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The Experience of a lifetime



SAS President Katy Duffy
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President Duffy's opening remarks

By Katy Duffy

We are really excited to start Senate this year because we have received some good ideas about things we can do for campus. Some of those suggestions include new TVs for the cafeteria with access to different channels, better lighting by Smith Hall and near the education and athletic buildings, and carpet for Allen Hall's outer hallways.

Student Senate is also in contact with the State Highway Department
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By Emily Nicolaisen

Pastor Brandon Vetter traveled to Peru this past May with ten Dakota Wesleyan students on a missionary trip, determined to make an impact on the world, or at least the small town of Chincha, Peru.

Traveling from the United States to Peru became more difficult than the crew had anticipated. The missionary group planned the trip from May 11 to May 22, 2009.

However, it took an extra two days to get to their destination: Chincha, Peru. It started with a rain delay in Dallas, which led to a layover in Miami. As a result, they stayed overnight in Miami. “We tried to remain calm and stay positive,” stated Alan Stuber, recalling the layover in Miami.

Upon the arrival of Peru's capital, Lima, the students noticed some luggage lost in transit. “I think three people had their luggage. That was it,” added Stuber.

The crew lost another day of working when they were forced to stay the night in Lima, Peru to wait for the rest of the luggage.

They spent their day in Lima, Peru in the historic part of the city. The students had the opportunity to visit museums and take pictures of beautiful statues. It was a more relaxed part of the missionary trip.

Finally, Pastor Vetter and the students arrived to Chincha, Peru via a cramped bus. Stuber described his first view of the small village as “buildings on a dirt hill, draped with pieces of tarp.”

A few years ago, Chincha experienced an earthquake, which left several areas of the city in ruins. Few walls separated the ocean tides from the village area,



Above: Kelsey Miller poses with four of her new friends from Peru.
Below: Enjoying the sunset after a hard day's work.

Photos supplied by Alan Stuber

because most of them were knocked down by the wind. The dirt streets were covered with huge potholes, surrounded by collapsed buildings with windows covered in tarp.

Due to the earthquake, random abandoned boats cluttered the streets, which were washed up from the shore a few years back. This was definitely a different sight to see.

The crew did not waste any time before heading to work. “We spent a lot of time painting and sanding windows, digging trenches, and mixing cement with a shovel,” explained Tanner LaValiere.

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Editorial

By Ashleigh Nolz

For all returners, welcome back to campus, and for those of you beginning your first year here at Dakota Wesleyan University, welcome on board!

I'd like to start off with introducing myself. My name is Ashleigh Nolz. I am a senior and journalism major. Not only will I be your school newspaper editor, but I also work at Doc. Lucky's, I am a DJ at KOOL 98/KMIT, maintain a full-time course load, will be the statistician for the Tiger's baseball team, and I will also be cheerleading for the men's and women's basketball teams. So if you haven't already met me, you'll eventually see me

either at the baseball and/or basketball games, at one of my jobs, hear me on the radio, see my bi-monthly editorial, or see me on campus.

I am a pretty busy girl. Some of my future editorials I'll give you a better opportunity to learn more about myself, give you an insiders look on things going around campus, and I'll include some fun stats, trivia, and extras we've got going on at the radio station.

Also this year, I'm giving you a better chance to write in your "Letters to the Editor." You can submit any thoughts, feelings, interests, comments/concerns, questions, or statements

Letter to the editor policy

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@dwu.edu or turn in a typed letter to mailbox # 318

through either e-mailing me at anolz@students.dwu.edu or dropping off your comments at the paper's campus box 318. If you think we should add an "Ask ___" column, or maybe there is something you'd like to see or do at campus. Is there some club or group you'd like to see created? Maybe you'd like more/less interaction or activities done on campus, in class, at a game. All letters, questions, or comments submitted will be published as anonymous, unless otherwise specified.

This year, we would also like to acknowledge students on their progress in class. If you

have any type of paper or report you had prepared for a class and are very proud of your accomplishments, we'll post them. In our paper you will also find, Student Association Senate Minutes; a breakdown of what's going on around Mitchell and campus, and where you can get discounts and great deals with your students I.D.; background information on guest speakers on campus and how you can benefit from checking them out. You'll also get to read postings on sports scores, scheduling, and any other interesting events occurring with our Tigers!

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Student Association Senate Page

Student Senate

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

11:00 AM

McGovern 126

Meeting was called to order by President Katy Duffy at 11:30.

SMC representative Kelsie Nebelsick led the invocation.

