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Black flag artist returns to campus

BY LIZ LAWRENSEN
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Greg Schoon is most commonly known around campus for his art display that included the controversial “Black Flag” piece. Now, two years after his last exhibit here, Schoon is back with an entirely different repertoire to present.

Schoon’s work will be displayed in the Te Paske Gallery Sept. 13 through Oct. 9. A public reception is set for Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. Schoon’s exhibit is a tribute to a friend, Poot Christiano, who died from ovarian cancer. From tragedy, art often follows, and such is true with this display. The collection consists of expressive, abstract drawings with use of mixed media, all of which Schoon created as he moved through his grieving process for his dead friend.

Art professor Rein Vanderhill said, “This exhibit is about something very different from the two pieces of art that were exhibited by this artist two years ago.”

Vanderhill invites the Northwestern community to give Schoon’s work a second look, as it is entirely different from what it looked like during his previous appearance at NW.

“Each drawing in the show has a title that comes from verses in a song from ‘Cats,’” Vanderhill said. If the titles of each piece of the sequence are read consecutively, they will complete the lyrics of the song.

Schoon wants the art in this exhibit to speak for itself and said that he can speak of the technical aspects, but the art is its own language, just as music is.

Schoon recalled finding a poster in the men’s restroom once. On it was a crayon drawing of a tree and a dog with a supposed quote by Picasso under it, “Those who want to know what a painting is about are barking up the wrong tree.” Schoon’s art should be viewed with this quote in mind.

“Hearing a Beethoven symphony is utterly different than reading about it,” Schoon said. “Art doesn’t have much to do with words. The eye sees, the image goes directly to the brain, and emotions, memories, a whole range of sensations are silently evoked—words are bypassed. Unnecessary.”

Schoon wants a sensual response to his art, rather than an immediate, analytical approach. He realizes that each person that views his art will experience it differently.

“You don’t need to know anything about art to experience it, if you open yourself to it,” Schoon said. “Children have no problem with it. It is important just to look at art and listen to your mind and body.”

Although the imagery used in this specific exhibit is from imagery such as this is common to the human race.

NW renews covenant with Japanese sister college

BY EMILY BREWER
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A new “Covenant of Cooperation” was signed Sept. 4 by officials from Northwestern and Baiko Gakuin University in Shimonoseki, Japan. The covenant renews a partnership between the two colleges that Baiko Gakuin ended several years ago.

Baiko was NW’s first sister college, a relationship which was established in 1979 under the leadership of the late Lyle VanderWerff, former director of international student programs.

The partnership was originally created to attract Baiko Gakuin students to NW. Students would come to the Summer Institute for Foreign Languages and Elementary Education. Baiko Gakuin is a co-ed college with about 1,000 students. It offers degrees in Japanese literature, English literature, foreign languages and elementary education.

Representatives from Baiko Gakuin arrived on campus on Sept. 2 and left on Sept. 7. During their stay, they took in a football game with president Christy, toured industries in Orange City and Sioux Center and sat in on classes.

“It was a very fun visit,” said McMahan, who will be traveling to Japan in November to visit some other sister schools.

Free ice cream and conversation at I-Club ice cream social

BY SARAH LUPKES
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Students will find free ice cream and an evening of conversation in the theatre lobby on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. The I-Club will host its annual ice cream social in hopes that students and faculty will learn more about the I-Club.

“This is a great opportunity to get introduced to International Club,” said sophomore Wincy Ho, I-Club president. “I encourage everyone to come talk with us at the event and get more information about International Club.”

“We represent the NW student body as a whole, not just the international students.”

- Wincy Ho

For those who have questions about I-Club, want to participate or simply want to learn more about the home cultures of the international students, Ho said, “This is the time and place to learn more.”

“We represent the NW student body as a whole, not just the international students,” Ho said, which is why this event, as well as I-Club in general, is not just for international students.

The I-Club will serve “normal” Blue Bunny flavors of ice cream like chocolate, strawberry and vanilla. “Some foreign flavors would be good for this ice cream social, but Blue Bunny is always good,” Ho said. “We would love to see you all come to this event and chat with us. No matter where you are from, ice cream is good in every culture!”
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Speak up or be muzzled

Too often I have heard many students on campus say, “I can’t write” or “I’m not a good enough writer” as an excuse not to vocalize their opinions when prodded about issues that evidently matter to them. Since when has “writing” become an obstacle for Northwestern students?

