In the Universe:

Mercury unveiled

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
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We’ve all heard students comment on the dangers of going through college inside “the Northwestern bubble.” In our attempt to broaden your horizons, the Beacon brings you Mercury: the misunderstood planet.

Astronomers who thought they had Mercury figured out were more than a little surprised by the volcanic activity recently captured by the NASA Messenger space probe. Of even greater interest than the continued activity of volcanoes, is the dark blue matter that spews forth.

MIT planetary scientist Maria Zuber says that prior to this discovery, many astronomers believed that Mercury’s shape was due to space collisions and that the planet was made up of “dead rock.” The dark blue matter suggests otherwise.

Zuber reports that the changing theories regarding the planet’s nature and formation are fascinating. She continues to conduct experiments on the Messenger probe. “It’s an awful lot of volcanic material,” she said.

About 95 percent of Mercury is currently captured on photograph, now that new images have been compiled with earlier ones.

Many images of filled-in craters suggest that the moon was once king of volcanic activity. One such crater is as big as the Baltimore-Washington area and filled with more than a mile’s worth of lava.

The photos show a quite a bit more of the blue mineral than astronomers expected.

Mark Robinson, an Arizona University geologist, speculates that the blue matter emanating from volcanoes is an important, yet unknown mineral.

Robison adds that the material only appears to be “dark blue” when under the influence of infrared cameras and appears to have only a “soft blue tinge” to the naked eye. Though past research hasn’t found any iron in it, he believes that it could possibly contain some.

Halloween Happenings

Tasting hunger:

Students serve

BY LEANN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Northwestern’s Called2Go ministry sponsored a Hunger Awareness Week from October 24 through 31. The week offered students opportunities for involvement that furthered awareness of hunger and made a difference in the lives of people from areas as local as Sioux Falls and as far-reaching as South Africa and Brazil.

The first event involved four Called2Go volunteers serving the Friday evening meal, which was provided by Sodexo, at the St. Francis House, a non-denominational emergency shelter in Sioux Falls, S.D. This ministry provides a warm bed, laundry, food, and other services for about 50 people who have nowhere else to turn.

On Monday, Called2Go showed and discussed the movie, The Red Wagon: Facing Hungry, a documentary on rural poverty showing the effects food insecurity can have on one’s dignity and how experiencing hunger is more than just not having enough to eat. Andrea (Davis) Dutt, student leader of Called2Go, said the movie was “totally eye-opening, especially to rural hunger.” She also felt that the movie helped raise awareness about the hunger “even right around the corner here in Orange City.”

On Tuesday, Discipleship Groups across campus discussed hunger and what the Bible has to say about it.

Among the passages the D-Groups studied was this week’s theme verse from the beginning of Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Students were given the opportunity to fast over lunch on Wednesday to simulate what it is like to live with food insecurities. For every one of the 184 students that fasted, Sodexo donated $1.89 to Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children.

Called2Go hosted a Hunger Banquet on Wednesday night that was designed to teach students more about hunger through an experiential meal. The 14 students who participated were randomly split up into three different groups, low-, medium-, and high-income, to show how impossible it can be to escape the unfairness and injustices of poverty.

On Thursday, students packaged food for Kids Against Hunger for five hours. The total amount of food packaged was around 26,000 meals. According to Kids Against Hunger’s website, they will now send the food to over 40 countries throughout the world in an effort to reduce the devastating fact that 40,000 children die every day from malnutrition, starvation, and hunger-related diseases.

Junior Chelsea Stromley was one of the many volunteers who decided to help package food. Stromley chose to help out because she has been blessed with the “capability of having food.” Simply put, according to Stromley, “If we have the ability to help others, I think we should. Everyone deserves food.”

Hunger Awareness Week will close with one final activity on Friday night. Students will serve supper at The Banquet, a soup kitchen in Sioux Falls that offers opportunities for volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve meals to people with limited needs.

Dutt hopes that after this week “students are deeply impacted by being faced with issues of hunger around the world” and that they “view circumstances through a different light, the light of hunger.” When it comes to hunger, “Knowledge is power,” according to Dutt. “College is the time to learn and do what we can to eliminate hunger so when we graduate and have more time and resources and a job, we can make even more of a difference.”

