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Beacon staff
Homecoming hits: Remembering yesterday, enjoying today

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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“All Country Roads Lead Home” to this year’s Northwestern Homecoming. Students are invited to participate in various activities on Friday night and all day Saturday. The weekend kicks off with the traditional Air Band/Lip Sync competition on Friday at 9 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Admission is one dollar, payable at the door.

Saturday’s festivities start at 8:30 a.m. with the 15th Annual Raider 5K Run/Walk. The runners begin near Christ Chapel, and registrants will receive a free T-shirt, door prizes and refreshments. The cost is $10 prepaid and $15 on the day of the race.

Also going on from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday is the Morning on the Green carnival, hosted by numerous NW student organizations. Some of this year’s entertainment at the Morning on the Green includes carnival games, a petting zoo and an antique tractor show.

Students are also invited to watch several alumni games Saturday morning, including tennis, baseball, softball and wrestling. In addition, a cappella choir alumni will be singing the national anthem before the football game.

Students can then head over to the alumni and current students’ Homecoming picnic at Jaycee Park to receive a free chamber card.

A ticket to Orange City fun: New chamber cards are here

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
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The Chamber of Commerce has assembled a new spread of offers for savings around town. This particular service available to all students is provided in the form of a free chamber card.

This card is only a few steps away from campus. Students can walk into the front door of the Chamber windmill office across from Fareway. Once at their office, one must present their student ID to receive this exclusive offer for students.

Benefits from this card do not expire until Sept. 30, 2009. One will find a myriad of businesses featured on the card, which usually wouldn’t have been otherwise tried.

One of the top values on the card this year is at the de Koffie Boon. If one brings in a new student and buys one drink, you’ll receive one drink free of equal or lesser value.

Another business with big savings is at Subway. Upon purchasing one 6” sandwich and a 22 oz. drink, a second 6” sandwich of equal or lesser value for 99 cents will be awarded. A8 Chinese is offering 10 percent off an evening dinner from Mon-Thurs.

At Blue Mountain, students can join the passport club and receive a free day membership. Customers will pay to be served on second floor with a special menu that day. If in need of a haircut, come to Headquarters for Hair for $1 off regular priced haircuts.

where food will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will give fans time to eat before the kick-off of the Red Raider football game against Dana College at 1:30 p.m.

After the game, a country hoedown will be held on the campus green from 5 until 9 p.m. While there, students can enjoy a Texas-style barbecue meal, mechanical bull riding, lawn mower races, country-style photo ops and hayrides. The event is hosted by NW’s Student Activities Council. In keeping with the theme, there will also be country line and square dancing during the annual Homecoming dance to finish off the weekend.

Turnitin subject of debate among faculty

BY JENNA BOOTE
NEWS EDITOR

During the 2007-2008 school year, Northwestern students rolled their cursor over the unassuming gray “Continue” button more than 13,000 times, sending their papers on quest for legitimacy through the annals of the Internet. That button, connected to Turnitin.com, has revolutionized the way plagiarism is addressed.

In its fifth year of use on NW’s campus, Turnitin provides faculty with an objective way to check for improper citations and plagiarism. Submissions are checked against Turnitin’s extensive database, which includes 12 billion web pages, 40 million student papers and thousands of books, magazines and scholarly journals.

Last year, at least 45 instructors skimmed through Turnitin’s “Originality Reports” to be sure students properly cited their work. The service grades papers using an “OverallSimilarityIndex,” assigning each submission a percentage of total matching content, with 0 percent being original and 100 percent being plagiarized. The outside sources that Turnitin identifies as matches can be easily viewed, allowing faculty to make objective judgment calls regarding the authenticity of a work.

During the past two semesters, over 300 NW papers received above a 50 percent match rate, indicating a high probability of plagiarism, and over 1200 fell between 25 percent to 50 percent.

These numbers have caused some faculty to call into question the effectiveness of Turnitin. Others, however, proffer explanations for the elevated statistics. Some faculty members require that papers be submitted more than once, causing both papers to register as completely plagiarized. Professors are also given the option to exclude quoted material in the report, and this feature is not taken into consideration in the basic figures.

Ethical issues have also been a topic of concern. Professor of English and communications Carl Vandermeulen finds the system intrusive. “I don’t like the idea of requiring students to prove their innocence. There are better ways to discourage plagiarism.”

