Diversity

Two-day event shows the importance of understanding and embracing diversity

By Jennifer Connell
News Editor

Diversity is an issue that seems to be the headline of every other news story in the U.S. but isn’t often discussed in classrooms.

WSC and the city of Wayne teamed up to bring the community the Diversity Conference last Sunday and Monday.

The conference featured different speakers and events to explore and discuss the varying types of diversity found, not only in the world, but right here on our own campus.

The first event of the conference was a group of Native American dancers and speakers who performed at the Wayne City Auditorium.

The event was sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council, WSC’s Office of Multicultural Affairs and the City of Wayne.

“Many Moccasins,” a group based out of Winnebago, Neb., treated the crowd to a colorful exhibition Sunday afternoon.

They also spoke to the audience about Native American history as well as the history of the dances they were performing.

“Many Moccasins” invited the audience to participate in two different dances with them, their version of the rain dance and a circle dance.

Sunday evening keynote speaker Steve Birdine gave a seminar on campus.

Birdine is a motivational speaker and travels around the country speaking to audiences of all ages, but especially college students, about diversity and how to discuss differences among people honestly.

“In the spirit of political correctness, the thing you all learn here (college) is how to lie,” Birdine pointed out to the group.

He went on to point out how good friends can have a heated debate about their favorite sports teams and still walk away friends, while other more important topics often destroy friendships.

“This room should be a place where we can have an open and honest conversation about anything and everything,” Birdine said. “So let’s be honest.”

Birdine went through a few simple exercises with the crowd to prove his point.

With a simple sheet of paper and a marker he had the audience point out stereotypes they associated with specific people groups.

Then, he proceeded to point out that those stereotypes could be applied to anyone and were often far from the truth.

“Whatever you focus on is what you see,” Birdine said. “When you know people, they are allowed to make mistakes.”

Birdine stated that many colleges simply “train” students to operate under the terms of political correctness instead of thinking outside the box and challenging the stereotypes found on many campuses.

“Diversity is a dialogue,” Birdine said. “We can disagree and still respect other people. Good people treat others well.”

While many of Birdine’s points focused on diversity among students, he also encouraged students to “be so busy trying to be the best that you don’t have to worry about other people’s differences.”

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-Steve Birdine

Karina Dominguez, member of Many Moccasins and future Wayne State College student, performs a native dance at the Wayne City Auditorium during Sunday's portion of the Diversity Conference.

Diversity noun: the inclusion of people of different races or cultures in a group.
Social work: a growing field at WSC

By Jody Shough
Staff Writer

March is social workers month, a month to recognize the work social workers do as well as the students on campus who are training for the field.

“As it becomes more acceptable to seek help for personal problems and as society takes a more active role in promoting mental health of citizens and protecting children and other vulnerable populations, the field will continue to grow,” department chair of counseling and special education Keith Willis said.

WSC offers Human Service Counseling (HSC) to those wanting to pursue careers in social work, counseling or psychology. Currently, 119 WSC students are majoring in HSC.

There is also an organization that meets twice a week on campus called the Counseling Club, for the students majoring or minoring in the field.

“They promote awareness about mental wellness by offering the information about ‘de-stressing’ during study weeks, and coping with sexual assault at the Wellness Fair,” Willis said.

Willis provides the knowledge and opportunities students need to be successful at what they do.

“My role is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions or attitudes that are essential to be effective in working in human service agencies,” Willis said. “We support students in gaining experience that prepares them to serve others effectively.”

Willis, along with others, wants WSC to be aware of this field and the need for social workers.

“Students should become aware that there is an increasing need for professionals in this field,” Willis said.

WillyCon returns to WSC

By Lauren Deisley
Staff Writer

Wayne, America will celebrate 15 years of WillyCon on April 5-7. Author Amy Bishop, artist Peri Charlifu, and fan guest Jeff Schipman will all be the guests of honor this year.

WillyCon is a science-fiction convention that includes an art show and auction, a vendors’ room with gaming supplies, presentations and panels by students, faculty and fans.

There are also fun activities like board and card games, role playing, a masquerade show, an author’s workshop and much more.

Anne Bishop is a New York Times bestselling author and has written sixteen novels including the “Black Jewels” trilogy and “Written in Red.”

Her books have been translated into multiple languages including Czech, French and German.

Peri Charlifu is an artist from Colorado who attended the Metropolitan State College and studied art and psychology and now uses that knowledge for art therapy.

He has been selling his work for 28 years and has sold almost exclusively to the science fiction convention market in the last five years.

The final guest of honor is Jeff Schipman, a 1997 graduate of Wayne State College.

He is originally from Worms, Neb. (population 19) and now lives in Omaha. He is currently on the board of directors for Midwest Robots and Infected Entertainment, LLC. He was also a founding member of the Omaha Science Fiction Education society.

WSC, be ready for WillyCon.

Legislative forum comes to campus

By Norma Volkmer
Staff Writer

The Wayne Area Economic Development will host the 22nd Annual Northeast Nebraska Legislative Forum this Friday in the Gardner Hall Auditorium, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The forum will be led by moderator Mark Ahmann from KTCH radio of Wayne and is open to everyone in the area.

The forum will host a few local state senators.

Wayne’s representative, Dave Bloomfield (District 17), heads the group and is joined by Lydia Brasch from the 16th District and Jim Scheer from District 19.

