Circling up for a greater cause

Wayne State Circle K gives back through community service

By Travis Corley
Staff Writer

The Circle K International Club is an active leader in the state of Nebraska, healing the world through everyday service. Circle K focuses on service, leadership and fellowship, and members uphold those values through various forms of community service.

On Saturday, April 2, the Wayne State College Circle K International Club assisted with packaging meals for earthquake victims of Haiti, while working with Mercy Meals in Norfolk.

“It’s the club’s second time teaming up with Mercy Meals to help the people of Haiti,” sophomore Dustin Schock said.

WSC Circle K also volunteers with the elderly by organizing different activities for an exciting time at The Oaks in Wayne.

Circle K is the largest service organization among universities in the world, with over 13 thousand members.

Currently, Circle K is also teaming up with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to provide water for 2.2 billion children who lack safe drinking water.

They also have partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club of America and Canada, Children Miracle Network Hospital, March of Dimes and Boy Scouts of America.

Every college that has a Circle K Club on campus is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of that area. Kiwanis Club came about in 1915 in Detroit, Mich. The Club has expanded to 80 different nations.

Circle K is part of the umbrella of organizations led by Kiwanis Club.

Kimberly, which means “we build,” has nearly 250 thousand members across the globe. Their focus is to serve the children of the world.

“We had the most dedicated students this past year,” Circle K Adviser and Kiwanis member Ms. Jason Barelman said.

Circle K International meets bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 5:15 p.m., in Gardner Hall Auditorium, and always encourages new members to get involved in the club’s mission of serving those in need and giving back to others.

The pleasure of poetry

H.U.N forms new workshop on Wayne State campus

By Molly Mayhew
Photo Editor

When hearing the word “Hun,” what comes to mind? Probably Atilla and his army of warrior Hunns, right?

Well, now there’s a new way to think of the word because of a new group on Wayne State’s campus.

H.U.N., or House of United Nations, is a poetry workshop for students interested in improving their writing.

“One of our main goals is to expand the writing scene here in Wayne,” member Zach Drees said.

“If you look at the writing scene in the last year alone, it’s grown significantly, and we’re looking to keep doing that and connect with other colleges like Morningside and WIT (Western Iowa Tech Community College). We really want to take this writing scene and put it on the map because we are in the middle of a cornfield.”

Currently, H.U.N has about a half dozen members, and though they share a common bond of poetry, they’re all very different from one another.

“I think that’s what’s different about us, we come from different backgrounds and are very diverse in what we do,” member Alvaro Archundia, said. “We all have a common ground despite the fact that our majors are different. We all have some sort of struggle that we see, and we like to show people.”

The group also emphasizes a relaxed environment with no
Women’s soccer Team Trivia Night to be held Friday, April 15

The WSC women’s soccer team is hosting its second annual Team Trivia Night on Friday, April 15, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Wayne National Guard Armory. Teams will consist of six to eight players. The cost is $20 per person, and pre-registration is preferred. For more information, contact head coach Molly Grisham at (402) 375-7506.

Honor society Phi Kappa Phi initiation set for today in Student Center

Phi Kappa Phi will hold its annual initiation ceremony today at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Frey Conference Suite. The campus and community are cordially invited. The speaker will be WSC Biology Professor Dr. Douglas Christiansen. A reception and refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Dr. Jean Karlen to celebrate retirement tomorrow in Connell

A celebration of retirement for Dr. Jean Karlen after 35 years of teaching at Wayne State College will take place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Connell Hall Room 131. Dr. Karlen will give a brief presentation starting at 3:30 p.m., and an open house will begin at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wildcat Wheels offers safe ride program to WSC students

Need a safe ride within Wayne city limits? Call (402) 375-7590 or (402) 375-7591, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wildcat Wheels will get you where you want to go safely. Just show a WSC ID to get a ride. Tips are encouraged.

Intramural coed soccer scheduled for Saturday, entries due today

The WSC intramural coed soccer games will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. Entries are due today. Upcoming Frisbee golf is scheduled for Thursday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Frisbee Golf Course. To find out more about future intramural dates, call the Student Activities Office at (402) 375-7322.

Safe Homes reps to speak on Wayne State campus tomorrow

Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Upper Cafeteria of the Student Center, Kathy Schinker and Sr. Elaine Herald, ND, will speak on behalf of the Safe Homes Project, which provides for victims of domestic violence. For more information, call (402) 375-1155 or visit wscatholic@archomaha.org.

Connell Hall to host Social Sciences Day on Monday, April 18

Social Sciences Day will be held in Connell Hall on Monday, April 18. Activities will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end with a 6 p.m. buffet banquet at Geno’s. The meal is open to all students, faculty and staff. Please purchase your $12 ticket from Dawn Hirschman in Connell Hall 131 at your earliest convenience.

Senior graphic design artists to present work in exhibition April 15

On Friday, April 15, Wayne State College’s senior artists will present their work in the Senior Graphic Design Exhibition in the Rice Auditorium. A faculty evaluation will take place from 5-6 p.m. The doors will open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

H.U.N. member and Wayne State College junior Zach Drees reads a work of poetry at a Poetry Slam. H.U.N. is a new poetry workshop on campus that stresses a relaxed atmosphere for students.

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professor advising over meetings and readings.

“This organization is completely student-run,” Drees said. “We have many professors that will help us out and have done a lot to help us. If there are too many professors, we feel that people may be intimidated and feel like they have to look up at this pedestal. We don’t want that, we want a very comfortable environment.”

H.U.N. intends to publish its first book this spring with a collection of poems by the members. The book will be printed through Pseudo Poseur Productions and the group would like to publish a book every school year.

Gaining state conference experience

Phi Beta Lambda earns awards and observes March of Dimes speaker

On April 1 and 2, members of Wayne State College’s chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Lincoln. Many chapter members attended the conference from WSC.

Events were planned throughout the weekend for attendees to take part in, including presentation events, workshops, networking opportunities, state office campaigning, a March of Dimes Mini-Walk and a keynote speaker. Students also had a chance to win awards based on presentation events and testing.

Many WSC students brought home awards from the conference. PBL Vice President of Finance Amber Kutnik earned fourth place in both Sales Presentation and Statistical Analysis, as well as the Involvement Award for Freshmen and Sophomores and a $50 scholarship.

Vice President of Public Relations Chase King earned second place in Impromptu Speaking, fifth place in Public Speaking and Who’s Who Representative for Wayne. Ryan Norton earned second place for Accounting 1 and fifth for Contemporary Sports Issues.

Brandon Weeder placed second in Sports Management and Marketing, third in International Business and third in Economic Analysis and
WSC students and faculty assist at 23rd annual Nebraska State Geographic Bee

On Friday, April 1, a group of Wayne State faculty and students traveled to Omaha to work at the 23rd annual Nebraska State Geographic Bee, hosted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The event is held at the same time as 53 other Bees that occur across the country. Nearly 11,000 fourth through eighth grade students in the state of Nebraska started participating in the competitions last fall, 102 of which qualified for the state finals last Friday. The Bee was hosted by Dr. Randy Bertolas, professor of geography at Wayne State College and coordinator of the Geographic Educators of Nebraska. He has served as a State Bee judge since 1998. WSC Geography Professor Dr. Lesli Rawlings was in her first year as a Bee judge. Eight WSC students, majoring in geography or similar fields, attended the event to serve as scorekeepers, timers and readers. The competition was won by Sean Lynch of St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Omaha. He will move on to compete in the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. on May 25 and 26.

