Barker named Iowa Professor of the Year

BY BETHANY KROEZE
EDITOR

Professor of Theater and Speech
Jeff Barker has been named the
2007 Iowa Professor of the Year by
the Carnegie Foundation for the
Advancement of Teaching.

Barker was shocked when he
learned that he won the award. “I
read the first sentence of the letter
three times,” he said.

“I’m especially glad that a theater
prof can be the one recognized in
the state of Iowa this year,” said Barker.

Barker was selected to receive this
honor as a part of the U.S. Professors of
the Year program, a national program
sponsored by Carnegie and the Council
for Advancement and Support of
Education. Through this program,
exceptional professors are chosen
based on their dedication to teaching,
commitment to students and innovative
instructional methods. Announcement of
Barker’s award, which is one of the
most prestigious awards honoring
college professors, was made yesterday
at an awards luncheon and Capitol Hill
reception in Washington, D.C.

“We craft a life together.”
- Jeff Barker

“Northwestern has given me
a whole lot,” said Barker. “This is
probably the best Christian college
theatre program in the country.”

“That I’m committed to not messing
that up,” he continued, “and I hope to
try to help this be an even better place for
the people that come after me.”

As a professor, Barker tries to
encourage his students to work
towards their utmost potential. “We
craft a life together,” he said. “A life that
serves people and glorifies God.”

Members of the Northwestern
community may be familiar with this
award, as Instrucntor in Speech Piet
Koene was chosen as the Iowa Professor
of the Year in 2004.

“We craft a life together.”
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“Our community is filled with
people who are exceptional and
someone just got a recognition.
We are all blessed because
Jeff reaped the benefits of
this recognition.”
- Abigail Nedd

Tuition guarantee an attraction for new students

BY JAIME EVENHUIS
STAFF WRITER

The cost of tuition is a major
factor for families when it comes
to choosing a college. According to
statistics from the College Board,
the cost of tuition nationwide has
risen six percent in both private
and public institutions. While the
costs of tuition, room and board
continue to rise, Northwestern has
decided to implement a program
which helps families plan better
financially.

The new tuition guarantee
program will be adopted in fall of
2007. Each year, Northwestern will
establish a guaranteed tuition option. When
asked which they would prefer,
every family chose the guaranteed
tuition program.

NW’s Tuition Guarantee
Program will help families plan
more effectively for long term
expenses. The program also
helps Northwestern faculty and staff
to better advise students and their
families. The predictability of
the program helps families plan
for the future. Murphy says the
program will ensure that “NW is
taking on the planning risk
parents had before.” The program
will help allay the fears about
the costs of college.

While only a handful of
colleges are implementing tuition
guarantee programs at this time,
Murphy believes that in the
future more institutions will
adopt this type of program.
Jesus didn’t approve homosexuality

BY MIKE SCHOLTE

In my room, there are two things: a lamp and an outlet. In order to get the lamp to light up my room, I need to find the outlet and plug the lamp into the outlet. Once the power cord from the lamp is plugged into the outlet, the lamp has electricity and can fulfill its purpose of lighting the room.

We as human beings were given our purpose in Genesis 1:28: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God did not give Adam another man to fulfill his purpose. God gave Adam a woman named Eve, and together as man and woman, they fulfilled the purpose that God had given them.

In last week’s Beacon article by Michael Goll, “In sickness or health, till death do us part,” he writes about sharing Christ’s love in his defense of being homosexual. When I read the paper, the only articles I read were Goll’s and “Tobacco forum draws crowd,” so as I was reading, I started to wonder if this was the Christmas Ham, full of fake news I started to wonder if this was the paper, the only articles I read till death do us part,” he writes about the forbidden fruit of being homosexual. When I read the story about Sodom in Genesis. One of the reasons that God destroyed Sodom was because of homosexual activity. And in Matthew 19:4-5, it says, “Have you ever read,” Jesus replied, “that at the beginning the creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’” Jesus said it himself: male and female, not male and male.

I find it hard to believe that one can exemplify Christ’s love while ignoring important things that Christ said.