Bloomfield, Scheer and Brasch will open the forum by telling the audience about themselves and their background and experience. Then, they will discuss bills that are a top priority in the current legislature.

Brasch has three bills on the floor at the moment, including one changing the powers of the Game and Parks Commission.

Scheer also has a couple bills on the floor and has already had a bill on changing filing requirements for official bonds and oaths passed this year.

The discussion will then open to questions from the audience. However, it is not an open mic forum. Instead, questions can be submitted to the moderator on note cards on any topic of interest. Ahmann, as moderator, can choose which questions are asked of the senators.

In previous years the forum has been held off campus, reaching out to the community. With the move to campus, Wes Blecke, the executive director, is looking to pack the house. The forum is a great platform for students looking to ask their representatives questions on current legislation.
Just words?

By Debbie Hernandez
Staff Writer

“Just Words,” scheduled for next week, is an event that comes only once a year and aims to make students more aware of diversity issues that they face every day.

“Although it is an educational event, some students will walk away feeling uncomfortable about what they just went through,” Assistant Director of Residence Life, Ryan Parker said.

Students come face-to-face with how words we use on a daily basis and stereotypes of others can strongly impact a person.

“We want to highlight a few issues and make students aware and understand what it is like from the other side,” Parker said.

The Residence Life staff uses the tunnel in the Student Center to perform different skits that involve four different diversity topics. Last year, the event had a terrific turnout and over 200 students walked through “Just Words.”

“I am excited for the event,” Parker said. “This will be my first ‘Just Words’ event, so I am excited to see how many students will come through and the reactions we will get.”

WSC student Bipul Pokhrel is one of the many students to help out this year.

“I am in a section about Asian stereotypes,” Pokhrel said. “This event is a great opportunity to learn about something that is so hard to see in the mirror, because calling names and stereotyping has become so normal to us.”

“Just Words” will be held on next Tuesday and Wednesday in the Student Center tunnel from 4-7 p.m. both nights.

Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink

Rotaract Club teams up with The Water Project to build wells in Zambia, Africa

By Burt Newman
Staff Writer

The Rotaract Club is teaming up with The Water Project, an international organization, to make a final push this week to raise capital to put a freshwater well in Zambia, Africa.

Earlier this month, the city of Wayne put a wellhead protection plan in place to protect the local water source and to keep it clean for generations to come.

Water is one of the largest factors in a community’s growth and survival.

According to the waterproject.org, fresh wells have four major positive effects on a community:

- Clean water allows students to use clean bathrooms in their schools and have a healthier educational experience.
- It helps the community be less prone to sickness by staying clean and having sanitary medical equipment.
- Access to water allows for the growth of crops in order to provide food for the community.
- A fresh water source brings hope to people who have to wonder everyday if they are going to live or die because of a lack of clean water.

According to the Water Project, one billion people are currently without fresh water. Several countries around the world do not have access to clean wells. One of these countries is Zambia, located in southern Africa.

This week, the Wayne State Rotaract Club wishes to change that.

Club members are spending the week doing the “Wad for Water” fundraiser to raise $750 to put a well in Zambia. All week the local club has been taking donations.

One more year

Student Senate president returns for another term

By J’Ron Erby
Staff Writer

Once again, Alyssa Bish has been elected WSC Student Senate president.

Bish, a speech communication major with a minor in sociology, was elected president last year as a freshman. This year, she won an uncontested race.

“Being elected Student Senate president two years in a row has been quite an honor,” Bish said. “I have enjoyed serving the student body and getting to know members of the community, faculty and students.”

Bish refers to herself as “the voice of the student body.” She has made an impact since stepping on the Wayne State campus, and it’s no surprise she was re-elected.

“I have worked very hard to hear what students want and to advocate on their behalf,” she said. “I attend countless meetings with faculty, community members and students to help collaborate with what the students want while attending Wayne State College.”

Bish helped improve WiFi access in the residence halls and got new outlets in the lower cafeteria. She has also promoted activities such as casino night, helped Cru bring the MAZE, P.R.I.D.E. bring JuJubee for the drag show and helped fund the rugby girls, who went on to win a national title.

“We had a pretty good year in Student Senate,” Bish said. “We accomplished some major goals and we have major plans for next year to continue to better the student body.”

She said Student Senate is also looking to renovate the game room in the lower cafeteria, as well as update the school website and make the allocation process easier for clubs and organizations.

“Cale Albracht (Vice President) and I are passionate about helping the students and making their time at Wayne State the best it can possibly be. We are always open to new ideas and we are excited to take office in April,” Bish said.
New public relations club on campus gives students a step up in the job world

By Norma Volkmer
Staff Writer

A new club on campus will help put WSC students looking to go into public relations or a related field on the map. The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is a national organization that works to help public relations and communications students further develop their skills while in school and to prepare them more fully for their future jobs.

Richard Murphy, WSC speech communication professor, has been working to set up a chapter of the PRSSA at WSC and it looks like all that work will be coming to fruition next semester. The group held its first meeting the Monday before mid-term break to discuss additions to their organizational constitution and vote for executive officers. However, the organization will not become official until next semester (fall 2013). Having such a renowned group on campus can only bring better opportunities for student in communication arts.

PRSSA has over 300 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States. The goals of the organization are not only to enhance the education of students through hands-on work, seminars and conferences, but to also help students launch their future careers. Students are able to network with professionals in the careers they wish to have after graduation. PRSSA is supported by their parent organization Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), which helps with the networking opportunities and development of students. The organization also offers scholarships to PRSSA members, in addition to giving them the chance at internship and job opportunities.