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Decision Making.
Rounding out the WSC award winners was Gavin Schneider, who took first in Job Interview and third in Sports Management and Marketing.

“The most important thing I got out of the conference was the necessity of preparation not only for the weekend with campaigning and presentations, but preparation for life beyond college,” Kutnink said. “It is conferences like these that help expose students to the business world, allow people to network with fellow students throughout the state with similar goals. We all had a fun time getting to know our chapter more personally.”

The keynote speaker for the weekend was March of Dimes representative Erin Trausch.

“She shared her personal story about the premature birth of her daughter and the help she received through March of Dimes. Afterwards, all members were able to come together and raise almost $100 for MOD during our Mini-Walk.”

Though attendance was a requirement for PBL state officers, the experience is one that couldn’t be passed up.

“I wanted to go because I love interacting with other members throughout the state,” Kutnink said. “It is a great way to network with students from other colleges and share ideas to bring back to our own campus.”

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-Arden Kutnink

Tau Kappa Epsilon holds fraternity formal

TKE brings back record alumni numbers

Wayne State College fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon held its annual formal on April 2 in Omaha. The TKEs gave out awards and acknowledged the founding fathers of the fraternity. The event also brought back nearly 50 TKE members, including current and alumni members, more than has ever been recorded at the formal.
City Council

New businesses look at Wayne

By Bill Hunt
Staff Writer

Signs of new business have arrived as much as the signs of spring have here in Wayne. On Tuesday night, the Wayne City Council met to discuss bringing two new businesses into Wayne.

The Council continued discussion on giving a Performance Based Loan in the amount of $43,019 to Inet Library.

The loan will be used to help with the business’s expansion and start up expenses. There was some debate on making this loan to owner Dennis Jensen and Inet Library, as this kind of loan would be forgiven if Inet Library meets requirements set by the Council.

Requirements would include keeping the business in Wayne for a certain number of years and maintaining a certain number of employees, along with other requirements.

The downside to a Performance Based Loan is that eventually, if the Council gives away too many Performance Based Loans, the Council will run out of money from the LB 840 Sales Tax Fund.

“Handing out free money is hard to do all the time,” Council member Brian Frevert said.

Other Council members figured that making a business commit to a Performance Based Loan would provide assurance for how long a business will stay in the community and how many employees the business will have. The Council decided to grant the Performance Based Loan.

The requirements will be decided at the next Council meeting.

Another company looking to possibly set up in Wayne will remain anonymous for confidential reasons. The company is a food processing business that originally is from the west coast. The company has not yet decided if it will move its business to Wayne.

The Council offered a $225,000 Performance Based Loan to the west coast company. The company would, in return, stay in Wayne for at least 10 years and create five new jobs every three years.

The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on April 19 at the Wayne Municipal building.

Campus Security

By Erica Blakley
Opinion Editor

Friday, March 25
Campus Security was notified of a narcotics violation in Berry Hall.

Wednesday, March 30
Campus Security was notified to Neihardt Hall for a medical assist.

Texas Travelers

Front row: Laura Daughton of Norfolk; Ambrose Lwanga of Washington, D.C.; Joyce Rasmussen of Sioux City, Iowa; Annie Kang of Wayne, and Sr. Inviolata Mukhaabi OSB of Norfolk. Back row: Michelle Olsem of Dundee, Minn.; Donovan Roy of Wayne; Sister Cynthia Hruby ND of Wayne, and Maecaela Post of Blue Hill.

Eight Wayne State College students, working through the Catholic Newman Center, spent their spring break in a service learning project. The group visited and served at La Posada Providencia, a shelter in the lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. The shelter provides safety, security and opportunities to individuals who come to the United States in search of a better life.

SHAPE Club presents the 2011 Wellness Just for the HEALTH of It

Wednesday, April 20
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Student Center Atrium

Free admission - Door prizes

Booths
American Red Cross
Blazon Fitness & Nutrition
Family 1st Dental of Wayne
Herman Chiropractic
Goldeneed Hills
Lifesaving Blood Center
Mercy Medical Center
NE Nebraska Public Health
Planned Parenthood
PMC Physical Therapy
PMC Wellness Center
Siouxland Blood Bank
UNL Pierce Co. Extension
Wayne Community Activity Center
AND MANY MORE!

This event is funded by WSC Service-Learning.
Pile Hall renovations right on track

Building receives a face lift with new suite style rooms to be available

By Andrew Smolek
Staff Writer

New windows and the sound of construction as students walk by—this has been Pile Hall for a while now. The remodeling of Pile Hall is coming along nicely as Pile is graced with new windows for the students to see. Students are probably wondering just how well the improvements are going, since they only get an outside view of the building.

“Things are going very well,” Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life Matthew Weekley said. “The project started in late December with a variety of smaller projects, and we’re excited to see more activity around Pile Hall now that spring is upon us.”

The improvements seem to be picking up with the spring weather, which makes for the sounds of construction to echo through campus as the contractors work hard on getting what they need done.

Improvements that are in the future for Pile Hall, according to Weekley, include a spacious downstairs storeroom converted into a student lounge with a kitchenette area, lounge seating, TVs and possible game equipment, general renovations of the entire building.

Semi-suite rooms with semi-private bathrooms will be available in limited quantities on all floors. Air conditioned rooms will also be available.

“We are very excited with the Pile Hall project and feel that the students will be very pleased with the results,” Weekley said. “The student feedback we have received during the design process has been very helpful, and we are looking forward to offering this exciting new living experience in January 2012. Current estimates are that the overall construction will be done sometime in early November.

Although, there is still work to be done, such as the installation of furniture in lobbies and rooms, and the passing of safety inspections.

Pile Hall will be open for students at the beginning of next January.

“Right now, I believe we are on schedule based on the schedules I have seen,” Weekley said. “It’s hard to say if we have an ‘official’ setback at this point, since we are in the early stages of the project. I would say at this time, nothing major.”

Weekley, along with WSC students, is looking forward to the project’s finish.

Office of Civil Rights investigates on campus

Interviews to be conducted on gender equality after filed complaint

By Joel Janeczek
Sports Editor

In early November, Wayne State College issued a survey to students about their various recreational, intramural and varsity athletic interests.

The survey was used to further WSC’s steps towards elimination of gender equality issues within the athletic program.

Now, WSC has become the target of investigation into said issues.

An anonymous person filed a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) regarding gender equity issues in Wayne State’s athletic department. Officials with the OCR came to campus yesterday and will be here until tomorrow, interviewing staff members and student athletes as part of the investigation.

“They will come in, interview and evaluate, and we will provide them with information,” WSC Athletic Director Eric Schoh said. “Currently, we’re not sure if this means anything for us.”

