“She’s a fighter.” Scott Schmidt said this of his daughter, Stephanie Schmidt, a Wayne State College junior and pitcher for the softball team.

On Dec. 1, 2010, Stephanie was diagnosed with acute myelomonocytic leukemia.

Stephanie passed out twice during an early morning workout with the softball team on Nov. 29. She was then taken to the hospital, where blood tests were run to find the cause.

“We thought maybe she had mono,” Stephanie’s mother, Denise Schmidt, said. “Her lymph nodes seemed kind of swollen, and the fainting was also a symptom.”

On Nov. 30, they found out that there was a chance that Stephanie could have cancer, and the next day their fears were confirmed.

On Dec. 2, Stephanie began treatment for the leukemia.

“The next day in the hospital they started me on chemotherapy treatments,” Stephanie said. “It was a continuous thing, going for all 24 hours of the day.”

Stephanie has had four bone marrow biopsies since the cancer was found, as well as more chemo. She has four treatments of chemo left.

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“You plan one day at a time because so many plans have changed within the hospital time frame,” Denise said. “The support of the team and the school and friends and family in the hospital has been awesome. The team and the whole community of Wayne have just been so supportive. Her doctors and nurses at Emmanuel were just super.”

The WSC softball team has banded together to help Stephanie as much as possible.

“The news about Steph came as a shock,” junior third baseman Brittany Greenwood said. “She means a lot to each and every one of us, and this season we’ll be playing for her. Stephanie is still a Wildcat and a fighter, and we know she’ll get through this.”

The women have made bracelets and t-shirts to sell to raise money to help with Stephanie’s hospital bills. The team also organized a spaghetti benefit, raffle and silent auction on Sunday night.

“The support has been amazing from the hospital staff to the communities of Wayne and Columbus and IWCC,” Scott said. “It has just been overwhelming.”

Through everything, Stephanie is staying positive and holding her head high.

“She is being really positive and strong through all of this,” Denise said. “Her positive attitude and strength have done a lot to get her through this, and that has been very helpful. She is determined to get through this and get back on the softball field.”

Donations for Schmidt can still be given to Coach Unger or Muf-fin Morris.

“They raised $5,575, which is amazing.”

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By Kayla Clark
Lifestyles Editor

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Judas Goat submissions extended for Wayne State College students

The Judas Goat is looking for poetry, short fiction and art from WSC students. All undergraduate students are eligible to participate. E-mail entries to wscpress@wsc.edu before Feb. 7. Include your name and contact information with “Judas Goat Submission” in the subject line. For more information, check out www.judasgoatonline.com.

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Wayne State College will host its seventh annual Language Arts Festival for students in grades 7 through 12 on April 8.

Students can submit short stories of fiction or poems for writing contests or bring posters to an on-campus competition.

Short stories of original fiction may be of any genre, fantasy, realism, science fiction or historical fiction. Participants are limited to one short story and poem entry. Entries must be no less than 1,000 words and no more than 3,000 words in length.

The five best stories of each grade submitted will be published in an anthology by the WSC Press. Students whose work is published will receive a complimentary anthology, and one copy will be provided to each teacher for their school. This allows each student who participates to view the compilation.

Poetry entries must be original works on any subject, rhymed or free-verse, and the length is not to exceed two typed pages.

Those students interested in bringing a poster promoting the language arts will be judged at the event, and medals will be awarded to the best entry. The posters may focus on reading, writing or other language skills.

There is no entry fee, but all expenses for travel and meals are the responsibility of the student attending the Language Arts Festival. To eat lunch in the Wayne State cafeteria, the cost per individual is $6.30.

"Dr. Janet Gillian began the festival as a way for WSC’s preservation language arts teachers to gain experience in teaching actual 7-12 students,” Professor of Language and Literature Lori Newcomb said, “and she also wanted to provide more opportunities for students in middle and high school to experience the language arts. It benefits both those students and WSC students in this regard."

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., students, teachers and parents are invited to participate in workshops on writing, literature and drama at the Wayne State Student Center. WSC faculty and English education students will also give interactive workshops, literary quiz bowls and publishing. Presenters will include Nebraska poets Barbara Schmitz, Neil Harrison, Matt Mason, Twyla Hansen and faculty members Gretchen Ronnow and Tim Black.

“WSC students and other invited speakers prepare fun and educational 50-minute workshops for the seven-12 students, who make up the majority of the audience, though parents and teachers also attend,” Newcomb said.

All entries must be sent to LoNe-wco1@wsc.edu by Feb. 14.

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By Bill Hunt
Staff Writer

The Wayne State Student Senate was able to make some considerable progress on Sunday night towards making a decision about a student fee increase.

Student Activities Board Director Kip Colvin made a presentation to the Senate about what improvements the SAB could make with certain increases.

As stated before in previous meetings, each student pays $2.75 per credit hour, up to 12 credit hours per semester for a student activity fee. There hasn’t been an increase in this fee for over 10 years.

“It’s clear SAB can not continue to provide the same services they have been at the budget they have now,” Student Senate President Joe Whitt said.

Colvin explained what could be provided if the activities fee was increased to $4.50, WSC could create a commuter program, a community engagement mini grant funding and improved leadership programming. And finally, if the activities fee was increased to $5 per credit hour, there could be a designated sports club budget, SAB could put on a fall concert.

The concert would not be on as grand of a scale as the spring concert, but additionally, weekly movies could be shown on campus and a student organization hub created.