Flu vaccine clinic this Thursday

BY JENNA BOOTE
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Roll up your sleeves and grit your teeth. It’s flu season.

Influenza outbreaks occur from November to May, so college health services plan to offer flu shots this Thursday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m in the RSC mallway.

Sarah Van Wyk RN, BSN for Community Health Partners explains, “Living in such close contact together, lack of sleep and stress puts them at higher risk for catching influenza. Those conditions also make it easier for influenza to spread quicker throughout campus. Getting a flu shot is a student’s best defense, along with good hand washing.”

Health professionals recommend getting a flu shot every year. New influenza viruses are constantly developing, so vaccines are updated. Scientists match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause illness. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after the shot, and protection lasts up to a year.

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When we need someone we can see. We need someone concrete—a hug, a listening ear, a visible smile and audible laughter and real tears of sympathy and love.

I too have these. It is no shock to all of you, I am sure, that we need each other. We were made to commune.

It is also not new to you that Northwestern emphasizes community. When I was a freshman, I felt like all I ever heard was community this community that, testimonies of how important community was and how community was the greatest part of NW.

"Sure, that's wonderful," I thought. "I can get community anywhere there are people, right?"

Perhaps I'm only the one that originally missed the true value of community, of the intense way we need each other in order to live and love properly—in order to understand our faith and our purpose.

I know what you! I'm still afraid of the dark. At home when I go to bed, I have to do that whole running-leap-into-bed-after-shutting-off-the-lights thing.

But now my fears take on deeper and darker forms than those of my childhood. Scariest of all, they aren't fears of the concrete, but evasive, ghost-like fears that can grab at me even if I don't have a limb hanging over the edge of the bed.

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It took me a while to realize that I can't face my fears alone. Yes, my God is with me. Yes, that should be enough. But in my brokenness, my faith is always weak.

I believe God, in infinite wisdom and full understanding of my failure to completely entrust myself to his invisible care, has created this deep desire for community with other suffering, hurting, fearful humans like myself.

I can't tell you to go out and appreciate community or to go out and make new friends. I don't have an action to which I am trying to call you. I simply want to throw this idea out to you. I hope you hear. I hope you feel. I hope you turn to God with your fears.

I hope you turn to your brothers and sisters in dependence and support.

That's the purpose of community.

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OPINION

Have a care: don't be so apathetic

BY BRITTNEE WOOD

Yes, you're sick of the commercials, the debates, the terribly rude individuals from an Obama or McCain sponsored table in the RSC who demand to know who you are voting for when all you really want to do is get to class or practice on time. Don't these annoying people understand that you have either made your decision based solely on the fact that you are a Republican or Democrat or that you feel overwhelmed with life and will do nothing like make an "informed decision" come Election Day?

Perhaps you are a registered Independent, and proudly proclaim this to the avid tablers in the RSC, because let's face it, being Independent means that you really "think about the issues" since you're not pledging allegiance to one party or another. Probably the only thing you aren't getting sick of are the endlessly witty SNL skits that feature Joe Biden's windy rhetoric or Sarah Palin's "ya, you betcha" attitude.

If you have been watching the debates and are left wondering about issues that concern you most, like healthcare, the economy, or whether the often referred to Joe six-pack and Joe the plumber are related, the information you seek is no further away than a Google search on the world Wide Web. The two big ticket runners have made it easy for their platforms to be accessible to curious voters on their respective websites. Even Independent runner Ralph Nader sports a website for interested voters, and if you're stickler for consistency, Ralph is probably your man.

Aside from party platforms, though, is the importance of the candidate and deliberation you put into your decision come Election Day.

Take advantage of conversations with friends, family and even those annoying tablers in the RSC. Put to use the invaluable skills your higher education has taught you and do a little research. Ask questions. Is universal healthcare really the best option? Are morals really defined by only one party? Most important of all, relinquish that tight hold you have on your political ideology and allow yourself to be shaped and molded by new ideas that make you not just a voter, but a permanent voice as a citizen of the United States. Do not stray from the polls simply because you don't want responsibility further down the road for a decision you make by checking a President's box. Just as a president cannot be blamed for an entire economic crisis, a single voter cannot be blamed for the failings of a president. Rather, we are all in this together as a people, as a nation.

Voting is a freedom, just as not voting is a freedom.