According to figures from the beginning of the year, the student body is approximately 45 percent male and 55 percent female. As far as athletes go, the numbers move to about 60 percent male and 40 percent female.

WSC will not know the findings of the OCR until after the investigation is complete.

“We can have one or several women’s sports, such as rugby, swimming or tennis.

WSC will not know the findings of the OCR until after the investigation is complete.

“If they come to us with something, we will have to respond to it,” Schoh said.

WSC will not have a number of directions to choose from, should they be approached by the OCR to make changes. One of the choices is adding one or several women’s sports, such as rugby, swimming or tennis.

Until anything official is released, Wayne State has to endure a period of waiting.

If the OCR does find the complaint filed was substantial, it is likely that they will begin working toward a solution with WSC and the athletic department as soon as possible.
Kids + video games = violence?

Most of us are guilty of sitting in front of the television playing the newest game for hours, whether it’s “Call of Duty,” “Halo” or “Grand Theft Auto.” Video gaming is a multibillion-dollar industry, bringing in more money than movies and DVDs.

Video games have become very sophisticated and realistic. Some games even connect to the Internet, which allows players to interact with unknown adults and peers.

It’s been talked and debated about for a while now—do violent video games create violent children, adolescents and adults?

When violent video games first came out, there was a lot of controversy to whether or not they instigated violence in the people who played them.

Not all video games are violent. Some have educational content, promote learning, problem solving and help with the development of fine motor skills and coordination.

But most of the popular video games today emphasize and promote negative themes such as: the killing people or animals, the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, criminal behavior, disrespect for authority and the law, sexual exploitation, violence toward women, racial attitudes, sexual and gender stereotypes, foul language, obscenities and obscene gestures.

Studies have shown that children who are exposed to violence can become “immune” or numb to the horror of violence, imitate the violence they see and show more aggressive behavior with greater exposure to violence.

Some children believe that violence is an okay way to handle problems.

Video games are so incredibly common now that they may not have a direct effect on kids’ behavior anymore.

Violent video games are so incredibly common now that they may not have a direct effect on kids’ behavior anymore.

Kids play such video games now because it’s something to do, not because they’re into the violence.

People seem to blame TV, movies, music and video games for the ways their kids act out in the world. If a kid is acting out and going crazy, there is something wrong with them.

Maybe it’s a phase they’re going through or bad parenting. Some kids who are already violent are going to want to play the violent video games. The violent video games don’t create violent kids, violent kids create violent video games.

Staff Editorial by Erica Blakley

In the interest of full disclosure, I follow political elections like most people follow sports.

Why not, when it is all broken down, elections are just contests between different candidates, and only one will end up walking away with the win.

It’s also easy in the United States, as a two-party system cuts down the competition to a final two—or in some rare cases, a final four or so.

So, like any fan who sees the primary competition faltering and failing to perform at the level it needs to, I take great delight in the current struggles of the Republican Party.

The Republicans are suffering a major identity crisis, and let’s face it, they are heading toward and endgame that will basically hand the win to Obama. All the current names being thrown around are either too hot or too cold, but there is no Goldilocks in the running right now to be the Republican presidential candidate.

Sure, it may seem early to have a viable nominee show their face, but the early days matter.

As it stands now, Republican voters are left to hope for some salvation, hopefully in the form of a politician with actual experience and credibility.

Which brings me to the point that the title alludes to—the Donald, the man with what appears to be hair, is actually strutting around and hinting at a run for the White House.

Is he serious, or is this just a guy who eats up attention binging on his favorite treat? It’s hard to tell at this point, and that’s indicative of how poor the current selection is for likely voters.

When someone like Donald Trump can mention that he might want to throw his hat into the ring and people take it seriously, it shows that there really isn’t a better option just hanging around.

People should have laughed in Trump’s face, not stepped back and wondered whether it could happen or not.

Usually, I would try and point out the silver lining for members of the Republican Party in this dark cloud of awful that is hanging over their heads, but is there really any hope for the GOP?

For all the complaining and rhetoric that is hurled around about President Obama, it’s a bit reassuring that the Republicans haven’t been able to offer a preferable alternative.

Not just in the realm of an executive, but also in Congress, where Republican leadership has failed to deliver on most of the campaign promises that Republicans made in November.

So maybe the real lesson of Trump is to stop rehashing political rhetoric, and instead find a good candidate that will actually deliver.
Meet the Critic: Experiences in lying—honestly

Joel Janecek

Sometime Monday afternoon, I was browsing the pages of msn.com, keeping up on entertainment news, when a feature caught my eye.

I guess April 4 is National Tell-a-Lie Day, so MSN had a bit on the biggest liars in history.

As if the title wasn’t enough to draw you in, the lineup of names was.

They had compiled a list of 14 people, most of them politicians or other public figures ranging from Milli Vanilli, to Richard Nixon and Benedict Arnold.

Some of these cases are pretty interesting.

For instance, Milli Vanilli was a pop group consisting of Fab Morvan and Rob Pilatus, at least visually. The group had a lot of early success and won the Grammy in 1990 for Best New Artist. However, Milli Vanilli was caught lip-syncing at a concert, and it was eventually discovered that it wasn’t their voices on the albums.

Another example was Frank Abagnale, possibly one of the most famous con men ever. He passed over $2.5 million in bad checks in the 1960s and is known to have used at least eight different identities.

He also escaped from police custody twice before the age of 21.

Janet Cooke won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1980 Washington Post story, titled “Jimmy’s World,” which was about an 8-year-old heroin addict. She admitted that though her sources had mentioned the possible existence of the boy, she was unable to locate him and instead created and turned in a fabricated story.

There are then more serious cases mentioned, such as George W. Bush lying to the United Nations about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction, a move that seemed to be the basis for the war that still continues today. Everyone remembers the Bill Clinton scandal.

The nation became obsessed with his sex life, discovering his “relations” with Monica Lewinsky. He was impeached, but there were not enough votes to remove him from office.

Richard Nixon explained to a bunch of reporters that he never obstructed justice. Less than nine months later, he resigned from the presidency to avoid being impeached for obstructing justice and lying about items in the Watergate Scandal.

There are also less serious examples, like Rosie Ruiz, who claimed the third best women’s time in the Boston Marathon. Though no evidence was found then, she was eventually caught cheating by taking the subway during the New York Marathon.

James Frey lied about most of his life story and published it as his memoirs, titled “A Million Little Pieces.” Frey lied to a few A-listers, such as Larry King and Oprah, along with several newspapers.

It’s amazing how one can become infamous and even immortalized to an extent by telling lies. Everybody does it, but I guess it’s how you use the lie more so than what you lie about.

Con artists and scammers have used lies to get rich fast. Other people have used lies to gain notoriety or fame.

Others yet have used them in defense or in an attempt to get out of a rough situation—to avoid trouble, in other words.

Personally, I’ve told dozens of tall tales in my short life, from white lies to whoppers, usually to escape trouble at school, punishment from my mother or to avoid going to class (I’ve had some good ones in the latter category).

