” while another said “Seniors win in annual class contest,” which happened to be a fox and goose chase.

The Monitor changed to the Beacon in 1928, and by 1936, there were four staff members with one adviser. Back then, the Beacon was “the official organ of the NW Junior College and Academy published bi-monthly during the school year.”

These years began to report some sobering news: “NW student killed in auto accident.” And “Academy student shoots self accidentally.” The year 1937 also brought the headline “Zwemer Hall is beautified,” when Zwemer was restored for the first time after its 1894 construction.

It wasn’t until the 1940s that pictures first started appearing in the paper—mostly stoic photos of a mixed chorus group, the Homecoming court or new faculty members. By the late 1950s, the Beacon started featuring pictorial supplements, which were three to four pages of just pictures, whether highlights of the Homecoming week, the state basketball tournament or students hanging out on the green.

Similarities between today’s news and the news from the past are illustrated in headlines from the next few decades. In 1957, a headline read, “Six countries represent as 116 freshmen register at NW,” and explains how NW students are from around the globe. An opinion article from the editor was entitled, “Should chapel be required?”

The Beacon continued to explain the stories of how new buildings came to be: the RSC, Christ Chapel, and the Bultman Center, to name a few. “Prexy: home sweet home” told the story of the Prexy House, which originally housed the president and other students, similar to the Mission House, until 1987, when the name was changed to Cranberg Hall and made into the English building.

The Beacon also told the stories of those unheard of today. “ACE named 1974 Mr. Irresistible,” the top of the seven “hunks chosen by the NW student body as being the best representatives of an irresistible man.”

“RSC music to be modified” explained how the music playing in the RSC was going to be changed from KG95 to KQNW, the college radio station, in 1986. And then in 1994, “Radio stations sold despite student protest,” which gives the reality today: NW without a radio station.

Throughout the past 125 years, the Beacon has been here, reporting the news around campus, and as long as the news continues, the Beacon will too.
From lackluster to sheer brilliance: Memorable student pranks across the years

By Rachel Rietsema

Successful practical jokes involve intricate planning and perfect timing. Chaplain Harlan Van Oort, long time resident of the campus, has witnessed some such pranks as well as some not as smart. According to VanOort, chapel pranks fall under several levels of excellence.

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As a student, Van Oort attended Christ Chapel that day and recalls those last moments in his junior year when about 30 students met by the doors of Heemstra and a West resident successfully executed another prank, this time outside the walls of the chapel. They stole 30 chickens from a local farm as maintenance staff brought the building’s water on and some unused cinder blocks from the ‘Hall’s renovation, they had a wish and a plan: postpone their anatomy and physiology test by one more day for study. With the cinder blocks packed against the doors and snow packed in between, the hose water sealed the deal.

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What did impress VanOort, however, was a senior prank pulled during the very first service in the current chapel. Several people lined the back pews and each had hundreds of marbles in hand. As things began, they released them and they rolled all the way to the front of the chapel. Even though he didn’t witness this memorable moment, the collaborative effort “took some coordination, and it made a splash.”

About 27 years ago, the ultimate prank was conducted in what is now the old chapel. In this gym-like building, two guys climbed into the attic and unscrewed the light fixture. As they looked through the hole, they waited until the speaker of creativity.”

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Their wish came true. The first classes of the day were cancelled as maintenance staff brought out Bunsen burners to thaw the doors.

Another prank that had a real impact on the college was seven years ago. All the trays from the cafeteria disappeared for a few days until the ransom’s request was met; the perpetrators wanted a steak dinner. Anderson’s amusement soon turned to annoyance as it “totally changed the life of every meal.”

“Everyone had to scale back on the number of items they took from the serving line, or would have to go back a couple times,” Anderson said. “I think we were all amazed at how we took those trays for granted . . . they are more useful than we imagined.”

Although the quantity of practical jokes has decreased in recent years, Anderson doesn’t discourage them as they are one of the best ways to build community.

VanOort says students spend more leisure time with technology than he or his classmates did. He remembers his years at NW “dreaming up goofy things to do.” In fact, he admitted to participating in one prank where Dale Landegent’s Volks wagen ended up in VPH. According to Van Oort, college is a time to think. However, this thinking may lead to the inspiration to do some crazy activities. These “by-products of creativity" are just really funny and Van Oort looks back in appreciation and awe at the creative ones where no damage was done.

“ If I had thought of the gerbil one, I would feel so good,” he said, “I don’t remember who they were, but they walked across campus like they were heroes. It was like they had won the national championship.”

