

Phreno Cosmian



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Kelsey Miller and Ellie Peterson (front), lead a group of DWU students who protested abortion on October 16

Silent protest held at DWU

By Analisa Morel

The ending of a lifetime shouldn't come at the beginning, says the "Students for Life" group. Yes, some people believe it is not a life yet, but it has been formed. If it's not life then what is it? By day 20 of a pregnancy, foundations of brain, spinal cord, and nervous system are laid. He can feel; you still don't believe he's alive?

By day 24, his heart starts to beat. By day 35, his mouth, ears, and nose take shape.

At 9 weeks, the child will bend fingers around an object placed in his palm. Thumb sucking occurs and fingernails form. At 11 weeks the baby makes complex facial expressions and even smiles.

By 4 months, the child can grasp with his hands. Around 5 months, sleeping habits appear. Near 6 months, fine hair starts growing on his eyebrows and

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Herseth-Sandlin and Johnson visit DWU prior to 2008 election

By Jerry Hinkle

Senator Tim Johnson was greeted with a standing ovation as he entered the McGovern Library for an event sponsored by the College Democrats at Java City. There was a fairly large crowd to meet and greet the senior Senator and Representative Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin. They arrived almost a half hour behind schedule, but for those in attendance, the wait was worth it.

Rep. Herseth-Sandlin spoke of Dakota Wesleyan's own Drs. Jack Mortenson and Dave Mitchell running for state senate and state house, respectively. "A lot of folks have seen that when we have a one party dominance in Pierre, there are a lot of questions that don't get answered and a lot of need for accountability and open government."

Senator Johnson showed that whatever his recent health crisis may have taken, his sense of humor remained intact. When he witnessed the excitement of the crowd he noted, "There must be an election coming up." Because of his difficulty speaking, he promised to keep his remarks brief: "A Politician not talking so long. I should win in a landslide for that reason alone. I've been able to give back to South Dakota. Some of the big things you have probably heard of [include] Country of Origin Labeling, the Farm Bill, increased ethanol production for our state, [and] money for the McGovern Library. But I'm here to say for you today, with your vote, you ain't seen nothing yet. I would be humbled to have your vote, and I am honored to call



Senator Tim Johnson poses with, from left, Sean Worley, Rod Brown, Kyle Schoenfish, Nicole Dufek, and Derric Ludens (Photo submitted by Rod Brown)

you friends. Thank you very much and God bless you!"

This reporter was allowed to listen in on a discussion that Johnson and Herseth-Sandlin had with Professor Rod Brown's Congress and the Presidency class. Sean Worley asked the Senator to prosecute the CEOs of companies like AIG who have misspent bailout money. Johnson responded, "It is not a criminal offense to have a board of directors reward people, but it is a different story when Federal money comes in. And there I think we should clamp down on

the golden parachutes. But I think it's not an option and we ought to crack down."

Nikki Dufek wondered, "Why did you get involved with healthcare and making sure small businesses had healthcare provided for their employees?" The Senator's response: "Because I've always been interested in healthcare, especially since my own circumstances. But, healthcare needs are one barrier among many where we fall

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Editorial

By Brandy Bambas

Having a birthday in November really makes me happy. When I get birthday gifts, they truly have to come from the heart.

All my childhood, I thought that I was very unlucky to have a birthday in the winter and so close to Christmas. My sisters always got what I thought were better presents.

Picking my birthday gifts must have been an interesting challenge for my family. They couldn't just buy me a bike like they did for my older sister because I wouldn't even be able to ride it.

Perhaps the greatest thing about my special day in November is that I always get something unique. My family puts real thought into the gifts they get me.

Young people often don't appreciate the amount of effort family and friends can put into choosing gifts. If you're lucky like me, then you know exactly

how warm and fuzzy you can feel.

Believe it or not, some college-age people don't understand what it's like to be loved by their families. Just because Joey's dad bought him a car for his 18th birthday doesn't mean the same thing as loving Joey.

It actually probably means something more like "Get out of my house, Joey." It's too bad that some parents spoil their children rotten to the point that even the parents don't want them anymore.

Rottenly spoiled kids are a sad group of boys and girls. They go through life thinking the world revolves around them, and when they find out it doesn't, life comes to a crashing halt.

Too many kids are handed everything on a silver platter. They think college is just something they do. They don't care about their classes or their grades.

They're just waiting for the next step in

their lives to just fall into their laps.

Hopping out of bed to get to class on time falls somewhere near the bottom of their priority lists - after washing the car but before taking out the garbage. They aren't paying for their educations, so why should they care?

Don't be one of those kids. Too many students saunter into class ten or fifteen minutes after it started. How can you be that late for something so important?

Ask yourself what's next. Are you going to be a career student? Will you be prepared to have a job once you graduate if you haven't been diligent about your college life?

Your teachers will probably be the best references you can put down on your resumes. It seems kind of silly for you to be late for all your classes and then expect the professor to reflect you in a good way to a potential employer.

Try to be better students. Make some competition for those of us who do study and show up for class. Don't let us get the job you want just because you were too lazy to even try.

Only you can make your life the best it can be. It all starts here, at college. If you can change your ways and be successful here, you can be whatever you want to be.

Maybe I'm speaking to the wrong crowd with this article. The people who need to see it probably wouldn't do something silly like read the school paper.

E-mail me at brbambas@dwu.edu or drop a letter in campus mailbox number 318 if you have any comments or questions. Feedback is always appreciated. *Let me know if you discovered my secret message in this editorial or the previous one.*

Thanks for reading our 3rd issue. Watch for coverage of the McGovern Conference, more faculty/staff interviews, a preview of the next DWU play, another sports feature and more in the next issue.