There were no minutes from the last meeting

Officer's Reports

President Katy Duffy reported that the Standing Committee chairs need to serve one hour in the senate office each week. The Senate office has been moved to a different location, but is still in the basement of Rollins. The Senate executives are hoping to have the senate be more active this year and complete some projects as a whole. Some of the ideas that have come forth are carpet installation in the Allen hallways and better lighting outside of Smith Hall and the Education Department. Anyone with other ideas of projects should e-mail the Senate with ideas.

Vice President Karissa Miller reminded the representatives that they need to turn in a fundraising request to her prior to beginning any fundraising and a fundraising report following any fundraising. She requested that she be notified by e-mail prior to requests being turned in.

Treasurer Rose Decker reported that the Senate currently has \$12,000 in Conference Funds, \$9,000 in Discretionary, and \$7,000 in Rollover.

Secretary Shannon Mack had nothing to report

Parliamentarian Layne Scheveck reported that there will be a one minute time limit enforced on reporting. Reports may exceed time limit if another representative yields their time to them.

Class Reports

Freshman class president elections are coming this month.

Sophomore Class president had nothing to report

Junior class president had nothing to report

Senior class president had nothing to report

Standing Committee Reports

Intramural Sports did not yet have a representative

Multicultural Committee reported that they are holding their meetings on Thursdays at noon in the Java City area of the Library. They have an upcoming event, Salsa, salsa, for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Phreno Cosmian reported that they have a new editor, Ashleigh Nolz, and they will be replacing their assistant editor.

The deadline for the first Phreno will be Friday, September, 11th and they hope to have the first issue out on Wednesday, September 16th. The first issue will cover the Theater Club's Rock-A-Thon and the DWU mission trip to Peru. They hope to again publish the student senate minutes. They are open to new stories and ideas should be e-mailed to senate Representative Jerry Hinkle, Advisor Dr. Driedger, or Editor Ashleigh Nolz.

Student Activities Board reported that their welcome week went well and they are working on Homecoming. Homecoming Chair Ekekela Watson informed the senate that the Homecoming parade will be October 3rd and any club or organization that is interested in having a float should e-mail her. The theme for Homecoming is "Chillin' in Paradise" and a prize will be given to the float that best represents the theme.

Student Ministries Council reported that they have the continuing events of chapel in the Sherman Center on Thursday, Koininia at Pastor Brandon's house on Sundays, and FCA on Mondays.

They are planning on starting a new girl/guy bible study and students will be going to Fall Fest, a youth rally in Fairmont, MN to serve as councilors the

weekend of September 25-27th. The council plans on attending a conference in December and has two new freshman representatives.

Organization reports

Athletic Training Club reported that they are selling Tiger Cash Card again.

Biology Club reported that they are going to start plastic bottle recycling on campus.

College Democrats did not yet have a representative

College Republicans reported that they have a new advisor, Wade Druin. They will be having their meetings at 11 in Java City. Four members recently went to Huron to see Senator Thune.

DWU FTO reported that they had their first meeting. They established their grant writing committee and will have another meeting on the 15th to discuss Homecoming.

Human Services had nothing to report Math Club reported that they had their first meeting and discussed possible conferences and ideas for the year.

Oyate Ho Waste reported that they had their first meeting at which they discussed fundraising and service projects for the year. They will be holding regular meetings in Hughes 202 on Fridays at noon. Friday, September 11th will be their welcoming meeting for new members.

PBL did not yet have a representative Psychology Club/Psi Chi did not yet have a representative

Residence Hall Council did not yet have a representative

SIFE reported that they had their first executive meeting. They are working on new projects and ideas.

STREAK had nothing to report

Student Nurses Association reported that they had their welcoming picnic for incoming nursing students. They will have their first state meeting on the 21st of September.

APO/Theatre Club reported on the suc-

cess of their 72 hour Rock-A-Thon.

They are working on other possible fundraisers and service projects, including another Theater week and a murder mystery dinner for the Red Cross. They will have two productions this semester, 'Agnes of God' and 'The Glass Menagerie'.

There was no unfinished business

New Business

The Senate will not be taking on the annual food drive this year. If any group or organization is interested they may take it on as one of their service projects. In exchange for the food drive the senate will take on adopting a highway, the executive officers have already contacted the state department.

The senate is working on going green.

Organization reports will now be submitted electronically and the end of each semester.

One of the projects that the senate would like to look into is replacing the TVs in the Weston Food Court. Contact has been made with MTVU and the executive committee is looking into getting out of the contract.

