Food sales at WSC: A taco controversy

Campus officials debate the legality of food sales by various organizations

By Diane Crary
Staff Writer

Food safety or competition? That is the question.
It’s one that many people have asked but very few have actually gotten an answer.

John Sinniger, Director of Dining Services, said the reason student organizations are limited to selling baked goods only is a liability issue.

When organizations ask if they can sell food for a fundraiser, Sinniger directs them to Jeff Carstens, Dean of Students. Carstens, and sometimes Sinniger, will ask them questions such as what they want to sell and how long the food will sit out.

“Most organizations that ask to have such fund-raisers get declined,” Sinniger said.

One organization that got declined was the Drama Club. The club holds One-Act competitions for high schools in the Wayne area. Last December, parents asked the club advisor, Gwen Jensen, why the club didn’t sell concessions.

Jensen asked if Drama Club could sell concessions, to which she got a response of “no.”

“I was told that the food needs to come from Chartwells since the food safety can’t be guaranteed,” Jensen said. “That’s understandable and I don’t have a problem with that.”

What she doesn’t understand is why the Multicultural Center, where Indian tacos will be sold today and prepared in its kitchen, and the International Club can have its International Dinner.

The students make the foods for both of these events, so doesn’t that violate the policy about food safety?

“Jeff [Carstens] told me that he wasn’t aware that the students make the foods in their homes for the International Dinner,” Jensen said.

Now that he does know, does that mean the International Club will have to abide by the rules like everyone else?

The contract that Wayne State College has with Chartwells includes that Chartwells will provide food for the college, except “bake sales and other student organizations-sponsored fund-raising events which are not in direct competition with Chartwells and which have been approved by the Director of Student Activities.

The College and Chartwells shall mutually agree on the definition of ‘direct competition,’ but the College shall make the final determination.”

If that means not selling the same foods that are in the cafeterias, then can organizations sell popcorn and cotton candy?

“I want these organizations to succeed,” Jensen said. “But if they can bend the rules for them, why can’t the same be done for everyone else?”

Ethical living inspired by Columbine victim

Rachel’s Challenge focuses on five personal improvements based on her writings

By Lauren Deisy
Staff Writer

“I’m going to die young,” Rachel Joy Scott said.
“But I’m going to make a difference in the world.”

Rachel Joy Scott was the first victim of the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. The massacre was the worst high school shooting in history, resulting in 15 deaths and 21 injuries.

Since her death, Rachel’s family has used her writings, beliefs and memory as inspiration and dedication for a program called “Rachel’s Challenge.” It focuses on making a difference in the world one person at a time.

Katie Harman, the representative speaker for Rachel’s Challenge, spoke to middle school students earlier on Sept. 5 and adjusted the program slightly for the adults in the second session.

She gave the presentation for the community at Wayne High School, where the lecture hall was packed.

“It was really cool,” said Jonah, a sixth-grade boy who had seen the program earlier in school.

“It raises spirits,” added his friend Brandon.

After seeing the presentation in school, students asked their families to join and see it, too.

“Is it overwhelming,” retired Wayne State professor Carolyn Linster said. “Watching it was like reliving the incident all over again.”

Rachel always wanted to make a difference in the world, ever since she was a little girl.
NEWS BRIEFS

By Jacob Barry
Staff Writer

Eastern Culture Connection holds Mid- Autumn Festival

The E.C.C. is an organization looking to enhance learning about eastern culture. The Mid-Autumn Festival will take place Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in Ley Theater. There will be free food and drinks. The E.C.C. will meet regularly on Mondays from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the student lounge on second floor Humanities. Everyone is welcome.

Find hidden treasures at the WSC surplus property auction

Go on an inexpensive shopping spree and stock up on clothes, furniture, office supplies, electronics and more. You have until 5 p.m. on Sept. 14 to make your bid. For a list of what items are available and how to place your bid, visit ecampus.wsc.edu/surplus_property.

Calling all writers and artists, now’s your chance

Want to become a published writer or artist? Judas Goat is taking submissions. The Judas Goat is a literary magazine that takes submissions. The Judas Goat is a literary magazine that takes submissions. For more information contact Lisa Thobe at 402-909-2342 or lithob01@wsc.edu.

Indian taco sale heats up at the Multicultural Center

The Native American Student Alliance welcomes you to come visit the Multicultural Center today at 11 a.m. and try an Indian Taco for only $5. Or have it delivered to you on campus for only $1 extra. A drink is included with your purchase.

NDED grant breaks new ground

By Ashley Tompkins
Staff Writer

“It was a historic moment. Unprecedented.”

Last year, Wayne State College was awarded a Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) grant in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Lisa Nelson, coordinator of Service-Learning projects at WSC, was emphatic in stating that this partnership and its outlets are new and exciting ground for WSC.

The culmination of a process that began in late August 2010, the $7,000 NDED grant enabled the WSC science department to purchase supplies and to send college students to Ike’s Lake project.

With help from a NDED grant, students from WSC and Wayne public schools can participate in programs such as the Ike’s Lake project. Students get a chance to study nature outside of the classroom.

‘Wake up for a wish’ pancake breakfast hosted by Herman Chiropractic

Herman Chiropractic is hosting a pancake feed, raffle and silent auction to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A menu of pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, coffee and juice will be served from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sept. 16. The event will be a free-will donation with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Journey begins at Journey Christian Church starting Sunday at 6 p.m.

Come along for the journey with Journey Christian. College Group will convene at Journey Christian Church on Sunday. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by a chat about stuff that matters at 7 p.m.
Reduplication

Similarities between Ponca language and English are the focus of Rudin’s lecture

BY SARAH OLTJENBRUNS
Staff Writer

There was an itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny chit chat led by the super-duper Dr. Catherine Rudin of Wayne State College Friday afternoon.

You may think the previous sentence was wishy-washy, but those attending Rudin’s Balsey-Whitmore public lecture would appreciate it.

Rudin gave WSC students, faculty and guests a hands-on look at reduplication in the Omaha-Ponca language.

Attendees also had the opportunity to look at the Omaha and Ponca Digital Dictionary, a project Rudin has been working on since 2008 with University of Nebraska at Lincoln professor Dr. Mark Awakuni.

Rudin moved to Nebraska in 1986 and found there was a Native American reservation not far away.

She visited one for the first time with a mission.

“I wanted to learn how to make relative clauses. This was a bad idea, because you need to know a lot about the language to start with, so I had to start at the beginning,” Rudin said.

Rudin learned about the Omaha-Ponca language from three elders in the late 1980s. She sat with them at a table, recorded their conversations and then they would explain what they talked about.

Rudin is still studying the language today.

Rudin chose to give a presentation on reduplication because it is relatively accessible to the average person.

Reduplication, the repetition of all or parts of a word, is used by pretty much every language.

In English, reduplication is used by repeating a whole word as in “we walked down a long long path,” or parts of the word as in ding dong, tick tock, willy-nilly and more.

In Omaha-Ponca, reduplication is very different from English. It is a regular process in which one syllable is repeated. It is used for many purposes.