After the presentation, it was brought up by Senate members that it is important to maintain a balance between education and entertainment.

If there is too much entertainment, it will draw away from students trying to learn and vice versa. After some discussion, a majority of the Senate was in favor of the increase to $4.50 per credit hour.

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“A lot of organizations host events in August and September,” Colvin said. “Allocations weren’t ready at that time.”

Dr. Jeff Carstens, dean of students, was also in favor of moving allocations to the spring.

“It would help student organizations get organized earlier so they can be more active in the fall,” Carstens said.

President Whitt was also in favor.

“It’s important to have a more active campus in the first weeks of the fall,” Whitt said.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Senate went over the preparations needed for Casino Night, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

There will be $4,000 in prizes, and refreshments will be provided.

Student Senate president and vice president elections will be held Feb 22-23.

Elections for senators will be held on March 16.

The application deadline will be one month prior to each election respectively.

The next meeting of the Student Senate will be held Jan. 30.
Planetarium delivers star-studded show

Show focuses on the most powerful force in the universe

By Andrew Smolek

The new planetarium has been a major focus of news lately with the renovation and the re-opening. With these new renovations and the installation of its new SciDome system, the planetarium gives students and families a look into worlds they could never imagine.

The current world that the planetarium is looking at is that of our stars.

The program “Stars” gives a window into the world of the most powerful force in the universe.

The program focuses on the life cycle of stars from their births to their deaths.

The show also allows audiences to explore major parts of a star, nebulas, star clusters, pulsars, black holes and so much more.

“People want to know what’s out there,” Dr. Todd Young, a professor of physics and astronomy at WSC, said.

“Astronomy-rich and visually spectacular,” Dr. Young said about the show.

“The show was a treat for the mind and the eyes,” Jacob Schulzkump, a junior, said about “Stars.”

Whether in need of something to do on a cold weekend, or maybe something a family needs to do, the planetarium offers affordable entertainment for all ages.

The next show will be Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Car accident and paralysis can’t stop WSC professor’s passion for education

Eight years ago, Wayne State College Professor Shari Bye was a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in pursuit of a Ph.D., when her life changed forever.

Bye broke two vertebrae and fractured three more in the car accident that left her paralyzed in the early morning hours of Sept. 22, 2002.

But paralysis from the shoulders down hasn’t stopped her from achieving her academic goal.

Bye defended her dissertation in December and will receive her Ph.D. in math education from UNL in May.

“It was a really big challenge,” Bye said. “I was in my last semester of coursework for my Ph.D. It interrupted everything.”

Bye originally started teaching at WSC in 1997 before leaving to pursue her graduate work at UNL in 2000.

After a lengthy recovery period with several surgeries, Bye returned to WSC in 2005, where she has taught Beginning Algebra and Elementary Algebra every fall semester since, taking each corresponding spring semester off to work on her dissertation.

“Kids really learn math with her help,” Dorothy Weber, director of The Learning Center, said in response to a glowing course review chosen at random.

Teaching at WSC since her accident, Bye has recognized something about the campus, as well as other college campuses, that has probably never occurred to most students and faculty.

“I’ve learned more about accessibility issues than I ever wanted to know,” Bye said. “Wayne is the most accessible campus I’ve seen.”

Bye was an avid runner before her accident.

She had completed several marathons for centers like the Leukemia Foundation and frequently ran half-marathons.

Her greatest enjoyment in running, however, came with her dogs.

Bye said that taking care of her giant Alaskan malamutes—similar to huskies, but much larger—has been the best, and most effective, way to stay busy after her accident.

Bye also cited her family, friends and especially her faith as the things that have allowed her to so effectively cope with such an abrupt change in lifestyle.

“My faith has been very important to me,” Bye said. “Those long, lonely nights in the hospital, it’s always there.”
STRIDE opens doors and provides opportunity for WSC students

By Erica Blakley
Opinion Editor

The STRIDE program is a federally funded Student Support Services program through the United States Department of Education TRIO programs. “Our program is about personal attention and services,” Director of STRIDE Renee Krusemark said. “As the director of the program, it is a great feeling to watch our students achieve grades they were told they would never receive.”

STRIDE provides WSC students with individual attention, academic and personal support and assistance with disability services.

“Our students make STRIDE a successful program,” Krusemark said. “STRIDE students prove that high school grades, ACT scores and social and economic factors don’t determine the success you have.”

Upon entering the STRIDE program, the student works with his or her STRIDE advisor.

The student and advisor create a plan for academic success that includes an assessment of the student’s skills and abilities, individualized instruction in math and writing and frequently scheduled appointments to monitor progress. “We have a dedicated group of staff and students who make STRIDE a family on campus, not just an organization,” Krusemark said.

Students involved in STRIDE get personal support, including summer STRIDE pre-college experience, peer mentor program, financial aid, earning a degree. STRIDE provides a series of academic support services to build confidence and promote student success. Activities include academic advising and course selection guidance, one-on-one peer tutoring, writing and math skills, professional tutoring and more.

“Each semester, we have students earn 4.0 GPAs, join honor societies and take on leadership roles on campus,” Krusemark said.

STRIDE isn’t for every college student. There are eligibility requirements. A student must be a citizen of the U.S., or meet the residency requirements for federal financial assistance, have a need for academic support in order to successfully pursue a degree program and be a person with low income, first generation college student or have a disability.

“Any student who fits into one or more of those categories should look into joining STRIDE and other campus services, to ensure he or she becomes a graduate of this college,” Krusemark said. “A key element to success is knowing how to use the resources around you, and at Wayne State, these resources are numerous.”

