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Hays granted prestigious acceptance

BY KATI HENG
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Senior Greta Hays has been selected for a prestigious arts management internship at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Hays had applied for 14 internships and was selected for seven of them before she found out that she had succeeded in gaining the internship position at the Kennedy Center. She took this incredible position, and will be spending her spring semester in D.C. Hays has always loved theatre, especially acting. She enjoys talking with and getting to know people, which she says is what led her to major in Public Relations. She also decided to pursue a Theatre and Speech minor. During her time at NW, she has realized that she could combine her interests with and getting to know people, especially acting. She enjoys talking with and getting to know people, which she says is what led her to major in Public Relations. She also decided to pursue a Theatre and Speech minor. During her time at NW, she has realized that she could combine her two interests.

"That was a pretty exciting realization," said Hays.

Hays has been deeply involved during her time at NW. She has worked as a student assistant in the communications department, as an account executive for the college's public relations practicum group, Crosswalk Media, and served for the NW public relations office as a freelance writer.

In addition, Hays has performed in several of NW's theatre productions, including last spring's musical, "Into the Woods," for which her performance received a Theatre Festival Irene Ryan Acting Award nomination.

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Exhibit brings competition, appreciation

BY KATE WALLIN
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As finals week approaches, the end of the semester brings the always-expectant stress and overwhelming schedules. Hours in the library, sleepless nights and excessive amounts of caffeinated coffee are reason enough to make us consider getting away, if only for a short while.

If you're looking for a quick escape, consider touring the Dordt/NW Student Art Exhibit, which opened this week in Dordt's Campus Center Art Gallery. The exhibit, open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., offers a wide range of pieces from all mediums and boasts a unique atmosphere crafted by students for students.

Professor Rein Vanderhill said, "The students are totally on their own when they make the selections for the show; no faculty are involved, so it is a 100% student event."

The joint exhibit is a tradition 12 years in the making. Every year, over 50 pieces of student art are submitted for consideration by a panel of student jurors. A team of three NW jurors reviewed Dordt's submissions, while a group from Dordt selected NW's contributions to the show.

"The pieces I entered were the pieces that I wanted an opinion on. I was curious to see if Dordt students would deem them worthy of an appearance in the show," said senior Breann Rozeboom.

"I entered a portrait and a sculpture of an octopus. The octopus was to lighten the mood. It's a ridiculous octopus," said Sophomore Michael Gutsche. "Art can be a bit too serious at our level of experience. We're trying too hard to be meaningful and artsy sometimes. Not to imply that art shouldn't be serious, but sometimes we have to step back a bit and make fun of ourselves or we'll get too self-absorbed, therefore, octopus."

Drawing pieces from different mediums, the show includes paintings, drawings, mixed media, printmaking, photography, sculpture and ceramic works of all kinds. And while not entirely competitive, the show does offer a chance to talk about what makes "good art."

"The show, in my opinion, is two schools collaborating or creating a dialogue over what un-packed images or objects contain sophistication or intentionality," said Rozeboom.

Gutsche adds, "It's a good chance to see some [art] in a fairly informal show. This isn't some famous artist doing their famous art all over the place. It's students 'art-ing it up' and then collaborating to show the best of it. There are no stupid questions or observations you don't get because you're not cultured enough. It's just art."

Semester to wrap up on musical note

BY JEBIDIAH RACH
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With finals week upon us, it's often useful to take a bit of a break from the studying and writing of papers and relax, watch a movie or listen to some music. This Friday night, Northwestern students have another, even better option for an evening respite from the studying: the chamber ensemble concert being held at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

This concert features three of the musical ensembles on campus: the brass quintet, the handbell choir and a piano duet. The mix and uniqueness of these three ensembles is sure to please campus students.

The brass quintet will perform seven songs at this concert, including "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven (arranged by David R. Thomas), "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" by Arthur Messiter, Anthony Holborne's "Five Pieces," Anton Dvorák's "Goin' Home," and Eddy Bowman's "12th Street Rag." This mix, ranging from blues/jazz to Renaissance works to arrangements of hymns, will offer students a wide variety of music.

The members of this group include junior Carolyn Dundas, senior Ansley Griess and freshman Katie Knox playing trumpet, freshman Aaron Sunedt playing horn, junior Courtney Davis on the trombone and senior Zack Wolf on the tuba.

"There is significant talent represented in this ensemble. What makes the ensemble special is that the whole is even better than the sum of its parts," said Dr. McGarvey, head of the music department, said. "The ensemble exists to make music together and it is that communication and the combining of these unique abilities that makes the quintet what it is."

Also in the concert on Friday is the handbell choir; this is their first performance ever in the chamber ensemble concert. They will be performing the song "People, Look East!" arranged by Hart Morris. The hymn talks about joyful preparation for Christ's return, and Dr. Josselyn-Cranston, the director of the handbell choir, has taken this into account while directing the ensemble.

