Are we connecting correctly?

By Jody Shough

Staff Writer

One status, pin and tweet at a time, social media is taking over.

“It’s become like breathing air and drinking water,” WSC junior Sharra Lutjens said.

Whether it’s Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest or FourSquare, information is spread around the internet with frightening speed, regardless if the information is accurate or appropriate.

A lot of college students post about how much they love (or hate) the weather, or just about their day and emotions.

“It’s a way to feel connected,” WSC junior Rachel Leise said.

Sometimes, students can’t let their feelings about others go. So instead of talking through it, they post about it, for all to see.

“It’s easier to spread rumors about people without actually being attached to it,” Lutjens said.

Lin Brummels, Director of the WSC Counseling Center said she’s seen students affected by social media both positively and negatively.

“All student who believes they have been adversely affected by social media should report their concerns to Campus Security or the Dean of Students office,” Brummels said.

Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook spread breaking news faster, including the bombings in Boston on Monday.

“That’s how I learned about Boston, through Facebook,” Lutjens said.

Social media came in handy last week on campus during the ice and snow storm as well. Everyone was notified about classes being cancelled via e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. If there were any questions, they received a response right away.

It turned out that these methods of communication were more accurate than the news on TV. False information was sent to one of the area stations explaining that Friday morning classes were cancelled. The college quickly let everyone know that was not the case via social media.

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John McMenamin, WSC football offensive coordinator, understands the use of social media and why it’s important to student athletes.

“It is a daily interaction for most of our athletes,” McMenamin said. “It has become a big part of their lives and a tool they rely heavily on.”

McMenamin, along with other coaches at WSC, are also involved with social media. However, theirs isn’t mainly for fun and games.

“We are continually working to use it more and more as it has become the preferred avenue of communication for our athletes and recruits,” McMenamin said. “High school kids would rather text, direct message or email, as opposed to talking on the phone. We have had to adjust to that and try and do as good of a job as we can.”

But social media’s positive effects still remain a distraction for many students.

“If used incorrectly, it can create distractions not only for athletes, but everyone associated with that person,” McMenamin said.

Inappropriately uses involves the possibility of very serious destructive interactions, which shouldn’t be ignored. As representatives of the school’s sports programs, athletes are seen in a more public light, and are therefore held to a higher standard for their social media activity.

“If it becomes negative or a distraction, we will have a sit down with them (the athlete) and discuss the impact it is having not only on them, but our institution and those associated with the institution,” McMenamin said.

Whether used by athletes, regular students or the general public, the trend of increasing dependency is plain to see.

According to Search Engine Journal, Americans spend about an hour and 17 minutes every day on Pinterest.

The U.S. is the leading country on Twitter with 107 million users according to jeffbullas.com. And according to Socialnomics, 23 percent of Facebook’s users check their account 5 or more times daily.

“Social media is good, but we are so dependent on it,” Lutgens said. “As it continues to develop, society continues to grow with it. It becomes so natural and a part of everyone’s lives, that sometimes people go too far with it and end up hurting others.

“We try to teach accountability and control,” McMenamin said. “I think our kids, for the most part, use it accordingly, but we still try to monitor it as much as we can.”

NEWS BRIEFS

By AlAzhA Coonts
Staff Writer

Assault Awareness Night tonight

GAMMA, WSC Counseling Center and Haven House are hosting this year’s Sexual Assault Awareness Night. It will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the Frey Conference Suite. The guest speaker will be Michael Carnes, author of the book “Call Me a Survivor.”

Brown Bag discussion on faculty development

The third Brown Bag Discussion is on faculty development. It will be at noon today in Connell Hall Room 131. Coffee and cookies will be supplied by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs office. The topic is raising and maintaining the bar. Faculty members should be prepared to discuss their concerns.

Everyone welcome to Social Sciences Day

All WSC students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend Social Sciences Day, sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu, on Thursday, April 18 and 19 in Ramsey Hall.

Today, the focus is on the importance of maintaining communication skills while using social media. Tomorrow is Career Day, with keynote speakers at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. in Gardner Room 205. Mock interviews will be held in the morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with sign up in the Career Services Office.