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Over the last 125 years, Northwestern has grown and changed with the coming and going of eager young students. What has changed right along with the college are the ways students entertain themselves in Siouxland. Twenty years ago the students’ definition of fun was much different than ours today at NW.

What did you do over the weekend? A day trip to Sioux City? Maybe catch a new hit blockbuster or have dinner at a fun restaurant? Just think what students might have been doing 20, 50 or even 100 years ago. Let’s take a look at what some alumni did.

An alum I’m sure we all know is NW’s chaplain, Harlan VanOort. He finished NW in December 1981 and graduated in 1982. He said that during the decade change from the 70s to the 80s things were very different around NW. There were no cell phones or even phones in rooms. There were no video games, no personal computers and papers were typed on typewriters. If you wanted to talk to someone you had to roam around to find them, a task which takes much more time than a quick phone call or text message, a luxury that we students now have.

Intramurals were a big part of campus life and drew great participation. VanOort said each wing had two or three teams. He participated in many himself including basketball, football, ping-pong, foosball, pool, volleyball, softball and racquetball.

The only championship team I was on was volleyball,” he adds. “It was glorious.”

Along with participating in intramurals, students also regularly attended sporting events.

“Basketball games and football games were huge,” says VanOort, “The school spirit was rich and sometimes a bit raucous. The turnout was great for men’s basketball and football. Women’s basketball and volleyball didn’t get the crowds they do now. That is much improved.”

Movies were a popular break from studying as well. The closest movie theater at that time was in Le Mars, and at times there would be a movie showing on campus in the Bogaard Theatre in the old RSC. VanOort described these movie showings as “rare and wonderful.” One specific film he remembers seeing is “The Deer Hunter.”

A few years later in 1987, Scott Mulder, owner of Sinclair and Dutch Mart here in Orange City, was a senior at NW. He had some memories to share as well.

“A lot of people went to Sioux City on the weekends. There were a couple dance clubs that were cool to go to and a greyhound race track in South Sioux City, Neb. that was always a good time.” Dance America and Atokad Park were popular places to hang out on the weekends, Mulder said, but during the week everyone went to the Firelight Lounge in Alton. They had burger baskets for $2.50; it was a place to hang out and take a break during the week.

Mulder shared more than just places off campus to find fun. “Back then everyone went to [sports] games, they dressed up and got wild; I think it was just a lot bigger deal,” said Mulder. They hung out in the rec room, and since there were no video games and computers, they went out to have fun. However, while there was a lack of current technology, mischief was just as thick on the campus as ever.

“We actually pulled quite a few pranks,” Mulder said with a smile. “One night we locked ourselves in the chapel — back then the seats were all folding chairs, and we reversed the entire chapel, including putting the podium in the back.”

The next day at chapel the speaker said that whoever pulled the prank spent a lot of time working on it and suggested that everyone rounds.

After that, Rounds and his friends would take carloads of NW students to the bridge around Halloween. Another scary place they went to was an abandoned farmhouse outside Alton. Rounds described it as “guaranteed to scare most folks.”

We definitely made most of our own fun at NW, but that was the beauty of it. It’s all about the memories,” said Rounds. “Basketball games and other sports were a big part of campus life and drew great participation while VanOort was a student.

“Sterile high five!” - Professor Byron Noedewier, on sources of cellular energy during microbiology

“You can call this [changing the pronouns] radical feminism if you like, but it’s a hospitality issue — making everyone feel at worship feel welcome.” - Professor Jeff Barker, explaining to Drama Ministries Ensemble why they are changing the phrase in Psalm 39 from “every man” to “everyone.”

Send your Campus Quotes, with context, to beacon@nwciowa.edu.
Queen Jess Regan

Name: Jess Regan
Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa
Major: Business administration, mission service concentration

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Two to three times
What is the best paper you have ever written? A paper on “Women in Islam.” I wrote it for Rod Spidahl in his topics of missionology class on Islam.
Favorite children’s book? “Green Eggs and Ham”
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Serve in China and see the ’08 Olympics, travel to Africa and live in the Philippines for a couple of years.
Favorite caf meal: I’m a big fan of their hot breakfast.