What we must remember on Nov. 4 is if we not only vote, but pick up a pen and make a decision using their voice as an individual, and then as a country.

So I encourage you, from one citizen to another, pick up a pen and have a care, have an opinion, have a voice.

Vote McCain! *wink wink*

BY MATT HULSTEIN AND TRACEY PRONK

For the past month, we have followed the antics of the "lip-sticked pit bull" Sarah Palin with fascination. Early curiosity soon turned to disbelief. "McCain has a thirty percent chance of dying during his first term...this woman might actually run our country!" It is now very obvious that Palin was selected for political reasons—her sex, her middle class appearance, and her faith claims—rather than her qualifications.

The most glaring reason for Palin's selection is her sex. After Hillary Clinton stepped aside, the McCain campaign was anxious to capitalize on a split Democratic Party. That strategy: nominate a woman and for the first time, Hillary supporters would blindly follow. Wrong. First, assuming women will support a female candidate simply because she share reproductive organs is minimizing, flippant and inane. Palin because of her sex and not her credentials is one big objectification.

 Palin was also picked because of her identification with lower and middle income voters alongside a regular gal tryin' to do her part for America—how could we possibly resist that? Finally, many people support Palin because of her faith, yet it would seem that no candidate has been more vicious or dishonest during this campaign. Three weeks ago, she insinuated that Obama "pals around with terrorists. A few days later, a woman told McCain that she couldn't trust Obama because "he's an Arab." When McCain tried to correct her, he was booed by his own supporters. People have s h o u t e d "terrorist" and "kill him" in reference to Obama at McCain rallies. These grotesque comments seem to stem from Palin's vocalized fears.

Well, at least Palin opposes Roe v. Wade...right? When asked by Katie Couric if she believed there is an inherent right to privacy in the constitution, Palin replied, "Yeah, I think there is." (The right to privacy is a central plank to Roe v. W.)

The comment seemed to come from Palin's signature of Roe v. Wade, not her support; still, it doesn't inspire much confidence.

Palin has been the Governor of Alaska for two years; before that she was a small town mayor,...that's about it. She has never left the U.S., yet still claims to have foreign policy experience—Alaska is very close to Russia. McCain never met Palin before she was selected, but she fit the political bill perfectly—a middle class, right wing, "mavericky" woman who could split the Democrats and rally the party faithful.

However, the most important job of vice president is not to help her running mate get elected; it's to be prepared to become president should the elected president die. Sarah Palin is not qualified to perform this task. Her politically-driven selection reveals two things about John McCain: a lack of respect for women and lower/middle-income voters alongside a disappointing lack of integrity.
Geocaching: modern day treasure hunting

BY LEANN JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

As Northwestern students go about their day-to-day lives, they probably do not even realize they could be walking past hidden treasures. Thousands of people have secretly placed treasures throughout the world in a new game called geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing), which is basically “high-tech treasure hunting.”

According to the official website, geocaching.com, the idea started in 2000 when a GPS enthusiast, hid a container in the woods outside of Portland, Oregon and placed coordinates on the Internet. He called this idea the “Great American GPS Stash Hunt.”

The only rule was “Take some stuff, leave some stuff.”

By the next day, two people had already found his stash. The idea quickly caught on and by September of that year, 75 similar caches had been placed throughout the world. Today there are 669,333 geocaches placed world wide with 48 of them located within ten miles of Orange City and several located within walking distance of NW.

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Sisterhood of the traveling necklace

BY ANNE EBERLINE
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One group of women got creative in the way they’re keeping their high school friendship alive. Three years ago sophomore Anna Henke, Northwestern graduate Jamie (Lueck) Stanislav, Chelsea Arnott and Katie Kautz, all from the Owatonna, Minn. area, began sharing a necklace; keeping it for about a month and then mailing it to another person in the group.

“We got the idea from the ‘Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants’ book series by Ann Brashares. We thought it would be a fun way to stay close and involved in each other’s lives, and it has,” Henke said.

“We never plan to give up the necklace. We will continue to pass it around to our friends and family. It’s a way to keep in touch,” Henke said.

Their story is recorded in a notebook that accompanies the necklace when it’s mailed from person to person. Each writes a life update to share with the rest of the group when the necklace arrives.

“Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants’, which Korver described as “a place to help the homeless, sorting clothes at a thrift store and participating in a prayer walk through areas characterized by soarking crime rates. For sophomore, Klarc Korver, this trip was not part of his original mid-term plans. “All my plans changed when I was told by my 3-year-old cousin that ‘When God tells you you have to go, you go!’ I had been debating all week about it.” The idea had crossed his mind earlier that week after reading about Moses’ call to help the Israelites in their exile to the Promised Land. “Figured this is probably God talking to me,” Korver said.

Freshman Emily Hegstad’s call to go resulted from feelings of unfinished business from her trip to North Omaha her senior year of high school. “We went on my senior trip and we went to Open Door Mission, but we didn’t stay there long,” Hegstad said.

“I got the email here at school and saw ‘Open Door Mission’ and thought it was something I would like to do. It sparked that memory of not being satisfied the last time I went. God really opened that door for me,” Hegstad explained.

Korver, Hegstad and the rest of the team were instantly immersed in Omaha. “We went to Open Door Mission and it was a place that was exactly what I wanted to do today. I was impressed by the building and felt God telling me to go. It was a place that I had been praying to go.”

One story that resonated for both Korver and Hegstad was that of Ron Dotzler from Abide Ministries, which Korver described as “a place people live and are trained for mission work.”

“On our way home, we stopped at a restaurant, and seeing people waste food made us all so mad.” Hagstad explained.

Hegstad ended up selling his house and everything he owned. While driving around a rough part of Omaha one day, he came across a condemned building and felt God telling him to buy it. With the help of donations, the building was turned from a place that once housed gang activities into a place that houses and prepares missionaries.

Hearing Dotzler’s story confirmed Korver’s decision to go on the trip. “He does exactly what I want to do someday: get out of my comfort zone and work with kids,” Korver said. Hegstad learned what it really means to be thankful for what we have. “On our way home, we stopped at a restaurant, and seeing people waste food made us all so mad.”

Hegstad continued to talk about the transition needed to come from inner-city life back to life in Northwest Iowa. “It’s amazing how quickly we are able to get back to our normal lives. For others, that is their life.”
Long distance relationships: Can absence make the heart grow fonder?

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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Absence makes the heart grow fonder. In Francis Davison’s “Poetical Rhapsody” of 1602 these infamous words were penned for the first time, written by an anonymous poet (Trivia-library.com).

Many college students put this phrase to the test when they enter into a long distance relationship.

The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships did a study at Purdue University in Indiana. The study used 200 long distance relationships (LDRs) and 200 geographically close relationships, studying hundreds of aspects of each.

According to the study, LDRs can work. The LDR couples in the study did not break up at a higher rate than those who were close together.

However, an LDR does need lots of care and commitment to work. The study emphasizes staying optimistic. It is easy to get down, especially when you don’t get to see your significant other very often.

People who are sad often isolate themselves. However, social lives are very important. The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships said, “We know that the degree of social support from friends and family predicts both the emotional difficulty someone will have while separated and the likelihood that the relationship will stay together.”

The study also suggested a five-step approach to keeping emotional intimacy over long distances.

Step one is to share in seemingly small daily events. Many couples skip talking about the “unimportant stuff,” because they don’t want to bore each other. In order to feel a part of each other’s lives, the little things are what is important.

Step two is to take advantage of technology. Cell phones, webcams, instant messaging and Facebook all can be used to stay in touch. Also, a website called Skype can be used to make free internet calls or even video calls if you have a web cam.

The study also found that “couples in LDRs that stayed together wrote to one another twice as often as those that broke up.” These were not emails that these couples were writing, but handwritten letters.

Writing is all about picturing your audience. If you write to your significant other, this means that you know them well enough to communicate without seeing their expression or having them there to communicate back.

Carl Vandermeulen, professor of English and communication, stressed the importance of couples writing to each other. “If you can’t create your reader, the person you’re interested in, then maybe there is not enough empathy. If you can’t relate over distance, is it right?”

The fourth step in creating intimacy over a distance is to understand that telephone communication is not perfect. The study found that “Arguments are more difficult to resolve, opinions are difficult to predict, couples feel misunderstood and attacked, and they may judge their partner as less sincere and intelligent than when talking face-to-face.”