Friday is dedicated to the event-planning aspect of Communication Arts, with a mock wedding and prize raffle at 2 p.m. in the Humanities Lounge.

Concert brings together old and new music

The Wayne State College Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 in Ramsey Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public and there will be a post-concert reception.

Predictions force carnival postponement

The SAB Carnival Street Fair and Picnic scheduled for tomorrow has been rescheduled for next Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Gardner parking lot. Food service will have normal hours this week.

Communication week kicks off with conference

The Wayne State College Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 in Ramsey Theatre.
Bikes are back and ready to roll

Green Bike Program brings back rent-a-bike for the spring semester at no cost to students

By Burt Newman
Staff Writer

It finally feels like spring again, and along with the green grass comes the green bikes and Bicycle Extravaganza Day.

Since 2006, Dr. Barbara Engbretsen and her Leadership and Professional Development class has been working on the Green Bike Program, which allows faculty, students and staff access to bikes at no cost to them.

In support of the bikes, the program is holding a youth scavenger hunt called “Cycling for Clues” on Saturday.

The program started with assessments of the community. Then came city bike racks and an annual Earth Day benefit ride called “Soles on Wheels.”

This past fall, Wayne State College finally got the bikes and offered them for campus members to use. Now the bikes are back.

All that’s needed to check out the bikes is a WSC student or staff ID.

The program is completely free and the bikes can be taken off campus.

The scavenger hunt and fun ride this weekend will start at the WSC Rugby Fields at 10 a.m. and finish at approximately 11:30 with a picnic to follow. The first 15 riders registered will receive a free t-shirt. Other prizes will also be presented.

The cycling fun doesn’t stop there. Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. the WSC Bicycle Club will host the Wayne Area Spoker Ride and Festival. There will be a concert and refreshments at 7 p.m.

Registration is $20 for the Spoker ride and the concert, or $10 for just the concert.

All money raised for the event will go toward the Wayne area bicycle repair mentoring program.
Denied

Graduation in the Willow Bowl is no longer an option for this year’s seniors

By Burt Newman
Staff Writer

And the verdict is….
No Willow Bowl graduation.
Graduating seniors got the devastating news last Thursday that the Willow Bowl will not be available for the spring graduation ceremony this year due to unfinished renovations.

“We were hoping to have the bowl ready in time for commencement,” Jean Dale, Vice President for Administration and Finance, said. “We knew that it was a tight time schedule, but May 4 was the goal.”

The commencement will instead be held in Memorial Stadium, weather permitting.

There are several more projects to be finished for the Willow renovation to be complete.

Hand rails and the irrigation system need to be installed, and some final grading still needs to be done. The sod also needs to be laid and will take four to six weeks to root down.

Once all of this is finished and the bowl can be walked on, The Board of Trustees will inspect the work to see if it meets quality standards. At that point, the Willow Bowl will be open for use.

“Weather has been the key factor. The contractors worked well into cold weather, trying to complete the stone work. However, when it became cold by early November, it was too late to reinstall the irrigation system and lay the sod,” Dale said.

Many in this semester’s graduating class are upset about the way the situation worked out and are not too happy about graduating in the football stadium. But President Curt Frye said that there is a positive side to this predicament.

In the letter he sent to all graduating seniors, President Frye said that the spring class of 2013 would be the only one to graduate from Memorial Stadium.

Social media by the numbers

Crime is also minimized by social media. Over 65 percent of federal, state and local law enforcement professionals say that social media helps solve crimes.

In 2011, the NYPD added a Twitter tracking unit, and has used social networking to arrest criminals bragging about their crimes online.

When the Vancouver Canucks lost the 2011 Stanley Cup, the city went wild and erupted in riots. Social media was used to catch vandals and rioters when people posted and tagged others they knew in photos during the activities.

Social networks have created a new industry and thousands of jobs.

A study from McKinsey Global Institute projects communication and collaboration from social media could add $900 billion to $1.3 trillion to the economy through added productivity and improved customer service.

