Wrestlers keep tradition under national spotlight
Athletes pick up eighth-place finish in final competition, three competed for titles

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For the last 17 years, the Trappers have maintained a streak of finishing in the top 10 at the NJCAA National Wrestling Championships. This last weekend, the Trappers finished in 8th place with 72.5 points in Spokane, Wash. They came out of it with three award-winning All-Americans, including 133-pound sophomore Jesse Hillhouse, 174-pound freshman Keithan Cast and national champion at 184 pounds, sophomore Nick Petersen.

Petersen came out on top of the 184-pound weight class, Hillhouse finished second in the 133-pound weight class and Cast took second in the 174-pound weight class. Last year at nationals, Petersen finished in seventh place at 174 pounds and Hillhouse finished sixth at 123 pounds.

“There were some incredible accomplishments and going to this tournament 18 times, I walk away from this weekend, except from the national title, as satisfied as I’ve ever been,” Head Coach Jim Zeiger said. “I think looking at what we’ve accomplished as a team from the beginning of the year to the end and I’m not talking about wins and losses. I’m talking about our growth and development and the relationships these young men have built with each other.

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Former NWC athlete finds his niche, strives for improvement
After troubles with Powell authorities, Malcolm Colbert joins Central Wyoming College basketball program

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During his time at Northwest College, former Trapper basketball player Malcolm Colbert was suspended from school, issued a criminal trespass charge and jailed for a minor in possession of alcohol, among other legal problems.

But on Feb. 24 when he stepped onto the court in the Cabre Gym for the first time since he was removed from the Trappers basketball program two years ago, he returned with more than a uniform change. He hoped to redeem himself and set a new example.

After withdrawing from NWC last spring, Colbert, 20, enrolled at Central Wyoming College in Riverton, Wyo., where the basketball program accepted him with open arms.

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What’s wrong with a little extra transparency and accountability for Wyoming’s elected officials? That’s exactly what the Wyoming State Senate repealed after killing a bill requiring government bodies, such as the Northwest College Board of Trustees, to record all executive sessions. The bill would have allowed Wyoming citizens to petition in court to access the recordings. By doing so, civilians living under these entities could help dampen political corruption and hold their elected officials accountable during public meetings behind closed doors.

Obviously those elected officials are looking out for their best interest rather than those of their constituents. Currently in the State of Wyoming, seven factors can justify an executive session: on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party; on matters of national security; when the governing body is administering or grading examinations; when considering and acting upon the determination of the term, parole or release of an individual from a correctional or penal institution; to consider the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate; to consider the acceptance of gifts or donations; to consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law; or to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits and terms of employment.

However, not always do they play by the rules. Take, for example, the NWC Board of Trustees. On Nov. 17, the Trail reported on an incident where the Board of Trustees concerning a violated Wyoming law for open meetings after declaring a spur-of-the-moment executive session to discuss the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission. With this new legislation in place, the Trail would have petitioned to obtain recordings of that meeting, not necessarily because the discussions in that meeting were crucial for any particular story, but specifically because of its fallacy.

According to the Associated Press, the Senate voted 16-14 to kill the bill. Several senators who opposed the bill had illegitimate reasons, in my opinion. Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, told the Associated Press that the bill would impose an unfunded mandate on government entities, requiring them to make and maintain recordings but not giving them the funds to cover the work. As a reporter, I’m well aware of how to use a recorder: turn it on, press record and you’re done. Maintaining how to use a recorder: turn it on, press record and you’re done. Maintaining a recordings database is not a true burden, especially when minutes are already kept for all public meetings. Coe said that in his 20 years of being a Senator, this is one of the worst bills he’s ever seen. Either Coe is overreacting or some truly scandalous factor is underlying.

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Sen. Dan Kockstader, R-Afton, who is a newspaper publisher, supported the bill because he recognizes this as an advancement to increase the positive relationships between these governing bodies and the public.

The Associated Press story also says the Wyoming Press Association has pushed for the bill, which in my opinion is almost a given. Anybody in the news industry should recognize a dire need for more transparency from these entities.

The United States is the prison house of the world. According to the New York Times, 2.3 million U.S. citizens sat behind bars in 2008. This high rate, which is substantially above any other nation in the world, is credited to higher levels of violent crime, harasher sentencing laws, special interests in combating illegal drugs, among others. As a country with strict criminal punishments for its citizens, why is political corruption treated any differently?

Less energy should be spent on incarcering minor offenders and transferred to the big guns who are handling our tax dollars.

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From left, Daniel Carvieu and Glen Prell debate against nationally-qualified Justin Rogers, who stands at the podium, lecturing from a government standpoint on gun control with nationally-qualified teammate Shelby Moore at Rocky Mountain College on Jan. 22.

### News

**NWC calls for resident assistant applications**

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The countdown has begun for North- west College students hoping to be a resident assistant in one of the five campus residence halls. The search for resident as- sistants (RAs) began Tuesday night with informational meetings in Cody, Colter and Ashley Halls.

“A lot of times we don’t have a lot of people come to the info session,” said Dee Havig, interim vice president of student affairs. “A lot of people talk to the RAs and get the info they need beforehand and don’t make it to the meetings.”

Residence halls hold informational meet- ing or talking to an RA, students can fill out an application in the Housing Office. Applications, along with resumes, are due by 5 p.m. March 25. Havig said this gives students an extra week after spring break to decide whether they want to pursue an RA position.

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### Forensics team prepares for national tournaments

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Next weekend, four Northwest College forensics students will at- tend a tournament no student from NWC has ever competed in. The National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE) is a national competition in which the top 50 de- bate teams from across the country vie for top titles.

“This [tournament] is everyone, I mean Ivy League schools, big name schools, this is the top 50 out of the entire country,” NPTE com- petitor and forensics member Shelby Moore said. “And so, I’m scared. Northwest has never had a team qualify for that tournament before and then the likelihood of us doing really well at it is probably pretty slim, but we’re going to learn so much at that tournament.”