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Student Association Senate Minutes

MINUTES

Student Senate

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

11:00 AM

McGovern Library Room 126

1. Call to Order at 11:00 AM
2. Invocation by Kelsey Miller
3. Minutes were approved (motion by Jennifer Van Pelt, second Cassie DeRocher)
4. Officer's Reports
 - a. President—excused
 - b. Vice President—Heather Bohlander: remember to get fundraiser approval
 - c. Treasurer—Kyle Shoenfish: \$12000 in conference funds
 - d. Secretary—Karissa Miller: nothing to report
 - e. Parliamentarian—Katy Duffy: excused (voting on bylaws this week)
5. Class Reports
 - a. Freshmen—No rep
 - b. Sophomore—Wade Shoenfelder: nothing to report
 - c. Junior—No rep
 - d. Senior—No rep
6. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Intramural Sports—absent
 - b. Multicultural Committee—

- Rosebud Haukaas: piñata time, 69 people attended Callie Surr, made \$64 at 50/50 raffle, and will be honoring Native American month in November
- c. Phreno Cosmian—Jerry Hinkle: gave a report on the Phreno Cosmian and is looking for artistic entries
 - d. Student Activities Board—Jen Jorgansen: homecoming went well and has free movie night and Wesleyan Idol coming up
 - e. Student Ministries Council—Cassie DeRocher: same weekly activities, as well as the Love Feast coming up
7. Organization Reports
 - a. Athletic Training Club—Steve Viereck: nothing to report
 - b. Biology Club—Katie Clayton: Heath Eggleston reported on his summer research at their last meeting
 - c. College Democrats—Shannon Mack: hosting the Johnson/Herseth-Sandlin Campaign
 - d. College Republicans—Kelsey Miller: Pro-life campaign had 22 protesters
 - e. DWU FTO—Jennifer Van Pelt: fall conference had 20-30 people
 - f. Human Services: Tia Gerstenecker: collecting items for Mitchell Safehouse

- g. Math Club—Carolina Rodriguez: nothing to report
 - h. Oyate Ho Waste—Indian taco sale, Denise One Star, Logo Contest
 - i. PBL—Layne Scheveck: Nothing to report
 - j. Psychology Club/Psi Chi—Tiffany Hickson: nothing to report
 - k. Residential Hall Council—Marti Schoeberl: having a Halloween Social
 - l. SIFE—Tanner Wells: Selling Tee-shirts
 - m. STREAK—Dig Pink volleyball game
 - n. Student Nurses Association—Whitney Weier: flu shots
 - o. APO/Theatre Crew—Ben Floyd: absent
 - p. Rep at Large—Lacey Vanden Berge and Abby Mettler: nothing to report
8. Unfinished Business--none
 9. New Business
 - a. Jennifer Van Pelt made a motion to recognize and show support to the ROTC on campus. Second by Kelsey Miller.
 - b. A funds request of \$469.50 was made by the Athletic Training club on behalf of Heather Lover for a conference in Washington, DC. A motion was

- made by Katie Clayton to approve half of the funds, \$235, to Heather under the condition that when she returns she holds a summary presentation. Second Rosebud Haukaas.
- c. Jen Jorgansen made a motion that senate make a written policy for fundraising at athletic events. Second, Jennifer Van Pelt.
 - d. The senate officers gave an overview of the SDSU student senate meeting that the attended the night before.
 10. The Good and the Welfare—Applauded the purple ribbons on campus in honor of domestic abuse
 11. Announcements--none
 12. Adjourn—Motion Rosebud Haukaas, second Layne Scheveck.



AGENDA

Student Senate

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

11:00 AM

McGovern Library Room 126

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 - a. Bylaws
 - b. Assessment time of appointment
 - c. Dr. Duffet
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Find updated senate minutes online at

<http://myweb.dwu.edu/studentsenate/schedule.htm>

Interview with Dean VonEye

1- What got you interested in service-learning programs?

I have been interested in service learning since the early 90s. When I finished my doctorate, I based my dissertation on the elements of a service learning program. I looked at what the experts say should be in a Service Learning program and what is actually included at universities that have an embedded service learning program. I believe in service and think it should be a part of every major at DWU.

2- Why did you choose to work at Wesleyan?

I had taught every grade from 3rd grade to 12th and at a technical school. It was just a natural progression to accept Dr. Farney and Dr. Hill's invitation to teach at DWU.

3- What do you enjoy most about your job?

Everything! In the 22 plus years that I have been here I have never woke up and said, "I do not want to go to work today." I feel very privileged to be able to work with the students. I love the challenge of taking difficult classes and coming up with examples that will relate the material to the students in an understandable manner. What is your inspiration? It should be: Who is my inspiration? Dr. Mike Farney and Dr. Mike Catalano are such good role models; I just want to try and keep up with their level of expertise and the amount of time they invest in students and their courses. Over the years Lesta Turchen, Darryl Patton, and Bill Houk were also great role models. Each one was a great friend who gave me so much encouragement to reach far beyond what I thought I could accomplish. Each of these people encouraged me to travel and experience the world which I still enjoy doing today.

4- Do you have any plans for next year/semester as the Dean?

Survive came to mind first. Our college is in the planning phase for an addition to Hughes science hall. I am hoping, in spite of the economic situation, we can



get some gifts which will expedite the building process of the new science labs. Our college is busy trying to get career pathways developed which will give students a guided schedule, of course, for post graduate professional programs.

5- How long have you worked here?

I have been here since 1984. I took a couple of years off to complete my doctorate.

6- In that time what did you enjoy most about the school?

I am not sure what this question is saying. I think you would like me to identify what years were most enjoyable. I have enjoyed all my years at DWU. Each job has offered challenges and reward far beyond what I imagined.

7- Do you plan to make any changes?

I usually change my position about every 5 years. I started as a computer programmer, moved to the math and education departments, have been assistant academic dean and acting academic dean on two different occasions, and now I am the Dean of the College of Healthcare, Fitness, and Sciences. I am hoping my next position is retirement!!!

8- Is there anything you would like to say to the students?

Pray – God answers prayers. Also something for all students to remember: Do your homework! A child in (insert name of country) wants your job!

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head. By 7 months, eyelids open and close; eyes look around. Hands grip strongly. He hears and recognizes mother's voice.

There is a living being inside of the mother from the moment of conception. There are no more excuses to try to prove otherwise. Abortion is murder. It's time to recognize the facts and start doing something about it.

A group of students here at our university who call themselves "Students for Life" decided to take a stand. On October 16 a silent protest took place. This was an event open to anyone who was interested and willing to lose their voice for one day for those who never had one.

Last year students had a table in remembrance of Roe v. Wade, the court case that legalize abortion. This had people very interested, so they decided to start Wesleyan's own "Students for Life." The group was made to educate pro-life college students about the issues of abortion, euthanasia and infanticide. It has been spreading and growing throughout our country and actually creating results.