City Council
City of Wayne reports better financial statements than other cities of same size

By Joel Janecek
Auxiliary Writer

The first item on the Wayne City Council agenda last night was the presentation of the city’s audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012 by Terry Galloway. Galloway said that the city of Wayne has better reporting and financial statements than most other cities the same size, and that everything is true and accurate in the statements.

Galloway did mention that Wayne needs to increase cash reserves and general funds. He said that the restricted funds are currently at $616,269, when they should be around $1.2 million. Galloway also noted that Wayne taxpayers pay less than other cities the same size, and that Wayne does a good job of controlling overall cost, but needs diverse or addition revenue streams.

Other items on the agenda included the approval to close the streets normally used for the Wayne Chicken Days celebration and Henoween. More actions involving the controversial Wellhead Protection Plan took place, as the Council voted to place all of the city limits into the wellhead protection area and send the request to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Cale Giese was also appointed to the Wellhead Protection Committee.

The Council recessed and reconvened as the Community Development Agency.

The CDA approved the proposed purchase agreement on Lots 2A and 2B to Robert Woehler & Sons Construction, Inc.

It was sold on the terms that Woehler will end their concrete crushing operation at the current site and move before December 31, 2014 and some form of performance-based reimbursement or loan be made, in order to avoid using LB840 money to fund part of the project.

Another item was the approval to authorize issuance of a tax revenue bond of $50,000 to McManigal for the MZRD, LLC project. An item on recommendation to make an offer to purchase property on 939 Main St. failed, as it did not receive the required amounts of votes.

The Council approved the amendment of Wayne Municipal Code section 34-39, dealing with nuisance as the duty of owner or occupant of a property. This includes fines, which are marked at “no less than $100.”

The Council will next meet on April 2.

Grocery Bingo

Rotaract Club hosted a game of grocery bingo last Thursday and students Kade Stanley and Matt Faltys walked away with plenty of delicious prizes.

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Service-learning class projects connect college and community members

By Sarah Oltjenbruns
Auxiliary Writer

Service-learning.
What is it and why take part in it?
Service-learning projects are built into a class and allow students to practice things they’re learning in the classroom while meeting a community need. It’s a win-win situation for students and community members.

WSC’s Service-Learning program has been in existence from 1999. In recent years WSC has had about 20 projects per semester, involving over 500 students and 50-60 community partners.

This semester is right on track with 20 service-learning projects.

One project is occurring in the classroom of Dr. Susan Nordstrom, Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations and Leadership. Her intermediate reading course is working with third-sixth grade Wayne Elementary students.

WSC students plan about 50 minutes of reading intervention activities and visit their elementary students Mondays. They began this Feb. 4 and will continue until Apr. 22.

Through this project, WSC students learn how to write lesson plans using standards and assessment results to create researched-based reading instruction. Each student has taken away different things from the project.

“I like that we get to be teachers and plan what we want to do with them [the students] based upon what we think they need,” Sara Timperley said. “This experience makes me very excited to have my own classroom one day.”

“This experience has shown me a glimpse of the responsibility and pressure that rests on teachers’ shoulders,” KayLynn Ware said. “Teachers must be flexible and learn to adapt to the dynamic needs of their students while still meeting the required standards.”

Another project is that of Dr. Pam Langlie, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education.

Her classroom organization and administration for early childhood education programs class will be planning learning activities for Rainbow World, a local preschool and daycare.

Rainbow World’s director wanted to emphasize children’s literature, so the class will be selecting children’s books and creating activities to do with them. They will visit Rainbow World on Apr. 25 to work with the children.

After, they will donate the books used for the activities.

Through this project, WSC students learn about language and literacy development and creating community connections.

“Early childhood education is all about domains of development. This project just focuses on one domain,” Langlie said.

The project is beneficial to WSC because of the community connection element.

A preschool teacher is not just a person in a community. They are a community figure. WSC students are learning things they need to know if they are to someday run their own preschool.

And of course, hands-on-experience is always a benefit.

“Anytime you can bring education students closer to children, it’s always a valuable experience,” Langlie said.

WSC’s Service-Learning program has found success.

For the last three years it’s received the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll award, national recognition for the efforts.

Lisa Nelson, WSC’s Service-Learning Coordinator, attributes the success of the Service-Learning program to many people.

“We have administrative support and inventive faculty who truly desire to provide an enhanced learning opportunity for their students while also realizing the need to serve our region,” Nelson said. “We also have fantastic students and collaborative, cooperative community partners.”

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Say no to the ‘nanny state’

The New York State Supreme Court recently struck down New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s ban on certain sized sodas, just one day before the law was to take effect. This seems to be a step in the right direction—getting away from ridiculous laws that are starting to collectively create a nanny state.

Bloomberg created the law in order to help reduce the nationwide obesity epidemic. The law would have limited the size of sugar-laden drinks like soda to a mere 16 ounces. The ban on larger drinks would have only affected NYC restaurants, movie theaters and food carts.

Many businesses in the metropolis had already edited their menus and made other necessary changes to comply with the law. And now they have to change it all back, thanks to the misguided mayor.

Bloomberg’s foolhardy attempt at controlling the people he serves is just one example of a growing trend in the United States. Many government entities think they can make laws that control our decision-making because they believe they have our best interests at heart, when really they just think they’re smarter than us.