Many faculty, however, support the use of Turnitin for its accuracy and objectivity. Few faculty relished the idea of confronting students with accusations of academic dishonesty, and before Turnitin, charges could rarely be proven unless faculty expend time and effort to hunt down the plagiarized source. With Turnitin, charges could barely be proven unless faculty expend time and effort to hunt down the plagiarized source. With Turnitin, professors can simply inform students that their paper has been tagged as plagiarized, and the source of the plagiarism can be easily identified.

Deb Menning, instructor in English, explains that before Turnitin was implemented, she had at least one problem with plagiarism each semester. Today, she rarely deals with academic dishonesty. “Turnitin is an invaluable service for our college. Aside from making professors’ jobs much less stressful, the tool helps to maintain good relationships between faculty and students.”

One women’s team exhibits intensity in the final rounds of Northwestern’s annual dodgeball tournament.
Change we need

I can’t remember where I was going when I saw it. Maybe the library to study? I’d like to think so.

In any case, it was October and I was wearing flip-flops. I was also feeling sunky. So sunky, in fact, that I almost bounded past it—but its unusually lackluster design caught my eye.

Join Facebook!

“What’s a facebook?” I remember thinking.

Beneath the heading was a pixelated graphic and short explanation of how to create your own “profile” (yet another unfamiliar word).

Scroll forward three years. I’m wearing black fuzzy slippers and spending a sizable portion of my Saturday afternoon rejecting requests to join groups entitled, “1,000,000 Against the New Facebook,” “Petition Against the New Facebook” and “People Against the New Facebook System.”

History shows that the older we get, the less we like change. But it seems to me that rigidity is creeping in far too fast. What we need is flexibility.

Why? Well, first off, it’s clear that this character trait is lacking. No, I’m not talking about the older generation. I’m talking about the younger generation. No, don’t you suppose it’s time we welcomed change?

It’s getting darker, and I have to turn on the light. The light is nothing but a threat to me. A threat to me.

On a different note: Why are you reading this article anyway? Does this person actually think that I like cream of hot dog soup?

...to sit in an exceedingly uncomfortable chair in hopes of memorizing enough useless information...

...to obtain an equally useless piece of paper that may or may not help me to score a decent job...

...so that I can start paying back all the money that I owe for the education I never wanted?

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Don’t be a whiner

BY HEATHER TALBOT

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Opinion peace:
Taking action where action is needed.

BY COURTNEY HOLM

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You are probably asking, “What does this girl want from me? She doesn’t even know me.”

Well, I do.

You attend Northwestern College. Just by walking out of the cat, you have been bombardeed with all sorts of issues from modern day slavery to child soldiers to lack of sanitary water.

I know.

I am the one of the people trying to make you aware of these issues.

If you believe there is a need for a change in how the government acts, about a rule that the school enforces, about human rights, about animal rights, about land rights—do something.

Whatever makes your blood boil, whatever makes you upset, whatever makes you want to stand up and shout “That’s not fair!”—say it!

Why don’t you do something about it?

I am not saying that you should organize a group and get hundreds of members and start a huge movement, although if you can do it, that is great.

But at least learn about the issue and do something, even as simple as talking with your friends, about it.

If you want to get involved in an organization that is already on campus, there are many opportunities available.

International Justice Mission deals with social justice issues around the world (contact Courtney or Heidi at ijm@nwciowa.edu).

Invisible Children deals with child soldiers in Uganda (contact Eunice at epaik@nwciowa.edu).

Called2Go deals with hunger and homeless issues in the area (contact Andrea at adavis@nwciowa.edu).

These are just a few examples of what our college offers. If you would like to learn more about organization you can check them out on the NW home page under Student Life (Clubs and Organizations to Ministry/Service).

There are many clubs that you can join that deal with issues in which you may be interested.

If nothing else, get out there and strike up a conversation.
The interwoven story of Indian twins
A book review on “The God of Small Things”

BY KADY BRAM
STAFF WRITER

“The God of Small Things”, by Arundhati Roy, is striking in both style and strategy. The fantastic imagery and fresh metaphors by this first-time novelist saturate the reader with the effort and structuring of plot and may instead be one little, but fits strangely with the reality of their story—contributes to her disapproving family, children and bad reputation in tow. Her affection later in life match those of her rebellious childhood and lead her to “love by night the man her children loved by day.”