Couples have to be able to distinguish which arguments are a result of telephone conversation and which ones are more serious and need to be resolved.

The final step is to keep reminders of your partner near. Have photographs, trinkets, anything that reminds you of them close by. It makes them seem “near psychologically, when they can’t be near physically.”

Finally, the study tells LDR couples to face issues. The study found that “Faced with limited time together, couples often don’t want to ‘spoil’ a weekend by bringing up issues.” However, in order to strengthen a relationship, serious discussions are necessary.

Finally, according to the Christian Singles Radio Blog, “Pray daily for your long distance relationship and your significant other. Ask the Lord Jesus to mold you both into the people He wants you to be, and surrender your long distance relationship to His will (Proverbs 3:5-6). This will bring you great peace and assurance.”

Bring Christmas to a child in need with Operation Christmas Child

With all the food, cheer and family, everyone loves Christmas, especially children. But what if you lived without basic life necessities, such as food and clothing, or possibly lost your family to disease or war? What if you had nothing and could only dream of a Christmas present?

Operation Christmas Child is a program of Samaritan’s Purse, run by Franklin Graham, O.C.C. sends Christmas boxes to children in need worldwide. It starts with you and a shoebox.

Each donated shoebox is sent to boys and girls, ages two to four, five to nine, or 10 to 14.

First, select the gender and age of a child for whom you wish to make a box. Fill the shoebox with the following new materials: hygiene items, toys, clothing and school supplies. Some suggested items include washcloths, combs, deodorant, socks, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, underwear, t-shirts, bar soap, pencils, markers, crayons, paper, toy cars, stuffed animals, Legos, dolls and jump ropes.

Do not send liquids, anything representing snakes, anything war-related, including toy figurines with weapons, food, breakables or aerosol cans.

You may include a picture of yourself with a note and your address. If you want to wrap your box, wrap the lid separately. Put rubber bands around the finished box and tape a gender/age label on top on one end. Labels can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

A Gospel booklet is included with each box. Booklets have been translated into over 70 languages, and bring the message of Jesus to each child.

Collection sites, churches that support O.C.C. by collecting boxes, will send them to a distribution center Nov. 17-24 where they will be sorted and shipped. However, shipping isn’t free. Inside a sealed envelope with “Shipping and Handling” written on the front, include a $7 check made out to Samaritan’s Purse with O.C.C. in the memo, or pay online at the previously mentioned website.

Drop-off sites are listed at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

The closest collection site to Orange City is New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center. If you aren’t able to bring it there, Betsy Poppens’ church is also a collection site. Just contact her at bppoppins@nwciowa.edu by Nov. 20, and she will take your box to her church for you.

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Bring Christmas to a child in need with Operation Christmas Child

BY BETSY POPPENS
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Absence may not make the heart grow fonder, but it doesn’t have to harm a relationship either. When compared with geographically close couples, studies have found that “Couples in LDRs report identical levels of relationship satisfaction, intimacy, trust and commitment.”

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Raiders cruise to sixth straight victory with win over Briar Cliff

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The Northwestern football team captured their sixth straight victory with ease on Saturday, defeating Briar Cliff 35-0. The Red Raiders are 7-1 this season, losing only to Morningside, which is ranked fourth in the NAIA. Briar Cliff falls to 1-7.

Neither team was able to score in the first quarter, but junior quarterback Cary Overholt put the Raiders on the board with a 26-yard touchdown run. Freshman Mike O'Brien made the extra point to bring the final score of the game to 3-0.

The Raider defense had a big game, scoring two touchdowns and sacking the Briar Cliff quarterback seven times. Sophomore Jon Gerber had eight tackles, forced one fumble and broke up two Charger passes to lead the defense. Junior Grant Hegstad had 7.5 tackles and two sacks for a 13-yard loss. Van Slenen added five tackles, two sacks for a loss of 12 yards, one fumble recovery and an interception that he ran back for a touchdown.

The Red Raiders also defeated Doane College on Saturday, Oct. 11. Sophomore Taylor Malm led the offense with 65 rushing yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. He also added 151 yards on returns, including a 73-yard punt return touchdown. Vander Schaaf had seven tackles and one touchdown. Overholt was 6-of-20 at quarterback.