Existing social networks are expanding, social networking sites are being created for educators, medical professionals, and other groups, and new social media sites are popping up regularly, all accessible 24 hours a day.

Proponents of social media cheer on the benefits and possible advances to society, while others worry that the dangers and wasted time far outweigh any benefit.

Campus Security

By Tessa Moser
Staff Writer

4/3-Medical transport of student athlete to medical services.
4/10-Drug violation in Berry Hall.
4/13-Alcohol violation in Bowen Hall.

Special note:
As students are moving out of the dorms, make sure to lock your doors. Also, don’t leave valuables exposed in your cars. If you see anything suspicious, contact the Campus Security office at 402-375-7216.
April 17, 2013

Entertainment

This Week In History

• April 17, 1964---The Ford Mustang, a two-seat, mid-engine sports car, is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World’s Fair in New York. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America and almost 22,000 Mustangs were immediately purchased.

• April 18, 1906---At 5:13 a.m., an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco, California, killing hundreds of people as it topples numerous buildings, and shock waves could be felt from southern Oregon down to Los Angeles.

• April 22, 1970---Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world’s environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time.

• April 22, 2004---Pat Tillman, who gave up his pro football career to enlist in the U.S. Army after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, is killed by friendly fire while serving in Afghanistan. The news that Tillman, age 27, was mistakenly gunned down by his fellow Rangers, rather than enemy forces, was initially covered up by the U.S. military.

Top Statuses

• My coach pulls out but I don’t
• We are going to leave school at the beginning of May, and it will be snowing. #CountOnIt
• Does Selena Gomez really think she can sing? #Ellen
• Maturity is not when we start talking BIG things. It is when we start understanding small things.
• Does anyone know about the REAL Joe Diffie?
• It needs to warm up so i can get my farmers tan on

Missed Connections

• To the girl walking by the library that was wearing zebra print bootie shorts. No one’s butt cheeks look good hanging out like that. Do everyone a favor and cover that mess up.
• To the guys every Wednesday who holler prayers across campus (in front of the library). I am all for freedom of religion but when I can hear the prayers clearly with my windows shut its a little too loud. Keep on praying but please tone down the volume. It’s 12:30 am, finals are approaching quickly, and I’d like to get some sleep.
• To anyone that is looking for a good time, I will be staying in town this weekend and I am trying desperately to have some fun. You can find me in many areas around campus, and I’ll be wearing a lime green shirt. Let’s do this!
• If you flip the breakers one more time, it’ll definitely be the LAST time. Just try me. From a guy you shouldn’t mess with.

Across

1. Large amount
5. Golf fundamental
11. Sprite
14. Third follower, at times
15. Medieval weapon
16. Exemplar of little worth
17. Ophthalmologist’s supply
19. Cutter with a broad blade
20. Only World Series perfect game pitcher
21. Matchless
22. It might be popped
23. Ointment intruder?
24. “Don’t _!”
26. Substitution word
28. Repeated harassments
33. Rikki-Tikki-
36. Actress ___ Dawn Chong
37. Escapades
38. One in a cast
40. Washington Sq. campus
42. Asparagus unit
43. Monkey type
45. Hosp. areas
47. Sealtest competitor
48. Records clerk
51. Baja blue
52. Allar in the sky
53. Small barrel
55. Reach
59. Fink
61. Vitamin C source
62. Suffix with Oregon
63. Service provided by item named in first words of 17-, 28-and 48-Across?
66. Purged
67. Didn’t go straight
68. Gallley instruction
69. Sneaky
70. Annexes
71. This, en EspaÂ±a