In evaluating the book, much depends on your opinion of Roy’s prose. Like it or intensely dislike it—the story is in the style. What at first might seem cluttered and chronologically confusing in the flashbacks and forwards of Rahel’s mind, in the end fits wonderfully together and makes the reader’s efforts worth the wait. The author’s use of motif and the rhythm in her words are impossible to miss and add unique flavor to a tale we might otherwise feel has already been told.

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“The God of Small Things”, by Arundhati Roy to write it. Told mostly from the perspective of a seven-year-old-girl, Roy captures the story of Indian twins Esthappen and Rahel, fraternal, two-egg twins that share one identity.

“To me there’s something safe about being surrounded by trees or the land rising above me, sheltering me,” she said. “I don’t get that feeling from walls.”

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In Southern India, the story centers around the death of the twins’ cousin, Sophie Mol, who visits them while on vacation. One doesn’t pretend to know a lot about common plot lines in Indian literature, but from a general standpoint, they are universal. A broken family, social and political unrest, abuse, untimely death and a theme of forbidden love create the tension necessary to carry a reader to the end. The struggles between castes and the crossing of invisible, yet obviously present, social laws introduce a dimension of plot new to American readers. Ammu, the twins’ mother, is a thirty-one year old divorcee forced to return home to her disapproving family, children and bad reputation in tow. Her affections later in life match those of her rebellious childhood and lead her to “love by night the man her children loved by day.”

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Tyler Ludwig Tigges

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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Enthusiasm, spontaneity and randomness are just a few things that encapsulate Tyler Tigges.

He is also a procrastinator—"I'm really good at that." He enjoys long naps, sometimes more than one a day.

Tigges claims to be “a morning and a night person, but nowhere in between, because sometimes they’re the same.”

He loves the Chicago Cubs and “basketball, I like basketball.” This showed as he dribbled a ball under his legs and tossed it in the air.

Corndogs and Pop Ice also top the charts for him, as they make up about a quarter of his diet.

Tigges struggled summing up his life in just one story. “My life is not defined by a single, all-encompassing event, but a series of wonderful memories,” he said.

Those memories include: spending a night atop an abandoned Wal-Mart, scalping Cubs tickets at Wrigley Field, road trips, mud sliding, long walks at night, climbing down 34 flights of stairs at Hancock Tower in Chicago, Dutch Bakery donuts at 4 a.m. and playing hide and seek or sardines in campus buildings at night.

One other memory needed a little explanation—but sliding in Colenbrander. Coly wings place towels under doors, flood the hallway, add soap and create a giant slip-and-slide. Tigges added, “Oh, yeah—and there are no clothes allowed.”

The natives’ addictions, pains and injustices really struck Dutt, especially “to see the things their people went through centuries ago still impacting their lives.” Although this was a learning experience for Dutt, it also brought him a lot of questions.

Dutt said this story shows where he is in life right now and that he still questions what God wants him to do with the burden he has for people.

Although the answer remains uncertain, he returned to Northwestern this fall with a desire to try something new—to be real with others. He wants students on campus to realize that everyone, even this Homecoming Royal, suffers from some sort of brokenness. They should not be afraid to be real about those struggles.

For instance, one day after waking from a four-hour nap, Nold discovered a hairpiece she described as “a Little Richard wig,” and decided to get creative. She spent several hours that evening posing for pictures while dressed in the wig, a full spandex suit and mismatching high heels. She traveled throughout Stegena Hall to include many other residents in the photo fun. Two years later, reviewing the pictures from that night still evoked a smile and laughter from Nold.

Her impromptu photo shoot symbolizes many characteristics of Nold. “I love taking naps, taking pictures and making people laugh.”

She enjoys the experiences in life that aren’t planned. “Life’s about the journey and the memories you make along the way.”

Carson James Norine

BY KRISTAL VANWYK

“Eccentric and a good mix of magical and fancy” is how Carson Norine described herself. “I don’t really care what other people think of me,” he explained.