I was able to talk to the president of "Students for Life," said Kelsey Miller. She explained to me what the protest was about and why it was so important. She says, "This is basically a day to reflect and to pray. It takes a lot of discipline to stop talking for a

day. The intent was to spread this to the rest of the community and to create awareness in others. We wanted people to realize abortion is similar to slavery and to the holocaust in many ways. It's basically genocide. We wanted people to learn about it, and hopefully influenced how people voted in November, because this has nothing to do with "choice;" it's about simply letting live."

"We just want to get people to see the reality of it," explained Kelsey Miller

So, Thursday October, 16, they met in the chapel at 7:30 am to pick up the wrist bands, hand out information, and duct tape. They were all to keep the duct tape on until 3:30 pm with the exception of when they were eating or if they had to speak in class. The ones who didn't have class at 9:30 went around town handing out information. They actually got kicked out of Wal-Mart for evoking such an event. At 12:00 pm they met again to go around the school to hand out information in silence.

It's important that people get all the facts and see the realities of abortion. Most people who get abortions are young girls who know nothing about what they are actually doing. People need to learn that it's not only the mother who is involved in this process; it's also the life of a child, a soon to be born baby, with hopes, dreams, and a life. Just give him the chance to live.

Oops!: Photo correction

In our last issue the Phreno incorrectly identified Mallory Gould as April Teel in one of the "Salsa/Salsa" photos. The Phreno apologizes to Mallory.

Kate Miller interview

By Josh Bruhn

Bruhn: What is your title here at DWU?

Miller: I am the Associate Director of TRIO Student Support Services. I am also the Director of Student Disability Services. So kind of two titles there.

Bruhn: So why DWU?

Miller: I actually found out about the position because my brother-in-law is a professor here and he really enjoys working here. He heard about the position and I looked into it. I kind of researched the university. I really liked the basis of being able to have faith, leadership, and services tied in with education. So, a little different than the large state university. It's just more personal here; the focus is just a little different.

Bruhn: And who is your brother-in-law?

Miller: Dan Miller. He's the theater professor.

Bruhn: Tell me about your former community.

Miller: Harrisburg is just south of Sioux Falls. It's one of those communities that is kind of meshing into Sioux Falls.

Bruhn: So you did not want to be in a big city?

Miller: Actually, I was just looking for a new challenge in my career. Not really moving away from anything [my family] didn't like, just looking for a new direction/challenge.

Bruhn: Tell the "Phreno" readers one thing about yourself that you think will surprise them.

Miller: One thing about me that would surprise them is that I have a black belt in Taekwondo. I haven't done it in a



long time. I used to teach it when I was in high school. It was a lot of fun. Martial arts are good for kids because they are not like what you see in cartoons

and TV. It's actually a good discipline. It teaches them self-confidence, self-defense skills, discipline, patience, and good exercise too. So there are a lot of virtues to it.

Bruhn: I can't stand all the grunting.

Miller: You don't have to do that. I think that in more Kung Fu movies.

Bruhn: What do you consider your best trait/asset?

Miller: I'm an extremely good listener which is why I got into counseling in the first place. So, I think my best asset is the ability to listen and to see someone else's view and connect with someone else's feelings and then to help them to focus and find solutions for their

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Dr. John F. Taylor delivers seminar on SPD

By Jayna Morrill

On Sunday, October 26, Dakota Wesleyan University was privileged to have the luxury of Dr. John F. Taylor's presence on campus to discuss Sensory Processing Disorder.

Dr. Taylor's seminar took place from 3-5 p.m. in the Sherman Center. The crowd included DWU students, faculty, and teachers from nearby schools, and residents from the Mitchell community.

He educated the crowd by displaying overhead pages of how a child with SPD sees reading on a page. He noted that children with SPD have very low self-esteem and people can help these children succeed.

Dr. Taylor then stated ways you can identify if a child is suffering from SPD. When children with SPD are touched on the shoulder, they react by pulling away and feeling like a hot stone was placed on their shoulder. Their senses are sending signals to their brain of what they think they are feeling.

Dr. Taylor displayed many studies on ways to lower the rate of SPD disruptions in classrooms. Dr. Taylor showed a

study of disruptions in school. He showed the audience a study where every day the researchers would either put a certain yellow dye into the children's juice or put nothing in it at all. The results of the study were that when the children had no added food products, the SPD would decrease. He stated that toxins cause an increase in SPD.

Dr. Taylor worked in a mental health clinic with the man who was the first to use medication for hyperactivity in the 1950s. Dr. Taylor said, "I picked his brains for five years to see what he thought on cases of hyper active children." Dr. Taylor wants an increase of professional and parental awareness of SPD. He wants people to know what SPD is and what you as a person can do about it.

When asked, Dr. Taylor offered suggestions for teachers about ways to deal with SPD children. He said, "Diverse the acting out and meet the need of the child." For example, if a student has a tendency of throwing his/her shoes, get

permission from the parents to have the child go without shoes and maybe wear slippers. Also, if a student is being disruptive because of noise, put up a station for him/her with a blanket over a table and on the sides of the table. Then the student can go into there and have his/her own quiet time to calm down.

When asked if Autism and ADD were types of SPD, he said they are a part of SPD. He stated, "80% of children with ADD have Sensory Processing Disorder."

A special thanks goes to Dr. Taylor for providing great information to DWU and the Mitchell community. Also a huge thanks goes out to Sarah Lee Pagel, for without, her none of this would have happened. Further thanks to the Psychology Club for also helping to put this on. Without the help of Sarah Lee Pagel and the Psychology Club, DWU would not have had the honor of meeting and listening to Dr. John F. Taylor.

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“Crimes of the Heart” arrests

By Jerry Hinkle

One expects the unexpected when viewing a DWU theatre production. There were surprises aplenty in “Crimes of the Heart,” a realistic drama with funny moments, most of which come at a time when one feels guilty for laughing.