Moore will be competing in parliamentary debate, a two-person form of debate, along with her part- ner Justin Rogers. Debate partners Sage Smith and Laci Kennedy will also compete.

“NPTE is really just an honor and exciting to be able to go to because it’s not something that we normally get an invitation for,” Kennedy said. “There’ll be a lot of teams that are far better than us.”

“There are 744 teams that compete in it this year,” NWC Forensics Coach Duane Fish said. “Not schools, but just individual teams. So to be in the top 50 is very, very difficult.”

While the four NPTE competitors prepare for that meet, Kennedy and Moore, along with teammate Glen Prell, are practicing for another national meet just three weeks later.

“NIT [National Individual Events Tournament] is for individual events and those are a bit more intimidating,” Ken- nedy said. “With that, more so because there’s a lot of regional differences in structure, so the speeches I’ve been

competing with all year I’m now working on to redo and to get a new format and to phrase things differently so that they comply better with regional differences. So that’s just an added stresser when you’re trying to go compete in something where you don’t normally compete in the way they expect you to.”

Fish said the team is anticipating NIT will be just as challenging as NPTE.

“That one is also a difficult tourna- ment because the qualifying standards are very tough,” Fish said. “We haven’t been to the National Individual Events Tournament…since 2007, 2008, some- where in there, so it’s been a number of years since we qualified anyone for that tournament.”

Prell, who will be competing in po- etry and impromptu speaking, explained the qualification process.

“Basically, how you qualify, your placings have to add up to eight to qualify, so like if I had a fourth place and a second and another second, I would qualify,” Prell said. “However, they have a qualifier tournament, an IET qualifiers, which is how my impromptu qualified. My poetry already had enough placings to go to nationals, I didn’t have to com- pete in that.”

Members from the NWC forensics team will be competing at four separate national tournaments within the next three months, including the National Parliamentary Debate Association tourna- ment and the annual Phi Ro Pi tourna- ment.

“It’s a pretty big thing for our team that we get to compete on such a wide scale, nationally, as a community col- lege,” Moore said. “It’s pretty cool that as a community college we have the ability to compete on that level and be known.”

### Police Report

(issued by Chief Tim Feathers)

Feb. 28

1:21 p.m. Warrant service attempt

Officer initiated activity on N. Clark St. Tyler Lesher, 18, Byron, was arrested on Circuit Court warrant for failure to pay. Bond was posted and he was released.

11:40 a.m. Trespass complaint

Occurred on E. Fifth St. Report that a male was in an apartment in violation of a trespass order. Officer spoke with all involved and reiterated that the male must honor the trespass order and not come to the residence in the future.

11:15 a.m. Deceased animal

Occurred on Avenue K. Report of a deceased brown dog. Area was checked and no deceased dog could be found.

Feb. 27

4:23 p.m. Warrant attempt

Officer-initiated activity at N. Division St/W. Second St. Jonathan Tucker, 24, Powell, was arrested on a theft and fraud warrant and transported to the Park County Detention Center.

2:43 a.m. Probation violation

Officer-initiated activity at Avenue C/S. Moun- tain View St. An officer observed a juvenile walk- ing in violation of curfew and his probation con- ditions. He was given a ride home and a report was sent to the Department of Family Services.

Feb. 26

4:15 p.m. Traffic stop

Officer-initiated activity at N. Bernard St/W. Third St. Steven Gilmore, 24, Powell, was arrest- ed on a circuit court warrant for failure to pay a fine. He was transported to the Law Enforcement Center where he posted bond and was released.

10:24 p.m. Property damage

Occurred on S Evans St. Received a report of a slashed tire. Case is under investigation.

Feb. 25

12:33 a.m. Suspicious activity

Occurred on E. Coulter Ave. Report that a possi- bly intoxicated customer purchased foot, left it outside, and walked away. Officers located the man at home and he was safe.

Feb. 24

10:39 p.m. Trespassing

Occurred on W. Sixth St. Curtis Trotter, 22, Canada, was issued a citation for criminal tres- passing on the Northwest College campus.

1:59 p.m. Drugs

Occurred on N. Beckman St. Reported smell of marijuana. Officers and K-9 searched the area but nothing was found.

11:17 a.m. Property damage

Occurred on E. Coulter Ave. Business reported that several of their windows had been shot with a BB gun. Case is under investigation.
Students construct bins for campus recycling efforts

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By 2:30 p.m. 161 recycling bins were put together in the DeWitt Student Center, with the help of 59 volunteers throughout the day.

Everyone on campus was encouraged to help put the bins together in order to kick off recycling initiatives on campus.

The event was the latest in a series of green efforts by NWC, which recently announced a new partnership with locally-based Curbside Recycling.

Students Trevor Carpenter and Heather Connolly each won a Northwest College sweatshirt for putting a recycling bin together in two minutes.

"Everyone else managed to wrestle one into shape in about 10 to 15 minutes, so this record is impressive," said Student Activities Coordinator Beverly Lahlum Taylor in an e-mail with the Trail.

Phi Theta Kappa won a pizza party for the assembling 34 recycling bins, said Taylor.

“The Recycling Rally was a way to bring awareness to students and create a fun way for people to get involved,” said Facilities Director David Plute.

NWC has always recycled computer paper and some metals. The City of Powell has also helped the college over the years with recycling cardboard.

“When we have steel or aluminum come back through the facilities, we take it to the metal recycler,” said Plute.

The students are the ones that initiated making recycling on campus more visible, said Plute.

“Last year, they spent roughly $7,000 on recycling bins and being able to put them throughout the campus,” said Plute.

Most yard waste in the City of Powell goes to the landfill, so NWC is looking at efforts such as composting.

“This is more important than ever now, because the Powell landfill is nearing being full and the city is facing looking at other options that are going to cost a lot of money, so we are just trying to keep things from going into the landfill,” said Taylor.
Restroom construction raises questions

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In a move to satisfy both the Americans with Disabilities Act and state requirements, Northwest College is looking at building additional restrooms in the Fagerberg Building.

