Take it off...take it ALL off

Head shaving promotes cancer awareness in honor of April Riesberg

BY KASEY PESTEL
Staff Writer

It was a hairy situation.

Wayne State College students and others volunteered to shave their heads for a good cause on Monday, Nov. 7, when a fundraiser took place in the Student Center for the late April Wylie Riesberg.

Riesberg had anticipated attending medical school after attaining her Bachelor of Science Degree from WSC this past spring. A Scottsbluff native, she was an alternate for WSC’s Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP).

This past summer, she married Josh Riesberg. She spent her senior year in a Denver hospital undergoing treatment for leukemia. Despite the distance and chemotherapy sickness, she finished her project for the Honors Program and completed her coursework online with understanding from her professors.

“The most important part is the relationships I built with my professors, especially all the science professors,” Riesberg said before her death. “They are so awesome, and I was truly blessed to be able to learn under them.”

Riesberg impacted so many students on campus. She was a tutor for math and science and also demonstrated her talents in the music department. She was active at the Catholic Newman Center, the Health Science Club and Cardinal Key.

“I’ve always found joy in doing something as simple as helping others,” Matthew Wuebben, WSC student event organizer, said.

“Is Your Head Smooth?” is a student-developed organization on campus with the goal of raising $5,000 for a scholarship fund in Riesberg’s name. The student-operated program was developed by WSC Residence Life members in an effort to raise money for cancer awareness.

The event featured live music by Dylan and the Dirt Road Detour. Booths were set up with a bake sale, raffle tickets and a silent auction. A few brave individuals shaved their heads to encourage others to donate to the fund. This event was held on campus last year as well.

“I want to make sure that I say how important the people I’ve been fortunate enough to work with have been to the success of the program. Without their hard work, time and effort, this program would be nothing,” Wuebben said. “Without the students of WSC and the benefactors around the area, we wouldn’t be able to accomplish our goals for this effort.”

Cards were available for everyone to sign. They will be given to April’s family and her husband.

“April impacted my life. I am proud to call her my wife,” Josh said. “Thank you to Wayne State for all of the support and prayers.”

Wayne State men’s rugby team advances to Sweet 16

BY ALEX OSBORNE
Staff Writer

With winds up to 40 mph and a few key players out with injuries, the Wayne State men’s rugby team was still able to secure the two wins it needed to advance to the Sweet 16.

The results were a 56-point blow out against Arkansas John Brown and a 10-point win over Colorado College.

Wayne came out in Saturday’s game against Arkansas J.B. and asserted its dominance early, with two tries in the first five minutes and three tries in the last seven minutes of the first half.

“I was proud how the boys came out of the locker room,” coach Darrin Barner said. “They played hard, and their heads were in the right place.”

The men played hard-hitting defense and did not allow J.B. past the 20-yard line the entire first half.

The win came at a price as Taylor Foster was injured in one of the first runs of the game. Foster continued to play and even scored with the injury, but he would miss Sunday’s game.

Wayne State went against a strong Colorado College team on Sunday. It was a slow start for both sides with the ball traveling no more than 20 yards in either direction.

The Cats looked strong and continued to make great plays, breaking tackles left and right.

With five minutes remaining in the first half, David Synnott made a chip kick that he was able to recover on his own for a try, putting WSC up 12-0 at the half.

Setting the tone for the defense was Brandon Tjaden along with Kory Blatchford, who both played well all weekend.

In the second half, Justin Johnson stepped up into the scrum half position and kept pushing the ball right up the Colorado center. He was able to get the ball out to Synnott and then to freshman Taylor Helton for the third and final try.

The final score was 20-10. The WSC men’s team advances to the Sweet 16, which they will host in April. The men are only four wins from a national championship.

“We need to stay in shape and do whatever we can to make it to the Final 4,” Synnott said.
91.9 The Cat announces 16th annual Turkey Drop on Nov. 17

The campus radio station, 91.9 The Cat (KWSC-FM), is hosting the 16th annual Turkey Drop Thursday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. Submit entries by 5 p.m. on Nov. 14 on either the “Your Music Authority” Facebook page or using the form published in The Wayne Stater. Those entering are requested to provide a can of food for the local food pantry.

Master Planning open house to discuss campus upgrade proposal

An open house for all faculty, staff and students who would like to learn about the next 10-year proposal for campus upgrades, building improvements and various other projects will take place Friday, Nov. 11 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Attendees will be able to give input as well as see the drawings of the proposal.

‘Beauty and the TKE’ presents fourth annual performance on Nov. 28

The fourth annual “Beauty and the TKE” will be held Monday, Nov. 28 in Ramsey Theatre. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. The evening is an excellent opportunity to support the community, as all proceeds go to the Haven House, and it should also be an enjoyable time, full of laughs and fun.

‘Make a Wish’ event to celebrate 11-11-11 on Wayne State soccer fields

The Wayne State College Student Activities Board is hosting a “Make a Wish” event on Nov. 11 at 11:11 p.m. at the soccer fields. There will be a release of floating lanterns, bonfire, fireworks and hot chocolate for students and faculty to enjoy.

Gamma Theta Upsilon schedules first-ever Geography Bowl

Wayne State’s Gamma Theta Upsilon will sponsor the first annual Geography Bowl on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Frey Conference Suite. Students will compete in the “geotrigria” for bragging rights and prizes. All students, faculty, staff and their children are welcome to watch and win door prizes through a drawing.

‘Stockings of Hope’ seeks support to aid children of North Omaha

“Stockings of Hope,” a campus-wide project, is collecting items for stockings to give to over 100 children in North Omaha. Everyone is encouraged to donate items. A table will be set up outside the upper cafeteria every Monday and Wednesday with lists and will be accepting donations until Dec. 5.

Rotaract to sell pizza coupons for multiple fundraising campaigns

Wayne State Rotaract will be selling Godfather’s coupons outside the upper cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and Thursday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Each coupon is $5. Proceeds will be donated to “Is Your Head Smooth?,” the Willow Bowl Restoration Campaign and polio eradication.

SAB lollipop sale benefits the Make a Wish Foundation of Nebraska

A Student Activities Board lollipop sale is taking place from Nov. 7 to Nov. 11 in the upper Student Center lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Make a Wish Foundation of Nebraska.

‘Innovation Night’ aims to spark interest in community progress

Public welcome to share ideas on city development in Wayne

Dr. Oscaro Airen and Black Student Union add to Multicultural Center depth

Dr. Oscaro Airen is Wayne State’s new director of Multicultural Affairs, and he’s working to bring different cultures to light and help bring people together.

Airen works with all the different groups within the Multicultural Center to put on events that work for their goals.

“The one thing is respecting and enjoying our differences, not to be scared of our differences,” Airen said.

Airen promotes travel to see and learn about the different cultures of the world. He expressed the idea that most people don’t realize the differences among cultures in the 50 states alone.

Airen has had plenty experience in his live to prove this, growing up in California, then branching out for schooling and work in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Airen works to allow people access to different cultures without being scared to learn and ask questions.

The Multicultural Center is doing this through several events throughout the year, such as holding Indian Taco Night and forming the Black Student Union, which is hosting a safe sex awareness event coming up in December.