For a college that is ranked 4th in the Midwest by the U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges guidebook, it seems to me that writing isn’t the problem; the problem is confidence—or lack thereof. While there are 1,225 students enrolled at NW, each with his/her special talents bestowed on them by God, there is no doubt that some students are better writers, some are better with numbers and still others excel at the sciences and/or the arts. But we all are given the intellectual capacity to voice our emotions. For instance, what are our opinions as students about the new regulations imposed by NW’s administration? How informed are we about the policies that are made which affect our lives?

The Bible explains that there is a season and time for everything under the sun...when is your season? When is your time to speak up or to speak out?

While I am far from rallying a mob of complainers, I would hope that NW finds it invaluable to have its student body vociferous and passionate about the issues that come along, because there lies within this expression of opinion, a teachable moment. Being communicative prepares students for the tumultuous world where one must speak up for one’s beliefs or accept the consequences of being silenced.

Also, it’s one thing to speak out, but it’s another altogether to speak out respectfully. To do so, the Beacon or SGA are available to put one’s feelings on the public table so that they are viewed and heard by all, because a community that communicates is a community that avoids miscommunications.

Far be it for me to suggest that somehow reticence isn’t a good attribute, because it is—often times, we wish more people would speak less and think more. The Bible explains that there is a season and time for everything under the sun. It begs the question, when is your season, when is your time to speak up or to speak out?

I would love to know what’s on my schoolmates’ minds. Is there something pressing that you have to say? Well, why not write about it?

Never did I have to worry about making numerous trips back and forth just to make sure I had my proper eating utensils. Recently, I spilled water and dropped a rather succulent plumb on the cafeteria floor. I felt slightly humiliated as everyone was watching with judging eyes as I walked away as if nothing happened. This incident never would have happened if I had had a tray to hold all my food and beverages. It seems as though one must become very clever with arranging food and beverages on one’s own plate—like a mini game of Tetris, if you will.

Granting, the SGA did warm us up to the idea by doing their “scientific studies” last spring. These “scientific studies” entailed their findings of wasting less food. It seems common sense that one would waste less food without a tray. And, not that I have anything against going green, but I think there could have been a better route to approach this issue.

Because we pay $29,246 for “a whole education for your whole life,” it would seem that the least we could do is make our own decision as to whether or not we would like to use trays. Isn’t the SGA supposed to represent the student body? Why not make going trayless a choice for us big kids to make on our own? SGA’s motives for doing anything now seem, at the very least, rather suspect to me. But who am I to judge?

In the meantime, you are not going to see me standing outside SGA meetings protesting. On the contrary, I will do nothing about this except write to you (because I tend to be more of the sheepish type). However, if you really feel compelled to stick it to SGA, one could always bring one’s own cookie sheet.

Paying $29,246... for trappiness?

BY GUMARO VALENCA

About once a week, a group of intellectual students get together and meet in the RSC. They are elected officials who are supposed to have the students’ interest at heart; this group of students is commonly referred to as SGA (Student Government Association).

Decisions that affect the student body occur during this time, and one decision that I am not particularly fond of is going trayless.

Whether you like it or not, we are not going to have any food trays for the entirety of the academic school year. I believe this was a rather harsh decision that seemed to come out of left field and, at the least, this decision has made my cafeteria experience more of an inconvenience.

Seeing beyond the stereotypical surface

BY STEPHANIE LANTIZ

My first two years of college were spent in Fern. This school year, however, I’ve changed things up. I am now an RA...in Steggy. I feel like there should be the proverbial “dun dun dun” right now...? Because whenever I tell people I moved to Steggy, they either (a) put on a fake smile and say, “Wow, that’s great,” (b) appear at a loss for words, or (c) say “Ugh...Steggy? Steph, you’re not really that type.”

Let me guess, right now you’re probably shaking your head and thinking, “Ok, Steph, you can stop exaggerating now. People don’t really respond that way.” But I’m here to tell you that they do. And, you know what else? It’s ok...there’s a reason behind it.

