Third Vice President of Academic Affairs candidate wants focus on students

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Vice President of Academic Affairs candidate John Barthell returned to his Powell roots Thursday, Dec. 1 to speak to an audience in Room 70 of Northwest College’s Fagerberg Building.

“I have a sense of community that is served by this college,” Barthell said. “In this little five to 10 square mile area, I spent more time hiking, walking around and doing all the things I did as a kid than I have anywhere else in the world.

Barthell worked in the beet fields and graduated from Powell High School. Since then, he has become Dean of Math and Science at the University of Central Oklahoma.

“I know the topic that I’m supposed to address today is about the administration and faculty, but I want to kind of throw this other entity in: they’re known as students.”

Barthell said. “I think that’s a very important thing to anything we do and think about planning on a college campus.”

From the NWC Vision and Mission, Barthell identified the five main priorities of the college.

Those five priorities were learning environment, student achievement, global citizenship, inclusive diversity and community.

“The point of this is that you realize, as you do that, you have these different goals but the idea is developing some kind of a common purpose and using a student-centered approach to provide a pathway for doing that,” Barthell said.

“It’s this basic idea that in order to produce happy students you’ve got to have happy faculty members as well. What that means is when you want student learning objectives to be met, you also need to couple faculty development with that as well so that there is an incentivization process for all the parties to work together, do well and be happy.”

Barthell discussed one way to provide an incentive for faculty to work more closely and more creatively with students.

“I know that you have development funds on this campus…so I think that’s a huge step forward in incentivizing faculty members by saying ‘We’ll provide you with a modest budget that you can utilize in order…”

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Senate: Armed service does not count as community service

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The small U.S. military veterans club at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming, will be required to perform an undetermined amount of community service in exchange for receiving $400 in funding for their bi-monthly lunches.

Word of the requirement, passed by a unanimous vote Tuesday evening at the college’s Student Senate meeting, has outraged the campus community, prompting a flurry of emails Wednesday - the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day - among faculty and staff that have pledged several hundred dollars out of their own pockets and demanded the requirement be withdrawn.

Assistant Prof. of Photography Woody Wooden, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who is retiring in the spring due to Agent Orange-related illness, said he read emails this morning detailing the situation and was stunned.

“It is so unbelievable. The reason we have community colleges is because veterans have served this country to give all of us these opportunities, the freedom,” Wooden said.

He further added. “I would be curious how much money the student services carries every year and doesn’t hand out. And I would also be curious as to why they think whatever they get paid monthly a serviceman is worth his or her life, what price do you put on his or her life?”

In late November, the Northwest College Veterans’ Group (VG) made a request for the money from the Senate, which controls a budget of more than $150,000 and provides funding for various campus groups who ask. Official campus clubs, including VG, are required to perform community service in exchange for funding, according to Dee Havig, a professional adviser to the Student Senate and Residence and Campus Life Director.

“I don’t think there was any doubt they would approve the funding but they wanted to be consistent (with the community service requirement),” Havig said.

During Tuesday’s afternoon meeting in the Trapper Room at the DeVitt Student Center, VG adviser Cynthia Garhart made a request that the community service requirement be waived for the small club, some of whom are combat veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Senate voted to approve the $400 and maintain the community service requirement without any objection from Havig or others in the room besides Garhart.

The issue angered Prof. Wally Wolfe, assistant professor of psychology, who told his students in one of his morning classes Wednesday that Dec. 7 should now be “international slap a student senate member day,” according to student Deborah Renee Cobb, a Trail staff writer who is in Wolfe’s class.

Steve Walker, director of the NWC International Studies Degree Program, sent out a campus-wide email, voicing outrage over the decision.

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All lit up

The annual Country Christmas Lighted Parade lit up Bent Street on Dec. 3. Taking the grand prize was Powell’s Volunteer Fire Department, which won with its vintage fire truck.
In this day and age, veterans are some of the most respected and yet least respected people in America. Though Americans have come a long way from the post-Vietnam War days of splitting on returning veterans, it seems like there are some contradictions in the ways we treat those who fought for our freedoms.

We celebrate Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day and yet, how many decorated veterans are homeless and hungry? How many members of our own families put themselves in harm’s way in the name of freedom, and would we want to see their efforts degraded, their service time insulted?