One of the major ones is something linguists call pronominal distributivity, that is, a repeated action.

For example, the word bamáxe means “to bow the head,” whereas bamámáxe means “to bow the head repeatedly.” Another usage is to signal distributivity (in time and space). The word zhnábé means “soiled,” whereas zhnázhnábé means “soiled here and there.”

Other ways reduplication is used are intensity, duration and nominal plurality.

Why are linguists so interested in languages like Omaha-Ponca?

Currently, there are 4,000-5,000 languages spoken in the world.

Over 90 percent of them, including Omaha-Ponca, are in danger of being extinct. This is why learning about and documenting these languages is a priority for linguists.

Rudin is just happy to be studying another language.

“I love doing jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku. Languages are another puzzle, a game to get all the pieces to fit,” Rudin said.

If you are interested in learning more about Omaha-Ponca, visit http://omahaponca.unl.edu.

There, you can view the Omaha and Ponca Digital Dictionary and learn more about Rudin’s project.

Even if you are still clueless, that’s okay. Rudin is just glad WSC students are experiencing something outside their comfort zone.

“Languages are a window into the human mind. They may sound different, but [they] have a lot in common,” Rudin said.

Rachel’s Challenge touches lives in Wayne

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Two weeks before her death, she wrote an inspirational essay called “My Ethics, My Code of Life” from which Rachel’s Challenge was born and her wish granted.

“I have this theory that if one person goes out of their way to show a little compassion, it might start a chain reaction,” Rachel wrote.

Rachel’s Challenge focuses on five individual challenges, each based on her writings.

Her first challenge is to look for the best in others to eliminate prejudice.

Craig Scott, Rachel’s younger brother, was in the library when the shooting began. Ten students, including two of his friends, were gunned down.

Craig’s friend Isaiah had experienced racial prejudice in school, and the last words he heard before his death were racial slurs.

To Rachel, prejudice was about more than race; it is simply pre-judging another.

“Look into someone’s eyes and into their heart to see the light,” Rachel wrote.

Her second challenge is to dream big, even if it feels too late.

Several years after her death, Rachel’s family found a hidden drawing of her hands behind a dresser.

She had written her dream within the hands.

“These hands belong to Rachel Joy Scott and they will touch millions of hearts.” Rachel’s Challenge has reached more than 18 million people worldwide.

Rachel’s third challenge is to choose positive influences.

“Don’t let your character change color with your environment,” Rachel wrote. “Find out who you are and let it stay its true color.”

She surrounded herself with the people she loved, never once changing the person she was in order to fit in.

Challenge number four is to speak with kindness.

“People will never know how far a little kindness will go,” Rachel believed.

Part of Rachel’s Challenge is based on her theory of a chain reaction.

Many of the programs presented to schools and organizations create paper chains in her memory, each link representing one act of kindness.

Rachel’s Challenge holds the world record for the longest chain at 27 miles.

“Never underestimate your ability to make a difference,” Harman said.

One act of compassion can create a chain reaction to change the world.

Rachel’s final challenge is to start small, tell all whom you love that you honestly love them. It will mean the world to that person to hear those simple words.

All you have to do is take that step.
Hawaiian night features Joe Moorhead Band

**By Aubry Cheng**

*Staff Writer*

After touring many campuses, Joe Moorhead, one of the great beach musicians of America, and his band finally came to WSC for Hawaiian night on Sept. 7.

After a long wait, the whole event kicked off at 7 p.m. Walking into the student center plaza, people were overtaken by the intense Hawaiian atmosphere.

There were also specific features provided by SAB including Hawaiian style accessories, making wax hands and flip books.

“We like to have a big event at the beginning of the year for students. We also wanted to do a few events and we came in contact with a great beach band. Then the whole idea was built around them,” Cale Albracht, the vice president of SAB, said. There was more to the night than just Hawaiian music.

Games abounded, and one of the favorites of the night was a hula hoop competition. The person who could last the longest time and complete all the directions given by Joe Moorhead received a free CD.

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WSC Marching Band sports its new uniforms and abundant team spirit at the first home football game Saturday against Minot State. This marked the first time in 30 years that the marching band has been issued new uniforms.

Staff Writer

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**Student Senate**

‘Neon Bike On’ and new campus organization highlighted at meeting

**By Carrie Redding**

*Staff Writer*

After a round of introductions and inducting new senators Melanie Placke, Alex Armes and Beau Fry to the fold, the Student Senate dove into some real issues on campus Sunday night.

Senators went around and spoke about club meetings they attended and some activities coming up for WSC.

One of the highlights was the “Neon Bike On” being hosted by Bike Club tonight at 9 p.m. Participants can meet by the tennis courts and get painted up with neon paint and glow sticks for a flashy ride through the dark.

Another upcoming event that got a lot of attention was “Pack the House Night,” put on by PED 411 with the Sports Club Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. They will be giving away several electronics before the volleyball game.

The Board of Trustees informed the Senate that WSC has received $420,000 to go toward air conditioning in the Rec Center. This renovation is due for completion by next summer. WSC also announced that WSC will hold a Fall concert Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., instead of the Spring Concert.

In new business, the Wayne State Foundation announced that WSC raised $150,000 to go toward refurbishing several old pianos around campus as well as installing 15 new pianos.

The next meeting of the Student Senate will be held Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Frey Conference Suite of the Student Center.

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**Campus Security**

By Jennifer Tanderup

*Staff Writer*

Wednesday 9-4: There was vandalism in the recreational room in Neihardt Hall. There were property damages.

Tuesday 9-5: There was another occurrence of vandalism in the recreational room in Neihardt Hall, resulting in property damages.

Wednesday 9-5: There was vandalism to the ladies restroom in Brandenburg Education Building.

Saturday 9-8: There was an incident of alcohol poisoning on campus.

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**Pepsi and WSC**

By Riley Van Leeuwen

*Staff Writer*

The Wayne State Foundation recently penned the final agreements with the Pepsi Cola Company of Siouxland by adding $1,045 to complete a $10,000 scholarship.

The scholarship gift came after Wayne State agreed to a contract with Pepsi to provide beverage and vending services for the next seven years.

As part of the contract, Pepsi will also be providing a one-time payment to the college of $120,000.

That amount, in combination with other funds, will be used to provide air conditioning in the Rec Center.

The Rec Center project will begin as soon as possible and is expected to be finished by next summer.
Every town, every school. Each one of them has bullying. The Wayne community got an insight into bullying this past weekend through “Bully,” a documentary focusing on the effects of bullying. Parents, teachers and students packed the Majestic Theater to watch the film and discuss bullying. The theater was so full that Wayne State and Wayne High students had to sit on the floors of the aisles to be able to participate.

“I really don’t cry at movies,” WSC freshman Laura Anderson said, “but this one made me cry like Niagara Falls. It shows that bullying is a real problem everywhere not just one school.”

One of the highlights of the weekend was Kirk Smalley’s presentation on Sunday.

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Smalley emphasized that bystanders need to come together to stand up for those who no one will listen to otherwise. He compared bullying now to when he was a kid and talked about how now it has become a 24/7 thing due to technology.

