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Raider wrestlers 0-2 in home triangular

BY BETSY HEIBERGER
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night brought more fans to the Bultman Center than usually seen for a wrestling meet. Joining the Northwestern Raiders on the mat for a triangular were the Minnesota West wrestlers from Worthington, Minn., and the Augustana Vikings from Sioux Falls, S.D. Wrestling started at 5 p.m. with the latter two teams facing off and ended with NW wrestling each team respectively.

NW started their wrestling evening by giving MW a good fight to the end. The dual between MW and NW ended with a final score of 19-20, with the NW Raiders being two points away from pulling ahead of the Minnesota team. Despite this surprisingly close finish, there were many good matches during the dual, and throughout the evening, the fervent shouts of fans could be heard. Notable matches between NW and MW included those of junior Tom Bartello at 133 pounds, freshman DJ Jackson at 141 pounds and freshman Sam Zyustra at 285 pounds.

Bartello started the evening off strong, with a pin in the third period. Bartello stated, “I’ve been injured since we started competing, so tonight was my first chance to participate at a meet. I think I did all right. There is a lot to improve, but it’s a good start. As a team, we are heading in the right direction – we’re not there yet, but I know we’re working really hard. Tonight was a good example of the improvement that we’ve been making to get where we want to be at the end of the season.”

Bartello’s pin was followed closely by Jackson in the next weight class. Jackson kept fans on the edge of the bleachers to the end and finished with an 8-6 win. Also pulling a big win for the night was Zyustra, who beat the MW wrestler 8-0.

Following a ten-minute intermission, the Raiders took on the Augustana Vikings. They proved to be tougher opponents, beating NW 33-15, but it may have been that the Raiders were simply exhausted from the previous dual. However, there was one very high-energy match between sophomore Enock Francois and Cody Henricksen at 174 pounds. The crowd was into this match, as were the coaches, even with a controversial shout or two from the Auggie coach about a few points. In the end Francois pulled ahead, winning with a 10-4 finish.

The NW/Raiders also brought in 18 team points between the two duals with three wins by forfeit. These wins were given at Bartelo’s, Kosters’s and Francois’s weight classes.

Other noteworthy wins in recent wrestling action took place at the 24th Annual UNO Open on Nov. 18. At this tournament, Lamar Reed placed in the top eight of his weight class, making him the second Raider this season to qualify for the 2007 National Tournament. Reed made it to the quarter final match, finishing the day with a 3-2 record.

Pettie commented, “Lamar is loaded with potential and is beginning to settle in and adjust to college wrestling. He is finding what works at this level versus high school. As the season goes on, he will continue to improve. Keep an eye out for this young man in the future.”

Another Raider also placing for the first time this season was freshman Cody Hazer at 149 pounds, with a place in the top 12 at the tournament. Coach Pettie stated, “Cody had a very good tournament but just made a few costly mistakes that cost him a higher finish. As he continues to improve, he also can do some special things as he is full of great potential.”

The Raiders have a busy weekend ahead of them, competing in a triangular with Missouri Baptist and Williams Perm in Oskaalson on Friday night and in the Simpson Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind., on Saturday morning.

Volleyball finishes 1-2 in NAIA tournament

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

In Northwestern’s first national tournament berth in ten years, the Raiders faced stiff competition, ending pool play with a 1-2 record in the Columbia, Mo., tournament.

The Raiders first met second-ranked Fresno Pacific on Wednesday morning, losing to the Sunbirds 3-0, with match scores of 22-20, 20-30, and 18-30. Senior Katie Schnoes and junior Megan Meyer led the NW offensive attack with ten and eight kills, respectively. Freshman Randa Hulstein added six kills, and sophomore Kayla DeGeest counted five. Senior Alison Waggie recorded 13 digs in the Raiders’ back row.

Following the loss, the Raiders faced off against Missouri Baptist that afternoon but were again overcome, this time 3-1. MBU took the first two games easily, with scores of 30-20 and 30-23 and dropped the third 24-30. NW narrowly took the fourth 31-29, winning the game point with an ace serve by Waggie.

Schnoes recorded the most kills for the Raiders with 17 and also contributed three blocks. Hulstein added 13 kills and seven blocks, and Waggie led the Raiders with 26 digs.

NW completed the season with a 33-6 overall record.

Three men to compete in All-American Bowl

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Although the Raiders’ football season is completed, three seniors have secured the opportunity for one last hurrah. Offensive lineman Phil Koostria, running back Keith Sietstra, and linebacker Austin Janssen will play the All-American Bowl on December 9, in the Metrodome in Minneapolis. Players are selected based on coaches’ nominations or previous years’ honors.

The All-American Bowl showcases exceptional senior football players in Division II and III and is attended by professional and minor league scouts.

“The bowl game is a great opportunity for guys from small colleges to compete with and to get their abilities in front of NFL scouts,” said Head Coach Orv Otten.