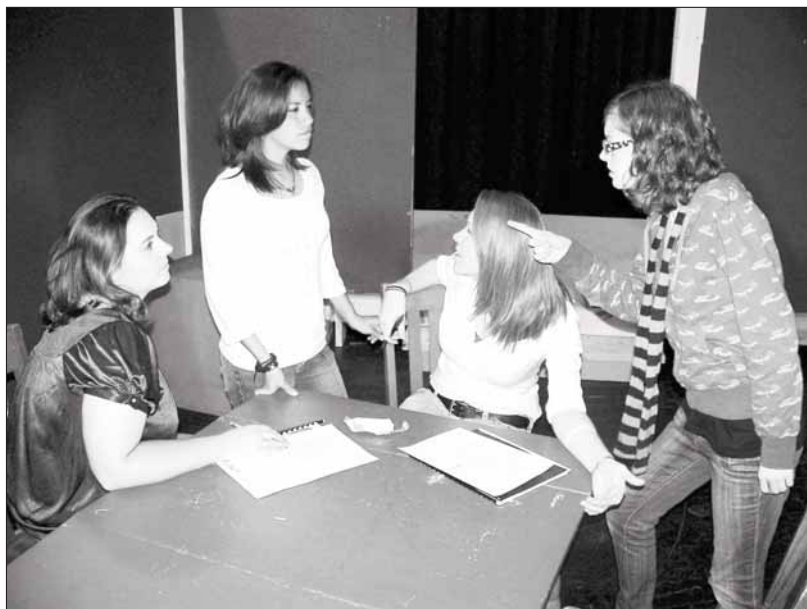
The set design was authentic for a period piece, as the only things that kitchen needed to look more like 1974 was a matching avocado-colored refrigerator and stove. The macramé plant hangers reminded me of my own home growing up in that era.

The cast of characters also looked the part, as those fashions from the 70s were hard to miss. Jacki Larson, as Meg, looked at home in her outfit. The costume designer did wonderfully matching actors to the clothing. Even the tiny detail of hair color was used to show a certain family resemblance. Normally red-haired Kerrie Roozen, who

played Meg’s sister, Babe, and blonde Larson, could have passed for sisters.

Although this play starts out like “Steel Magnolias” on Speed, one of the sisters that really stands out is Meg Magrath, as played by Jacki Larson. Like her sisters, Meg wants to love and be loved. To that end she stays out late with an old flame who is married to a Yankee and has two children. She also wants to keep Babe out of jail for shooting her husband in the stomach. It was she who arranged for the only lawyer willing to take on Babe’s husband. It was also Meg that stopped Babe from committing suicide like their mother before them. Although she came across self-centered in the beginning, she manages to do her part to keep the family together.

One of the funniest moments in the play was Babe putting the telephone receiver in the refrigerator to avoid talk-



From left to right, Zabel, Tafoya, Larson, and Roozen rehearse for “Crimes of the Heart” (DWU Theatre photo)

ing to the lawyer. Another high point was watching Babe make lemonade...or was it lemon-flavored sugar. Meg was brave enough to drink the potion. Her reaction to the taste was priceless and funny as well.

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Reflections on Bill Clinton’s visit to Mitchell

By Renee Stewart

Martha “Marty” Killam had a rare opportunity on May 30, 2008. She was honored to be able to introduce former President Bill Clinton before he gave his speech at Jackson Plaza. He came to campaign for his wife Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in her bid for the Presidency of the United States.

After a delay, Marty Killam and President Bill Clinton came out of Rollins Center arm in arm. While she was giving her introduction, Clinton was holding an umbrella over her as she spoke of her heartfelt support of the Clinton candidacy.

President Clinton then spoke at length about the plans Senator Clinton had for our country, developing alternative energy resources, economic recovery, education and the war in Iraq and plans for withdrawal of our troops in an honorable way.

Killam was able to spend almost an hour sharing her concerns with Bill

Clinton who listened and was empathetic with what she had to say. She spoke of the problems and concerns of Native Americans, veterans and the disabled. She represents all three groups. Marty is Navajo-Apache whose family is originally from Arizona. She served in the Army in Maintenance during the Gulf War and is also disabled. Marty commented “ He is very personable and easy to talk with. I was impressed. I really like him. “

When Senator Clinton lost the nomination to Senator Obama, Marty was angry. “ I almost decided not to vote at all ,but then I started listen to what John McCain had to and decided to vote for McCain.

Killam was very disappointed in the outcome of the election November 4th. She feels the people who voted for Senator Obama made a big mistake and will come to regret their vote in the future. “ I don’t have a problem with him

being Afro-American, It is his politics I don’t care for. She feels Senator Clinton would have been a far better President. Only time will tell if she is right.



Clinton and Killam enter Jackson Plaza on May 30 (University Relations photo)

Addressing the needs of disadvantaged youth

By Brandy Bambas

DWU recently hosted a focus group aimed at brainstorming ideas for service learning projects to help Davison County disadvantaged youth.

“[Dr.] Karla Hunter [DWU Assistant Professor of Communication and lead contact for the Team] did a seamless job putting this whole thing together,” said Dr. Anne Kelly, one of the Dakota Wesleyan Service Learning Core Team members. “The setup allowed focus for questions and generating ideas, and the fifth graders were phenomenal!”

Dr. Karla Hunter said, “This event opens the door for enhanced service in our community by gathering information that will allow DWU instructors to deliberately target particular organizations our students may help, while learning classroom material they might otherwise only read about.”

The event was in fulfillment of a Learn & Serve grant through the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education. The focus group consisted of seven tables. Each table had a member or two from each of four different age groups.

Excited about the fifth graders’ participation, Dr. John Husmann, another Core Team member, said, “It is so great to know that young people have such great ideas.”

Rhonda Pole, director of the Kelly Center and also a Core Team member, read from a letter written by Othelia Miller who participated in the focus group.

Othelia wrote about Mitchell, saying, “There’s no place in the world I’d rather live, mainly because it’s the people who are so nice and honest. Something I would like to change is to put ethics back into general business. When people of integrity join hands for the betterment of a cause or for the community to increase their knowledge, the result is certain to be progress.”

The focus group gave its core team members a stronger understanding of where they want the community to be and what needs more publicity. Questions focused on the things that already exist to help disadvantaged youth in the area as well as other programs and projects that would ideally begin in the near future.

Some suggestions from the focus group include: more

parks, more affordable transportation, big brother and big sister programs, a city-wide cleanup program, more mentoring programs, parenting classes, more diversity, and many others.

When asked their ideal community would look and feel like, many of the answers were similar from the different tables. People working together, respect, and community connectedness were listed by almost every table.