Mark DeYounge

Name: Mark DeYounge
Hometown: Mountain Lake, Minn.
Major: Business administration, mission service concentration

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Two times... if I drink coffee possibly three.
What is the best paper you have ever written? College writing class journal/paper about my real life “super-trooper” experience
Favorite children’s book? A toss up between the Berenstain Bears and Curious George
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Mission work, start a non-profit organization, get married and start raising a family.
Favorite caf meal: Steak Night

Funniest movie/TV quote: “Look at those fun bags on that horse—bound.” — “Dumb and Dumber”

Do you sing in the shower? Who doesn’t?
Favorite book/movie: “Pretty Woman”

How often do you use your cell phone? Too often.
What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Running shoes

Elizabeth Becker

Name: Elizabeth Grace Becker
Hometown: Toddville, Iowa, which is like two seconds away from Cedar Rapids
Major: Elementary education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Roughly twice a day... some days it’s just one... some people if that’s disgusting to you?
What is the best paper you have ever written? I can’t recall any paper that I have written that would qualify as “the best.” I don’t really write papers these days; it’s mostly lesson plans.
Favorite children’s book? “Once Upon a Time”
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? I would like to pay off my debt... but that won’t happen until at least my 20-year reunion... at least hope. I also would like to learn how to cook. Not that I can’t now, I just want to be really good at it.

Funniest movie/TV quote: Right now I think my favorite is, “I am an early bird and a night owl. So I’m wise and I have worms.” — Michael Scott, “The Office”

Do you sing in the shower? I usually do, especially if there is a sweet song on the radio.

How often do you use your cell phone? On a good day, three or four times. On one of those days... just once, my alarm.
What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Cheese. And Kelsey Carroll.

Most embarrassing moment: Last year some of my friends were driving around just after a lot of rain, and we took a wrong turn, so we decided to turn around on a dirt road really quickly. Well, the dirt had changed into some really intense mud. The car got really stuck in the mud, and every effort we made just got the car more stuck. Long story short, some guys came to help us push and while I was trying to push I fell face first into the mud. I lay there for awhile laughing while everyone else laughed at me. As a result of all the laughter, I peed my pants.

King Kyle Blankers

Name: Kyle Blankers
Hometown: Sheldon, Iowa
Major: Business education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Once or twice... three times if you’re lucky
What is the best paper you have ever written? A college writing paper about my high school long jump career
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Go to graduate school at UNC, meet Michael Jordan, learn how to cook and do my own laundry... seriously.
Favorite caf meal: Chicken parmesan

Funniest movie/TV quote: “What is this? A center for ants? How can we be expected to teach children to learn how to read if they can’t even fit in the building?... The building has to be at least... three times bigger than this.” — Ben Stiller as Derek Zoolander

Do you sing in the shower? Yes... I enjoy singing in the Coly showers, even duets occasionally.

How often do you use your cell phone? More often than I would like.
What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? My faith/my family

Most embarrassing moment: One day in middle school, as I was sitting in my first period health class, I suddenly had a tickle in my nose. I sneezed so hard that I threw my neck out of place to the point where I couldn’t straighten my head anymore. I sat with my head tilted at an angle for the rest of the class period, and then had to leave school early to go to the chiropractor. My classmates had a good time making fun of me about sneezing my neck out of place.

Nate Summers

Name: Nate Summers
Hometown: Aplington, Iowa
Major: Finance

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Twice per day
What is the best paper you have ever written? The best paper I ever wrote was probably one of my philosophy papers. They were so good, I even confused myself most of the time. From what I understand, that’s what makes a good philosophy paper.
Favorite children’s book: “The Berenstain Bears: No Girls Allowed” always was my favorite book growing up.

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? I’d like to qualify for the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship.
Favorite caf meal: Saturday’s noon meal in the fall

Funniest movie/TV quote: “I am not superstitious, but I’m a littlestitious.” — Michael Scott

Do you sing in the shower? All the time.


How often do you use your cell phone? A few times a day.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Coleenbrander.

Most embarrassing moment: Never making it to the end of the hall...
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Danny Eshcol
Name: Daniel Abhishek Eshcol
Hometown: Iowa City, Iowa and/or Andhra Pradesh, India
Major: Psychology and youth ministry minor

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Twice
What is the best paper you have ever written? A response to Francis Fukuyama’s essay “The End of History” in my Western civilization class.
Favorite children’s book? “The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins” by Dr. Seuss
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Travel to all the continents, except Antarctica. Indians aren’t made for cold weather.
Favorite cat meal: Chicken curry, definitely NOT. Probably caesar chicken and wild rice. We Indians like our rice.