Dr. Josselyn-Cranston notes that this piece will offer a variety of different musical techniques, including thumbing, bells being thumped into the cushions and mallets. The nine students in the ensemble (seniors Monica Vink, Wes Garcia, Alyssa McCornell and Chelsea Stanton, sophomore J Mitchell Kline, freshmen Becki Knipes, Aaron DeBoer, Jenna Ribe and Holly Hassman) are all volunteers. Dr. Josselyn-Cranston reminds us that they do this for the fun of making music together. Also look for Dr. Josselyn-Cranston herself playing in the piece.

"There is nothing that approaches the excitement of hearing live music. It is so much better than recorded because of the communication between the musicians and audience," Dr. McGarvey said.

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Dordt students examine artwork now displayed in the exhibit on Dordt's campus. The competition, which opened Wednesday, features a variety of art forms by Northwestern and Dordt students.
News around the world: Internet fraud and Israeli negotiations

BY TYLER LEHMANN
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MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS: Hoping to revive Middle East peace negotiations, the Obama administration has spent the last three weeks attempting to persuade the Israeli government to stop building Jewish settlements on the West Bank, a Palestinian territory.

Israel turned down an incentive from the U.S. of 20 F-35 stealth fighters. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu released a statement saying Israel is committed to direct peace talks with Palestinians without pre-conditions.

Palestine refuses to resume direct peace negotiations until Israel stops building settlements on the West Bank.

“We will not tolerate the continuation of Israeli settlements in the Palestinian occupied territories,” said Maen Rashid Areikat, the Palestinian Liberation Organization’s chief representative to the U.S.

Washington has abandoned its attempt to freeze construction of Jewish settlements in Palestine, but it will continue to explore other ways to make peace between the two sides.

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators will meet separately with American negotiators this week.

LEAKED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS: WikiLeaks, an international whistle-blowing organization, has released on the Internet thousands of classified messages from U.S. diplomats over the past two weeks. Washington called the publication an “attack on the international community.”

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange claimed otherwise in an opinion piece called “Don’t shoot the messenger for revealing uncomfortable truths” published in “The Australian.” He wrote, “Democratic societies need a strong media and WikiLeaks is part of that media. The media helps keep government honest.”

Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd said blame falls on the U.S., not on Australian native Assange.

“I think there are real questions to be asked about the adequacy of [U.S.] security systems and the level of access that people have had to that material,” Rudd said.

In light of the WikiLeaks releases, the White House has ordered U.S. government agencies to take more precaution in handling classified documents. The U.S. launched a criminal investigation into the leaks and said it would punish anyone found responsible.

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“Greta is so talented and will be a wonderful representative of Northwestern’s theatre and public relations programs,” said NW Endowed Professor of Theatre & Speech Jeff Barker.

Hays, along with 19 other talented Kennedy Center interns, will be spending her spring semester performing tasks dealing with publicity, promotion and coordination for the national Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). The festival is a competitive showcase of regional KCACTF winners from graduate and undergraduate theatre programs around the country. The event will take place April 18-23, 2011.

Hays said she is hoping the internship will provide her with some fantastic hands-on experience, and “a chance to see first-hand what a professional fine arts environment is like.”

The internship comes with more benefits than just experience. Hays will not only be receiving a weekly stipend and the chance to attend seminars put on by Kennedy Center employees and executives of other major arts institutions in the D.C. area, but she will also receive free tickets to all Kennedy Center performances taking place this spring.

“It’s bittersweet,” Hays said about the changes that will happen next semester. “I am excited about the opportunity I’ve been given, but it’s pretty hard to think about leaving the Northwestern community and all my friends.”

By JULIA LANTZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nursing dept. receives funds

With increasing prestige and recognition, the nursing department has been awarded for its recent success. In 2009, the first class of students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Northwestern graduated and had a success rate of 100% with their board exams. These NW graduates are now working in hospitals across the U.S. Sanford Health is recognizing this achievement with a $5,000 donation for nursing scholarships. This endowment will allow NW to offer $1,000 Sanford Nursing Scholarships to five students in the B.S.N. program for the spring 2011 semester.

Sanford Health, based in Sioux Falls, S.D., and Fargo, N.D., is the largest rural non-profit healthcare system in the U.S. It consists of 111 clinics, 30 hospitals and 12 nursing homes. The nursing program does collaborative work with the Orange City Area hospital. NW was acknowledged by Sanford Health through the hospital’s affiliation with the health care system and received recognition because of the quality of the nursing program.

“We are grateful to Sanford Health for their investment in our nursing program,” said president Greg Christy. “This scholarship support will help educate nursing students who are prepared to leave Northwestern committed to Jesus’s healing ministry as they promote, restore and maintain the holistic health of children and adults in a variety of settings.”

Mike Daly, director of public affairs for the Sioux Falls region of Sanford Health, said, “We’ve been impressed with Northwestern College’s B.S.N. program and the success of their graduates, and we want to make sure the program continues to be successful. We plan to make a long-term commitment to the success of the nursing program.”

The B.S.N. program at NW was developed by Dr. Ruth Daumer. She previously taught pre-nursing classes at NW and was later hired to start a nursing program in 2005. Since then the program has received full credit from the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Within five years of when the program started, NW’s department of nursing received full approval from the Iowa Board of Nursing.