All they’ve gotten me are detentions, months without a social life and a steepened DUI sentence.

“Pwn” the Noob: College student sez—’I iz responsible for stuff I missed’

Kelly Weber

Hello, readers. We’re entering the home stretch now toward the last full month of classes (everyone say “yeeaaaaah!”).

That means two things. One—it’s April. Two—it’s April.

So to reflect the month’s myriad of events and things going on, this article will reflect a myriad of topics sort of gathered under “choosing between various events and classes.”

But there is a main thread I’d like to focus on.

So…

Today’s experience—we’re actually responsible for the stuff we miss in class when we have to choose between different activities.

Pwnage Level—3 (this one’s on par with the last one, since I use a 1-4 scale of pwnage).

The experience—well, this is sort of a variety of experiences, actually.

In various classes, at various times, for various activities, of a various variety of various sources for various time-schedules, I’ve had to miss class for school-related activities.

No big deal, yes?

Now, I’d like to prelude this by saying I had ample warning of this one, which I kinda, sorta chose to ignore.

Before my classes ever started, I was given a shift comparing the main differences between high school and college.

One of the main ones—in college, you’re, you know, kind of responsible when you miss stuff. It’s not exactly the job of the professor to track you down and say, “Hey, omg, you totally missed this, this and this.” Here you go, now go do this.”

Eh…no, that’s not quite how it works.

So, someone who’d, you know, read that and paid attention to it probably would have said, “Oh, ok.

Then I’d found out all work ahead of time and just do it then.”

And I have learned to do that—after a good deal of time.

But essentially, my first experience went like this...

The first time I had to miss a good deal of class, I went up to the professor and told him I would be gone on such-and-such a day at such-and-such a time for such-and-such event.

He said ok. That was fine.

End of story. No problema.

Well, I thought to myself, “that was easy.”

And then I went back to class after I was gone.

Huh? What?

What do you mean I missed homework?

What do you mean I lost participation points?

What do you mean there was an assignment due today?

Turns out—classes don’t stop for you.

Mostly, I’ve learned my lesson from this one, although I set myself up for another one the other day.

I had to miss some classes for an event and did actually find out what I was going to be missing, but didn’t bother to follow up on what would be due the next time I came back to class.

Long-story short, about 20 minutes before class, I finally figured I’d better text a friend from class to tell me the assignment.

Good thing it wasn’t, you know, a report or something.

Advice—it would be pretty sweet if every prof had an errand-runner with Hermes’ wings attached to their feet flying them around, doing the little odds-and-ends these hardworking instructors don’t have time for—tracking you down to make sure you did your homework like a high-schooler.

So, instead, do yourself (and the profs) a favor and find out from someone, or find out ahead of time and then use follow-up e-mails.

At the very least, text your classmates to find out what you missed. Otherwise, you’ll end up strolling into class, picking a seat, stretching your arms and then saying, “Wait…I r haz homework?”
Men ruggers fall in Sweet 16
St. Edward’s edges Wayne State 19-17 in playoffs

BY TIM COTTIER
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College men’s rugby team was in Wayne this past weekend to play in the Sweet 16. A late score against St. Edward’s University made the game close, however, the team couldn’t come away with a win to advance to the next round and one game closer to the Final Four.

“They played like gladiators with every ounce of energy that anyone could have asked for,” head coach Darrin Barner said.

The weekend’s first game was the big one for WSC, needing a win to have a chance at the Final Four.

The game started off quickly for WSC, scoring in the first five minutes of the game when David Synnott pounded it in to the end zone. After that, it was all St. Edward’s from there on in the first half.

St. Edward’s caught WSC off guard several times with quick passes, and before Wayne state knew it, they were down 12-5.

Penalties and sloppy defense were key killers for Wayne in the first half.

Wayne State played 14 on 15 for 10 minutes the first half when a player was called for a dangerous tackle. Wayne did not let St. Edward’s score during that time.

“But five minutes before halftime, St. Edward’s scored again. The score at half was 19-10 in favor of St. Edward’s. “At halftime, we got after each other and talked about what they were doing and changed some things,” Justin Johnson said.

In the second half, Wayne State came out fired up. With some good strategy talk at halftime, the defense improved. It was back and forth, with neither defense letting down. Wayne State was trying all they could to score.

Wayne State had a break-away run by Taylor Foster, but the play was called back for a knock-on.

With less than five minutes left in the game, Beau Boryca ran down the sideline and cut back to center the ball for the score. Synnott made the conversion kick, bringing the score to 19-17.

With little time left, Wayne State was trying all they could do to score again, but it seemed to be out of reach. The final whistle blew, and St. Edward’s won the game.

On Sunday, WSC played an exhibition game against 12th-ranked North Dakota State University, who lost to Occidental University on Saturday.

Before the match started, both teams agreed to play the first half with the starters and the second half with the younger players.

“It was good to get them experience in a national playoff game,” Barner said. “They practice just as hard as anyone else.”

North Dakota State scored first, but WSC answered back with a try by Boryca.

Bruised and beaten from the day before, the Wildcat defense again collapsed and NDSU scored. WSC never gave up, though.

Boryca scored again when he broke out for a 40-meter run to tie the game at 10.

WSC would score again right after making the score 15-10 with just minutes left in the half.

WSC knew they had to score, and the starters didn’t want to lose again by just a couple of points.

Nolan Persson would score for the Wildcats when he broke a couple tackles on his way for the try. Synnott made the conversion kick to give WSC the lead 17-15 going into halftime.

After halftime, WSC’s younger players took the field to get some playing time. They showed determination, but NDSU had the experience. The final score was 51-17.

Occidental beat St. Edward’s 28-20 on Saturday to advance to the Final Four in Virginia.
Wildcat standout honored again

Hefner receives scholarship from NCAA

By Samantha Roh
Staff Writer

Recognition from the National Collegiate Athletic Association continues for Wayne State College volleyball player Jennifer Hefner, as she has been awarded the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, worth $7,500.

The Postgraduate Scholarship began in 1964 and is given to 29 female and 29 male student athletes from Division I, II and III schools in the fall, winter and spring seasons.

In addition to helping the Wildcats in volleyball, ending her career ranked fourth on the all-time list for kills with 1,540, Hefner held a 3.93 grade-point average.

Hefner was the first Wildcat athlete to earn back-to-back First Team Academic All-American honors, while also earning All-American honors on the court, receiving Second Team American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American recognition. For her third straight season, Hefner earned First Team All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Head coach Scott Kneifl said he tries to schedule their athletic schedule around academics and stresses the importance of a degree at WSC.

“I feel very fortunate because I feel like the players in our program take a lot of pride in their academics,” Kneifl said.

Hefner was one of the players that understood the academic aspect of being a student athlete. Kneifl said she led by example on the court, but will leave here one of WSC’s most highly decorated student athletes, in addition to one of WSC’s most talented volleyball players.

“I think it says a lot about her character and what she wants to accomplish,” Kneifl said. “She sets her goals high, and she works hard to achieve them.”

Hefner said academics have been a big part of her life since she was little, and her parents pushed her to do her best. When it came time for sports in addition to school, time management was a big factor.