Mattkia Montgomery, member of the BSU, explained that there are many of these organizations in colleges throughout the country. BSU is working to bring cultural awareness not just to WSC, but to the city of Wayne. The group would like to work with the younger students to show them a different culture and promote the idea of wanting to learn about other people.

“We don’t want to do much, but we want to do something to make a difference, and this could be a way to do it,” Montgomery said. “Diversity is so important. It gives you such a different look on life.”
Police hearing is finished
Commission member: I’ve never seen anything like it

By Megan Hitz
Staff Writer

The Civil Service Commission that heard testimony last week will have until Dec. 23 to decide whether Wayne City Administrator Lowell Johnson was right in firing former Police Chief Lance Webster and Lt. Phil Shear.

Attorneys representing Johnson, Webster and Shear presented final arguments on Friday at the Wayne Fire Hall in front of the commission, comprised of Darrel Heier, Marc Thomas and Galen Wiser.

Johnson, who fired the two officers last April, Webster and Shear each testified during the hearing’s five days, as well as several witnesses, including former and current Wayne mayors and police officers. Johnson had alleged the officers had created a hostile work environment, sexual harassment and misused cell phones.

On Friday, Karen Haase, Johnson’s attorney, said in her closing argument that “the terminations should be upheld” confirmed by evidence that showed a climate of distrust and improper behavior in the Wayne Police Department.

However, Webster’s attorney, Sean Brennan, argued for the former chief’s reinstatement. “A personal vendetta by Lowell Johnson is not grounds for termination,” Brennan told the commission.

After the close of the days’ hearing proceedings, Brennan continued with comments. “You've got a fine community here. But you need to get a new city administrator,” Brennan said.

Steven Delaney, representing Shear, said on Friday that the city failed to provide any evidence for his client’s termination.

On Wednesday, several police department employees provided testimony in support of the two officers, claiming there was a family atmosphere within the department.

But other witnesses supporting Johnson’s decision spoke of improper behavior, including an alleged relationship between Shear and a former dispatcher.

“The Wayne Police Department may be a family, but if it is, it’s a dysfunctional family.” - Attorney Karen Haase

Johnson, who opened the hearing with his Monday testimony, was accused by the officers’ attorneys with falsifying documentation of the alleged relationship between Shear and the former dispatcher, Rena Alonso.

“In all of my 40 plus years in Wayne,” commission member Wiser said, “a case like this has never happened, and I’m very glad that it went as smoothly as it did.”

Wayne Police Report

By Megan Hitz
Staff Writer

Monday, Oct. 31
1:34 p.m. - A caller reported a theft at Zach Oil Company.
2:43 p.m. - A caller reported a loud music complaint at the Leisure Apartments on East 6th St. A written warning was issued.
5:35 p.m. - A caller requested public assistance on Valley Drive.

Tuesday, Nov. 1
2:22 p.m. - A caller reported a possible protection order violation at the Ridge Point Apartments on West 13th St.
2:37 p.m. - A caller reported a theft on Pearl Street. A report was taken.
2:54 p.m. - A caller reported a juvenile problem at the Wayne Tower School on East 14th St.

Campus Security Report

Friday, Nov. 4
Campus Security was called to an alcohol violation at Berry Hall. One student was cited for an alcohol violation.

Saturday, Nov. 5
Security responded to damage to a vehicle in Lot 10. The Wayne Police Department is assisting in the investigation.

Sunday, Nov. 6
Security responded to damage to a vehicle in Lot 10. The Wayne Police Department is assisting in the investigation.

Monday, Nov. 7
Security was contacted about a vehicle that was broken into. The Wayne Police Department is assisting in the investigation.
Student Senate

Additional senators requested to represent students

By Kella Rodiek
Staff Writer

Student Senate representation needs to be reapportioned.

The need has been recognized for an increase in senators in order to properly embody the students.

The current system bases constituency on geographic area. This potentially becomes a problem when the senator moves to live in a different location than the one they represent, and are then no longer able to hear the concerns of those students or be contacted.

On Sunday night, a plan was proposed to incorporate senators from each of the academic colleges. This would bring in an assortment of different personalities and perspectives.

Increasing the amount of senators would cut down on overall work. The goal is to have one senator for every 100 students.

Discussion about the laser light shows reflected admiration and strong encouragement for students to attend the shows while they have the chance. Student Senator Bren Vander Weil said they are probably the most under appreciated thing on campus right now. A schedule can be viewed online or on the Student Senate board in the upper lobby outside the cafeteria.


The invitation is open not only to P.R.I.D.E. members, but also to any student wishing to enhance his or her understanding and appreciation through speakers, events and workshops.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room.

Pi Gamma Mu sends five members to present at nation’s capital

By Isabell Solomon
Staff Writer

Five Pi Gamma Mu (PGM) members, of the Nebraska Delta Chapter, presented papers at the organization’s international convention on Oct. 20-22 in Washington, DC.

In attendance were 140 people who are associated with PGM in some way, such as faculty advisers and delegates. Forty total students gave presentations.

PGM is the international honor society in social sciences. Founded in 1924, there are currently over 150 active chapters.

Wayne State College student presenters included Riah Deana, Isaac French, Gabe Gauthier, David Hans and Tom Warzywak. The students presented their papers in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building.

“Dr. Jean Karlen was instrumental in working with Sen. Ben Nelson’s office in arranging to hold student paper presentations on Capitol Hill,” Angela Nordhues said.

WSC’s PGM organizes and sponsors many campus activities. Every year, they host speakers, hold graduate school workshops, sponsor the autumn book and bake sale and give back,” Nebraska Delta Chapter Adviser Dr. Randy Bertolas said.

PGM was proud when it heard that, for the 35th consecutive year, Nebraska Delta at WSC was named to the Roll of Distinction as one of the most active PGM chapters.

The Nebraska Delta Chapter of PGM was founded at WSC in the 1930s, but became inactive after World War II.

Karlen was pivotal in reactivating the chapter in 1976. Since, she has served as a PGM regional chancellor, first vice-president and president.

To reward Karlen for her many years of service, she was honored by receiving the title of Trustee Emerita by the PGM Board of Trustees.

“I felt most honored and humbled by the designation,” Karlen said. “It has been a lot of work but a very satisfying and rewarding experience.”
Pile Hall ready for spring 2012

The newly renovated Pile Hall will soon be ready to house 139 WSC students. Featuring room options of single through quadruple occupancy, Pile will offer students brand new living and socializing facilities. A mix of both modern and formal styles influence the interior design elements and furnishings. Students can apply for housing up to Nov. 11 in the Residence Life Office.

Wayne State participates in presidential program

By Logan Morris
Staff Writer

"Through the years, Americans have come together, put their shoulders to the wheel of history and made this country what it is today," President Barack Obama has said.

Obama has created the Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, a program that allows college campuses to work with their communities to improve them. This year, WSC is a part of this program.

To apply, WSC had to fill out an application, which essentially mapped out the goals of the program and the steps involved.

"A little over 200 schools were accepted this year in the program," Service-Learning Coordinator Lisa Nelson said. "At one point online there were over 400 people watching the webinar, so we know not everyone was selected to be a part of President Obama's program."

WSC is offering service not only on campus, but to the entire community as well.