Currently the building has one men’s and one women’s bathroom in the hallway leading to FAB 73, where the Northwest Trail newsroom is located. Vice President for Administrative Services Kim Mills says those facilities may not be ADA compliant. Mills said that the state required a list of classroom building projects to be turned in. The construction of new restrooms in Fagerberg was one of the granted requests. “There are two possible locations,” Mills said. “One would take place where some of the old darkrooms used to be and some of the faculty offices are, and if that was decided we would build new offices. The other option would be the northeast corner of the building, by the agriculture classrooms.”

Associate Professor of Photography Craig Satterlee said putting the new restrooms in an area now used by the photo department was concerning, at first. Satterlee said he favors the option of constructing the new restrooms in FAB Room 52, which was the radio and television broadcasting studio before a new facility was built earlier this year in the Nelson Performing Arts building.

“My preference was that they did it in Room 52 because it’s a little bit farther down the hallway,” Satterlee said. “I just thought, visually, it would look nicer if they were a little bit farther down the hall. And too, nobody was really using that space right at the moment and so you wouldn’t be taking anything away from anybody, so I thought it was the most logical.”

However, Satterlee added that if restrooms were built where the photo employee offices are currently situated and new offices were built, he would not be upset. “We have experienced a lot of problems in talking with students about certain things,” Satterlee said. “We’re so close together, you can’t hide anything, not that we’re trying to, but some things are private, especially when you’re dealing with special needs people or financial problems with students. They thought they could do something with our offices at the same time, which would then take care of all these other problems that we’ve been experiencing. So it’s a win-win situation, if that’s the option they end up going with.”

Dancin’ feet

Students gather in the DSC Lounge on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Student Activities Dance.

Student Activities goes to national conference, comes back with ideas and sleep deprivation

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In an effort to improve campus activities on the Northwest College Campus, Student Activities went on a trip sponsored by the Student Senate to the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA).

“It was a chance for students to see what kinds of acts are out there and to persuade the talent to perform at the schools,” Activities Director Beverly Lahlum Taylor said.

Taylor and three NWC students attended the event in St. Louis, Miss. Dillon Definbaugh, Jamie Hansen, Tyler Owens and Taylor left on Feb. 17, attended the conference from Feb. 18 to 23, and came back on Feb. 23.

“It went very well; I learned a lot of useful information that will be helpful for student activities. It was a lot of fun,” said education major Hansen.

The purpose of the trip was to learn how to improve the overall student activities.

“It was a good opportunity for students to talk with other students from different colleges, find out what each other are trying and find a better way to improve their own [activities],” said Taylor.

The students who attended the trip agreed with Taylor.

“I thought the conference was really fun and we learned a lot. It was also exhausting but worth the loss of sleep,” said business and communications major Definbaugh.

“It went really well; it was great. I learned a lot; I thought there was a lot of information used to implement their ideas for making our activities better,” said agriculture business major Owens.
Most students at Northwest College may be stressed out by exams, relationships, finances and homework, others on campus have even greater responsibilities in their lives: Children.

Women on campus who are mothers (fathers, too) can have a different outlook on life than some so-called traditional students. The subject continues to spark debate across the country, particularly in the wake of a recession that has seen tens of thousands of parents returning to school to learn new skills.

Emily Woodring is one of those women who has to juggle the dual role of student and parent. Her son, Eli, was born when she was 25 years old. Now, at 28, she has come back to school to provide a better life for her family, studying nursing.

Woodring is currently a 4.0 student with high ambitions to gain entrance into the prestigious nursing program next year. On top of her studies, she has a 3-year-old son and a 15-year-old stepdaughter at home.

“I have to juggle my time more. I have to make sure that I have enough time to spend with them and get them the things they need,” Woodring said. “I have to get them to school and get them to daycare, so there is a lot going on.”

Other students may have as much going on in their daily life, but their past may affect their studies as well. According to associatedcontent.com, two hormones play an important role when a woman undergoes pregnancy. These are Cortisol and Oxytocin. Cortisol is a stress hormone and it directly affects the hippocampi, two regions of brain that are critical for memory function. Cortisol is released during labor and delivery. The more intense the labor, the more potential there is for damage to the hippocampi. Oxytocin floods a woman’s body during the later half of pregnancy and is related to labor induction and lactation.

After a woman has experienced these two hormones in their system, their mental state may be affected. They may experience memory loss or depression.

Another woman on campus who has dealt with the stress of pregnancy during college is Roni Williams, an art history major who is returning to college for the second time.

Williams became pregnant when she was attending college in Casper, Wyo. She was 19 at the time.

Williams was living with her ex-boyfriend, who was very excited when he heard she was going to be a father. Williams, however, was less than excited.

“I freaked out,” she said. “I couldn’t support myself at the time, how could I support a baby?”

A few months into her pregnancy, Williams went through a death in the family when her brother was killed. She also left her then-boyfriend, the father of the baby. Through all of this, she never told her parents she was pregnant.

She felt alone.

“I was about three months into my pregnancy when I lost the baby,” Williams said. “I think I had too much stress. I had too much on my plate and I didn’t take care of myself.”

Williams never saw a doctor after the miscarriage, but she knew she had lost the baby due to the amount of blood.

Stress has long been suspected as a possible cause of miscarriage, with several studies indicating an increased risk among women reporting high levels of emotional or physical turmoil in their early months of pregnancy or just before conception, according to WebMD.com.

Williams never finished her finals at Casper College.

“I was distracted. I was sick all the time, I ended up failing out because I couldn’t keep up,” said Williams. “I felt like I couldn’t support life, so why should my life be supported?”

Williams, now 20, has just finished her first semester at NWC. She lives on campus in Cody Hall and has told her story to many of her classmates as a cautionary tale.

One of Williams’ classmates also shares a history of pregnancy. Allie Kottke, an 18-year-old freshman from Billings, Mont., who plans on going to beauty school after NWC, has an 18-month-old son whom she gave up in an open adoption.