Northwestern alumnus speaks out on tobacco policy

BY LUKE VANDERZYDEN

As a Northwestern alumnus, I am surprised that while SGA is considering ways to improve campus health, they are focusing on the issue of tobacco instead of the greater all-encompassing problem of unhealthy eating habits and lack of exercise. Think about it: if tomorrow smoking was flat-out banned, how would that do anything to improve the health of anyone? Smokers would simply move their smoking to outside of Casey’s (where smoke would still drift toward the plexes), and non-smokers would still be able to enjoy breaks from hours in front of the television or days in the library by drinking soda at the cafeteria during breakfast and enjoying ice cream after every deep fried meal. At NW you can graduate without doing any physical activity, aside from walking to class and the mile jog in Concepts of Physical Fitness. Meanwhile, at Nordt, students are required to complete three classes of physical activity, such as tennis, swimming, or soccer. Including physical activity into the educational requirements at NW would do a whole lot more to improve campus health than a change in smoking policy would, but SGA isn’t working toward that.

And why should they? The choice to be healthy falls upon the student. If a student was required to take active classes, they would be healthier for that semester but not next year unless they choose to be. Change in the tobacco policy wouldn’t do anything to achieve its goal: a healthier campus.

Learn to solve conflicts without resorting to legislation

BY STEVE MAHR

You foolish students! Who has bewitched you? It was your own ears that heard and believed that Christ was crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing? Listen! I am telling you that if you let your lives be governed by rules, Christ will be of no benefit to you. For in Christ Jesus neither governed nor un-governed by rules counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love. For you were called to freedom, friends; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another (Paul’s Letter to Northwestern)

You foolish students! Who has bewitched you... Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard?

Smoking on campus prepares students for real world

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE

When I saw a message in my inbox that there was a tobacco forum meeting, I was confused as to what time was to discuss relating to the current smoking policy. I was curious if this new proposition on the tobacco policy was a health issue. No one is dumb enough to argue that smoking does not have detrimental effects on health. However, I do not believe that is the issue. The issue is choice. When I say the issue is choice, I am not only referring to the choice an adult has to smoke or to not smoke. I am also referring to the choice the campus has to see beyond the cigarette. When I came to college, I had an aversion to smoking. I had a presupposed mindset of what a “good Christian” was and how he or she should act.

For life lessons. I believe that smoking is one of those life lessons. I never viewed on-campus smoking as a problem. A minority of students smoke, and, for the most part, they are extremely respectful to those that don’t. Sadly, I do not think that they are given the same respect in return.

I feel like we are the Galatians that Paul wrote to so many years ago. We are so hung up on the law. A change in the tobacco policy won’t erase the problem. The problem lies in each of us. Did Christ not call us to love our neighbors? I am not writing to argue the policy either way; I write against the campus approach to issues! Are we all neighbors; do we not all on one level or another love each other? Why can’t we approach each other in love and discuss the issue? And if that does not help, may we discuss with a mediator (i.e. a friend outside the issue, RA, RD?) before we bring it before a council? Is that not how Christ prescribes resolution of conflict (Matthew 18:15-20)? This campus is unique because of its community. Do not let issues like this tear us apart. Compromise always lands better on the majority’s side, and a ruling either way will bother someone. I would like to see SGA focused on issues that represent the student body better. I believe that the greater all-encompassing issues between students and other students. This cannot be settled by a school handbook, nor can any other conflict. I suggest, plead, request, that we as students do something revolutionary; set aside our differences, set aside our rulebooks, and look out for each other, love each other, and maybe come out as a better community because of it.

I think that NW would face danger in the banning or containment of smoking. If college is to prepare one for the “real world,” then part of the real world includes smoking. One of five American adults smoke. That means that one out of five of your coworkers will smoke. One out of five of your family members and friends will smoke. You don’t learn how to handle that in a safe environment such as NW, then how will you learn? Another reason for the proposition to adapt the tobacco policy on campus might be a matter of principle. We go to a Christian college that highly values Christian morals. And yet, one of the biggest calls as a Christian is to love, but how can we love someone if we can’t look past their cigarette? How can we learn if we are never exposed to the fact that good people smoke, that people are good, regardless of what they choose to do? Christians are not called to be Mr. Rogers’ clones, being nice for the sake of duty, but we are called to radical love.
ENTERTAINMENT

Dr. Bast has returned

BY JAMES BIERLY
OPINION EDITOR

Dear Dr. Bast,

When Kevin Costner reads yet another script about a post-apocalyptic world and decides to act in the film, does he really like it?