"We had a community-wide sale this year. We weren't really sure if anyone would donate, but we received a lot of donations," Nelson said. "Then it became a question of, is anyone going to come and buy the donations? People came, and we were able to raise a lot of money."

With this being the first year, there were worries about doing the various events.

"Every project brings its own anxieties," Nelson said. "This is the first time we've done every event. We have been pleasantly surprised by the turnout."

The "thank-you event" for President Frye's inauguration was a part of the service program. There were over 700 hundred notes of appreciation written.

"For Sept. 11, we had a remembrance," Nelson said. "We weren't sure if anyone would show up, but a lot of students came out for it." On Nov. 16, there is another project planned called Mercy Meals, taking place at the Cup of Grace. Any student or member of the community can come and help pack the meals from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There are still more events being planned for this semester and in the future.

"Everyone has different strengths and weaknesses," Nelson said. "That's the goal of the program: to unite everyone and to use the strengths to improve our communities here."

What led you towards higher education?

The black couches in the corner of the upper deck of the Student Center provided an informal space on Oct. 25 for people to have a conversation about the purpose of higher education.

They had their conversation publicly, and several members from the Wayne State College community—representing athletics, faculty, students, student services and technology—listened and contributed to the conversation.

They spoke about their own academic experiences and what they believe is the center of teaching and learning in higher education.

Dr. Barbara Engebretsen, professor of exercise science, told of being in high school and inferring that all the important science had already been discovered. She was drawn into science in response to hearing an instructor say the "we don't know, yet."

Others spoke of "being touched" and "opened to new things."

Dr. Rob McCue, vice-president for Academic Affairs, spoke about taking an art history class that made him realize he really wanted to learn about history and art. His academic discipline is biology.

Higher education is about engagement of students. Joe Whitt, Student Senate president, spoke of the value of discussion in classes when students feel "their opinions matter."

And it involves critical thinking, including the examination of the basis for those opinions. It requires a wonderful "struggle," Engebretsen's word to describe the process of developing of our own meaning.

The subject of group work in the classroom was addressed. For Dr. Jeryl Nelson, professor of business, that included faculty designing class projects specifically with groups in mind.

Dr. Neal Schnoor, dean of the School of Education and Counseling, spoke not only of his own experience in college, but his experience as a parent whose children are in the process of discovering their place in the world.

There is a role in higher education to facilitate this, he said. Others agreed, speaking of learning "rights and responsibilities" and "how we relate to one another."

Dr. Kathleen Conway, professor of counseling, believes what we choose to talk about matters. The ideas we talk about grow. Simply sharing what we believe, listening to one another and feeling heard has the potential to change the world.

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The public conversations will continue today from 1-2 p.m. at the upper deck in the lower level of the Student Center.

Topics will include expectations for students and faculty efficacy.

Article courtesy of Dr. Kathleen Conway.

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I hate God

Molly Mayhew

Ha! Made ya look! Or in this case, made ya read.
I really don’t hate God. Most days I don’t believe in God, some days I fight with God and sometimes I talk to God and pretend someone is listening.
I actually had a very in-depth conversation with God the other day and I know for sure He is listening.
I fight with God and sometimes I really can’t help but be enraged by that very fact.
Every week there are at least three columns in the campus newspaper written by students, faculty and alumni and, almost every week, there are no letters back to the editor. But oh, there is an annoyance toward God followers and you’ve got yourself a field day.
What is wrong with all of us columnists?
Writing about war, politics, economics, racism, domestic violence, sports, culture, experiences, drinking, school, careers, family and so on and et cetera?
We’ve been doing it wrong this entire time. And now we have the key. All we need to do is start every column with a brash smack in the face toward some religion or religious organization.
Then we can continue with our petty opinion about world and community issues. People might actually read and respond.
It’s genius. Every column title could be “I hate ‘fill in a god.’” Hopefully, it could propel you lazy and uninformed college students to put your fingers to the keyboard and stimulate your mind a little.
Let’s get discussion going. Let’s debate ideas. Let’s have knock-out, draw-out print brawls every week on pages six and seven! For goodness sakes, what else is a newspaper, of any size or status, for?
If there is a God of any kind, how truly disappointed he or she must be. Instead of going out and helping and changing the world, we are stuck fighting between who has the better “all mighty” leader.

The Annexation of Puerto Rico:

Dan Keller

It recently came to my attention that as a staff writer for The Wayne Stater, it is my responsibility to know everything. I hope this column will absolve me of that responsibility.
Objectively speaking, my intelligence is, for lack of more flattering word, considerable. I have a 3.2 grade point average, read eight or nine books a year that don’t have anything to do with pride, prejudice or chivalrous vampires and I’ve forgotten more about football than most people are ever going to know.
But that is not why we are here. We’re here to talk about the veritable plethora of crap I just don’t know a thing about. The following is an unprecedented admission of shortcoming you will likely never hear from me again. If you catch me referring to any of the following topics, give me a dime and direct me to the nearest stupid jar, because I don’t know what I’m talking about.
Let’s start off with guns. Anything involving guns or shooting them is completely out of my wheelhouse. At the risk of losing man-points, I’ve only actually fired a gun twice, and I’m not convinced I’ve ever hit anything.
I used to think this was a pretty normal thing about myself. Where I grew up, meat comes from the grocery store. I thought it was like that everywhere until I moved to a small town in Nebraska where everyone over the age of 12 owns at least three guns.
Moving on, I don’t know how to respond when a girl tells me that a book or movie has “ruined guys” for them. Am I supposed to apologize because my existence isn’t the intellectual property of Jane Austin or Stephanie Meyer?
Books and movies that “ruin guys,” ruin girls.
They create unreasonable expectations based on people who aren’t real and thus do not have to deal with jobs, school, Setters and the other laundry-list of important things that cut into our ability to hopefully seek your approval.
I could write a book about the things I don’t know about girls, so I’ll just end there.
I was badgered a bit last week about length, so for the sake of space I’ll conveniently wrap this up by listing off remaining ineptitudes in a more rapid-fire format.
I don’t know people choose to be vegan. I don’t understand the appeal of country night, or pretty much anything else that goes on at Riley’s.
My musical talent extends to being able to play Guitar Hero on medium. I don’t know how to keep score in wrestling, and I have no idea what color the Tampa Bay Buccaneers helmets are.
Thanks to a 40-minute demonstration in my Mass Media and Society class, I can now cross “editing Wikipedia” off of the list of things I don’t know how to do.
Some lessons are more valuable than others.
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The Alien Speaks:

Dulanjalee Seneviratne

Happy Wednesday, everyone.

Thanks for tuning in for this week’s column.

Today I thought of writing about something a little different for a change.

Whenever you go back home for break, are you ever bothered by that one single item of furniture in your house that looks too old or stands in a not-so-good way?

Either it’s too outdated and does not match the rest of the house, or it looks a little strange and should not have been brought into the house in the first place.

Well, there is something similar to that in Sri Lanka in the form of a chair, and it happens to be a staple in many households.

It’s none other than the Haansi Putuwa, (“haansi” means lounging, whereas “putuwa” directly translates to chair).

It’s a type of chair with armrests, where the back is inclined a little bit more than 45 degrees.

There is a horizontal piece of wood attached to one of the armrests, which can be extended for a person to keep their food, newspapers or whatever they wish to keep on it.