Nothing to report for the Good and the Welfare

Announcements

Any ideas of what senate could do as a group should be sent to the executive officers

This week is strengths week. Jacki Larson will be around campus giving prizes for those that know their 'top five' and President Duffett will be speaking about strengths in chapel.

Motion to adjourn made by representative Mallory Gould. Second by representative Rosebud Haukaas. Meeting adjourned at 11:22

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Mack
Student Senate Secretary

Green up your dorm room

Submitted by Dr. Tony Cole

1. Use a stainless steel or plastic-free water bottle and travel mug

This will save you quite a bit of money since you are not buying plastic water bottles. Purchase a filter pitcher to go in your fridge.

2. Turn off the lights

When you are not using your lights, turn them off. This saves lots of energy. If possible, use natural light to study during the day. If it's nice outside, grab a blanket and study outside. Remember to unplug appliances (not your refrigerator) such as your phone charger, computer, stereo, TV, etc., when you are not using them. They still use energy when they are plugged in.

3. CFL's

Use compact fluorescent lights (CFL's) instead of incandescent bulbs. They last longer and use 75% less energy. You can also purchase an LED desk lamp that uses even less energy and doesn't generate as much heat!

4. Use natural air fresheners such as essential oils

Candles are out for the obvious safety reasons. So, the best way to keep your room smelling fresh is to use natural essential oils with a diffuser.

5. Switch to natural fiber sheets and pillows

Bedding is available in cotton, bamboo and even hemp fibers.

6. Use eco-friendly bath and cleaning products

For everything from laundry to bath products, you can go eco-friendly. Many of these are available at various locations around town.

7. Use natural cosmetics

Going green never looked so good! Organic and natural facial cleansers, moisturizers, and makeup are now available.

8. Shop for the Energy Star™

Whether it's your coffee maker, microwave, hair dryer, or even your computer, look for the Energy Star icon. The icon lets you know that this product uses considerably less energy than other products.

9. De-Paper yourself

Use cloth towels to dry your hands and to clean up your messes instead of paper towels. Buy some inexpensive tableware for meals and snacks in your room. (Plates, glasses and silverware are available at the thrift stores, cheap!) If you can't live without your paper towels or paper (or plastic) plates, buy recycled or Post-Consumer Waste (PCW) ones.

10. Buy recycled or Post-Consumer Waste (PCW) stationary

Instead of printing off every revision of your 10-page-history paper, keep a file on your computer so you can track your changes. Then, only print off finished final copy. (You can also check to see if your professor will allow you to submit your final version electronically.) If you must print your assignments off, try to purchase recycled or PCW paper.

11. De-plastic yourself

Use a tote bag when you go shopping. Americans use about 380 million plastic bags each year yet we recycle only about 5% (19 million) annually. The DWU Bookstore has reusable totes for sale for as little \$1 and up.

12. Storage, storage, storage

Instead of plastic storage boxes in your room, try some decorative bamboo baskets instead. When you leave for the summer, rent a storage unit (you can even share one with a friend). This way, you won't have to use extra gas hauling everything home and then back again in the fall. Plus, Mom and Dad won't be yelling at you about all the stuff you've collected and decided to bring home.

13. Shop the thrift stores

This is recycling at its best! Also, try garage sale-ing! It's a great way to explore Mitchell and meet people. You might just find that lamp or cup you've always wanted. Why not from a DWU "sale-ing" club?

14. Snack green

Buy natural foods. Visit the farmers market in the fall. Buying locally raised foods also helps the local economy.

15. Plants

They help purify the air and they look great too! Remember to water and feed them too. The Biology Club has a few spider plants and jade plants for as little as a \$1 each.)

16. Coffee and tea

Make your own! It will save you money, time and uses less paper. Remember to pick up a metal, reusable coffee filter as well. If you really need that caramel macchiato, ask to have it made in your travel mug.

17. Use recycle bins

18. Student Environment Council

Start one today!

I would like to thank Washington College in Chestertown, MD for allowing me to "recycle" their green tips. Of course, this list is not all inclusive. You may have other tips as well. – Dr. Anthony B. Cole

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to regain a highway DWU had adopted a few years ago. We anticipate that half the Senate will clean it this fall and the other half will clean it next spring. We are also asking for any submissions and forms come to us electronically. Senate is making an effort to "Go Green"!