To clarify Norine’s demeanor a bit more, he has bought all his clothes from Goodwill since he was in high school. “This shirt I got from Goodwill. Oh, and these shorts. I guess these shoes my mom bought for me a while back,” he said with a wide grin.

One story Norine shared shows he is “up for anything.” He and two fellow Hidden Acres summer camp counselors went back to the camp to go on a toboggan run during their Christmas break.

“I had the brilliant idea that I wanted to go down backwards, but I had to be the one that rode in the front,” said Norine.

“We started curving right towards the canoe rack. I yelled ‘Aport! Aport! Aport!’ Then we ran right into the canoe rack and had to be dragged back up the hill because none of us could move. I had a bruise the size of a dinner plate on my back for a week.”

Other than people thinking he is likely to do the unlikely, he shared, “People think I’m b naggy from ‘Scooby-Doo’.”

Heather Christine Nold

BY ANNE EBERLINE

Heather Nold became visibly uncomfortable while trying to describe herself before saying, “I try not to as much as possible.”

After pondering for a moment longer, she said, “I’m the type of person who likes to get to know people and have others get to know me.”

Nold said that others on campus would most likely view her as easygoing and spontaneous, a person who values relationships and laughter. “I’m willing to do anything—just about anything,” Nold quickly added.

Queen Rachel Ann Kleinsasser

BY KRISTAL VANWYK

Rachel Kleinsasser likes being around people and showing them her light-hearted personality. “A lot get to see that side of me but not many get to see the deeper side—the side of me that loves deep, intense conversations.”

In contrast, she thinks people would describe her as “essentially weird and crazy.”

Her recognized sharp wit and keen sense of smell can be shown in the story from her S.O.S. trip to Thailand this past summer, when the group went to a cook-your-own-meat grill.

“We had about three or four different grills to cook our meat on, and we noticed that our meat was sticking to the grill pretty badly. We wondered what was wrong as we looked at the grill next to us and noticed a big white chunk on top of it,” Kleinsasser said.

When they inquired of the white chunk, they discovered that it was lard that should have come with their meals. “Much to my dismay, I remembered that I had eaten that lard thinking it was squid. I wondered why it was so chewy! I just thought it was a Thai thing.”
Sarah Anne Kreger

BY KRISTI KORVER
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With some prompting from her friends, Sarah Kreger finally described herself as “energetic, joyful, loving, somewhat introverted and indecisive.”

Kreger has had many peers wonder at the authenticity of her happiness, but she said, “It is far more than happiness; it is pure joy. I think that in all situations of life you can find joy, but it is just not always expressed in the same way.”

Kreger finds joy in the most unlikely adventures.

Senior Julia Glendenning and Kreger were engaged in a deep conversation about love while driving one night, when Kreger saw flashing lights in the mirror.

“Hey ladies,” Kreger called out to her friends.

According to Kreger, this voice “invoked incredible panic.” All she could think of was that this was a cop, and they were going to jail. Her aunt and uncle, who live in Orange City, would need to come bail her out and “everyone would know that Kristi Korver was in jail.”

The girls sprinted back to their waiting vehicle.

After they piled in, they realized the pond must have had some sewage run-off.

Kreger admitted that his schedule is full. Though he wouldn’t change any of it, he has become more laid back in his senior year. “I really want to enjoy my time here,” he said.

Danielle Mae Landaal

BY LEANN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

One such instance of helping a stranger occurred last summer while Wurpts was in Minneapolis, Minn. He picked up a homeless man named Little John who Wurpts described as “a scraggily-looking, sixty-year-old Indian man.”

During their meal at McDonald’s, Little John went through many cycles of informing Wurpts about his life as a homeless man, telling “crazy” stories about hidden wealth and finally threatening physical harm.

Wurpts said this learning experience helped him focus on being with others as people instead of focusing on the action of loving others. Wurpts’ meal with Little John represents how he is “well-rounded, quirky, zany, rambunctious and loving.”

The people around Schneider probably see all of these things, but getting to know Schneider deeper will show that he is a deep thinker as well.

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Men’s soccer is defeated by Hastings; claims 3-1 victory over Briar Cliff

BY CAMERON CARLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Northwestern men’s soccer team continued in the GPAC play this week with a 0-1 loss to Hastings and a 3-1 victory over Briar Cliff.