The nursing program currently has 104 students which include all pre-nursing and nursing students. “The nursing department hopes to keep increasing in the number of graduates,” said Reints. “You need both in order to make the program successful.”

The nursing department hopes to continue to attract quality students as well as have graduates pass their board exams and working in hospitals across the U.S. and world. The NW nursing program strives for students to become healthcare professionals dedicated to the pursuit of shalom—individual, family and community health, wholeness and peace from a Biblical perspective.
Staff of critically acclaimed paper give up

BY ANDY LOVEME

LEAD SCRIBE

The year 2011 has been officially declared the Year of the Beacon. This holiday declaration comes from Zwemer after a surprising move was announced by the staff of the beloved NW weekly newspaper, The Beacon. They have voted to bring to an end the esteemed publication's tradition of over 60 years of service.

Beacon Staff Criticizer Easton Butter cites a strong year as the primary reason for this decision.

“It’s just time to be done,” Butter said. “After the outstanding year we’ve had, it’s just sensible to end on a high note. Plus, who really reads it anyway?”

The lack of readership, despite outstanding writing and sometimes controversial material, has led to a unanimous decision among the editorial staff to shut down production. According to some, it just wasn’t worth all of the hard work that was being put in to create such a high-quality paper.

“What’s the point of working a 40-hour week if no one is going to pick it up?” asked Head Ed Leon Janedaughter. “Maybe if we started charging, people would want it more. Perhaps we were just too nice.”

When asked about the change, nearly all students responded

favorably, many not even knowing NW had a newspaper. Some demanded canceled class days so that they may better celebrate the year-long holiday.

“If NW doesn’t give me some time off, I’ll just skip anyway,” said Ignor Annt. “I deserve this time to observe the occasion, whether I know how or not.”

Not all students are pleased with the move. Many claim the halt of their favorite reading material is outrageous and uncalled for.

“I’ve read The Beacon every Friday I was here,” said concerned student Wine. E. Student. “Sure, I never attempted to help make it better, discuss the issues I read about or actually read the whole thing, but who does?”

When asked about how

students

would learn about what’s going on in the world, Butler replied with a question of his own. “Don’t we have TVs?”

S A G

(Student Association of Governing) plans on purchasing the old newspaper stands around campus to hold TV’s to inform
campus

of their great many projects.

Beacon Staff would like to assure students that the discontinuation of the publication is not at all related to budget issues. The money that would have been used for printing and student scholarships will be allocated to a different area within the department.

When asked for more details, replied the Beacon’s Lead Scribe Andy LoveMe that he “won’t have to worry about funding next semester.”

For Janedaughter, the “student feedback was simply not enough for us to keep going. Besides, now we can tell our grandchild that we had a year named after all of our hard work. I’d say that’s more important than reading.”

Specifics on the year of celebration have not yet been finalized, but are expected to include an hour of remembrance every Friday morning.

Any students wishing to submit opinion articles on the change should have submitted them when the Beacon still existed.

Study shows articles fail

BY ANDY LOVEME

LEAD SCRIBE

A recent study has shown that 90% of those who read the Beacon ready only the first sentence. Cheeters can run faster than most cars in Spain.

Ich bin einen wunderbar Schreiber auf The Beacon und habe einen Bohne gegessen.

Some students on campus were caught trying to steal the flags in the RSC.

In world news, a lion escaped from the zoo and made it across three state lines before being apprehended by law officials.

The human torch was denied a bank loan this past Thursday.

Upon their return from Narnia, four students have been expelled for lack of chapel credits and will not be returning next fall.

Finals are to be canceled due to lack of student interest, Zwemer announced yesterday.

Santa decides to only visit the houses of children ages 2-6 this year as he and his highly-specialized company face massive budget cuts.

Recent staff changes on campus have impacted the amo...-

BY BOBBERT LATCH-ON

SAG makes decision to move freshmen to a place worse than Hell

Most every student has had the experience of driving around the lot trying to find an open spot to park their car that isn’t taken up by a double-parked truck. Changes to parking areas made earlier in the semester lessened the odds of underclassmen finding such a valuable open spot. Due to this deeply troubling issue, many have frequently been forced to park in the gravel lot, and freshmen are unable to find a place to park at all.

Now, the problem looks to only get worse.

“There was one night that there were literally no parking spots anywhere, so I had to just drive my car around while campus security did their rounds so I could park illegally later without getting a ticket,” stated sophomore Mega Goosey. “I hated that.”

In order to address this pressing matter, the SAG (Student Association of Governing) held an emergency summit. There they discussed ways of freeing up parking space for students.

A proposition was madetomove

the freshman parking from

Hell to a vacant field just outside of Alton. This solution was promptly approved by SAG as well as President Crispy, who praised the council for devising such an ingenious plan to the issue. The transfer is scheduled to take effect at the beginning of this

coming spring semester.

The plot of land to be used was donated by its owner, Ralph Fletcher, who was more than happy to lend a hand to the school and its students.

“This was a great opportunity for me to give back to the community. It helps out the kids at the school, and all the parked cars on my field keep those snowmobiles from tearing up my land during the winter,” said Fletcher, who proceeded to rant for a solid forty minutes about how “these snowmobile contraptions are part of a communist plan to seize control of the corn industry.”