We don’t need the government, federal or more localized, telling competent adults what to do. Yes, widely available soft drinks probably contribute to the obesity epidemic. Does that mean the federal government can control our consumption of them? No.

It would make sense if Bloomberg’s law was targeting schoolchildren when they were inside their academic institution (these laws are already in place, actually). Truthfully, young children aren’t cognitively developed enough to make solid nutritional decisions for themselves and need guidance.

But we don’t. We’re adults. We can read labels and make conscious efforts to keep from adding to our waistlines. We don’t need people like Michael Bloomberg making these decisions for us. And if we want to drink more than 16 ounces of soda in one sitting, by God we’re going to do it.

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The secret to a perfect March Madness bracket

By Richard Rhoden

Smell that?

No, it isn’t the smell of springtime flowers; it is the smell of madness, March Madness.

It is the time of year where just about everyone, no matter how much college basketball they have watched over the season, consider themselves experts.

Filling out their bracket, arguing with each other why this team will win and who they think will surprise everyone and be the Cinderella story.

Take it from someone who spends the entire winter months parked in front of the TV watching game after game:

No matter how much basketball you watch, you can never really be an expert. Things happen that no one is able to predict.

The first one is obvious, but is failed to be recognized by many. DO NOT put all number one seeds into the Final Four.

This is a rarity, and in a year where there is no dominant team, I wouldn’t bet on it this year either. Don’t overanalyze.

The more you try and dissect each and every game, the more time you have ultimately wasted. It isn’t worth it. Respect those that have done it before.

Teams like, Michigan State, Duke, Georgetown, Syracuse and Kansas are coached by men who are no strangers to what it takes to win in March.

It would be hard to bet against any of these teams.

Do not always select the higher seeds. I see it happen much too often. It is almost a certainty that at least one 10, 11, 12 or 13 seed could upset their higher seeded counterparts. You have to be conscious of that and take a chance on “the little guy.”

At the risk of totally shaming myself, I will give you guys an example of my Elite Eight, Final Four and National Champions.

My Elite Eight teams are as follows: Louisville, Michigan State, Gonzaga, New Mexico, VCU, Georgetown, Indiana and Miami.

Moving on to the Final Four: Michigan State, New Mexico, VCU and Indiana.

Shocking, right?

How’s this for a shocker. My national championship game: VCU vs. New Mexico.

And the winner? VCU.

See, I’m sure not many of you even had any knowledge of VCU. But they have just as good of a chance as any.

Feel free to write in next week to let me know how dumb I am, and how much you “know.”

I’d be glad to read it.

So, good luck to you and your bracket, and happy March Madness.
Voir Dire:

The burden of proving consent

Pamela Everett

This weekend, an Ohio judge found two high school football players guilty of rape. They did not use force. They didn’t have to, because their victim was very drunk. Cell phones created evidence that was then plastered on social media. Now they will serve time, at least a year and two years respectively, possibly more. Their lives—and their victim’s—are changed forever.

The trouble started after a party, when the 16-year old victim left with one of the football players. She testified that they left holding hands, but she was so drunk she could not remember anything else from that night, except possibly vomiting in a street.

Sound familiar?

Soon, others filled in the blanks with sad details of observing sexual contact and taking cell phone photos. When asked why he didn’t stop the events, one witness testified that the acts were not violent, that he didn’t know what rape was. “I thought it was forcing yourself on someone.” And that’s the problem. I see it with my criminal law students every year. They are surprised at what constitutes sexual assault.

So once again, I will try to help you put today’s all-too-common drunken party behaviors and the instant evidence of social media into clearer legal, and moral, context. Lack of consent has always been the gravamen of sexual assault but the burden of proving it and the element of force have changed over time.

As I wrote here recently, a victim used to be required to prove she did not consent by showing that she had resisted her attacker’s force to the utmost, with everything she had and could not remember anything else from that night. As I wrote here recently, a victim used to be required to prove she did not consent by showing that she had resisted her attacker’s force to the utmost, with everything she had and could not remember anything else from that night. As I wrote here recently, a victim used to be required to prove she did not consent by showing that she had resisted her attacker’s force to the utmost, with everything she had and could not remember anything else from that night. As I wrote here recently, a victim used to be required to prove she did not consent by showing that she had resisted her attacker’s force to the utmost, with everything she had and could not remember anything else from that night.

“The burden of proving consent”

“...is key—where the offender “knows or has reasonable cause to believe” that the other person is impaired. It’s that latter mental element that allows us to punish these offenders even when they did not commit rape through force. When you know or should know that someone cannot consent to sexual conduct because they are drunk or high or whatever, the onus is on you to not take advantage—whether cell phones are capturing your choices or not. It matters not whether you intend to rape in some “traditional” sense or, the other predictable but misplaced argument, whether the victim was irresponsible in getting blackout drunk.

What matters is doing the right thing. And today the penalty for making the wrong choice just might be a prison sentence.

Sidewalk Sound Off:
“What do you think about the new Pope?”

Ashley Hammond
Accounting and Finance

“I think it’s a historical event because not only is he the first Pope to take on the name Francis, but he’s the first to come from Latin America.”

James Plank
Secondary Education

“I don’t know anything about that. I haven’t been paying attention.”

Sophie Daniel
Secondary Education

“I think he’s the sweetest guy ever. He reminds me of someone’s grandpa. He’s very humble and he seems to have a good heart. I’m excited about this.”

Curtis Hinrichs
Marketing

“He looks young for Pope standards.”