Kelsey Carroll
Name: Kelsey Carroll
Hometown: Maysville, Mo.
Major: English teaching

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Frequently, at least three.
What is the best paper you have ever written? Are you kidding me? Everything I write turns to gold. Kidding! I usually am happy with the pieces I write for my creative writing classes. They are more personal and allow me the chance to try out new writing styles.
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Have some children and go rock climbing (not necessarily in that order)
Favorite movie/TV quote: “Whenever I’m about to do something, I think, ‘Would an idiot do that?’ And if they would, I do not do that thing.”—Dwight K. Schrute, “The Office”
How often do you use your cell phone? Don’t have one!

Jillian Groeneveld
Name: Jillian Eve Groeneveld
Hometown: Parkersburg, Iowa
Major: Psychology; Christian mission service concentration

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Three
What is the best paper you have ever written? My senior thesis this semester, I hope.
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Run hard after Jesus, wherever that takes me! (And pay off my school loan)
Favorite “caf” meal: Biscuits and gravy, minus the gravy

Katie Van Etten
Name: Katie Van Etten
Hometown: Parker, Colo.
Major: Literature, with minors in world history and cultural studies

Relationship status: Single
How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Once daily, and I try to floss regularly.
What is the best paper you have ever written? A paper I wrote for medieval literature class about Queen Elizabeth I (the first, not “I”) was pretty classy.
Favorite children’s book? Well, “The Babysitter’s Club: Little Sister Series,” by Ann Martin, was my favorite when I was younger.
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Getting a job would be nice.

Funniest movie/TV quote: “I enjoy having breakfast in bed. I like waking up to the smell of bacon—I sue me. And since I don’t have a butler I have to do it myself. So, most nights before I go to bed I will lay six strips of bacon out on my George Foreman grill. Then I go to sleep. When I wake up I plug in the grill. I go back to sleep again. Then I wake up to the smell of crackling bacon. It is delicious, it’s good for me, it’s the perfect way to start the day. Today I got up and I stepped on the grill and it clamped down on my foot. That’s it. I don’t see what’s so hard to believe about that.”—Michael from “The Office.”
Favorite book/movie: This is a rather tough question, but this summer I read this book and saw this movie and really, really liked both of them. Book: “A Heretic’s Guide to Eternity,” by Spencer Burke. Movie: “The Fountain,” dir. by Darren Aronofsky
How often do you use your cell phone? Rarely. I typically only use it to call home or to get a hold of people that are otherwise impossible to get a hold of. But usually I don’t even keep it with me, so I guess that makes me impossible to get a hold of on it, which is kind of ironic.

Most embarrassing moment: Two summers ago I was in China on my S.O.S and hadn’t quite adjusted to the food yet. I was reading a book in my hotel room and had been fARTing. But then the last fart delivered a little more than air. Once I realized what was happening I jumped up and ran into the bathroom. But one of my roommates had just finished washing her laundry in our bathroom—which meant our floor was covered in water. As soon as I reached the bathroom I slipped and fell and slid across the floor. My knee and butt slammed into the toilet which moved a little. But I had to take care of urgent business so I popped up onto the toilet and did. Remember how the toilet moved a little? Well, I didn’t think very much of it. So, after taking care of business I flushed the toilet and all my business spread across the bathroom floor. Hearing me yell, “This is bad!” my roommates ran into the bathroom to see me scooping buckets of water and poo back into the toilet. They just stood there and laughed at me. Eventually we told our team leaders, and they told the hotel manager who also just laughed at me, but then let us change rooms.

C.S. Lewis…pretty much any C.S. Lewis book! Movie: I’d go with “Shawshank Redemption.”

Most embarrassing moment: Sophomore year of college we were having a brother/sister wing event, one thing led to another and I peed my pants.

John Top
Name: John Travis Top
Hometown: Luverne, Minn.
Major: Business education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Randomly, whenever necessary. I have never had a cavity.
What is the best paper you have ever written? Probably something that I wrote in grade school. I’m pretty sure I haven’t written any good ones in college.
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Do a fly-in fishing trip to Canada.
Favorite cat meal: Wraps and soft-shell tacos
Funniest movie/TV quote: “That’s right, karate….made my whole body a weapon.”—Don Knotts in “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken”

How often do you use your cell phone? Don’t have one.
What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Fishing

Most embarrassing moment: Messing up singing the national anthem in high school.
Northwestern College history:

"The college has grown in leaps and bounds with technology, and people, and the caliber of faculty. I can't attest to the caliber of the faculty back then but the administration does its best to get the very best in here which in turn attracts the very best students." — Syl Scorsa, former NW professor

NW Classical Academy is founded. Formal classes begin that fall with 12 students and three part-time teachers.