Education and counseling programs receive reaccreditation

By Erica Blakley
Opinion Editor

Wayne State College’s School of Education and Counseling has continued to prove its commitment to producing quality education professionals.

WSC has achieved renewal of national accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). “NCATE accreditation renewal provides assurance to constituents, candidates and future students that Wayne State College’s traditionally strong programs meet the most rigorous and current standards for the preparation of educational professionals,” Dr. Neal Schnoor, dean of the School of Education and Counseling, said.

NCATE, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, is accountable for professional accreditation of teacher education programs.

“Preparation for the NCATE review provided a very valuable opportunity for interaction and cooperation between faculty from different disciplines on campus,” Dr. Bob McCue, vice president of Academic Affairs, said.

Attention, student workers:

2010 W-2’s will be available in the Human Resources Office (Hahn 211) Jan. 24-Jan. 28.

W-2’s not picked up will be mailed to permanent home addresses on Jan. 31.

If you have any questions, please call HR at 375-7365.

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Are we there yet?

I’m no athlete, and the thought of a bus ride for more than five hours would easily make me not even consider becoming one.

Wayne State College and many other colleges and universities, travel long distances for sporting events. We think that is quite ludicrous. Why are schools put into conferences with schools that are five or more hours apart?

Wouldn’t it make more sense to travel to schools that are in a closer vicinity? If students, parents and fans had to drive a far distance to see every game, every week, not many would show up.

The only time people are willing to travel great distances are for tournaments and championships.

That’s worth it. It’s a big deal. Think about it. If schools traveled less of a distance, a few good things could come out of it.

These are all hypothetical situations, just to get you thinking.

Good thing #1—traveling long distances is tiresome for the athletes and their fans. If many fans travel to an away game, and the game drags on late into the night, many of them will probably be tired traveling back to their homes.

There would be more people on the road, which could potentially cause more accidents. Or if the away team wins, and all the fans go out and drink.

Are they going to stay back and rent a hotel for the night? Probably not. If colleges joined a conference with other colleges nearby, these problems could possibly be eliminated.

Good thing #2—have you noticed gas prices lately?

I’m sure filling up a charter bus isn’t light on a college’s checkbook. Think about it. Probably not. If colleges joined a conference with other colleges nearby, these problems could possibly be eliminated.

If schools were in a conference with less traveling, the total amount spent on fuel would be less than usual.

Then schools could use that leftover money, that they kept back for fuel expenses, for other projects or items that could come in handy around their campuses.

Whatever the reason for colleges to be in the conference, travel distances should be considered (if they aren’t already considered) in determining where certain colleges will be placed.

Staff Editorial
by Erica Blakley

From Wayne to Sri Lanka

Greetings, dear readers! I know I’m 26 days late, but happy New Year to you! I’m currently writing from my home country, Sri Lanka.

It feels a little bit unreal to be writing from halfway across the world. I have so many different topics I want to write on, but today’s column will mainly be about my 20-plus-hour journey back home.

I have been 18 days since I arrived in Sri Lanka, and I never thought I’d experience culture shock going back home.

I have been rediscovering everything from eating Thibbatu to driving on the left side of the road. The greatest change of all was the weather. The moment I stepped out in Sri Lanka, I was embraced by the heat, along with its humidity. This was quite a change from the snow, ice and freezing temperatures of Wayne.

Even through the haze of jet lag and exhaustion, I was quickly able to see how different life was going to be. Don’t get me wrong, the difference wasn’t and isn’t horrible, but there still is a lot of things to get used to, on my part.

Well, aside from the change in temperature and climate, the other main thing I noted was how many of my immediate and extended family members were there to meet my mom, sister and me.

No, there wasn’t a sea of people, but those who were there to meet us made me feel welcomed and cherished.

After leaving the airport, the first stop was at my aunt’s house. Although the time difference had temporarily tampered with my appetite, it wasn’t possible for me to not eat the stuffed rolls, fish buns and vegetable pastries that my aunt had prepared at 4 a.m.

It would have been rude and even offensive to refuse to eat anything.

After a good two hours of eating, sipping tea and socializing, it was time to visit my paternal grandmother.

It’s a Sri Lankan tradition to visit your elders after returning from a long journey, and since my grandmother lived near the airport, this was going to be the next stop.

After spending the day in relaxation and easy conversation at her house, it was finally time to hit the road and head to my hometown, Kandy.

Kandy is 72 miles away from my grandmother’s house, and the travel time is about two hours. It certainly felt strange to be traveling on the left side of the road.

I was craning my neck to get a good look at everything around me, but I could only see so much through my tired eyes.

I still managed to spot the fruit stalls by the roadsides, where vendors were selling tropical fruits such as rambutan and mangoes. After a desperate attempt to keep my eyes open, I finally gave into sleep.

When I woke up again, it was to see that I was finally in Kandy...

To be continued, dear readers. I will keep you updated on my experiences in Sri Lanka!

The Alien Speaks:

Dulanjalee Seneviratne

It was a great turn out and will truly make a difference.

Sincerely,
Dr. Muffin Morris

Free Speech

Dear Editor:

The WSC athletic family would like to say “Thank You” to Chartwells and its staff: John Sinniger, Kevin Maly, Jolene Reynolds, Richard Glass and Cheryl Glass for their time and effort during the Spaghetti Benefit for Stephanie Schmidt.