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Wildcats split weekend games on the diamond

By Bubba Page
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College men’s baseball squad split a weekend doubleheader with Morningside at a surprise location for the two teams.

Due to soggy field conditions, the Wildcats home-away games on Saturday and Sunday with Morningside College were moved to a neutral site at Omaha Westside high school, for a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon.

These were the last two non-conference games of the season for the ‘Cats.

WSC won the first game of the doubleheader 8-2. The Mustangs got on the board first when they scored a run in the second inning, but that wouldn’t last long as the Wildcats answered back with seven runs in the next three innings making the score 7-1.

Morningside would get one run back, which the ‘Cats answered with one of their own in the bottom of the sixth.

That was where the bats would go cold with the Wildcats on top 8-2 at the final out.

“We played well in the first game. We got some timely hits and put together a five run inning all with two outs,” head coach Brian Disch said. “Tadd pitched well enough for us to win.”

Offensively, the ‘Cats were led by the two headed horse of CJ Nolen and Justin Beranek who accounted for seven of the eight runs the Wildcats scored.

Nolen had four RBI’s off just one hit and a fielder’s choice, with Beranek going 2-3 with three RBI’s and one run scored.

Tadd Johansen put together yet another solid performance going five strong innings, striking out six and allowing only two hits. With the win, Johansen improves his record to a perfect 4-0.

The second half of the doubleheader didn’t fare so well for the ‘Cats.

Even after jumping out to a three run lead in the top of the third inning, the Mustangs came right back in the bottom of the fourth inning and wouldn’t stop there.

Morningside scored another in the bottom of the fifth to go up 4-3. Again the ‘Cats answered back in the top of the sixth to tie the game back up at 4-4, but the Mustangs didn’t back down. They answered with another run in the bottom of the sixth which WSC wasn’t able to get back, losing the contest 5-4.

Offensively for the ‘Cats, Beranek had two hits while Nolen, Brandon Lalk, Michael Herman, Mike Servais and Blake Brissin each had one hit.

Lalk and Herman each shared two RBI’s a piece for the ‘Cats while Nick Ragan suffered the pitching loss for the Wildcats.

“We need to respond from the split this weekend, and we look forward to getting out on the field again,” Disch said.

WSC is now 8-6 on the season.

The Wildcats now will start a 15-game home stand as they open up Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play this Saturday and Sunday with doubleheaders against Southwest Minnesota State.
**Smackin’ and hackin’ in Topeka**

**WSC splits a non-conference doubleheader against Washburn University**

**BY RICHARD RHODEN**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Wayne State College softball squad had its doubleheader with Northern State that was scheduled to take place on Saturday cancelled.

“It is very frustrating getting games cancelled,” head coach Krista Unger said. “We work so hard from August to March and when our games get cancelled due to bad weather it is depressing.”

The Wildcats earned a split over Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., last Thursday.

WSC was unable to secure the win in game one, losing 5-3, but came back strong in the second game, winning by a score of 13-5.

“We played fairly well,” Unger said. “We should have come out of there with two wins.”

The Wildcats grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third inning off of a Kaiti Williams RBI single that scored Jordan King. WSC added two insurance runs in the sixth inning. Sam O’Brien and Vicki Nielsen each hit a single. O’Brien was able to get home on a wild pitch and Lexie Loos, who recorded a walk, scored on a Washburn throwing error.

It was the bottom of the seventh inning where things went sour for the Wildcats.

With the score 3-1, and only needing three outs to win, WSC gave up four runs, including a three-run walk-off home run with two outs.

WSC recorded six hits in the game, while Washburn notched ten. Sara Scheffert was marked with the loss, dropping her record to 4-3 on the year. Scheffert gave up five runs, four of them earned, with three walks and a strikeout.

“We left 11 runners on base throughout the game and bases loaded two times,” Unger said. “We need to get those runners in early in the game so we are not in a tight situation at the end of the game. We need to learn how to finish.”

The second game had a much different feel.

The Wildcats slugged 13 hits and recorded 13 runs in the win. WSC scored eight runs in the first four innings, including blasting five runs in the second.

“I feel our offense is seeing the ball well,” Unger said. “We just need to hit better with runners on base.”

Williams recorded an RBI single in the first, bringing home Kelcie Bormann, getting on the board first. Kylee Simpson was a big contributor in the five-run second, with her two-run single. Nielsen also recorded an RBI single.

King knocked another RBI single in the third inning, and Williams came through in the fourth, hitting a double and later scoring on a wild pitch. At this point, WSC had an 8-3 lead.

The Lady Blue scored two runs in the fifth, bringing the score to 8-5. The score would stay the same until the top of the seventh, when WSC added five more runs. O’Brien smacked a two-run single while WSC capitalized on five walks and a wild pitch to score the five runs.

Bormann was awarded the win, bringing her record to 2-1.

She gave up five runs, along with eight hits, three strikeouts and a walk.

Sarah Macias pitched in relief, in three innings she only allowed one hit and earned the save.

WSC is scheduled to play this afternoon at UNK with a doubleheader to start at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. They are also slated to compete in the Missouri Western invite, scheduled Friday through Sunday.

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**BY SARAH LICHTSINN**
Auxiliary Writer

The Wayne State College men’s rugby club began its journey towards a rugby sevens national championship with a trip to Brookings, S.D. for the inaugural St. Patty’s Day on the Prairie Rugby Sevens Tournament.