“I felt that the movie and presentation was a great way to address what is happening every day, not only in our schools, but in our communities,” WSC senior Liz Fajman said. “The movie gets a great message across, but listening to Kirk Smalley was very heartwarming and really made the issues real.”

Smalley didn’t forget to add in some comic relief throughout his presentation, referencing the Huskers’ game against UCLA this past Saturday.

As he talked about the kids’ power to influence others, he talked about meeting Lady Gaga and having no idea who she was and laughed about Googling her and her meat dress.

After that, he talked about writing letters to President Obama every day and getting no response. But once kids wrote to him, it took two weeks for him to meet with Smalley.

One thing Smalley emphasized was the definition of bullying.

He said that it all depends on the person. Most victims don’t come home beat up or bleeding, but they take mental and emotional abuse every day.

A thing that definitely hit the crowd close to home was that kids learn from adults. They see parents bully each other, bosses bully employees and even teachers bully their students.

“Don’t ever forget that you are somebody,” Smalley said.

To sign the Stand for the Silent pledge, go to standforthesilent.com.

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**By Lindsey Costa**
Staff Writer

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Above: Allen Glaser entertained students and their families this weekend at the Jammin’ for Jude concert. All proceeds from the concert were donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Below: TKE hosts come together to enjoy the dedication and hard work they contributed that made the fund-raising event possible.

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Staff Viewpoints:

Professor Rude

Erica Blakley

As classes begin to get underway and into the groove of things, we begin to get to know our professors a little better.

But if you’re like me, you’ve had the same teachers for a while now, and you know them pretty well already.

I know this isn’t the case for freshmen, since they are just now experiencing what WSC has to offer in the teacher department.

We see these teachers on a regular basis and are forced to communicate with them daily. I’m willing to bet that almost everyone has at least one professor that he or she can not stand or dislikes greatly and dreads having to see two or more times a week.

Because Lord knows, I do. If you don’t, you’re lucky and I envy you.

This specific educator may be rude, obnoxious, boring, inconsiderate, or just clueless to the outside world.

For the most part, I enjoy my professors and my classes and have no problem with them.

Except one.

That I have to endure only once a week. Thank goodness, because if it were more than that, I would probably go insane.

Every week I have to think to myself how am I going to make it through this class without saying or doing something that I’m really going to regret later.

I do a good job at it. Sometimes.

There’s the occasional time, where I’ll talk back and say something not so nice, just because I can not take one more minute of the mindless babble.

I know you’re supposed to respect your elders, and I do, for the most part.

But once they start talking to me like I’m a child, or trying to tell me something that I already know or just sounding completely ignorant, I will say something.

I also do a good job of ignoring. If I don’t care what the prof has to say, I will deliberately ignore them.

Sorry, but that’s how I work.

I’ll also sit in class and just play games on my cell phone for the duration of the class, because I simply do not care.

I pay attention in classes that don’t bore me to tears and keeps me intrigued and alert.

Unfortunately, this one class has none of those criteria.

So I waste time trying to get three stars on all levels of Angry Birds. Or check Facebook every five minutes seeing if I got any notifications or get on Twitter in hopes that someone famous retweeted one of my hilarious tweets, which never happens.

But all in all, I remind myself that I only have one more semester left with such professor, and struggle weekly to make it through alive.

Opinion

Trust me, I’m A Doctor:

Mark Leeper

Last Wednesday I was taking a break from watching back episodes of “Intervention” (which, incidentally, shows a direct and consistent link between having a father and doing crystal meth), and I happened upon former President Bill Clinton holding court at the Democratic National Convention.

Initially, I was struck by how Clinton was invigorating the adulation of the crowd. He clearly misses being the main attraction, and carried on for nearly 50 minutes (well beyond the scheduled 28 minutes) with a vintage policy lecture interlaced with artful finger waving and folksy southern homilies. He breathed in the attention and seemed to soar, bigger than life, like the Sponge Bob balloon at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Although I have conditioned myself, like many interns, to keep some distance between myself and Bill Clinton’s seductive rhetoric, he did stress one point that rang quite true: President Obama is the target of unprecedented, unadulterated hatred that is somewhere between irrational and insane.

I have seen it, too, among many students and my graying (Republican) college buddies. The mention of Obama induces red-faced, single-word denunciations, like “tyrant!” or “socialist!”

There are ample reasons to criticize President Obama, but to frame him as a despot or commie, well, that’s absurd. Contrarily, Obama has shown leadership that is careful and deferential. For example, with health insurance reform, Obama laid out the broad contours to Congress, and stepped away to allow the party leadership in Congress to hammer out the details.

Further, anyone who understands “socialism” knows, at its foundation, it involves government take-over of major industries (e.g. power, telecommunications) to promote comfort and equality. My gajillion dollar August statements from the City of Wayne and Verizon undercut any notion of nascent socialism.

I have detected similar absurd rants from Nebraskans at the mention of “Bob Kerrey.” Many unthinkingly bleat “CARPETBAGGER!” Good Lord. Bob Kerrey grew up in Lincoln; graduated from Lincoln Northeast; earned a degree in pharmacy from UNL; opened two Lincoln and Omaha-based businesses that still employ hundreds of Nebraskans today (Grandmother’s and Prairie Life). He served a term as Governor of Nebraska and two terms representing Nebraska in the U.S. Senate.

When I was in college—in LINCOLN, not NYU—I saw Bob Kerrey running at Prairie Life bearing the prosthetic leg he earned serving his country in Vietnam. When I was working at my (miserable) internship at the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission in the capital building, I could see Kerrey and Debra Winger walking his german shepherd around the Governor’s Mansion.

So, PLEASE, stop with the labeling and the hate, people. Barack Obama and Bob Kerrey are, in actuality, fairly complicated, textured, intelligent and inconsistent political figures who take a little study to understand.

If you study them and still hate, fine, but at least understand your emotion with some critical thinking. I know you can, most of you have nearly completed General Education.

And know, at least they are not Mitt Romney, that insensitive, tax-evading, pampered, money-grubbing, out-sourcing, tone-deaf, vulture of a venture capitalist who plans to tie women up in aprons, steal their contraceptives and enslave them in baby factories.
The Alien Speaks:

**Dulanjalee Seneviratne**

Happy Wednesday, everyone!

Today I’m going to write about the food that many Sri Lankans consider it as their staple.

It is none other than rice.

Sri Lankans are literally inseparable from their pot of rice: a day without rice is like an eternity without a substantial meal.

They have been eating rice for over two millennia. This can be attributed to the history of the country. Sri Lankans have a proud history of over 2,500 years, and until the British invaded in the early 1800s, the country was under a monarchical rule.

It was the duty of every king/queen to provide royal sponsorship for agriculture.

Rice was the main crop and farmers who owned paddy fields were honored and respected by the king as well as the locals.

In fact there’s a local saying, which goes as “Once a farmer washes off the mud and dirt from the paddy fields, he’s fit to become king.”

Before the 20th century, Sri Lankans ate rice for their breakfast, lunch and dinner.

