### Hispanic Festival comes to NW

**BY TEDI SWANSON**  
*Staff Writer*

A mariachi band, a children’s folk dance troupe and authentic Mexican food are all attractions that can be found at the Hispanic Culture Festival to be held on Northwestern’s campus Saturday, Sept. 20.

Inspired by Professor Barb Turnwall’s Hispanic story project, the festival will work to allow NW and the surrounding community to experience aspects of the Hispanic culture. For the story project, Turnwall has gathered together a team that is working to learn the stories of northwest Iowa’s Hispanic immigrants. Working in the same way the Hispanic story project has, the festival will attempt to inform individuals of a culture they may not have experienced.

The festival will begin with two performances from world famous storyteller Antonio Sacre. Coming from a mixed heritage background, Sacre is able to draw not only on his experiences with having a Cuban-American father and a Hispanic ethnicity, but also from what he has been taught by his Irish-American mother and the culture he experienced on the east coast.

“Sacre is an exciting writer, storyteller and performer. He will help us embrace diversity and honor Hispanic culture,” Turnwall said.

On top of the entertainment provided by professional performers, the festival will include learning booths created by this semester’s Human Relations class. With booths encompassing areas such as crafts, games, music, culture and food, the festival will provide students with opportunities to further learn about Hispanic culture.

“I feel that as Americans we often think we know about other cultures because we’re supposedly a huge ‘melting pot,’” said Stephanie Lantz, a sophomore in the Humans Relations class. “Yet we don’t take the time to celebrate the different groups within our nation. I think the festival is going to be a really cool experience because it is everyone coming together to celebrate the Hispanic culture.”

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### Ice cream with the I-Club

**BY LEANN JOHNSON**  
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Ice cream and conversation can be found in the Hospers lounge this Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10 p.m., when Northwestern’s International Club will host an ice cream social.

The social starts at 10 p.m. so students can head over to Hospers directly after Praise and Worship. The system is more “melting pot,” said Stephanie Lantz, a sophomore in the Humans Relations class. “Yet we don’t take the time to celebrate the different groups within our nation. I think the festival is going to be a really cool experience because it is everyone coming together to celebrate the Hispanic culture.”

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### Alert: NW gets new security system

**BY JENNA BOOTE**  
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Students arriving on campus this year are finding themselves more informed, but it’s more than your typical liberal arts education. Students are now getting their fair share of weather and campus safety information. All this thanks to Northwestern Alert, a new campus security system.

An initial email requested that students voluntarily install the new system, which features less essential elements like campus news and weather, all displayed in a uniquely-NW red pop-up box.

The system is more than a convenient morning wardrobe planner (although it can certainly serve well in that role). Its primary purpose is disseminating information quickly and accurately during an emergency, using a scrolling message along the base of the computer screen.

These messages come from two sources. Weather-related warnings come directly from the National Weather Service. NW is in the process of creating preset messages that authorized individuals can send to students. Perry Krosschell, director of campus safety and security, explains, “If a problem arises, a number of administration, faculty and staff members will be able to simply make a phone call and enter a number. These numbers will correspond with preset messages, causing an appropriate scroll to go across the screens. Just one call and it’s up.”

Students are instructed to first call 911 if they spot a threat. A second call should be made to Krosschell.

Installation of the alert system will become mandatory in the future, and those who’ve failed to comply will be unable to log in to their computer.

While the system may have been a surprise for students, a plan to implement new security measures has been in the works for over a year. NW’s Emergency Response Team spent last year researching options before settling on the computer alert system.

Krosschell explains: “We looked at a number of different systems, from phone to computer to outside speakers. We felt the computer alert system was the best option as it utilized NW’s strength. We also appreciated the program’s flexibility—we can add new features as we go.”

One of these new features will be a text-message alert system that will send emergency notifications to cellphones. With statistics showing that 90% of college student own cellphones, text-messaging could be a more thorough way to disseminate information quickly. “We understand that students aren’t always next to a computer. We’re hoping to get the text messaging feature in the next few months,” says Krosschell.

“It’s one-hundred percent about the students and the community. We live in a crazy world. Anything can happen, even in Orange City.”
Avoid “us and them”

BY CHRIS BARKER

For a moment, hold in your mind a person who isn’t like you. Maybe a person who is the anti-you. Better yet, why don’t we expand this exercise and think about a group of people who believe something totally wonky, something completely alien to your way of thinking.