Though conditions for the event weren’t exactly ideal, the Wildcats braved the icy elements and, after three hard games on the frozen tundra, the men walked away the champions of the tournament, defeating host South Dakota State 28-7, Simpson College by forfeit, Sioux Falls 14-0 and Western Iowa Tech 35-0.

The matches were difficult to play with the field being slippery and snow covered, but the ‘Cats persevered and made a statement in the process, showing that their preparation for the regional tournament in April is going just fine.

“The seven’s team is looking good. The ice on the field leveled the playing field a bit,” freshman Justin Lindsay said. “It will be interesting to see how the games will change once we have better conditions and can bring more passing to the game.”

WSC was led in scoring by sophomore Jonathan DeRocha’s five tries, while freshman speedster Sam Lowe added three, newcomer Christian Victor put down two and senior Mark Vrbicky contributed with one try.

Victor, a former middle linebacker recruit for Northwest Missouri State, proved to be a great asset to the team in his first games in a Wildcat uniform, dominating in the tackling game in addition to his scoring.

The Wildcats put on a terrific performance on what WSC head coach Mark Vrbicky contributed with one try.

Darrin Barner later deemed “rugby on ice,” and it should be interesting to see how the club does the rest of the season in more ideal conditions when the men can actually run the offense they have been developing in practice.

Though originally scheduled to take their talents to Minnesota for a mini-tournament this coming weekend, more blizzard-like conditions have hampered those plans and the Wildcats are currently entertaining the possibility of competing in a three to four team event in either Sioux City or Wayne this Saturday.
After enduring a six-hour drive across the Cornhusker State, the Wayne State women's rugby team finally got the spring season underway with a showdown against the Eagles of Chadron State in Chadron.

The Wildcats played an excellent game despite the majority of the players being younger, coming away with a 37-7 victory. This was WSC's first game back since winning the school's first national title in November, but the women didn't miss a beat, controlling the field with the same ferocity as usual.

Freshman Jasmine Kovacs and sophomore Charlie Caniglia led the team in scoring with three tries apiece.

"It was awesome being back on the field and playing again," Kovacs said. "It made me really excited for the rest of the season."

WSC head coach Darrin Barner thought that this match would offer a great opportunity for some of the younger players to improve their game.

"Last year we had our older gals play Chadron and (they) came away with a victory of over 80 points," Barner said. "With our massive roster, I thought that this would be a great opportunity to let our younger players gain more experience in the game, as well as learn even more about what to do on the field."

Experience is exactly what they gained. And with a decisive 30-point win, it is safe to say that the Wildcats are right where they want to be at this point of the season, with more challenges to come in the next month.
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“IT IS SO NICE OUTSIDE. I WENT OUTSIDE AND MY LEGS AIN’T EVEN NUMB.”

“So what, 32 degrees outside?”

“Umm, maybe 38.”

“Oh man, let me bust out the ‘ol tank top.”

“Well when it been freezing and blowing wind...”

“I understand your point. All I’m saying is, just wait until it reaches at least 45 degrees. I’m gonna be running around campus naked.”

Top Statuses

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A memorable trip to Minnesota

By Nora Zhang
Staff Writer

As a traveler who is interested in world culture, I could tell you many interesting stories about what happened on my trip to the Twin Cities this past weekend.

But I am not going to tell you the story about my trip, but about our trip.

I felt like I was a part of the Media Club, made up of students Jason Geu, Jeremy Anderson, Sam Roh and Brady Bristol, (and others not attending) who traveled to have a look at the Minneapolis broadcast world.

This communication family at WSC was led by Maureen Carrigg, the TV and interim radio advisor at Wayne State.

Three WSC graduates who work in the Minnesota media also belong to the family.

They opened their arms to welcome these students and opened a window for them to have a look at the real media world. That made this trip very special.

Matt Carner graduated from Wayne State in 2000. He works as a senior video conference consultant at the University of Minnesota.

He gave us a lecture about broadcast equipment.

“What I use for everyday work pretty much is what I learned from college,” Matt said. “Technology equipment in media is very changeable, but no matter how fast the media equipment updates, if you build a strong base of knowledge, you can catch up very fast.”

We visited Radio K, which is the student station of the University of Minnesota, after we met Matt.

The station’s size and many workers surprised all of the WSC broadcast group.

I suddenly felt more proud of the WSC broadcast students, because they have less expensive equipment, but finish with the same product.

“Build as many contacts as you can,” Tricia Jenkins told us.

She also graduated in 2000 and works at BUZ’N 102.9 CBS Radio.

She talked about how she found her job.

“Doing internships is a very good way to start your career, even though there is no pay,” she said.

Tricia brought us to visit the CBS radio station, where Jason had his first experience touching the radio buttons of a large radio station outside of the WSC campus.

We were all excited to have the chance to broadcast at BUZ’N 102.9.

Tom Teeter was the last and oldest alumnus that we met on this trip.

He graduated in 1981 and works at KMSP-TV in Minneapolis as an editor.

He tried to show us everything about running the TV station, answered our questions.

“No matter how smart you are, learn to be humble and use teamwork before you go to work in the real world,” he said, giving us this advice like a gift at the end of our trip.

We also visited Target Field and the Mall of America, which you probably will think is more interesting for college students like us than anything else.

But during this trip, what we had was more than that.

I loved this trip because I learned from those alumni, because we built a friendship with each other and because it is so unusual for me to have a real American college field trip by visiting the real American broadcast world.