We have this thing called stereotypes. Perhaps you’ve heard about them. Now, I’m not going to dive into detail about each dorm, but we all know that we’ve seen those boldly stereotypical people parade around campus and thought to ourselves, “That guy must be from Heemstra,” or, “Only a Hopsers girl would dress like that.” As offensive as it sounds, we cannot deny that these stereotypes exist at Northwestern. Also, it’s a fact that stereotypes exist because someone made them come true. But here’s the catch: we don’t have to get hung up on them.

I think it’s time that students at N-Dub start facing the facts: there are going to be people who fit the stereotypes of a dorm. Don’t people usually choose a dorm that feels like home? And if a dorm feels like home, isn’t it because there are people there who have similar interests? So, do the math; it adds up. A dorm has a general “type” of people that live in it.

So that’s it then? We just accept it and keep to our own group of people? No way. Speaking as one who moved from Fern to Steggy, take it from me—you can have friends in every and any dorm. Think about this: have you ever met someone who did not meet your expectations of the stereotype? I know I’ve made predictions that proved to be wrong, like trying to guess which dorm each classmate lives in on the first day of classes. I’ve had class with people and, when asking if I could meet them in their dorm room, was shocked to find out that they lived somewhere else. “Really? I could’ve sworn you were from Fern...just like me.”

Interesting, isn’t it? We always see ourselves as normal and others as...well, you know, different. I guess it’s fair. We are all different, but that’s not a good reason to give up on a dorm. Coly guys can play sports with the gentlemen of Heemstra and West. Steggy can share some air conditioning with the ladies of Hopsers and Fern. It’s just a matter of seeing beyond the surface and start looking at who we are, rather than focusing on what we look like. So Northwestern, can we do it?
Prophet? Tambourine Man? Who?

BY JOSH DOORENBOS
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“He’s a modern-day prophet,” I am told matter-of-factly. Like I should have known already when I walked into the room with my stupid question. When I ask the question “So, what do you guys think of Bob Dylan?” I can usually expect such a response.

Bob Dylan—singer-songwriter, author, poet, screenwriter, guitarist, keyboardist, bassist, and harmonica player—was born Robert Allen Zimmerman. When asked about the name change by Rebecca Leung on CBS News, he responded: “You’re born, you know, the wrong names, wrong parents. I mean, that happens. You call yourself what you want to call yourself. This is the land of the free.”

As one of the uninducted members of the “cult of Dylan,” I just shake my head at the inanity of his comment. He barely knew his father who died of polio when he was really young. And his mother never (as far as I could see) did too much to screw him up.

I don’t understand the prophet. At first there were many who agreed with me. Many called him “Hammond’s Folly,” after the producer who refused to fire him after his disastrous first album. “How many roads must a man walk down before you can hear people cry?” With “Blowin’ in the Wind” and “Oxford Town,” Dylan became a tuneful symbol for the Civil Rights Movement. He sang at the August 28, 1963 “March on Washington.”

When his third album, *The Times They Are A-Changin’*, came out, Dylan had become an archetype for anti-disestablishmentarianism. That must be the reason he’s a prophet. He fought the man—always a popular anti-war song from *Times*, and the snarly “with guns in their hands, and God on their side” (“With God on Our Side”), provided easy fuel for youthful frustration.

“I’m not the one you want, babe, I’m not the one you need.”

In his book *No Direction Home*, Robert Shelton says these lyrics aren’t just about a girl. Shelton interprets the song as “Dylan’s rejection of the audience’s demands.” Did Dylan want to be a prophet? I don’t know why, but I’ve always resisted the Dylan-o-philia. Yet when I hear “Chimes of Freedom,” it’s hard to not feel something: “Through the mad mystic hammering of the wild ripping hill, The sky cracked its poems in naked wonder, That the clinging of the, church bells blew far into the breeze, Leaving only bells of lightning and its thunder.”

So despite my resistance, I hear in my throat a subtle, involuntary hum. An inward “wow.” And a gulp.

I’ve never really followed the prophet. But to find that this passionate poet, this giant of musical influence, is fading into obscurity among modern youth, is appalling. How could this brilliant writer, musician—perhaps, prophet—be forgotten?

The answer my friend, is blowin’ in the wind.