Down

1. Hutch unit
2. True-blue
3. Filing aid
4. Ties the knot
5. TV provider of “a word”
6. Stringed toy
7. Gravy Train competitor
8. Tease
9. Heart-related
10. George Strait’s “All My _ Live in Texas”
11. Biblical twin
12. San Joaquin valley city
13. Cops
18. Bring up
19. Witty type
25. Skater Michelle
27. Announcements from the cockpit, briefly
28. “Star Trek” diagnostic tool
29. Motivator’s admonition
30. Scholarship criterion
31. Ambiguous, idiomatically
32. Lith. and Ukr., once
33. Canvas cover
34. Yawn
35. Powerful engine
39. Pablo ___ y Picasso
41. Sky bear
44. Like drink-affected speech
46. Hides from view
49. Took second
50. O.K. Corral figure
53. Nautical units
54. Winged wader
55. Really irk
56. Elton John and others
57. Beach toy
58. Hardly played by Rooney in old films
60. Via, for short
62. Choir neighbor
64. The second Mrs. Sinatra
65. Ark.’s Mark Pryor, e.g

BLUNDERGRADS

WE GOT AN A! LET’S CELEBRATE!

WE GOT A B... LET’S SELF-FLAGELLATE.

WE GOT A C. LET’S COMMISERATE.

WE GOT A D. LET’S DE-MATRICULATE.

HE GAVE US AN F. LET’S LITIGATE.

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)
Sexism is alive and well

We live in a time where women are still struggling to be considered equal to men, despite the fact that they have had the right to vote for nearly 100 years and are allowed to do just about everything that a man is. But subtle sexism still persists in our everyday lives.

So it comes as a bit of a shock to any sensible, forward-thinking person to hear that former professional volleyball player Gabrielle Reece claimed that being “submissive” to her husband saved her marriage.

Reece has been making the morning talk show circuit to promote her new book, “My Foot is too Big For This Glass Slipper,” about the breakdown and subsequent reconciliation of her marriage.

In this book, she writes that the key to being feminine is to act submissive toward men.

She also claims that, as a woman, it is her job—and utmost pleasure—to take care of her family and do things around the home like wash clothes, do the dishes, clean the house and raise her children.

Is this book a memoir or a manual for a 1950s housewife?

After the uproar her statements caused, she has tried to backpedal and clarify her offensive statements, but to no avail. The sexism debate has been sparked yet again, so we are taking this opportunity to weigh in.

We think that Reece’s praises of a “submissive woman” are very damaging to gender equality. Maybe it works for her, but what about those career women that are trying to punch through that glass ceiling? It still exists. Sexism is everywhere, although society tries to pretend that it isn’t. That problem arose in the 1970s and was solved in the 1980s, right?

Not exactly.

Truthfully, there are vast differences between men and women. We excel in different dispositions.

But that doesn’t mean there are exceptions to biological predispositions and it certainly doesn’t mean that women should be held back from their excel in different dispositions.

Megan Tomaszewicz for The Wayne Stater

Amber Alert:

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Amber Schwarz

In my opinion, respect is the key. Key to what, you might ask? The key to anything and everything.

You have to respect in relationships, friendships, workplaces and most important you have to have respect for yourself.

Having respect in a relationship should be extremely easy. If you can’t respect the person you are dating, you should probably break up and I mean like right now.

Next, I know that respect has to go both ways, but I feel like guys should give girls a lot more respect.

For example, I was at a formal this weekend and there was a guy who was a complete gentleman to his girlfriend… Yes, the rest of the guys were perfect gentlemen too but this one guy stuck out to me.

He always opened doors, let her go through doors first, got her drinks. I’m not sure on everything; I didn’t creep on them all night.

The little I did see showed me a lot and I could tell he respects women.

Respect and friendship go together like peanut butter and jelly.

Next time you’re walking down the street and you see a man getting into a car with a woman, check if he had held the door open for her. If he didn’t, would you want to be friends with him?

People like that don’t deserve respect or to be my friend. AVOID those types of friends! They are fake and two-faced.

I think respect at your job is very important. If you can’t respect your boss, you’ll probably hate your boss forever.

And if you can’t respect your co-workers, you would hate going to work every day.

I know if I didn’t respect or have respect from the Stater staff, I would hate coming to work on it.

I know that there have been a few times where it feels like there is no respect and I hate being there.

Now for the last one, this is the most important. Respect yourself!

If you think you have to dress scandalously just to get a man, you don’t respect yourself.

If you think you have to be with a man that hits or abuses you just because you don’t think you can do any better, you don’t respect yourself.