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Our Planet Matters:

Yes, global warming

This writer, for one, is guilty of spending a little too much time on Facebook, getting updates from friends, adding “like” to photo postings and, unforgivably I’m sure, contributing the occasional post to my kids’ FB pages.

Once in a while, though, you do learn something useful reading friends’ postings. Recently, for example, I read that global warming is all a hoax. Interesting, I thought, in view of the fact that 2010 tied for the hottest year on record; 2005 was its mate. The other hottest years on record, since reliable records have been kept since the late 1800s, occurred within the past 15 years.

One of the main reasons to go to college is to help you learn how to think. Not learn what to think, but how to think.

For example, you discover which types of resources are unbiased and scientific, which are politically or economically-biased, which ones are even comical.

You do not, for example, consult a political party website for scientific data on global warming, as was done for the Facebook post.

It may not be a bad idea to consult such a site to learn of the party’s viewpoint, while keeping in mind the information is not necessarily scientifically accurate.

NASA, the World Meteorological Organization, the Global Atmospheric Research Programme and similar meteorological heavy-weights have collected data—lots of it—indicating the past few years are the hottest on record, with no foreseeable end to that trend.

The recent torrential rains in the southern hemisphere, causing tremendous flooding in Australia and mud slides and flooding in Brazil, along with the unusually heavy snows in the U.S. this winter, are caused by two factors—the strongest La Nina in the past five decades, coupled with an unusually strong Arctic Oscillation, causing cold air from the North Pole to dip further south than normal.

While these are normal phenomena, the problem in the U.S. this winter that is driving the stronger Arctic Oscillation is the melting of Arctic sea ice that normally insulates the atmosphere from the warmer temperatures of the ocean. Without the ice, heat escapes from the ocean water into the atmosphere. Seems like no big deal, but areas in northern Canada are now 18 degrees warmer than normal.

Heat from the ocean water drives the colder arctic air into middle latitudes, where it triggers greater than normal snowfall.

Yes, unbelievable as it may seem, global warming is making our winter worse.

The ocean plays a pivotal role in determining global temperatures. La Nina is the colder counterpart of El Nino, and usually brings cooler, drier air to the Americas and rains to Australia.

It pushes colder water from Antarctica northward, and normally triggers a slight cooling of the atmosphere.

Record-high temperatures in the Indian Ocean, combined with this season’s strong La Nina, led to the flooding rains in Australia.

Maybe in the end, human nature is such that we simply believe what we want to believe. Maybe it’s easier to believe that what the earth’s climate is undergoing is merely a periodic fluctuation, rather than global climate change, and things will once again return to normal. I have my doubts.

What I want to believe is that it’s not too late for us to save our planet and its people.
Here and there

Wisroth stands out for WSC and St. Cloud River Bats

By Tim Cottter
Staff Writer

Austen Wisroth, a 6-foot-2-inch junior, right-handed pitcher who started 12 games last summer for the St. Cloud River Bats in the Northwoods League, will be rejoining the team for the summer of 2011.

“I’m pumped to head back up to [St.] Cloud. Night games at those stadiums with the amount of fans that come out makes it just that much better,” Wisroth said. “It’s an experience of a lifetime.”

Last year, the River Bats finished the season with a 40-28 record and won the North Division title, beating the Willmar Stingers by two games.

But the season ended quickly in the playoffs when they lost two straight games and were eliminated.

The River Bats’ pitching staff was led by Wisroth and Jason Wheeler from Loyola Marymount University in California.

Wisroth was in the starting pitching rotation last summer with the River Bats and posted a 4-3 record with a 3.62 earned run average (ERA).

He was second on the team for total innings pitched and earned the second best ERA, with pitchers who pitched over 60 innings.

“He throws strikes and keeps the ball down,” St. Cloud River Bats Managing Partner Joel Sutherland said. This is shown by only walking 16 opponents last summer with the River Bats.

Wisroth has high but attainable expectations and goals for the team and himself this upcoming season with the River Bats.

“I want us, as a team, to make it to the playoffs again, but bring

Claimed territory

WSC track teams excel at home

By Dan Keller
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams competed at home last weekend in the Wildcat Open held at the Recreation Center.

The meet on Saturday was the first full home meet for the Wildcats this season, as winter weather kept several teams from competing in the WSC Preseason Open.

“Track and field athletes are no different than any other WSC teams. They take a lot of pride in doing well in front of their fans, family and friends,” head coach Marlon Brink said. “I think it gives them a little psychological boost because they are very comfortable with the Rec Center track facility, since they practice there every day.”

Nicole Brungardt continued her strong indoor season by setting a new school record in the 60-meter dash, placing first in the event with a time of 7.80 seconds.

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Wayne State junior pitcher Austen Wisroth works the mound for the St. Cloud River Bats last summer. Wisroth, who is also a standout pitcher for the Wildcats, will return to play in the Northwoods League as part of the River Bats again this summer.
Not so sweet weekend at home
Wildcat men drop a pair of games to Upper Iowa, Winona State

By Steve Marik
Staff Writer

The Wayne State Wildcats had a tough home stand this Friday and Saturday as they fell to visiting Winona State and Upper Iowa in Rice Auditorium.

The Peacocks of Upper Iowa jumped on the Wildcats early. They held a 14-3 lead at the 15-minute mark with the help of forward Tucker Wentzien’s nine first-half points.

The Wildcats cut the UIU lead to four with eight minutes left in the first half. Derrell Williams gave the Wildcats their first lead of the game at 20-19 by draining a layup with a little more than six minutes remaining in the first half. The first half ended with WSC leading 32-27.