When asked, many freshmen were surprisingly okay with the idea.

“This is going to be wonderful,” said Insane Noub. “This will save me a ton of time. I won’t have to exercise any more.”

Students and faculty alike hope that the implementation of this new system will rid us of the epidemic of elusive parking spots once and for all. If it fails, the SGA plans to experiment with other locations for freshman parking including the maintenance building, a parking garage in Des Moines and Director in charge of Life Patche Pumme’s driveway.

According to SAG president Dusty Mansion, the move is not against just one grade.

“We’ll all be making sacrifices to make this work,” Mansion said. “As a community, we will get through this time.”

Upperclassmen must remove their bikes, scooters, gators, longboards, golf carts and evidently communist snowmobiles to the RSC mini-gym to leave room for underclassmen to store their secondary means of transportation.

Freshmen may have thought the banishment from the West lot was bad. Now, however, they are banished from Hell itself and must wander the streets in search of driving reprieve.
A ghost in the cafeteria: ‘There’s just no other explanation’

BY LEAN JANEDAUGHTER
HEAD ED

Forget Scrooge’s ghosts of Christmas past, present and future; it appears Northwestern has its own ghost of Cafeteria present roaming about.

Although no students have actually seen the ghost, Ron Teeth, cafeteria manager, insists that it exists.

“There have been way too many botched meals this semester. I mean, come on, Orange Jasmine Thai Shrimp Stir Fry with Asian vegetables and white rice. Really? There’s no way our cooks would make food that tasted like that,” Teeth asserted. “Plus, we’ve been missing tons of utensils and glasses. Our students wouldn’t even think of stealing an apple from us, let alone our cutlery. It’s a ghost. There’s just no other explanation.”

Rumor has it that the recent thefts by the ghost will cause the cafeteria prices to skyrocket. The proposed ridiculous cost next semester for supper may be as high as $9.50.

Cathy Cooke, the cafeteria greeter, agrees with Teeth about the recent ghost activities, but she believes she’s seen the ghost at work in other areas, too.

“Every day, without fail, the ghost takes our beautiful fresh fruit and drops it in our water containers. What a waste!” Cooke bemoaned.

“The other day, it even snuck into the cafeteria and dropped a bowl for Saturday night supper, including breakfast for supper on the menu, again. That ghost is out of control!”

Cooke also blames the ghost for the recent botched meals this semester. I mean, look at VPH. The cafeteria manager, insists that it has nothing to do with the ghost. It’s just bad luck.

Junior Kasper Kooima believes the ghost should be called Jasper the Unfriendly Ghost. He suspects that the ghost resides in the pop machines located in the dining area.

“I’ll just be sitting at a table near the pop machines, and all of a sudden one of their ice churners will start up and spit ice at me,” Kooima said. “I don’t know what that ghost has against NW students, but it’s up to no good.”

Kooima also credits the ghost with the recent opening of the Chamber of Secrets (located in the tunnel that runs from Christ Chapel to VPH).

No plans to catch the ghost have been made yet, but Lore E. Sofa, director of campus everything, is looking into putting a TV near the pop machine in hopes that the ghost will die of boredom as it watches the campus announcements scroll past.

The Student Association of Governing (SAG) advises students to enter the cafeteria in either pairs or groups to avoid being caught alone with the ghost.

Guu Marta, vice president of SAG, warns faculty and students of the ghost: “You better hide your kids, hide your wife and hide your husbands, too.”

Any student who can catch or scare away the ghost will receive specialized food for three weeks. Options for the specialty food include breakfast for supper on Monday nights, a pañini or soup bowl for Saturday night supper, and ham and pie for Sunday dinner.
Board of Directors acts illegally

BY WILLA WASHAIR

A drastic, underhanded measure. “We decided we needed to get rid of some of the girls,” said John Bargain, Dean of Student Life. “And what more effective way than by planting some harmless lice and letting their wimanly affections do the dirty work for us?”

Bargain was quick to note that the Board did their homework before going through with their plan. “We individually ate in the cafeteria two or three times a week. We walked around campus and sat in hallways. And we noticed that females were much more affectionate with each other than males,” said Bargain. “They’re basically hugging machines!”

With the first major snowfall on November 13, the Board knew it was time to act. “The Board obviously wanted to do this as inconspicuously as possible,” said Greg Crispy, President of Northwestern College. “It would be bad public relations if it got out we were infesting our female students with lice.”

The first step was to get genetically-modified lice. “We wanted the women off campus long enough that they wouldn’t be able to come back next semester,” said Crispy. “but we didn’t want the infestation to be permanent or disabling.”

Using his presidential influence, Crispy enlisted the help of Sara Molsma, professor of biology. Molsma teaches the genetics class on campus and knew exactly what needed to be done. “It took me a couple of weeks, but with the promise of an extended sabbatical and the Board breathing down my neck, it wasn’t hard to stay motivated,” said Molsma. “It was actually a lot of fun. I may end up getting a paper published on the topic - specifics removed, of course.”