Our Senate Exec. team this year is made up of Karissa Miller-VP, Shannon Mack-Secretary, Rosemarie Decker-Treasurer, and Layne Scheveck-Parliamentarian. We also welcome Dr. Sean Flynn and Campus Pastor Brandon Vetter as our new advisors. If any students have recommendations or concerns that can be brought to the Student Senate, feel free to email directly to the Senate email or any of our personal emails!

**Want to place an ad in our print issue and
online version?**

If you wish to advertise in the Phreno, our print days are every other Wednesday, beginning with
October 7.

Looking ahead to the 2009-10 "Phreno Cosmian"

By Dr. Derek Driedger,
Faculty Advisor

DWU's student newspaper begins a new year in a new office. The Phreno escaped the blue dungeon and moved (one door over) into 007 Rollins. Our thanks to Central Services for moving our materials, and a special thanks to Boyd Blumer who put up our dry-erase boards.

For those of you new to campus, the "Phreno Cosmian" is a Student Association Senate organization. We publish twice a month, and we usually print 12 pages in each issue. The Phreno first covered DWU news in 1890. I am starting my third year as faculty supervisor, and I know this year's Phreno will continue the progress of the past two years. Publishing even 12 pages requires many hours spent by students covering

events, writing articles, editing, completing the layout, and coordinating a print date with Mitchell's "Daily Republic." All students stay busy with many things over the semester, and the Phreno staff does their best to fit their Phreno duties within their other priorities. So I will thank them in advance for their efforts.

While the late-August and early-September Phreno efforts have concentrated on gathering a staff, we intend to organize the office very soon and begin an open-door policy. The current staff came together quickly and they began their first assignments right away. If anyone else is interested in joining the staff, please E-mail the editor, or visit with me.

All staff members receive a salary before Christmas break and at the end of April; regular contributors also receive

payment. We still pay for anyone's meal or movie ticket if someone would like to contribute a review. Students can also receive a 33% commission for helping the Phreno gain advertising revenue.

Our editor, Ashleigh Nolz, has gained significant professional experience and contacts in the local media, so I look forward to her contributions to the Phreno. The Phreno also appreciates its continued partnership with the "Daily Republic" as they help us improve every aspect of reporting and publishing the news. One new goal of the Phreno is to include news focusing on the larger Mitchell community from a student's perspective. Such stories will provide good experience for our reporters and photographers. Plus it will give us stories to share that won't be outdated quite so quickly.

If you have an idea for a story, please let us know. If clubs and organizations wish to submit a report of their events (along with photos), we welcome those contributions. If you created an interesting assignment for class, or wrote a well-written paper, the Phreno would like to publish your materials. We will also publish comics, so watch for those.

One other major task for this school year is the development of our Web site. We hope to add much more to the Web site than simply a copy of our issue. We would like to update stories on our Web site more frequently than our publishing schedule allows. We also look to include video footage, polls, and forums.

Best of luck to all this year. We hope you will help us document and preserve interesting events, people, and stories found on the DWU campus and beyond.



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Stay Close. Go Far.



Photos by Chareece Ball

Stepping up to a healthy lifestyle

By Chareece Ball

Friday, September 11, in the Sherman Center, Dakota Wesleyan University was visited by two alumni, Dr. Carla Berg, a clinical psychologist at Emory University (above left) and Dr. Jason Grindstaff, a sports psychologist at the University of Florida (above right). Dr. Grindstaff informed the crowd of the pillars that help build confidence. The first is to train hard physically, and the second is one has to be able to practice under pressure. Dr. Berg informed many of the students and professors about the dangers of smoking and how people who work for the tobacco industries try and target people to try their products. The psychology department hosted the event.

Enjoy the SIFE experience

By Tanner Wells

Join DWU SIFE on September 22 as they will open the year with a root beer float social gathering in the Sherman Center. For SIFE's first activity, they will present a talk about financial literacy and how people can avoid credit card debt.

DWU SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is a club on campus that gives students the opportunity to make a difference and to gain skills, people don't believe they have. Any student can be a part of this organization.

By joining, students will develop leadership skills, get involved with

the community, and find opportunities to social network. The experience students will earn will stem from participating in activities and showing their creativity.

SIFE's mission is "to provide students the best opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through experiential learning opportunities associated with entrepreneurship." SIFE's advisor is Rhonda Pole, the director of the Kelly Center for Entrepreneurship.

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Movie Review

“500 Days of Summer”
Reviewed by Chareece Ball

“500 Days of Summer” is a quirky, yet hilarious comedy about the too well-known feeling of unrequited love. We follow Tom, a young man who works for a greeting card company (though his passion is to become an architect) who believes that love and soul mates truly exist. To prove it to himself, he’s bound to find love in the new assistant whom he believes is his soul mate.