As reported on Page 1, on Tuesday at its regular meeting, the Northwest College Student Senate approved a Veteran’s Club request for $400 for bimonthly lunches with a string attached: the club had to provide proof that they’d served community service. While this is the rule for every club that asks for funding, the club’s advisor, Cynthia Garhart, argued that the club members have given the ultimate community service, Student Senate, however, stuck to its decision and refused to waive the community service requirement.

In terms of the six-figure budget Student Senate is working with, $400 is a mere drop in the bucket. Requiring community service as a way to “earn” the money is preposterous because of the simple fact that veterans have done more than their fair share of community service: they’ve protected American lives.

The other irony is that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion give out so many thousands of dollars in scholarships each year. While preference is given to immediate relatives of veterans, if nobody qualifies for the scholarships they’re open to any student who cares to apply. How many Student Senate members can thank the veterans for being common sense. Students shouldn’t need to be told that the Veterans’ Club, a group consisting of people who waged war to protect this country and who now seek to better themselves through education, deserves a pass on this particular stipulation. If any group deserves to be an exception to a community service rule, it ought to be veterans. Every American child is taught to salute the flag, sing the national anthem and respect their elders. Respecting those who have put themselves in the path of injury and death should come naturally.

Those in the Veterans’ Club are now faced with the task of gathering a group to figure out when and where they’ll be serving their community service. They’ve got jobs, children and classes to worry about, but now they’ve got this to deal with. The community service itself may or may not be a big deal to them, but the implied refusal to acknowledge the sacrifices the veterans have made should be.

Some claim the actions of the Senate have been misconstrued and the emails flying between faculty and staff members put the Student Senate members in a bad light. While this is probably true, groups in the public eye, groups that serve as many students as the senate does, must always be cognizant of the fact that anything they say or do, however it’s meant, could be twisted to have a dark intent.

Some have said that the Senate shouldn’t be judged so harshly; they’re students, after all, and the point of the Senate is to teach. What a hard way, though, to learn through mistakes. Opening up a can of worms this size was likely the last thing on the minds of the Student Senate members who voted on the matter.

Whether the Student Senate has fallen victim to those who would see their intents as malicious or the Senate put the stipulation of community service on the Veterans’ Club because they simply wanted to follow procedure, this public relations mess is not over.

In fact, the VFW’s district commander in Wyoming, Jim Pedersen, told the Trail’s adviser in a phone call Wednesday he was stunned that men and women still return from war or service and have to fight tooth and nail to get darn near anything.

“I’m very surprised by this. Veterans and veteran’s group seem to have to constantly fight for everything – not only at colleges but even with the VA (Veteran’s Administration),” Pedersen said. “Sure, there need to be rules and regulations but there should be some flexibility.”

As if the situation needed any more fuel, the community service requirement for veterans was revealed in faculty emails on Dec. 7 – the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. Ouch.

Correction:
A headline in the Dec. 1 issue of the Trail stated “First candidates for Vice President of Student Affairs presented.” The position should be Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Trail sincerely regrets this error.
Speaker provides HIV enlightenment for NWC students

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Sexually transmitted diseases only happen in big cities, not small towns. This misguided assumption is fairly common and Hope’s Voice speaker Janine Brignola wasn’t the first to be guilty of that mindset, but she’s working to eliminate it.

Brignola found out she had HIV at 24 during the course of standard pregnancy tests administered by doctors.

“In October 2006 I found out that I was HIV positive when I was three months pregnant,” Brignola said. “I was someone who lived the majority of my life in Nebraska. I didn’t know about STDs or HIV.”

Fears were in Brignola’s eyes as she explained to her audience in the DeWitt Student Center Lounge on Nov. 29 that she’d contracted HIV while living with a man in Florida. She’d asked about STDs and been told aside from an inconclusive test he was clean. Being from a small town meant she thought HIV was the end of her world.

“I know nothing, and I mean nothing [about HIV],” I thought I was going to die in a year, have a son born with AIDS, and that I was the most horrible person alive,” Brignola said. “I stood with a knife and wanted to slit my wrists.”

December I marked the annual World AIDS Day. At some point she kept her alive; literally, she said she couldn’t end her life knowing it would kill her unborn child too. Brignola was about to become a single mother and was struggling with having been unknowingly infected with the HIV virus.