In the second half, a slow start plagued both teams. But with 10 minutes remaining in the game, UIU took the lead off a layup by Alex Kramer.

Williams took the lead right back by grabbing a Ben Tasa miss and laying it in. Senior Brad Starken added to the Wildcat lead when he stole a pass and knocked down both free throws after getting fouled, to put the Wildcats on top 51-48.

A Peacock run was fueled by Sam Elgin, who gave them a three-point lead with 3:40 left in the game.

Starken brought the Wildcats within one point with his drive in the paint and bucket with just one minute left in regulation.

The Wildcats forced a Peacock turnover, but with 17 seconds left, Jason Jensen turned the ball over to the Peacocks by slipping on the floor.

After fouling, Wentzien sank both of his free throws to give UIU a 58-55 lead with just 13 seconds left.

Amry Shelby hit a layup with four seconds left, and the Wildcats were forced to foul.

Wentzien sealed the 60-57 win for the Peacocks when he grabbed a missed free throw, leaving just .1 seconds left in the game.

“Our guys played hard and made plays, we just couldn’t get over the hump,” coach Paul Combs said of his team’s effort on the night.

Amry Shelby was the Wildcats’ leading scorer with 18. Tasa added 11 from the center position, and Williams chipped in nine with six rebounds.

“We had times when we played well, but I wish the result would have been different. We know we have to pick it up in our upcoming games,” Shelby said.

Last Friday night, the Wildcats fell 73-71 in heart-breaking fashion to conference opponent Winona State.

The first half ended with the Warriors leading 38-36.

Hot shooting from Wildcats’ Jensen and Tasa were countered by Anthony Tucker, who had 14 points in the first half.

The second half got off to a slow start, and the Warriors were leading 53-49 with eight minutes left in the game.

Shelby put the score at 60-57 after draining a three. Later, a Warrior basket by Clayton Vette put them on top 69-65 with just one minute left.

Winona State’s CJ Erickson hit a layup, which was then countered by a Shelby layup to keep the Warriors on top 71-69 with 13 seconds left.

A Warrior turnover gave the Wildcats the ball, and Williams tied the game at 71 all.

With five seconds left in the game, Kellen Taylor hit a deep two-point jumper, giving Winona State the victory.

“Winona did an excellent job. Give them credit; they had a low clock and just executed with a good shot,” Combs said.

Williams led the Wildcats with 17 points. Jensen and Starken each added 10 points.

The Wildcats, 9-8 overall and 5-8 in conference, will be in action on the road Friday against St. Cloud State at 8 p.m. and Saturday against Concordia-St. Paul at 6 p.m.

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The streak continues

Wins over Upper Iowa and Winona State push Wildcats' home win streak to 22 games

By Tim Prokopec
Staff Writer

It was a weekend of streaks for the 7th-ranked Wildcats, as they extended their home winning streak to 22 games, season streak to 15 games and improved their record to 16-1 overall and 13-0 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, with wins over Winona State and Upper Iowa.

The Wildcats capped the weekend with an 80-42 win over Upper Iowa.

WSC got off to an unusually slow start in the first half, as UIU raced to an early 9-3 lead and held on to the lead for the majority of the first half.

The Wildcats managed to take the lead, following a Clare Duvelius three-point basket with just over a minute remaining in the half, which gave the Wildcats a 27-24 advantage going into the intermission.

“We didn’t come out with the amount of intensity and defensive pressure we needed in the first half,” senior Alyssa Fischbach said. “We weren’t playing at a high enough level.”

WSC came out of the break on fire, scoring the first 10 points of the half to extend the lead to 37-24.

“We just went down in the locker room and talked about what we did wrong, and we were able to come out and make a punch,” junior forward Ashley Arlen said.

The Peacocks never got closer than 11 points in the second half, as the Wildcats shot a red hot 61 percent from the field.

“I think the second half was a great step for our team because we were able to turn the game around quickly and really fire back from such a slow start,” said Fischbach.

With the efforts of Arlen and Hjelle, WSC cruised to a 76-52 victory over the Winona State Warriors on Friday.

“I thought we started the game with a lot of intensity. It is very important to start the game well, and it is something that we always talk with our players,” head coach Chris Kielsmeier said.

WSC enjoyed total control of the game throughout the second half, gaining an added spark off the bench from Renee Wood, who provided key three pointers.

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“We are all really focused on what needs to be done everyday in order to succeed, and tonight’s win reflected that focus and determination.”

The Wayne State women will partake in another important NSIC road trip this weekend.

They travel to St. Cloud State on Friday for a 6 p.m. match up and Concordia St. Paul on Saturday for a 4 p.m. contest.
Some heavy lifting required

WSC freshman dedicates athletic preference to power lifting

By Kayla Clark
Lifestyles Editor

When it comes to sports, soccer, football and basketball are the ones that come to mind. But for Wayne State College freshman Ian Driscoll, power lifting is the sport of choice.

“I just stumbled across power lifting,” Driscoll said. “One of my football coaches was trying to get a team together for a while, and I looked into it.”

Driscoll has been power lifting since he was 17, just under two years.

The first competition he participated in was the Nebraska Class-C State Power Lifting Championships, where he placed second out of six. Since then, he has won the State Championship six times.

“I have one trophy and seven medals,” Driscoll said. “The trophy and five medals are first place, and I also have one second-place medal and one third-place medal.”

