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South Dakota fans look to nearby states for national teams to support

By Emily Nicolaisen

With the NFL entering Week 7 and with the MLB World Series about to begin, SD residents continue to display their foam fingers and favorite jerseys.

Because South Dakota does not have a national football or baseball team, resident must look outward to pick a favorite team. DWU student Richie Weise is one of many students who understands the excitement of the sports season.

Although Weise follows both football and baseball, he has a greater passion for baseball because he is a baseball player. Weise does not really have a favorite football team—he has a favorite player. Wiese supported the Packers, for a short time the Jets, and now the Vikings. Sensing a pattern? Wiese is a Brett Favre fan.

Weise supports the Minnesota Twins one hundred percent. Perhaps it is because he moved to South Dakota from Minnesota. “I support the team by going to the games, watching it on television, and wearing jerseys and hats,” stated Wiese.

Weise picked the Twins because he moved to South Dakota from Minnesota. But everybody picks their favorite teams differently. One can choose his or her favorite team by

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DWU hosts blood drive in Wagner Chapel

Director for the Center for Talent Development, Jacki Larson, donates blood during the Siouxland Blood Drive hosted by DWU in the Wagner Chapel on Wednesday, October 14. (Photo by Chareece Ball)

New E-mail causing frustration for students

By Emily Nicolaisen

Students have spoken out about the troubles they face with the new e-mail program on campus.

“I was frustrated when I was not able to receive an assignment on time because Outlook wasn’t working,” stated Alli Clarke.

“I tried sending emails to my RD and Adam Jones and they wouldn’t

go through at all,” stated Mallory Gould. “They were important e-mails for my job,” she added.

“I’ve tried e-mailing three professors and they’ve all come back unsent. I didn’t know they weren’t going through right away. Sometimes it came back as ‘unsent’

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Editorial: Get involved

By Ashleigh Nolz

Editor, Phreno Cosmian

The end of October is almost here, and whether you're a newbie freshman or a seasoned college veteran, these few years go by faster than you know it. As a senior myself, my recommendations are not to waste these years. Get involved, volunteer by joining a team, club, or group. Go to the events sponsored and put on campus. Meet with the individuals and speakers invited on campus. Dig out your blue and white gear and head to a game and support your athletes. If there are any opportunities out there, get involved! Stake your claim to fame and get yourself noticed. The more you achieve now, the better your resume and the likelihood of someone picking you up becomes. Employers look to see how much involvement you've had with your community and where you've gained experience.

As you will come to find out through life, it's all about connections and whom you know. Make an appearance and reap the later bene-

fits. Patience is a virtue and much needed quality, but trust me - the rewards are profound.

If there is one thing about college opportunities and volunteering, I emphasize, highlight, underscore and put into bold caps - internships. They are not only a great way to get involved and make connections, but some businesses will turn your time and effort into a pay check. If not, you're still getting paid through experience, which no doubt you will need upon graduating.

Challenge yourself. Enhance your qualities and characteristics. Even if you're an introverted individual, make an effort to try. We all know life is short. Being too critical of your talents and abilities and overanalyzing the inevitable is a waste of time; time that isn't available to buy back.

As always, remember to do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are.

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The *Phreno Cosmian* welcomes positive or negative comments on any aspect of our newspaper. The *Phreno* reserves the right to edit submissions for spelling or inappropriate comments. We accept anonymous letters. You may submit your concerns or praise to asnolz@students.dwu.edu or turn in a typed letter to mailbox # 318.

Letter to the editor:

I am writing regarding the article about the Peru Mission trip last May. As a mission team member and habitual reader of the *Phreno*, I was rather excited when I found out that the trip would be covered in the first edition of this year's *Phreno*. When I read the article however, I went from being excited, to being confused and rather upset. The headline describes the trip as “The Experience of a lifetime” perhaps true, but it does not describe my experience. Not only were some of the basic facts about the trip wrong, such as how many students went, the author’s obvious use of only two sources gives a, if nothing else, skewed version of the trip. There is one sentence dedicated

to what the entire team did for three and a half days, and two paragraphs on what part of the team did for half a day. I think what I perhaps find to be the most frustrating of this entire ordeal is the fact that so few of the team members were contacted about the article. Out of the 13 students that went, 9 are still on campus. Two were interviewed for the article. I am disappointed that an article about doing so much good could turn out so badly.

Respectfully,
 Shannon Mack
 DWU 2009 Mission Team Member

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Student Association Senate Minutes

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Student Senate

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

11:00 AM

McGovern Library Room 126

Meeting was called to order by President Katy Duffy at 11:04.

Invocation was led by SMC representative Kelsie Nebelsick.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Christian Hildebrandt, second by Mallory Gould.

Note: Dr. Cole came at this time to give a report on the state and future of the DWU honors program.

Officer's Reports

President Katy Duffy reported that the Senate has received the paperwork for adopting the highway and they hope to get a cleanup organized before the weather gets bad.

Vice President Karissa Miller reported that if senators want to turn in paper copies of reports or requests they could put them in box 611.

Treasurer Rose Decker reported that the senate has \$8,635.70 in Conference funds, \$9,000 in Discretionary, and \$7,000 in roll over.

Secretary Shannon Mack reported that the senate is still working on updating the website and that the minutes are normally up on the current website by the Friday following the meeting.