However in recent times, rice has been limited to lunch. Despite this, there are those who prefer to eat rice for all of their main meals.

Plain white rice is the kind that many Sri Lankans eat on a daily basis.

It’s cooked to the consistency where the grains separate easily from each other without being sticky. The thing with rice is that it cannot be eaten on its own.

Generally, three or five other dishes are cooked to accompany the rice. One is usually a fish or meat dish, while the remaining are all vegetable dishes.

In order to add the crunch factor, many people add a cooked crisp called “papadum.” All of these side dishes (except for papadum), are cooked in a way so that they are immersed in a curry.

Although plain rice is the norm for an average Sri Lankan on any given day, there are other kinds of rice that people enjoy on various occasions.

Red rice is another kind.

This is mostly favored by those who wish to improve their overall health.

Red rice with curries of lentil, chicken, and potatoes are an absolute favorite of those who live in the countryside.

And then of course there’s the ever-so-tasty yellow rice, which gets its hue with the addition of a little bit of the spice, turmeric.

Once a little bit of margarine is popped in, along with some curry leaves, we get the very tasty and fragrant yellow rice. This is usually served on special occasions.

A type of rice that is eaten a lot by Sri Lankans is fried rice, which is as its name suggests is made with the rice fried a little bit while adding chopped vegetables to it.

During the lunch hour, it’s not an uncommon sight to see many people chowing down plates of vegetable or chicken fried rice.

I can say from personal experience that a well-made plate of fried rice can create an appetite in any person.

One special time of rice that reminds Sri Lankans of their cultural roots is called lamprais. This is where you’d find yellow rice, a deep-fried boiled egg, chicken curry, and several vegetable curries all wrapped in a heated banana leaf.

To eat it, you simple keep the lamprais on a plate, open up the banana leaf and dig in. There’re vegetarian versions available as well.

If you ever happen to come across a Sri Lankan household, make sure you sample at least one of their rice dishes. It will change your tasting palette forever!

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**It’s ok, I’m Not Using My Degree Either:**

**Katie Kasl**

I’ll admit it: I’m not typical.

I have yet to go camping; I hate ranch dressing and chocolate syrup; and the last time I stepped into a nail salon was, well, never.

Subsequently, my idea of a good time isn’t too typical either.

Sometimes, it involves grabbing a carton of ice cream and sitting in front of my television to watch whatever mindless show is currently on HGTB.

Sometimes, it’s hopping in my Grand Am, driving to Norfolk, and wandering around Wal-Mart with a basket full of stuff I don’t need.

And sometimes, it’s digging a nice outfit out of my closet, doing my hair, and going downtown to shell out three bucks on a drink that’ll last me about three minutes, all before stumbling to a friend’s house and staying until I’m too tired to stand upright.

Which, now that I think about it, isn’t so unconventional after all.

Unless, of course, that drink is a glass of water or a Jack-and-coke, hold the Jack.

And then we’re back into atypical territory because, really, who goes to a bar or a party and doesn’t sip on a beverage worthy of an ID-check? Oh. Yeah. Guilty person right here.

But, like I said earlier, I’m not typical.

What I didn’t say earlier?

I’m fine with that, even if it means accepting an invite to a friend’s place, knowing I’ll probably be the only one not arriving with six of her closest pals.

Admittedly, though, I’m in no way professing a dislike for alcohol.

Minus the stuff that tastes like paint thinner – not that I regularly drink paint thinner – I like alcohol.

Quite a bit, actually.

In fact, me and Mr. Booze go way back. Sort of. Okay, so we’ve only been together a couple years. I didn’t drink as a minor because I thought it was STUPID. Just like that, in all caps.

Because of him, I’ve been the girl in three-inch heels who’s needed help climbing a flight of stairs because she’s too drunk to do it herself. I’ve also been the girl sitting on a hotel floor, completely buzzed and shoveling leftover cake into her mouth after bar-hopping for her friend’s twenty-first birthday.

I’ve even been the girl on the sidewalk at ten in the morning, hoping she doesn’t run into anyone she knows because, in addition to a pair of bloodshot eyes, she’s wearing the same clothes she wore the night before.

So no, I don’t condemn alcohol. I just wonder why it’s such a central part of ‘having fun.”

You have my permission to remain sober.

What you don’t drink won’t be held against you.

**Opinion**

The Wayne Stater
Wildcats hold off Minot State

The Wildcats take advantage of touchdowns by Adam Stark and Nick Pulscher to fend off the Beavers.

BY STEVE MARIK
Sports Editor

Another strong defensive showing by the Wildcats helped propel them past Minot State last Saturday 20-6.

The Beaver offense was held in check for nearly the entire game, as the Wildcat defense held it scoreless for the first three quarters of the game.

“Everybody was playing hard and fast,” linebacker Ben Perry said. “When the defensive line is getting that much pressure, it makes it easier on the back seven.”

The WSC offense found the scoreboard late in the first quarter with help from a key catch by Stark on a 21-yard field goal.

The Wildcats scored on their next possession of the game, when Nate Most connected with Stark again for the first touchdown and the third touchdown that duo have connected on this season.

With the Beavers driving, linebacker Jared Curry stripped Beaver quarterback Zac Cunha, however, and gained the lead with a 21-yard field goal.

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While the scoring throw gave the Wildcats a 10-0 lead early in the second, Most was inconsistent in the passing game, only completing ten passes.

“It was really windy down there on the field, and it was swirling,” head coach Dan McLaughlin said. “It was odd because you feel it on your face, but you look up and it’s the opposite of what the flag is blowing.”

With the Beavers driving, linebacker Jared Curry stripped Beaver quarterback Zac Cunha and recovered on the Minot 36. The offense failed to convert on the turnover, however.

Martin knocked his second triple in of the afternoon, this on a 35-yarder, with under eight minutes left in the second quarter, improving the Wildcat lead to 13-0.

All-American defensive end Rich Daniel was causing havoc in the backfield all day with relentless pursuit of the quarterback. He forced a muffed punt right before halftime and gave the Wildcats possession at the Beaver 38-yard line, but WSC failed to convert.

“We should have been ahead 28-0. We had short fields and didn’t score,” McLaughlin said. “We had a couple field goals we should have scored touchdowns on.”

After a horse collar penalty by the Wildcats early in the third quarter, the Beavers started their drive on the WSC 37 and drove into the red zone for the first time in the game. Corner Nick Lewis thwarted any chance of a Beaver score by intercepting a pass after being deflected by safety Zach Bierman.

The Wildcat defense was faced with a fourth and goal on its one-yard line early in the fourth quarter, but linebacker Jared Curry was credited with a touchdown-saving tackle, giving WSC the ball deep in their territory.

All-NSIC punter Randy Weich successfully pulled off a 62-yard punt in his end zone following the goal-line stand.

“I thought the three biggest parts of the game were the fourth down stop that the defense had, Randy’s (Weich) punt and the offense going on a 78-yard drive that ate the clock up,” McLaughlin said.

But another Beaver scoring threat ensued as they finally got on the board with a touchdown grab by receiver Wayne Peters, narrowing the Wildcat lead to 13-6 lead after a missed extra point attempt.