Don’t get too crazy

BY KEVIN “FREEBIRD” WALLACE

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Francis Chan wrote an awesome book titled “Crazy Love.” “Crazy Love” is powerful, compelling and intriguing. Chan’s focus is God’s crazy love for each and every one of us and what our response should be to His love. You won’t want to put this book down.

Chan says, “In this book I am going to ask some hard questions. They will resonate with a lot of us feel, but are generally afraid to articulate and explore” (Chan, 19). He assures the reader that “Crazy Love isn’t another book to bash the church. Chan asks these “hard questions” in a surprisingly tactful and blunt manner that allows the reader to really explore what Chan is saying. Chan asks questions that are reminiscent of Brian McLaren’s “A New Kind of Christian,” which might scare off a few conservative readers.

There is an interview with Chan at the end of the book. He is asked how his message and approach are different from those of the emergent/emerging church. He says, “I’m not coming up with anything new. I’m calling people back to the way it was” (Chan, 180). Chan’s message is simply—perhaps overly—expressing Christ’s message with a modern vocabulary. Chan is incredibly engaging by using straightforward language and doesn’t leave any questions as to how he really feels. This book is definitely a worthwhile read. Find a copy, read it. Go crazy.
New face brings a familiar feeling of home

BY ANNE EBERLINE
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Rebecca Alsum, a 2008 Northwestern graduate, has moved back into her former college residence. As the new resident director of Stegenga Hall, Alsum is looking forward to fostering community. “I want the dorm to have a spirit of hospitality,” said Alsum, “a spirit of love and grace and safety.”

After graduating from NW with a degree in sociology, Alsum worked for six months as the AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer Coordinator on campus. From that point until her new employment at the college, she was employed as a social worker working with homeless families, first in Rapid City, South Dakota, and most recently in Orange City.

Since beginning as the RD of Stegenga, Alsum has most enjoyed getting to know the dorm residents, working with the other RDs, and working with her resident assistant staff, a group of students she calls “caring, beautiful women.”

“I want the dorm to have a spirit of hospitality, a spirit of love and grace and safety.”
- Rebecca Alsum

Initially Alsum was attracted to NW because of its music program and friendly environment. As a new Christian, she was excited about the opportunity to attend a Christian liberal arts college.

“Since beginning as an RD at Malone University in Ohio, Anderson felt compelled to expand his horizons to Orange City.

“I’m really excited to get to know them,” he said, “but there are a lot of guys in Coly, so unfortunately I will not get to know some of the guys as well as I would like.”

Anderson carries the responsibility of serving as a leader, friend and support system to Coly residents. Though this sounds overwhelming, Anderson sees this task as an opportunity for growth, friendship and community.

“I really hope the men of Coly experience a true community and learn to love each other well during their time in the hall,” he said.

A strong believer in forming relationships and community, Anderson also values simple old-fashioned fun. As demonstrated by his interests in sports, backpacking, fishing, hunting, hiking and water skiing, he defines having fun to be his “first and foremost” goal as the RD.

With the combination of Anderson’s philosophy of fun and hundreds of college men in one place, havoc seems inevitable. Although students have only been here a month, Anderson has already joined a group of guys frantically swinging tennis rackets to get a bat out of a dorm room while “shamelessly screaming like fourth grade girls.”

The bat incident only raises more questions as to what could possibly come next, but who can find an answer to endless possibilities?

“Shame on you!” Anderson said.

NW will just have to wait and see what’s in store in Colenbrander Hall.

As Anderson said, “This is college! Make some great memories!”

Students, start saving your pennies

BY SARA JANZEN
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Everyone seems to be worried about money these days, especially college students. Sometimes the best ways to save money are through small things.

With the addition of new students, faculty and even landscaping projects that have kicked off the new school year, Ryan Anderson, the new resident director of Colenbrander Hall, has also joined the growing community of Northwestern College.

After spending this last year as an RD at Malone University in Ohio, Anderson felt compelled to expand his horizons to Orange City.

“I’m living the dream!” Anderson said. “Much of my time is spent hanging out, talking, playing games and watching sports with college students. It’s an incredible job.”

Anderson describes “living with 180 dudes” to be both a “sweet adventure” and a concern.