Parliamentarian Layne Scheveck reported that the MTVU TVs would be gone by the end of the week, and that it is hoped to get new TVs in the cafeteria by the end of the semester, if not sooner.

Class Reports

Freshman Class President election are underway.

Sophomore Class President had nothing to report.

Junior Class President had nothing to report.

Senior Class President was not present.

Reps at Large elections are underway.

Standing Committee Reports

Intramural Sports reported that they are going to be starting a weekend dodge ball tournament.

Multicultural Committee reported that they had a great turnout for the Salsa/salsa event and that they won in the parade contest.

Phreno Cosmian reported that their second edition would be coming out tomorrow.

Student Activities Board reported that Homecoming had gone well and that they would be having Grocery Bag Bingo next Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Student Ministries Council reported that they had had their normal weekly activities; Koinonia, FCA, Bible study, and Chapel. There are separate male and female bible studies meeting on Wednesdays and Thursdays if anyone is interested. They have been getting a good turnout at chapel so far this semester. Due to the long weekend there will be no Koinonia or FCA this upcoming week.

Organization reports

Athletic Training Club reported that they are still working on a time to have their coaches clinic.

Biology Club had nothing to report.

College Democrats reported that they are going to have a debate with the College Republicans over the issues of health care and the deficit.

College Republicans reported their involvement in the debate and that they will be celebrating Bill of Rights Day.

DWU FTO reported that they had a float in the Homecoming parade and they were going to have an alumni speaker, but it was cancelled. Right now they are gearing up for National

Education Week.

Human Services reported that they had a good turnout at the parade, the unity walk for Domestic violence was canceled and they are researching conferences for this year.

Math Club reported that they are planning on going to the National Conference for the Teachers of Mathematics which will be held November 4-6.

Oyate Ho Waste reported that they will have their Indian Taco fundraiser on October 16th. They meet every week in Hughes 202 on Friday at noon.

PBL was not present.

Psychology Club/Psi Chi was not present.

Residence Hall Council is working on changing to RLC (Residence Life Council).

SIFE sold foam fingers at the football game.

STREAK had their first meeting. They added an additional advisor, Jacki Larson, and will meet again at the end of the month

Student Nurses Association will be helping the hospital to give flu shots.

APO/Theatre Club will have an Improv night sometime this month and hope to have their fundraising theater week again. The production Agnes of God will be on October 22-25.

Unfinished Business

Food service committee – The Senate is still looking for student representatives to serve on the food service committee. Anyone interested should contact a Senate officer. Ben Zimmer and Wade Schoenfelder both volunteered to be members.

New Business

SNA Conference Funds Request – Student Nurses Representative presented a request to send the Student Nursing president to Phoenix to at-

tend a conference. The total request was \$372.50. Following discussion representative Christian Hildebrandt would motion for a vote. Representative Mallory Gould would make a motion to approve the request, seconded by representative Jeannette Mitchell. Motion would be approved.

Announcements

All requests to the senate need to be sent to all five of the executive officers.

The Good and the Welfare STREAK will be selling shirts as a fundraiser.

If you would like input on the future of the Honors Program, contact Karissa.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeannette Mitchell, second by Wade Schoenfelder. Meeting adjourned at 11:39

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Mack
Student Senate Secretary



Students making the most of their college experience: Jose Venales

By Emily Nicolaisen

College students must adjust to a different atmosphere and make new friends. But for students whose homes are thousands of miles away, like Jose Venales, these adjustments

may be more difficult.

Jose Venales, 21, is in his second year at Dakota Wesleyan University, majoring in business and management. Venales is from Caracas, the capital of Venezuela.

Venales pitches for the DWU baseball team. Since he comes from a baseball family, he first played when he was four years old. "My first baseball memory scared me. It was the first time I was at bat; the ball hit me right in the helmet," Venales explained.

Baseball brought Venales to the United States. He played for a team in Venezuela called Los Reyes. He also played for the Venezuela Selection Team, a national team. Venales was always a catcher in the past. However, the DWU coaches prefer him as pitcher, because he throws hard.

There are several DWU students who have the opportunity to visit home on the weekends, or at least the long holidays. Venales does not get this luxury. Flights to Venezuela take about eight hours, excluding the hours of layovers along the way. "If I leave South Dakota around 7 a.m., I would arrive home around 11 p.m. that night. It is an all day event," explained Venales.

Venales has three older brothers. They all love baseball. One brother, Luis Venales, came to the United States to play baseball in the minor leagues for the Florida Marlins.

"I miss my family," Venales stated. He does keep in contact with his family, thousands of miles away, at least once a week. They use the Skype program on the computer. Also, his mother calls his cell phone on occasion. "She can't live without talking to me," Venales declared.

The Venales family was excited for Jose to travel to the United States. They told him experiencing another culture and learning their language would benefit him. "I came to the United States for greater opportunities, to play baseball, and to learn English," stated Venales.

Originally, Venales traveled to Iowa to attend college on a baseball scholarship with Dani Flores, another DWU baseball player from Venezuela, his friend, and his roommate. When the expected scholarship did not come through, Venales searched the internet for other options, coming across Dakota Wesleyan University. "I liked what I read about DWU," Venales commented.