Once they obtained the lice, the Board chose Thanksgiving dinner in the cafeteria as the time to execute their plan. “We chose the supper hour because it has a narrower time slot - a lot of people would be eating at around the same time. And we chose Thanksgiving dinner because who doesn’t love turkey and stuffing?” said Bargain. “Everyone would be there.”

Bargain refused to divulge the name of the culprit, but did state that a Board member casually walked into the cafeteria that evening and planted lice on approximately twenty different girls’ hats. “Once that was done, the rest was up to the girls,” said Bargain.

Statistics on the effectiveness of this plan were unavailable at print time, but Crispy remains optimistic. “Our ultimate goal is that enough girls will have to leave campus that we won’t need to build a new dorm,” said Crispy. “If it works out the way we hope, we can move the rest of the Steggy girls into either Hospers or Fern. Then, ta-da! An empty dorm for incoming women.”

The Board received an anonymous email stating that the Admissions Department has been asked to screen female applicants next fall. However, the Admissions Department has refused to comment on the issue, citing possible lawsuits.

The results are in: Guys and girls to integrate permanently

BY LEAN JENUAUGHTER

The results from a recent campus review by Residence Life have been released, and it looks as if the recent trend of having guys live in girl dorms is here to stay. What’s more, it appears that Residence Life may try to integrate guy wings into Fern and Hospers too.

Rebabka Awesome, Resident Dictator of Stegenga Hall, says having guys in her female dorm went over surprisingly well with her girls, particularly those living on First North. “I don’t actually mind the guys living in Steggy,” said Pam Pluggednose, a sophomore living on First North. “The man stench that wafts into our hallway reminds me of my two younger brothers. The B.O., stinky feet and sheer uncleanly smell...it’s just like home!”

Freshman Destiny Desperado doesn’t mind the guys either—but for a completely different reason. “I was concerned when I came to Northwestern because I’d heard about the terrible 2:1 girl-to-guy ratio,” Desperado said. “But having guys living on the same floor as me, in my opinion, drastically increases my chance of having a ring by spring next year!”

Awesome, though originally concerned about her girls sharing a dorm with males, believes it’s been a good way to integrate faith and learning into the living situation. “You know, I hate it when people take the Bible out of context. But 1 Corinthians 11:11 clearly says, ‘In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman’,” Awesome said. “We believe that to truly live out the Bible, this verse should be applied to male and female dorms as well.”

Awesome hopes this biblical trend remains and continues to grow. “Residence Life is thinking about merging guys and girls into the same wing next year,” she said. “We’ll just test it out for a semester and see how it goes. Who knows, maybe in a couple of years we’ll be pairing up freshmen guys with freshmen girl roommates.”

In an interview with a Bee Can reporter, Curried Muth, Resident Dictator of West Hall, was asked how well he thought this semester went in regards to making the Sweggy guys feel included and integrated into West Hall. “There are guys living in Steggy?” he replied, appalled. “I’m their RD!” Residence Life is looking further into how this oversight occurred.
NW to integrate faith, learning and televisions

BY LINEN FIGLEAVES
THE NOOBIE

It’s TVs for everyone as the Caf’s institution of technological influence spreads beyond tacos and hamburger soup.

With positive response towards the cafeteria’s recent installment of the flat screen TV from students and faculty alike, the SAC has decided to act accordingly. Northwestern should prepare for an education revolution as monitors seek to improve and enhance NW’s academic prestige.

The money earned from Winter Formal this year will go towards the purchase of brand new, 50-inch flat screen TVs to be installed in the lobby of every campus building and in every classroom, as well as to be given to every student at a location of choice.

In addition to the personalized TVs, all professors will take an extended sabbatical as faculty will be replaced not by Smart Boards and Powerpoint slides, but by television broadcasts, thanks to an additional anonymous donor’s generous gift to the college.

The advancements don’t stop with the academic realm, however, as each dorm lobby will be converted into a movie theater with free popcorn and pop available.

While these new installations will indeed increase tuition costs once again, there is no question that they are essential to Northwestern’s purpose of integrating faith and learning into a thorough liberal arts experience. Students will be able to access Internet, cable and online book sources for ease of study, lecture follow-up and entertainment.

Professor Mansmo, head of the sociology department, is excited about the changes occurring. “I strongly favor replacing faculty with TVs,” he said. “Students actually learn more about politics and world news through the Daily Show than through traditional print media,” he added.

Mansmo sees the influx of technology on campus as a positive movement, thereby encouraging students and faculty to “embrace this new digital medium.”

“We certainly don’t want students to embrace their current professors,” he said. “We need to channel our resources and click into the digital age,” Mansmo said. No pun intended.

While technology continually advances students’ academic experience with new gadgets and apps, it is apparent NW is striving for a more cultured campus. An increase in TVs will also allow for NW’s “going green” initiatives, as televisions will reduce paper waste and gasoline emissions from commuting professors.

The technological revolution is taking hold of NW for the better. Applications for TV distribution locations are available in the Caf and RSC. For more information on NW’s TV tending, as well as future campus improvements, contact Lord Sofa or the SAC. Any questions, concerns or comments will be ignored until further notice.