Kick-off is at 11:05 a.m.
The debate over homosexuality: two more students give their thoughts

BY DANA KLECKNER

Mike Scholten had clearly missed a few chapel sessions when he wrote his article, “Jesus didn’t approve homosexuality.” He cites the Genesis passage where God commands Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:28). In Professor Cordy’s chapel presentation, he talked about this very passage and answered the question, “Is the earth full?” In a word, yes.

Scholten said we were “given our purpose” in the above passage: procreation. If that is true, married couples are shirking their duty when they use birth control, and single people, Jesus himself must have concluded, are disobeying divine mandate.

If you research the context of another passage Scholten cited, Matthew 19:4-5, which reads “‘Haven’t you 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’?” we see that Jesus is talking about divorce in this chapter, not homosexuality. On that subject, in fact, Jesus is silent.

There are a few passages in the Bible that talk about homosexual behavior. The two most prominent are the passages in Genesis 19 (Sodom and Gomorrah) and Romans 1. But here is where Scholten missed another chapel. The speaker from Compassion ministries, Matt Rindge, had said he liked to do word searches in the Bible. He said there are few mentions of homosexuality in the Bible. His point was, and mine is as well, that there are many more important issues that are talked about in the Bible. His speech was on poverty, a huge theme in the Bible.

I think we got too worked up over the details of the “rules for Christian living” that we miss the point entirely. Look at Jesus’ ministry: His disciples and the Pharisees were always asking tricky questions; Should we pay taxes to Caesar? Why do you break the rules of the temple? Can we stone her?’” He was trying to get them to see the bigger picture, see the importance of why He came: to be the ultimate example of love and sacrifice. Paul also talks about being “prisoners of the law” in Galatians, and he goes on to say chapter five, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” I’m not knocking good morals, but simply saying that we shouldn’t be so concerned with “right living” that we miss the whole point.

BY JOSIAH NELSON

Before I go further, I’d like to clarify the issue: I am not writing about the legality, constitutionality, or the status of gay marriage. I am, instead addressing the campus at large with the simple question of how our faith inevitably shapes the core of our thinking.

First of all, there needs to be the honest recognition by all sides that Christianity historically has considered the practice of homosexuality a sin. This is true in the case of simple majority, whether in the church today (Catholic, Orthodox, and most Protestants) or in the Church past (see Augustine or any other major Church father). The same is true in regards to Scripture, whether on the Old Testament (Leviticus 18:22) or the New (Romans 2:26-27). Of course, I realize there are those who argue for misinterpretation or ambiguity in the text, but in doing so, they go against contemporary opinion, church history and biblical texts.

Now that with this preliminary settled, I would like to make another simple claim: we all sin. I do every day, and I don’t know anyone else who doesn’t. If we believed in holier or closer to God than anyone else, be they homosexual or heterosexual. That is the core of the Gospel; that we are born sinners. The good we want to do, as St. Paul explains in Romans 7, we simply cannot do, because we are enslaved to sin. Our only escape, our only grace through the grace of Jesus Christ. I am not quoting Bible verses to influence the national debate on marriage, nor am I trying to sway American society at large. I do not direct myself to anyone other than those who claim to follow Christ. Our Lord died to free us from sin; how then, can I ask the Church accept, or worse, bless a lifestyle that has always been considered a sin? I don’t claim to understand someone’s homosexuality, nor do I condemn them for being tempted. I don’t understand why some people can change their sexual orientation and others are not. But the existence of temptation is not license to give in to that temptation. Christ has died to free us from our sin, but if we deny that the sin is a sin and continue to cling, then we are choosing to deny the very power that he said could transform us.

Is there such a thing as “heresy” in a postmodern Christian’s worldview?

By Brian MoriaRT

Postmodernism has been charged guilty of everything from narcissism to hopelessness to pure moral relativism to godless philosophical babble. Yet there are growing numbers of Christians who see postmodernism and its developments as hopeful and exciting. It is dangerous to define any movement/idea/group by its abuses and extremes (Christianity could be defined as judgmental, bigoted, violent and proud, even though it would be unfair to do so).

Christians who entertain postmodern and deconstructionist ideas are faced with difficult questions from the critics. Postmodernism is a philosophy that opens traditions up to criticism, gives value to a multitude of voices, questions the structures of power and denies the human capability of understanding truth in its total perfection. So, in light of St. Paul’s warnings throughout his letters to beware of heresy, is there any such thing as heresy in postmodernism?

Brian McLaren recently said that if we confuse that lexicon, anything that diverges from the message of Christ and the Kingdom of God, then we have to admit that heresy is more than just false teaching; it is also false action. In a world where we get caught up on truth as an idea, it is important to remember that truth is also found in action.

We may be right in our beliefs, but it does not mean we are living true lives. We can be right in our beliefs about fighting evil but live heretically in the violence we use to achieve it. We can be right in our belief that unborn children have a value; that is not heresy. It is true, however, if we are in not trying to use our resources to create economic stability for those who see abortion as the only option. We can be right in our ideas about homosexuality but live heretically in how we seclude gays and lesbians from our communities via demonizing them or avoiding them.