A typical day for Venales would not seem so out-of-the-ordinary to many students. He attends baseball practice at 6 a.m. for an hour before he eats breakfast and focuses on classes. Besides his night class on Wednesdays, he is usually finished by 3 p.m., just in time to make it to baseball practice for two hours. Shower, supper, homework. Rinse, lather, repeat. However, these daily tasks are more difficult for someone who is still adjusting to the South Dakota culture.

Venales first began learning the English language last year, when he was 20. "When I came for the first time to the United States, I didn't know any English. It is hard to understand my classes sometimes," stated Venales.

The friendly atmosphere of DWU makes it easier for students to feel welcome. "Teachers and students were always talking to me, trying to get to know me," explained Venales. Coming from a



beach house in a large city to the dorms of small-town Mitchell was a major change for Venales. "Back home, I was always stuck in traffic. My first impression of Mitchell was 'boring town.' But then I met all the friendly people. I like it much better than Iowa," explained Venales.

Venales found that the culture change benefitted him overall. "I have benefitted most by learning from the people here, students and teachers. The people here are interesting," stated Venales.

The dorm life is a positive experience for Venales. "I am always interacting with people. I like the rules too; it is much better on-campus rather than off-campus," Venales commented.

However, not all culture changes are positive. Venales found food and weather to be major culture shocks.

Venales does not like the food here at all; he believes there is too much fast food. "I miss my mom's home-cooked meals. Most of all, I miss arepas," Venales stated. Venales ate arepas almost every day for breakfast in Venezuela. Arepas are made up of a homemade crust wrapped around any combination of meat, cheese, and eggs. "The food here is just not that flavorful. I used to have rice, chicken, pastas, all home-cooked," stated Venales.

Venales was introduced to snow for the first time in his life when he arrived in Des Moines, Iowa

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(Photos of Jose Venales by Chareece Ball)

Some men never grow up, they just grow older

By Teagan Aguinaga



“Who wouldn’t enjoy waking up, going to work and getting paid to be a 5-year-old boy?” assistant biology professor, Brian Patrick asked.

On Friday, October 9, I met with Brian Patrick in

the McGovern Library at Java City at 2:15 p.m., to get to know a little bit more about our new biology teacher. My first impression of professor Patrick was that he is a well-educated man with a lighthearted personality.

Professor Patrick obtained his undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of Kansas, then taught at Kent State in Kent, Ohio before coming to DWU this past fall.

Biology major Vanessa Rodriguez said, “I really enjoy his classes, with his energy and love for what he is teaching, he makes biology fun again.”

Brian Patrick has been married for fourteen years to Traci Patrick, the assistant director of annual giving here at DWU. They have two chil-

dren, their daughter Thea, 9 and son Aiden, 5. Prior to, becoming residents of Mitchell, Patrick and his family came from Baldwin, Kansas. “I always wanted to go to a small liberal arts school, preferably in the Midwest because I’m from here,” Patrick explained.

During the first few months of school, Professor Patrick and his students worked on an important research project along with Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, and the U.S. Geological Survey Paxulent Wildlife Research Center in Beltsville, Md. The project seeks to determine the best way to monitor the diversity of wasp and bee species in North America.

Students conducted their research along the wetland of James River using a 20-ounce and two liter plastic bottles filled with Heineken and Blue Moon beer with small apple slices, orange juice



New biology professor and spider expert Dr. Brian Patrick
(University Relations Photo)

and sugar water in its traps. Their research received media coverage from the “Daily Republic” and their findings were sent to the USGS in Maryland.

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- Dr. Patrick
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Student Ministry Council to embark on mission trip to Puerto Vallarta during Spring Break

By Christen Hildebrandt



During this upcoming spring break the Student Ministry Council will be leading a group of 15 students and two staff members to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for a mission trip.

“The idea for going to Mexico came about on last year’s

Spring Break mission trip to Minneapolis. Analisa Morel, who is from Puerto Vallarta, was with us. It was cold and snowy, basically normal Minnesota in late February, and we joked about how we should visit Analisa’s house next year,” said junior Shannon Mack

Joking became reality this fall and the mission trip team is currently planning to build a house, and work with orphans in the Puerto Vallarta area. The group will also have time to relax by visiting

the tropical forest near Puerto Vallarta. The mission team is planning to see this tropical forest by taking a canopy tour, which will involve zip-lining through the tree tops.

“I really enjoy mission trips in general, so I’m looking forward to the trip itself. The stories and spiritual growth that come from mission trips has been one of the greater joys in my life, so I try to take any chance I get to share God’s love with others,” said Bring Team co-coordinator Seth LaBounty.

Many students can’t wait for the spring mission trip this year; however that led to a trade off that needed to be made to have the Puerto Vallarta trip happen.

“Compared to past Spring Break mission trips, this will be much farther than we’ve gone in recent history. Last year we went to Minneapolis and the year before that, Kansas City. This trip, since it will be bigger than past Spring Break trips

will be taking the place of the Summer Mission Trip,” said Send Team co-coordinator Mallory Gould.

Although SMC will not have a summer mission trip this year, students will have an opportunity to go on May 2010 Service Learning class/travel to Tanzania. This learning opportunity is being lead by campus counselor Sally Wickware-Thompson.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the trueness of people come out. Mission trips allow those who don’t normally open up to open up, because we all share the one commonality of loving God,” said Send Team co-coordinator Tanner LaValliere.

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an hour or two later," explained Tami Pickart.