The whole idea of the haansi putuwa is to eliminate any other reasons for leaving it and to just lounge on it.

It is pretty much an ancient version of the modern day La-Z-Boy.

It’s usually made of woods such as mahogany and teak, and the older it is, the more antique and monetary values it has.

The back and the seat of the chair are made out of woven cane.

The arms and the legs are decorated with beautifully carved curvular and flower designs, the nature of which can change from region to region.

My parents don’t have a haansi putuwa in their house, but it is customary for people to inherit one from their family members.

It’s usually kept in the front porch of the house, since it can be a little bit too bulky and crowding to keep in the living room.

Haansi putuwa usually comes in pairs, and there is something rustic, earthly and charming about two old chairs that contrast against the modern, trendy, and perhaps lightweight furniture found in a household.

Young people usually tend not to have these types of chairs in their homes mostly due to the space constraints.

But another reason is that this particular lounge chair is used by older people for eating, reading a newspaper and taking that occasional nap.

In a way, it is reminiscent of old age, which allows someone to sit on it in the porch and stare across at the garden in a state of relaxation and meditation.

The haansi putuwa has more of a country feel to it and does not really mesh with the buzzing city life in Sri Lanka.

Historically, it was the choice of chair of village leaders, since it was more of a status symbol throughout the 1700s and 1800s.

Until a couple of decades ago, this was also the chair in which the head of the household sat in after a hard day of work in order to relax and assess the productivity of the day gone by.

Currently, it’s made a comeback in young Sri Lankans’ households in slightly smaller and chic versions, and this newly improved haansi putuwa is kept in the living room.

A couple of months ago, my dad wanted to buy one of these chairs, but the rest of my family is still kind of on the fence about allowing him to get one.

I’ll keep you posted on the latest haansi putuwa developments.

Who Pwns the Non-Noobs?:

Kelly Weber

Briefly, before I get to the main beef of my article this week, I’d like to clarify the meaning and pronunciation of “pwn” because, hey, who doesn’t like tangentially treating leetspeak like it’s some kind of uber-stuffy British socialist jargon? Ahem—according to Wikipedia (which of course everyone knows is one of the most reliable sources out there), “pwn” probably came from a typo of “own,” as in to dominate, humble or “serve” an opponent, and can be pronounced like “pawn,” “own,” “pwan,” “pween” and, my preferred pronunciation, “pown.”

And now, back to your regularly scheduled program.

As the semester begins to wind down and the forecast reads a heavy chance of snow, papers and migraines, and spring scheduling begins again, the feelings of sophomore slump will either start to fizzle out under so much pressure, or you will.

One thing I dealt with recently as I was logging on to plan my classes was a little line at the top of the page that read, “Expected graduation date: 2015.”

Not realizing that the computer automatically sets everyone to graduate in five years instead of four, I panicked and e-mailed my adviser for help. After she explained it to me, I felt silly, but realized this was a microcosm of what happens to most sophomores. Much like my 2015 scare, graduation is far away, but at the same time, it’s not that far.

All of a sudden, we’re not sure whether we should hurry up and be adults and know what we’re doing, or whether we should keep enjoying the freedom of this in-between phase. Planning becomes difficult.

Consequently, a lot of sophomores stall, unsure of what to do. By junior year, plans coalesce more fully; you can start to actually figure out and plot the steps to graduation.

But as sophomores, many of us are still figuring out what we even want to do with life or what major we want (of course, you could always be like my ninth-grade Spanish teacher’s son, who had five bachelor’s degrees and counting at the time).

My advice?

It’s still too early to worry about a graduation date, because so much can happen within even the space of a year, including changes in major and minor, but do keep a finger on the pulse of your degree progression. Yes, sophomore slump is one of the names for the awkwardness of waiting and not throwing plans into full gear yet.

There’s a lot of pressure to know where you’re going and have control of your life, but the inability to know, coupled with that routine, is probably creating the paradox of too much control and not enough.

Talk to friends and advisors about your feelings and maybe jot down a list of your goals at this point in your life.

Take what steps you can toward them, but don’t feel like you should have all the answers yet or know where you’re going. After all, where’s the fun in that?

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Class plannin’ iz serius biznez

Old is gold

Free Speech

Dear Editor,

I would like to start by commending the Stater staff on many fine issues from this year so far.

Secondly, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opinion section. There have been some great topics discussed already.

One in particular was the column entitled “Criticism Where You Would Least Expect It,” written by Kayla Clark, and also, the responses to it from current members of Campus Crusade.

Ms. Clark was not putting down Cru, she was simply offering a personal experience, and what needed to be done so other people wouldn’t share that experience.

Mainly, the column was about being judged. What I find rather funny is that there were three letters to the editor two weeks ago, all in “defense” of Campus Crusade.

They all seemed to do the same thing that inspired Ms. Clark’s column in the first place—judgment.

Noting a line from the letter written by Taylor Foster, “Christianity is not ‘the blanket term for all of the people who believe in God.’”

Mr. Foster, Christianity is also defined as “showing a loving concern for others.”

I have gone to two colleges, Midland University (Midland Lutheran College) and WSC, both at which I attended a few Cru meetings. Midland is a Lutheran school.

I was essentially shunned at its Cru meetings for being a devout Catholic. I stopped going after two meetings of no one sharing a table with me.

At the two WSC Cru meetings I went to, I was more so ignored than shunned. I could see that “cliques” had been formed, and despite trying to get to know people, I ultimately felt like it was an unwelcoming environment.

I do believe Cru is an excellent group, and they have an outstanding purpose. But the division into separate groups divides not only the organization, but the meaning as well.

To Campus Crusade, do not change you intention, devotion or purpose. Rather, maybe try improving on manners, social skills and keeping your opinion of others to yourself.

Sincerely,

Joel Janecek
All’s well that ends well

Wildcats overcome injuries, suspensions, late deficit to beat Augustana

By Steve Marik
Staff Writer

A clutch 49-yard field goal by Max Martin with 13 seconds left gave the Wildcats another notch in the win column, defeating Augustana College 34-32 last Saturday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Head coach Dan McLaughlin’s squad wasn’t at full strength, however. Starting running back Nick Pulscher, plagued by a shoulder injury, missed his second game of the season.

Freshman defensive back J’Ron Erby and junior defensive back Nick Lewis were suspended for the game for violating team rules, which forced McLaughlin to convert senior receiver Tommy Warren and senior running back Mario Melvin into defensive backs for Saturday’s game.

The decision paid off.

Melvin recorded seven tackles with one pass break-up in the win.

“Tommy and Mario have been practicing at corner for three days,” McLaughlin said. “They played well, given their amount of practice time.”

Melvin hadn’t played the corner position since high school, and Warren hadn’t played in two years.

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Wildcat runners finish season at regionals in Denver

By J’Ron Erby
Staff Writer

With a total score of 480 points, the Wayne State men’s cross country team finished 15th at the NCAA Division-II Central Regional Championships at Metro State University in Denver, Colo., last Saturday. The sophomore sensation Garang Lual was once again the top finisher for the Wildcats, finishing the 10,000 meter course in 35:44, which was good enough for a 54th placed finish overall.