Hastings came into the rivalry game ranked number one in the GPAC and had a run for its money. They had 11 shots on goal, as opposed to NW’s eight.

“Luke Vermeer has been our most consistent player and is a great team leader,” said Bloemendaal. “He loves to compete and reduces the pressure on the rest of the guys knowing that he will likely shoot a low score each meet.”

The Northwestern men’s golf team spent last Monday and Tuesday battling it out at the Briar Cliff Invite. The 15-team tournament was held at Dakota Dunes, a 7,345-yard, par 72 course.

The loss dropped NW to 1-1 in the GPAC but that did not last long. They came out on Tuesday with a victory over Briar Cliff. Junior Aaron O’Brien, senior Andy Janssen and sophomore Mike Cookson all had goals for the Raiders. Going into halftime tied 1-1, the Raiders were behind 15-7 in shots on goal. However, the Raiders came out in the second half scoring two more goals and out-shooting the Chargers’ 13-6.

“We kept our composure and possessed the ball,” said Swier. “When we possessed the ball we were able to find openings in their defense, which led to most of our scoring opportunities.”

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“I am happy that we won the game, but not satisfied with the way we played,” said Swier. “We need to be mentally prepared when we step onto the field and play with discipline.”

Women’s soccer ties Hastings, falls to Briar Cliff

BY CAMERON CARLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Northwestern women’s soccer team played two games this week, recording their first tie of the season against Hastings, 0-0, in their home opener, and then falling to Briar Cliff on Tuesday 0-3. The Red Raiders have played better.

The Raiders’ all-time record is 7:30 p.m.

Red Raiders face tough weather at Briar Cliff

BY CAMERON CARLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Freshman Leah Aragon and junior Becca Bruns look for an open shot in the Hastings game. The Red Raiders tied the Broncos 0-0 on Saturday.

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The team also competed in the second round of the GPAC Championship last Thursday. They headed into the event in fourth place and found themselves in sixth when it was over.

“Unfortunately, we got off to a rough start and just could not recover,” said Bloemendaal. “It is a difficult course to make a lot of birdies, so we were not able to gain anything back even though we played better later in the round.”

There are still two more rounds of the tournament in the spring and the Raiders hope to rebound and improve. There is only one more tournament this fall, which is on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Dordt.

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Coach Otten earns 100th win as Red Raiders outlast the Prairie Wolves

SPORTS

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The Red Raider football team held on for a 17-15 victory last Saturday over Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, giving head coach Orv Otten the 100th victory of his 14-year coaching career at Northwestern. The Raiders improve to 2-1 as the Prairie Wolves drop to 0-3.

The Raiders again scored on their first possession in the second half.

“What we are doing very well is making big plays when we need them,” Coach Otten said. “The offense has made huge drives to begin the second half in each of the last two games.”

Junior Cary Overholt finished off a 70-yard drive by NW with a one-yard run for a touchdown and O’Brien made the point-after to give the Raiders a 17-9 lead.

Both teams remained scoreless after that until Nebraska Wesleyan made one last attempt at the win. The Wolves scored with 44 seconds left in the game, but the Raider defense shut down the attempted two-point conversion. NW also recovered an on-side kick attempt to hold on for the victory.

The teams remained close in offensive yardage, as the Raiders had 170 and the Wolves gained 168. NW had 96 yards passing and 74 rushing. Overholt completed 10 of 25 passes for 96 yards and allowed one interception. Senior Seth Moen was the top receiver for the Raiders with six catches for 75 yards. Sophomore Kevin Vander Schaaf had only seven carries but led the ground game with 43 yards. Overholt gained 12 rushing yards and one touchdown. Senior Kyle Ochsner also had nine yards rushing and Malm added 10.

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-Orv Otten

Junior T.J. Lensch led the defensive effort with 9.5 tackles and sophomore Austin Rozeboom added nine. Junior Grant Hegstad added five tackles, freshman Steven Van Wyhe had 4.5 and senior Nate Jansen and sophomore Caleb Van Otterloo each had four tackles. The Raiders are set to play Dana College in the homecoming game on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Dana comes into the game with a 1-2 record.

The run broke the previous record of 75 yards, set in 1999 by Koury Kramer against South Dakota Tech. Malm’s first quarter touchdown helped lift NW to a 17-15 victory over the Prairie Wolves.