Kottke was 16 when she found out she was pregnant, and due to her status as an athlete and pregnancy’s affect on her body, she didn’t realize she was pregnant until she was nine months along.

“My mom made my dad go buy pregnancy tests. I took it and it was like ‘Yeah, you’re pregnant,’” said Kottke. “That Monday, I went and had an ultrasound done and they said I was 16 weeks pregnant.”

As is protocol when a teenager finds herself pregnant, Kottke was given many different pamphlets on adoption services in the area. She decided on Catholic Social Services and started searching for a suitable adoptive family for her son.

“When I made my decision, I didn’t think of it related to him,” Kottke said.

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“Originally, I didn’t want an open adoption because I thought it would be weird,” Kottke said.

After searching through the 50-plus books that were given to Kottke and her family, they picked out their top eight. The books were much like baby books, except they contained pictures and information about each potential couple.

“My mom, my sister and I were looking at them and we had picked out one couple,” said Kottke about the process. “My dad got home from work and was looking at them without anyone saying anything and ironically he picked the same people we picked.”

Kottke met the potential couple a few days later and decided that they were perfect to adopt her child. Within four days, Kottke had her son, Peter Daniel, who was adopted by Jessica and Adam Gill from Great Falls, Mont.

“I love them,” said Kottke about her son’s adoptive parents. “Sometimes I wish I could trade them for my real family.”

Kottke feels that she was absolutely not ready to have a child. She was certain that if she had kept the baby, she would have been raised more by her parents.

“Sometimes it’s hard when people do have kids bring them over to the dorms,” said Kottke about how the birth affects her today. “I wasn’t there when he first walked, or when he said his first words. I am very thankful that I have an open adoption and they try to involve me. I may not be there, but they try to capture everything on film so I can feel like I’m there.”

Kottke visits her son as often as she can, usually once a month in the summer and a little less in the winter due to road conditions.

As a mother today, Woodring says her three-year-old seems to always be asking for attention when she’s trying her hardest to study, but she said a sense of humor is necessary in the situation.

“My husband will be watching the kids and I will go in the bedroom to take a test on blackboard or something like that,” explains Woodring. “And my 3-year-old who likes to play ‘bad guys,’ but has to be naked when he does it, will come running into the room screaming at me ‘Mommy! Mommy! Mommy!’ as I’m trying to take an exam and it’s crunch time.”

While some have to deal with the stress of being a mother, others like Williams wonder what it would be like.

“Since the miscarriage, I’ve been seeing kids running around and wondering what would have happened if I’d had mine,” said Williams. “This last Thanksgiving, I finally told my ex-boyfriend I lost the baby. Some may say men don’t cry, but he cried.”

Williams recounts what she feels her life would be like if she hadn’t suffered the trauma of a miscarriage.

“I would probably be married to the guy, the baby would be very loved, I would have finished school. I think I would have the perfect life,” said Williams. “Always wanted to be a mom, and I probably will forever!”

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State lines, border shapes and land acquisitions were discussed during the complimentary lecture about the history of United States borders on Tuesday, March 1. The event was hosted by Rex Myers, a history and geography professor at Northwest College.

Myers began by talking about how during colonial times, before the Revolution, the Appalachian Mountains were the western border for early settlers. That changed because of America’s independence from Britain and increased immigration to America.

Myers also said the Gadsden Purchase (a mass of land about the size of Scotland that makes up southern New Mexico and the southwestern part of Arizona) was purchased because of the South Pacific Railroad connecting Louisiana to California. If not for the Gadsden Purchase, the South Pacific Railroad would have been a failure because it could not get around the Grand Canyon.

“Borders can be natural or artificial,” Myers said.

Natural borders, meaning mountain ranges, lakes and rivers. Artificial borders would be border-lines drawn up by congress.

Myers then discussed the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867. It was cost $7.2 million and was considered a mistake because of it’s harsh temperatures and barren landscape. It wouldn’t be until 1897 with the discovery of gold that people’s opinions about the territory would change. Also, the discovery of oil would again prove the purchase of Alaska as a benefit to America.

Myers is also a part of the Powell Valley Community Education which offers a series of non-credit classes and online enrichment classes.

Presentation highlights American Borders

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Colbert said, “I think we’re growing to more of a respectable relationship. We had a couple motivational conversations. I thought he would see me and say ‘oh god, hell no,’ for something like that, but he actually pulled me to the side and told me to keep up the good work I’m doing. The problem was never on the court, it was off the court. He told me that and I really took it to heart.”

While a student and athlete at NWC, Colbert was an NWC student in 2009. Colbert is currently playing basketball for Central Wyoming College as a stepping-stone. After graduation, he hopes to transfer to the University of Utah to play basketball.

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Colbert has remained in contact with Robirds because he sees him as a father figure.

“That’s my guy. He’s been very supportive. He’s not my biological dad, of course, but he’s pretty much my dad,” Colbert said. “It was nice to see my parent. I’m very grateful for that guy. That guy has worked wonders for me. I can’t even explain my gratitude towards that guy.”

Colbert stepped onto the court in the Cabre Gym on Feb. 24 with radiating energy. He said he had been anticipating the game in Powell against NWC all season, although Central Wyoming College had already played NWC twice already earlier in the season.

He said that even standing in the Cabre Gym was an emotional time for him.

“We lost against them in the scrimmage in Casper and I was bawling,” Colbert said. “I couldn’t stand it. It was already emotional just seeing Coach Ward, period. I kind of got this feeling inside, I don’t know why, but I never really felt that way before.”

Stephens said that, because he had not played basketball for a year, he was not at the peak of his game at the beginning of the season but is improving with every practice. Colbert actually played with too much energy and intensity against NWC, Stephens said.

“He really wanted to do well playing against a former team and because of that, maybe he was a little too hyped up,” Stephens said.

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Colbert views Central Wyoming College as a stepping-stone. After graduation, he hopes to transfer to the University of Utah to play basketball for a Division I school.