And if you respect yourself, you would respect your boyfriend.

If you let a man treat you like his girlfriend… Yes, the rest of the guys were perfect gentlemen too but this one guy stuck out to me.

For the guys out there, if you sleep around with anything and everything just to say you’ve got game, first of all you don’t have game and secondly you don’t respect yourself.

If you wear your pants halfway down your butt, you don’t respect yourself.

And lastly if you’re “too manly to show some sort of emotion” you don’t respect yourself.

If you write and publish a book about how to be submissive and make your marriage work, you don’t respect yourself.

I know most of you probably don’t agree and or don’t care, but honestly just try it. You can’t get respect if you don’t give it.
We learned last week that Mid-lands University is trying to force students to attend class with a three-strikes rule.

Professors are required to give frequent quizzes and to assign work that makes textbook reading inescapable.

If a student skips class or fails a quiz, it’s a strike, and a host of checks are triggered. Three strikes and you’re out.

And somewhat unbelievably, students are drinking this Kool-Aid.

One student said the policy is great because “nobody is going to hold your hand in the real world,” apparently oblivious that the policy is doing exactly that by forcing behaviors that should be internally-driven and not externally-mandated like some edict from prison administrators to their inmates.

Worse yet, I heard a similar idea tossed around here at WSC recently.

Why not have professors report weekly attendance and withhold financial aid payments if students aren’t showing up?

And—you’ll love this one—should professors have some ability to “get into” dorm life to help students who habitually oversleep?

It’s the beginning of the end my friends.

People complain that you’re not responsible and yet they usurp decision-making from you at every turn.

They complain that you treat college like the 13th grade, and then make it precisely that, an extension of high school with carrots on a stick, checking on your whereabouts and mood.

They complain about your academic performance and then wrest all accountability from you, laying failures at the doorstep of some third person or condition, some problem that we should rush to help you solve, instead of helping you recognize that maybe college isn’t where you belong.

They are turning you into banana slugs who can’t make a decision about anything.

Granted, intentions are mostly good—student success and all that. But understand that your success also means continued tuition dollars and higher student retention rates, both of which goals can cause a zealous numbers-driven tail to wag an unknowing and rather powerless dog.

I’m all for helping students with academic success, but the choice to attend classes is absolutely yours and should be checked only through class policies from professors.

You have to repay your financial aid whether you attend class or not and lenders will cut you off if your GPA plummets, which is enough of a connection between attendance and dollars.

Truancy-like penalties apply to juveniles.

College is for adults.

Midlands’ administrators go further and want to prevent students from taking “easy” classes, but on this slippery slope, every class will eventually be the same with a prescribed lineup of quizzes and readings.

You know that great class you love because the professor sacrifices some textbook material to continue a fiery discussion that’s more instructive than any book? No more.

All will be beige and you might as well oversleep.

So, beware my flocks and fight this trend with everything you can muster.

Put down the sodas, they really are evil, but don’t surrender your adulthood to anyone.

Keep control of your personal choices, because they—and their consequences—should be yours and yours alone.

Good luck graduates and a fond farewell to Dr. Shane Strate, who reminded us what being a professor and friend is all about.

The Canadian turned out to be great, like his beloved Gretzky, and I speak for a lot of folks in Connell Hall and beyond when I say, despite all those argyle sweaters, we will really miss him.
Wildcats overpower Cougars

WSC softball uses the brooms on Sioux Falls

The Wayne State College softball squad handled its business yesterday, sweeping the Sioux Falls Cougars 3-1 and 4-2.

The Wildcats are now 23-7 overall and 14-2 in NSIC competition. They also remain at the top of the NSIC standings.

WSC wasted little time in game one, jumping out to an early 1-0 lead off of a double from Kaiti Williams. After the Cougars tied the game at 1-1, Williams once again drove in a run with a double.

Vicki Nielsen copied Williams with her own RBI double, giving the Cats a 3-1 lead that resulted in game one's final score.

Sara Scheffert notched another victory, her eighth straight. She is now 12-3 on the year.