WSC Media Club members visited BUZ’N 102.9 in Minneapolis, where they met with WSC alumnus Tricia Jenkins (third from the left). Those who went on the field trip to Minnesota included (from left to right) Brady Bristol, Nora Zhang, Sam Roh, Jason Geu and Jeremy Anderson.

“The Hunt” is a hit

By Lindsey Costa
Auxiliary Writer

Humans are extinct. Vampires run the world.

“The Hunt” by Andrew Fukuda is set in a world where humans are extinct as we know them, but 17-year-old Gene is the last one, or so he thought.

Gene has pretended all of his life that he is a vampire. He can’t smile, laugh, shiver, or really even breathe.

Humans are a delicacy, and all have been hunted.

The ruler of the vampire world has decided to have a Heper (the vampire word for human) Hunt this year.

Gene just so happens to be chosen by lottery for the hunt, along with fellow classmate Ashley June, so he’s pretty sure he is screwed since vampires don’t drink water or even bathe.

I absolutely loved this book.

Parts like those that show our “sex” required rubbing an elbow in an armpit.

The parts like those that show our differences were hilarious.

This book should appeal to guys and girls, and there’s really not that much romance in it either.

It is definitely outweighed by the action.

A part of me is secretly hoping for this book to be made into a movie, but I know it will probably be ruined.

So before that happens, please read this book.

It is crazy good.
Corn-bred comedy in ‘Cats Corner

Janssen returns to WSC armed with jokes

Wayne State alum Pat Janssen performed his stand-up comedy act along with his friend Glen Tickle in the ‘Cats Corner on Tuesday, March 12. After graduating for WSC in 2006 with degrees in broadcasting and journalism, Janssen worked in sports communications before committing full time to comedy in 2009.

WSC Show Choir set to go on tour

By Nora Zhang
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College Black and Gold Show Choir will be performing at area high schools today and tomorrow.

The show choir is directed by Dr. Elise Hepworth, assistant professor of voice and music education at WSC.

The group put on its first performance at South Sioux City and at Sioux City’s Bishop-Heelan High School this morning and is scheduled to sing at Wayne High School later this afternoon.

The show choir will continue its traveling road show tomorrow around the Omaha area.

Members of the ensemble will meet students and share their dance and music at Ashland-Greenwood, St. Robert’s and Roncalli High School.

Twenty-eight of the finest singers Wayne State has to offer will also present a concert on campus, which is free and open to the public, on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Ramsey Theater.

The Wayne State College Black and Gold Show Choir will also host WSC’s first annual show choir festival on April 13 in the Peterson Fine Arts Building.

Eight schools will be participating in the festival and will be critiqued by judges from Omaha and Kansas City, Mo.

The cost of admission is $5 and the festival is open to the public.

A performance by the Black and Gold Show Choir will conclude the competition in the evening.

New Releases This Week

Movies

“Olympus Has Fallen”

“Admission”

“The Croods”

Music

Justin Timberlake
“The 20/20 Experience”

Kacey Musgraves
“Same Trailer Different Park”
Son of an itch

The best thing to do is invest in a humidifier and set it for a constant 45 to 55 percent humidity and set the thermostat at a comfortable 68 degrees.

Here’s another misconception for you: Drinking water helps your skin stay looking younger and prevents it from getting dry.

Actually, unless you’re severely dehydrated, your skin does not benefit much from the water you drink.

That’s not to say that you shouldn’t drink, because hydration is a key component to good overall health, but don’t expect it to help your skin.

While we’re on the subject of water, let’s talk about showers.

Nothing beats a steamy shower to help ease the tension of a hectic day. However, it’s not doing your skin any favors.

The hot water can dry out the natural oils in your skin more quickly.

The longer you stand under the succulent spray of a shower, or sit in a hot bath for that matter, the more you dry out your skin.

Try dialing down the water temperature to lukewarm, and keep the showers short.

Five minutes is enough to get clean without over-drying.

The soap you’re using may also be drying out your skin.

The best soaps tend to be mild, fragrance-free soap that moisturize as they clean. Bar or liquid doesn’t matter.

While you’re using that soap, don’t scrub as hard as you can.

“Friction strips the skin and enhances the dryness,” Nanette Silverberg, M.D., a dermatology professor at Columbia University, said.

Instead, try using your hands or a soft washcloth.

They’ll get you just as clean as an abrasive sponge without damaging your skin.

Now we’ll get out of the shower, but stay in the bathroom.

Extra hand-washing and hand sanitizer use in hopes of warding off illness are heavy hitters.

Keep washing and sanitizing when needed, but also make sure to give your hands some protection by wearing gloves outside.

Bundling up with a scarf might help protect your lips as well, as lips consist of thinner, more sensitive skin, just like your hands.

Winter sun and snow glare can also damage your skin, so wear sunscreen to protect yourself.

If you’re going to play in the snow for a long period of time, apply sunscreen to your face and hands.

Above all, moisturize more. But don’t use just any moisturizer.

Make sure it’s oil-based, not water-based, as the oil will create a protective layer on the skin (many lotions labeled “night cream” are oil-based).

Also, be wary of the lotions you put on your face.

Look for “non-clogging” oils, like avocado, mineral, primrose or almond oil.

There are many skin enemies this time of year, so be sure you armor up.

“Unless you’re severely dehydrated, your skin does not benefit much from the water you drink.”