Following Lual was senior Jason Schaal placing 92nd with a time of 37:31. Behind him was sophomore Greg Tracy, staying in the top 100 with a time of 37:46, finishing 98th position since high school, and Warren hadn’t played in two years.

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Off to a good start

Wildcat wrestlers Cory Devine and Rob Peter register third-place finishes in York

By Chase King
Staff Writer

Success keeps rollin’ on the mat.

The Wildcat wrestlers were at York College this weekend, where the team had two third-place finishers.

Cory Devine and Rob Peter finished in the top three, Peter for the second straight week.

“We had some very strong performances from other guys,” head coach Jake Stevenson said. “Strong guys like Jon Williams, who went 3-2 and was one match away from placing, and Brendan Nicholson, who was also one win from placing.”

Team points were not kept at York. The Wildcats might not have placed, but they still did well.

“One thing that we did well on was staying confident,” Stevenson said. “We had a lot of guys battle back from deficits and wrestle tough in consolation matches.”

Taking this confidence throughout the match and meet was a must for the Wildcats.

Staying positive and believing in their confidence will take the team a long way.

While there are positives, the team will need to fix some things to make sure it stays competitive.

“We are still behind other teams when it comes to our conditioning,” Stevenson said. “We have only been practicing for about two and a half weeks. Some teams have been on the mat for over a month.”

Next week will be fun for WSC wrestlers.

They have the opportunity to sleep in their own beds, wake up a little later and wrestle here in Wayne, America.

“We are going against two very strong NAIA teams,” Stevenson said. “Northwestern College out of Orange City, Iowa and York College.”

The Wildcats have seen both of these teams already this season.

The wrestlers will take on York College at 4 p.m., before York and Northwestern go head to head. Finally, Northwestern will go to the mat against the Wildcats.

“We have some stuff from the weekend that we know we need to work on,” Stevenson said. “We will focus on that and get ourselves ready for some tough duals on Friday.”

The Wildcats have been wrestling hard the past two weeks.

Both coaches and wrestlers are looking forward to seeing WSC fans.

“We are excited for this meet,” coach Greg VanderWeil said. “The meet is going to be at Wayne High, and we are happy to have a meet in Wayne.”
Controversy killed the Cats

WSC women’s rugby team falls short of Final 4

By Alex Osborne
Staff Writer

Wayne State’s rugby women ended their journey to the Final 4 with a loss to Carleton College last Sunday at the Wayne Rugby Park.

“The game could be one of the most controversial games in the history of rugby,” coach Darrin Barner said.

After winning 37-0 over Bemidji State on Saturday, the Cats took on Carleton College in the Elite 8 game.

The Cats came out hitting, with Maggie Warrick giving new meaning to the House of Pain.

WSC took an early lead with a great play on a fullback insert by Sam Earlywine, who passed the ball to Tiff Randall. Randall ran 45 yards for a score, only to have the play called back because it was ruled a forward pass.

What unfolded in the next 10 minutes is what leaves the collegiate rugby world puzzled, when three WSC players were ejected.

The referee gave the Wildcats an early warning for not releasing the ball carrier and after repeated offenses gave Amber Kutnink a yellow card and Rochelle Reineke a red card. A couple of minutes later Ashley Belmer was also carded, receiving a yellow for tackling a player above the shoulders.

Upon Belmer’s return from the bin, she made a casualty of the officiating; she was then also red carded for not releasing the ball carrier.

“I’ve played three semesters and some upper level rugby, and I’ve never seen anything like what happened Sunday,” Warrick said.

In rugby, which requires 15 players on a side, when players are ejected, they cannot be replaced on the field by substitutes.

WSC had to play 60 minutes 12 on 15, something that Barner said he has never seen nor heard of in his life.

With this all occurring midway through the first half, WSC went in at halftime down 15-0.

“WSC took the field in the second half in a situation to simply try to keep the score within 80 points,” Barner said. “If you matched up two college football teams and played eight on 11, with three people short, what do you think the score would be? It would be impossible to score, and impossible to prevent them from scoring.”

After Carleton scored early in the second half, WSC pulled off a remarkable offensive series by moving down the field and crossing the goal line.

“It was an effort that cannot be mentioned by any playoff team,” Barner said.

With WSC playing beyond its physical stamina, Carleton scored a couple quick tries as fatigue set in the last 15 minutes of the game.

Carleton put up three touchdowns in the last 14 minutes to win 37-7.

“Bactine can heal some wounds, but after that mess, there is nothing that can heal from having your heart ripped out,” Barner said. “We will remember this game for the rest of our lives.”

On the home stretch

Wildcats look to end season with a birth in the NCAA tournament

By Richard Rudden
Staff Writer

The end of the regular season is in sight, and Wayne State volleyball is finishing strong.

WSC went 2-0 over the weekend, improving their overall record to 22-7 and 15-5 in NSIC conference play. The Wildcats defeated Winona State on Friday and Upper Iowa on Saturday.

Earlier on in the season, Winona State defeated Wayne State. However, on Friday night, WSC was the better team. The Wildcats were able to sweep the Warriors with scores of 25-19, 25-23 and 25-17.

“It was nice to get that one back,” head coach Scott Kneifl said. “It shows that we got better throughout the season.”

Wayne State out-hit the Warriors .250-.128, while forcing Winona State into 19 attack errors, with just 14 of their own. The Wildcats out-blocked the Warriors seven to five and also had the edge in assists 45-36.

“We played really well, and it was nice to get the sweep,” Kneifl said.

“We played clean ball, and overall our girls were excited to play.”

Tali Fredrickson recorded her 18th double-double of the season for WSC with 12 kills and 15 digs. On Saturday afternoon, Wayne State was able to hold Upper Iowa with a 3-1 victory. Scores of the contest were 25-21, 25-20, 23-25 and 25-22.

The Wildcats were able to hold a slim hitting advantage .187-.167 over the Peacocks. WSC also had the advantage in kills, 63-50. Upper Iowa, one of the top blocking teams in the country, was only able to grab 12 with WSC managing eight.

“Overall, we did not play well at all. We had a lot of unforced errors, and I feel like our team was just going through the motions out there,” Kneifl said. “When you don’t play well and you still get the win it is nice, but we also want to do good things.”

Alex Armes achieved a new career high in kills with 15, while teammates Fredrickson had 14, Melanie Placke had 13 and Cori Hobbs recorded 10.

Leigh Connot also recorded a new career high in digs with 36 in the match. Fredrickson earned her 19th double-double with 14 kills and 14 digs.

Wayne State will finish out the regular season on Friday night with a road game with Augustana.

“It is a big game for us, our last regular season game, it is our last chance to show what we have,” Kneifl said.

Sunday is the NCAA Tournament Selection Show.

“Sunday is a big day for us, we have to sit around, wait and see if the NCAA chose us to play,” Kneifl said. “We can’t take anything for granted. I hope we get the opportunity to play, and I think we have done enough to make the tournament.”

The WSC women’s scrum lines up against Bemidji State University in their game on Saturday. The Wildcats won 37-0 before being eliminated by Carleton College on Sunday.

WSC defeated Wayne State in their game on Saturday. The Wildcats won 37-0 before being eliminated by Carleton College on Sunday.