Yeah, those people.

It’s a natural enough impulse, to place folks in groups—us and them. It’s also destructive impulse. It might even be the most destructive impulse that humans have to deal with.

Once a person can make that cognitive separation it is easy to go on to justify all kinds of things, after all, they aren’t like us, right? The problem is that they are in fact like us. That is true all the time, and certainly more than anyone would like to admit. Segmenting humans into “us and them” groups robs people of God-given identities.

For “us” it places an artificial separation between God’s creations, and for “them” it starts the process of dehumanizing them.

As God’s representatives on earth, Christians should be the example that the rest of the world looks to, but this has been a problem since the beginning of the faith. Some of the biggest arguments in the early church were over what to do with “them,” the Gentiles. The church got that sorted out well enough, and you would think the lesson had been learned.

Not quite. Some Protestants still think that the Pope is the anti-Christ, and some from the Western Christian tradition derisively refer to the practices of the Orthodox church as “Smells and Bells.”

That’s just a cursory look at inter-Christian tension, and if the church can’t even manage to get along with itself and acknowledge the beauty of our different faith ways, how can the church be expected to speak truth to power?

Remember, it was the Christian Europeans who came to the Americas and justified their atrocities with the excuse that Native Americans were somehow different and unequal.

Remember, it was the Christians who sat by while a Holocaust occurred in the middle of the last century.

If silence equals complicity, then it is no wonder that Christians aren’t viewed as different from the rest of humanity. Maybe it is time to acknowledge and own that fact.

Christians aren’t different from the world. “We” are just like “them,” and that isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

We are all humans, we are all loved by God and we are all worthy of respect. We are all capable of great evil and we are all capable of overwhelming good.

Only by reclaiming our essential similarity can we truly begin bringing about God’s vision of a Kingdom of Heaven.

BY CHELSEY BOHR

Last fall when the Hub opened, I remember seeing comment cards that had a general message stating that the comments left were being heard. I honestly found the comment cards to be a giant waste of trees, because I didn’t think any of the comments or suggestions left would ever result in actual changes taking place.

And so with the opening of the Hub last fall, specific amounts of flex dollars were added to each of the meal plans offered to students living on campus.

On a night when a student didn’t feel like eating at the caf, they often chose to go to the Hub and use their flex dollars to eat dinner. While the concept is great, if a student chose to do this once or twice a week, their flex dollars quickly dissipated.

This fall when students returned to campus, they were informed that each of the meal plans, with the exception of “Block 180,” now included two meal exchanges per week at the Hub.

A meal exchange can be used any time the Hub is open during designated hours. For some students, there are specific days of the week they are not able to make it to the caf during open lunch hours. The meal exchange option is a great alternative in this situation.

Prior to meal exchanges, students in predicaments like this would either skip a meal, spend more money on other food to compensate for the missed meal, or use their flex dollars at the Hub.

The addition of the meal exchange option is a convenient option for students, but not nearly as convenient for the Hub. Currently, each meal regularly served at the caf, offers two possible meal exchange options.

Eventually there is a possibility of high meal exchange options (per meal) at the Hub. However, this will take time and prompting. Since each of the possible meal exchange options must be prepared in mass quantities in advance (currently there is an average of 150 to 160 meal exchanges each day), adding an additional option for each meal would be timely.

However, if enough comments and suggestions are brought about meal exchanges, our dining options could continue to expand.

Filling out comment cards, leaving suggestions, or writing opinion articles may seem meaningless, but know that as students we are being heard and changes can continue to take place as a result.
Big blockbusters make for a scripted summer

BY AMANDA WRIGHT
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At the beginning of summer we all look forward to the next “must-see,” hoping it will live up to the Hollywood hype. This summer we lacked out with films that make us think, laugh out loud and appreciate the genius of some of today’s filmmakers.

Although we were still in class on May 2 when “Iron Man” made its way into theaters, it’s impossible to overlook this summer hit. Watching another “Marvel” comic brought to life may not be your favorite way to spend seven dollars, but in the case of “Iron Man,” it was well worth it. Jon Favreau, actor turned director proved he is a real talent. The good movie was made in the case of “Iron Man,” when “Iron Man” made its way into theaters, it’s impossible to overlook the shadowy maniac fanaticism that Ledger gave as the Joker. His crazed demeanor gave the film a thrill unsurpassed by any other summer flick. Perhaps it did drag toward the end with a two-hour and 32-minute running time, but most agree it was time well spent.