Summer is the new assistant at the greeting card company who believes, “Love is just a fantasy.” She meets Tom, and almost immediately they hit it off. However, she is in no hurry for anything serious in their relationship, while Tom has other plans on his mind.

Though the movie starts out a little confusing, it eventually levels out and becomes a little more mind consuming. We traveled with Tom through the good days of happiness and bliss with Summer, and eventually through the days of despair and depression.

“500 Days of Summer” was produced by Jessica Tuchinsky, and the actors include Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Tom Hansen and Zoey Deschanel as Summer Finn. This movie is rated PG-13 for language and some sexual humor and content.

I definitely give this movie four and a half stars out of five. It’s bittersweet and leaves you on the edge of your seat wanting more.

Restaurant Review

Downtown dining with the Depot

By Ashleigh Nolz

On a Wednesday night, my date and I made our way down to the southern portion of Main Street, to the quintessential restaurant known as “The Depot.”

We arrived around 8 p.m. to a relaxed atmosphere. We were immediately greeted upon entering the building and directed to the non-smoking corner booth by our host, Becky.

As soon as our drinks arrived and our food was ordered, it was only a matter of 10 - 15 minutes before we were digging into our meal.

I ordered a Grilled Chicken Dinner, which came with a roll and your choice of two sides; I had the side salad and baked potato. My date ordered the Shrimp (Jack-Daniels) Alfredo Dinner, which was also paired with a roll and his choice of sides; side salad and steak fries.

Both of our meals were hot and generously portioned for the price. My meal, before tax was \$9.99, the shrimp meal was \$14.99.

We of course ordered a double scoop raspberry sundae, which only brought our meal up \$1.49 more.

The service was excellent and the entire meal and atmosphere was great. I would give the Depot a definite 9 out of 10.

- Peru trip

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The children were happy to see the missionaries there. “I was attacked by a lot of kids,” Tanner commented. “We had to constantly make up games to keep the kids entertained while we worked.”

Just ten miles out of Chinchá resides an even smaller village known as Satellite City. Stuber described this area as “the worst living conditions I had ever seen.” Individuals residing in this area lived without running water. They used filthy river water for drinking, washing clothes, and taking baths.

The missionaries assisted by testing children ages 5 through 12 for asthma. First, they recorded information like the ages and birthdays with the much needed help from the children’s parents and the student translator, Analisa Morel. The children blew into a tube while the students recorded the results by looking at the gage on the tube. “This experience was hardest for me. I didn’t talk a lot. They had nothing, yet they were happy,” stated Stuber.

Devotions took place every night in the area’s church called “Iglesia Metodista del Peru,” which translates to “The Methodist Church of Peru.” They also attended worship services on Sundays. The children were energetic and happy. The students enjoyed playing hopscotch with them. The children loved getting their picture taken because they had never seen a digital camera before.

The students received at least one meal a day in the comfort of the home of a lady named Suzanna. “We would just tell her when, and she would have nineteen plates of food ready,” LaValliere explained.

“The closest thing to American food we had was French fries, and even those were different. They weren’t greasy at all,” Stuber declared.

The trip turned into a real eye-opener to the students, sending them home with a different perspective on life. “It was worth it. Every second of it, even getting lost in travel and yipping at each other’s throats a time or two. It was so worth it,” Tanner LaValliere stated.

Stuber advises his fellow students, “Be grateful for what you have. There are people a lot worse off than you and me. You don’t believe it till you see it firsthand. It was a life-changing experience.”

Senator Hinkle’s Filibuster: Our Changing World

By Jerry Hinkle, Phreno Cosmian
Student Senate Representative

When my good friend, Bernie Hunhoff, was running for Governor of South Dakota 12 years ago he told me something that has been one of my most frequent extra-biblical mantras: “Change is inevitable, negative change is not.” People can have two reactions to change: they can reject it, or they can embrace it. The one thing they can’t do is stop it. Change is constant!

The world around us is changing, and DWU is dealing with those changes well. Those of us returning have noticed quite a few changes. Carol and the Business Office have moved. Prather Hall houses the staff that was in the Alumni House, while the Alumni house is housing on campus students. Then office room was made in the Campus Center to accommodate the staff who used to work at Prather. Familiar faces have left us, and new ones have been brought in. Whether you call it growth or progress, it’s change.