The WSU women’s team is finishing strong.
New-look Wildcats gear up for 2011-2012 season

By Travis Corley
Staff Writer

With 10 new additions, two returning starters and six letter winners, the Wayne State men’s basketball team is looking to compete as a top contender in the NSIC Conference and throughout the realm of the Division-II basketball world.

“We have a solid returning nucleus, and our program is eager and hungry to begin the season,” head coach Paul Combs said. “Coming together on the floor and understanding our system will be our greatest challenge early on in the season.”

Combs lost three starters from last year’s team, including guard/forward Brad Starken, who averaged 13.6 points per game and ranked among the top three-point shooters in the NSIC; Jason Jensen, another double-figure scorer guard averaging 11.6 points and 3.4 rebounds a game; and center Ben Tasa, who averaged 7.1 points and 4.5 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Other key losses for the Wildcats were guards Ryan Rudloff and Elijah Miller.

Wayne State women look to repeat as NSIC champs

By Tessa Moser
Staff Writer

In order to do something special in March, WSC’s women’s basketball team knows they have to get better every day in practice and in games this upcoming season.

Head coach Chris Kielsmeier can already tell from the hard work the ‘Cats have shown in practice that they really want to be good again this year.

“Our athletic program goal is to hang a banner in Rice, and we know we have a shot to do that,” Kielsmeier said.

Ratied ninth in the USA Today/ESPN Preseason Coaches’ Poll, the Wildcats are looking for the leadership role really well,” Duwelius said. “It’s really easy to be a leader when you have teammates that are willing to work so hard for you.”

With the help of returning players as well as incoming freshmen, the Wildcats will look toward a mixture of players to help the team.

Kielsmeier sees each player as one that can contribute. “We aren’t really worried if someone has a bad game, because we know that someone can step up,” redshirt junior Kara Powell said.

As the NSIC preseason favorites, Kielsmeier said that their program embraces being picked to win and that these players want that target on their back.

Before that, they have to play two home games next weekend that will be important in the regional standings. The Wildcats play Colorado School of Mines and Colorado Christian University.

“It’s a huge weekend against two really good teams,” Kielsmeier said. “They are expected to win a lot this year.”

Even though the Cats are proud of how well the program has been in the past, they are always striving for more and it begins this weekend.

The seniors especially are out to prove that they can improve on the 26-4 record from a year ago. “I’m really excited about the excitement surrounding this team, and I feel like a lot of people want to watch this team play,” Kielsmeier said.

The season starts this Friday vs. CSM at 6 p.m., and on Saturday vs. CCU at 4 p.m. in Rice Auditorium.

Wayne State forward Ashley Arlen shoots a free-throw during the Wildcats’ win over Augustana College last season. Arlen was Wayne State’s leading scorer a year ago and is the NSIC Preseason Player of the Year this season.

Wayne State will be led by Amry Shelby, junior guard from Marion, Iowa, who averages 13.9 points and 2.0 assists per game, and Derrell Williams, a junior forward averaging 7.6 points and 4.5 rebounds per game while starting 20 out of 27 games for the Wildcats last season. Senior guard Vontrell Seroyer averaged 6.7 points while appearing all 27 games.

“What Amry and Vontrell’s lack in overall size they certainly have proven to make up for with hustle and toughness,” Combs said. “They both need to be very consistent each day, as they are a large part of this team’s potential success.”

Adol Aloung, Ty Bauschek and Ryan Rolizen highlight an experienced freshman class.

Spencer Paulsen, senior guard, redshirted last season with a knee injury following a 21-game appearance during the 2009-2010 campaign.

The Wildcats’ recruiting class starts with four transfers and six high school standouts. Clayfell Harris, forward, and Jon Rice both have one year of eligibility with the Wildcats. Harris transferred from Wagner University in New York, but he’s originally from London, England. Rice transferred from Belmont University in Tennessee, where he sat out at with a medical redshirt.

“We are hopeful as we progress through this season that we will be able to use our depth and play a style that will wear teams down in the second half,” Combs said.

Dareen Moore and Aylor Worthington are both junior college transfers. Moore joined the Wildcats from Milwaukee Area Technical College, where he averaged 14.9 points and 8.9 rebounds per game on the season. Worthington, a forward from Hawk College in Moline, Ill., averaged 9.0 points, 5.6 rebounds and two assists per game. Both players have two years of eligibility with the Wildcats.

Six high school recruits add depth to the Wildcats roster for the 2011-2012 season, including Myles Henry from Milwaukee, Wis.; Jordan Holdsworth from Iowa; Tyler McLane from Illinois. McLane helped his high school team claim their first regional title in 28 years.

The Wildcat freshman class includes forward/center Curtis Neely, center Nick Wuebker and guard Breshon Tucker.

Wayne State will open the 2011-2012 season at home Tuesday, Nov. 15, hosting Morningside College. The Wildcats will also travel this season to Colorado—Colorado Springs and Nebraska-Kearney, along with a neutral court contest against Northwest Nazarene of Idaho.

“The NSIC will be extremely demanding this year and ultra competitive as always,” Combs said. “Our program is anxious to get conference play started, as we all feel we have a lot to prove.”
Marky Mark and the Music Review

‘Four the Record’ by Miranda Lambert

BY MARK VRICKY
Staff Writer

It’s been quite a year for Miranda Lambert.

In May, the Texas-born country firebrand became Mrs. Blake Shelton, and then earned a chart-topping debut with her Pistol Annies side project in August. Now, the one-time “Nashville Star” contestant turned country music sensation has come out with the long-awaited follow-up to her Platinum-selling, multiple-award-winning, 2009 smash hit “Revolution.”

Released Nov. 1 on RCA Nashville, Lambert’s fourth studio album, “Four the Record” (I see what she did there), is the most di-rected at pushing limits, so it comes in bits and pieces, it seems. For every song that stands out (“All Kinds of Kinds,” “Safe” and “Nobody’s Fool”), there’s a song that you wouldn’t be too upset if you skipped over it completely (“Easy Living,” “Look at Miss Ohio” and “Fine Tune”).

“Baggage Claim,” the first single off the album, is straight-forward enough to be performed by Lambert’s famous voice. Basically, she’s not here to pick up your crap.

“At the baggage claim, you got a lot of luggage in your name…And when you hit the ground, check the lost and found…”

“Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” and “Kerosene,” she had all the “am-phonors. Basically, she’s not here to pick up your crap.

“At the baggage claim, you got a lot of luggage in your name…And when you hit the ground, check the lost and found…”

“Cause it ain’t my problem now,” she snarls over a wicked guitar riff.

While that track may feature some “White Liar” sassiness, a good portion of this album is slowed down and a little depressing.

“Over You,” penned with her husband, is about the death of Shelton’s brother in a car accident. While well-intentioned and emotional, too many songs of this nature on one record tend to kill any momentum the more upbeat tracks build.

“Better in the Long Run” is also pretty dull. Shelton just isn’t as skilled at pushing limits, so this duet comes off feeling rather ordinary.

I just couldn’t get into this album. As much as I enjoyed some of Lambert’s earlier work with songs like “Heart Like Mine” and “Famous in a Small Town” (her best song to date, in my opinion), I can’t say that any of the songs on this record really hit me like standouts on her previous albums.

I’ll be giving “Four the Record” two-and-a-half out of five stars with the hope that Lambert returns with a bit of spunk in the rest of her albums.