Jack Mortenson, assistant professor of computers and multimedia, explained the importance of e-mail communication. "We need to be in contact with one another to submit assignments and receive assignments. E-mail is as important as a telephone these days. Without e-mail working, we're sunk," Mortenson stated.

"A phone is a communication mode. E-mail is different; it is a personal connection with someone. You can send things through e-mail unlike the telephone. It is way more than just a mode of communication," Mortenson added.

Don't fret, students and staff. The Information Technology department works every day to make the internet world run smoothly on campus.

Director of Information Technology, Matt Moore, discussed the goals of the programs and the speed bumps they hit along the way.

"The first go-round is most difficult, especially during the transition period when you keep both the old program and the new program running," Moore stated. Dakota Wesleyan University began transitioning to the new program around Sept. 1.

The crew ran across difficulties when they moved the local accounts to the Microsoft Office accounts. However, the complications were fixed almost immediately.

In addition to the transition period, the crew underestimated the hit coming from all the schools with access to the program. It took 72 hours to resolve this problem. There have not been any related troubles since.

Most complications with the new program involve difficulties e-mailing faculty members. Faculty member accounts end with "dwu.edu" while student accounts end with "students.dwu.edu". For awhile, the new system confused the two, which made collaboration difficult. These issues have been noted as well.

All technicalities aside, the new Microsoft Office program does have good intentions for all users. When IT decided to update to this new program, they had four main goals in mind.

It offers more e-mail storage to the students.

The e-mail collaboration allows documents to be shared between students and faculty members.

The network storage went from 25 GG to 150 MG.

When students leave, they have the option to keep account or migrate the data to a different e-mail account.

So, students and staff, there you

have it. Although there are always a few kinks when introducing a new system to campus, the number of complications is beginning to lessen. Students are getting the most out of the program, sharing documents and storing important messages, thanks to the IT helpdesk.

*** Update**

On October 15, the DWU IT Department sent a campus-wide E-mail titled "Email Delivery Issue."

The E-mail listed four steps students should follow when sending E-mails to faculty and staff.

1. Click the "To:" button on a new or forwarded message.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Scroll down the address list
 - Click on an entry in the list and start typing the last name to just down the address list
 - Run a search to find the address
3. Double-click the address to add it to the "To:" field
4. Click OK

Contact the Helpdesk if you still encounter problems.

Dr. Patrick

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"I believe that higher education is going in a positive direction. So much of what we are learning constantly surrounds us, from the common topics of evolution to stem cell research. The U.S. seems to be taking a step back and is no longer at the forefront, but overall our secondary education seems to be keeping up," Patrick explained.

This semester, Professor Patrick instructs General Bio., Ecology and Plant Morphology and will teach Gen. Bio. I & II, along with Plant Systematics next spring. Patrick's field of study is ecology, which involves the abundance and distribution of organisms, with a specialization in spiders.

Through his teachings Patrick

hopes, "Students understand that biology is important in everything they do and it can be really fun... and also, that they don't think I'm too weird or crazy."

Watch for features on other new DWU faculty members and coaches in upcoming issues.

Flu shots still available on-campus

Call the campus health office at 995-2957 to schedule an appointment for a seasonal flu shot. Walk-ins are also welcome. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The cost of a flu shot is \$15.

* The H1N1 flu shot is not available at this time.

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Campus flu vaccines, supplies limited

By: *Ashleigh Nolz*

As of Wednesday, September 30, 120 of the seasonal flu vaccines became available to all students, faculty and staff here on campus. Since that day, Wesleyan's campus caretaker has administered roughly five vaccines daily, which contain a combination of the A and B virus.

The seasonal flu and H1N1 are completely different strains of the flu virus; acquiring both vaccines is the fundamental way to protect yourself, says Donna Gerlach, campus nurse.

"Most college campuses will receive the H1N1, at the very latest, November."

Gerlach is taking both appointments and walk-ins for the flu shot. She says her supplies are dwindling down, so if you're thinking of vaccinating yourself for a decent price, head to her office.

"Pregnant women, and both the very young and elderly have the weakest immune systems," says Gerlach. "Hospitals and clinics will attend to those generations first, and then supplies will be sent to us."

Fifteen dollars is the asking price to protect your health, and with less than 30 vaccines left, a few minutes of your time is all it takes.

Gerlach's office is located in the basement floor of the Rollins Campus Center, directly down the west end stairs near the campus mail boxes. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Vaccinations will be given over the noon hour by appointment only.

Gerlach wants to remind everyone to take advantage of the hand sanitizers located all around campus in class rooms and upstairs in the dining area. Be proactive in your health and remember to utilize safety precautions when dealing with germs. Wash your hands, cough/sneeze into your arm, and don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth after working with germ infested keyboards, door knobs, railings, books, and tables.

For more information on the flu virus, check out the website www.immunize.org/vis.



**DWU campus nurse
Donna Gerlach
Find her in the basement of Rollins
(University Relations photo)**

DWU's Physical Plant has stayed busy this fall adding new features and upgrading old ones



DWU students have one less reason for being late to class as a new clock tower was installed between Smith Hall and the chapel just before Homecoming weekend. Physical Plant employees also keeps DWU's various fountains in working order until we reach freezing temperatures.

(Phreno staff photos)



Movie Review

“Couples Retreat”

By Chareece Ball

“Couples Retreat,” rated PG-13 and directed by Peter Billingsley, is one of those movies that can get someone laughing so hard, they end up grasping their sides, gasping for what little breath can be obtained before the next laughing spree.