I’d like to submit that for many Christian postmodernists, there are absolute truths. Love triumphs over hatred, peace over violence, sacrifice over self-preservation, humility over pride, justice over injustice. We accept the absolutes of such beliefs and we also accept that the way they’re played out in the real world is relative to the context and situation. We live in a paradox where absolutism and relativism work together. That is different from believing in absolute relativism.

Postmodernism is not perfect, and it does have problems. However, it frees some of us to question the voices of tradition, power and status quo. While questioning may seem heretical, doing so may point out deeper heresy. The heretical question on some of our minds is this: Is Christianity ultimately concerned about right belief? I hope not. I hope it is about more.

Book prices: a problem for low-income and foreign students

By Zulfiya Akbarova

When I arrived at Northwestern, I didn’t expect that books would be as expensive as they are. For example the book which was needed for one of my classes cost about $150. I also had to purchase a work book that costs approximately $45. For me, this is not small money. In Uzbekistan’s colleges, we have a big library that gives us books for one semester free of charge. Our obligation is handling the financial aid for books. In order to receive the scholarship, students could be required to read three books and write an essay about them. At the same time, students could participate in discussions on debates related to those books. The best essays will be awarded the financial aid for books. Also, if it is possible, some books should be available for students for free or at least their prices should be reduced.

The administration of NW should take into consideration that fact that students don’t work full time and are not able to cover all their living expenses. Although there are a few scholarship financial aid for students, most expenses are covered by parents. In addition, there is one more significant fact which relates to international students: the economic situation in each country is totally different. In other words, the living standards may be high or low, but they are mostly lower than in America. Being aware of these factors, administration could give international students extra help with books.

I would like to direct my comments to anyone other American society at large. I do not consider the practice of homosexuality a sin. This is true in the case of simple majority, whether in the church today (Catholic, Orthodox, and most Protestants) or in the Church past (see Augustine or any other major Church father). The same is true in regards to Scripture, whether on the Old Testament (Leviticus 18:22) or the New (Romans 2:26-27). Of course, I realize there are those who argue for misinterpretation or ambiguity in the text, but in doing so, they go against contemporary opinion, church history and biblical texts.
Break-in at Heemstra: Community stolen!!!

BY LADY BEEN EATEN
THE QUEEN OF SSS

Last Tuesday, Nov. 28, there was an attempted break-in at Heemstra Hall. A unicorn in the community unofficially known as “Star Charlie” tried to steal the community.

Mr. Star explained to authorities that there was a highly addicting chemical inside the chicken patty. As a result, the forum is sure to be a hot controversy. Details will be coming later about the consequences of the removal of chicken patties from the cafeteria menu.

“As chicken patties are the only food I will willingly eat,” said one student. “We can’t take the risk that they won’t eat the cereal or the cheese sauce!” said Head Food Processor, Raw Teeth. “The chicken patties have to go.”

However, other students are vehemently against the removal of chicken patties from the cafeteria menu.

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Mr. Star threw the gas bombs down the hallway, the young men did not pass out as anticipated.

(Authorities explained that after living in a building that is falling apart as badly as Heemstra is, the residents have become immune to dangerous odors and can predict, within a 27% accuracy, when there will be chicken patty sandwiches for lunch.)

The men of Heemstra Hall realized something terrible was happening when critters from the forest stole all their midgets. But they were too late to try to recover them. Fortunately, before Mr. Star was able to complete his main goal for the evening, the Bloodless Dragons reared their ferocious heads into the starry night sky, and, looking down with grief upon the villain, they roared with anger. The Bloodless Dragons then paraded their stealth as they hunted the unicorn with fervor. Finally, they erected their spines, and, in an act of pure harmony with the balance of the earth, they released a shriek that forced Mr. Star to go into shock.

The police and many members of the Republican party are still looking for the midgets and the Woodland Bandits, who escaped that evening. If you know the whereabouts of the victims or villains of this crime of passion, please notify the authorities immediately.

The Bloodless Dragons have formed a band and with the help of Senior Mecca St. James will be performing for the listening pleasure of all of Northwestern on Dec. 2, 2006. Their concert will be held in the Black Box at 10 p.m.

Students protest paid programming

BY PEACHFUZZ
THE BURNINGACA

As pledge break season approaches again, the Teletubbies’ “Tinky Winky Live!” tour continued with a stop in Le Mars this Friday. Hundreds of toddlers and their guardians packed into Bright Start Preschool to watch their idols gurgle and gitare on stage. “I love Teletubbies lots!” said a random three-year-old boy standing in line waiting to get in. Or perhaps it was a girl. You never can tell with kids that age, especially when they’re all bundled up.

One parent raved, “I am just so thrilled to have a chance to show my support for the characters that protect our children from the smut on TV. If they are watching Teletubbies, I know they won’t be exposed to homosexual elk on the Discovery Channel.”