“You have to know your schedule. Work and studying around practice times and classes, you just learn how to juggle things,” Hefner said. “You have to be flexible with your schedule.”

Hefner is majoring in applied human and sport physiology at WSC.

Indecisive when she came to WSC, Hefner was carrying a history Education major. However, her first semester she took Anatomy and Physiology and fell in love with the class. She then decided she wanted to major in either physical therapy or occupational therapy.

“I did some shadowing and got a job at a clinic. That kind of made me decide that’s what I wanted to do, so I switched my major,” Hefner said.

Next year, Hefner will be attending Creighton University for its Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

Let the outdoor games begin

Wayne State kicks off outdoor track and field season in Sioux Falls

By Dan Keller
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College men’s and women’s track and field teams are each projected to finish fourth in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference outdoor season. This projection comes after both teams finished fourth at the NSIC Indoor Championships on Feb. 26.

“I am happy with our outdoor performances at the NSIC Championships. Our team can’t take it for granted, though, that it will happen again outdoors without working hard to make it happen,” head coach Marlon Brink said. “We have to have everyone contributing again, just as we did during the indoor championships.”

The women’s team will have to compete without Christina King, whose eligibility only ran through the indoor season, where she was an All-American in both the 400-meter dash and the 4 x 400-meter relay.

This outdoor season will, however, see the return of junior thrower Casey Buskirk, who placed ninth at the Division II National Championships in 2010 before red shirting the 2011 indoor season.

Both teams opened up outdoor competition this weekend at the Vance Butler Augustaana Invite in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Senior distance runner John Kern posted a first-place finish and an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Mark on Saturday. Kern won the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:04.54 and placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, setting a provisional mark with a time of 9:17.68.

“It was a great opening to our outdoor season,” Kern said. “Everyone competed well this weekend. Everyone still has a lot to work on, but we have about six weeks until conference, so we have a bit of time.”

Junior thrower Ross Bunchek placed third in the hammer throw.

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DH Burkhart helps Wildcats split Northern Sun doubleheaders with Northern State

By Tim Prokopec
Staff Writer

Paced by a stellar weekend from Pat Burkhart, the Wayne State College baseball team split a pair of doubleheaders with conference foe Northern State over the weekend at the Pete Chapman Baseball Complex in Wayne.

The Wildcats are now 9-9 on the season and 2-2 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Northern State is 5-11 overall, while being 2-6 in the league.

In the series finale on Sunday, junior designated hitter Burkhart went 4 for 6 with three RBIs and three stolen bases, while the Wildcats cruised to a 14-4 victory in seven innings.

The Wildcats continued to add runs in the top of the first inning. Pat Burkhart, the Wayne State College Baseball Complex in Wayne.

In the third inning, but Northern State eventually went on to defeat the Wildcats, 7-2.

In the seventh when Burkhart singled to highlight the inning.

Jake Ritzdorf each had RBI singles scoring three times. Parsons and more insurance runs in the fifth, in the inning.

Nick Bidroski, who singled earlier giving the Wildcats a 14-4 victory.

On a wild pitch.

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But it was all Wildcats from then on.

Wayne State pushed across one run in the bottom of the first, when Burkhart scored on a wild pitch.

The Wildcats then took complete control in the second frame, plating three runs on just one hit, while NSU pitching gave up four walks.

WSC got back to work once again in the third, scoring four runs on just two hits, but used two Northern errors to keep the inning alive to make the score 8-2. The inning was highlighted by a Travis Parsons triple and an RBI single from Burkhart.

In the fourth, the Wildcats took a 9-2 lead when Slade Bolles laced an RBI double to right field to score Nick Bidroski, who singled earlier in the inning.

The Wildcats continued to add more insurance runs in the fifth, scoring three times. Parsons and Jake Ritzdorf each had RBI singles to highlight the inning.

Wayne State sealed the deal in the seventh when Burkhart singled up the middle to score the final run giving the Wildcats a 14-4 victory.

"Pat has gotten a chance to play and has taken advantage of it," head coach Brian Disch said. "He gave us a chance all weekend at the plate."

Burkhart led the Wildcats, going 4 for 6 with three RBIs, three stolen bases and two runs scored.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play and then use my speed to get on base and give our three and four hitters a chance to drive me in," Burkhart said.

Parsons went 2 for 4 with a triple for the Wildcats, while Bolles was 2 for 3 with a double and two runs scored.

On the mound, Reid Lancaster earned the win for Wayne State.

"Reid struggled in the first inning, but did a good job of fighting back," Disch said. "Going six solid innings, you can’t ask for anything else."

He allowed four runs on eight hits with four strikeouts through six innings of work to improve his record to 3-0 on the season.

"I’m establishing my fastball early in the count, which allows me to throw my out pitch, which is my slider," Lancaster said. "I feel great right now."

Jerad Barth pitched the seventh frame and allowed one hit, while striking out two batters.

In the first game on Sunday, Wayne State held a 2-0 lead through the third inning, but Northern State pitcher Lucas Jung held the Wildcats scoreless from there on out, as the Wolves went on to defeat the Wildcats, 7-2.

Burkhart led the Wildcats offensively, going 3 for 4 at the plate to go along with a stolen base. Mike Bisenius homered in the ball game.

Tadd Johansen suffered the loss on the mound for Wayne State, he allowed four runs on five hits through 5 2/3 innings of work. The loss drops his record to 3-2 on the year.

In the nightcap on Saturday, the Wildcats were at no shortage for runs. Wayne State put together a 10-run second inning to take command of the game and eventually went on to defeat the Wolves, 13-2.

Parsons went 1 for 4 with four RBIs at the plate for WSC. Acosta was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Beranek went 1 for 3 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Eric Schwieger earned the win on the hump for the Wildcats. He tossed seven innings, allowing only two runs on seven hits.

In the series opener, Northern State kept tacking on runs in the final innings to put away the Wildcats, taking game one, 9-5.

The Wildcats punched out 12 hits in the game. Burkhart, Bidroski and Taylor Welk each had two hits for WSC.

Austen Wisroth took the loss on the mound for the Wildcats, going 5 2/3 innings, allowing seven runs (one earned), He had five strikeouts, while giving up nine hits in the contest. The loss drops his record to 3-2.

Wayne State will be back in action today, when they face Augustana College at 1:30 p.m. at the Pete Chapman Baseball Complex in Wayne.

They (Augustana) are hot. They have taken care of business in the conference so far and are returning mostly everybody," Disch said.

Teeing off

Golf season begins for WSC teams

By Aaron Leuth
Staff Writer

The men’s and women’s golf teams competed separately this past weekend, teeing off on the opening action of their 2011 seasons.

The men’s team, led by head coach Troy Harder, played host to seven other teams at the annual Wayne State College Spring Invite.

The field consisted of Bemidji State, Minnesota-Crookston, Minnesota State, Augustana (S.D.), Northern State and another Augustana team.

The Wildcats, as a team, shot a remarkable 298 on the first day of competition, taking a commanding lead over the competition and never looking back. They put together an equally impressive second day performance of 289, and accumulated five of the top-10 finishers individually in the tournament.