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Steve Carell knows just how to make us laugh with his quirky humor and silly individuality. Although the plot line of “Get Smart” was nothing mind-blowing, it still delivered hearty laughs and was a great way to spend a few hours. It first came off as a bad “007 knock off which made it less appealing, but overall the team of Anne Hathaway and Carell made for a fun summer movie.

Even if you’re not a “Star Wars” fan, you can’t deny the cuteness of every little beep and mechanical movement R2D2 made. This summer, Pixar managed to create an even more adorable robot, “Wall-E.” Though intended as a children’s film, “Wall-E” touched the hearts of children and adults alike. It was a charming piece of imagination that reached out and made us fall in love with the last robot on earth. Although it was an animated film, “Wall-E” was a true piece of art. Colorful, exciting, beautiful, interesting, cute and absolutely lovable, the cute little robot and his story was everything we have come to expect from Pixar.

Funny man Seth Rogen once again hit comedy gold with the recent summer film “Pineapple Express.” I know what you’re thinking: “Dude, another movie revolving around the lives of stoners?” Settle down, it is not another Harold and Kumar fiasco. Intelligently written with an indie feel, “Pineapple Express” reaches out to friends, buddies and the ordinary guy. It by no means a deep thinker, but it offers good laughs and fine entertainment, which is good enough for most. Perhaps the most anticipated and talked about movie of the summer, “The Dark Knight,” brought Batman back into the spotlight. With the great cast of Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart and of course the late Heath Ledger, this blockbuster was a total success and arguably the best Batman movie thus far. All actors gave great performances but it is impossible to overlook the shadowy maniac fanaticism that Ledger gave as the Joker. His crazed demeanor gave the film a thrill unsurpassed by any other summer flick. Perhaps it did drag toward the end with a two-hour and 32-minute running time, but most agree it was time well spent.

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Blogging: individual thought goes global

BY SARA CURRY
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After originating in the mind and traveling over time and through speech and written word, human thought has now made its way into cyberspace. Internet blogging has become an increasingly popular method to openly express thoughts, beliefs, and ideas. Blogging can serve as a method of social networking, a tool to keep in touch with friends and family, and as an open discussion board on which anyone can present their ideas and comments.

There are many Northwestern students and faculty who blog regularly. Classes like Philosophy of Religion with Professor Donald Waconme, professor of philosophy, use blogs as a way to continue discussion and reflection outside the classroom. Several NW students also use blogs during the summer as they travel to keep friends and family updated on their adventures. Blaine Crawford, a senior religion major at NW, is fairly new to the blogging trend. Encouraged by a NW professor to read specific blogs, Crawford soon became inspired to contribute his own thoughts and ideas. Labeling himself a “Faith Blogger,” Crawford primarily enjoys expressing his views on Scripture and theology through his writing. He describes his personal blog as “a way to process and sort through the overload of information I get in a day, put it into words, and make it available for the whole world to see.”

After just completing a series of entries expressing his perception of the authority of Scripture, Crawford aims to continue updating his blog with book reviews, theological ideas, and everyday thoughts of life as a NW student. To encourage his fellow students to read others’ blogs and express their own ideas, Crawford promotes his own personal philosophy, “Just give it a shot and see what happens.”
FEATURES

Setting the stage: Dordt graduate joins campus community

BY MATTHEW HULSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, John Paul left Northwestern’s theatre department to teach design at the graduate level in Mankato, Minn., and the department went looking for a replacement. After an extensive application and interviewing process, Ethan Koerner was asked to join the department as a design professor and scene shop manager.

Koerner first learned about the open position this past spring. April Hubbard, a professor of theatre at Dordt College, and wife of Bob Hubbard, associate professor of theatre and speech, emailed Koerner and encouraged him to send in his materials.

Koerner, a graduate of Dordt College, jumped at the opportunity and applied for the position. After a few weeks, NW’s theatre faculty invited him to visit the campus and teach a theatre design class.

It was finals week when Koerner came to campus, so he didn’t have the chance to observe a normal classroom, but he still taught the class for invited students. Koerner really enjoyed the students he met.

“NW theatre students were more diverse than what I knew at Dordt, and not just in ethnicity—in interests, backgrounds and styles. Many of the students I taught weren’t even theatre majors; they just wanted to take the class.”