But not everyone was happy to see the Teletubbies in town. A group of protestors stood outside the pre-school holding signs that read “NOVA not Noo-Noo!” and “Po pollutes tv.”

“I believe that PBS should be creating educational programming,” said a protester. “Teletubbies teaches kids to speak in baby talk and drains funds that could be used to produce a new Bill Nye series.”

The protestors distributed flyers entitled “The truth about the sun: it’s NOT a baby’s face!”

Those there to watch the Teletubbies were force to merely run into the building on the north entrance, taking away their needed element of surprise. And as Mr. Star threw the gas bombs down the hallway, the young men did not pass out as anticipated.

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Pollo Patty Pandemic

BY KIH MI SUN
KING/QUEEN

Recently, the Student Trauma Division (STD) has become increasingly aware of the chicken patty consumption on Northwestern’s campus. As a result, research has been done by Science Guy Barf Pelvis to determine the reasons for such a drastic rise in consumption. The conclusions are shocking.

Pelvis concluded that chicken patties are circular slabs of chicken meat blanketed in a tan-colored breading. These patties can be placed in between the top and bottom half of a hamburger bun for a sandwich or, as many NW students have daringly tried, cut up into one inch pieces and placed on a salad.

With a little further research, Pelvis found that there is a highly addicting chemical inside each patty. This chemical has been identified as a betamethasonecin, which has severe side effects for anyone who eats a chicken patty, including, but not limited to, a severe lack of interest in other cafeteria foods.

These results have prompted the STD to hold a forum concerning the necessity of chicken patties in the caf. “Even if chicken patties are a favorite meal for students, we can’t take the risk that they won’t eat the cereal or the cheese sauce!” said Head Food Processor, Raw Teeth. “The chicken patties have to go.”

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“Chicken patties are the only food I will willingly eat,” said one student. “It would completely defeat the purpose of even walking to the caf.”

“My salad just isn’t the same without a cut-up chicken patty on top,” said another.

“The caf isn’t the caf if the chicken patties aren’t there,” resolved one student.

Even so, not all students are in favor of the chicken patties’ presence. “Chicken patties, at least here on campus, are all about instant gratification,” said one rather hostile student.

As a result, the forum is sure to be a hot controversy. Details will be coming later about the date and time, so check your e-mail for a ze-Students announcement.
Fussbook: What is your oh-so-important complaint today?

What’s your dorm stereotype?

1. Most people would say you are...
   a. a jock
   b. the settling down type
   c. relatively quiet around people you don’t know
   d. the hippi/creepy type
   e. the nerdy, boring type
   f. preppy and spoiled
   g. doing something unique you rather
   h. the passion pit
   i. 3
   j. 1

2. Your favorite activity might be...
   a. videogames, such as Halo
   b. smoking the hookah
   c. shopping and spending lots of time in guys’ dorms
   d. playing chess
   e. looking at bridal magazines
   f. prepping and spoiled
   g. 2
   h. 5

3. The people in your dorm are primarily viewed as ________ by members of the opposite sex
   a. brother-figures
   b. ring-by-spring guys
   c. looking at bridal magazines
   d. the ones who want to get married and start a family
   e. guys who go to for a steady, solid relationship
   f. the type to change guys frequently
   g. 3
   h. 1

4. Something unique you rather enjoy is...
   a. going to the caf in your pjs
   b. naked hallway sliding
   c. having an alliance for the Wild West Shootout
   d. participating in or spying on the passion pit
   e. 4
   f. 2

5. Are you...
   a. male
   b. female

   Economical way to vent your every opinion before you even have a chance to consider its validity. Present groups include: “I hate hangnails,” “I have breastfeeding my left elbow.” “If 1,000 people join this group, I’ll throw up.” “My college plays music during Christmas” and “Vote the three-legged cat for NW President.” No fees are required to join Fussbook. Instead, a large number and variety of massive ads scroll across each and every web page. These ads are complete with links to sites that connect with your specific interests and complaints (for example, “I hate hangnails” has a link to manicure.com).

   Be warned: this new method of demanding your personal form of justice may cause grades and IQ levels to suffer. Reading the opinions of fellow pessimists may prove dangerous to your physical and mental health.

   Even limited use of Fussbook may turn you into a chronic complainer. If this is the case, you are invited to join a facebook help group.

Moving musicians

Due to continual influx in student enrollment and retention, Northwestern executives have long been discussing new housing options. After hours of brainstorming over catered delicacies, they are proud to announce what they have come up with: a new option entitled “Practical Practicing.”

Beginning next semester, practice rooms will be converted into multipurpose housing for music majors. As most of these students spend the majority of their time with classes and rehearsals in DeWitt Music Hall, it only makes sense that they would sleep there as well.

This transition will not only open up more housing on campus, but will encourage personal practice time as well. Senior Dan the Man comments, “I’ll fall asleep during half of my music courses any way; I may as well have a bed in the building.”