The Raiders are set to play USF Saturday at Sioux Falls in what is sure to be an exciting game. NW is eighth in NAIA polls, while the Cougars are second. Kick-off is set for 12 p.m.

Men's soccer struggles with overtime losses to DWU, USF

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Rain fell on the Red Raider's men's soccer team as they fell to Dakota Wesleyan 2-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The overtime loss was hard on the Raiders, dropping them below .500 on the season, however, the scoreboard may have been the only place DWU came out on top. Northwestern out-shot the Tigers 13-8 and held the ball 56 percent of the time.

The NW men's soccer team set out with ten men to compete in The Graphic Edge Cross Country Invitational in Vermillion, SD. The team finished in tenth place overall out of 15 teams. Sophomore Danny Owens finished in 41st for the Raiders with a time of 27:33, followed closely by the rest of the Raider pack. Junior Kyle Gerhard finished 44th with senior Jack Peterson and sophomore Tyler Peekenschneider following closely behind in 50th and 67th, respectively. Freshman Adam Verhoef finished in 83rd, junior Lee Stover was 86th and junior Andy Norris took 88th to round out the top seven Raiders.

They "were able to work the middle section of the race and held together pretty well," said head coach Dale Thompson. "Our goal is to get our packs across the line in about 45 seconds. We will work on that."

The NW men's cross country team had one touchdown and 75 yards to lead the receivers. Sophomore Caleb Blauwet and Hegstad each had seven tackles and Gerber added 5.5. Senior Nate Jasen added five tackles and one sack for a 16-yard loss and also had one interception and one quarterback hurry.

The NW offense gained 210 yards in the victory over Midland Lutheran on Saturday, Oct. 11. Sophomore Taylor Malm led the offense with 65 rushing yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. He also added 151 yards on returns, including a 73-yard punt return touchdown. Vander Schaaf had seven tackles and one touchdown. Overholt was 6-of-20 at quarterback.

The Warriors have the fifth-best rushing game in the NAIA, but the Raider defense held their attack to 97 yards. They also gained a GPAC record by forcing 14 punts in the game, breaking the old record of 11. Jansen had ten tackles, 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble. Sophomore Austin Rozeboom and Hegstad added 7.5 tackles each and sophomore Caleb Van Otterloo had seven.

The Red Raiders are set to play USF Saturday at Sioux Falls in what is sure to be an exciting game. NW is eighth in NAIA polls, while the Cougars are second. Kick-off is set for 12 p.m.
Red Raider women compete at Vermillion

BY BETH MOUW

On Saturday, Oct. 25 the Raider women competed in the 15th Annual Graphic Edge CC Invite in Vermillion, S.D. The Raider women placed seventh out of fourteen teams with a score of 156. Host USD, an NCAAD-I school, took first with 52 points.

Sophomore Charity Miles was the top finisher for Northwestern, placing eleventh with a time of 19:13 in her first meet back since being injured at the beginning of the season. The meet was close as sophomore teammate Sara Hess finished just 28 seconds behind Miles and placed 24th with a time of 19:41. Sophomores Jenna Sorenson and Stephanie Powell took 29th and 41st with times of 20:15 and 20:21, respectively. Junior Ingrid Carlson and freshman Teresa Scholten finished 58th and 59th out of the 157 women participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 16 the NW cross-country team traveled to McCook Lake, S.D. to compete in the Briar Cliff Invitational. The women finished fourth out of 10 teams with 78 points.

It seemed to be a day for excellence as four runners boasted season-best times. Hess led the way for the Raiders, placing fourth out of the 109 women runners with a time of 19:02. Carlson came next, placing eleventh and running a 19:18. Sorenson and Powell rounded out the season best times with 19:36 and 19:54, respectively, and finished 144th and 22nd. Scholten wasn’t far behind, finishing 27th with a time of 20:09. Junior Angela Wiggins, freshman Allison Weidleyer and sophomore Breann Rozenboom took 34th, 36th and 37th, respectively.

The NW cross country squad will next travel to Hastings, Neb. to compete in the GPAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m.

The Raiders qualified for nationals last year and aim to make it again, but have had a tough season with many of their top runners facing injuries.

“I know the women’s team is capable of a great performance,” reflected Carlson. “I just haven’t had a chance to display that at the last three meets. If we can have a performance that is comparable to the hard work of all the girls on the team, it will be a great meet.”