The first thing you have to understand about Kevin Costner is that he is an actor. Actor is a synonym for “liar.” They lie for a living. This means that you can never be sure that anything Costner is seeing done in films is for real. For example, he has never actually played baseball in his life or danced with a wolf or had sex with a woman.

That was all done by stunt doubles. In fact, Costner doesn’t really exist. He’s just another example of Hollywood’s vile deception of the American public. It’s all special effects folks. So the next time you want to patronize the movie theaters that show Hollywood films, ask yourself “Would Jesus spend $5 to watch a bunch of liars parade on screen?” I think any reasonable person would know the answer to this question.

Are dragons real?

Of course! Ask my colleague, Aaron Thomas.

Will I ever find true love?

Do you really want to find true love? Every time I read a book where people find true love, they either die in an implosion suicide or live “happily ever after.” Now, no one wants to die, but a lot of people seem to think “happily ever after” is a preferable alternative. Happily ever after means no sequels. It means nothing interesting happens after the characters tie the knot. Which is pretty much like death. True love is overrated.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

I’m thankful for my brain is so small I could kill you with a wooden shelf in my Hospers third floor room.

Stegenga, put it. Leif Moser, a junior University of Iowa who now lives in Orange City, said that there have been a distinct smell in Coly dorms. Donna Keith (Stegenga), all tactfully point out that the guys’ dorms smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells, and it’s likely that someone smells.

Smells like dorm spirit

BY ANDREA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Brownies…coffee…candles…whatever’s for dinner in the caf… “sexy men”…

All of these are smells you encounter when you enter various dorms around campus. Good, bad or…just neutral, they are there, whether you notice them or not. Some of the smells we take for granted are what make the dorms distinct.

For example, everyone knows that Fern usually smells like whatever masterpiece the caf is cooking up. Shateen Gens, a junior who lives in Fern, said that there have been times when her wing, Third East, has “smelled [like] something sketchy coming from the caf.” Kara Johnsen, a sophomore who lives in Hospers, said that those smells can be “a good or bad thing.”

Ask students on campus about smells, and it’s likely that someone will be quick to mention “the distinct smell of Orange City,” as Eunice Paik, a transfer from the University of Iowa who now lives in Stegenga, put it. Leif Moser, a junior from West, said the smell of Orange City comes “steeping through the open windows,” into the dorms. In case you have somehow managed to escape the olfactory experience that is often had throughout the Orange City community, it’s that beautiful smell of manure, livestock and…well, how else do you describe it, except as the “smell of Iowa?”

Speaking of smells that may not be considered the most pleasant, Johnson, junior Hannah Dyvig (Fern), Johnson, sophomore Elise Peterson (Fern) and freshman Donna Keith (Stegenga), all tactfully mentioned a distinct smell in Coly and Heemstra that is, in the words of Keith, “a result of those dorms being occupied by men.” SeniorTitus Lanegard admits, “Heemstra smells like boys who haven’t showered for three days.” But for reassurance to the men of Colenbrander, Heemstra and West, Johnson was quick to point out that the guys’ dorms sometimes “smell like guy cologne.” Probably few girls would complain about that.

Coffee is also a regular featured item in the dorms. Though this college sophomore is fairly new to large public performances, she hardly ever gets nervous in front of people. “Only when I’m singing my own songs,” she said, “or I’m being judged, because those are from my heart and if people don’t like them I feel hurt.”

Borchers writes and plays guitar largely for pure enjoyment—sometimes walking through the halls of her dorm to share an uplifting song with anyone who looks overwhelmed from the week’s expectations.

“I like entertaining people,” she said. “I’m definitely a people person.” But she especially loves using music as a form of worship. She feels leading worship is something God has called her to do.

“You can worship in lots of ways, but something that really moves people to worship is music.” This is true for her personal devotion time as well. She feels the most worshipful when playing by herself and writing songs based on her relationship with Christ. One song she wrote is titled “Unconditional,” and from her heart she sings, “You will always love me the same/ no matter what/ You sent down Your Son to die/ To die on a tree/ I don’t understand how/ You could love me/ unconditionally.”