Professor of Music Extraordinaire Tomas Away hopes this new adjustment will encourage voice students to begin each morning with a vigorous vocal warm-up. “There’s nothing like waking up to three K’s and an S,” said Away.

As an added draw, coffee will be served in the music library 24 hours a day and students housed in DMH will have total access to the photocopyer in the office.

“This is only the beginning,” said Dr. Uppity-Spawnoe. “Someday, I hope to see all students living in harmony with their professors and colleagues.”

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Don’t you wish you were friends with a squirrel?

BY MRS. DENIM KICK
THE PIRATE PRINCESS

Did you know we have a world-class nut-gatherer right here on campus? His name is Edward, and he is a squirrel. You may never get another chance to be friends with a squirrel, so now is your chance! Although he frequents the trees on the green, his favorite place to hang out is in the grove of trees behind Heemstra Hall. Edward has traveled a long distance to be a part of the Northwestern community. By hitching a ride in the luggage compartment of an airplane from San Diego to Minneapolis, he was able to catch a bus down to the great state of Iowa to attend college. With aspirations to go into nursing or business, Edward is studying hard to reach his undefined career goals.

When he does go home to visit his family, he makes sure to leave time for his favorite hobby: water-skiing. Edward has participated in San Diego’s annual water-skiing competition for the last four years. Although he has never placed in the top three, he still tries his hardest every year. Wouldn’t it be great to be friends with someone who would never give up?

If you enjoy climbing or hiking, then this squirrel is a friend for you. Not only can Edward water-ski, but he has set the squirrel world record for the fastest time climbing up and down the tallest redwood tree in California. This isn’t something just any squirrel could accomplish. He spent months preparing for this by riding a bike, running, swimming laps and bench pressing in his very own weight room. Edward is very dedicated to this, so you can imagine how dedicated he must be to friends in his life.

The life of this daring and adventurous squirrel has been filled with many unique experiences. If you haven’t met Edward yet, you had better hurry up and meet him. His days may be limited because he is planning on crossing the busy street in between crosswalks to head to the cafeteria next Wednesday. Without an escort, you never know what could happen.

How to lose your roommate in 10 days

BY THE NEW MRS. CRUISE
THE BOSS OF THE WORLD

Each year, returning students and the residence life staff go through the rigorous process of selecting perfect roommate pairs for each dorm and apartment. But many times, this “rigorous process” is not perfect, and someone ends up suffocating in the presence of their undesired roommate.

That’s where I come in. If you want to get rid of your super annoying roommate by the end of this semester, or if you just want to live by yourself, keep reading. I have compiled a list of what I believe are 15 of the super-most-effective ways to lose your roommate in the next 10 days.

1. Rearrange your room while your roommate is in class. Every day. When your roommate gets back, smile and act as if nothing has changed.

2. When your roommate is about to fall asleep, start playing the “would you rather” game. Exercise your creativity.

3. Decide to major in one of the sciences. Buy clear Tupperware and grow your projects in your refrigerator.

4. After you take a shower, instead of drying off with a towel, spin around 100-plus times in the middle of your room. Stumble to your bed and complain that you feel dizzy for the next hour.

5. Turn on a movie and leave the room. When your roommate turns it off, complain, “Hey! I was watching that!”

6. Announce that you think you have head lice. Then tell your roommate, “I used your pillow during my nap today. I hope you don’t mind.”

7. Follow your roommate around campus in pure James Bond style, but make it blatantly obvious.

8. Send your roommate Fussbook messages depicting your every move. For example, “If you need me, I’ll be in the shower” or “I’m going to change my socks now.”

9. After every meal, steal…er…borrow a piece of fruit from the caf. Line the fruit up along the window sill or on top of the dresser. Name each piece of fruit after a professor, working your way through each department. If your roommate eats a piece of the fruit, scream at them, “YOU JUST ATE PROF. [insert name here]!”

10. Buy your roommate a nice Christmas present and act angry when you give it to your him/her. If s/he asks, scream, “It is better to give than to receive, you moron!”

Exercise these unique techniques and your roommate will be begging Ensurer of Residential Bliss Barrack Danderson for permission to change rooms. If, however, your attempts are unsuccessful, create a group on Fussbook and go cry to your mommy.

And forgive us our debts as we seek to pay our tuition

BY THAT ONE GIRL
THE SPIT AROUND THE CORNER

Northwestern seeks to discover and then enact the spiritual practices instructed in the Bible. Practices such as prayer, hospitality, compassion, fellowship and Bible study have long been implemented as part of the college lifestyle.

It has been brought to the attention of the administration that the practices presently encouraged are biased to the New Testament. They have failed to follow the dietary laws of Leviticus in planning and serving cafeteria meals. Betrothal laws of Leviticus in planning and instructing in the Bible. Practices such as prayer, hospitality, compassion, fellowship and Bible study have long been implemented as part of the college lifestyle.

In an attempt to practice more Old Testament traditions, NW will be participating in an upcoming Year of Jubilee, an age-old tradition that has become all but extinct. The Year of Jubilee only comes around twice in a century. You don’t want to miss your chance to participate.