Women’s soccer faces tough streak

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The Northwestern women’s soccer team has had three tough weeks of soccer, dropping four games and claiming one victory over Mount Marty College, 3-0. The Red Raiders fall to 5-11-1, 3-7-1 in the GPAC conference.

NW 3, USF 1

The Red Raiders fell to USF on Tuesday 0-3. The Cougars out-shot NW 22-1 and had 12 shots on goal. Freshman Candy Bergstrom the only shot for the Raiders, which was a shot on goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Wendy Hofmeyer was tough under USF’s attack, making nine saves and allowing three goals. All of the Cougar goals were in the first 27 minutes of the game.

NW 0, Dakota Wesleyan 3

The NW women fell to Dakota Wesleyan in a rainy game last Wednesday, Oct. 22. DWU had 12 shots with six on goal and held the Raiders to five shots with one on goal. Sophomore Becca Hurley led NW with three shots and one on goal. Hofmeyer made three saves as goalkeeper.

NW 0, Concordia 1

The Raiders were defeated by Concordia on Saturday, Oct. 16. Concordia out-shot the Raiders 19-6, Hurley had three shots for NW, while Bergst and sophomores Amanda Mihaly and Katy Phillips each had one shot on goal. Hofmeyer had eleven saves in the loss and allowed one goal.

NW 3, Mount Marty 0

NW claimed a 3-0 victory over Mount Marty on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The Raiders had 28 shots, 13 on goal, and scored all three goals in the second half of play. They held the Lancers to only three shots. Hurley scored two goals, one off a rebound and the other less than 30 seconds later, to bring her season total to 12 goals. Bergst scored her first goal of her college career on an assist by junior Becca Bruns to give the Raiders their 3-0 victory. Hofmeyer made two saves and earned her third shut-out as goalkeeper.

Volleyball moves to eleventh in NAIA polls

BY BETH MOUW

Prospects look bright for the Northwestern volleyball club. In their last three weeks of play, the Raiders have gone 7-0-7 and boast an undefeated 13-0 in the GPAC.

NW 3, USF 0

On Wednesday the NW women traveled to Sioux Falls to take on the USF Cougars. They took the three games easily, winning 25-18, 25-22 and 25-19 to bring their winning streak to eleven.

Sophomore Hillary Hanno led in kills for the Raiders with 13 and also tallied nine digs. Freshmen Kate Buyert and Rylee Huilestein followed up with 11 kills apiece, while junior Randala Huilestein added nine and led the team with 13 digs. Sophomore setter Kaetlin Beaver lofted up 42 assists for NW and junior Janna Bleemendaal contributed 12 digs to the cause.

NW 3, Doane 0

It took a riveting five-game set for the Raider women to overcome GPAC rival Doane in the Bultman Center last Saturday. Individual game scores were 25-20, 25-21, 21-25, 25-18 and 15-9.

Doane came out strong in the first set as NW had trouble shutting down their power hitters. Game two saw much improvement as the Raiders led the entire way to the 25-21 victory. The score was tied at five in the third game, but the Tigers managed to score the next four points en route to the 21-25 defeat.

Game four was interesting as the Raiders jumped to an early 10-4 lead before Doane rallied back to within two points at 17-15. Bloemendaal and Randa Huilestein combined solid serving with strong net play to pull off the 25-18 victory. The final set saw a similar pattern, with the Raiders jumping to an early 8-2 lead before the Tigers cut it down to 10-8. Some well-timed kills by Hanno and Rylee Huilestein, however, secured the match with a 15-9 victory.

Hanno and Randa Huilestein were the hands of NW, recording 24 and 22 kills on the night, respectively. Rylee Huilestein also boasted six blocks and 17 digs and was 16-of-16 from behind the service line. Beaver had two ace serves and totaled 52 assists while Bloemendaal tallied 16 digs.

NW 3, Morningside 0

Although the Raider women managed to beat Morningside in three games, the quick victory was not easy. Each game was won by a mere two points. The win broke the Mustangs’ 12-game winning streak.