Her son’s father did not become infect- ed with HIV and due to medical advances she said, her son was also born HIV-free. “I met my son’s father and we dated for two and a half months. The second time we had sex with a condom and I got pregnant,” Brignola said. “They asked if I would come in and give them more blood. A week later they call and tell me I need to come in. The lady just goes, ‘you are HIV positive.’”

Despite the pain it clearly caused Brignola to talk about her story, she was speaking because she believes people need to know about HIV.

“I have to talk about [HIV]; people have to know this happens,” Brignola said.

News that the Student Senate wouldn’t bend the rules for a club of members who are serving their country has the faculty and staff of the college sending a range of emails with a central message, “If you want to support the Veterans’ Group, you will.”

“While I am not a veteran faculty member, I cannot begin to express my appreciation to those who served our country,” wrote Division Secretary for Physical Sciences and Life and Health Sciences Anna Cragoe. “The Student Senate’s decision regarding funding this fun- cheon is very disheartening! I’ll gladly donate to this worthy cause.”

Student Senate members, upon learn- ing of the email outage, came to the newspaper to explain the decision.

“I wish people wouldn’t have doubted we wanted to support the Veterans’ Group. We really gave them money and we just want to keep things fair,” said Jessica Kramer, the Student Senate Treasurer.

Gary Lucas, the finance director for the Powell American Legion, was stunned.

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“Some really didn’t need it,” said Pedersen. “This is the whole idea of democracy. If I wanted to donate money, as well as catering services to the VG.”

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Veterans: Faculty, community feel slighted by senate actions

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Russian Night provides tastes of cultures, cuisine, holidays

An audience of dinosaur enthusiasts young and old sat in quiet contemplation on the night of Dec. 6 in Fagerberg’s Room 70 as the history of paleontology flowed over them.

Bill Wahl, published researcher and prep-lab manager of the Wyo.

In 1992, Wahl said in the beginning of his speech, "originally worked in the oil industry. I started getting bitten more and more by the Paleontology bug."

His speech started with explaining the small coastal English towns where paleontology began back in the mid 1800s. These small towns, such as Charmouth and Dorset, had local areas that would collect old teeth, bones, fossils, etc. Various coastal counties would get into rivalries over the fossils they could find and would proudly display them in town halls as a form of competition.

Many individuals would open up private collections of various fossils they collected, which became quite popular. Wahl described them as having, “classic little curio cabinets where the curiosity is incredible. Beautiful cabinets that show off little bits of junk from wherever Grandpa was collecting.”

After these private collections expanded into museums, the study of old fossils and the creatures that they preserved became more and more famous. Wahl went on to talk about various famous paleontologists throughout the ages, such as Sir Richard Owen, the man responsible for the term “Dinosauria”, and the British Museum of Natural History breaking off into its own museum.

He also focused a fair amount on two rival paleontologists of the 1870-90s; Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope. “And it was a popular rivalry,” Wahl said. “These folks were the tabloid fodder of their time. This was just as bad as watching two starlets fighting on some program these days.”

Wahl compared the antics of these two to a soap opera, continuing that it was popular enough that it still happens even today. A prime example, he claimed of this, was the Fleischmann-Pons cold fusion experiment, which came up in the public roughly 14 years ago. A team of scientists published they had discovered how to create cold fusion, but other scientists put out studies in public journals describing how their process couldn’t have worked.

After the history lesson, Wahl went into what modern paleontologists have been doing in Wyo., showcasing various dinosaurs that have been discovered in the local area. He emphasized that many of the bones he was outlining were on show in the Wyoming Dinosaur Center.

A few Wyo. dig sites were shown in his lecture, including one that was done directly on top of a former dig site that was abandoned over 50 years ago. Wahl highlighted certain instances involving students/interns, making a point that many important findings were either at the hands of or helped by grad students.

“This is a passionate business,” Wahl said, compounding on the fierce rivalries this profession often spawned. “I used to think that paleontology and geology were weird because we focused on our personalities too much. A friend of mine who’s a theoretician mathematician said, ‘Oh, no! No, Paleontology may be bad because we just end up throwing rocks at each other and writing letters to the editor. I’m not sure how people in theoretical mathematics argue with each other; probably nasty letters in calculations or something. Not sure how that works.’