Borchers would like to continue in music after college, but not necessarily as a career. She said, “I’d be nice if I could get somewhere with it, but I’m not expecting to.” Instead, she plans to incorporate music into her future in Christian education/youth ministry. As long as she is somehow using her God-given gift for the glory of her Creator, she will be satisfied.

As for those who hear her music, Borchers hopes that they, and everyone else, choose to “live life to the fullest and always turn to God in everything.” No matter how big or small, He wants to be a part of it.
It is well-documented that the most important measure for preventing the spread of pathogens is effective hand washing.

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Not washing our hands can spread these bacteria to whatever we touch. The September 2006 issue of “Career World” magazine listed the top five spots for germs as a computer mouse, desk, computer keyboard, pencil sharpeners and phones. College students come in contact with these objects everyday.

Using soap and water or hand sanitizer can reduce the germs that actually enter our body. “It is well-documented that the most important measure for preventing the spread of pathogens is effective hand washing.”

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One student explained, “The hand sanitizer kills most of the germs, but the ones that are resistant to it would multiply and be unstoppable.”

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Everyone on campus is busy. Being able to do all the activities we’re involved in requires energy and health. Spend five minutes a day washing your hands, and you might just save yourself a week or more of suffering through a cold!

NW wants to lessen the spread of cold and flu germs. The college has provided some helpful and easy ways to encourage hand sanitation, like hand sanitizer dispensers outside of the cafeteria and in the weight room.

Otten hopes to soon have hand sanitizer in every classroom. A few students were concerned antibacterial gel would weaken students’ immune systems and create “super germs.”

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Hand washing 101:
Learn it and do it

- It is well-documented that the most important measure for preventing the spread of pathogens is effective hand washing.
- Hand washing is defined as the vigorous, brief rubbing together of all surfaces of lathered hands, followed by rinsing under a stream of water.
- Hand washing suspends microorganisms and mechanically removes them by rinsing with water.
- The fundamental principle of hand washing is removal, not killing.
- Bacteria can grow and divide every 20 minutes. One single bacteria cell can become more than 8 million cells in less than 24 hours.
- Every time we touch something or someone, we can transfer germs to and from our hands.
- After that, it’s easy for germs to pass into our bodies when we touch our mouth, eyes or nose.
- Washing removes most germs from our hands.
- Regular soap and water does not actually kill microorganisms — they create a slippery surface that allows the organisms to “slide off.”
- Antibacterial soaps are typically considered to be “overkill” for most purposes.
By Amandla Kuehn
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The Healthy Relationships panel, initiated by sociology majors from Northwestern and Dordt Colleges, was designed to spread information to college students about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The panel, held in Christ Chapel Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 9 to 10 p.m., consisted of Chaplain Harlan Van Oort, Barb of the Family Crisis Center, Joan Andres, newleyweds Erick and Sarah Whigham, and Professor Rod and Alice Spidahl. All panelists contributed their own views on relationships.

The Whighams spoke on the topic of purity. Erick introduced his theory of purity as being “equalized in the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of the relationship.” Sarah recalled being aware of the dangers of spiritual intimacy when she and Erick were dating. Despite the pressure on campus, they refrained from doing devotions and praying together prior to marriage. It was something they wanted to share only with the one person with whom they would spend the rest of their lives.

Rod and Alice Spidahl discussed conflict. “We’ve addressed conflict in our marriage.” Rod said. “We fight. Usually you learn by doing it the wrong way first.” In a comical yet serious way, he shared good and bad ways to handle conflict. A bad example being to hide something your spouse enjoys. “Sarcasm can also really get to someone,” said Rod.

Alice commented, “[Conflict] doesn’t mean the marriage is in trouble. Conflict causes growth.” Divorce has never been an option for the Spidahls. Alice stated, “Commitment has always been a big word for me in relationships. We’re both stubborn, and because we’re both stubborn, we’re committed to staying in this relationship.”

Alise advised, “Don’t argue after a certain time of night.” When both of you are tired and upset, it only makes the situation worse: Rod, who admitted a competitive tendency, emphasized the need to “agree to disagree. You can’t go in to win the fight.” When the relationship works, that is when you win.