After graduating from Dordt, Koerner attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he earned his master’s degree in theatre. He had a great experience, but Bowling Green was by far a larger school than Dordt, so Koerner was used to. He is enjoying being back at a small Christian college.

“There’s far more community here,” he explained. “And not just in the department; it’s throughout the whole campus.”

This semester Koerner is teaching two classes—one in design and another in stage craft.

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In addition to teaching, Koerner’s work this semester includes designing the set for this year’s children’s show and assisting Vaughn Donahue in designing the set for “Terror Texts.”

More than just a language

BY KATIE RETH
STAFF WRITER

In a sense, Northwestern is a home away from home for new Spanish professor Maria Van Der Maaten. A 2003 graduate of NW’s Spanish program, Van Der Maaten has spent her time since then earning her master’s degree in international development at the University of Denver.

When she graduated with her master’s in November of last year, Van Der Maaten wasn’t entirely sure where God would lead her. Instructor in Spanish Piet Koene’s decision to take a sabbatical left a one year appointment open. Van Der Maaten decided to apply.

“After receiving the position, Van Der Maaten moved back to Orange City and is loving the small town life.”

“I’m really enjoying having my own little place and being able to work in my garden,” Van Der Maaten said.

This Spanish professor is excited to be teaching. One of her goals is to make learning a foreign language a more personal experience. Spending a lot of time in El Salvador, Van Der Maaten developed many strong relationships with the people there.

Van Der Maaten is thankful for the freedom to talk about God with her students—“both are dynamic and eager to learn.”

George was amazed.

BY KRISTI KORVER
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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Caring for students

BY KRISTAL VAN WYK

STAFF WRITER

With a smile, Julie Dragstra welcomed a reporter into her office on the lower level of Wiersma Cottage. Dragstra didn’t hesitate to offer some leftover jellybeans from class and began asking the reporter questions. The two quickly discovered a common connection with a family in the Grinnell, Iowa area. “What a small world!” Dragstra exclaimed.

Dragstra joins Northwestern’s faculty in the nursing department after spending the last 23 years in Iowa area. “What a small world!” Dragstra exclaimed.

Most people on Northwestern’s campus have had quite a journey on their way to Orange City. Ray Gibler, the new assistant professor, ended up staying for five years,” said Dragstra.

“Have collected monkeys ever since I first got the ‘see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil’ monkeys years ago,” she said. She told a little bit about each of them. “I have had the one dressed with the bedpan since 1985 and the other one in a nurse’s uniform I got from my sister when she came back from Honduras where she was a nurse for a while.”

Julie and her husband Ken, along with their three boys, live in Lebanon. They like to do family activities such as camping and playing sports. The boys often enjoy helping their dad on their farm when they get the chance.

Traveling along another journey

BY LEE STOVER

STAFF WRITER

Most people on Northwestern’s campus have had quite a journey on their way to Orange City. Ray Gibler, the new assistant professor in the business department, is no exception.

Gibler’s journey to NW began with his accounting degree at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Upon graduation, Gibler did accounting at property management companies and public accounting firms for a few years.

Then, he went on a mission trip to Mexico. “I went for 18 months and ended up staying for five years,” Gibler said with a smile.

While working at a Mexican Bible school, Gibler decided he wanted to teach. “I just loved being around that age group and teaching. I only taught one class down there and it was music or something, but I really loved it.”

When he returned to the United States, Gibler received his master’s degree in accounting from Washington State University. He then looked for schools searching for accounting professors.

“NW was about the size I was looking for. Plus, I felt like my personal mission of teaching fit well with NW.”

Gibler said, “I want to impress upon people that you don’t have to be a Christian just on the weekends or Sundays but that you can take that with you in the workplace during the week.”

Gibler mentioned a few Mexican momentos that garnish his office as things of importance including the Mexican flag, a statue of the Mexican seal and a picture with a Bible verse in Spanish.

“What I really like though is this other picture in the corner. It’s a guy on a motorcycle given to me by a friend in Mexico.” The picture is done entirely by ink dots.

“I drive a Harley, so I think it’s pretty cool.”

A passion for social work

BY TYLER GRANGER

STAFF WRITER

Valerie Stokes joins Northwestern’s faculty teaching social work for a living, but she also teaches her students that love for others is not a profession, but a calling.