Williams batted a perfect 1.000 for the game, going 3-3.

Game two was also in WSC's favor.

Megan Hagemann got things going for the Wildcats, hitting an RBI single. After Sioux Falls tied the game at 1-1, Williams once again drove in a run with a double.

The Cougars cut the lead 4-2 in the sixth inning, but were unable to add any more as WSC held on to win.

Cassy Miller was awarded the victory as she struck out four Cougars.

The Wildcat run into a bump in the road last Saturday.

The name of that bump?

St. Cloud State.

The 11-game win streak that WSC was sporting was brought to a screeching halt in game one of the doubleheader as the Huskies won 18-0.

The Wildcats were able to bounce back and take game two by a score of 6-5.

The doubleheader was moved to Omaha North High School due to unplayable conditions here in Wayne.

In game one, it was all Huskies, as they scored 18 runs, 13 just in the sixth inning alone, and holding WSC to a goose egg on the scoreboard.

“The Wildcats were only able to muster 3 hits from Nielsen, Lexie Loos and Simpson. Bormann was pinned for the loss on the mound.

Game two proved to be much better for the Wildcats, as they used a walk-off single by shortstop Sam O’Brien.

“We started to put the ball in play more and played solid defense,” Wood said.

WSC grabbed a 4-0 lead in the third off of five hits with RBI’s from Jordan King, Bormann, Hagemann and Nielsen.

The Huskies cut the lead to 4-3 in the top of the fifth, while the Wildcats added an insurance run in the bottom half of the inning off of an RBI single from O’Brien.

St. Cloud State answered and tied the game up at 5-5 in the top of the sixth.

The Wildcats waited until its final frame to seal a victory.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, O’Brien came up to the plate and delivered a walk-off single right up the middle to give WSC the split.

On the mound, Scheffert earned her seventh consecutive victory.

“Sara is throwing well for us,” Wood said.

“Her move the ball around the strike zone and making batters chase pitches.”

WSC’s doubleheader with Minnesota Duluth was also scheduled to be played in Omaha, but was later cancelled due to rain.

This week, the Wildcats are scheduled to play in Concordia St. Paul on Saturday and in Minnesota State on Sunday.

“We are playing pretty well,” Wood said. “It’s all about getting experience, learning from each experience, and peaking at the end of the season.”
The Wayne State Wildcats put together a five-game winning streak last week, despite the snow and two game-site changes.

The Wildcats played a doubleheader in Bismarck, N.D. last Thursday, winning 7-3 in the first game and 8-6 in the snow-shortened second contest that was ended in the bottom of the sixth due to snow flurries.

The temperature for the doubleheader was in the mid-to-low 30’s, before the snow came just after 6 p.m., when WSC was declared the winner.

In the first game, sophomore designated hitter Brandon Lalk went 2 for 3 with three RBI’s to lead the Wildcats.

Sophomore Michael Frericks threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts.

Frericks is now 3-1 after giving up three runs on four hits while going the distance.

In the second game, it didn’t take long for the Cats to put runs on the board as they scored seven in the first inning, on their way to the shortened victory.

A spew of Wildcats contributed to the first inning outburst, while freshman lefthander Curtis Bussard got his second victory of the year.

He worked 4 1/3 innings while giving up five runs on seven hits and fanning five with one walk.

A Sunday doubleheader in Duluth, Minn., was moved to Wayne due to ice and snow. But the snow storm here forced the games to Omaha Westside High School.

In game one, senior Tadd Johansen was able to put together his third complete game of the season and improve his record to 7-0.

Johansen gave up five hits while striking four out and not issuing a single walk. CJ Nolen led WSC at the plate going 3 for 4 with three singles.

Brett Keim was 2 for 3 with a double while Blake Brisson was 2 for 4 with an RBI and run scored.

In the second game, the Cats won their fifth straight game when they beat Duluth again 4-3.

Curtis Bussard went 2 for 3 with two RBI while Tanner Lancaster went 2 for 3 with a triple and run scored.

Kevin Andersen and Brandon Lalk each added two hits, 2 for 4 and 2 for 5 respectively, and both had two RBI.