Joan Andres spoke on the dangers of emotional dependency. Though affirmation and intimacy are necessary components of relationships, we need to watch for when these needs are being met dangerously. “Everyone has a tendency to fall into emotionally dependent relationships because we’re all created for intimacy,” Andress said. She advised that those who find themselves in emotionally dependent relationships recognize the signs and work to combat them by reaching out to others and seeking outside relationships.

In Barb’s opinion, healthy relationships are focused on equality. In unhealthy relationships, one person controls another, which may result in physical or emotional abuse in the form of threats, intimidation and isolation. She shared “The Relationship Bill of Rights,” which said that in a healthy relationship, each person should maintain his or her own emotions, personality, privacy, time, desires, etc.

Van Oort shared, “When we think of the word ‘relationship,’ we automatically think of a romantic relationship. We undervalue relationships with parents, professors, co-workers, etc.” Van Oort believes that our relationships with others show us how we will tend to act in romantic relationships. Roommates in college, for example, help us understand who we are and how we operate. They give us tremendous clues on how we would function in a marriage.

The Whighams shared that roommates allow you to learn how to study a person. “We’re learning to be experts on each other,” said Sarah. Who has learned more than a few things about Erick in the past few months. Van Oort suggested that if our relationships with our parents and roommates relationships aren’t healthy, we should work on them before we move into a romantic relationship. The work we do there will translate into healthy relationships with a significant other.

It is important to watch for emotional dependency and other unhealthy relationships. Healthy relationships allow for freedom and individuality, while valuing another’s needs above your own. We naturally desire these because, as Van Oort said, “We were created to be related.” For further information on how you can be healthily related, check out the “Signs of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships.”

Late night study sessions often leave students drowsy and desiring sleep.

By Alesa Schat
Staff Writer

“Sleep is as important as eating; it’s as important to the body as oxygen,” said Ralph Davis, associate professor of biology. While many students wish they could get more sleep, they often fail to appreciate the possible long-term consequences of chronic sleep deprivation. They assume they’ll simply bounce back once they get a chance to “catch up.”

These long-term consequences, many only now being discovered by researchers, include the possibility of memory loss later in life, stunted growth, and interference with the final stages of brain development. Some studies even suggest a possible linkage between chronic sleep deprivation and increased susceptibility to cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Students may also be unaware of sleep’s important role in the learning process.

The fact that we spend roughly one-third of our lives sleeping has led researchers to speculate about why, exactly, we sleep. While there are many theories which attempt to explain the functions of sleep, Davis contended that “one of the hot new areas in brain research concerns the connection between sleep and memory consolidation.” Indeed, according to Elizabeth Truesdell, visiting instructor in biology: “Sleep helps consolidate your learning; it helps to form your memories. Those connections get better when you sleep.”

This memory consolidation, according to Davis, occurs during the last stage of the sleep cycle, Rapid Eye Movement, or REM sleep, when our brains are very active and dreams occur. Davis said research suggests that REM sleep may actually function in the learning process by getting rid of superfluous information and creating frameworks in which connections are made between the useful bits. “During the confused, erratic REM sleep, our brains may be emptying into our ‘delete box,’ the memories we don’t need to remember. It may be that REM sleep allows our brains to get rid of the garbage and consolidate the good stuff.” Therefore, said Davis, chronic sleep restriction may diminish our ability to remember what we’ve learned throughout the week and staying up late cramming the night before a test may ultimately work against us.

Throughout our lifespan, important developmental processes occur during sleep, from the regulation of human growth hormone to the formation of our visual “circuitry,” which allows us to process visual information properly. If the body does not get enough sleep during these crucial periods of development, problems may arise. However, researchers are beginning to find that human development doesn’t stagnate with adolescence but carries on into early adulthood, and sleep deprivation may have long-term effects on the development of our brains.

“What a lot of people thought that all the important developmental stuff occurred before puberty, then after puberty everything was set in stone, and that’s not the case,” said Davis.