Soprano serenity

Wayne State voice professor Elise Hepworth performs in faculty recital

BY ALAZHA COONTS
Staff Writer

For Elise Hepworth, a Wayne State College voice professor, recitals are more than just practice—she simply enjoys the art of singing.

Hepworth is a soprano singer who performed at a faculty recital held for her on Nov. 3 in Ley Theatre.

“I love it. It’s a chance to share my most beloved activity with my audience, and communicate with them on who the composers are,” Hepworth said.

Hepworth enjoys performing recitals because it gives her a chance to express herself.

“It is sometimes difficult to show the beauty of living art,” Hepworth said.

Hepworth sings at recitals once every other fall and once every other spring.

She has traveled to Iowa, Missouri and to other parts of Nebraska to give recitals at other universities, colleges and even to the public.

This recital is helping Hepworth prepare for the Biennial National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Award (NATSAA) competition. Genres that Hepworth chooses are various, and she has no particular one that she sticks with.

Hepworth practices any chance she has to prepare for these recitals and her upcoming competition.

Phil Pfaltzgraff was her accompanist for the Nov. 3 recital.

Hepworth has been in about 20 recitals over the course of 11 years hosting them, and she deeply enjoys all the recitals at which she performs.

This spring, Hepworth will be performing at the Johnny Carson Theatre.
**ADVENTURES OF A TRAVEL-HOLIC**

Treasure hunting in your own backyard

**By Andrew Smolek**

Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to be a pirate looking for buried treasure or a brave archeologist looking for ancient relics?

Well, I can’t help you with either of those—we are landlocked, and I have no idea where any ancient burial grounds with booby traps and crazy men dressed in grass skirts are.

However, I can tell you what you can do to be something along the same lines of those two very wild career choices.

It’s called GeoCaching.

GeoCaching is a new craze that has taken a large population of the United States by storm mostly because it is fun and not that expensive to do. GeoCaching is the outdoor sport or game of searching for hidden objects by using Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates posted on the Internet, according to dictionary.com.

First of all, it obviously involves an outdoor activity/sport. That’s a winner for me right off the bat.

I love being outdoors, as my columns have shown. Second, you get to use a cool GPS.

Not sure how to go about doing this?

Here are some steps to follow:

Step One: Go to Geocaching.com and browse through different areas on the home page.

Enter your postal code or some other defining address in the small box on the screen.

Step Two: After you put in your zip code, you will be given a giant list of all the physical GeoCaching hidden object locations available.

Pick one out and type it into any kind of global positioning system.

You can use smart phones if you have the GeoCaching application or car navigation systems.

Even sources like Map Quest will give you directions and a map to get to the area.

Step Three: When you get your directions, take a group of people out on a treasure hunt. Pretend you’re crossing wide oceans or maybe climbing tall mountains, even if you’re just climbing a small pile of rocks.

Ham it up when you’re out there with all your friends—I know I would and will when I go.

Step Four (last one): When you find the cache, make your deposit, which is usually a small item or a signed piece of paper, for the next GeoCacher who comes along.

Some alternative ideas to make these hunts even more fun is to get two groups of your friends and turn it into a race.

Have both teams start in different areas and race to the prize. This would make it not only fun with groups of friends, but also a competition to keep your adrenaline pumping and your blood flowing.

You can also turn the event into a scavenger hunt with you and your friends. Put together a list of five or so caches that are within reasonable distance of each other and go out and see who can find the most of them.

Have fun out there everyone! I hope as long as the weather holds up that I can at least get one chance to try this before the snow flies.

Use your imagination and enjoy yourself when you’re out there hunting your treasure.

I want to end with one final fact of this amazing activity—all it costs you is gas.

**Slamming it down**

WSC to hold 26th annual Poetry Slam on Nov. 17

**By Desiree Welty**

Staff Writer

The longest running poetry slam in Nebraska is back once again.

The Max Bar and Grill will host Poetry Slam XXVI on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m.

The poetry slams, which were once low-key readings held in the Humanities lounge, have become a special event that local poets and fans look forward to.

“The slams give an opportunity for writers to come together and to listen to each others’ talents. Sure, it’s a competition, but many of us competitors are friends, and we respect each other, and we learn and grow from one another,” Alexie Mobley, an English education major at Wayne State College, said. “I’m always excited to slam new stuff.”

Registration for those wishing to participate begins at 6:30 p.m. Participants are required to bring a $5 entry fee and four poems.

The poetry slam will consist of four rounds, with competitors being eliminated in the first three rounds. Four finalists will be sent to the fourth round.

The finalists will receive cash and other prizes from the Wayne area businesses, who have been generous with the donations for this event.

“The thing I like most about the slams is how the tension rises as the rounds go on, especially if the judges are scoring weird,” Birdie Turner, an English writing and literature major at WSC, said.

Turner, who is organizing the event, has competed and placed in the top four at the last three poetry slams held at The Max.

At Poetry Slam XXV, Turner received runner up behind David Deets, followed by Alvaro Archundia and Zach Drees.

Although the majority of the competitors seem to be Wayne State undergraduates, everyone is invited to take part in this experience, even those who have stage fright or have never slammed before.

“I’ve heard a lot of great slam poems that don’t get the recognition they deserve because of poor delivery,” Turner said. “My advice to any slammer who has stage fright is to just pretend you’re someone else and belt it out.

“That shouldn’t be that hard for poets and writers.”

The ideas involved with GeoCaching are endless.

If anyone can think of any other different ways to do this, don’t be afraid to send a letter to The Wayne Stater to let me know.

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CRITIC’S CORNER

‘A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas’

By Kayla Clark
Lifestyles Editor

The Harold and Kumar series has always proved to be really entertaining, and the fourth movie was no exception.

John Cho and Kat Penn have been entertaining audiences since 2004 in “Harold and Kumar go to White Castle,” “Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay,” “Harold and Kumar Go to Amsterdam” and, finally, “A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas.”

The most recent addition to the Harold and Kumar franchise was, of course, a 3D movie.

It involved the generic Harold and Kumar humor, which anyone who has ever seen one of these movies can already understand.

The movie takes place after Harold and Kumar have kind of lost touch.

They’ve made new friends and done new things with their lives.

Then Kumar ends up at Harold’s house with a weird package, and things kind of regress and get right back in the swing of what we all know and love.

The guys end up burning down a prized Christmas tree, and end up going to New York City to try and fix the problem.

This is where all of the general shenanigans take place.

I, for one, happen to think that all of the Harold and Kumar movies are hilarious. And this one was no exception.

Penn is probably one of my favorite actors, getting my attention most recently in his role as Kevin on “How I Met Your Mother.”

He’s the kind of actor that can fit into a lot of different types of roles, and that is impressive. It’s not something I would have expected from an actor out of this type of movie.

I know less about Cho, but I still really appreciate the style of acting he brings to the movies.

His character always tries to stay out of trouble, but he is still unable to do so.

And who can forget the cameos by Neil Patrick Harris himself, who brings a whole new level of stardom to the Harold and Kumar movie franchise.

Check this movie out. It’s pretty awesome, just like the rest.

Survey Says...