This movie is about four couples, Dave and Ronnie (played by Vince Vaughn and Malin Akerman), Jason and Cynthia (Jason Bateman and Kristen Bell), Shane and Trudy (Faizon Love and Kali Hawk), and Joey and Lucy (Jon Favreau and Kristin Davis), who take up the pelican package and travel to Eden resort for a week full of what they believe to be fun. Little did they know that when they showed up, they would be forced to go through therapy and “couples skill building.” During this time, the couples and the friends come to realize that maybe

they don’t know each other as well as they thought.

Through the shark attacks, and the absurdly good looking yoga instructors, these four couples discover failure and success, and notice the good things in one another. Even though they face heartbreak, criticism, and even jealousy, they realize that there really is more to their marriages than they would believe.

Though some parts were a bit confusing and seemed to be off point, most of the movie was really great. I could not stop laughing at the humor and jokes that were constantly being thrown to the audience with dignity. I would give this movie 3 out of 5 stars.

Book Review

“Lock and Key” by Sarah Dessen

Reviewed by Chareece Ball



Sarah Dessen, author of realistic fiction novels for young adults, never fails to

amaze me with her stories about people simply trying to get through life. In “Lock and Key,” she gives Ruby, a 17 year old girl, a life that is truly unforgettable.

For three months, Ruby lives by herself while her mother is out doing God only knows what. She tries to manage to take care of herself, while going to school and balancing a job. That is, until she is discovered by her landlords, and is sent to Social Services. From there, she is sent to live with her sister, Cora, whom she has not seen or had contact with in ten years, and her sister’s husband, Jamie. Soon, Ruby realizes living with her just may be more complicated than she originally expected.

While uncovering secrets and discovering herself, Ruby meets her next door neighbor, Nate, and find that maybe she isn’t the only ‘checked’ kid in the rich part of town. While discovering her mother’s lies and developing a new life, Ruby discovers Nate’s life, and the secrets he holds inside as well.

Through the good and the bad, Ruby holds on tight to her new and strange life, while trying her best to help Nate walk through his.

In many ways, a lot of people can relate to this novel and to Ruby’s life and complications. I couldn’t peel my eyes away from this story, and I was completely consumed. Sarah Dessen never seems to fail with her novels, and “Lock and Key” definitely portrays as much very well.

Restaurant Review

A Country Kitchen Canadian Thanksgiving

By Jerry Hinkle

Once again, I’ve been selected to report on fine dining in the big city. I went to Mitchell’s County Kitchen on Canadian Thanksgiving Day.

When I was growing up, back in the 70s, this restaurant chain had a slogan that simply stated, “A lot of people come to Country Kitchen.” There were not so many people there this evening.

This is how it went down:

4:57- I walk in the door. Right away I notice that the chain is celebrating 70 years of service to their customer. I was promptly greeted by a hostess who placed me in a booth by the entrance. She tells me a server will be with me momentarily, so I study the menu, taking care to place an order under \$15 so that I’ll be allowed to do this again.

4:59- The server brings water and takes my drink order, Diet Coke. I give the menu the once over. Because I had Canadian Thanksgiving the previous evening, I ordered BBQ chicken and mashed potatoes from the specials menu. As an appetizer, I ordered fried cheese sticks at 5:05, and then

started reading “The Survivors Club” during the long wait. There was background music of the 1960s easy listening variety. I start singing along to “Turn around, Look at Me” hoping nobody hears.

5:14 – The sticks arrive and they are hot. Some sticks have hard cheese. There is too much marinara sauce for the 8 sticks given. I ate them all, so I can’t complain too much.

5:17- The rest of the meal arrives. The chicken appears to be 4-6 ounces, covered with sauce. The excess marinara is a good substitute for gravy on the mashed potatoes. They along with the corn were perfect. It was true home cooking, or they really fooled me here. Canned frozen corn is usually easy to tell, but as far as I know, it was all fresh.

5:24- The server takes the cheese stick platter and the marinara container away. The chicken and the BBQ sauce were alright.

5:35- I am presented with the bill. It is \$14.95, just under the self imposed limit. The policy here is to pay at the table because there is no till. The better restaurants usually allow people to pay at the table.

5:39- I depart after being well fed, giving Country Kitchen 4.5 out of 5 forks!

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the players, family influence, home state, or the statistics of the team. Weise estimates that he watches games at least a half hour a day, seven days a week. Of course, Sundays are an exception. Weise enjoys the excitement of the games the most. "It's an excuse for guys to hang out. Plus, I don't want to miss anything about the games," declared Weise. "Watching sports calms me down, and I still do homework in the meantime," added Weise.

Some people not only support their favorite team, but actively dislike other teams in the leagues. Weise, for example, despises the Yankees. "Yankees have the highest payroll. Did you know that one player on the Yankees team earns what 9 Twins players would earn?" declared Weise.

Watching the games can make the viewer feel that much closer to his or her dreams. "I always wanted to be a professional baseball player. I still have that dream. I'd like to play some day for any team," stated Weise. Any team, that is, except the Yankees.

Where most sports fans keep their foam fingers and jerseys, Weise stores a couple prized possessions. He owns the spring training jersey worn by Carlos Gomez, the starting centerfielder for the Twins. Also, he owns a pair of a Yankee player's shoes—they must be worth something.