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New face brings a familiar feeling of home

BY SARA CURRY
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Ryan Anderson (top) and Rebecca Alsum (bottom) join the Residence Life staff as the newest resident directors on campus.
Fresh fall season brings fresh faces to coaching staff

BY JENNIFER NILSON
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Northwestern is excited to welcome new members to the coaching staff this year. Kyle Achterhoff, Stephanie Kuhl and Blake Wieking are enthused about their new roles in the NW athletic department.

Head football Coach Kyle Achterhoff, originally from Edgerton, Minnesota, is a 1990 graduate of NW. He played football and ran track, as a student. After graduating, Achterhoff taught and coached at the high school level for Ida Grove and Galva-Holstein Schools. He was a graduate assistant at Northwest Missouri State, where he received his Master of Arts degree, and from there coached at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. For the past 11 years, Achterhoff has been an assistant football coach at NW.

The small town of Orange City has really appealed to Achterhoff and his family.

“The people here and the students are great people.”

The football season is off to a great start this year, and Achterhoff has a very positive attitude for what is to come.

“I am excited to work with this great group of guys. I have seen a lot of growth in them already, and it will be fun to watch them all mature. This is a very talented group athletically, and I think we will see a lot of improvement on the field during the season.”

Achterhoff’s coaching staff includes a new, yet familiar name: Perry Krosschell. Krosschell has, and will continue to act as the Director of Campus Security.

Joel Penner, a graduate of Trinity International University, also joins the football coaching staff as the offensive coordinator.

The new NW softball, Stephanie Kuhl, and Iowa native, is a 2007 graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in health, physical education and recreation. After SDSU, Kuhl went on to pursue her Master of Arts degree at Wayne State where she also was the graduate assistant coach for their softball team.

Kuhl has enjoyed NW and really appreciates the family atmosphere it has to offer.

“Everywhere you go someone has a smile and says hi. Everyone is very welcoming and genuinely happy to be here.”

Kuhl is determined to have a great year. “All the girls have a great work ethic and give 100 percent,” she said. “We have only worked a couple weeks together, but the improvements are outstanding.” She will be assisted by Barry Brandt, Dave Hulsart and Elijah Vander Weerd.

The women’s soccer team is now led by Blake Wieking, a 2008 NW graduate who resides in Sioux Center with his wife Kari. Before returning to NW, Wieking substitute taught and coached track for the Sioux Center Community School District.

Wieking loves the community on campus and the positive atmosphere that the students provide. Aside from the general student atmosphere, Wieking is very impressed by the relationships that teammates form, and how they make them last “well after their playing days have ended.”

The positive attitude that Wieking brings is a sure sign of his dedication to the team.

“I am excited to begin my coaching career at Northwestern and in a sport that I love to play and teach. I am ready to begin to rebuild and continue to build a quality soccer program and work with the players who want to excel.”

Wieking is assisted by Sara Nessa and Morgan Swier.
Football falls to Morningside

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
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The Red Raiders dropped their first game of the season Saturday as they fell to fifth-ranked Morningside by a score of 20-7.

“I was pleased with how we played,” said Head Coach Kyle Achterhoff. “There are a lot of positives that we are going to be able to build on throughout the rest of the season.”

The Raiders were able to move the ball well, totaling 327 total yards on offense, but were unable to match the big play ability of the Mustangs.

“This game against Morningside was a game of big plays, and they made more big plays than we did Saturday night,” said Achterhoff.

Leading the Raiders, junior quarterback Ryan Morgan accumulated 274 yards of offense, going 17 of 33 for 194 yards and a touchdown, along with rushing the ball 14 times for 80 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Grant Hegstad led the way with 5.5 tackles, while Paul Lundgren followed close behind with five. Also with a noteworthy game, Caleb Van Otterloo had 2.5 tackles, one forced fumble and Northwestern’s lone interception.

“This week’s ball game against Nebraska Wesleyan will be a real challenge for us,” says Achterhoff. “They are a very good defensive team, so our offense will be tested, and they broke out offensively last weekend, so our defense will also have a tough test ahead of them.”

After the first loss of the year, the Raiders have an opportunity to learn from the game and improve early in the season.

“We need to do a better job of not hurting ourselves with penalties,” said Achterhoff. “Defensively we need to do a better job of tackling. We’re looking forward to playing Nebraska Wesleyan and improving as a team.”