Karla Hunter plans on implementing a service learning project to help DWU get involved and help out the disadvantaged youth in our community. This focus group is just one step on her path to doing something that could be great for the whole community.



Results of the focus group dialogues can help guide future service learning projects on campus. If you have questions about service learning initiatives at DWU, you may contact the Provost’s Office at 995-2645.

Othelia Miller was glad to be a part of such a fun day and reminded everyone, “We have to be models for others in action

of doing for our city to make it a city of beauty and welcome. We have to be more trusting, which is sometimes hard to do. A person is a failure when he or she has quit trying. Also, to lose faith in our fellow man is an unforgiveable sin.”

- Miller
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problems.
Bruhn: Is there something unique about yourself that you offer here at DWU?
Miller: My background is unique. I came from a public school setting as a school counselor in kindergarten through 12th. I bring a unique playfulness that you have when you work with young kid, but it fits in with working with anybody. That spirit and energy.

Past Phreno October 5, 1908

By Phreno Staff

School opened for the fall 1908 semester on September 14. An opening speech was delivered on the importance of culture by Dr. A. C. Stevens of St. Paul, a former Methodist minister.

George Norvell remained something of a local celebrity since he had spent the summer studying at Oxford University. His summer also included visits to Paris and Berlin. Though his reception occurred during a rainstorm “a deluge such as Noah would not have been sufficient to keep away a dozen invited guests from the reception.”

The next day, Norvell delivered a speech, “An American at Oxford” to the annual program hosted by The Thalians and Daedalians.

The Phreno includes a partial list of 1908 graduates who had found employment. Florence Nicholson is listed as studying music at the Conservatory of Music in Boston, Scott Houser is listed as a Y.M.C.A. secretary in Hartford, and James Crowther is listed as studying at the Garrett Biblical Seminary in Evanston. Most other graduates had found employment in South Dakota; many of them are listed as teachers.

Most early issues of the Phreno include a “Local and Personal” column that keeps tabs on serious or not so-serious things DWU students and faculty have done or said. Visits from family are noted, as well as jokes heard around campus. Someone referred to as “Toothpick” is quoted as saying, “The only reason the girls here don’t like me is because I am not fast enough for them.” A student in English Bible class asked, “Professor, do you think Adam really loved Eve?”



Movie Review

"My Best Friend's Girl"

By Brandy Bambas

"My Best Friend's Girl": Backstabbingly comical
Starring: Dane Cook, Kate Hudson, and Jason Biggs
Director: Howard Deutch

Dane Cook stars as Tank, the biggest jerk any girl has ever dated. He gets hired by guys who have messed up their relationships with women to sabotage the women's emotions. Tank sets out to cause severe emotional damage on the women so that they can go crawling back to the guys who hurt them.

Life takes a turn for Tank when his best friend and roommate, Dusty (Biggs), hires him. When none of his normal tricks work on his best friend's girl Alexis (Hudson), things start to get interesting. By the time Tank realizes he is falling for Alexis, it may be too late.

When Tank has to decide whether he should keep Alexis for himself or let Dusty have her, things get out of hand. A series of interesting escapades at a wedding leads to an almost obvious finale. So who gets the girl? Watch and find out.

As far as acting skills go, Cook stands out above the rest. He falls into the role of super-jerk and never escapes it. He truly becomes a character you "love to hate."

Hudson delivers a fine performance as the girl who doesn't know what she wants. Naturally, her character grows in strength and decisiveness. Near the end of the movie, she knows what she wants, and she is determined to get it.

Biggs has the challenging role of good-guy turned creepy stalker. When Alexis decides she wants to see other people, good 'ole Dusty decides to be the best friend she could ever have. Unfortunately, he overdoes it just a tad.

A nice dose of comedy and a healthy helping of romance make this the perfect movie to go as a couple or best friends.

*****1/2 stars**

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Pizza Ranch: too busy for perfection

By Renee Stewart

I've called into Pizza Ranch for delivery many times and have found both the delivery and the food very good.

Last Sunday, however, at about quarter to one, my friend and I went to the restaurant to check out the buffet. It was hard to find an empty table that had been cleaned, but it was busy and they were shorthanded.

The food on the buffet table wasn't very plentiful, but again, they were shorthanded, so it was understandable.

The food was good and I did enjoy what I was able to get. I love the cactus bread and the chicken. My friend got the last piece of barbecue chicken, and she was enjoying it.

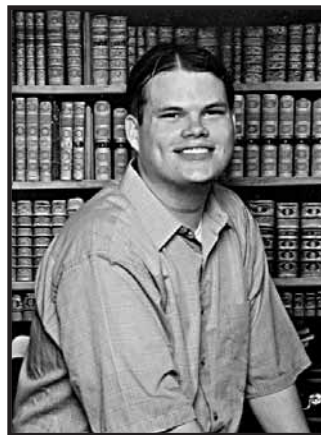
I decided to continue to use delivery so I could have as much chicken or pizza that I wanted. Either that or dine in at a different time.

The staff are friendly and helpful and I give Pizza Ranch four forks.

Josh's Running Commentary

By Josh Bruhn

Election 2008 and How I Voted



We all know how important the election was, so I won't bother you all with that. Instead, I will tell you how I voted and a short reason why.

As far as being part of a party, I really have not chosen. I still have about one year to do so because I could swear that the saying is "by the age of 25 a person should know where they stand on all topics."

I will start with the Measures and Constitutional Amendments.

Constitutional Amendment G- Mileage Reimbursements: I voted NO because we shouldn't change the five cents per mile reimbursement. After all, they can mail all they want, and what would be the new reimbursement if it was changed?

Constitutional Amendment H- Corporations: To be honest this one didn't make sense even after getting an "in layman's terms" definition, so I voted NO so it would stay as is.

Constitutional Amendment I- Legislative Session Length: It made the odd-number years and even-number years of legislative sessions even to which I thought is a good idea so I voted YES.

Constitutional Amendment J- Legislative Term Limits: I didn't think that legislators should be able serve more years. I voted NO.

Initiated Measure 9- Securities Prac-

tices: Again in layman's terms, it did make sense, so I voted NO.

Initiated Measure 10- Lobbyists: I would have voted YES, but it will likely be challenged in courts and overturn so I voted NO.