The offense drove down the field on the following WSC possession that featured a key catch by receiver Cole McDaniel and tough runs by Pulscher and Charlie Davidson. The drive ate up almost seven minutes of clock and forced Minot State to use all three timeouts.

Pulscher finished the drive by scoring his second touchdown run of the game with just under a minute left, solidifying a 20-6 Wildcat win.

“Especially on that drive, (Pulscher and Davidson) were just outstanding,” McLaughlin said. “They both ran hard. They protected the ball and gave a really good effort.”

Gaining 338 yards of total offense, Most completed just ten of 32 passing attempts for 177 yards with one touchdown. The Wildcats were led in rushing by Pulscher, who racked up 86 yards on 15 carries while Davidson ran for 61 yards on 17 carries. Stark led the receivers with four catches for 89 yards and one touchdown.

Curry led the defense with 11 tackles and two sacks, while Daniel had 10 tackles and two sacks on defense that allowed 278 total yards.

WSC will travel to Bemidji State for a 1 p.m. NSIC contest next Saturday.
Sieckmann selected to all-tournament team

By Richard Rhoden
Assistant Sports Editor

Not everyone knows at a young age the amount of talent that they have.

However, in Lauren Sieckmann’s case, she knew exactly what she had.

Sieckmann, a transfer from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a widely publicized addition to the Wayne State volleyball team. As the rightsides outside hitter for the team, she has definitely made her presence felt early.

At a young age, though, volleyball wasn’t Sieckmann’s only participation.

“I started playing YMCA volleyball in about 4th grade, but I was a big gymnast and did junior Olympic diving as well so I didn’t get serious with volleyball until 6th grade,” Sieckmann said. “When I played YMCA I was always the first one to do a jump serve and first one to hit, so I think that’s when I realized I maybe had a future in it.”

As Lauren progressed into middle and high school, volleyball became a main priority. She also competed in high jump in middle school, but did not continue that into her high school years. Volleyball was her focus.

In 2009, Sieckmann led Marian High School to the Class A volleyball title and was named the top sophomore player in the country by PrepVolleyball.com. As people found out who Lauren was on the volleyball court, so did colleges, big-time colleges like Nebraska, Texas, Illinois and Iowa State. All of whom took an interest in Lauren, seeking her services on their squads.

Lauren finished her high school career at Elkhorn South, where she seemed unstoppable. She was named MaxPreps Preseason First Team All-American and awarded for 349 kills, 52 aces, 27 blocks, 240 digs and 185 assists.

When it came to decision time, Sieckmann chose the hometown Huskers. She enrolled early in the spring of 2012 to get a jumpstart with the team. She was moved from her former position, outside hitter to setter behind the only other setter on the Huskers roster, two-year starter Lauren Cook.

After going through spring ball, Sieckmann decided she wanted out, and she was released from her scholarship at Nebraska. It was then that she decided to bring her talents to Wayne State.

“I decided to transfer really late in the year, so most schools didn’t have any scholarships open. I was lucky enough to get one here,” Sieckmann said. “I have always thought coach Kneifl was a great coach, so I thought it was a good opportunity.”

Lauren was moved back to her natural position, outside hitter, and had taken off in stride. She also enjoys being a Wildcat.

“I love it. I have missed hitting and I love getting to do it again here.”

Also, Sieckmann comes to Wayne State with lofty expectations and is determined to rise up to them.

“I really am hoping to win a national title within my career here,” she said.

Remember the name. It’s here to stay.

Wildcats clean house, almost

By Richard Rhoden
Assistant Sports Editor

For a second consecutive week, the Wayne State Wildcat volleyball team made a trek to the centennial state for a tournament. The 18th-ranked Wildcats took three out of four at the Mountain Lion Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo.

“We improved off of our first week of play,” head coach Scott Kneifl said. “Overall, we can take a lot of positives from this past weekend.”

As a bonus, freshman Lauren Sieckmann was named to the 2012 Mountain Lion Volleyball Invitational All-Tournament Team. She averaged a tournament high 4 kills per set along with 2 digs. She had double-digit kills in all four matches during the weekend, and totaled 52 kills and hit .310 in the four matches.

WSC cruised to an easy sweep in its first match against Fort Lewis College, 25-23, 25-13 and 25-16. WSC was solid in hitting and held FLC to a .045 attack percentage.

Siekmann led the Cats in kills with 10, followed by junior Cori Hobbs with 9 and senior Melanie Placke with 6. Freshman Courtney VanGroningen recorded 8 digs, freshman Leisa McClintock dished out 22 set assists and junior Katie Beiermann racked up 7 blocks.

In WSC’s second match of the tournament, things went a little sour. Even though Sieckmann smashed 16 kills, the Wildcats were not able to defeat UC-Colorado Springs. The Wildcats lost all three sets, 25-23, 25-22 and 25-20.

Hobbs notched 7 kills while Placke and senior Alex Armes had 5. VanGroningen had a team high 10 digs and McClintock scored 31 assists in the match. Wayne State was outhit and outblocked by UCCS.

“We did not serve very well in the match,” Kneifl said. “We just need to limit our errors, and our ace-to-error ratio needs to be better.”

Wayne State quickly got back to its winning ways on Saturday. WSC dominated Midwestern State in almost every category and easily picked up the straight set victory, 25-23, 25-22 and 25-17.

For a second consecutive match, Sieckmann led both squads with 15 kills. She was the only Wildcat in double digits. Five other players scored kills for the Wildcats. Freshman Katie Hughes had a team high 8 digs and McClintock recorded 36 assists.

In the last match of the tournament, WSC forced Franklin Pierce into 27 attack errors and a dominating .421 hitting percentage. The Wildcats won all three sets, 25-13, 25-12 and 25-13.

Sieckmann once again led WSC in hitting with 11 kills, while Hobbs contributed 10 kills and a .556 attack percentage and no errors. Beiermann led in blocks with 6. All 13 players got onto the floor in the match for WSC.

“We hit for some high percentages and moved the ball around nicely,” Kneifl said.

This weekend will be the Wildcats’ first home matches of the year, as they take on NSIC conference foes Winona State Friday at 7 p.m. and Upper Iowa Saturday at 3 p.m.

“It’ll be nice not to have to get on a bus for once. We have logged a lot of road time in the past two weeks,” Kneifl said. “We just need to play clean, limit our unforced errors and play good defense.”

Penn State deserved it

By Steve Marik
Sports Editor

A $60 million fine. A four-year football postseason ban. Vacation of all wins (112) since the 1998 season. The athletic department placed on probation for five years. A reduction of 20 scholarships every year for a four-year span.

These were the sanctions given to Penn State in wake of the Sandusky trials.

After the news came out, the opinions did also. And the main question being asked was, “Are the sanctions too harsh?”

Absolutely not. Penn State got exactly what they deserved. The penalties were not too harsh. Don’t feel sorry for the Nittany Lions when they lose to teams like Ohio and Virginia.