The Bulldogs got revenge on Monday as they swept the Wildcats in the doubleheader, ending the winning streak.

The first game was a 1-0 pitcher’s duel. The only run scored was on a wild pitch from WSC while the bases were loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The only sight of offense was provided by Blake Brisso, who had the only two Wildcat hits.

Both pitchers went the distance. Eric Schweiger fanned 10 opponents but was still hit with the loss, dragging his season record to 1-2.

There was a little more offense in the second game, but that still wasn’t enough as they fell 6-4.

Michael Herman had the hot hand for WSC. He went 4-4 scoring two runs and a triple, and Lancaster and Nolen each added two hits for the Wildcats in the losing effort.

Eric Browning (3-1) struck out nine in six innings but suffered his first loss of the season.

The Wildcats stand 20-10 overall on the season and 12-4 in NSIC play.

Today’s games at the Pete Chapman Baseball Complex against Winona State have been canceled because of expected harsh weather conditions in the area.

This season, the Cats have had six doubleheaders cancelled due to weather.

WSC travels to Northern State Saturday and Sunday for doubleheaders.

Midway through the season, the Wildcats are third in conference, behind St. Cloud St. and Minnesota St.
“You want a player who doesn’t have the guts to fight back?”
“No. I want a player who’s got the guts NOT to fight back.”
“You give me a uniform, you give me a number on my back, I’ll give you the guts.”

This exchange between baseball player Jackie Robinson (Chadwick Boseman) and Brooklyn Dodgers executive Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford) is one of the great scenes in “42,” the new biopic from Warner Bros. Pictures.

The story of Robinson, the first African-American to play Major League Baseball, is well-known, but outside of a 1950 film (“The Jackie Robinson Story,” in which Robinson played himself), the tale of the man who broke the color barrier in baseball had never been told on the silver screen.

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While Robinson’s role in history may have been groundbreaking, “42” is not.

Sports movies based on true stories rarely are, but I think that’s because, for the most part, those who go to see these films are already well aware of the story being told on screen.

They know how the story goes, so there are very few surprises in a cinematic account.

What “42” does well is keep focus.

It doesn’t jump around from Robinson’s childhood to old age with flashbacks from throughout his career and whatnot.

It instead zones in on the three-year period (from 1945 to 1947) when Robinson got called up from the Negro League by Rickey to play for the Dodgers’ affiliate in Montreal, followed by his eventual history-making debut with Brooklyn in 1947.

Constantly ridiculed and booed for playing in “a white man’s game,” Robinson struggles to overcome his critics, and a few unwelcoming teammates, to prove that he belongs and that skin color doesn’t matter on the diamond.

The cinematography in this film, which was directed by Brian Helgeland (“A Knight’s Tale,” “Mystic River”), is excellent and the outfits are akin to the era portrayed.

The casting director did a great job, as a number of faces in this movie are recognizable, but they aren’t a bunch of A-listers playing parts that would be overshadowed by their celebrity in real life.

My favorite minor role is that of Red Barber (portrayed by John C. McGinley of TV’s “Scrubs”), the legendary Dodgers broadcaster.

I couldn’t help but smile every time he talked because of his interesting delivery, a style you don’t hear nowadays.

I might just have to add the phrase “chin waggin’” to my repertoire after hearing it in the film.

Boseman also does a swell job as Robinson in this breakout role.

He’s believable in both his acting and athletic abilities, and I think his performance will help land him many starring roles in the future.

Once I got past the thought that Indiana Jones is now a fat old man, I definitely enjoyed Ford’s portrayal of Brooklyn’s GM.

With a gravelly voice that commands attention, Ford really fits well in this part.

I don’t know if he’ll receive any awards for his performance when award season comes around, but I think he did a commendable job.

I wouldn’t put “42” on my list of the greatest sports movies of all time, but it wasn’t bad.

It’s pretty good, but not great.

It’s worth seeing in theaters, but not the type of film I’d pay to see at the multiplex more than once.
How to deal...like a boss

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It’s that time of year when many Wildcats are taking the leap into the real world while the rest of us are hoping to find a sweet summer job.