Now for the big one! Initiated Measure 11- Abortion: I voted NO. Why? Because I believe that it should be legal if they are doing it in order to save the mother's life or preserve her mental health, to selectively reduce the number of fetuses to lessen health risks associated with a multiple pregnancy, or if the all the contraceptives they used didn't work and the woman wants just the right to choose. However, when it comes to aborting because the fetus has a congenital disorder, I think, honestly, a woman should be able to. Yes, an abortion can be considered murder, but we truly don't know at what stage a soul becomes part of the body. I honestly think it is the lesser of the two evils. Not sure I know what his two evils are????

For the record, I consider myself more Pro-contraceptive (i.e. if a couple is going have sexual relations for recreation, then they need to use as much contraceptives as they can. This doesn't mean that one partner double bags. If the contraceptives are used properly, then the couple won't have to worry about getting an abortion.

State Representative: I voted again for the incumbent LANCE CARSON. Since I can pick two on it I went with his fellow Republican, NOEL HAMIEL.

State Senator: I voted for JACK MORTENSON mainly because I know who he is.

Public Utilities Commissioner: I voted for MATT MCLARRY because he, Tim Johnson, and Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin were at the second political rally I went to. The first was for Clinton. I meant to

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down as a nation. We are the only nation in the world that does not have a strategy for healthcare and that has to end.” Representative Herseth-Sandlin took a question from Derric Ludens about ethanol costs and the environmental impact of the fuel. Herseth Sandlin asked if he had considered the costs of importing foreign oil. “I hear what you’re saying,” she said, “and you’re good to do all that research. You always want to make sure it’s the most up to date research in terms of current technology. You know the tailpipe emissions are much better with ethanol blended that with non-ethanol blended.” She offered to share the most up to date research

with him as well. Because time was running short, and the delegation was due in Sioux Falls, the visit was cut short, but Herseth-Sandlin took one last question from this reporter. I asked, “Is your Grandpa Ralph and his pick-up still running?” The question made reference to Ralph Stiles, the representative’s maternal grandfather, who, along with his 1966 Chevy pick-up, figured prominently in the first Herseth campaign for the House back in 2002. After a slight chuckle, she candidly admitted, “Grandpa Ralph is still running but the pick-up is not run by him anymore because he has to get his hip replaced and that didn’t even have power steering in that old truck. So the truck is no longer with him, but they’re both still running, just not together.”



Herseth-Sandlin poses with members of College Democrats, including president Katy Duffy (back center). (Photo supplied by Rod Brown)

A theater with no men

By Josh Bruhn

Dakota Wesleyan University Theater Club cannot find male students to audition let alone act in plays. Assistant professor of communication and theater/director of theater Daniel Miller sent out an e-mail to all students to find males to audition for the part of Barnette Lloyd in “Crimes of the Heart” after “Five Women” was canceled. “We have had trouble this year with getting males, only because we switched plays in the middle and we had to search for a new male cast ASAP,” e-mailed Melissa Tafoya. Rather than getting a student from DWU, Miller was forced to recruit an actor from Mitchell Senior High School.

“Instead I went to Mitchell High School, where I am very close with the theater teacher there my wife, [Melissa Miller], and asked if there was anyone willing to play Barnette. She immediately told me about Ross Moen who was in her theater class. He came to the Patten-Wing, auditioned, and was wonderful,” e-mailed Miller. Benjamin “Ben” Floyd (who may be considered DWU’s main actor) could not be the character Barnette Lloyd because he will be directing the second show of the semester that opens December 4 called “Endgame” by Samuel Beckett. “Ben’s goal is to go on to grad

school, achieving an MFA in directing, so I really wanted to provide him with an opportunity to direct while here for the experience,” wrote Miller. Not getting male students to participate in the Theater Club will affect which type of plays the club can perform. “Without enough males auditioning, the plays we can perform are limited to a female dominate selection,” e-mailed Trisha Schleich. Perhaps the Theater Club may have to do a reverse of the Elizabethan kind; meaning all the actresses will play both the male and female roles. “I see us growing in numbers in the next coming of years, so no problem in getting actors on the stage. We manage just fine without a number of men in our plays. There are plays out there with just females or a limited amount of males, so no reverse roles are needed,” emailed Tafoya. Perchance too many males still believe in the stereotype that to be an actor in the theater means one must be a homosexual. “I am in theater and am very comfortable with my sexuality. I think for someone to judge and even think that

shows a very high rate of ignorance and immaturity. So if anyone thinks that than [they] all need to just grow up a little bit,” e-mailed Moen. A second reason may be that time for rehearsals interfere with their schedules. Rehearsals are held Sunday through Thursdays. However, not all the performers are needed for them. “Rehearsal is easy and more of a break from school than an additive stressor. If any student worries that play practice might infringe in their study time I tell them not to worry! Our directors set up scheduling that works with the student actors,” e-mailed Schleich. Glossophobia (stage fright) could be spread among male students. “Most guys I have spoken with, have that. That’s why they do not participate in theater. But they have responded [by saying] that they admire those who have the courage to stand on stage and act. They never down any male who takes risks,” e-mailed Tafoya. Most students are loaded down with papers, participating in sports, or studying for nursing. “I am in a sport and I too have a load

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go when Obama was here but overslept. I did vote for TIM JOHNSON, but not Sandlin. I went with CHRIS LIEN. Now for the second big one! President: I didn’t watch any of the rallies on TV because I just like to know what their positions are. So, after reading all their information I decided that I would vote for Barack Obama (which my mother would not like to hear). So, I

was 1 out of 308 (Precinct) and 1 out of 3554 (State) South Dakotans to vote for Obama. Now, like everyone else, I’m waiting to see if someone is truly dumb enough to even try to assassinate him. If someone did, then we may just be in another Civil War. I guess I still don’t know what party I’m with since I voted 4 to 4.

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Dr. Joe Ditta interview

By Heidi Birkley-Molitor

Birkley-Molitor: Why did you choose to teach here at Dakota Wesleyan?