The Phreno is changing. We have a lot of new people eager to put a new face on our student newspaper. I look forward to getting to know them all over the next year. We even have a new editor. Last year’s editor, Brandy Bambas, has been at least half of the reason that what I write gets any attention. She made what I wrote look and sound more brilliant. She will still be working with the paper, but Ashleigh Nolz will be in charge. I’m sure Ashleigh will do just a great job, but it will be different. The Web site for the Phreno will be changing as well. I look forward to seeing those changes and I’m hoping we get a lot of feedback from the students, faculty, and staff. After all, what we do here needs to be read or we have failed in our mission.

- Filibuster
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DWU Theatre rocks around the clock

By Jerry Hinkle

DWU Theatre manages to find extraordinary ways to entertain and enlighten their audience. During the Corn Palace Festival theatre students rocked away for 72 hours in front of Mitchell's own Pepsi-Cola Theatre.

It was a first for both the group, and as far as we know, the university as well.

Dan Miller gives credit to for the idea of the Rock-A-Thon to his wife, Melissa. She did the same thing with her high school students in Indiana. Since it worked out well, she suggested it as a possibility, and then it turned into reality.

Professor Miller put in his fair share of chair time with 37 of the 72 hours. Jessica Phillips rocked for 48 hours. But the most dedicated theatre student has



got to be Ben Floyd, who managed to be in the chair for more than 53 hours. That is indeed extraordinary!

This could be an annual event. Thanks to the Mitchell Area Community Theatre, they had a great location, where they were able to meet all sorts of interesting people. One thing that may be different is a 48 hour Rock-A-Thon.

DWU Theatre raised \$680 in cash and \$150 in pledges from this event, which will help fund their annual trip to the American Col-

lege Theatre Festival. A lot of the money came from Mitchell residents and tourists alike, who applauded the creativity and dedication behind the Rock-A-Thon.



Photo submitted by DWU Theatre

Top: From front to back, Danielle Richardson, Ben Floyd, and Melody Howell sacrifice time for the Rock-A-Thon.

Left: Ben Floyd on the glider rocker, catching some rays.

Next issue will see the return of sports coverage and the Past Phreno column. If there is anything else you would like us to include, let us know. Thanks for your patience.

Filibuster

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The Student Senate is changing. The new administration has brought with it some fresh ideas that I hope get a fair shake. Before, we were just a body that met every other Tuesday, gave our respective reports, listened to someone ask for money on occasion, then the meeting was adjourned. Two weeks later, we did it all again. It appears that we are going to be more proactive in making positive changes, not only on campus, but in the community as well. One such proposal is adopting as highway. If this comes off I may have to take off my tie and put on my work clothes. In my previous Filibuster, I had accused the DWU student body of being lazy and not caring. If these

changes are made, I could be proven wrong, and nobody will be happier than I am if that happens.

I am changing. This is the big one! I usually wear a tie and the same red shirt to the Senate meetings. This year I'm sporting a black shirt. I got the idea over the summer, when I heard the Johnny Cash song detailing why he dressed in black. He sang about the poor, beaten down, the ones who are lost or forgotten. As a born-again, spirit-filled, bible-believing Christian, I believe it is my duty to reach out to those who need a hand and let them know that they are not alone. I remember that I felt that way when I first come here. I've been richly blessed since that time to meet so many wonderful people who have shown me that even though I'm

not young, good looking or wealthy, God has given me much more than I could ever ask and imagine. I may not have everything I want, but I have all that I need. I can't sing like Johnny Cash, but I hope I can live out these words of his faith: "There's things that never will be right I know, and things need changing everywhere you go. But I'll try to carry off a little darkness on my back. Until things are brighter, I'm the man in black."

There are some changes that I don't like. Hopefully I'll get the hang of the new student e-mail sooner rather than later. The death of our unofficial campus pet, Senator McGovern's canine companion, Ursa, has also hit me hard. And I'm also not too keen on the food drive being discarded so cavalierly.

However, I'm working on an idea that, if it works, will not only keep the food drive going for another year, but it may also help everyone involved with it enjoy participating in this particular service project as well. There is no better way to impact lives than to feed hungry people. I'll have more on my plan as it develops in a future column. In the meantime if anyone wants to help out, or has an idea, feel free to talk to me about it. One thing that I've "learned strong" here at Wesleyan is that communication is the key to any endeavor.

Changes don't come easy, nothing worthwhile ever does. But we can do deal with them as they come because we have Tiger pride! Ask any cheerleader. So until next time, God be with you and do the best you can.

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