“I feel that everything my coach has taught me this year off the court is going to benefit me in the future. Everything is working out just fine,” Colbert said. “I feel like I’m taking steps in the right direction, but I don’t know what’s going to happen. I don’t know but I feel like I’m making strides in the right direction. I’m not where I want to be, but I’m getting there.”

NWC beat Central Wyoming College in a close match, 87-85.
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Over spring break, the Northwest College Criminal Justice Club will visit the Pentagon, the White House, the Department of Homeland Security and other historic places in the nation’s capitol. During their Tuesday, March 1 meeting, Student Senate approved a $1,370.95 request to fund the Criminal Justice Club for their trip to Washington D.C. On March 11, the club is flying to D.C. for an educational look at the different kinds of jobs and branches involving criminal justice.

“It’s a learning experience; it’s where I want to work when I’m done with Northwest. I’m transferring to D.C.,” said criminal justice major Scott Kondrad. The club has been running for four years, but this is their second year going on a trip to D.C. Anyone can join the Criminal Justice Club, you don’t need to be majoring in it to become a member. There are a total of 37 people involved in the club, but only 12 are going on the trip. They are staying in a hotel that is just three blocks from the White House. The plane tickets and the hotel bill are expected to top $1,000 per person.

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Criminal justice major Daniel Knosp told the Student Senate that the trip will give the club a hands-on experience of America’s criminal justice system. The students are going to visit and take a special tour where they can enter, explore and talk to real-life upholders of the criminal justice system, including the Pentagon, the White House, the Department of Homeland Security and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. They’re also going to visit a few historical sites like the Holocaust Museum and the Crime and Punishment Museum.

“It sounds very educational. It seems like a lot of fun. I really want to go on that trip,” said Student Senate President Miles McNair when asked of his opinion on funding the trip.

When entering the buildings of great importance, they need to go through a lot of security. Both Kondrad and Knosp have been to D.C. before and remember the hassle of the security. Last time they went, they remember needing badges signed by a Wyoming senator to go through 40 minutes of security. Knosp recalled having to go through four different metal detectors just to get firmly inside a government building.

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Human pyramid

A group of international and American students form a human pyramid in front of McDonalds as part of a scavenger hunt on Feb. 24.

Gallery: ‘You might as well be out there on the edge’

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an art class during his sophomore year that he was instantly “hooked” as he described it.

“I never looked back, I never thought about being a geologist,” said Allen. “For me, I can barely remember I found art. It’s changed me immensely. It’s awoken me to the world, I think differently. That’s why I appreciate everything art does.”

Allen, who focused primarily in making sculptures, had never painted until a little over a year ago. When, as a resident artist at a school in Macedonia, the school couldn’t afford to buy materials for sculpting materials and was left with canvas and paint.

“I really think of the paintings as a sculpture because I build everything. It’s a process of building up layers. It’s an additive and subtractive process,” Allen said. “Putting on all the paint and everything and then I sand it back and then I add other objects to that. It’s kind of sculptural to me.”

Allen describes his artistic style as obsessive and provocative at times and considers himself a social critic.

“I’ve done work about religion, oil, pharmaceutical industries, a lot of different political issues,” Allen said. “I like that kind of work because it engages people.”

Allen said the person who has influenced his art most is his college graduate professor whom he described as an “old hippie guy.”

“Even though he was an old hippie, he was right on the edge of art. For me, if you’re going to be an artist you might as well be out there on the edge pushing it. There’s no sense in making stuff has been seen before or done before,” said Allen. “Use the creative ability you have to create something that no one has ever seen. And that’s what he taught me. He taught me really two things, making art is a romantic process, you have to engage yourself just like you would in any relationship; develop trust and understanding. And then he taught me to be out there on the edge.”

Allen said he views himself as “on the edge” with his conceptual thinking and ideas. He said that he pushes ideas forward that engage people and talks to them about it.

“There’s this image in America about slicker – artists and irrelevant art,” Allen said. “I think the American culture is missing out on the treasure of some of the great thinkers in the art world. It’s a shame.”
Wyoming Senate shoots down public meetings bill

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A bill that would have required Wyo¬
ing government boards to record their closed sessions died Monday in the state Senate.

The Senate voted 16-14 to kill the bill to require such government bodies as county commissions and school boards to record their closed sessions. The bill would have allowed people to petition in court to access the recordings.

Several senators who spoke against the bill said they didn’t see a need for it or sense any support among the public. State law allows public boards to meet in private to consider things such as personnel matters, litigation and acquisition of real estate.

Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, said the bill would impose an undefined mandate on government entities, requiring them to make and maintain recordings but not giving them the funds to cover the work.

“When I’ve been down here, which is a long time, this is one of the worst bills I’ve ever seen,” Coe said. He’s been in the Senate more than 20 years.

Before defeating the bill, the Senate approved an amendment sponsored by Sen. Curt Meier, R-
LaGrange, to exempt smaller govern¬
ment bodies such as hospital boards from the recording requirement.

Sen. Dan Dockstader, R-Afton, spoke in favor of the bill. He’s a newspaper publisher and radio talk show host. He said he welcomed the idea of transparency.

Sen. Bruce Burns, R-Sheridan, spoke against the bill. He said it would still apply to nearly 100 mu¬
icipalities in the state, as well as 23 counties.

Burns said most people on boards and commissions that would be af¬
fected by the recording requirement don’t know about the issue or what effect passing the bill would have on them.

“I’m not insulting the press in any way. I’m just saying that this idea needs to circulate among those people it will affect,” Burns said.

Sen. Chris Rothfuss, D-Laramie, said the bill didn’t offer any provi¬
sions for how to handle recordings of sensitive conversations.

“There’s no training on how to handle sensitive data; this is not well thought out,” Rothfuss said. “I think we’re all for transparency of govern¬
ment, but not everything needs to be public information.”