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Take a new perspective when stressed

This time of year can lend itself to a bit of a paradoxical mindset among college students. Here we are, being encouraged by our Judeo-Christian culture to contemplate peace on Earth and good will to men, while virtually being put to the wall, trying desperately to prove that we were actually paying attention to whatever the heck it was that our professors have been talking about all semester.

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The Bourne Identity

Gary (Jason Segel of over a decade) and his brother

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Spamdrom thoughts

Steven Josephson

The Muppets are a household name at this point. Everybody and their dog know the Muppets. More people than not these days easily recognize Jim Henson’s creations like Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, but we must admit it’s been a while since we’ve seen them. The occasional Muppets holiday special comes on every so often, but the Muppet Show ended in 1981 after a five-year run. [Image 48x1125 to 358x1154]

The Muppets sure to please all types

The story follows Walter (the first new Muppet made in over a decade) and his older brother Gary (Jason Segel of How I Met your Mother and Forgetting Sarah Marshall). Walter, who has been an avid Muppets fan for decades, finds out about an insidious plot to ruin the Muppets. He convinces his older brother, who is good at filling that role, that it’s not too late to fill.

Cooper was fine, but I wasn’t a big fan of him in the movie. It was a character that he portrayed quite well, but it was an awkward character. I don’t mean Michael Cera awkward, I mean it that just fell flat. I could tell that he was trying to be funny, but it just felt awkward, like that friend that is always cracking jokes whenever you’re around that you try to ignore and move the conversation around. Sure, he’s convinced he’s just a Muppet, but he’s really just embarrassing you.

I’ll be the first to admit that I did not grow up on the Muppets. With this in mind, I have decided that I really wasn’t the target audience. This was after the nostalgia craze. In realizing this, I found my viewing of the movie to be a test to see if people unfamiliar with them for the most part could still enjoy the movie.

Don’t get me wrong, I know the characters. I’ve seen Kermit a thousand times, I know his voice off-hand, but I’ve never once seen an episode of the Muppet Show. Because of this, I’m sure I missed a lot of jokes/references in this movie. Fortunately for the Muppets, I still thought it was hilarious.

It successfully took an old franchise and brought it back in a different way. It’s a new movie with new jokes, references and humor while keeping the feel of the old Muppets based on what I’ve seen. It used new faces for comes, thank fully, so it opened itself up to a new audience and didn’t date itself. I’ll say this much, many of them made me crack up just seeing them actually in the movie, even if they only got one line.

That brings me to my major point regarding the movie. This is one of the very few movies that made me legitimately laugh in the theater this year. Most “comedies” I see either make me sigh or make me bored, so seeing one that actually made me crack up there in the theater seat was a welcome change.

Because of this point alone, this movie gets mad props from me. Because of the fact that they brought back a franchise that kids these days don’t recognize, it gets a different level of kudos. It’s a movie that made me laugh in the theater, something that doesn’t happen often.

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Every year a small works show, the 4x4 exhibit and sale, takes place at the beginning of December. Students say it is the perfect place to buy small art pieces often making the perfect gift available for that special someone, or to add to anyone’s collection.

The show, which opened Tuesday, Dec. 6 at exactly 7:30 p.m., features two-dimensional pieces no larger than 16 square inches and three-dimensional works with a 64 cubic inch limit. Everything has one of two prices, $8 or $16, making it all very affordable. The money goes directly to the artists, who sometimes use some of the money they earn to purchase other work available at the exhibit.

“I haven’t been to the show before, but came mostly to see the photos,” Northwest College photography student Shawnee Dicks said.

It is a highly anticipated event, as people from all over campus and the community lined up outside the doors, waiting for the exhibit to open. Those waiting were unable to sneak a peek, as the windows to the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Gym were covered with paper. A good portion of the art sold within the first few minutes to those who had been waiting outside the door to get into the exhibit.

“It’s a big surprise,” Art and Galleries Specialist Denise Kelley said. “It’s like a miniature sale at Macy’s with a bargain sale basement atmosphere.”

Kelley has been in charge of the exhibit for 16 years and said she very much enjoys putting it on.

The 4x4 exhibit has taken place every year for around 30 years. It was originally an idea that was presented for a small works show and the name was a play on the American West, referring to the four-wheel drive of vehicles driven in this part of the country.