For one year only, all debts owed to the school will be cancelled, including room, board, tuition, housing and parking fines. No scholarships will be given as a partial compensation for this action.

The school does not know where the funds for such an endeavor will come from. “We believe in the providence of God,” said the committee.

A petition is being sent around to request help from the Dandelion Fund, an unlimited fund designated to making students happy. Your support would be of great service.

Transfers and freshmen for the fall semester are not eligible. Look forward to upcoming calls from the Northwestern Fund regarding funding for the Year of Jubilee. Your prayers and donations are greatly appreciated.

I Can Do It!

Joanna Trapp for
NW President 2007
Cat removal proceeds with help from College Republicans

BY SILVER BELLS
THE CROWN JEWEL

The College Republicans are once again exercising their second amendment rights. Students involved with the group have been hired by maintenance to assist in campus stray cat removal.

Students have been shooting the cats between classes and in the evenings since Monday, and the cat population is steadily declining.

“It’s really great that these students are willing to just go out and hunt the cats,” said Protector of Sanitation Scott Sausagelink. “It’s normally been helping the protection of sanitation a lot.”

The students involved in the feline frenzy are very enthusiastic. “It’s a great way to exercise your second amendment right to bear arms,” said CR seat-human Smallbird Tugboote. “Plus, we’ve been getting in some great target shooting practice.”

Senior Buster Donneman added, “I think it’s been great for all involved. We are not encouraging the cats to reproduce.”

Woulda-coulda-shoulda

BY MRS. DENIM KICK
THE PIRATE PRINCESS

Last Wednesday, a plot written by Evilbeth Decker was discovered on a cafeteria tray that passed through the conveyor belt. After a thorough examination of this plot, it was discovered that she had planned to overrun NC/DC and become the host. “Things would have been different if I had hosted the NC/DC competition instead of Elliot Vanden Vander Van and Dawn Vanna-who?,” said Decker.

According to the sequence of events plotted to take place, the following plans of action would have to occur. Decker would have had to convince Vanna-who? to step down first. In order to do this, he would have to be killed, and she discovered the perfect way after making a trip to the theater. “I ordered a tree from the moon to dance him to death,” she said.

After luring Vanna-who? into a secret cave located in a place--that-cannot-be-mentioned-to-protect-future-events-that-may-occur-there, she would proceed to disconnect his head from his body and only rehearsal for the opening night of NC/DC.

By placing this blood-dripping head inside the monitor and intensifying the sound projected, Vanden Vander Van would be sprayed with blood upon speaking into the microphone. Because he suffers from hemaphobia, the fear of blood, he would immediately break out into a rash that would impair his speaking abilities and force him to spend 45 hours in seclusion.

By taking over the first round, Decker would have won over the audiences through the use of subliminal messages (added by Scoldin) in the advertisements played before the competition began. During the competition, Decker used her mind-controlling powers to change all of the lyrics of the songs to talk about how wonderful she was. Her super powers were so effective that the minds of all the professors within a 60-mile radius were overcome by her presence, and they flocked to the competition with signs and banners, cheering for Decker.

A dilemma was quickly discovered by Decker once Vanden Vander Van came out of seclusion, and in the last part of the plot, she realized she must end his life as well. After having her rabid squirrel chase him from his dorm room at Dordt to the place-that-cannot-be-mentioned-to-protect-future-events-that-may-occur-there in Orange City, she would meet him for a round of hand-to-hand combat. Because Decker knew that Vanden Vander Van would die, she would have to reveal her deepest, darkest secret… morphing into Lady Been Eaten. Upon seeing this instant change of appearance, Vanden Vander Van would die, she would have to reveal her deepest, darkest secret... morphing into Lady Been Eaten. Upon seeing this instant change of appearance, Vanden Vander Van would die, she would have to reveal her deepest, darkest secret… morphing into Lady Been Eaten. Upon seeing this instant change of appearance, Vanden Vander Van would die, she would have to reveal her deepest, darkest secret... morphing into Lady Been Eaten.

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SLUSH: a student snow concert

BY THAT ONE GIRL
THE SPY AROUND THE CORNER

Looking for something to fill the empty gaps in your schedule? Saturday night, December 9th marks the debut of SLUSH, Northwestern’s own unique display of winter talent. All students, faculty members and campus creatures are invited to participate in this one of a kind experience. No talent is necessary.

A variety of routines are presently being thrown together including synchronized snow angels, interpretive snowball throwing and an all-cast number to Justin Timberlake’s “I’m Bringing Sexy Back.” Feather Jawless-Crawfish will be performing a Celtic solo as Posh Jennings plays the bagpipes, and Dr. Uppity-Spawnee will orchestrate a mass candle dance.

The event will be held on the campus green in order to accommodate for an anticipated sell-out performance. Please call today if you plan on attending. An outdoor performance will also allow for easy access to snow and squirrels.