Every Penn State team and every player that has come through that program since 1998 were screwed the second the leaders of a prestigious college started protecting a child molester.

What might be more disconcerting is that the men in charge of PSU, ex-President Graham Spanier, ex-Athletic Director Tim Curley, ex-Vice-president Gary Shultz, and let’s not forget Joe Paterno, found the image of the college and football team more important than the lives of several children.

I don’t want to hear “but the players didn’t do anything” argument. They had the opportunity to leave and play right away elsewhere.

This isn’t a football problem, it’s a morals problem. That’s why the players had the chance to leave. Something had to be done right away to the brand, and it happened.

That football team, Happy Valley, the Penn State brand, had it coming. It’s just the 2012 team got the storm that was brewing for 14 years.
Young golf team looks to gain much needed experience throughout the fall season

By Jody Shough
Staff writer

Two young golf teams are hoping to build this season as they have little collegiate experience.

Both the men’s and women’s golf teams have a total of seven freshmen, four sophomores and only one junior. The women’s team lost three seniors and the other decided not to play because she had one semester left. Their roster consists of one sophomore, three freshmen and a junior transfer student from Presentation College.

“We’re going to be very young, but the girls are going to get some playing experience,” head coach Troy Harder said.

Sarah Phinney, who joined the team last semester, is the only returnee to the team. She shot 106 and 100 at the Wildcat Spring Invite and 103 in the final round of the NSIC Championship last spring.

Freshmen include Zandria Cole and Emily Kaslon, both of Grand Island, and Taylor Burke from Wayne.

Cole, a three-year high school state qualifier, had her best season her senior year. With scores of 86 and 85, Cole placed 11th in Class A and helped her high school win the Class A State Championship.

Kaslon contributed to Grand Island Northwest all four years of high school.

Taylor Burke, a two year state qualifier, individually tied for 12th in Class C with rounds of 92 and 91 and helped the Blue Devils to State Runner-up her senior year.

Amanda Sutton, a junior from Genoa, just transferred from Presentation College, playing golf only one year.

“I’ve been pleased with the qualifying round of scores so far, but some of the girls think they should be shooting better,” Harder said. “Our goal is to try and build the program back to what we had 3-4 years ago with this group of players.”

The men’s team has just one of the seven players returning with varsity experience.

Sophomore Blake Bauer shot a season best shot 84-81 at the SCSU Husky Classic and scored 157 at the Wildcat Spring Invite finishing tied for 23rd.

Harder is looking for Bauer to lead the Wildcats team this year.

“Blake had a great freshmen year for us and I look for even better things from him this year,” Harder said. “I look for Blake to be a consistent player and leader for us this season as he steps into the leadership role of the team as a sophomore.”

Other sophomores include two transfer students, Garret Kuhl and Spencer Shadden. Kuhl played four years of golf at Osmond High School while Shadden played two at Burke High School.

All four freshmen contributed to their high schools in many ways.

Jeff Greenwood was Class C5 District runner-up, shooting a 76. He shot 86 and 83 at the Class C State Tournament helping Kimball place 7th.

Jack Peterson was a Class A State Qualifier as a junior and senior and his senior year was Class A1 District runner-up.

In Colin Preston’s sophomore year he was named to Wayne’s Class B qualifying team scoring 184 to help Wayne place 7th.

Brad Lanman also contributed to the Battle Creek High School golf team.

“We are very young and will take our lumps this year, but in two years we will be really good,” Harder said. “This group has a lot of talent. We need to maintain this group of players for the future and add more great players to get to where we were two years ago when we placed second in the conference.”

The Wildcats’ next meet will be Sept. 16 and 17 in the Concordia-St Paul Invite.
This Week In History

- Sept. 13, 1996—Hip hop star Tupac Shakur dies after being shot in Las Vegas in a drive-by shooting.
- Sept. 15, 1978—Cassius Clay, better known to most as Muhammad Ali, defeats Leon Spinks to win the World Heavyweight boxing title for a third time in his career, the first boxer to do so. Following his victory, Ali retired from boxing, only to make a brief comeback two years later.
- Sept. 16, 1620—The Mayflower sails from Plymouth, England, bound for the New World with 102 passengers. The ship was headed for Virginia, where the colonists—half religious dissenters and half entrepreneurs—had been authorized to settle by the British crown.
- Sept. 17, 1862—Confederate and Union troops in the Civil War clash near Maryland’s Antietam Creek in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. By the time the sun went down, both armies still held their ground, despite staggering combined casualties—nearly 23,000 of the 100,000 soldiers engaged, including almost 4,000 dead.

Fact U

- Bananas, pasta, and nuts are all known to be great stress relieving foods.
- If sugar is applied on a cut, it will help in the healing process and will also stop the blood flow.
- There are no two zebras that have stripes that are exactly the same.
- Air is passed through the nose at a speed of 100 miles per hour when a person sneezes.
- Laughing for 15 minutes a day burns about 40 calories. Doing this daily can help you lose about 4 pounds a year.

Missed Connections

- To the girl who walked by at just the right time, I am always happy to be of service. Be on the lookout, showtime starts at 9 this week. From the guy now using a red towel.
- To the guy in my substance abuse class, do you need a kleenex? If so, get one.
- To the girl roaming around Benthack on Monday in those white shorts and yellow shirt and dark hair, you are GORGEOUS!! From the guy who notices your smile.
- To the girl wearing the blue zipper tank top and black sparkly bootie shorts at Jammin For Jude, next time, please put on some clothes. Sincerely, nobody wants to see that.
- To the hot freshman girl making sandwiches on Mondays, keep up the good work. I liked my sandwich. From your stuttering stalker.

Across
1. Spouse in the house
6. Steed stopper
10. Slightly open
14. Dome-shaped home
15. Beginning on
16. The Crimson Tide,
to fans
17. “Just name it and it’s your’s”
20. Cookie baker’s requirement
21. Señor of old TV
22. Roast hosts, for short
24. Chest muscles, briefly
27. Hersey title town
28. Senior member
31. Fragment of broken
pottery (var.)
33. Hotmail provider
34. Sarge’s superiors
36. Sister of Cho
38. Extremists
42. Smelled
43. Add up to (do)
45. Hellenic H
48. Map within a map
50. Muppet pal of Bert
51. Vagabond
53. Sand at Pebble Beach,
maybe
55. Rx watchdog
56. Wonderbowl inventor Earl
58. One-named singer of chil-
dren’s songs
59. Measure of profitability
60. Insignificant
67. “Do it, or !”
68. India’s first prime minister
69. Quilting parties
70. Musical chairs objective
71. Imply

Down
1. Big success
2. “So gross!”
3. Response to a sneeze
4. “Hogwash!”
5. Farm team neckwear
6. Fritters away
7. 33rd president’s mono-
gram
8. Cry of delight
9. Not very many
10. In (up the creek)
11. Extra eye for a traffic
reporter
12. City on the Somme
13. Betrays, in a way
18. Slangy assent
19. Interval between order-
ing and receiving
22. 1550, in old Rome
23. One way to play it
25. Chubby who gave us
“The Twist”
26. Feudal worker
29. Half of zwei
30. “Good thought!”
32. avis
35. Leave speechless
37. about
39. Part of MIT (abbr.)
40. Oster staple
41. Blyton or Bagnold
44. Afternoon social
45. Lay to rest
46. Comb-over alternative
47. Current measure
49. Dartboard, for example
51. -ski
54. Cooking spray
57. U.S. 1 and I 95
59. Tiger tooth
60. Gratis
62. Land in the Seine
63. Cryptology org.
64. Roth
65. Enthusiast

Weekly Crossword

Trending Topics

- Katie Couric debuted her new talk show “Katie” on Monday. The show is aired on ABC.
- The teachers’ strike in Chicago continues. Chicago teachers said the city was failing to meet basic school needs.
- President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney remained in a virtual tie among likely voters in an ABC News/Washington Post poll.
- This last spot is in memory of everyone who lost their lives, and all of the heroes that arose 11 years ago in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Always Remember, Never forget.