Not to mention the job we have all had for the last year—school.

Teachers and bosses go together like pumas and leopards; different, yet indisputably alike.

Both can contain many degrees of frustrating, delighting and interesting.

There are always those teachers and bosses you come to love, and bosses you never quite see eye-to-eye with.

It is inevitable.

At one time or another you will have to deal with a less-than-pleasant supervisor, boss or teacher.

So how do you handle the “Boss Blues?”

First, take a look in the mirror.

Take some responsibility for the situation and look at your own weaknesses. Examine how you might be contributing to the bad situation.

Second, realize that your boss is human.

Nobody is perfect. We all have differentfortes and downfalls.

Thus, we must first recognize the problem as a behavior problem, not a boss problem.

For instance, maybe you are frustrated by a boss or professor who does not communicate his expectations clearly.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions like “What did you mean?” or “What exactly did you want me to do?”

Together, talk through the task so that you are on the same page.

This allows you to know what you need to do to succeed, clear up any confusion and lets the supervisor know you’re not too proud to ask questions when you’re unsure.

Depending on how you ask, you could also build trust and respect within the relationship.

Plus, one measty question could save a lot of time, stress and money.

Third, remember that diverse teams solve problems best.

Just because someone has differing views from yours doesn’t make that person a bad boss or mean that you can’t work together.

Studies have shown that the more diverse a team, the more innovative solutions it can create.

Don’t be afraid to speak up, but also remember that they are your superior, so be respectful.

You treat not only your superiors with respect, but everyone in your work environment as well, whether that’s a classroom, office or anywhere in between.

Fourth, ask for a private meeting.

A group meeting or a classroom environment may not be the best place to bring up certain issues, as it may create hostility or make the boss, or teacher, feel as though you are publicly attacking them.

Don’t be afraid to take it behind closed doors.

Finally, prior to the private meeting, make sure to rehearse what you want to say and zero in on the top three issues.

There may be ten issues you want to discuss, but you want the meeting to be constructive, not a “boss-bash.”

The rehearsal will allow you to be concise and clear with what you want to say.

After you have given your spiel, listen. Be open-minded and try to see things from their perspective.

When dealing with a less-than-loveable boss, teacher or person in general, don’t forget that everyone has blind spots.

Sometimes it just takes a passenger with a different point of view to politely point them out.

Care for a spot of glee?

High school show choirs perform at WSC

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Eight high schools swarmed the Peterson Fine Arts Building for the first annual WSC Black and Gold Show Choir Festival.

Two judges were present and awards were handed out for runner-up and first-place finishes for both best small ensemble and best large ensemble.

Other awards were also presented, such as the best male and female solos, best choreography and best concept.

A final award, best of show, was also presented.

At the end of the competition, the WSC show choir performed for the high schools while results were being tallied.

“The whole thing went a lot smoother than we thought it would,” WSC show choir member Lauren Cantrell said. “I think having so many people here will boost our confidence.”

According to Cantrell, the festival has been in the works since the beginning of last semester.

Dr. Elise Hepworth, with the help of her show choir students, set up the entire event.

“It was so well organized,” a show choir member from Wakefield said.

“It was a good experience to learn from, but it could have been bigger.”

The schools in attendance were Waverly, Omaha North Magnet (high school choir and mixed Junior-Senior high choir), Wakefield, Omaha Burke, Laurel-Concord and Ponca.

The “Best of Show” trophy is what’s considered a “traveling trophy,” meaning the winner must bring it back next year and compete once again.

This year’s best of show was Omaha North’s “Explosion” show choir, which will be returning next year to defend the title.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Michelle and Emily from Omaha North said.

“We like the college, and the hosts were a big help. It’s also really nice to see some smaller schools here.”

The Black and Gold Show Choir will also perform on April 24 in Ramsey Theater at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free to the public.

“Was a great opportunity for WSC and for future education majors to see how a show choir competition works,” senior music major and show choir member Jackie Keller said. “Overall, the day went fantastic.”
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