1882

A former roller-skating rink in downtown OC is purchased, remodeled and named "Academy Hall." Referred to as "The Rink" and even "Noah's Ark," the building serves the academy for eight years until Zwemer Hall is built.

1886

"Buildings now are much more user friendly and maintenance friendly: they are built to be taken care of... they expect them to last and are willing to put in the time and the money to make sure they do last. There are very few times when there are temporary projects like the rink was." — Arlo Van Beek, Supervisor of Housekeeping

1891

Dutch language courses are dropped from the curriculum.

1914

"I've had a lot of people ask me if they teach Dutch here, and they're always surprised to know that it's not offered. It would be cool if they were still offered, but I don't think there is much of a student demand for a Dutch language program. I think it's crucial for every college or university to have a modern foreign language program, and I'm glad that NW's is growing." — Tessie Nelson, senior Spanish major

1931

Four students and a faculty member drown during an outing to Okoboji Lake.

1934

"Going to NW is a dangerous endeavor. People get hit by cars, fall down flights of stairs and drown on field trips." — Sarah Seeger, sophomore

1950

Heemstra Hall is built as a residence for women.

1960

"I think it was like the caf or something. All I know is Jacob lives in the dungeon." — Mark Alsum, junior

The college's ban on dancing is lifted.

1968

"Wow! I can't believe that the graduating class used to be so small. I am so glad we are bigger now; there are more programs available and more interesting people to meet. It is amazing to see how God has helped NW grow." — Rachel Rager, freshman

NW becomes a four-year college when a fourth year of college course work is added. One year later the first baccalaureate degrees are awarded to a class of 29 students.

Members of a 1912 women's basketball team at Northwestern Academy.

A Northwestern student using a computer in the 1980s.

"The student newspaper, now known as the Beacon, begins monthly publications as the Classic."


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Letting God’s light shine for 125 years

“In many ways, NW’s experience with computers mirrors the world at large. We started out with the mainframe, adopted personal computers, started networking them together, and then ventured into the Internet. Computers have steadily gotten smaller, faster and cheaper, even as their capabilities have grown exponentially.” — Paul Beltman, Academic Computing Manager

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Raiders rush to victory over Hastings

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, Sept. 29, the Red Raiders caught a victory on the road when they defeated Hastings College 31-7.

Hastings struck first, with a 20-yard touchdown pass less than four minutes into the game. After the Broncos took an early 7-0 lead, half back T.J. Lensch grabbed an interception and took an 81-yard return for the touchdown.

With 1:52 remaining in the half, junior running back Kyle Ochsner crossed the goal line on a one-yard run. Sophomore kicker Grant Mosier's extra point was blocked, but the Raiders still held a 13-7 lead.

A mere 14 seconds before halftime, T.J. Lensch grabbed an interception and took an 81-yard return for the touchdown. Hector took the PAT into the end zone for two.

In the second half, the Raiders added a Mosier field goal and a touchdown reception by junior Seth Moen. The Raiders took the victory, 31-7.

Ochsner led the ground game, rushing 58 yards on 12 carries. Through the air, Hector threw 13-24 for 245 yards and one interception. Moen had 63 yards on four catches.

The Raiders face Briar Cliff on Wednesday afternoon.

Raiders’ soccer splits with USF

BY BETH MOUW
STAFF WRITER

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The Raiders will next travel to Crete, Neb., to face off against Doane University of Sioux Falls Cougars, putting them at 5-0 in the GPAC and 15-7 overall while the Defenders crept closer to .500 in the GPAC, now 3-4, and advanced their overall record to 22-6.

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NW Athletics: Athletic accomplishment over the past 125 years and on into the future

BY BETHANY KROEZE
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As Northwestern kicks off its 125th anniversary celebration, students, alumni, faculty and staff look back and reflect on the history of the school they have all come to love and cherish so dearly.

Through the introduction of new programs, the celebration of undefeated seasons and winning several national championships, the athletic programs at NW have made vast improvements since their initial conception.

“The amount of support and work that goes into the athletic program here is incredible,” said senior soccer captain Brian Springer.

The following article outlines some of the Red Raiders’ most significant accomplishments throughout the 125-year history. Students and coaches reflect on their experiences with the various programs and the changes they have witnessed in their time at NW.

Senior baseball pitcher Joe Grady said, “I would say overall the athletics here at NW are Christ-centered with a bunch of terrific athletics that give the college a good name.”

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1900
Northwestern Classical Academy students organized a football game against Le Mars High School on October 26. NCA lost, 17-0.