Senior swingman Adam Field led all scorers with a two-round total of 143, followed closely in suite by teammate Tyler Dejong with 146.

“I was very impressed with our groups effort,” Harder said. “This being our first competition of the season, I couldn’t have asked for much more. Our main goal for the remainder of the season is to gradually get better, and make a run at regionals.”

The women’s team was also in action this past weekend, competing at the Whispering Creek Golf Club in Sioux City, Iowa, as part of the Morningside College Spring Invitational on Saturday.

In their first bit of golf action on the season, the Wildcats were a little less successful on the course as their male teammates had been.

WSC ended the tournament with a fifth-place finish and a team score of 393, as host Morningside would edge out the competition in the seven-team event, winning the meet with a team score of 352.

Wildcat junior Paige Barry led the charge for the “Cats with her seventh place individual effort of 90.

“I was also pleased with the way our ladies played,” Harder said. “The course at Whispering Creek is a very hilly atmosphere, and I think for our first outing of the year, we did just fine.”

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Wildcat softball wins four
WSC plays four doubleheaders, goes 4-2 in six games

By Kayla Clark
Lifestyles Editor

The Wayne State College softball team took to the dirt again this week in four double-headers against University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Mary, Northern State University and Minnesota State University.

The Wildcats posted a 4-2 record on the week with their only losses coming to UNO.

On Sunday, the team took on the Northern State Wolves. WSC came out on top, posting final scores of 8-0 and 3-1.

In the first game against NSU, senior Katie Goetzinger pitched her third career perfect game and fourth career no-hitter, recording 10 strikeouts. WSC made 11 hits in the game.

In the second game, a two-run homer by senior first baseman Jennifer Radley and a solo homer by senior catcher Sam Earleywine helped the women grab the win.

WSC added wins over the University of Mary on Saturday with scores of 4-2 and 7-4. Four home runs by sophomore utility Aeriell Earleywine, Goetzinger, Radley and Sam Earleywine helped the Wildcats grab the wins.

In the first game, Goetzinger pitched her ninth complete game of the season, striking out 13 and allowing only two runs on three hits.

On March 30, WSC fell to the Mavericks of UNO in 2-0 and 3-1 losses, closing out non-conference play for the season.

The Wildcats recorded only one hit in the first game to UNO’s seven. Their only score of the game came when Aeriell Earleywine walked, moved on a sacrifice bunt by senior second baseman Blaire Kuhl and scored on a single by freshman utility Dani Sandel.

WSC will be in action again on Saturday when they take on the Bulldogs of Minnesota-Duluth.

Becoming the Boss of blocks
Former WSC basketball player stands out at USD

By Tim Gray
Staff Writer

Jodie Boss, a former WSC women’s basketball player, is at it again.

Boss, now at University of South Dakota under the helm of former WSC head coach Ryun Williams, has set another school block record.

In her first year on the court with the Coyotes, Boss recorded 106 blocks in a single-season. “Love playing for Ryun Williams both at WSC and USD,” Boss said. “He is a coach that understands players’ strengths and weaknesses, and that has helped me by in situations playing to my strengths.”

During her days at WSC, Boss dominated the block record, owning the two top spots with 90 her freshman season (‘07-’08) and 78 her sophomore year (‘08-’09), totaling 168 blocks as a Wildcat.

“I feel fortunate to be able to hold the block record at two different schools,” Boss said. “Not too many people get this opportunity.”

Boss’ 106 blocks this past season fell just short of the all-time career record of 134 at South Dakota.

With one year of eligibility left, Boss may reach another plateau in the record books.

In collegiate basketball both at WSC and USD, Boss has accounted for 274 blocks in just three years of play, making her a shut down force down low.

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With the school year coming to an end, many students are making their vacation plans to travel, take summer courses or maybe just hang out around town.

Not juniors Danielle Bice and Leslie Stake. These two students will be interning at two rather different companies this summer.

“To support exceptional talent” is the mission of the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha. It provides inspired and talented interns an opportunity to see and work within the contemporary art world.

Graphic design major Bice has been selected for an unpaid internship at the Bemis Center starting on May 16. While assisting some of the staff members, Bice will also be introduced to the Artist-in-Residency program, marketing and media, art sales and inventory, and Art Talks. The Bemis Center showcases 20 cutting-edge exhibitions annually that feature emerging and established artists and span all visual art mediums including video, installation and performance art. “I am totally looking forward to working the events. It will be nice to meet local artists and learn all that I can from them,” Bice said.

Almost a thousand miles away, the Georgia State Games will begin its 21st year of Olympic celebration on May 9. With over 40 different sporting events, ranging from archery 3-D to wheelchair power soccer, 10,000 athletes and more than 50 venues, the Games will take over the greater Atlanta metro area. This is where graphic design major Stake will be until the games’ culmination on Aug. 12.

While assisting some of the staff members, Bice will be in charge of making flyers, posters and logos before the games begin, revamping the company’s website and the photography for the event. “My dream job is to be a graphic designer for ESPN or any sport company, really,” Stake said. “This is a perfect opportunity for me to experience what I hope to do as a career one day.”

As a member of the National Congress of State Games, the Georgia Games is an amateur sports association offering athletic competitions for all Georgia residents. The company strives to develop, promote, operate and educate physical fitness, sports and health programs in Georgia. The Georgia Games has offered its internship program for 20 years, and this is the first year that a Nebraska student has been chosen. “I am looking forward to all of it,” Stake said. “I love sports, and having this much responsibility is going to be a lot of work.”

By Kaitlyn Siemon
Staff Writer

A summer of opportunities
Two WSC students prepare for summer internships

Leslie Stake (above) and Danielle Bice (right) will participate in graphic design internships this summer. Stake will be the head graphic designer for the Georgia State Games, and Bice will participate in an internship at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha.

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‘Ender’s Game’
Sci-Fi classic still engaging after 20 years

BY KAITYLyn SIEMON
Staff Writer

It’s the future.
Earth is at war with a largely
unknown hive-minded alien race
referred to as the “Buggers,” who
nearly wipe out humanity, twice.

As a result, humankind has cre-
ated an international military unit,
the International Fleet, in order to
prevent a third attack.

Orson Scott Card’s 1985 science
fiction novel, “Ender’s Game,” fol-
lowing a six-year-old tactical genius,
Andrew Wiggin, nicknamed Ender,
through a training center at the
International Fleet’s Battle School.

Teachers train Ender and many
more children in the art of war
through difficult games, including
virtual worlds.

Growing up with two older broth-
ers, I was always around this kind of
stuff—video games, comic books,
toys and books.

But when I first read “Ender’s
Game,” I was hooked.

As you keep reading the novel,
you almost forget that Card is talk-
ing about a homesick six-year-old
and not a grown man with military
experience.

Not being able to put the book
down, you continue to follow Ender
in this new world and his deep desire
to go home. He overcomes each
obstacle that is thrown at him and
is promoted to Command School
ahead of schedule.