Each artist, many of whom are students and staff at Northwest College, is allowed to submit up to four 2-D and four 3-D pieces. As customers walk in, they’re faced with work covering most of the gallery. Each piece has two stickers on it, one with a price and one with a red dot. When a piece is purchased the sticker without the red dot is taken and given to the gallery worker who keeps track of each person’s purchases. The art remains in the gallery until the end of the exhibit on Dec. 16 so everyone coming and going will still be able to look and admire it. The art then can be picked up by its new owners after they’ve paid for it.

Although the number of artists varies each year, along with the amount of art being sold and the high demand, it varies to the exhibit.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to buy students’ and staff works,” Kelley said.

The 4x4 show consists of 3-D and 2-D work all fitting into strict size regulations.
Police Report

(Issued by Chief Tim Feathers)

Nov. 29
10:37 a.m. Theft
Occurred on E. 1ST St. Received a report of a shoplifter, an Officer responded, case is still under investigation.

1:29 p.m. Auto Burglary
Occurred on N Division St. Reporting party advised they had belongings stolen from their vehicle, an Officer responded, case is still under investigation.

9:58 p.m. Warrant Service Attempt
Occurred on W 6TH St. Officers arrested Christopher D Balderson, 29, of Powell on a warrant for two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of battery, Dana M Getson, 35, of Powell on a warrant for one count of battery and Timothy R Merbach, 29, of Powell on a warrant for two counts of battery, they were transported to the Park County Jail.

Nov. 30
11:35 p.m. Traffic Stop
Officer initiated activity at S Day St/E North St. Traffic stop resulted in Jacob Cress, 30, Powell arrested for DWUI.

Dec. 1
2:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity
Occurred at E 1ST St/N Day St. Report that an older man approached a child and told him to get in the car. Officer spoke to the man who said he offered the child a ride because it was cold outside.

8:36 p.m. Property Damage
Occurred on S Bent St. Report that a customer damaged property inside a business. Jesse Agapito Rodriguez, 42, of Powell was arrested for breach of peace and property destruction. He was transported to the Park County Detention Center.

Dec. 2
9:36 a.m. Theft
Occurred on W 6TH St. Received a report of multiple thefts, an Officer responded, case is still under investigation.

Dec. 3
2:10 a.m. Drug Related
Occurred on W 6TH St. Received a report of an odor of marijuana inside a building, Officers responded and did not smell the odor.

9:36 a.m. Theft
Occurred on N Bent St. Received a report of a shoplifter, case is still under investigation.

11:46 p.m. Property- Found
Officer initiated activity at N Douglas St/W 2ND St. A microwave fell out of a vehicle into the street, property was disposed of.

Wrestlers see individual success

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Five Trapper wrestlers placed in the Battle of the Rockies in Great Falls, Mont. on Dec. 3 and the University of Great Falls Open on the 2nd. Bernie Dupuy (165) took second due to an injury defaulted in finals and went undefeated through the weekend. Nathaniel Garcia (149) took third, Ben Price (184) took second losing in the final match at 197 and Justin Gardner (133) took third and Keithen Cast (174) took fourth due to an injury defaulted as well.

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Men’s basketball by the numbers:

Last Saturday’s Game:

Northwest College 88, Laramie County C.C. 67

Northwest (12-2) Solarin 6 6-3, 3-4 3, Coleman 4-11 2-10, Fey 1-3 4 5, Hasen 5-12 2-15, Faces 3-5 0-0 7, Abernol 1-2 2-2, Carabagiale 1-6 0-0 2, Stanley 0-1 0-0 0, de Oliveria 1-5 1-2 3, de Andrade 2-4 6, Gomar 0-0 0-0, Wakelin 1-0-2 2, Ribe 1-2 0-0 3, Borrego 1-0-1 1.

Laramie County (3-7) Cook 7-15 5-8 22, Harberg 5-10 3-3, Freeman 1-2 2-2, Rangel-Dalschakou 3-3 0-0 6, Decoste 3-9 0-0 6, Pacheco 0-1 0-0, Marchetti 2-2 4 2, Hyl 1-0-2 2, Silva 2-4 0 0-10.