Music varying from an inconstant drumbeat to the preemire of a miramba duct entitled “Dance of the Kumquat” will be played from the tower of Zwemer. Photos of the event will be posted online but won’t be accessible until spring break at the earliest. If all goes according to plan, Dawn Vanna-who? will distribute DVDs with special slow motion effects sometime within the next two years. Auditions will be held this weekend; don’t miss your chance to be showcased in this artistic masterpiece.

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THE END
Premiere one-acts next week

BY ALLISON ROORDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the theater department’s directing class will present 15 one-act plays for the campus to enjoy.

“It’s basically the culmination of our class,” said senior Amy Leigh Lightfoot. “To prove what we’ve learned in the class or to practically apply what we’ve learned in the class, we direct a play.”

The directing class is taught by Jeff Barker, professor of theatre and speech. Auditions for the one-acts were held on Oct. 25, followed by four weeks of rehearsal.

“Everyone’s a new director,” said Lightfoot. “The process mixed experienced actors with freshmen who haven’t acted for us before.”

Each show involves a director, a stage manager and actors, and the casts are larger this year than previous years, ranging from seven to 14 actors. In total, about 70 people are involved in the production.

“The shows are a mix of children’s show, comedy, drama, everything,” said Mark Larson, the production manager for the One-Act marathon. “Come and go as you please.”

The shows will take place in the Proscenium Theatre in the following order:
6:00 “The New World” directed by Tracey Prong
6:24 “The Chinese Cinderella” directed by Britta Kaltenbach
6:43 “Here We Are”
7:03 “The Most Massive Woman Wins” directed by Marly Wooster
7:34 “Word Against Word” directed by Elise Punt
7:53 “Aisle 17B” directed by Cody Bauer
8:11 “Suppressed Desires” directed by Biz Grim
8:39 “Can This Marriage Be Saved?” directed by Drew David Vander Werff
8:55 “Hay Fever” directed by Kristen Olson-Jones
9:22 “The Seduction” directed by Brett Vander Berg
9:48 “The Ugly Duckling” directed by Amy Leigh Lightfoot
10:13 “The Man Who Couldn’t Dance” directed by Nicole Pullaro
10:44 “Hands Across the Sea” directed by Matthew Hulstein
11:01 “Lost” directed by Lindsay Westerkamp
11:16 “Arabian Nights” directed by Ben Bees

Various music concerts to be performed this weekend

BY JAIME EVENHUIS
STAFF WRITER

Christmas Vespers

The Christmas Vespers concert will be held this Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m., in Christ Chapel.

The theme for the performance will be “God is the source of our light and life.” The concert will feature the A cappella Choir, Women’s Choir, Symphonette, Chamber Ensembles and Percussion Ensemble.

The Chamber Strings will be playing Arcangelo Corelli’s “Concerto Op. 5, No. IV in F Major” in the lobby of Christ Chapel prior to the concert.

The Brass Ensemble will then begin the concert with a fanfare, followed by the A cappella Choir, performing several pieces, including Bach’s “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light!” and Rachmaninoff’s “O Serene Light,” sung in Russian.

The Women’s Choir will perform pieces including “Sussex Carol,” and “Candlelight Carol.” The two choirs will perform together on “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” with the Symphonette. The Percussion Ensemble will also perform “O Holy Night.”

The concert also includes audience carols and scriptural readings which will be incorporated throughout the night.

Chamber Ensembles

The Chamber Ensembles concert will be held next weekend on Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m., in Christ Chapel. There will be performances by the Chamber Strings, Brass Quartet and the Woodwind Quintet.

The Brass Quartet will be performing several pieces, including Giovanni Gabrieli’s “Canzona per sonare, No. 1,” Arthur Frankenpohl’s “Quartet for Brass Instruments” and W.C. Handy’s “Beale Street Blues.”

The Woodwind Quintet will play three pieces: “Reverie” by Claude Debussy, “Divertimento” by Joseph Haydn and “Roaring Fork” by Eric Ewazen.

The Chamber Strings Ensemble will perform two pieces. The first piece is Corelli’s concerto, and the second is Jerry Owens’ “Suite from Grant Wood Country.”

Senior art exhibits on display

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
STAFF WRITER

Heather Laaveg, a senior art major, currently has her work on display in the Te Paske Gallery. Laaveg’s exhibit will close Saturday, Dec. 2.

Among Laaveg’s “Found” exhibit are sculptures pieces including ceramics and mixed media composed of found objects. Many of her pieces are inspired by the woman’s body. One of her paintings, “Eve,” depicts Eve grasping the forbidden fruit with the serpent on the tree.

Her painting, “Outwardly Christian painting,” expresses her feelings toward the limitations of paintings. She feels they limit her creativity and tries to transform them into the three dimensional form.

“They go beyond the regular rectangular frame, as if to try to break free away from the predictable,” Laaveg said.

Danielle Dombrier, another senior art major, will display her work from Dec. 5 to 10. The exhibit, entitled “Face & Space,” will feature oil and acrylic paintings, intaglio prints, Conte and charcoal drawings and stoneware ceramics.