Beacon articles good for burning

BY RANGER JORDY
ARTSY AND ECCENTRIC

Hot off of recent news that the Beacon will be discontinued, SAG has decided to use the publication’s old issues in place of the costly wood logs that have, to this point, been provided for students using the on-campus bonfire pit.

The exchange comes as the latest of the group’s conservation initiatives. “By switching to paper, I think we’ll be able to save a lot of trees next semester,” said SAG vice president Gus Martia.

But that may be only one of a few advantages to come from substituting materials. As psychology student Kylie Vander Flop noted, the prospect of burning others’ opinion-based articles might give some students a warm internal sensation.

“Everybody has had that one article that just really irked them when it was published,” said Vander Flop. “For me, it was one that said there’s no such thing as hell. That idea was just tormenting to read.”

In addition to providing a cozy relief from the cold, the fire pit now provides a place where students can find relief from concepts they disagree with. In promotion of this new service, the former Beacon editors will redirect their efforts toward archiving articles according to their offenses.

“Whether you’re looking to scorch left-wing plugs, male-dominated views, or a negative review of the new Taylor Swift album, we’ve probably got 500 words for you,” said Beacon co-editor Andy LoveMe. “The school newspaper’s been around since long before the civil rights movement.”

This leads to another positive in the recent decision: the Beacon editors’ renewed sense of purpose.

Send your Campus Quotes, with context, to beacon@nwciowa.edu.
Two more wrestlers qualify at Simpson

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders were no match for Grand View last Friday, Dec. 3, as Northwestern was only able to win one match against the Vikings to fall 46-6. Senior Luke Evjen claimed the lone victory at 184 with a win by fall in 9:58 over the 10th-ranked wrestler in the NAIA.

The next day, the Raiders competed in the Simpson Invitational and Evjen and junior Matt Dowell qualified for nationals. They join teammate sophomore Jerod Flores and freshmen J. Mayo and Joe Feekes as national qualifiers for the year. The team finished eighth out of 15 teams.

Evjen placed fifth, finishing his first match by a 14-2 major decision. He won his next match by fall in 4:58 and his second by a 12-2 decision. He lost his final match to the championship match with a 6-3 decision before losing by a 9-3 decision.

Dowell placed fifth, finishing his first match by a 1-2 major decision. He won his next match by a 4-2 decision but then lost by decision 9-6. Dowell lost by a 5-0 decision in the wrestlebacks but won the fifth-place match by an 8-2 decision.

Eight other wrestlers recorded wins at the Simpson Invite. Sophomore Angelo Quintana started out hot, pinning his opponent in 34 seconds at 125 pounds. He followed up with an 11-4 win by decision before losing by a 12-9 decision. In the wrestlebacks, he won by major decision 16-3 before losing by a 6-2 decision to have a 3-2 record in the tournament.

Sophomore Jerod Flores went 3-2 at 149. He dropped his first match, but fought his way through the wrestlebacks, winning by fall in 6:05, a 7-2 decision and again by fall in 2:08. However, his bid for placing fell short after he lost a 12-6 decision.

Senior Brad Hughes also went 3-2 on the day at 285 pounds. He won his first two matches by fall in 4:20 and decision, 8-3. A loss sent him to the wrestlebacks, where he pinned his opponent in 1:42 before losing again.

Mayo wrestled at 141 and went 1-2. He lost his first match by decision, got a bye and then won by fall in 1:48 before losing a second time by decision.

Freshman Ariel Bosque went 1-2 at 149. After a first-round bye, he lost his first match and won his fall in 1:42. He was then forced to wrestle teammate Flores and was eliminated with a Flores victory.

At 184, freshman Ryan McLaurin went 1-2, losing by decision, then winning by fall before losing again by decision.

Freshman Chris Michael also wrestled 184 and went 1-2. He lost his first match but won his second by pinning his opponent in 3:36. He then lost by decision to finish his day.

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SPORTS

Volleyball season comes to a close at Nationals

Coach Van Den Bosch talks with his team during the national volleyball tournament.

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK
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The Red Raider volleyball team lost a season-ending match in National Tournament pool play last Thursday. The five set match (25-21, 25-23, 25-13, 25-23, 15-9) against Lewis-Clark State was for the chance to play in the single-elimination round. Their final record was 36-2.

Senior Hilary Hanno led the team in kills with 16. Junior Rylee Hulstein added eight more. Senior Kaitlin Beaver lofted up 40 assists. Sophomore Kate Buyert led NW with five blocks. Senior Bobbie Jean Rich, sophomore Jennie Jansen and Beaver added four blocks each. Hulstein (14), sophomore Jaci Moret (11), Hanno (11) and Rich (10) were the leaders in digs.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Brent Dunkelberger

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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Brent Dunkelberger was meant to be a basketball player. His dad went to Northwestern for two years and played on the basketball team, and Dunkelberger said that his dad turned on a basketball game as soon as he brought him home from the hospital after he was born.

“He got me a little hoop before I was even one,” said Dunkelberger. “He was so excited that he had a boy that he just taught me to play. I started dribbling when I was two.”