Wiese plans to work towards his goal of becoming a professional player. "I will continue to work out and help coach the softball team this year," Weise explained. Weise plans on trying out for a semi-professional team, the St. Paul Saints, this summer. It is a three-day trial session. "I have confidence I can make this team," added Weise.

Weise admits there can be a couple minor drawbacks to supporting one particular team. "You could lose money if you gamble on games. I don't bet though. You also still need to do your schoolwork," explained Weise. Getting excited about your team's statistics and scores is also acceptable. "It's healthy to argue about it," added Weise.

South Dakota residents, hold your foam fingers up high and throw on your caps and jerseys, it's going to be a rowdy season!

- Jose
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on January 2008. "I don't like snow at all; it's so cold and wet! It makes me sad, because I'm used to living by the ocean in warm weather, between 80 and 90 degrees," declared Venales.

Despite the food and weather, Venales loves the campus and all it has to offer. "My favorite part about DWU is the library. I spend most my time there studying," stated Venales.

Venales' enjoys all of his classes, with the exception of English, which he still finds very challenging. "My favorite class is Physics with Farney. He is so funny and the homework is not bad at all," explained Venales.

He utilizes the work-study program as a multimedia assistant. He works between noon and 3 p.m. on weekdays and any time he finds on the weekends. Recently, he played the music for the school dance.

The daily stresses interrupted Venales sleep schedule. Although he used to sleep eight hours on average in Venezuela, adapting to a new culture made it difficult to sleep at times. "Sometimes I only get five hours of sleep per night," Venales stated. But he does not have any complaints about the school, his schedule, or the environment...unless it snows.

This baseball star took a swing at a great opportunity. Although the adjustments seemed vast and difficult at first, I'd say he's on the fast track to hitting a homerun.

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“Agnes of God” to play at the Sherman Center

By Jerry Hinkle

This reporter was treated to a small preview of the DWU Theatre Fall Play “John Pielmeier’s Agnes of God.” The title comes from the Latin “Agnus Dei,” which translates to “Lamb of God.”

Kelsey Miller plays the title role, a novice nun who, at least on the surface, appears to be as innocent as a lamb. However, she gives birth to a dead baby. A mystery unfolds that, according to Agnes’ portrayer, will keep the audience guessing throughout the show. “It’s an amazing show, very entertaining, and the people I’m working with are amazing,” said Miller.

“I was excited, because there’s a musical part in the play!” said Miller, when she first heard that “Agnes” was coming to DWU. “My roommate, Malisa Tafoya, had seen it at ACTF last year and she told me all about it.” The most challenging part of being Agnes for Kelsey is the mystery, “She’s very complex. What’s wrong with her? And whether she, in fact, experiences miracles. That’s kind of what I’m trying to convey, it’s really hard.”

The musical part of “Agnes” was exciting for her as well. “It’s a capella and I don’t get a starting note. That was kind of overwhelming at first, but it’s getting better. I think my musical ability surpasses my acting ability.” The music ranges from Gregorian chants to “Jesus Loves Me,” and packs an amazing emotional punch with each note.

Kerrie Roozen plays the psychiatrist, Dr. Livingstone. It is the biggest role in the play and she admits that it’s the biggest role she has

ever had so far in her body of work at DWU. In this role she, as the saying goes “Runs the gamut of emotions.” She saw the play being performed last year. “I was really touched by it. I was really excited to potentially be a part of it.”

As the psychiatrist, Roozen feels, “A lot of what she goes through is a lot of what every human experiences at some point in their life. Questioning the facts of life rather than just believing in something. I channel some of my own emotions; some practices have been really emotional. A part of me gets invested into the character. It’s hard not to take a part of the show with you. You also have to remember that this is just a character and not really your life.”

Mother Teresa once said “God never gives me more than I can handle, I just wish he didn’t trust me so much.” Sometimes Roozen feels this way about professor Dan Miller, the director. She has been asked of a lot in her DWU theatre, and even though she makes it look effortless, this reporter has seen firsthand the amount of work Roozen goes through. She has been consistently given complex characters, and has always risen to the occasion every time. The fact that her mother is coming all the way from the east coast doesn’t faze her either. “Sometimes I think she’s my biggest fan, which is exciting. I’m very excited to have her here for this, especially since it’s the biggest role I’ve ever had to date.”

Brenda Habermann, a fresh face on the DWU theatre scene, was chosen to portray the Mother Superior. She brings along with her a unique perspective on “Agnes.” When she heard about the play, her first thought was “I’ll get extra credit in Theatre Class for auditioning. It’s true.”

She may have auditioned for extra credit, but she is just as dedicated to the play as the rest of the cast. Habermann had no idea what to expect from “Agnes,” having never before read nor seen the play. “Kerry, Kelsey, Dan and [stage manager

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Past Phreno Sept. 22, 1976

By Phreno Staff

The September 22 issue anticipates a visit from world-famous entertainer Bob Hope. Hope was set to visit DWU on September 25 to receive an honorary doctorate of performing arts degree at a special ceremony conducted by Dr. Messer in the Science Hall auditorium. We will check the next issue to see how the ceremony turned out.