Submissions?

The Entertainment page was created for the enjoyment of readers. If you do not enjoy what you read on this page, do something about it. We highly encourage reader submissions. Anything you deem funny, sarcastic or worthy. Entries must be received via The Wayne Stater e-mail at wstater@wsc.edu. You can also Like us on Facebook, The Wayne Stater and follow us on Twitter @TheStater.
‘Divergent’ could be the next big thing

By Lindsey Costa
Staff Writer

One choice can transform you. “Divergent,” by Veronica Roth, takes place in an unknown future where the world is divided into five factions: Candor, Erudite, Amity, Dauntless and Abnegation, which represent the honest, intelligent, peaceful, fearless and selfless, respectively.

Regardless of which faction you are born in, once you turn 16, you are faced with the choice of which faction you want to be in for the rest of your life.

Of course, you get to take a standardized test to help you figure that out.

The main character, Tris, is born in Abnegation.

She’s always felt a little different and finds it hard to be completely selfless like Abnegation expects her to be.

During the test, she finds out something about herself that she isn’t sure is good or bad.

She and her brother take part in the same choice ceremony, shocking the entire community by choosing Dauntless and Erudite, respectively, and must move away from their family immediately.

Tris is put through three levels of tests to pass to see if she even makes it to the faction.

“The Way” is more like the Foo Fighters than Matchbox Twenty in parts of the song, probably because Kyle Cook replaces Thomas on lead vocals.

Of course, you get to take a dance number.

The sound of “The Way” is more enjoyable, and I really like it.

Other notable tracks include “I Will,” “Radio” and “Sleeping at the Wheel.”

Though Matchbox Twenty never officially broke up, most people would say, after ten years, this would have to be considered a comeback album.

“North” has some hits, as well as misses, and while this is not the best showcase of the band’s talents, it’s not terrible either.

I don’t see this album bringing the group back to the stage of the record.

The song probably should have been left off the record.

My favorite track on the album doesn’t even pop up until the later stages of the record.

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This book is so fantastic that it’s hard to even put it into words. It is smoothly written and so easy to spend the whole night reading.

The story itself is something new and fresh. There’s some romance, but it doesn’t overwhelm the story, nor is that the thing people will be talking about after they finish reading it.

Thank goodness there isn’t another love triangle for people to have to decide whose side they’re on either.

I have no doubt that “Divergent” will be made into a movie since the rights for it have already been snatched up.

Honestly, I’m really excited about it, and there hasn’t even been cast information released or anything.

I recommend that everyone should read this book. It is just phenomenal.

“Divergent” is part of a trilogy, following the previous release of “Insurgent,” though the third book won’t be out for a while since Roth is still writing it.

You should make the “one choice” to read this book. It will transform you.
For a pessimist, I’m pretty optimistic

By Jacob Barry
Staff Writer

Nobody wants a “Negative Nancy” for a friend.

I mean, let’s get real. Who wants to hang out with someone who is always complaining or looking at life as though they are blinded by rain clouds?

Optimism is becoming a lost art in this day and age.

According to WebMD, a pessimistic outlook on life is typical for 50 percent of Americans.

Pessimists generally explain things that happen in their lives as dreary and grim. They tend to blame themselves and believe that whatever goes wrong will stay wrong.

There is no light at the end of the tunnel for pessimists and they tend to drag everyone into the dismal abyss with them.

On the other hand, optimists approach life in a beneficial way.

They can withstand the storms of disaster and tragedy and are generally happier with their lives in general.

Contrary to popular belief, the good vibes aren’t just in their heads.

Optimists are generally healthier, have stronger hearts and tend to live longer.

They’ve even more resistant to colds.

In short, the happy become ecstatic, while the sad become depressed.

I would be depressed too if I was wasting so much energy on being unhappy.

It takes 43 muscles to frown, but just 17 to smile.

Just think of the energy you save and the days you brighten by showing off your pearly whites, not to mention frowning adds wrinkles and age to your beautiful face.

One reason why pessimists are so unhappy compared to their counterparts is because optimists tend to have a better support system and are better equipped to handle the difficulties in life because of the connections they made during their good moments.

They have built up more skills and resources to cope with all the obstacles they face, and most people are attracted to those who have a positive attitude.

Brain function seems to affect our positive or negative views of the world.

Scientists did a study that observed a particular part of the brain that they believe plays a role in moderating emotional reactions. After the experiment, they asked patients to think about future positive events and found that the more optimistic people had higher brain activity in this region.

They also noted that malfunctions in this area have been shown to cause depression or anxiety.

New findings have shown that genes may also play a role in one’s outlook on life.

Researchers have honed in on a possible genetic basis for optimism, self-esteem, and mastery, which is the belief that you have control over your own life and destiny. They say it is rooted in the hormone, oxytocin, also known as the love or cuddle hormone.

Of course, genes don’t get the final say. Your outlook on life still lies within yourself. You have control over whether your glass is half empty or half full.

So before you start raining on others’ parades, put in that little extra energy to find the positive side of any situation you’re thrown into.

You may just change someone’s life with a smile.

Chinese student overcomes fear of guns

By Nora Zhang
Staff Writer

But the answer was changed after shooting a real gun on a Nebraska range on Sept 2.

Indeed, when I first picked up the gun I was afraid of it.

Instead of really shooting, I just wanted to have a picture with this cool dangerous toy in my hand as a souvenir.

But while I was standing in the shooting area, the people standing at my side stared at me with expectant eyes while clapping and cheering.

“You can do it, you can do it!” they loudly cried out. I realized I was faced with a challenge, the challenge of courage. And the destructive power of “gun” itself just increased the difficulty of this challenge.

My choices were only two: cross the line or give up.

Hands trembling, palms sweating, the image of gun fire constantly flashing in my mind, I felt like the gun was floating in my hands, even though I’d run out my whole body’s energy to hold it.

A single command came out from my brain—shoot. It was so illogical that there must be a system mistake in my brain.

“Bang.” There was the accompanying smell of gunpowder and the small spark.

However, the feeling of terrible danger and bloody death vanished with the loud noise. Only the joy of courage transcended on me.