The Red Raiders host Nebraska Wesleyan Saturday at 1 p.m.

Volleyball defeats Dordt Defenders

BY CAMERON CARLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Randa Holstein set a school record in career blocks this week at Mount Marty, but there was nothing blocking the Raiders from picking up two more conference wins.

The first win came at home against the rival Dordt College. The Raiders managed to win the match 3-0 by the scores of 25-21, 25-20 and 25-21.

“I was very pleased with our whole team on Saturday evening versus Dordt. I felt like we served the ball and served very well as a team that night,” head coach Kyle Van Den Bosch said.

Northwestern was led by Hulstein, who threw down 11 kills, three blocks and 14 digs. Junior Hillary Hanno was able to come up with 10 kills as well. Sophomore Rylee Hulstein got in the mix as well with eight kills alongside eight digs. Junior Kai Kistler Beaver assisted 31 times over the three games.

As a team, Northwestern had seven ace serves, four by freshman Heather Goehring. The Raiders managed to pick up nine team blocks throughout the three games, all while shutting out Dordt in the block category.

“Each player played very well in her role,” Van Den Bosch said.

The Raiders followed up that victory by traveling to Yankton, S.D. to take on GPAC foe Mount Marty.

The game finished with a 3-0 NW victory once again. Hulstein had eight kills along with five blocks. With her five blocks she moves ahead of Krista Westera (1995-98) in career blocks. The old record sat at 615, but Hulstein now has 618 and will continue to improve on that throughout her senior season.

Hanno added seven kills of her own along with one block. Rylee Hulstein added six kills along with freshmen Jennifer Jansen’s five. Beaver tied a career-high in ace serves with five along with 28 assists.

The fifth-ranked Raiders finished the week with a 10-1 record, along with being undefeated in the GPAC (3-0).

This week the Raiders will travel to Bourbannais, Ill. where they will take on three top 25 opponents in the Holiday Inn Express Tournament.
Cross country running strong

The men and women’s cross country teams ran this week at the Sioux Falls Invite.

The men finished fifth out of eight teams with 137 points. Junior Lee Stover led the Raider men with a time of 27:48 and a 25th place finish.

The women also finished in fifth with a total of 107 points. Senior Ingrid Carlson finished in 14th overall with her time of 19:49.

This week the men and women will continue their season at the Buena Vista invite in Storm Lake. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.

Above: The Northwestern men’s cross country team travel in a pack to help propel them to the finish. Photo by Heidi Hildebrandt.

Below: Junior Katy Phillips dribbles around the Morningside defenders Wednesday night as the Raiders continued in a 0-0 tie. Photo by Emily Gowing

Soccer picks up first victory

BY CAMERON CARLOW

SPORTS EDITOR

The Raider men’s soccer team picked up its first win of the season this week with a 4-2 victory on the road against York. Northwestern then traveled back home where it fell to Morningside in the first conference game of the season 0-3.

The women’s team fell to 0-4-1 with a loss to Simpson College and a tie with Morningside this week.

Against York, the men’s team was lead by freshman Jonathan Taves, who produced two goals off four shots. Senior Jordan Born also had a goal along with senior Aaron O’Brien’s one goal.

Goalkeeper Jeff Lanser gave up two goals but had three saves in the 90 minutes at goal.

The Raiders produced 25 shots this game, 18 more than their opponents. Aron Pall led NW with five shots, alongside Taves, O’Brien and freshmen Taylor Bigg with four. Biggs was the only Raider to pick up an assist on the night with his pass to Born in the 31st minute.

After the first victory of the year the men played Morningside to start GPAC play.

Despite getting off 13 shots compared to Morningside’s nine, the Raiders could not get a goal. Morningside made one goal off a penalty kick to go into halftime with the 1-0 lead. Then, early in the second half, Morningside picked up another goal, extending its lead to 2-0. The Raiders could not rally back and lost 3-0 when the buzzer rang.

O’Brien put up five shots along with Pall’s three, but nothing went in for the Raiders as Morningside’s goalkeeper pulled in six saves on the night.

The men are now 1-4-1 with a 0-1 conference record. This week the Raiders will travel to Hastings to continue the GPAC play, before returning to Orange City to take on Briar Cliff.