Wendy Hofmeyer named GPAC Defender-of-the-Week

Sophomore goalkeeper Wendy Hofmeyer from Sioux City, Iowa, earned the honor of GPAC Defender-of-the-Week last week. Hofmeyer led the Red Raiders to a win over Morningside and a tie against Hastings. She has a record of 3-1-1 this season as a goalkeeper. Hofmeyer has allowed five goals made 44 saves, and has two shutouts this year.

Rankings

The NW Volleyball team improved to an eighth-place ranking in the most recent NAIA polls this week. The Red Raiders, who were ranked ninth last week, lead three other GPAC schools in national rankings. Morningside holds the 14th spot in the rankings, with Dordt right behind at 15th and Hastings at 18th.

The Red Raider women’s volleyball team took on NCAA Division I University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. on Tuesday night and lost in a very exciting 3-2 match. NW falls to a 2-3 record this season, 2-0 in the NAIA rankings this week. Last week’s loss to the Coyotes dropped the Red Raiders to ninth in the most recent NAIA poll. The Coyotes moved up to tie Bethel College in the most recent NAIA poll. The Red Raiders will look to get back to their winning ways against Dordt College this weekend.

Sports Shorts

The Red Raider football team also moved up to tie Bethel College in Kansas for the 13th spot in the NAIA rankings this week. Last week the Raiders held 14th. NW joins three other GPAC schools in the rankings. The University of Sioux Falls is ranked second, Morningside is ranked fifth and Midland Lutheran is ranked 22nd.

Volleyball competes with Division 1 USD

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The Red Raider women’s volleyball team took on NCAA Division I University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. on Tuesday night and lost in a very exciting 3-2 match. NW falls to a 2-3 record this season, 2-0 in the NAIA rankings this week. Last week’s loss to the Coyotes dropped the Red Raiders to ninth in the most recent NAIA poll. The Coyotes moved up to tie Bethel College in the most recent NAIA poll. The Red Raiders will look to get back to their winning ways against Dordt College this weekend.

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The Red Raider football team also moved up to tie Bethel College in Kansas for the 13th spot in the NAIA rankings this week. Last week the Raiders held 14th. NW joins three other GPAC schools in the rankings. The University of Sioux Falls is ranked second, Morningside is ranked fifth and Midland Lutheran is ranked 22nd.
Intepreting the Midwestern landscape

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From October 2 to October 30, the Northwestern community will have the privilege of experiencing artwork from Orange City’s own Elinor Noteboom in Northwestern College’s Te Paske Gallery.

In 1984 Noteboom had the privilege of visiting the city of Kofu, Japan, where she was able to experience the artistry behind the creation of Zen gardens. She was taken by the careful arrangement of the elements of the Zen gardens and was surprised to find these same elements present in the Iowa landscape. These similarities have inspired her exhibition entitled “Prolonged Tranquility,” which contains artwork that compares the Midwest landscape with that of the Japanese Zen gardens. “[Students] might get a new perspective on the land they think they know all about and don’t find interesting anymore,” said Rein Vanderhill, professor of art, a.m. to midnight from Monday to Saturday and is open from 1 p.m. to midnight on Sunday. Beginning October 2, the artwork from one of Orange City’s own will be on display for the entire NW community and might give those who decide to stop by a new impression of the common Midwestern landscape.

A different national health concern: Candidate well-being

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Both presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama are cleared for serving two full terms in good health.

Although McCain is 72 years old with a history of skin cancer, an analysis showed that the odds are in his favor for the duration. Obama, on the other hand, is 47 with a history of smoking, but also passed the test. The number of healthy years ahead were concluded using an analysis that insurance companies typically use to determine the health of their clients. Another study with positive news for McCain was conducted by John M. Bragg and Associates Inc., it determined that he will eligible for 8.4 more healthy years. The data from this same study suggests that Obama has 21.9 years of good health ahead.

What this study suggests is that both candidates have ample time left without having to deal with assisted living or a life altering disease.

Bragg & Associates have been conducting these studies for over 20 years.

“Health expectancy is one of our specialties,” owner John Bragg told FOXNews.com. “We had access through their Web sites to review their health situations. So we took a look.”