This part of the book seems to
take a while to get through because
of the chapters that take you back
to Earth and the political structure
that is forming from Ender’s older sib-
lings, Peter and Valentine. I promise
you that if you just keep reading, the
book only gets better.

Ender’s “final exam” consists of
a scenario where Buggers outnumber
Ender’s fleet near the Buggers’
home planet. Thinking that his
ruthless decision to use the ultimate
weapon, the Molecular Disruption
Device, will get him sent home, he
destroy the planet as well as all of
the ships around it.

Unfortunately, Ender is informed
after his “exam” that all of the simu-
lations were actually real battles
taking place with a real fleet.

Ender has destroyed an entire
race.

The guilt sets in, and he falls into
depressive sleep.

When Ender wakes up, he and
Valentine begin scouting for new
locations for future cities. This is
when Ender has a dream that leads
him to an unborn Bugger Queen
who can communicate with him
through a psychic link.

He realizes that this is a real mes-
 sage left behind by the Buggers so
that Ender can understand, forgive
and establish a new home to re-
 populate their race.

Ender and Valentine board a star-
ship and begin looking for a new
world that is right for the unborn
Queen.

“Ender’s Game” is the first book
in a series by Card.

If you enjoyed this book, then I
encourage you to read “Speaker of
the Dead,” “Xenocide” and “Chil-
dren of the Mind.”

The Turntable
‘Femme Fatale’ by Britney Spears

BY MATT RICHARDSON
News Editor

The seventh studio by Britney
Spears, “Femme Fatale,” steps
away from her previous two al-
bums produced during her time
with a shaved head and failed
marriage, and instead attempts to
find the pop dance hits of her past.

Dr. Luke and Max Martin are the
main producers throughout the
tracks, and the list of song writers
contains dozens of names, missing
only Spears’ own.

Continuing Spears’ fourth num-
er-one hit single, “Hold It Against
Me,” the album had high expecta-
tions upon release.

Additionally, having contribu-
tions from Sabi and will.i.am cre-
ated continual excitement.

Of the 12 tracks on the album,
Spears finds herself with several,
but struggles through the others.
The first two songs on the album
are her previously released singles.

“Till The World Ends” and “Hold
It Against Me” maintain Spears’
prominence in performing these
pop singles, despite the empty lyr-
ics being derived from laughable
pick-up lines.

The lack of depth in Spears’ lyrics
becomes a pattern that can be seen
in the rest of the album.

Continuing through her album,
the middle tracks are nothing ex-
ceptional, but are broken up with
the guest appearances. Sabi and
will.i.am each have breaks in “Beau-
tiful” and “Big Fat Bass,” with the
second being the better of the two.

Will.i.am has an up-tempo break
that also plays back and forth with
Spears’ lyrics, making this song,
which he produced himself, one of
the better ones on the record.

In this album, Spears didn’t save
the best for last, as the closing track
“Criminal” is arguably the worst
track on the album—starting with a
flute solo and then adding a sals-
like flare to a track that partially mir-
rors “Handle Bars” by the Flobots.

Spears struggles with any vari-
a tion of her previous styles. Although
this latest record contains attempts
to break new ground, she seems to
instead resort to an album filled with
sexual connotations that continue to
not live up to her earliest work.

This is a very one-dimensional
album.

With Spears’ extremely limited
vocal range in this overly processed
electronic pop setting, it leaves
something to be desired.

However, if you’re simply a
diehard Spears fan, or just want to
give your latest Lady Gaga album
a little rest, you can pick up a copy
of “Femme Fatale,” or you can catch
her on her upcoming tour this sum-
mer promoting its release.

Improv Show

Lifestyles
The Wayne Stater
By Joel Janecek
Sports Editor

Greetings movie goers!
Teensage girls everywhere were treated this weekend with the opening of Jake Gyllenhaal’s first film of 2011, “Source Code.”
Along with Gyllenhaal, it stars Michelle Monaghan, Vera Farmiga, Jeffrey Wright and Michael Arden.
Gyllenhaal is Captain Colter Stevens, who has just woken up inside the body of a history teacher on a Chicago commuter train.

He realizes that as that teacher, he is part of a mission to find a bomb hidden on the train, disarm it and then find the bomber before they detonate an even larger bomb inside the city. The catch is that he only has eight minutes to do it. Each time he fails to do so, he has to go back and do it all over again, until he gets it right—kind of like “Groundhog Day,” but through a scenario operated by the military called “Source Code”.

The longer Stevens takes, the more likely the terrorist is to escape. If Gyllenhaal’s mind and soul are in the body of a random teacher, then where are the history teacher’s mind and soul? And, what if that random teacher didn’t want to make it right—kind of like “Inception,” but through a scenario operated by the military called “Source Code.”

Rental pick of the week—check out 2009’s “Moon.”
Also directed by Jones, is stars Sam Rockwell, Kevin Spacey, Dominique McElligott, Adrienne Shaw and Kay Scodelario.
Astronaut Sam Bell (Rockwell) has a personal encounter toward the end of his three-year tenure on the moon, where he, along with his computer, GERTY, sends back to Earth parcels of a resource that has helped minimize Earth’s power problems.

“Moon” won a total of 17 awards, including a BAFTA.

By Kaitlyn Siemon
Staff Writer

McDonald’s, Burger King, Wendy’s, Arby’s, KFC, Taco Bell. These names bring on a feeling of nostalgia.

We’ve grown up with them. Fast food tastes good, it’s cheap, it’s convenient and you don’t have to prepare anything yourself. How could it possibly be a bad thing?

Fast food is loaded with calories. The high number of calories comes from refined sugar and fats, especially artery-clogging saturated and hydrogenated fats, which are repeatedly reheated to high temperatures for frying purposes.

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On top of all this, fast food is ready to acknowledge that obesity is not simply an eyesore. It is a major risk factor for a large number of deadly diseases like hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease and even many types of cancers.

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Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency in Wayne is seeking a part-time file clerk. This could be a great opportunity for a business major looking for some basic office experience and could be a good way to get some co-op or internship credit hours.

The Center for Rural Affairs is seeking an intern to work with staff to create an online database of information for beginning farmers and ranchers. The intern will create a database of information on our Land Link program, which matches beginning farmers with landowners, retiring farmers and ranchers. The intern will also compile information on training programs, lending institutions, non-profit organizations and Farm Bill programs that provide assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers and other opportunities for beginning farmers in specific regions. This position is located in our office in Lyons, Neb., and lasts for three months. Starting dates are flexible.

HO-CHUNK, INC. in Winnebago, Neb., has various summer internships available. If you are looking for a unique and valuable learning opportunity, HO-CHUNK might be the place for you. It is offering internships in these various areas: administrative, business consulting, corporate finance, design/build construction, government contracting office, products, furniture and equipment, marketing, media and public relations, computer hardware, software and peripherals, corporate human resources, corporate management, IT and telecommunications services, operations and maintenance services, retail, wholesale distribution and logistics. Preference is given to Winnebago Tribal members. Students must be majoring in an area of business management, accounting, finance, tribal management, law, computer science or engineering, telecommunications, economics, sales/marketing, behavior science or related degree program. The application deadline is April 15.

A Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards are needed in Newman Grove for this summer. If you are interested, contact Career Services for contact information and information on how to apply. This would be a great opportunity to get some management experience under your belt and added to your resume. Students could also do it for internship or co-op credit hours, as long as planning is done ahead of time.

Jackson Recovery Centers in Sioux City need addiction technicians. This would be a great learning experience for students majoring in human service counseling, sociology or psychology.

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Northeast NE Child Advocacy Center in Norfolk is seeking help in its office this semester. This is a great opportunity for students looking to get into the field relating to child abuse and neglect, or who have an interest in seeing if this field is a good fit for them professionally. Please contact Kim or Christina at (402) 644-7402 or e-mail a resume to canderson@frhs.org.

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Starting today, Career Services will be offering a free Career Webinars series every Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. until May 4, located in the Student Center Bluestem Room. Check out the following schedule and topics: Today: Graduate to LinkedIn: Jump Start Your Career!; April 13: Know Behavior Styles to ACE Your Interview; April 20: Twitter Your Way to A GREAT JOB!; April 27: If You Are NOT Listening — You Won’t Get the Job!; May 4: Networking for People Who Hate to Network.

CAT TRACKS-JOBS POSTED ON-LINE

Check out a variety of full-time, part-time and cooperative education/internship positions on CAT TRACKS at http://www.wsc.edu/career_services/jp.php. Check the website often, as new positions are added daily. If you have questions, please contact the WSC Career Services Office at (402) 375-7425.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR FULL-TIME JOB SEARCH?

WSC Career Services Office can help you as you conduct your full-time job search. Schedule an appointment with Heather Reinhardt to discuss your resume, cover letter, interviewing skills and the job search process. Career Services is here to help you in your job search! Career Services is located in the Student Center Atrium, Room 101. Call (402) 375-7425 or e-mail hereinh1@wsc.edu.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Nervous about an upcoming interview? Then get some practice with a mock interview! Mock interviews give you a chance to receive feedback on your interviewing skills and also calm your nerves for the “real” thing. Stop by and set up an appointment in Career Services, located at the west end of the Student Center Atrium. Call (402) 375-7425.

LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP?

Gain valuable work experience while you are in college by taking part in an internship opportunity! WSC Career Services can assist you with your resume and help you find internship contacts! Schedule an appointment with Jessie Piper to start the process. Career Services is located in the Student Center Atrium, Room 101. Call (402) 375-7527 or e-mail jepiper2@wsc.edu.
WILLYCON
CONVENTION DRAWS LARGEST CROWD TO DATE

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Wookies, storm troopers, Sith lords and Jedi masters united this last weekend with Wayne State College’s Science Fiction and Fantasy Club hosting WillyCon XIII. WillyCon is Sci-Fi Club’s annual convention that takes place every spring semester. WillyCon brings to the campus quest artists and authors, along with gamers of all kinds.

During the weekend-long event, there are panels of people talking about different topics related to fantasy or science fiction.

There is also an art room where people can purchase art from different artists, and a vendor section where people come selling different items.

“We had roughly 250 in attendance, making this our largest convention to date. I think this was due in part to our theme and attendance by members of the 501st, and in part due to our selection of guests,” Sci-Fi Club adviser Ron Vick Sr. said. “Harry Turlington was an excellent guest author, and many people attended to meet him.

When I drove Harry to the airport, he told me there was a guest who came to the book signing with two large duffel bags, and Harry thought he probably signed a copy of every book he has written for this person.”

WSC students were also very impressed with the event’s turnout.

“Overall, this year was a record-breaking year for WillyCon. We had 200-plus people register for the convention,” Sci-Fi Club historian Amanda Gray said. “As always, there were a few issues, but when are there not when you are running an event?”

The 200-plus people participated in the panels and also participated in weekend-long gaming sessions with as many different games as people can think of. Games included “League of Legends,” “World of Warcraft” and “Halo” in tournaments for computer and video games, along with board games such as “Axis and Allies” and “Dungeons and Dragons.” There were also card games like “Magic the Gathering” that people participated in. This is just a small number of the many games that the weekend had playing.

“The art room, where we sold both prints and original art, was where I spent most of my time,” Gray said. “We sold 70 percent of the art we were sent, which is average for the art room.”

The art room sold pieces of work from a wide variety of different artists, including the guest artist Theresa Mather.

“Theresa Mather was also a good guest and very talented. She is a popular artist on the convention circuit and has a good following,” Vick said. “Her session, where she created a piece of art on site, was well attended, and when this piece was sold at auction later that day, it ended up in a bidding war and sold for over $300.”

Pieces were placed on a bid system where anyone could go to bid for the piece that they wanted.

An art auction was also held on Saturday for those who might not have seen the pieces.

The art pieces were also put on a quick-buy system as well, which involves paying the quick buy and automatically getting the piece without having to compete for bids.

“We tried something new this year by adding a theme to the con (Jedi vs. Sith). I think that the theme went very well. Many people dressed up as Star Wars characters,” Gray said. “We also had a charity group, the 501 Legion, come. This is a group that dresses up as star wars characters to raise funds for various events.

This theme stayed through the entire WillyCon, not only because there were people dressed up in some of the famous Star Wars character costumes. The Sci-Fi Club put up signs around the Student Center, giving several rooms different names like “airlocks” or other spaceship names, making it sound like people were walking through a space station. Vick also inserted in the Star Wars theme by gaining the title “Grand Chancellor of WillyCon.”

“This year, the club branched out on its charity efforts. They typically give charity proceeds to Haven House. They had decided to add the WSC Food Pantry as well. Then an artist in Lincoln, Arden Ellen Nixon, put art in the show this year. One of her submissions was a piece titled ‘Endurance,’ and this original art work was sold at auction, with the proceeds to be used for the Japan relief fund.”

Vick said. “The International Club was also in attendance at WillyCon and was doing a fund-raiser for Japan, selling cookies and Nepali Tea. They raised over $100, and this will be combined with WillyCon’s donation and sent to the Red Cross.”

Overall, all those who attended WillyCon had a great time.

“I really enjoyed this year’s con. With so many members, WillyCon is a great way of getting to know those few people I might not know yet. It is also wonderful to see those alumni members that I only get to see once a year,” Gray said.

Vick said the event would never have been a success without the diligent work of all those who put it together.

“I can’t say enough about my Minions and the great job they did. The weekend went smoothly and everyone had a great time. They are a great group to work with, and I’m very proud of them and their accomplishment,” Vick said.

“It’s not easy to run a convention like this, but they shouldered the responsibility well. We appreciate all the support from the campus community—housing, college relations, Student Center staff, etc. They were invaluable to our success. We are already making plans for WillyCon XIV, which will be held April 20-22, 2012.”

Top: Clad in a zombie costume and makeup, Danielle Kay Waites was one of over 200 people who attended last weekend’s WillyCon convention. Bottom: Kenneth Turner and Opal Parkison demonstrate how to make boffering weapons out of PVC pipe and duct tape.