Standings:

Region IX North Subregion

Conference Overall Streak

Northwest College 0-0 .000 .500

Sheridan College 0-0 .000 .500

Western Wyo. Comm. College 0-0 .000 .500

Gillette College 0-0 .000 .500

Miles Comm. College 0-0 .000 .500

Central Wyo. College 0-0 .000 .500

Casper College 0-0 .000 .500

Dawson Comm. College 0-0 .000 .500

Little Big Horn College 0-0 .000 .500

Stat of the Week:

NJCAA Region IX Rebound Leaders:

(Player) Team Streak

O. Urru McCook Com. College 10-2 .500

J. Solarin Northwest 9-9 .995

R. Silva Western Nebraska 8-2 .909

U. Ifeanyichukwu LCCC .833

G. Edwards Gillette College 1.000

A. Preh Miles Comm. College 7-8 .875

E. Oladokun Gillette College 7-7 .586

J. Thompson Trinidad State 7-7 .586

J. Johnson Central Wyoming 7-7 .586

(According to Region IX website, Dec. 6)

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Lady Trappers go 1-1 in Big Horn Federal Shoot-Out

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Despite having the home court advantage, the Trapper women’s basketball team still fell to Snow College in a 75-64 loss Friday, Dec. 2 in the Big Horn Federal Shoot-Out. However, the team bounced back to defeat the East Idaho All-Stars, 89-79, on Saturday. Previously the team struggled with intensity in the first half, however this was not the case for the Trappers.

“We came out in the first half and did a great job. Defensive intensity was really good and I think that’s why we had the lead at half,” Head Coach Janis Beal said.

Second half they were running kind of the same plays but our defensive intensity dropped. We weren’t rotating how we needed to on help and they got some easy buckets. That was the main problem in the second half,” Beal said.

Beal believes the team suffered from a lack of communication on the defensive end.

“They could feel that there was just a difference in rotating, everybody talking and things like that,” Beal said.

“I think it’s just a communication thing. We tried being aggressive and trap in turn there needs to be rotation and help and we weren’t doing a very good job of that and we didn’t do a very good job on the boards rebounding wise.”

Saturday against the East Idaho All-Stars, post players and the Trapper bench delivered to get the team the win.

“I thought we did a pretty good job; our post players did a good job defensively, they were definitely an asset to us.” Beal said.

Leslie Thronburg and Leslie Blackburn added 12 points each to the Trapper’s final score off the bench.

“Just getting tips and steals making it an up-tempo game really helped,” Beal said. “Being an all-star team they may night be quite as good of shape but making it a full court game was definitely a positive for us.”

The Trapper women’s record, as of press time, stood at eight wins and five losses.

The women started conference play Wednesday, Dec. 7 against Central Wyoming College.

“I was telling the girls that we’ve played some pretty good teams and hopefully in turn that can carry through to conference play,” Beal told the Trail before leaving for Riverton, Wyo.

Beal continued, “They’ve only played 6 games up to this point compared to our 13. They’re always a pretty good team; they’re a physical team that we need to match their physicality.”

The women return Saturday, Dec. 10 to the Cabre Gym to play Sheridan College at 3 p.m.

For more information about games and the team, go to northwestcollege.edu/athletics/
**HOLIDAY MOVIES**

**ACROSS**
1. Happens in back
6. *“Santa Claus is Coming to Town”* originally aired on this network
9. Popular white fish
12. Before Part II
13. Follows soh
14. “Put your thinking ___ ___”
16. Madama Butterfly’s soli, e.g.
17. a.k.a. Tokyo
18. Not together
19. “Boy who’s told, “You’ll shoot your eye out, kid”
21. *Misfit ungulate*
23. Actor ___ Holbrook
24. ____ in captivity
25. Western European Union
28. 100 centavos in Mexico
30. Start of basketball game
35. Chunk or lump
37. Rounded protuberance
39. Young eel
40. Ayatollah Khamenei’s home
41. “World” in Italian
43. Troubled currency
44. Drinker
46. Thick, messy substances
47. ____ Alda
48. Attitude of admiration
50. Place for mutinous sailor, e.g.
52. Old age, archaic
53. Kids often say this to claim something
55. “But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all…”
57. *This happened on 34th Street*
58. Director Reitman
59. ____ of thumb
60. Medicinal plant
61. Pepper or bombard
62. “A Death in the Family” author
63. Conjunction used in comparatives
64. Sicilian volcano
65. Koko or Sampson, e.g.
66. Lobe at back of palate
67. *Will Ferrell character in 2003*