Back in brass

By Lauren Deisley

Staff Writer

Wayne State’s Ley Theater was filled with the sweet sounds of music.

The brass quintet A Touch of Brass performed 14 songs from all across the British Isles on Sunday.

A Touch of Brass is a group made of five experienced brass players from all over the area. The group has been around the Wayne area since 1984, cycling members in and out over the years.

Keith Krueger, a former Wayne State student and faculty member hailing from Wakefield, has been with the quintet since its formation.

“This group provides a vehicle to play all types of music in an area where there aren’t a lot of places to play,” Krueger said.

Members of the group include two of WSC’s music faculty: Director of Bands, Dr. David Bohnert, and Low Brass instructor, Mr. Josh Calkin.

Also in the group is Dr. Gary Reeves, the Associate Professor of Music at the University of South Dakota, and Dr. Randy Neuharth, the Director of Bands at Northeast Community College.

“They’re always a great group to come listen to,” Jerod Kohler, WSC music major and brass player, said.

The program on Sunday featured each player’s talents and made for an entertaining performance fit for St. Patrick’s Day, complete with a singing Irish tuba player.

Down goes sculpture

By Jacob Barry

Auxiliary Writer

Wayne State’s Ley Theater was filled with the sweet sounds of music.

One of the art sculptures located behind the Peterson Fine Arts Building on campus lies on its side after it was blown over by an exceptionally strong gust of wind almost a month ago. The sculpture has been on its side ever since.
## Internships and employment opportunities

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<td>The City of Columbus in Nebraska is looking for a Wastewater Facility Laboratory Intern. If you are interested in applying, please contact Career Service office, Jessie Piper (<a href="mailto:jepiper2@wsc.edu">jepiper2@wsc.edu</a>), so we can email you a copy of their application. Minimum education and experience requirements include major course work in a science-related field.</td>
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<td><strong>Nebraska Families Collaborative</strong>&lt;br&gt;Omaha, Neb.</td>
<td>Nebraska Families Collaborative is looking for 5 interns for the upcoming summer and school year in Omaha, Neb. This will be a paid experience up to 512 hours per student. If you are a caring person that would like to make a difference in children’s lives, this might be the perfect internship for you. A full job description and application instructions have been posted on Cat Tracks.</td>
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<td>Bosselman Administrative Services, Inc. in Grand Island, Neb. is seeking an IT intern. The IT intern’s role is to provide a valuable IT learning experience for a college student while accomplishing work that adds value to Bosselman, Inc. This will be accomplished by supporting and maintaining our primary business systems, POS system and websites. Visit Cat Tracks for more details and application instructions.</td>
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<td><strong>Elkhorn Rural Public Power District</strong>&lt;br&gt;Battle Creek, Neb.</td>
<td>Elkhorn Rural Public Power District in Battle Creek, Neb. is seeking a human resource/corporate communications intern. Preferred applicant would have completed their junior or senior year of college and would have successfully completed courses in the human resource concentration. They envision this to be a summer internship program; however, they can be somewhat flexible on starting and ending dates. Check out further details on our on-line job board Cat Tracks.</td>
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<td><strong>Verizon Wireless</strong>&lt;br&gt;Lincoln, Neb.</td>
<td>Verizon in Lincoln, is currently accepting applications for their paid 2013 summer internship wellness position (May-Aug. 2013). As an intern with Verizon Wireless, students will perfect their one-on-one skills coaching employees through lifestyle modifications, fitness assessments, fitness training, nutritional demos in the café as well as health promotion programming. Visit Career Services to receive a copy of the 2013 Verizon Wireless Health and Wellness Internship Program Handbook and Application.</td>
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<td><strong>Nucor Steel</strong>&lt;br&gt;Norfolk, Neb.</td>
<td>Nucor Steel in Norfolk, Neb. is seeking applicants for the position of Accounting Intern. This paid internship will be involved with miscellaneous projects throughout the summer related to business processes and procedures. This position will also be exposed to and involved in our monthly/quarterly close cycle. This will include reconciliations, corporate reports and monthly correcting and standard journal entries. Check out further details on our on-line job board Cat Tracks.</td>
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**CAT TRACKS**
Check out our on-line job board Cat Tracks for information regarding the above positions and other employment opportunities. Cat Tracks can be accessed under the Student Support menu once logged into e-campus. If you have any questions, please contact the WSC Career Services office at 402-375-7425.

**LEARN HOW YOU CAN EARN CREDIT HOURS FOR WORKING**
If you are currently in a position related to your major or would like to seek employment related to your major while in school, contact Jessie Piper in Career Services at (402) 375-7425 or jepiper2@wsc.edu. You could earn credit or have the experience noted on your transcript.

**ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?**
It's not too soon to start the job search process. Heather in the WSC Career Services Office can help you. Schedule an appointment to discuss your resume, cover letter and interviewing skills. Career Services is located in the Student Center Atrium, Room 101. You can contact her at 402-375-7425 or hereinh1@wsc.edu.
How does a free pizza sound? Good enough to use your creativity to make a Wayne Stater Egg? Why not!

Contest Directions:

Using the space at left, create your best Easter “egg.” Draw it, paint it, use crayons, doodle during class or make an all out masterpiece!

Snap a photo of your work and send it to wstater@wsc.edu by Tuesday at noon, or drop your entry in the suggestion box outside Room 402 in Humanities.

We’ll choose our favorite and notify the winner, to whom we will provide a free pizza of their choice.