Since coming to WSC, Driscoll has had to adapt his training schedule to the new environment.

“The training environment I used to have has changed a lot,” Driscoll said. “I am now a loner in the gym with no training partner. It puts a bit of a cramp in my training, because some days you just need some people to push you. On a positive note, I can do my training sessions at various times during the day, thanks to the Recreation Center on campus.”

Driscoll’s training differs in many ways from the average gym workout.

“The basics like squatting, bench pressing and dead lifting will always be there,” Driscoll said. “One unconventional thing that I have done for power lifting is atlas stone loading. Basically, I pick up a giant concrete sphere and place it onto a pedestal of some sort. Weighted walking exercises, such as farmers’ walks, I do occasionally. I have to pick up two torpedo-shaped implements, weighing nothing less than 200 pounds, in each hand and walk for 60 to 100 feet.

With the intense workouts, come some painful consequences.

“I always have callused hands, scraped shins and forearms and leathery palms, but it comes with the territory,” Driscoll said.

Driscoll plans to participate in power lifting for as long as he can, and also has a goal for himself. He wants to win one or more national championships, and he knows what he has to do to get there.

“In the future, I need to find a great group of training partners to help me with technique, program structure and design and to push me,” Driscoll said.

Fourteen Wildcats claim first place

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Brungardt also took home first place for the Wildcats in the 200-meter dash (27.18) and the long jump (18’ 1/2”).

“Nicole had a great meet—which is very exciting, as she is still just getting back into ‘track shape,’” Brink said. “This was the first meet she had long jumped in almost three years, so I thought the 18-foot jump was a great effort. I also was impressed with her 60-meter dash WSC record, which was just .05 seconds off of an NCAA Provisional National Qualifying Mark.”

The Wildcat women had a number of other first-place finishes on Saturday, including Lexi Gohl in the 60-meter hurdles (9.59), Erin Klein in the 400-meter dash (1:01.42), Christina King in the 600-meter run (1:40.40), Skylar Lippman in the 800-meter run (2:32.81), Paige Pollard in the 1,000-meter run (3:10.74), Brianne Hofstetter in the triple jump (36’ 2 3/4”) and Carly Fehringer in the shot put (43’ 2 1/4”).

Hofstetter, King, Pollard and Klein also won the 4 x 400-meter relay with a time of 4:16.01.

On the men’s side, senior distance runner John Kern and junior middle-distance runner Andrew Jansen both took first place in two events each.

Kern won the 1,000-meter run (2:37.48) and the one-mile run (4:23.18), while Jansen won the 200-meter dash (23.39) and the 600-meter run (1:23.26).

Other top performers for the Wildcat men included first-place finishes by Michael King in the 60-meter dash (7.15), Will Hansen in the 60-meter hurdles, Garrett Zoucha in the 400-meter dash (53.40), Alex Timperly in the triple jump (45’ 10 3/4”) and Ross Buncheck in the weight throw (63’ 3/4”).

“I was very pleased with our level of intensity. I thought all of our athletes competed very hard, and it paid off in the number of wins and personal best marks that we established,” Brink said. “I think this meet will give us confidence as we head into some tougher meets coming up.”
A lifetime of inspiration

Christopher Meyer speaks to students, showcases artwork in Nordstrand gallery

By Molly Mayhew
Photo Editor

Nearly 140 slides later, students were a little more educated on the life and artwork of visiting artist Christopher Andrew Meyer, who is also the exhibiting artist in the Nordstrand Visual Arts Gallery until Feb. 9.

Meyer, who visited campus last Wednesday, spoke to students about what makes his artwork tick.

“The Missouri River is an inspiration for some of my pieces,” Meyer said. “I try to translate the flow of the river into what I make.”

Meyer credits growing up around machinery in rural South Dakota for some of his inspirations.

His works, which he calls “Pairings,” are small objects made out of everyday bits of iron, copper, small tool bits, piano pieces and sycamore seeds. Meyer calls these pieces “Pairings,” because he takes two bits of something and connects them in the middle.

“They’re intimate pieces that can fit in the palm of your hand,” Meyer said. “I want people to feel as though they can touch the pairings and really feel them.”

Other art pieces that Meyer showed to students on his slide show were kinetic pieces that moved. Meyer had a life-changing event that changed his work entirely.

“I went to Iowa to be near my soon-to-be wife, and I took a job in framing and construction,” Meyer said. “While I was working one day, I got shocked with 7,400 volts of electricity and had fourth-degree burns over half of my body. I had to go through nine months of rehab, and all I could do was draw, but it was good practice for my hands.”

Not only was drawing and painting new for Meyer as his everyday form of expression, but his inspiration also came from a new place.

“I was on a lot of morphine for a long time and had some vivid dreams,” Meyer said. “So some of those images [that were painted] came out of those dreams.”

Meyer described his work as something that wasn’t necessarily descriptive, and not something from reality, but from an emotional and cognitive state.

“Some form of emotion should always come out of your work,” Meyer said. “That should always be apparent to your viewer.”

The gallery will be open from today until Feb. 9.

The Turntable

‘The King is Dead’ by The Decemberists

By Matt Richardson
News Editor

Occasionally, The Decemberists, famous for their pop-folk blends, will open their live shows with the Soviet national anthem. With the band finding inspiration for its name in a historic communist revolt, its members’ political beliefs are anything but boring.