Sen. Leland Christensen, R-
Alta, said the bill would help board members to focus and pay attention to what they’re doing in closed meetings.

“I think this bill offers a tool, of¬
ers encouragement and support for board members,” Christensen said. The Wyoming Press Associa¬
tion has pushed for the bill. The Associated Press is a member of the association.

Bruce Moats, lawyer for the press association, said after the Senate vote, he was puzzled by some of the Senate debate.

“To say this is the worst bill ever, I don’t understand, when you’re talk¬
ing about simply making sure the public gets information about what their government is up to,” Moats said. “How can this be that bad?”

Students who begin as first-time 9th graders in a particular school year and then graduate with a regular high school diploma in four or fewer years.

The formula is similar to the standards set by the National Gov¬
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“The new federal methodology will ensure that state graduation rates can be compared nationally.

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Given enough coffee, I could rule the world. ~Author Unknown

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Be Passionate.
Several sculptures made primarily of twine hung about nine feet long and each weighing approximately 20 pounds were the first thing visitors saw as they entered the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Building at Northwest College on March 1. It was the opening of the gallery show Left Brain Right Brain by Bozeman artist Joel Allen. The sculptures represent half of the show and provided the inspiration for the second part, which is a series of graphic paintings.

“‘My work is based on this really labor intensive handwork,’” Allen said. “‘It creates this wonderful space to think and I decided I would use that time to think about the other work I wanted to do at the same time. That’s why I call it ‘Left Brain Right Brain’. Doing two things and maybe a little bit different ways, but it allowed me to create a whole different space in my head.’”

Each piece takes four to five weeks and over 100 hours, and although all related pieces are distinct in shape, style and presentation with the same base medium of either twine – used for the sculptures or paint, each piece was made with its own added medium. Additional mediums included everything from test tubes and pill bottles to glass and recycled newspaper.

“I’ve never met a material I didn’t like. I’ll try any kind of material. It just has to serve a functional or prosthetic principle that I’m working with,” Allen said. “‘I call it the romance of making things; the relationship of materials and what I understand and how far I can push materials.”

Allen, who received instruction at several colleges, including Washington State and Montana State University — both in Billings and in Bozeman, Mont. — and has his masters in sculpture and installation, didn’t even go to college until he was 35 years old and originally went to college to study geology. It was only after he was required to take

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Left Brain Right Brain
Featured artist explores alternative mediums in labor-intensive sculptures, paintings

Hanging from left “Tell Me No Lies”, “Dirty Little Secret”, “What That Punk Say?”,”Neither Here Nor There” and “ED,” five of Joel Allen’s two-dimensional work fills one wall of the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Building on March 1.

A closer look at “Wide-Bottom Blue Tooth” shows the details of all the plastic tubing, prescription bottles and sisal that went in to make Joel Allen’s three-dimensional work.

Assistant Professor of Graphics Art Morgan Tyree takes a closer look at the three-dimensional work hanging in the Northwest Gallery on March 1.

Powell locals and Northwest faculty listen to Joel Allen’s descriptions of his three-dimensional work. The Artist also explains what inspired his work that is currently hanging in the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Building on March 1.

Assistant Professor of Graphics Art Morgan Tyree talks about his two-dimensional and three-dimensional works shown at the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Building on March 1.
Columnist ponders religious conflicts

College is supposed to be the time when young individuals figure out who they are. Whether it’s a different style of dress, a different major or a different sexuality, everyone goes through the period of self-exploration in these formative academic years. Some of us will realize we are partiers, others will realize we want to be the future senators of the world. For me, I realized a position of responsibility and leadership was one of my callings.

When I was a freshman at Northwest College, I was inspired by a resident assistant in Cody Hall. He told me about what the job entailed and I spent hours in the lobby enjoying the company of the RAs on duty. Later on, when I decided this might be the path for me, he was one of my references for the application process.

I was initially rejected. I got the infamous letter stating that I should apply again next semester, but I was not offered a position in the current year. The resident director of my hall told me that I should definitely apply again, because they only had one female RA position open, and it was in Lewis and Clark Hall.

I came back for intercession classes that Christmas break, and received a phone call from the same RD. He asked if I had time to meet him in his apartment for a conversation. In my head, I was convinced something was wrong. I thought I was about to be reprimanded.

“So,” he began, “Are you still interested in an RA position?”

Nervous, but ecatic, I vigorously nodded. He offered me the position of RA in the same wing I was living, because unexpectedly, he had a staff member leave. I moved from one room to the one right next to it and began life as a resident assistant of Cody Hall.

I’ve been in the same room for almost a year and a half, but that year and a half has taught me more about myself than I ever would have imagined. I learned that I’m actually rather good in emergency situations, something I never would have found out in another job. The job opened up an entirely new world that required good people skills, something I had always lacked in high school. I learned how to help my residents and how to be there as a friend. I learned to be optimistic, even in the toughest of times.

I also learned to work with a multitude of people. From the partying students, to the studious ones who rarely leave their rooms. From the outspoken and pessimistic co-workers to the sickenningly happy ones. I learned how to adapt myself to help them the best.

When I first filled out my application, there was a question asking why I wanted to be an RA. I was such a scared freshman, away from home for the first time. The RAs in Cody Hall helped me come out of my shell and feel at home. They helped me when I didn’t know where my classes were, or how to submit assignments. My main motivation for wanting to be an RA was because I wanted to help others like I had been helped. I wanted to pay it forward.

Those of you reading this, have you had similar experiences like this? Were you once a scared freshman who needed help? Do you have the urge to help others in the same way?

If you do, apply to be an RA. It is easily the greatest and most fulfilling job I have ever had. Yes, it can be frustrating and time-consuming sometimes, but if you think you have even the slightest interest, do it. It can never hurt to try.

Informational meetings will be in the halls this week. Applications are due on March 25.