“Some of the hot new information in neuroscience suggests that the areas of the brain involved in making complex informational processing, and problem solving are not fully developed until between 20 and 25 years of age.” According to Davis, it may be possible that effects on the wiring of a person’s brain circuitry caused by chronic sleep restriction—defined as 5 to 7 hours of sleep—could lead to memory problems or may even contribute to diseases like Alzheimer’s later in life. “One reason because sleep deprivation may lead to cell death in the hippocampus—a part of the brain involved in memory consolidation—due to elevated levels of the hormone cortisol.”

“Even strictly restricted sleep, slightly elevated levels of cortisol, may be having an effect on our brain,” said Davis, who pointed out that once brain cells are lost, they’re gone forever. “We just don’t know for sure what the effects might be; more research is needed.” Davis echoed students to err on the side of caution, “Take care of your brain because you’re gonna need it for the rest of your life.”
Raider volleyball on the road in Region III

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Raider volleyball team overpowered Dordt College on Tuesday evening to advance in the Region III tournament. Northwestern won 30-27, 30-24, 35-33 in the two teams’ fourth meeting this season. For the Raiders, Tuesday’s win was payback after the Defenders defeated NW in last Saturday’s GPAC final. “There are not too many chances in sports when you get a second chance,” said Head Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch. “The girls came in with a chip on their shoulder.” Junior Karrisa Davelaar agreed. “We were ready for revenge,” she said. “We couldn’t wait to play them again. Dordt is a great team, but we felt they took away something we wanted so bad, and we were ready to take it back.”

Van Den Bosch attributed the victory to a complete team effort. “Our three girls in the back (senior Alison Waggie, Davelaar, and freshman Janna Bloemendaal) had a fantastic defensive performance and serve reception,” said Van Den Bosch. “When we pass that well, Megan Meyer, Katie Schnoes, and Rachel Gosselink are so talented they are able to get the job done.” Van Den Bosch also noted the contributions of hitters Randa Hulstein and Kayla De Geest. “They did a great job of setting up blocks and getting some important kills for us.”

Davelaar also noted the importance of a balanced effort. “We have great team chemistry, and everyone puts 100% into whatever role they have been assigned, whether it’s playing all around, coming in to serve, or cheering so loud they lose their voice,” she said.

Senior Schnoes and junior Meyer led the women in kills with 16 each for the night. Davelaar and freshman Hulstein each added nine. Waggie also recorded five ace serves in the contest.

With the win, NW advances to the semi-finals of the Region III tournament.

Today the team makes the trip to Dickinson, N.D. to face National American University of Rapid City, S.D. National American is the number-one rated team in the NAIA. “We’ve got nothing to lose,” Van Den Bosch said of the match-up. “Our girls are excited to play them.” Davelaar expressed similar enthusiasm. “It’s going to be fun to be matched up with great competition, not knowing what will be the outcome but knowing both teams will have to come to play because it will be no means a cakewalk.” Hastings College and Dickinson State round out the Final Four of Region III.

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. MST and will be broadcast on the NW website at 9 p.m.

The Raiders are slated for another match tomorrow in the consolation match at noon if they lose tonight or in the championship round at 2 p.m. if they win. Both the champion and runner-up teams in Region III will automatically receive berths into the 2006 NAIA Volleyball Championship to be held Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, in Columbia, Mo.

Depending on the winners in the other regions, the third- and fourth-place teams may also qualify for the national tournament.

BB women sweep Classic, down DSU at home

BY DAN CLIFF
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Two weeks into the season, the Northwestern Raiders, ranked 33 in the NAIA preseason poll, are playing some superior basketball. Off to a roaring 6-0 start, the Raiders have outscored their opponents by an average of approximately 22 points.

Last weekend, the Raiders traveled to Liberty, Mo., for a pair of contests in the William Jewell Classic on Nov. 10 and 11. They knocked off William Jewell College, 88-53, in their first game of the Classic and then defeated Grand View College the following day by the score of 76-64. Deb Remmerde, a junior guard, had a combined 53 points over the two games. Following Remmerde was junior Amy Larson with 30 and senior Jaime Hoegh with 24. The Raiders were able to show their versatility in wins against William Jewell’s run and gun style (they shot 31 three pointers) and a starkly contrasting style in Grand View, who liked to set up half-court offense and work the post.