Their new album follows suit. With the debut of their second album, “The King is Dead,” The Decemberists show their musical originality and depth more than ever. With influences ranging from R.E.M. to Death Cab for Cutie, their music is truly eclectic.

The genre in which The Decemberists could be categorized changes with each track. The album begins with “Don’t Carry it All,” a song that could find roots in a country-like folk jam, and the second track on the album, “Calamity Song,” responds with more of a folk-punk flair. Various instrumentation, including an accordion, steel guitar, harmonica, 12-string guitar and many more, transforms the album’s 10-song set list. With a total running time just less than 40 minutes, gone are the 10-minute epics from previous albums, and in their place are shorter, more radio-friendly tunes. R.E.M. has been cited as a major album influence. R.E.M. guitarist Peter Buck solidifies this claim through his guitar and vocal contributions in “Calamity Song,” “Don’t Carry it All” and foremost “Down By the Water.”

Although the musical depth of “The King is Dead,” is more diverse than past albums, its lyrical merit does not suffer. Colin Meloy continues to impress with his diction and flow of his lyrics. In “January Hymn,” Meloy gives the track the feeling of poetry in motion.

Indie folk and folk rock may be the two genres that come close to labeling The Decemberists, but they cannot begin to contain them.

This album is an exciting piece of music that shows the band’s true diversity. There are tracks that will leave you silent and those that will have you singing along to your headphones. This album may be tailored to a more mainstream audience, but the band hardly sacrifices its incredible originality and, once again, breaks the mold on typical styles and musical genres.
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‘No Strings Attached’

BY JOEL JANECEK
Sports Editor

Greetings movie goers! This weekend saw the release of Ashton Kutcher’s newest attempt at a romantic comedy, “No Strings Attached.”

Along with Kutcher, the film stars Natalie Portman, Kevin Kline, Cary Elwes, Greta Gerwig, Lake Bell, Ludacris and Mindy Kaling.

No plot twists here, as this movie keeps things pretty simple.

Kutcher wants to be Portman’s boyfriend. However, she would just like him to come over, do the deed and leave so she can get on with her busy schedule.

Despite his longing for something more, he agrees to this, and they proceed with a casual physical relationship that often takes place when two people don’t have some sort of religious or personal code prohibiting it.

No surprises take place, meaning that everything you expect to happen, happens.

They hook up, the situation gets complicated, they split apart, realize they really want each other, kiss at 3 a.m. and leave so she can get on with her 36-hours-a-day medical school residency.

My biggest wish (take this as you will) is that “No Strings Attached” was dirtier. For an R-rated movie, it’s quite disappointing.

“No Strings Attached” earns the overall grade of a C. My final verdict—wait to rent it.

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Rental pick of the week—going back to 1984 for one of my favorite romantic comedies, and to pay homage to Michael Douglas. Check out “Romancing the Stone.” It stars Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito, Zack Norman, Alfonso Arau and Holland Taylor.

Set in Columbia, this out-of-the-ordinary romance comedy is filled with action, adventure, plenty of villains, treasure, drugs and, of course, the brilliant chemistry of Douglas and Turner.

“Romancing the Stone” won two Golden Globes and was nominated for an Oscar.

Balanced Living
Natural beauty remedies

BY KAITLYN SIEMON
Staff Writer

In the process of purchasing the latest and greatest beauty products, we’re inevitably spending thousands of dollars and putting harmful things into our bodies without thought.

Natural, cheap and healthy beauty is as close as your kitchen cabinets. Sometimes, you can make them using health food you might have already.

Avocado nourishes the body inside and out. Just massage your face with the inside of the peel and leave it on for 15 minutes.

Or place avocado slices under your eyes for 20 minutes to relieve puffiness, or use it as a face mask by applying mashed avocado to your skin and rinsing after 15 minutes.

An egg yolk mask can be used to replenish and tighten your skin, especially this time of year. Beat one egg yolk, apply to skin with a cotton ball and rinse after 15 minutes.

Papaya can be used to remove dead, flaky skin. The enzymes in papaya help to dissolve dead and damaged skin cells, revealing healthy skin. Mash one-half papaya and apply it to your face for 10 minutes.

Bananas are rich in potassium and are a great moisturizer for your hair and skin. Use it alone by mashing the banana and rubbing it on your face, neck and hair, or add oatmeal to make an exfoliating mask.

Olive oil can be used as a beauty treatment in many ways. For nails, massage it into the cuticles or use it as a night time hand moisturizer, under gloves. Spray or comb it on hair to repair split ends, heal dandruff and make it shiny. Or put a few drops of olive oil in the bathtub to moisturize skin.

Doctors recommend these products because your body absorbs the natural nutrients in these ingredients, rather than toxic, over-the-counter products that remain on the surface of your hair and skin. Shampoos contain dangerous chemicals, such as sulfur and formaldehyde, which strip your hair of natural oils, leaving it dry and brittle.

So the next time you find yourself in the hair and skin care aisle at your salon or Wal-Mart, consider trying a natural substitute that is healthier for you and your wallet.
Cooperative Education

CO-OP EDUCATION/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bozell of Omaha is seeking interns. This summer, you could flip burgers, or you could get a great internship in advertising. As a Bozell intern, you won’t get the creative director coffee. You won’t pick up the account director’s dry cleaning. Internships are in the following areas: account services, art director/designer, copywriter, interactive (web dev. and design), media, social media and public relations. The internship starts May 23 and ends Aug. 12. You’ll earn $8.50 an hour and work full-time from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Expect some weekend work, too. This is advertising. Candidates must be junior standing or above. Applications must be postmarked by March 4. The top candidates in each department will be invited to interview later in the month. We’ll make final decisions and notifications by April 15. To apply for the internship opportunities, visit whatacrappyjob.com.