Ditta: I came here early in the 1980's, when jobs in academia were extremely scarce. The chair of the English department from Dakota

Wesleyan called down to University of Missouri, where I was finishing my Ph.D., soliciting applicants because they had had an unexpected resignation. DWU's English professor had left in August and they were just scurrying to find somebody. No one else was interested in coming to South Dakota. I said well let's give it a try I

had been up here before. I knew it was a nice campus. I knew that southeast South Dakota was like Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota; it was not in the Wild West region. So I went up the next day and they hired me that day, on the spot, thinking an angel had been on their shoulders that they had found somebody the day before classes had started! So I went home and packed my bags, came back again, moved into the dorms, and started teaching.

Birkley-Molitor: Tell the "Phreno" readers one thing about yourself that you think will surprise them.

Ditta: I love to teach. I enjoy young people. Every fall when I encounter freshmen for the first time, I find that the most enlivening part.

Birkley-Molitor: What do you consider the best trait or asset that you contribute to Dakota Wesleyan?

Ditta: I suppose as I said before I have an enthusiasm for teaching, I keep things interesting.

Birkley-Molitor: What is something unique that you offer to Dakota Wes-

leyan?

Ditta: I am a fiction writer, a poet, an essayist. I write and publish in multiple genres and I would say that there are a lot of people outside the walls of Dakota Wesleyan who know me because of my writing. You can easily gain access to my writing because most of the publications that I appear in eventually go online. If you put my name in Google you will find tons of my writings, so you can spend two or three days just reading

poems, a few days just reading stories, and several days just reading essays.

Birkley-Molitor: How do you find the time to write?

Ditta: Thursday.

Thursday is my writing day, I keep that calendar clear and I don't let anybody usurp my Thursdays. Now I had some problems last year; last fall I had been diagnosed

with cancer and I had some really intensive surgeries and in spite of all that I only missed three days of class. But my Thursdays were useless partly because of the anesthesia and partly because of the stress of the diagnosis. This year has been much better. Thursday is my writing day; I don't write every day. Unfortunately, I don't have the luxury to do that. Every Thursday I'm either working on a story or working on an essay or I'm working on some poetry.

Birkley-Molitor: Where are some places a student can find your publications?

Ditta: If you go into the library I have a book in the library and I have been published in "The Missouri Review." All of the journals I publish in can be found online. I publish in a lot of journals, so just put my name in Google.

Birkley-Molitor: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

Ditta: I would say it would be...well I love all my literature classes, which doesn't mean I don't like teaching the writing classes but the literature classes

are just juicer. You can tell by just being in class this morning (European Literature) I just love the ancient Greeks. I love their mythologies, their wisdom as a people. Those things are just very appealing, and they never grow stale. Every time I read "The Odyssey" I find something new. I love teaching the cinema class. The cinema class is probably my most favorite class to teach.

Birkley-Molitor: Can you give the readers a sneak peak into your works in progress? Are you working on anything special?

Ditta: I am. I have a volume of stories out at a University press right now. I have new stories. I have one I just finished last Thursday.

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of things to do. Dan makes sure that he, as a director, is flexible and attends to his actors. He wants his actors to feel like they are a part of something. The rehearsal is based on the individuals' schedules," e-mailed Tafoya.

Most people find memorizing the lines to be the hardest part, but again Miller does not think this should keep students from participating.

"Memorizing lines is very simple; in fact we do it in theater without even realizing we have learned them. Like theater, it is magic how this happens, so I never accept the excuse about line memorization being too difficult," e-mailed Miller.

Miller noted that employers look at student's resumes to find out if they were involved in school productions. This tells them these people are probably outgoing individuals with great self confidence.

Theater Club will be producing "I Hate Hamlet" in the spring. Parts that are needed are three men and three women.

"By the way, two of the men have a great sword fight on stage," e-mailed Miller.

Pastor Brandon Vetter brings ministry to life

By Kelsey Miller

Three years ago there was little enthusiasm in DWU campus ministry as roughly two dozen people attended chapel each Thursday.

However, since the fall semester of 2006, campus ministry has been revived by campus pastor Brandon Vetter. Chapel on Thursdays has increased to about 100 students per week and the Student Ministry Council has started new bible study groups and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes group.

Though Vetter's ministry has initiated so many developments, he would still like to see the dorm bible studies grow. He said students who attend a Methodist-affiliated university have the advantage of living in more of a Christian culture and they can choose their level of involvement with campus ministry.

Since Vetter graduated from DWU, he has the advantage of knowing the culture and politics of the university. He commented that at the start it was a little intimidating to preach to his professors. Vetter said, "I intentionally called all of the professors by their first name in my first week as campus pastor."

Vetter loves working with students because they are people who want to work and worship. "The hardest part [of being campus minister] is having people for only four years and wondering what happened to them after they graduated," Vetter said. "My ultimate goal is to see students make that lifelong commitment to follow Christ."

Considering that over a hundred students have become involved with student ministry in the past two years, Vetter can't be far from achieving his objective.

Bernie Duffy preserves Louie Krogman and White River

By Colin Duffy

Nearly fifteen thousand miles and two years later, DWU alum, and independent videographer Bernie Duffy has created an inspirational documentary about basketball standout Louie Krogman and the White River Tigers. The documentary is called "Once Upon A Team."

Bernie recalled the first time he saw Louie Krogman play: "I saw Louie Krogman, a kid from White River who went on to break the all-time leading scoring record in South Dakota, play as an 8th grader and he looked like a boy who shouldn't be able to do some of what he did." Duffy also believes that Krogman had some of the smooth showmanship of Pete Maravich, crossed with a Jedi Knight. "At times it seemed like he'd already seen the future. And on his way to the future he was dribbling a ball between his legs."

As the idea of a documentary took shape, Duffy started thinking as a history teacher, his trained profession, and an artist, which many would say is his natural inclination. With those two hats on, Duffy decided that he should preserve Louie Krogman and the Tigers on video.

Duffy reflects his own personal inspiration with history and how it was cultivated. "I had some great history teachers at Dakota Wesleyan and I once had an opportunity to write a paper about the Senate Select Subcommittee's investigation of Senator Joe McCarthy. Senator Francis Case, a Wesleyan graduate, served on that committee. So I was able to use source materials from his files to get a living sense of that investigation."

This collegiate task paved the road for Duffy's future in preserving and contributing to history. "With the White River project I felt that I had the chance to create some memorable source documents for South Dakota history by preserving, at the very least, a video history of what seemed like a sure shot for a new all-time leading scorer."