Versus Dakota State

The Dakota State University women’s basketball team traveled to Orange City on Nov. 15 and were handed a loss by the Red Raiders, 63-56. The Raiders came out on fire, taking a 10-0 lead early in the game. Larson opened up the scoring with a pair of three pointers, followed by two field goals by junior Mandy Carr to give the Raiders their ten point cushion.

After that point the game was much more evenly played throughout, with NW leading by as many as 15 and conversely only allowing the team to get within six points. They shot 31 three pointers and had a starkly contrasting style in Grand View, who liked to set up half-court offense and work the post.

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Janssen is GPAC Player-of-the-Year, 19 others earn honors

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior linebacker Austin Janssen was recognized as the GPAC Player-of-the-Year, topping a list of twenty Red Raiders who earned all-conference honors.

Janssen led NW with 69.5 tackles in the season and returned six blocked kicks, the most in the conference. He also scored three of NW’s eight defensive touchdowns.

Also earning first team all-conference honors were senior running back Keith Sietstra, senior offensive lineman Phil Kooistra, senior defensive back Jordan Van Otterloo and sophomore defensive lineman Tim Martin.

Sietstra is second in NW’s record books in both total career rushing yards and touchdowns, tallying 4,271 yards and 50 TD’s. Kooistra played a key role in the fifth best scoring offense in the nation. Van Otterloo led the Raiders in interceptions and pass break-ups, with seven of each, and Martin led the defense with six sacks and 15 tackles for loss.

Seven Red Raiders earned second team accolades, led by senior Blake Reinke who took the honor for both the tight end and punter positions. Junior quarterback Craig Hector, junior wide receiver Tyler Reichle, senior offensive lineman TJ Spree, and linebackers Nathan Jansen, a sophomore, and Blake Wolsfwinkel, a senior, were also awarded.

Eight Raiders earned honorable mentions, including seniors, wide receiver Zach Stuckey and offensive lineman Bruce Antikker. Five juniors were also awarded: defensive back Kadrian Hardersen, linebacker Scott Stahl, defensive end Andrew Lundgreen, offensive lineman Tim Ranney, and defensive end Tony Otten. Freshman wide receiver Josh Hartman finished out the list.
Raiders finish 10-1, host BHSU tomorrow

BY LAURA JACOBSON
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The Northwestern football team finished its regular season 10-1 on Saturday, Nov. 25, with a 38-7 victory over St. Scholastica, to advance to the quarterfinals of the NAIA playoffs. The Raiders, ranked #12 in the NAIA poll and #11 in the conference, finished the season ranked #13 in the NAIA's preseason poll, will travel to Dakota Wesleyan University at noon on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The Northwestern wrestlers were on the road again last Saturday, traveling to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. Fourteen teams and 208 individual wrestlers competed in the DWU Open. John Petrov had been looking forward to this tournament, as he was able to bring several players off the bench. Petrov was pleased with his team's performance, and commented, "I put together a great effort by working hard to make weight and wrestling very well. I expect to see him continue to improve and become a factor on a regional and national level." Also scoring his first victory of the season was sophomore Bill Fredrickson at 125 pounds. Fredrickson is confident in the ability of the team overall and observed, "I think our team is going to step it up a notch every week." He's looking forward to seeing how we perform in a dual with our team full strength."

Versus Lindenwood

The Northwestern men's basketball team issued a pair of convincing victories in the Pizza Ranch Classic held in the Fullman Center Nov. 10-11. The Raiders beat Viterbo College by 19 points, 85-66, and Lindenwood University by 15 points, 110-95. Curt Schilling, a junior forward from Ellsworth, Minn., received MVP honors for the tournament and was joined by fellow forward Chad Schuiteman and sophomore center Scott Moen to take the early advantage.

Junior Curt Schilling puts up the lay-up amid a struggle under the basket. Schilling had 27 points and eight rebounds in the win over Lindenwood.

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Wrestlers compete at DWU

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Freshmen DeAlonizio (DJ) Jackson, at 141 pounds, wrestled exceptionally, also entering the tournament with a 2-2 record. This was Jackson's first tournament of the season at his appropriate weight class and also his first collegiate victory. Petrov was very pleased with how Jackson wrestled and commented, "DJ put together a great effort by working hard to make weight and wrestling very well. I expect to see him continue to improve and become a factor on a regional and national level."