The women dropped their fourth game of the year this week at Simpson College. The Raiders managed to only give up two goals, but could not produce a score to answer.

Next the women took on Morningside at home. The continuation of strong defense showed for the Raiders but the team found no offense to help out, ending in a 0-0 tie.

This week the women will take on Hastings and Briar Cliff to continue its play in the GPAC.

Golf tees off on competition

BY ANDREW LOVGREN

SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s and women’s golf teams continue their season with excellent team and individual scores.

The men’s team traveled to Sioux Center to participate in the Dordt Invitational, placing ninth out of 16 teams with a team score of 320.

“We definitely could have played better,” says Head Coach Mark Bloomendaal. “Each of our players had times during the round where they struggled for consistency.”

Luke Vermeer really battled back after a tough start, and Michael Clark played really well on the front nine.

Senior Luke Vermeer and freshman Michael Clark both shot a five-over 76 to tie for 15th overall. Vermeer had a good back nine shooting 35, while Clark had a good front nine, shooting 34.

The Lady Raiders visited Sioux Falls to take place in the first GPAC Championship meet at the Elmwood Golf Club, shooting a 344, putting them in a tie for fourth with Briar Cliff out of 11 teams.

“We’re missing a senior to the Chicago semester,” said Head Coach Harold Hoftyzer, “but new players are getting up to speed and making the shots.”

Junior Maggie Achterhof shot a five-over 77, tying her with two other golfers for fourth place overall. Senior Anne Eberline, junior Sara Horn and junior Andria Hinz, each shot an 89 to make it into the top 25 at a tie for 21st place.

The men’s team visits Sioux City for the Briar Cliff Invitational on Wednesday, Sept. 23, while the women travel to Mitchell, SD for the Dakota Wesleyan.
NW students help youth dream big

BY EMILY BREWER
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In 2007, over 500 young people “aged out” of Foster Care in Iowa. What happens to them afterwards? National studies show that four years after leaving Foster Care, 25 percent of youth have become homeless, 46 percent have graduated high school, 42 percent have become parents and fewer than 20 percent are self-supporting.

The Iowa Youth Team wants to change this statistic, and some Northwestern students have decided to help them meet this goal.

The Iowa Youth Team is a “youth-centered practice model that empowers youth to take control of their lives and dreams,” according to its brochure.

“We don’t focus on the negative. We focus on the youth,” said Julie Powell, coordinator of Iowa Youth Dream Team for Northwest Iowa.

Powell said that it is best for youth to start this process when they are about 16 years old. The process starts with an interview where the “dreamers,” or youth, tell about themselves and their goals in life. A “dream team” made up of adults and peers, chosen by the youth, is established.

The team then comes up with an action plan to make the youth’s dream a reality. “There are no silly dreams,” said Powell. “If the youth wants to be a rock star, we don’t tell him no. We look at his strengths and weaknesses. If he can’t sing, we find another way for him to still work with a rock band.”

“With the youth system often do not have the social network that real life situations that often go unnoticed and need support,” said Chelsea Stromley, another senior Social Work major who participated in mentor training. “If we are able to contribute to someone’s life, even in the smallest way, why wouldn’t we? It’s time for us to start demonstrating Iowa’s mission statement redefines key learning components

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Northwestern is being redefined. Well, its mission statement is, anyway.

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) recently revised NW’s mission statement and divided it into two parts: a shorter mission statement and an identity statement.

“The mission statement is what we want to happen when a student is at NW,” said provost Jasper Lesage, “and the identity statement is how we’re going to do that.”

The revised yet unapproved mission statement says, “Northwestern College is an intentional Christian academic community engaging students in courageous and faithful learning that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God’s redeeming work in the world.”

The new, unapproved identity statement says, “Northwestern College is a Christian college in the Reformed tradition, founded in 1882 by the Reformed Church in America. We are committed to providing a Christian liberal arts education in an undergraduate, intercultural and residential environment. We offer bachelor’s degrees in a variety of traditional and professional programs.”

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Student center adds to exercise equipment

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In addition to the new equipment, the possibility for the addition of one more piece of equipment remains. Thompson says the bills from the summer equipment have been added to the RSC. Thus far, the possibility for any further purchases would be subject to the same request process.

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