Metacritic: 62 out of 100

Rotten Tomatoes: 75%

IMDB: 7.4 out of 10

Lifestyle Improvement Movement

Not getting enough

By Kella Rodiek
Staff Writer

There are 13 of them, and they are essential to your health, prevent illness and keep your body working. They are vitamins.

In a day where junk food reigns supreme, it is difficult to get the proper amount of nutrients in our diet. What these products produce is often a deficiency of what our body really needs.

Without adequate amounts of each vitamin, our health is at risk. When one is lacking, the whole body can go down. Illness, tiredness, stress and unhappiness, all can be linked to vitamin deficiency.

Taking a multivitamin can help us meet our daily needs. The doctors at MedicineNet explain how fat-soluble vitamins such as A and E are absorbed by fat globules and then stored in the body. However, the B and C vitamins are water-soluble and cannot be stored in the body. They need to be consumed on a daily basis and are easily supplemented by taking a multivitamin.

Ever notice how you tend to be in a better mood during the summer? Yes, it’s partly because of vacation, sweet summertime, fun in the sun. The sun is the key. Vitamin D is most easily obtained by stimulation of the skin through exposure to the sun’s rays. Once the winter months roll around, the amount of sunshine we get significantly decreases.

Research from Supplemental Science found that over 50 percent of people in the United States are vitamin D deficient. This also comes from an inadequate diet. It’s difficult and inconvenient for us to calculate exactly how much of each nutrient we are getting from our food.

Taking a multivitamin can ensure that you meet your daily needs of vitamin D as well as the other 12.
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Successful Lincoln-based print and internet magazine publisher of 18 years seeks interns with expertise in InDesign and Photoshop to assist in its recent growth. This ad design internship is for students seeking hands-on experience in graphic design and publishing in print and online. As a design intern, you will work directly with their marketing consultants and art director designing print/web advertisements and posting content onto websites. The position could possibly work at a remote site.

Mutual of Omaha in Omaha is seeking an Information Systems Intern for the summer of 2012. More information can be obtained from Mutual of Omaha’s website at: http://www.mutualofomaha.com/careers/internships/information-services.php.

The Department of Energy (DOE) Scholars Program is now accepting applications for summer 2012 interns. The application deadline is Nov. 15. They have several opportunities available for a wide range of majors, including: engineering; physical sciences; environmental sciences; computer science and information technology; physics; business; policy; program management; mathematics; statistics; safety and health; accounting and finance; law; communications and other related discipline areas. Locations vary depending on your major and program need and budget. Please check out the following link for more information: http://oris.eora.gov/doescholars.

Farm Credit Services of America is currently taking applications for its summer internships. These internships are paid and in various locations, including Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. They are also open to students who want careers in the following areas: lending, accounting, human resources, information technology, insurance, marketing and communications and underwriting. If you are interested in an internship with Farm Credit Services of America, please go to www.fcsaerica.com to learn more or to apply.

Bank of the West of Norfolk is looking for a part-time Customer Service Representative. This could be a good opportunity to get internship credit hours as well as gain excellent experience for your resume. Contact Career Services for application details.

DC Connection of Wayne has a part-time opening. DC Connection is a web-based employment service for the chiropractic industry. The applicant will be assisting in the recruitment of clients via web-based marketing strategies. Some basic marketing skills would be helpful but are not necessary. The company needs assistance managing and facilitating its Facebook, e-mail and direct mail marketing projects.

The American Red Cross in Norfolk is seeking to fill a Project/Administrative Support Internship with opportunities in the Wayne and Norfolk offices. The intern will perform cross departmental, administrative and project work within the entire chapter. This position serves as an administrative resource and/or project coordinator to all areas of service. The student will also have the opportunities for disaster response training, event planning, public relations and social media. If interested, contact Career Services.

Check out the website InternNE.com. This site was created to connect students with businesses across Nebraska that are willing to provide a quality internship. Check the site often to see what has been posted.

Sandhills Publishing in Lincoln offers several internship opportunities. Internships during the school year work best for those students who live or are going to school in and around Lincoln, but summer internships are open for everyone. Various internship opportunities are in the following areas: accounting, ag sales, copywriter, human resources, international business (Europe and Quebec, Canada), IT support, marketing, printing, mechanical technician, sales, software development, systems network and web/multimedia design. Please visit Sandhills’ website at http://www.sandhills.com.

KOLN/KGIN-TV in Lincoln is filling fall, summer and spring broadcast production internships. Hours are variable depending on the availability, but the schedule is usually 15 hours per week. The spring deadline is Jan. 15, and the summer deadline is May 15. A résumé can be submitted electronically to hr@1011now.com.

Northeast Community College is looking for online professional tutors to tutor various subjects, including biology, chemistry, math, English, Spanish and business. Pay starts at $12 per hour. Applications can be picked up in Career Services.

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 a field relating to child abuse and neglect, or for those who have an interest to see if this field is a good fit for them professionally. Please contact Kim or Christina at (402) 644-7402 or e-mail a résumé to cander@frhs.org.

Numerous other job opportunities are available for viewing in the Career Services office. Please stop by today for more information. The Career Services Office is located in the Student Center Room 101.
There's one reason a handful of college students take on nearly 60 preschoolers: World Regional Geography Service-Learning project.

Twenty-one college students from Dr. Randy Bertolas' honors geography class traveled to Wakefield Elementary School, where they spent the day teaching kids about geography with the help of a giant map of South America, which stretched 35 feet by 26 feet.

“Most of the students in this class aren’t geography majors,” Bertolas said. “But this gives them a chance to teach others what they are learning in their own classes.”

Part of the requirement for the honors geography course is full participation in the “Giant Map Project.” Students in Bertolas’ class spent time outside of class developing exercises and activities to do with the K-6 grade students. The students in the class spent weeks prepping for the day so they could give the kids a tour of South America, play games and help them with learning exercises.

“Even though I don’t plan on working in a geography field, this project helped me learn the importance of hands-on teaching, and I know, most importantly, that it was beneficial to the children,” Wayne State College junior Laura Burtwistle said. “It’s never too early to be exposed to what’s going on in the rest of the world. I hope they had as much fun as I did.”

However, this isn’t the first year that WSC has done this type of outreach.

Last year, the honors geography class taught the students from Wayne Public Elementary School with a map of Asia. But instead of taking the map to them, it was set up in the Frey Conference Suite. It gave the WSC students a chance to not only teach the school-age kids, but they had an open house for parents and children who are not yet old enough for school.

“Being able to take the map to the school was a great advantage because it didn’t require the students to travel at all, and we were able to teach more kids without taking up even more of their school time,” Bertolas said.

Bertolas is hoping to continue the tradition of taking the giant map to local schools.

Each map is provided by National Geographic at no cost for the school to rent; shipping is covered by WSC Service-Learning. Each grade, K-7 and almost 60 preschoolers, were able to take part in this project.

“I thought the service project was great. My patience was tried a bit while working with younger elementary students, but the experience was well worth it and fun at the same time,” Burtwistle said.

Above: Laura Burtwistle and Cale Albracht, geography students, instruct Wakefield Elementary kindergartners to walk on the equator across the northern border of South America.

Left: Danielle Vinson and Matthew Mogensen teach young students about the Galapagos Islands during their Service-Learning map project day in Wakefield on Nov. 2.