With the score tied at 23 deep in the first set, both teams scrambled for points and tied at 24. A kill from Hanno put NW up 25-24 before the Raiders took the game 26-24. Game two saw three ties and eight lead changes on the way to NW’s 25-23 victory. Down 23-22, the Raiders scored the next three points to secure the victory. Game three saw NW with their biggest deficit of the night, 15-19, but it wouldn’t last long as the Raider women scored the next four points to tie. After some great play at the net by both teams, the score stood even at 25. Back-to-back kills by Hanno gave the Raiders the edge to the 27-25 victory.

Hanno had an amazing match, hitting .448 and totaling 17 kills. The Huilestein sisters each put down 14 kills. Beaver tallied 41 assists and seven digs. Bloemendaal and Randa Huilestein won 15 and 10, respectively.

Other Wins

The Briar Cliff Chargers fell to the Raiders in four games at a home match on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Individual game scores were 25-23, 25-7, 24-26 and 25-19. NW held the Chargers to hitting a mere .065 on average. Beaver recorded a season-high 23 kills and added four blocks and 14 digs to the mix, while her sister Randa contributed 14 kills and 11 blocks. Bloemendaal led all players with 23 digs.

The Raider women had one of their easiest matches of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 15 against Mount Marty, winning 25-14, 25-13 and 25-13. Beaver totaled 30 assists, six kills, six digs and two aces. Sophomore Kristin Kooima went 19-for-19 serving.

NW won in four against Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday, Oct. 11. Individual game scores were 25-23, 15-25, 22-25 and 25-18. The Raiders totaled 23 blocks over the Tigers. They hit .163, but held NWU to .086. Beaver recorded a season-high 31 assists.

Dakota Wesleyan fell 3-0 to the Raiders on Friday, Oct. 10, losing 25-18, 25-19 and 25-12.

SPORTS
Mulder’s display of favorite things

BY JENNA BOOTE
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Northwestern’s first senior art show will run Nov. 2 through Nov. 8 and feature artwork by Kelly Mulder, a secondary art education major from Steen, Minn. The show will include oil paintings, prints, ceramics, plaster sculpture and photography.

A reception with the artist is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors can expect, according to Mulder, “the best chocolate chip cookies anyone has ever tasted.”

Describing herself as detailed, Mulder enjoys realistic art as opposed to abstract. Her favorite medium is oil painting on canvas. The title of Mulder’s show, “These are a few of my favorite things,” gives a clue to how she hopes her art will be received. “I want people to be able to see and feel what I do when I look at it. Everything in my show has to do with something that I love.”

Mulder explains that much of her inspiration comes from her childhood years growing up on a farm, as well as her love for the outdoors. She also mentions her experiences in Guatemala and her family and home as inspirations.

Mulder cites her favorite pieces as a series of oil paintings entitled, “Fruits of the Spirit.” The portraits in the painting are of people she met on her three mission trips to Guatemala. “With each person that I met in Guatemala, I felt like I could see the fruits of the Spirit through them. It was amazing to see God working around the language barrier by opening our eyes to other things such as the fruits. While I was working on the series, I started to become aware of my tendency to place patterns somewhere in my works.”

She describes the patterns as unintentional and says she is still reflecting on their meaning.

She also hopes the paintings will give viewers a glimpse of the people she met. “They are so kind and they do not take anything for granted. They feel so blessed and are joyful, even if it seems to us like they do not have very much.”

Sisters in Service: missionaries speaking at chapel

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Michele Rickett, founder and president of Sisters in Service, a ministry working to address the issue of female exploitation in countries from West Africa to East Asia, and her husband, Daniel, will visit Northwestern on Nov. 3 and 4. The Ricketts will speak in chapel both days of their visit and will participate in a forum on missions Monday night at 7:30 p.m. All three addresses will take place in Christ Chapel and are free and open to the public.

After 25 years as a missionary wife, Michele Rickett founded Sisters in Service in 1995 to mobilize and equip God’s people to empower women and children against poverty, disease, exploitation and spiritual darkness in the least Christian regions of the world. The organization works with local initiatives to provide healthcare, education and micro-loans to some of the least valued women and children.

Dr. Rod Spidahl, professor of religion at NW, says, “Sisters in Service does a great job of integrating appropriate action with a gospel witness among some of the poorest and least powerful, helping churches find ways to express love in action without creating dependency structures that are not sustainable.”