**DOWN**
1. Boxer training
2. “For” in Spanish
3. Seed cover
4. Type of infection
5. Unfortunate outcome
6. Toward the lee
7. *Like Billy Bob’s Santa*
8. Laundry, e.g.
9. Chief or top dog
10. October stone
11. Village or hamlet in South Africa
14. Attendant to Tiger, e.g.
15. ___ degree
16. Port of small intestine
17. Last month
18. Rubs elbows with
19. Like domesticated cat gone wild
20. Part of small intestine
22. Immature ovum
23. Like domesticated cat gone wild
24. Like domesticated cat gone wild
25. *Like Bing Crosby’s Christmas*
26. Compound leaf of a fern
27. Location of MCL
30. Smoke plus fog
31. Type of bargain
32. Unfit or inappropriate
33. Like domesticated cat gone wild
34. Compound leaf of a fern
35. Location of MCL
36. O in B.O.
37. Sicilian volcano
38. O in B.O.
39. Like domesticated cat gone wild
40. Like domesticated cat gone wild
41. “World” in Italian
42. Twig of a willow tree
43. Troubled currency
44. Drinker
46. Thick, messy substances
47. ____ Alda
48. Attitude of admiration
49. Member of military police in Britain
51. *His heart was two sizes too small*
54. Misrepresent
56. Poet Dickinson
57. Type of shot to criminal
58. Director Reitman
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“When I first heard somebody had written a biography about Senator Simpson, my first thought was ‘Well that must have been a piece of cake!’,” Koelling said. “It’s not like you would have to hunt for material.”

Koelling added that for the project of his biography, Simpson had all 19 volumes of his diary available for Hardy to use. “In spite of the daunting nature of the task, Don Hardy has done an admirable job of sorting his material and weaving together the story of Senator Simpson’s personal life and professional career,” Koelling said.

Before Koelling left the podium, he introduced author Hardy, who grew up in Powell. Hardy said he remembers playing in a nearby field one day when a truck came along and dropped a load of concrete blocks. This would be the future site of Northwest College. After his sixth grade year, he and his family moved to Cody. After high school he went into the U.S. Navy, returned to Wyoming and got involved with radio and television. He spent time as a television news director for Channel 8 in Billings. Later, Simpson was elected as U.S. senator for Wyoming and Hardy was hired as his press secretary and chief of staff.

“It was a tough job and I never wanted it to quit,” Hardy said. “It was just a magnificent thing.” After his service was up with Senator Simpson, Hardy became Director of Government Affairs at the Smithsonian. After retirement, Hardy and his wife traveled around and spent much of their time on humanitarian efforts in Asia. In 2005, Simpson called Hardy to say there had been an interest in the publishing community in writing a story on Simpson’s life. The problem was that they hadn’t known Simpson for a half century like Hardy had. Simpson offered Hardy the opportunity to write the biography.

One thing that really helped Hardy with the biography was Simpson’s diaries. Simpson kept a diary from the day he entered the leadership as the Assistant Leader of the Republican Party in the Senate and wrote in it every day or as often as he could. It took close to three months to just highlight important topics through 6,000 pages and an estimated 2.4 million words along with various letters and newspaper clippings Simpson had saved.

“When Hardy finished, he had a rough draft that was over 1,000 pages. He contacted the University of Oklahoma Press to see if they would be interested in editing his piece and they were, but refused to edit all 1,000 pages. Hardy then spent the next few years doing more research, adding material and ‘boiling it down to the essence.’” Now, the book is 460 pages and the fastest selling book the University of Oklahoma has ever had. It is currently on the fourth printing in two and a half months.

“This story could not have been without the cooperation of Al and Anne Simpson,” Hardy said. “They were so open and so honest and they held nothing back. Al told me was ‘I want you to tell the story truthfully and completely and in correct perspective.’” Hardy then went on to say the book wasn’t the complete story Simpson’s life, but the first 80 years of it. “This guy (Hardy) worked his head off for six years,” Sen. Simpson said. “I didn’t know how long it would take him, I didn’t even pay attention, all I knew that he was heavily involved and invested personally in it.”

Former Senator Alan Simpson signs copies of his biography at the DeWitt Student Center on Monday.