Her story begins in the Midwest, not just in one state but several. Growing up in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, South Dakota, Minnesota and other states in the Midwest, Stokes has traveled her whole life.

Stokes earned her bachelor’s degree at NW in 1993 and then went on to earn a master’s degree in social work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She is a Ph.D. candidate in educational psychology at the University of South Dakota.

Putting her education to good use after getting her master’s, Stokes went on to work a very tough job—counseling at a domestic violence outreach facility in Sioux City. Working with many women and children of broken homes, Stokes devoted herself to helping countless people gain a better life. She spent seven years helping those hurt people rebuild their self-esteem.

After that she returned to NW where she joined the counseling staff, aiding students in mental health. Now she joins the faculty as a professor in the social work department.

If she were to speak in chapel tomorrow, Stokes would want the students to know how much Jesus “reconstructs the human heart.”

Stokes hopes to share compassion and social justice with her social work students here at NW.

Her time not spent at school is spent with her husband and three children. Stokes’ passion for others guides both her professional and personal life.

Compassionate commuter

BY MISSY ROORDA

STAFF WRITER

Even after an early morning, an hour drive to work from her home and eight hours worth of clinicals, Katherine Coyle still sat patiently at her desk for an interview.

She smiled warmly, a half empty cup of Caribou Coffee resting on the desk beside her, ready for the long ride home.

Coyle commutes to Northwestern from Sioux City to teach class and clinicals to juniors.

“I wake up at five and leave home around six-thirty to get here—and then another hour driving home,” she said. Coyle drives all this way just for one class.

Her former job involved teaching undergraduate nursing students at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

“Dr. Ruth Daumer is a friend. I came here because of her, and I wanted to work in a close-knit Christian environment,” she revealed.

Despite her evident pride in teaching, her three grandchildren are her other pride and joy. “They live in Houston, Texas,” she beamed as she gestured to the series of photographs on the bookshelf behind her. “The oldest is sixteen, the others are eleven and ten.”

During the interview, her grandchildren were preparing for the bad weather that was to hit Texas. “They were there when Katrina hit as well,” Coyle commented.

Her grandmotherly eyes glanced back at the pictures, obviously nervous for their well-being.
Red Raiders victorious over Dordt in “The Battle for the Tractor”

**Men’s cross country finishes second**

**SPORTS**

September 12, 2008

**BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Northwestern traveled to Sioux Center last Saturday to challenge Dordt College in the Defenders’ first varsity football game ever. Fans filled the bleachers and spilled out on all sides of the football field as supporters from both sides witnessed this historic event.

“It was an amazing atmosphere to play our first game in,” said NW senior quarterback Matt Roesner. “The student body was great.”

NW kicked off to begin the battle between the rival schools, which will now be known as the “Battle for the Tractor.” The nickname represents the Tractor trophy that will spend the year in the office of the college president for the victorious school. Dordt began to push downfield until sophomore Austin Rozeboom snagged an interception. Then, on NW’s first offensive play for NW, Roesner connected with senior Seth Moen for a 48-yard touchdown.

“In the second quarter, sophomore Caleb Van Otterloo forced a Dordt fumble and junior T.J. Lensche recovered the ball at Dordt’s one-yard line. The Raiders took advantage of the opportunity and sophomore Taylor Malm ran the ball for another touchdown. Roesner scored on a nine-yard run to finish off a 62-yard drive and the Raiders ended the half 21-0.

NW did not back down the second half as Roesner again scored on the first possession with a two-yard run. The Raiders forced Dordt to kick and scored again after three plays on a 21-yard run by senior Kyle Ochsner. Malm scored again early in the fourth quarter on a 13-yard run to bring the final score to 42-0.

“The defense played amazingly the entire game,” Roesner commented, “and a zero on the scoreboard for Dordt was a testament to that.” The Raider held the Defenders to 56 total offensive yards, forced three Dordt turnovers and tackled for three sacks in the game. The defense also “hit it big right off the start and did not back down the entire game,” said Roesner. NW recorded 512 offensive yards, with a well-balanced 270 rushing and 242 passing yards. They averaged an impressive gain of 7.1 yards per play during the game.