You will be forever grateful for the opportunity given to you in the form of this job. You will figure out who you are meant to be, even if being an RA isn’t really for you. How will you know until you try?
Winter has overstayed its welcome

Columnist ready for warmer temperatures and more opportunities

I love the deep, fluffy wet snow and piercing cold temperatures that freeze the ground for months, killing bugs and germs, but now that March is here, winter needs to say ‘goodbye.’ Over the past couple years, it has seemed like winter comes later and leaves later. For farmers and ranchers, especially, it is a major curveball to the annual activities on the operation. Normally, agricultural producers should be in the fields by middle to late March and planting crops by about the 10th of April.

For my family farm in western Montana, lately the cold temperatures have stretched out the potato shipping process, in turn, taking time away from early field work. That being said, farmers growing seasons are pushed farther down the calendar, making it riskier during harvest time for farmers anticipating the first frost.

Though I am about 500 miles away from my farm, this cold weather has also hindered my income as a college student. During post harvest field work and spring field work, I help out a local farmer west of town. It is a fun time of year for me because as temperatures are warming up, the grass is turns green and I have the opportunity to rack up a lot of hours running a tractor around the clock.

Winter for me, along with many other folks around the country, is a slow time of year because the fields of work that I choose to work in are seasonal.

Along with working as a farm/camp hand, my weekends involved traveling as an announcer, working rodeos, stock car races, and other various events around the Northwest. Nice weather is needed to get straight from the Horses Mouth

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Psychological ballet thriller a must see

Portman wins best actress for riveting performance in “Black Swan”

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Most people I’ve talked to said they wouldn’t bother with it after telling them what it’s about. Most get more willing, when they heard Portman and Kunis’ names, even more when Aronofsky was mentioned. At this point, I don’t know anyone still reluctant to see this film after Portman’s award.

So I say to you, the reader, what’s your kill out because it won’t warm as fast and spoil.

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Movie Review

Douglas Robson, Rating: ★★★★★

“I don’t know how well it will catch on, college kids seem pretty busy and recycling doesn’t seem major to them.”

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Photography

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Montana native shows how to bring the party wherever he goes

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Cole Bolster, right, joinsamos Helvey, center, and Wes Hoog on stage duringTunes on Tuesday on Feb. 1 at Parlor News. Bolster was not actually part of the performance.

Nearly three quarters of the way through his first year at Northwest College, Cole Bolster has compiled a laundry list of unusual experiences and become one of the most well-known faces around campus. Bolster, 20, is an outdoor education major from Missoula, Mont. His hobbies include rock climbing, fishing, hunting, model cars, rabbit showcasing, paintballing, drinking and urinating on things.

During parties, dances or stand-up comedy venues, Bolster will often be seen shirtless, displaying a variety of tattoos and a pair of damaged mammary papilla, from the recent removal of his latest nipple piercing.

Many would immediately flag this sort of behavior in public as inappropriate; however, Bolster resents the claims and argues this type of celebratory attitude is very typical where he is originally from.

“It’s what we do back home,” Bolster explains. “The party starts and shirts come off. I don’t worry about whether or not they have an issue with me taking my shirt off. I’m a social butterfly and I’m not afraid to start a conversation with a complete stranger.”

Bolster explained a couple situations in which social confidence was present.

“For instance,” he said, “today at the ski lift, I was sitting next to this guy and that song You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth by Meatloaf came on. I looked at him and said; ‘You don’t know it yet, but this is our song.’ We had lunch together. Another time, I got my nipples pierced in a dorm room by a kid I’d known for maybe a month.”

Throughout his adventures, Bolster has coined a phrase that has also become his most popular nickname: Cole-Factor.

“The Cole-Factor is the experience of doing things you never actually planned on doing, but you do anyways,” Bolster says. “It’s more-or-less doing something unexpected. Like a rootie at a party: You never know when it’s gonna happen.”

Among the list of unusual college experiences, Bolster has attended a fabricated bachelor party in Billings, star-gazed from atop public monuments, performed stand-up comedy in a white tuxedo and even been on stage for multiple local band performances without having any actual connection with the band.

“I like adventure,” said Bolster. “That’s one reason why I switched my major from archeology to outdoor education.

Because what’s more adventurous than the outdoors?”

Bolster has accumulated a considerably large list of friends around campus, including Colder Hall Resident Assistant Katelyn Vincent and music major Henry Sanchez.

“He’s fun and crazy, and likes to push everything to the limit to see what he can get away with,” Vincent said. “But he’s super funny and adventurous. I think Cole fits the saying ‘Cape Dien’ pretty well. He seize the day and lives for the moment. He’s a great example of getting out there and doing what you love.”

Sanchez agrees with Vincent’s statement.

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This past Sunday evening, the Academy Awards aired. Every year, hundreds of actors, directors and various other people in the motion picture industry show up but only an elite few leave with an Oscar in hand. But this year, how ever, it felt different.

Every year, this event offers the opportunity to place stars on famous statues to actors and films that academy members believe is the year’s best work. It seems like every year there’s so much buzz about it you can barely escape it but this year the frenzy was noticeably absent. When the night actually came around, I saw and heard more people exclaim: “The Oscars are tonight!”

Another oddity is that every year I find myself yelling at Academy members for being idiots, giving the awards fa w ay to the wrong actor or movie. There was very little of that going on this year, only once or twice. This made me happy.

One thing that didn’t change that just seems to get worse year after year is the fashion-show-ness of it all. It didn’t feel enough like a prestigious event – it seemed more like a pageant for actors to strut their attire. I’m watch ing to see who gets best actress, not to see what Halle Berry is wearing.

The only real complaint about the awards themselves is that Toy Story 3 got “Best Animated Feature.” In my opinion it didn’t come close to How to Train Your Dragon. Also, I thought Jesse Eisenberg should have gotten “Best Actor” for The Social Network, but I won’t argue that Colin Firth (The King’s Speech) did a great job. I also would have loved to see True Grit win something.

Cole-Factor definitely lives a crazy life,” Sanchez said. “He doesn’t care what people think and even if you don’t wanna smile, you know you’re gonna when Cole comes running in.”