Dunkelberger’s family moved around a lot when he was in school, but he always found a niche on the basketball team.

“It was always tough getting to know people,” he recalled. “I was kind of shy growing up, but basketball really helped. I made friends a lot faster than I would have because I got to know the team right when I moved to the new towns.”

Dunkelberger had been sitting the bench until his junior year when he moved to Waconia, Minn., the school he graduated high school from. “I practiced a lot over the summer and grew two inches between my sophomore and junior year,” he said.

Despite the connection to NW through his dad, Dunkelberger didn’t make the decision to sign with the Raiders until after his senior year in basketball.

“I got tons of letters from Coach Korver,” he said. “I could tell he wanted me to come play. I always kind of thought I would go here. I decided I liked the town; it’s a really homey community and Coach Korver was always sending me nice notes and letters.”

Dunkelberger also followed in his dad’s footsteps by becoming in a business major but decided that path wasn’t right for him.

He explained, “My mom is a paraprofessional and I worked at a daycare over the summer. I really loved working with the kids. It was a great experience, and it made me think, maybe I should be working with kids for the rest of my life!”

Dunkelberger decided to switch to an education major with a middle school and coaching endorsement and said, “I would like to teach anywhere from third to eighth grade. Possibly younger.”

This year, Dunkelberger faces more challenges as he balances being a husband along with being a student and an athlete. He married Jenelle Kleinhesselink, a fellow NW student, this summer.

“Coach always told us that everything you do in basketball, you’re going to see those situations in life,” he said. “Teamwork will directly relate to how you work with other people. You’ve got to work hard for each other. Everything you do now will relate to future habits.”

Dunkelberger expressed a lot of appreciation for the time and effort the coaches invest in their players.

“The coaches have been great,” he said. “Not only do they want to talk to us about basketball, but they are always asking about our lives, and if there’s ever a problem we can always go and talk to them. They want to know more than just how we’re doing in basketball.”

He also said he was very grateful for his teammates. “I have really loved playing with these guys,” he said. “They work so hard. Over the years I’ve changed because I used to be incredibly shy and wouldn’t talk to people. Now these guys are like a family.”

Plans after graduation are up in the air for the Dunkelbergers. Jenelle might attend medical or graduate school or they might move to the Des Moines area.
Women’s basketball cruises past Hastings, Morningside

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The top-ranked Northwestern women’s basketball team improved their undefeated record to 12-0 after impressive wins over Hastings and third-ranked Morningside.

Last Saturday, Dec. 4, NW headed to Hastings, Neb., and took down the Broncos 96-57. The Raiders had a hot shooting, totaling a total of 66 percent for the game and an outstanding 80 percent in the second half.

Senior Becca Hurley led with 20 points, eight rebounds and nine assists. Junior Kami Kuhlmann and sophomore Kendra Dejong added 19 and 18 points, respectively. Freshman Samantha Kleinsasser put in 11 points off the bench, and junior Val Kleinjan scored three from behind the arc to add nine.

The beginning of the game was close, but with the game tied 13-13, De Jong scored six straight points to start an 11-0 run by the Raiders. They never looked back, taking a 47-23 halftime lead and dominating second half play. NW also had a 36-26 advantage on boards.

Despite a close game on Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Raiders were not intimidated by Morningside’s third-place ranking and defeated the Mustangs on their home court, 82-72.

It was a back-and-forth game until NW went on a 9-0 run after the score was tied at 55. The Raiders led by as much as 12 with five minutes to go and held a lead of at least 10 for the rest of the game. De Jong scored over 20 points for the eighth time this year, recording 25 for the night. De Jong scored 23 points and pulled down a career-high 17 rebounds to earn her second double-double of the year. Her rebounding total also tied the third highest mark in NW history.

Kuhlmann added 11 points and senior Allison Hulst scored 10 off the bench and pulled down nine rebounds.

The Raiders shot 46 percent and held a 45-39 rebounding advantage.

The end of the fall sports season means saying goodbye to the teams’ seniors. This year’s fall sports class graduates 40 seniors. This includes three All-Americans and six team trips to the National Championships over the last four years.

Cross Country:

Sara Bolkema of Sioux Center, Iowa, says her favorite memory of her college sports career is the half marathon in Fremont, Neb., faster than her goal pace, despite the cold and wind. She is the daughter of Allan and Janna.

Sara Hess, daughter of Elizabeth Scott and Kevin Hess, is from Washington, Iowa. Her advice to underclassmen athletes is to be intentional and be a team player.

Heidi Hildebrandt of Mountain Lake, Minn., is the daughter of Gary and Karen. Her favorite memories come from Saturday morning long runs topped off with pancakes and bacon at Coach’s.

Charity Miles says her favorite memory during college sports was every time she prayed with her teammates and competitors before a race. It put everything back into perspective and celebrated the joy of shared discipline. The daughter of Craig and Joy, she is from Thedford, Neb.

Jenna Sorensen, from Windom, Minn., is the daughter of Todd and Karla. Her favorite memories were her coach dropping them off in the middle of the country in below zero weather and running the Living History Farms race with her teammates.