Roesner threw for 187 yards and one touchdown as he completed 10 of 20 pass attempts in the game. Additionally, he rushed for 27 yards and two touchdowns. Malm led the Raiders on the ground with two touchdowns and gained 86 yards on 14 carries. Ochsner had one touchdown and gained 80 yards on only five carries. Moen caught three passes and gained 76 yards, while senior Tim Naiman, who had also three catches, had 39 yards. Freshman Derrick Rensink and sophomore Kevin Vander Schaaf each caught the ball twice for gains of 28 and 27 yards, respectively.

The Raider defense was led by Nate Jansen. The senior linebacker totaled 10 solo tackles and two sacks for a total loss of 21 yards. Junior Grant Hegstad had six tackles and Rozeboom recorded five tackles and an interception. Lensch had three tackles and recovered two fumbles, while Van Otterloo forced a fumble and had 3.5 tackles.

NW will challenge Morningside tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the first home game of the season. Head Coach Orv Otten will be vying for his 100th career win at NW as the 13th-rated Raiders take on the seventh-rated Mustangs.

**BY CAMERON CARLOW**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

The Northwestern men’s golf team has a goal in mind. “To win the conference championship and qualify for the national tournament,” said Mark Bloemendaal, who is in his ninth season as the NW head golf coach.

As of now they are one step closer to achieving that goal. After the first round of the GPAC tournament on Saturday the Red Raiders are in fourth place. The 11 teams play four 18-hole rounds each year and the winner is declared GPAC champion and receives a trip to the NAIA Championship. The rounds are split with the first two in the fall and the second two in the spring.

Currently, Dakota Wesleyan is out in front with the score of 299. NW is sitting with a solid score of 305.

“I am glad that we have three more chances to narrow the gap and try to catch them,” said Bloemendaal. “We need to make up some ground in each of the next three tournaments and see where we are at the end.”

Looking at the individual scores, NW had a strong start. Junior Luke Vermeer, who is the defending individual conference champion, is tied for third along with fellow teammate senior Justin Pannkuk. Both Vermeer and Pannkuk shot a one-over 73 and are three strokes behind the leader.

“My goal is to keep improving and try to go after a GPAC title—both team and individual,” said Vermeer.

The Red Raiders take the next step toward the goal of becoming GPAC champions on Sept. 13 at the NW Alumni Event. Then it is on to the second round of the GPAC tournament on Sept. 18, which will be hosted by Doane College.

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Senior Nate Jansen on his way to sack the Defender quarterback. Jansen led the Raider defense with ten tackles, including two sacks.

Senior Tim Naiman runs with the ball in the Dordt game on Saturday. Naiman had three catches for 39 yards in the win.

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**Men’s golf begin GPAC tourney**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

The Northwestern men’s cross country team narrowly missed a first place finish at the Dordt meet on August 29, scoring 36 points to Dordt’s 34. Morningside was a distant third with 69. Six teams competed in the race.


**Women’s golf captures first**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

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**SPORTS**

**Volleyball defeats Morningside 3-1, splits games in St. Mary’s tournament**

BY BETH MOUV
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After a successful 6-0 start to the volleyball season, the Northwestern Raiders’ volleyball team has progressed to a 7-1 record within the last week. The squad split their two matches at the College of St. Mary’s Tournament in Omaha, Neb. last Saturday, then grabbed a solid 3-1 victory over Morningside on Wednesday, Sept. 9. This recent victory moved the Raiders women up two spots in the rankings. They now stand fifth and boast a 2-0 record in the GPAC.

**NW 3, Morningside 1**

It took four games to pull off a victory at Wednesday’s GPAC face-off against the eighth-ranked Morningside. The Raider women dropped the first game 18-25, then rallied back to take the next three against the previously undefeated Mustangs. An disappointing first set saw NW hit .212 compared to the Mustang’s .406. The second set began strong for the NW women as junior Delainye Hardersen began the contest with five straight serves, jumping to an early 12-6 lead. The lead extended to 17-9 before the Mustangs regained a little ground and dropped the set 25-17. Game number three was a classic nail-biter in which 19 ties and six lead changes paved the long road to the Raider 26-24 victory. Down 17-20, the NW women had three straight rallies to tie it at 20 and eventually grab the win. Sophomore Hillary Hanno led the team with five kills in the contest.

The fourth game began roughly for the Raiders as the Mustangs returned Hardersen’s favor and scored the first five points. The lead was short lived, however, as NW quickly managed to take the lead at 9-6. The Mustangs tied the score at nine before the Raider women pulled away to a 25-19 victory.