This issue of the Phreno prepares the university for homecoming weekend. Details about the student activities for homecoming appear throughout the issue with many photos. The theme for the year’s homecoming was “Fantasia.” David Kroupa was named the Beanie King, and Carmen Foiles received the honor of Beanie Queen. The announcement was made at the freshman dance. Other upcoming events included a road rally, a “Soul Night” dance sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center, a showing of “Alice in Wonderland,” the coronation of king and queen, and the bonfire. Saturday of homecoming was named Bud Dougherty Day, after the football coach at DWU from 1919-1927. After the parade, the 3-0 football team was scheduled to take on Dana, followed by the homecoming dance.

The Phreno staff received three letters to the editor for this issue. The first came from a student wondering when the Student Senate would release a list of all the clubs and activities a student could become involved in. The concerned student wrote, “As a person who cares, I would like to know exactly just what our Student Senate is doing?” One of the things Student Senate was doing can be found in the “Senate Report,” where the senate decided to charge students 50 cents per hour for playing pool in the game room and 10 cents per hour for ping pong.

The second letter calls for a more open campus atmosphere, as the person feels unable to meet people who refuse to move outside their established groups. The third letter to the editor asks students to take advantage of their college opportunity and participate in activities.

DWU’s International Club elected its officers for the school year. Nori Yamada was selected as president, Nihat Erin Sertoglu was elected vice-president, and Shirin Samuel was elected secretary.

Irene Olawsky, the campus nurse, contributed an article in response to the number of stomach flu cases spreading throughout the campus. The advice to thwart the “mild epidemic” is serious hand-washing. The nurse reminds students to wash hands since “. . . the offending ‘bug’ isn’t in the food when you get it or we’d have the entire campus in the bathroom!”

Lovely.

If you studied or worked at DWU during a year profiled in a “Past Phreno” and have a good story to share about one of the events listed, we would really appreciate hearing from you. Send an E-mail to one of our editors or the faculty supervisor.

Senator Hinkle's Filibuster: Breaking the silence, one year ago

By Jerry Hinkle

Protesting a perceived societal wrong at the collegiate level has been a proud American tradition. One thinks of the Vietnam controversy and students chanting "Hey hey! LBJ! How many kids did you kill today?" or "Make Love Not War!" Protests have been going on since before the Bill of Rights was written. Asa Barber, grandfather to Henry David Thoreau, led a protest at Harvard when the food service gave the students rancid butter. They obviously didn't have Aramark at Harvard back then. Barber stood up and yelled "Behold, our butter stinketh" and even though it wasn't as catchy as "make love not war," the slogan caught on. Ever since then, it has been up to the protester to let society know when they got it wrong.

I was proud to be one of the students involved in the silent protest of abortion last year. It was a Thursday. I has Biology lab at 7:30 a.m., and I can honestly say that I recall nothing that happened there because I was wondering just how this protest was going to work. I joined the rest of the group at Wagner Chapel at 9:30 to have my mouth duct taped shut. Several people in and around Holabird would have paid to see that alone. We went downtown and walked up and down Main Street, handed out flyers, and waved our posters. Then we ventured over to Wal-Mart, where we were ejected within two minutes of entering. We lasted longer than I thought we would. On the way out I set a flyer down at the greeter's station. I was glad to get out of there, because the smell of that fried chicken was so good, and remember, my mouth was covered with duct tape.

We got back to campus at 11, just in time for worship. That was interesting. I hummed instead of singing for which I'm sure the people around me were grateful. The leader of the protest made sure all involved knew to "Use common sense" re-

garding having our mouths taped shut. I laughed when I read that, but realized that common sense is not all that common sometimes. The tape wasn't all that sticky. At noon, we walked around campus, into buildings, etc. We were given a lot of "thumbs up" signs from different people, some ignored us. It was an quite an experience all in all

We had a candlelight service. It was a good time for great time of quiet reflection of the day's events. It was there that I met a young man named Alan Stuber who introduced me to a principle I call Stuber's Law: "Heartbeat equals life." It was hard not to be moved by his story, and the others. There have been tens of millions of unborn children aborted in this country. When I heard of the pain people went through, it helped me to realize how blessed I've been that I've never had to make this decision of life and death for an unborn baby. They got through it, and it helped bring them a little closer to God. Some people aren't that lucky.

I'm not going to use this column to convince anyone that my view on this issue is the best and all should follow. You, the reader, would have an easier time convincing Dr. Flynn that I don't know much about history. I just want people to be aware of what I did, and why. See, the fact is, I was pro-choice before that day. For the first time in my 40+ years of life I realized what a precious gift life is. The Roman Philosopher Epictetus once said that we were "endowed with a spark of the divine" by Zeus, his concept of God, and that without this "spark" human life was just a collection of clay pots with so much blood in them. During that protest I felt that spark, and I've been pro-life ever since.

Growing up, I was always told to keep my opinions to myself, because nobody cares what I



think, and if they did, they'd stop as soon as I opened my mouth. I

thought they were right until one day a young lady handed me a picture of an aborted fetus, and asked me what I thought of that. It's easy being pro-choice when you're not the one being killed.

I don't condemn any mother who has made the decision to terminate her pregnancy. I admittedly don't know what that decision is like, and God willing, I'll never know. It must have been very difficult, and if not, it should be. Snuffing out the light of a spark of the divine should never be taken lightly. That goes for capital punishment as well. I ran over my dog and killed him. Even though he was old, and I never meant to, I still feel bad about taking his life. I don't believe any mother who terminates a pregnancy deserves hell either. They more than likely put themselves through hell about it themselves. I'd like to think that all of the innocent unborn lives taken since Roe vs. Wade are living in heaven with a loving caring and forgiving God, and we as humans could learn from that.