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Winning wrestlers this tournament also included freshman Cody Van Sloten at 149 pounds, sophomore Brian Heiberger at 157 pounds with a pin, freshman Lamar Reed, also at 157 pounds, and freshman Matt Leither at 184 pounds.

Petrov is pleased with the results thus far and commented, "We are continuing to improve in ways that are not visible to the public and that is what is important to me at this point in the season: improvement and giving our best effort." Tomorrow's team will be in action in Omaha, Neb., in the UNO Open, one of the biggest tournaments in college wrestling.
SGA discusses food and smoking

BY ANDREW KLUMPP

At approximately 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the conference room of the Center for Spiritual Formation and Development, President Ben Kappers called the meeting of the SGA to order. After some small talk, the meeting was underway.

The main event for the night was a question and answer session with the district manager of Sodexo. The SGA discussed topics such as alternative meal plans, extended snack bar hours, quality of food and dining preferences. The district manager was grateful for their input and shared that he was planning on interviewing different students and implementing some changes.

Following the meeting with the Sodexo manger, the SGA briefly touched on the Tobacco Forum that was held earlier this month. They viewed the forum as a success, but the issue of a smoking ban remains in committee and will require further surveys and research before a decision can be reached.

After discussing those two main topics, there was a motion to adjourn for the evening, and at approximately 6:53 p.m., the SGA dispersed until they meet again for more discussion and a possible rant from Jenna Boote about her love for Diet Green Tea.

$500 at stake in the NC/DC finals

BY JANICE SWIER

At the NC/DC semi-finals on Saturday, Nov. 11, students from Northwestern and Dordt convened on Dordt's campus to witness eight students perform. Each singer hoped to awe the audience to gather enough votes to be selected as one of the four finalists. The NC/DC final will be held at NW in the Bultman Center on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 p.m.

Last Saturday, the eight contestants each chose a song to perform. A video clip of each contestant's performance can be viewed online at www.ncdcextreme.com.

The two Dordt students and two Northwestern students who will be competing in the finals will each be singing one song of their choice and another song that the judges picked out for them.

The voting for the finals is going to be done differently than it has been done in past years. Instead of having the judges determine who will win, each member of the audience is going to receive something when they walk in the door that will allow them to vote for who they want the winner to be. After all the contestants have performed, the votes will be taken and tallied. The winner will then be announced at the show and win $500.

Reinstatement policy is cleared up and written down

BY JANICE SWIER

At the last meeting of the Admission, Retention, and Honors Committee, the committee decided to revise the reinstatement policy. Reinstatement is when students are suspended and then apply for re-admittance.

Two things precipitated the need for a new policy. First, although there was a loose procedure printed in the student handbook, the faculty handbook had no written procedure or policy on reinstatement. Secondly, there was ambiguous criteria; the student didn't have a clear idea of what they needed to do in order to get reinstated or what was required of them if they did get reinstated.

In reference to the old policy, Associate Professor of Religion Michael Andres said, “In my opinion, we were much too liberal and allowing students to come back.” The current process has reinstated 22 of the 191 students that have been suspended since 1998, and only six (or 27 percent) of those students have graduated. The overall graduation rate at Northwestern is 63 percent. The committee feels that readmitting students who are not prepared to succeed academically is hurting these students by causing them anguish and often wasting another semester's tuition. “We are tightening things up, but it is an act of compassion for the students and all others involved,” Andres said.

The new policy will exclusively focus on the student’s academic viability in order to make a reinstatement decision. Students who are suspended will be required to take at least one semester off before applying for reinstatement. During that time, students are expected to take a minimum of four courses at a community college and attain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Each student planning on applying for reinstatement will have to fill out a Reinstatement Eligibility Contract which will have a verifiable plan to change unsuccessful academic patterns and will outline what classes they will need to take and what marks they will need to get in order to be successful. This will help the student to have a clear picture of how hard they are going to work and what is expected of them if they choose to apply for reinstatement.

The Reinstatement Subcommittee has dates set in place for application deadlines and meeting dates to discuss reinstatement applicants. The committee will review each student’s criteria before making their decision.

Once the decision is made, the student who applied for reinstatement will be promptly notified with both a phone call and a letter outlining the reasons they were accepted or denied.