As you realize that the DVD has not meant as much demand yet, Duffy didn't come at it from a business perspective. He says there's a cautionary tale there for entrepreneurs, but there's also a positive tale to be told about the joy of following your bliss.

While there have been many great athletes in South Dakota sports history, few, if any, have had a cameraman cover them from locker to floor to huddle — and from Kadoka to

Mitchell to Aberdeen. "The truth is that there have only been a few athletes worth that kind of investment. Nonetheless, I'm still surprised in this age of digital cameras and desktop editing that someone else hasn't done something like this. With that said, I would also say that I would never do something like this again. It simply doesn't pay the freight and it's way too time-consuming. I guess that answers why nobody else has done it. The other big reason is that there has never been someone else as fun to watch, with the possible addition of Josh Mueller of West Central."

Duffy started the White River project with an even more involved story line. He wanted the documentary to reflect more than the game. His intent at the outset was to capture this

small mixed-race town being brought closer together by the game of basketball. He says that he captured some of that, but ultimately fell short. "I know I set the bar too high, but it was still fun and an interesting learning experience, even though I didn't meet my lofty goals. As I began to dream about the possibilities I suppose I got carried away. For starters, I rightfully thought that two cameramen would be better than one. And while I was dreaming I thought that some aerial shots might have been nice, along with being allowed into the opposing teams' lockers and huddles, but I guess I got what I got. In the end I would say that it was a good job of preserving as much history as I reasonably could."

One of the joys of working as a videographer, according to Duffy, is the unforeseen blessing that sometimes come one's way. "I started the project with the idea that I would in-

troduce Louie's fans to him in a way they hadn't seen him." But it turned out that an equal star in the project came in the form of Louie's head coach Eldon Marshall. "Eldon personifies the kind of coach I wish I could have had. As you see him in the video you see a man not afraid to cry, you see a man that loves his players, you see a



(Photo submitted by Colin Duffy)

Bernie Duffy was awarded a star quilt at a White River home game for his patronage while preserving both the White River Tigers and the community.



KROGMAN

Working your way through the holiday

By: Ashleigh Nolz

Halloween is over and the large amounts of candy are now on the clearance rack. Try to resist the urge of sitting in front of the TV with a bag full of sugar and a garbage can full of wrappers by using that time productively outside before the below zero windchill sets in. Enjoy the last bits of South Dakota fall weather by walking, jogging, riding your bike, or simply playing catch outside.

However, in no time, Thanksgiving and the holiday calorie-laden meals will be right around the corner. Did you know that during the months of November and December, on average, an American will consume over 600 extra calories per day! Which is equivalent to a gain of 1 ½ pounds per week or 11 ½ pounds in only two months!

So no wonder by the time January rolls around, everyone starts shelling out hundreds of dollars to get back into shape. The supply and demand rates for at home fitness equipment skyrockets.

Not only are people spending money for the convenience of an at home fitness plan, the prices for gym memberships and personal trainers go up between 2-3%. Now, take those figures and estimate roughly 30% of those gym newbie's dropping out after only 1 month!

During the next two months, 70% more discontinue their gym activity levels, even if they had paid for an entire year in full. Why? Lack of motivation, drive, values, busy schedules, work, family, etc., etc, and they're still carrying around that extra baggage from holiday snacking, and not to mention being out a couple hundred dollars.

Sound Depressing? Start now! In fact, studies have shown that if you act before the holi-

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Rebecca Zabel, as Lenny, had a few good moments as well. The moment when Lenny lit candles and sang "Happy Birthday" shows the longing she has for recognition. It illustrates the frustration of taking care of her aging granddaddy, and being dominated by her off-center cousin, Chick "The Stick."

The scene where Lenny takes a broom to cousin Chick brought cheers from the audience. Chick who was played to comic perfection by Melissa

Tafoya, was a welcome departure from her usual nice girl roles. Chick was definitely what one would politely call a (rhymes with hitch).

Dan Miller's direction in not only bringing this superb cast together worked well. It is easy to see that Larson, Roozen, and Zabel enjoyed their time together.

The ending, where Lenny finally gives as well as she's been getting to her sisters, was truly inspired as well. This play was worth the wait.



From left to right: While Lenny (Zabel) talks on the phone, Meg (Larson) takes the opportunity to taunt Chick (Tafoya) (DWU Theater photo)

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man who is a class act. Without Eldon in this documentary you would have had something far less emotional, something less than it was. More like a chronicle than a documentary."

It would appear that a videographer who completed a project that didn't make any money and who states that he would never do a similar project again might be a little fried and jaded. "Well, truth be told, I was pretty well fried, but never jaded. In fact, it was one of the highlights of my life. And I've had a great life with many experiences. But this team in this time with this great coach was beautiful. It became so much more emotionally involved than I expected."

Duffy went on to recount these feelings of integrity. "I was reminded of all this when I ditched my montage piece at the end of the documentary and inserted two clips. One was a shot of the team's jerseys back on their hangers. The other was a shot of the empty locker room, the players from the documentary now gone, a sign that reads 'finished' on the wall. When I put those two clips in at the end I found myself recounting all that I'd seen in that locker room, all the hopes and tears. All the efforts to shape good character. It was over. And I was the better for it."

The preservation and quality of such a film is something that just cannot be left for viewers not to yearn for. Duffy's remarkable journey in the adventure and creation of such a film will be everlasting.

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day rush, you are better apt to stick with the program by the time the extra calories get a chance to. And what better way to motivate yourself then to purchase a gym membership which you know you can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ANYWHERE in the United States!

Where can you take advantage of such a location in Mitchell? Only a few blocks away from campus near Wal-mart. Anytime Fitness is a recreational franchise with state-of-the-art Precor strength training equipment and cutting edge cardiovascular equipment set up with their own personal cardio theater system. Most gyms even offer access to personal trainers and tanning beds.

Becoming a member is simple and convenient, especially after late frustrating nights of homework when working out or tanning is your indispensable outlet. Going home for the holidays? With a club membership you get the chance to work out in your hometown without paying for an extra week pass at a different gym!

All in all, these final months are stressful; not only on your wallet and your waistline but your self-esteem is taking a toll. Take action now to counteract those effects!

Submit your story idea or photos to Brandy Bambas at brbambas@dwu.edu

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