Ariaca Wentworth, daughter of Russ and Suzy, is from Springview, Neb. Her advice to underclassmen is to cherish the time you have and be working with and being part of a team because it goes too quickly.

Football:

John Adam, of Sioux City, Iowa, played offensive lineman for the Raiders. He is the son of Mark and Julie.

Caleb Blauwat, strong safety, is the son of Tom and Kim. He is from Larchwood, Iowa.

Daniel Burns played tight end and special teams for the Raiders. The son of Steve and Cathy, he is from Grimes, Iowa.

David Butler, strong safety from Stillwater, Minn., is the son of Bill and Sue Butler. His favorite memories come from the great players and coaches that he’s had the opportunity to have in his life over the last four years.

Jon Gerber, free safety from Lester, Iowa, is the son of Dan and Darcy. His advice to underclassmen is to give a great effort and you will enjoy the results of your college career.

Jordan Halvorsen of Seward, Neb., played cornerback. The son of Todd and Julie, his advice to underclassmen is to work hard and have no regrets at the end of four years.

Evan Hofmeyer, offensive lineman from Charter Oak, Iowa, is the son of Buck and Kim. He advises underclassmen to stay out and keep playing because your time will come.

Brad Hughes, a defensive lineman, is the son of Tom and Jane. From Knob Noster, Mo., he says his favorite memory is getting player of the week against USF.

Brett Leifson, son of Stacey and Ev, says the best thing about being a Red Raider is that team equals family. The right offensive tackle from Mesa, Ariz.

TJ Lensch played linebacker for the Raiders. The son of Kreg and Barb, he is from Glidden, Iowa. He scored over 20 points for the eighth time this year, recording 25 for the night.

The son of Jay and Wendy Malm. He played running back for the Raiders.

Logan Ogden, offensive lineman from What Cheer, Iowa, is the son of John and Berdette. His favorite memories are the relationships built with friends and coaches and all the crazy and funny things they did.

Brad Payne of Alta, Iowa, is the son of Rory and Penny Payne. The defensive back and punt returner says his favorite memory is the 2006 playoffs versus Black Hills State and Missouri Valley.

Lucas Peterson is the son of Beverly. The defensive back is from Waterloo, Iowa.

Ben Raschke, a kicker for the Raiders, is from Plymouth, Minn. He is the son of Brian and Karen.

Austin Rozeboom was a linebacker from Sioux Center, Iowa. He is the son of Arlyn and Beth Rozeboom.

Grantley Samuels played safety for the Raiders. The son of alfag Haywood, he is from Pahokee, Fla.

Daniel Solis, the left guard from Fort Worth, Texas, is the son of Frank Solis and Esther Havranek. His best thing about being a Raider is that he has not only made friends on the team from everywhere in the U.S., but he now has brothers for life.

Jordan Te Grootenhuis of Larchwood, Iowa, played on the defensive line. He is the son of Eric and Susan.

Caleb Van Otterloo played both defensive back and wide receiver. The son of Mike and Elaine, he is from Le Mars, Iowa.

Kevin Vander Schaaf of Edgerton, Minn., is the son of Gary and Karen. He played running back for the Raiders.

Men’s soccer:

Derek Ball’s favorite memory was meeting lifelong friends and people who really cared for their teammates on and off the field. The defender from Phoenix, Ariz., is the son of Allen and Leayne.

Ben Karmish of Littleton, Colo., played center midfielder for the Red Raiders. He is the son of Mindy and Joe.

Jeff Lanser, goalkeeper from Denver, Colo., is the son of Brad and Sandy Lanser. His advice to underclassmen is to try out for a sport even if you don’t know if you’re good enough. He never thought he would get to play at the college level but ended up starting his junior and senior year.

Shane Lesko of Sioux City, Iowa, is the son of Shannon and Julie. The center midfielder said his best thing about being a Red Raider is that everyone on the bench, work your butt off because you can always improve.

Volleyball:

Kaitlin Beaver of Sioux Center, Iowa, played right-side hitter, back row and setter for the Raiders. The daughter of Paul and Pam, she advises underclassmen to work as hard as they can in and out of season and enjoy the ride because it goes fast.

Hillary Hanno, an outside hitter, is the daughter of John and Mary. The senior from Sioux City, Iowa, loves the support and encouragement the team has gotten from the NW community the past four years.

Bobbie Jean “Bob” Rich, of Tilden, Neb., is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Rich. The middle blocker says the best thing about being a Red Raider is that everyone on the team – players and coaches – compete with the same goal: to spread light and further the kingdom through the gifts they’ve been blessed with.

Karis Vink of Zeeland, Mich., played middle hitter for the Raiders. She is the daughter of Tim and Dana.

Raider men tied for second in GPAC

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK

The men’s basketball team picked up a win Wednesday night against Morningside, 82-61, in Sioux City. Northwestern (9-4,4-1) is now tied for second in the conference with Concordia behind Brier Cliff.

Senior Ryan Hoogevest dropped 47 points to lead the Raiders. Junior Walker Seim and sophomore Stu Goslinga added 11 points each. Goslinga also ripped down a team-high 13 boards.

The Raiders will host Concordia on Saturday at 4 p.m.