Now for something a little more pleasant. I'd like to recognize the photo in the last issue of my prizewinning performance on the Multi-Cultural Committee float. That was another in a long line of happy memories for me. The MCC has become like family to me during my time at DWU. Someone once told me that nobody here could care about me by virtue of my age and size. I believed that, until I became part of this group. I hope I've meant as much to them. Until next time, God be with you and do the best you can.

Have a topic you would like Senator Hinkle to write about?
Send him an E-mail or find him in the library.

U.S. Men qualify for 2010 World Cup

By Teagan Aguinaga

The U.S. men's national team qualified in the final round for the 2010 FIFA World Cup series Wednesday, October 14, at RFK stadium in Washington, D.C. In a 2-2 tie versus Costa Rica last Friday night, the men's team finished at the top of the final group to qualify. The U.S. has yet to win a World Cup series, with their best result being back in 1930 when they finished third in the series.

Even though soccer has been around for ages, the game in the U.S. is just coming around to be popular. Like any other sport, soccer is more engaging when you're out there playing, rather than only watching. As primarily an outdoor sport, the weather is just another one of the factors teams must deal with during their match. During the final qualifying round of the U.S. vs. Costa Rica game, the conditions were unfavorable toward both teams with a cold, rainy match.

Soccer requires endurance, discipline, communication and teamwork from all the players. Normally having a total of eleven players each on the field, the U.S. National team ended their game Friday night a man down after defender, Oguchi Onyewu tore his patellar tendon in his left knee in the last seven minutes, forcing him to be taken off the field in a stretcher. U.S. head coach Bob Bradley had already used all three substitutes allowed.

Landon Donovan had a great game with many opportunities that he was unfortunately unable to capitalize on. In an interview which can be

found on the U.S. soccer home page, www.ussoccer.com, Donovan discussed the importance of setting up teammates, saying, "There's nothing in soccer like scoring a goal. Even as a young kid, that feeling when you would score, just the appreciation and celebration of everybody, that feeling is incredible. But for me, I get equal pleasure out of setting someone up and someone else scoring the goal. For me, it used to be about trying to score as many goals as I can, but now it's about doing the things that help our team win. At this point in my career, a lot of times it's passing more than scoring. It's always been a part of my game and if there is someone in a good position to score then I try to make those plays."

At halftime Costa Rica was up 2-0 after Bryan Ruiz scored both goals in the 21st and 24th minute of the game. The intense match had both teams fiercely competing through the end of the game in hopes of coming out on top. Head coach Rene Simoes of Costa Rica, along with another member of his staff was ejected in the last few minutes from the game and had to be escorted off by security.

The USA finally put the ball in the back of the net at the 72nd minute by Michael Bradley rebounding a shot from less than five yards away. The tying goal was delivered with an incredible header from Jonathan Bornstein off a corner kick to tie the game.

The U.S. men's team will advance to the FIFA World Cup in South Africa in hopes of defying history as the first U.S. men's team to ever win.

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Nicole Anderson] make it very easy." What is her motivation for the character? "I'm a mom of teenage sons," she states. Habermann's maternal instincts serve her well in this role. As her character, she conveys compassion for Agnes but she can also be fiercely protective of her at the same time.

Each of these actors works well together. This reporter is anxious to see the entire production, because based on what he's seen, DWU Theatre has lived up to the old axiom, "Always leave 'em wanting more." The actors go through an interesting exercise of walking around the stage, wandering really. They give high fives, say their favorite lines from the play to each other, and they even have a thumb wrestling tournament of sorts, whatever it takes to get the actors ready to make theatre magic.

So why was "Agnes" chosen, and why now? Director Dan Miller explains, "Though the play was first presented in the very early 80s, the author wrote it because he thought at that time it had great significance. I'm going to say that here we are, 30 years later, that I think it has more relevance that it did 30 years ago. The world is getting so much smaller; there are so many religions out there. And we as humans need to be a lot more respectful and mindful each person's own beliefs."

"Saying that," Miller added, "let me just say that I think 'Agnes of God' is a beautiful play reaffirms one's own faith, be it Catholic, be it Apostolic, be it whatever, we all have faith. And this play make each of us look at that faith."

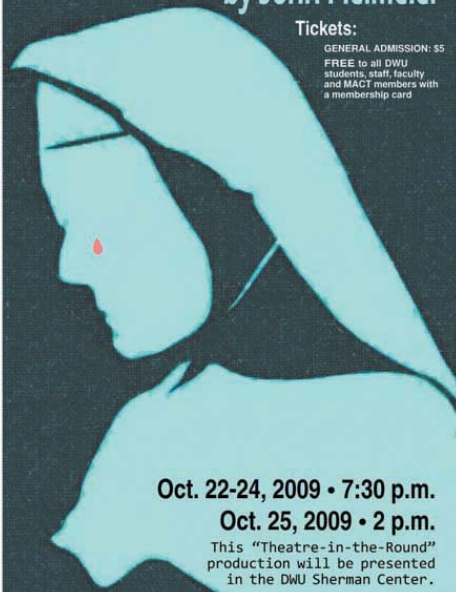
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