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.

Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center in Yankton is now taking applications for fall, spring and summer internships. Its internship programs are available to students studying exercise science, health, wellness, corporate fitness or a similar health-related degree. Deadlines are as follows: April 1 for summer session and Aug. 1 for fall semester. Contact Jennifer Kudera at (605) 668-8592 for more information about using this internship opportunity as a launching pad for your health and wellness career.

Faith Regional Health Services Foundation in Norfolk has notified Career Services of a Summer Healthcare Mentee Internship. It is looking for pre-med or students with health care related majors. This position has been posted on Cat Tracks at http://www.wsc.edu/career_services/jp.php for further application details. Application deadline is March 1.

The YMCA of Greater Omaha is currently looking for interns to cover its various sports seasons. It is looking for a 6-9 p.m. week commitment for its winter, spring and summer seasons. Its winter season offers basketball; spring season offers cheerleading, flag football, soccer and volleyball and summer season offers baseball and softball. All of these internships would require you to work at its 13010 Atwood Ave. location in Omaha. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Career Services.

Interns or volunteer tutors are needed to help students prepare and pass the General Education Development (GED) exam. Students must pass five tests to complete the GED: language arts, social studies, science, writing and math. Students are self-directed. For teaching, tutors must be 18 years or older, display sensitivity to the needs of adult learners, be open-minded in regards to cultural and social differences, possess a sense of humor and patience and be flexible and adaptable. A six-month commitment is required. Sessions are currently held twice a week at the Northeast Community College Building’s classroom in O’Neill. The current need is for a summer intern or volunteer, but this could be a year-round opportunity, or one could choose to volunteer for summer, fall or winter sessions. The class currently meets on Monday and Wednesday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sandhills Publishing out of Lincoln has notified the Career Services Office of several internship opportunities. It is currently looking for paid internships in the following areas: ag, IT support, software development interns, systems/network, sales, marketing, editorial, human resource, graphic art/design and web/multimedia design interns. If you are interested in any of these internship opportunities, you can find more information on Cat Tracks at http://www.wsc.edu/career_services/jp.php.

Career Services

SPRING CAREER FAIR

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Career Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wide variety of employers will be in the Student Center to discuss full-time, part-time and Cooperative Education (internship) positions. Watch for additional details in the near future! For more information, call 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.

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.

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 internships 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.

Bigger is better for Northern Sun Conference By Tim Gray

Staff Writer

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) broadened its horizons a little more last Thursday, Jan. 20, adding two schools beginning in the 2012-2013 academic season.

Minot State University Beavers (North Dakota) and the University of Sioux Falls Cougars (South Dakota) will expand the NSIC to 16 teams.

Both schools will add eight NSIC programs on the men’s side, while Minot State has eight women’s programs and Sioux Falls has nine.

“I am excited to add both schools to the NSIC,” NSIC Commissioner Butch Raymond said. “The balance both schools show between academics and athletics fits the basic foundation of our conference.”

The 16-team conference will span across five states: Minnesota (9), South Dakota (3), North Dakota (2), Iowa (1) and Nebraska (1).

This is the third expansion since 1999-2000, the year Wayne State College was added.

The league fell back to eight teams from 2004 to 2006, with departures from Minnesota-Duluth and Minnesota-Morris, leading to another expansion by adding Upper Iowa and the University of Mary. In 2008-2009, the NSIC expanded to 14 teams with Augustana College, Minnesota-Duluth, Minnesota State Mankato and St. Cloud State University.

The NSIC will still be split into North and South Divisions for conference play.

The South Division consists of Augustana, Concordia-St. Paul, Minnesota State Mankato, University of Sioux Falls, Southwest Minnesota State, Upper Iowa, WSC and Winona State.

The North Division includes Bemidji State, University of Mary, Minnesota Crookston, Minnesota DULUTH, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Minot State, Northern State and St. Cloud State.

Since 1993, the NSIC has tallied nine team NCAA Division II National Championships.

The NSIC has also excelled individually, compiling a total of 24 National Championships since joining the NCAAA.
Wayne’s got talent
Students show off what they got to finish out Blizzard Week

BY ANDREW SMELEK
Staff Writer

With snow piled all around campus, the Student Activities Board’s (SAB) Blizzard Week ended on a night full of talent from Wayne State students.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 19, SAB put on its Wayne’s Got Talent and a hot chocolate bar for the entertainment of the college students. After everything was set up in Cats’ Corner around 9 p.m., the talent began.

Six Wayne State students showed off their talents to the audience and the judges. Talents such as juggling, unicycle riding, guitar playing and opera singing were seen.

The judges for the talent show were residents assistants Ian Engebresten, Mechelle Possenecker and Phillip Smith.

“It [the show] had a variety of talents,” Possnecker said. “All of them [the contestants] had lots of courage.”

The winner of the competition was Will Green, who sang opera in German, Italian and English.

DJ Smith received second place for playing guitar and singing.

Ben Frerichs, who also played guitar and sang, received third place.

The hot chocolate bar was also a very big success, with SAB serving hot chocolate to all of those who braved the cold to see the performances.

The prizes, donated by the on-campus bookstore, were a $10 gift certificate for third place, a $15 gift certificate and a water bottle for second place and a $25 gift certificate and a shirt for first place.