In China, the citizens are banned from having guns. Only the national army, police department and such other authorities may wear guns. The risk and strong destructive power of guns were thought to be threatening the safety and social stability of China, especially because there is a huge population.

On Oct. 1, 1996, China for-
War proclaimed in Wayne

Cast announced for fall play production

By Riley Van Leuwen

Staff Writer

War is coming to Wayne State College.

The Wayne State Theater Department’s fall production, “War of the Worlds,” has been cast, with two seniors playing the leading roles.

This is a change from last semester’s spring production of “The Little Mermaid,” which consisted of mainly freshmen and new talent on stage.

“I am very excited to work on this production,” senior Will Miller said. “I haven’t been a dream of mine to do this on either the stage or the radio.”

Miller will play the part of Professor Richard Pierson, who originally breaks the news of the visitors from space.

Miller has been involved in theater since transferring to Wayne State College from the University of South Dakota in 2009, playing a variety of roles on and off the stage.

Miller, along with senior Joe Whitt, will be portraying two of the main characters in “War of the Worlds.”

Whitt will play a reporter named Carl Phillips.

“This show will be unlike any other production WSC has done before,” Whitt said. “Due to it being a stage adaptation of the original 1938 radio broadcast, it will be interesting to see this come to life in front of an audience.”

As the department ventures into new territory, the cast will also be tackling new challenges.

“There are a lot of technical science and astrological terms that I need memorize,” Miller said.

Many returning cast members from last year’s “Funny as a Crutch” and “The Little Mermaid” will also be joining in the fun, as well as a number of new faces making their first appearance on a college stage.

“The best part of this semester’s performance will be seeing this show put on stage,” Miller said. “It caused such a panic in the Northwestern U.S. when it was broadcast in 1938.”

He hopes the college’s version of “War of the Worlds” will bring that same panic to the people in the audience.

“The goal of any theatrical performance is to whisk the audience into the world of the play,” Miller said. “I hope everyone will enjoy the ride we have planned for this production.”

Finding balance in the field

For some, enough of your paycheck has gone to shells, (and since you weren’t near as accurate as your ego said you would be,) you don’t have that freezer full of birds, which means you’d better spend a bit of your ammo money on food.

And no, beer doesn’t count as food.

That being said, we need to track down some balance, in this case, a balance between wants and needs.

We all know that what we want isn’t always what we need, and what we need isn’t always what we want. But a little give and take never hurt anyone.

Now, here in week two, for others, the die-hards, the persistent, each evening holds as much potential for you as opening day.

Sure, the doves have gotten smarter, but so have you. Smarter in the field that is, not necessarily in school, because the hunting/home-work partnership is not always the most successful one.

Trust me, I’ve tried.

Guns

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formally implemented the gun law. Regulations said that citizens illegally holding guns will be investigated for criminal responsibility.

Interestingly, while China has forbidden guns, shooting games are popular.

In parks, you see shooting games everywhere. Vendors use a wooden shelf to hold up a piece of cloth hung with many colored, little balloons. For three yuan (about 50 cents) you can buy 20 plastic bullets to shoot. Even a missed shot won’t hurt passers-by. Men and women, old and young, all like to play this game.

In the United States, guns are used openly.

“Every morning, I put my gun on before my shoes. Every evening, I take my shoes off before I take my gun off,” a man who loves guns said.

“Be careful and keep your fingers off the trigger until you are ready to shoot,” my American shooting coach told me. “Never point your gun at something unless you want to destroy it.”

In the United States, the views on shooting are quite different from those in China. It is not only shooting skills that are important in the United States but also the respect for others and the sense of responsibility for their safety.

After the recent Denver shooting incident, more and more Americans agree with gun control. But guns are not only dangerous weapons, they are also a portion of American history and culture, and a part of life for hobbyists. For many complicated reasons, gun control cannot be achieved overnight.

But we can always control ourselves. As my coach said, “Don’t touch a gun until you have learned respect.”
Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a paid, credit-bearing or transcript notation program combining work experience with classroom learning. Contact the Career Services Office regarding the following positions available through the Cooperative Education program.

**CO-OP EDUCATION/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership of Dakota City, Neb. is looking for a part time center aide to assist the teacher in planning and carrying out classroom activities. If you are interested please check out the job description on Cat Tracks.

The Norfolk Area Visitor’s Bureau is willing to host interns. If you are comfortable working with the public and are working towards a communications, public relations, journalism, marketing, event planning or organizational leadership major or related major, this internship might be for you. They offer a flexible schedule and have opportunities open for Fall 2012, Spring 2013 and Summer 2013.

BankFirst in Norfolk is looking for a PT loan processor and closer to work 20-30 hours per week. The full job description can be found on Cat Tracks www.wsc.edu/career_services.

Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services has just announced that they are looking to fill a part time direct care staff position in Madison, Neb. This position would allow you to gain hands-on experience working with children 18 and under within a juvenile detention center.

KTIV News 4 in Sioux City is seeking a part-time production assistant. Training will be provided in all aspects of studio production.

Affiliated Foods in Norfolk is currently seeking a part-time poster printer/finisher and print press operator. Contact Jessie in Career Services for application.

Principle Charity Classic from Des Moines is looking for a sales and marketing event coordinator, volunteer event coordinator, operations coordinator and special events coordinator for March-June 2013. Application deadline is Nov., 1, 2012.

Bilingual positions available: full or part-time positions available for bilingual interviewers at BR Interviewing in Norfolk and bilingual writer needed for the Wakefield Republican in Wakefield, Neb.
We are family. I got all my sisters with me.

Campus popped with family-oriented activities over the weekend as WSC hosted “Siblings Weekend” on-campus.

From sibling sleepovers to football tailgating, fun abounded in every area of WSC.

Residence Hall Association and Student Activities Board collaborated to host a wide array of events beginning with Pop Art Saturday morning at the Student Center Plaza. The chalk artwork beautifying the plaza sidewalk was evidence of the weekend fun.

During the WSC football game against Minot State Saturday afternoon, bounce-around inflatables entertained kids and college students alike. A bounce house drew the most attention.

Friday through Sunday was deemed Siblings Weekend. Brothers, sisters, cousins, or neighbors were invited to spend the weekend. Each dorm provided activities to keep them occupied and give the little siblings insight to college life.

The action did not stop for sleep at night. The dormitories were alive well into the morning hours.

Berry Hall resident Alec Bartels and his younger brother had fun even without attending the activities.

“Siblings Weekend is a good opportunity for siblings to visit,” Matt Weekley, Assistant Dean and Director of Residence Life, said. “It provides an opportunity to see what big brother or big sister is really doing at college. WSC is embracing family.”

Part of the effort to create a warm familial atmosphere included guest rooms, which were available to parents for rent at a very reasonable rate. Even though Siblings Weekend was a special, annual occasion, visitors are encouraged year-round.

Residence Life is looking for ways to enhance the experience for next year. Students are encouraged to contact RHA with suggestions for improving Siblings Weekend for the future.

“Siblings Weekend is a chance for WSC to be inviting. We want to be viewed as a campus embracing family,” Weekley said.