**Women’s soccer drops two**

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders’ women’s soccer team faced tough NCAA Division II competition at the Bemidji State University, and fell short in both of their games against Bemidji State, 4-0, and Moorhead, 4-1. Bemidji jumped to an early lead in the first game, scoring their first three goals in 28 minutes. Northwestern had 17 shots, including 9 on goal, but was unable to score. Junior goalkeeper Kelley Salem had nine saves and allowed four goals. Sophomore Katy Phillips had five shots, four on goal.

In the second game, against MSU-Moorhead, NW gave the Dragons the lead with an own-goal, but 30 seconds later, sophomore Becca Hurley scored to tie the game 1-1. Moorhead then scored three goals and kept the Raiders out of the net. NW had 14 shots while Moorhead had 38. Salem allowed four goals and had seven saves. Hurley led the Raiders with seven shots, three on goal and one goal. Junior Becca Bruns had three shots in the loss.

The Raiders fall to 1-3 overall, but return to action tomorrow as they take on another NCAA D-II team, Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. NW plays their first GPAC game on September 17th at Morningside.

**Women’s cross country runs to first**

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The Red Raider women ran to first place at the “Early Short One” hosted by Dordt College on August 29. Northwestern had an impressive low score of 26 points, 10 ahead of second place Dordt. Morningside finished third with 91 in the eight-team meet. Six Raiders finished in the top 10 in the 4K race, led by sophomore Charity Miles with a second place finish and a time of 15:07. Sophomores Stephanie Powell and Jenna Sorensen followed, placing fourth and fifth with 16:06 and 16:07, respectively. Junior Ingrid Carlson was seventh with 16:17, freshman Teresa Scholten finished eighth with 16:17, and sophomore Sara Hess was ninth with 16:20. Three other NW runners also placed in the top 20. Sophomore Akacia Westworth was 17th, and sisters Angela and Rebecca Wiggins placed 19th and 20th.

**Men’s soccer wins Buena Vista tournament**

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The Northwestern men’s soccer team traveled to Storm Lake, Iowa for the Buena Vista Tournament on Aug. 29-30 and won both games. This lifts the Raiders to 2-2 for the season.

**NW 5, Presentation 0**

In the first game, the Red Raiders defeated Presentation College 5-0. Sophomore Mike Cookson scored the first goal for NW on a penalty kick and senior Andy Janssen added another goal to put the Raiders up 2-0 at halftime. In the second half, junior Aaron O’Brien found the net and four minutes later, freshman Tommy Tucker scored a goal assisted by junior Jordan Born.

Sophomore Aron Fall scored the fifth and final goal of the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Lanser had two saves in the shutout. The Raiders had 11 shots compared to Presentation’s five. Janssen led the Raiders with three shots, and Tucker and senior Kyle Heymen each had two shots.

**NW 3, Carthage 0**

The Raiders recorded another shutout in the second game of the tournament, beating Carthage 3-0. Born netted the only goal in the first half, with an assist by Tucker. In the second half, Born assisted a goal by Tucker. Pall rounded out the scorers for NW with an assist by Janssen.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ben Schneider had two saves for the Raiders and allowed no goals. Janssen had three shots with two on goal in the win.

NW will take on Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa on Saturday at 2 p.m. They begin their GPAC season on Wednesday when they face Morningside in Sioux City.
**NEWS**

### Student assists in Hurricane Gustav relief

**BY KRISTI KORVER**  
**ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

On Sept. 1 Hurricane Gustav made its landing near the coastal town of Cocodrie, La. as a category two storm. The storm was a category four when it hit Cuba, taking lives and leaving behind immense damage. The states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas were prepared for another Katrina and evacuated nearly 2 million people.

Gustav pummeled homes, trees, and electric lines with heavy rain and 110 mph winds. The levees bleed and streets flooded leaving more than enough damage to repair. Around 1.4 million households were lacking electricity. It could take up to a month for the electric lines to be repaired in some areas. President Bush declared 30 of Louisiana’s 64 parishes a federal disaster area.

Northwestern’s own Tyler Peekenschneider responded to the disaster along with the rest of Unit 2168 out of Sheldon, Iowa. Peekenschneider has been in the National Guard for two and a half years but he has never been called to disaster relief before. He got a phone call at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30 and had to be ready to drive down to Louisiana on Sunday at 8 a.m.