1920
NCA became Northwestern Junior College and played Sheldon Junior College, falling by a score of 122-6.

1929
NWJC adopted the Hawks as their mascot and team name.

1947
Then-basketball coach Ray Van Pelt came up with a new name for the NWJC mascot—the Red Raiders.

1957-58
NWJC started their men’s basketball program under Coach Paul Colenbrander. The Raiders enjoyed a winning record of 18-3.

1960-61
Now officially Northwestern College, the Raiders went 13-7 in men’s basketball.

1961
NWC joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The college also authorized athletic scholarships for the first time, offering 15 full-tuition scholarships to be divided between football, basketball and baseball.

1963
A crushed rock track was built around the football field. The original press box, which cost $5,000, was also constructed and installed.

1969-70
Red Raider wrestling enjoyed their first season. Coach Russ King led his team to a 10-8 finish.

1970
Permanent bleachers were installed at the present site with a seating capacity of 1,500 for a total cost of $10,000.

1970-71
Women’s basketball recorded their first official season under Head Coach Jean Mast, finishing 8-4.

1972-73
The Raiders’ volleyball program started. Under Head Coach Jean Mast, who also coached women’s basketball, the women finished their first season with a 5-8 record.

1973
The first Iowa team to win a national football title, the 12-0 Raiders won the NAIA championship. Head Coach Larry Korver was named NAIA Coach-of-the-Year.

1982
An all-weather track, lighting and a sprinkler system were installed at De Valois Field, which was named in 1971 for NW trustee Rubeen De Valois.

1983
For the second time, NW won the NAIA championship for football. The Raiders had a 14-0 record after defeating Pacific Lutheran in the championship game, 35-21.

1995
NW started a men’s soccer program, with Neal Hines as the head coach. The team went 6-6 in their first season. The Bultman Center for Health, Physical Education and Intercollegiate Athletics opened featuring a wood-floored gymnasium which seats 2,200.

2000
NW joined the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

2001
Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams won the national championship under head coaches Kris Korver and Earl Woudstra. In indoor track, Jacob Koczman was the national champion in the 600m.

2003
The men’s basketball team won their second national championship, defeating Bethany of Kansas, 77-76.

2004
The sod football field was replaced with FieldTurf and renamed Korver Field in honor of Larry and Betty Korver. The stadium was named De Valois Stadium.

2006
De Valois Stadium received its most recent upgrade with the installation of a new press box and bleachers.
Final farewell to Bruce and Di Murphy

By Nick Rohlf and Kim Eason
Staff Writer and News Editor

On Monday, Oct. 8, Northwestern College will be saying a final farewell to Bruce and Di Murphy.

The farewell celebration will take place at Christ Chapel, starting at 8 p.m. and will include a video presentation from senior filmmaker Vaughn Donahue and a skit written by Karen and Jeff Barker, as well as other activities. Staff and students have also been asked to send in memories they had with the Murphys, which will be included in the festivities.

“Our farewell event is to celebrate Bruce and Di's long-term commitment and contribution to the mission of NW,” said event coordinator John Greller, vice president of advancement. “I hope students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community will turn out to give them a warm send-off.”

Following the program, desserts will be served in the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center lobby.

Greller shared a few warm memories he had experienced with President Murphy and these memories, along with many others, will be shared during the farewell.

“It's the relationships, more than anything, that we will remember,” said President Murphy.

During his time as NW’s president, Murphy focused on “a new way to do college,” emphasizing the need for higher education leading to wisdom and spiritual and intellectual learning.

“The greatest joy of this kind of job is to watch the students go through four years of education,” said Murphy.

“The best leaders are the ones who lead from who they are,” said Drew Vogel, chair of NW's board of trustees. “Bruce and Di are known for their deep connections on campus and in the community. Their heart for students and the whole-life development of young people is obvious.”

The Murphys plan to leave Orange City for their home in Seattle sometime before the end of the year.

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Men in Tights team members Kadrian Harpersen, Keaton Hildreth, Reid Van Duyn, Grant Mosier, Caleb Blauwet, Andrew Lundgren, and Brock Jensen take first place in the men's dodgeball competition Thursday night. Ryan Mitchell and Tim Ranney were also members of the team.

Dodgeball: the way it's played at NW

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RSC History

1980: original construction

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2007: renovation celebrated

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Dale Thompson, Bruce Murphy and Shirley Rowenhorst were joined by the Orange City Ambassadors during the ribbon cutting to dedicate the renovation of the RSC last Friday, Sept. 28.