Much of her inspiration comes from photographs of family and friends. One painting entitled “Our Genes” reveals her sister’s striking eyes.

“It’s identifiable and it draws you in, but there’s something distinct about it because it’s not a real person, it’s a painting, drawing or print,” said Dombrier.

Senior Alyssa Barr’s work will be on display in January, and the remaining senior displays will be in March. All senior art majors are required to present their work in order to receive a Bachelor’s degree in art.

upcoming events

AROUND CAMPUS

Friday, December 1

A Poetry Slam will be held at De Koffie Boon at 7:30 p.m. For those who want to participate, you must have three original poems and sign-up by 7 p.m. Two time champion Dan Leamann will also be present.

Saturday, December 2

The Christmas Formal will be from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Bultman Center lobby. Admission is $3. Snacks will be provided, and there will be a room with Christmas movies playing for those who just want to relax a while.

The Bloodless Dragons will be performing with Rebecca James and Matt De Glopper at 10 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Sunday, December 3

Alecia Schaaf, Cindy Sybesma and Tonya Vander Molen will be presenting original poetry and prose at 1 p.m. in the lobby of Christ Chapel.

The Theme for the Performance will be “Beale Street Blues.”

The Percussion Ensemble will perform several pieces, including Giovanni Gabrieli’s “Canzona per sonare, No. 1,” Arthur Frankenpohl’s “Quartet for Brass Instruments” and W.C. Handy’s “Beale Street Blues.”

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Sunday, December 10

The all-campus study break will be held in the cafeteria from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

“Freedom from Finals” Stress Relief Day will be held from 12 to 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be activities, live music, refreshments and five minute massages offered as a way to take a break from the stress of finals.
**Raiders down Cougars in hoops action**

**BY DAN CLIFF**  
**STAFF WRITER**

The Northwestern women’s basketball team exorcised their South Dakota demons with a Great Plains Athletic Conference win over the University of Sioux Falls on Wednesday, Nov. 29, by the score of 87-77. Previous to this game, the Raiders had lost games versus the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 74-90, and Black Hills State University, 67-80, on a trip to South Dakota during Thanksgiving break. The back-to-back losses were the first of the year for the Raiders. However, the Raiders reversed their fortunes and upped their overall record to 9-2, including a 3-0 GPAC mark, with their win over Sioux Falls.

Four Raider starters scored in double figures against the Cougars, led by junior Deb Remmerde who had 26 points in the game. Senior guard Jamie Hoegh had 16, Amy Larson had 13, and Miranda Boekhout had ten points, followed closely by Crystal Algood with eight. Remmerde recorded her first double-double of the year by grabbing a team high 11 rebounds. “I was especially excited to see that we had some great balanced scoring tonight,” Head Coach Earl Woudstra said. “It made us much more difficult to guard with different players making contributions.”

**Rally falls short for men’s basketball in battle with Sioux Falls**

**BY LAURA JACOBSON**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

In only the second loss of the year, the Raider football team ended its season in Marshall, Mo., last Saturday in the quarterfinals of the NAIA Football Championship Series. The Raiders were defeated 26-33 by Missouri Valley College.

“Missouri Valley was a big, physical team,” said Head Coach Orv Otten. “They had depth at the running back position, and defensively, they took away some of the things we wanted to do.” The Raider rushing attack was limited to only 108 yards, compared to a season average of 165 yards.

Missouri Valley got ahead early in the game, overpowering the Raiders 24-7 near the end of the first half. But with less than a minute left in the second quarter, junior quarterback Craig Hector connected with senior Zach Stuckey to cut the Viks’ lead. NW followed that up with another Hector passing touchdown, this time to senior Blake Reinke. A rushing TD scored by senior Keith Sietsstra after a Missouri Valley safety tied up the game at 26-26. But with almost a minute left to play, Missouri Valley scored again to end the Raiders’ thrilling comeback and take the game.

Despite the loss, Otten was pleased with the second-half performance of his team. “We did a good job of moving the ball,” he said. “Defensively, we played a very good second half, and, offensively, we did a good job mixing things up.”

Otten added that with any loss, there are thoughts of things that could have been done differently. “There are all kinds of little things you can look at like that after the game and wonder, ‘Would that have changed the outcome?’”

But he also expressed satisfaction with the readiness of the Raiders. “I thought we’d prepared well,” he said. “I thought the guys were ready to play and had prepared themselves well. It was just a case of one good team beating another good team.”

NW’s successful regular season and post-season performance will be a springboard for future success. “It gives us a little momentum going into the next season,” said Otten. “We have guys who know what it takes to get into the playoffs. It also helps in recruiting: guys see success you’ve had and want to be a part of that.”

The Raiders ended the year 11-2 overall and 9-1 in conference play. Also, NAIA All-American team selections will be released at the completion of the tournament, which is around Christmas. As the GPAC player of the year, senior Austin Janssen is in the running for NAIA player of the year.