The unit that Peekenschneider is a part of is a transportation unit so their role was to haul pallets of water and food rations across Louisiana. They went everywhere from fire stations to high school football fields. As he drove across the state Peekenschneider said, “pretty bad flooding in places and power lines down everywhere.” The clean up process will take time but Peekenschneider was amazed at how grateful the locals were for what his unit was doing. “Pretty much all we have heard is thank you since we got here,” he said. Local restaurants have even been feeding the unit for free.

Even though he had to miss one of the first weeks of school Peekenschneider said it was “really cool to be able to help people out, I have never done anything like this before.” Now as people are able to move back into their homes Unit 2168 can return home as well.

### Gain perspective with “A Doll’s House”

**BY MATT HULSTEIN**  
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Eight Northwestern students and alums have gotten together and staged Henrik Ibsen’s classic play, “A Doll’s House.” Performances are Friday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 for students and senior citizens and $7.00 for adults. Seating is limited, so call (712) 441-6267 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door, but we cannot guarantee you a seat if we are sold out. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to curtain.

Performances will take place in the School House at 3070, 360th St., Sioux Center, three miles north of Sioux Center on Hwy 75. And then a quarter mile west on the Carmel black top. These students and alums have staged this play completely on their own initiative, and the School House is an intimate “found space.” We can promise you a unique theatre experience.

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### Native American art show on display in TePaske Gallery

**BY KRISTIN KOOMA**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

From Sept. 3 to 25, the TePaske Art Gallery is displaying the fine artwork of the late Bob Plageman, formerly of Maurice, Iowa. Plageman was born in raised in Sioux Falls, SD and served in Vietnam before attending the University of South Dakota. There he studied Native American history and graduated in 1979 with a degree in fine arts. Upon graduating he taught for a year at Sioux Empire College in Hawarden, Iowa which is now closed. He then got a job working at K-Products sewing caps. When his boss saw a painting that he had done, Plageman was moved to the Graphic Design department where he worked from 1984-1994 when he resigned due to health problems. Plageman passed away two years later.

Plageman’s artwork is highly influenced by the Native American culture, as he is part Native American. When he was younger he went decided to go to California to masterpieces in his paintings. Memos and feelings are expressed through the pictures he drew. One can get lost in trying to figure out the story of his life that he tells through these calendars. One can also see how art progresses from sketches on the calendars, to masterpieces in his paintings.

The artwork is displayed by his family; his widow, Anne, and sons, Plageman’s family wanted the art to be displayed and appreciated instead of forgotten in storage. Check it out!

**By RACHEL RIETSEMA**  
**ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR**

With recent decisions about vice-presidential choices, the election has been a leading topic around campus and around the country as of late. As far as numbers go, John McCain still leads the Gallup poll by five points. Barack Obama takes the win in the Rasmussen tracker, but only by one point.

West Virginia hasn’t been a success with Obama recently, but a Blankenship poll reveals that Obama isn’t the only one with points. McCain has the lead with only five points. Another poll brings good news to Obama as McCain is behind by four points in North Carolina.

Obama isn’t the only one with positive news. According to CNN, two swing states are in favor of McCain. He leads by four points in Virginia and Missouri by five.

McCain’s running mate, Gov. Sarah Palin, has caused quite the stir among Americans. Even celebrities are voicing their opinions regarding her candidacy. Matt Damon says that the situation is like “a really bad Disney movie. The hockey mom from Alaska and she’s the president and it’s like she’s facing down Voldemort, but using the folksey stuff she learned at the hockey rink and it’s absurd... I want to know if she really thinks dinosaurs were here 4,000 years ago. I want to know that. Because she’s going to have the nuclear codes.”

Palin’s candidacy has allowed for businesses to cash in on her popularity. Action figures of Palin are now being sold. Christopher C. Hull, government professor at Georgetown University, states: “It makes the funniest irony for the Obama campaign that has thrived on popular public attention to suddenly have that attention diverted so dramatically to Sarah Palin.”

Obama made an appearance on the “Late Show” with Dave Letterman this past Wednesday. When asked about his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, he made it clear that he chose the perfect candidate. “Who’s going to be able to give me good counsel, good advice, who’s able to maybe have some ideas that I don’t have or give me a perspective that I haven’t seen, and I think that nobody can do that better than Joe Biden.”

### Running mates on the minds of many

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