Despite the fun-loving personality displayed on a day-to-day basis, Bolster confines to fighting his own personal demons.

“In second grade I was diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and dyslexia,” Bolster said. “I have a tendency to exile myself. I’m actually a pretty lonely guy, because no matter what, I still feel like a black sheep at social events. I’ve always felt either not as cool as my friends, or just not quick enough to tell a joke or comeback as quickly. I suppose that is part of the reason I was picked on in high school.”

Despite painful reflections on his past, Cole still seems to find optimism within his peculiar lifestyle, and discussed the effect popularity has on his self-conscious.

“I have been told by multiple people that they love to party with me, because every party I’m at is just a kick in the pants,” Bolster said. “And I’m not concerned with popularity. I come from a small high school where everybody knows everybody. I could say I want to be popular, but I could never say I am because I’d never know.”

### Columnist pleased with most Oscar results, disappointed about “fashion show”

#### Results from the Academy Awards

**Best Picture:** The King’s Speech

**Best Actor:** Colin Firth, The King’s Speech

**Best Actress:** Natalie Portman, Black Swan

**Best Supporting Actor:** Christian Bale, The Fighter

**Best Supporting Actress:** Melissa Leo, The Fighter

**Best Director:** Tom Hooper, The King’s Speech

**Best Animated Film:** Toy Story 3

**Best Cinematography:** Alice in Wonderland, Robert Stromberg, Karen O’Hara

**Best Art Direction:** Alice in Wonderland, Colleen Atwood

**Best Costume Design:** The Social Network, Angus Wall and Kirk Baxter

**Best Foreign Language Film:** In a Better World (Denmark)

**Best Makeup:** The Wolfman, Rick Baker and Dave Elsey

**Best Original Score:** The Social Network, Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross

**Best Original Song:** ‘Fireflies’ from Toy Story 3, music and lyric by Randy Newman

**Best Original Song (Animated):** ‘The Last Thing, Shaun Tan and Andrew Ruhemann

**Best Sound Editing:** Inception, Richard King

**Best Sound Mixing:** Inception, Lora Hirschberg, Gary A. Rizzo and Ed Nevi

**Best Visual Effects:** Inception, Paul Franklin, Chris Corbould, Andrew Lockley and Peter Bebb

**Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay):** The Social Network, screenplay by Aaron Sorkin

**Best Writing (Original Screenplay):** The King’s Speech, screenplay by David Seidler
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The Ronnie Bedford & Friends benefit concert brought a whole new beat to the word “fundraising” in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium at Northwest College on Feb. 24. Ronnie Bedford, the 81-year-old headliner of the evening, did not let the younger artists around him show him up and take the limelight.

The benefit was held for the Northwest College Foundation – NWC’s official private and public fundraising organization for student scholarships and other charitable funded opportunities at NWC. The Foundation generally raises funds through its annual October dinner-dance, international telephone marketing to NWC alumni, and one-on-one fundraising, but not the night of Feb. 24.

“The Foundation does all kinds of fundraising events, but this is the first concert that I know of,” said Megan Nickles, an NWC alumna from the class of ’84, NWC Foundation board member and mistress of ceremonies for the night. “We’re always looking for fresh innovative ideas to draw people to the Foundation.”

Bedford has played professionally since he was 16, starting in New York City. He toured internationally with widely-known artists such as Benny Goodman. He is listed in the Grove Dictionary of Jazz, possibly the first to be featured on numerous records as well as recorded many of his own, and co-founded the Yellowstone Jazz Festival, among others and countless other achievements. He is now an instructor of percussion at NWC.

“I’ve been teaching here [at NWC] for 25 years and everybody has been wonderful to me,” said Bedford. “And so I wanted to give back whatever I could. That was the purpose,[of the benefit] and I’ll continue to do whatever possible.”

Nickles said that the foundation was actually approached by Bedford.

“We really appreciate the gift of all those musicians that are rooted in this college,” said Nickles.

The evening featured five groups of musicians. The first was the Ed Cook Trio featuring NWC Instructor of Music Ed Cook on guitar, Steve Singer on bass and Bedford on drums. Cook and Singer were the first to come on stage, tuning their guitars and strumming a few soulful notes before Bedford, pushing his walker before him, climbed slowly behind the drums.

Once the music started, it was clear Bedford wasn’t letting a walker and hearing aids hold him back from what he loved. The white and gray heads of the members of this group were deceiving – their hands and fingers plucked, strummed and drummed swanky up-beat jazz pieces with fast tempos, including Breezin’ and Body Talk, with the speed of any youth and the skill of only those who have had many years experience.

The next group to perform was Jan and Lucinda Kliewer. This group had a folk feel. Lucinda Kliewer sang soulful vocals and played guitar and although Jan Kliewer is a well-known opera singer and assistant professor of music at NWC, he contented himself playing the upright bass rather than singing.

“They had a great time,” said Bedford after performing with the Kliewers. “And I’m not really comfortable in this venue and she’s not really comfortable in (opera),” said Kliewer. “I like to back her up with the folk stuff but I’m not good at it.”

The couple, who have been married and playing music together for 33 years, were joined by NWC students Amos Helvey on the mandolin and vocals on some harmony parts and Wes Hogg on the violin. They played You Ain’t Goin’ Nowhere and Lovin’ Arms in the endearing twang that the titles imply, bouncing at the knees to the rhythm and smiling the whole time.

“I was chompin’ at the bit because I wanted to get a piece of Jan and Lucinda [Kliewer]. I love that bit but I didn’t want to be a hog, so I let them have their moment and that was that but maybe sometime in the future we’ll do something,” said Bedford.

The next performance was a solo performance by NWC instructor of music and familiar pianist Tim Schoessler. Despite being “very ill,” according to Bedford, Schoessler performed two pieces, Un Sospiro and Transcendental Etude No.10 in F minor, with great energy. The crowd seemed to stare in rapt attention as practiced fingers executed the fast-moving pieces.

The next group to perform included Neil Hansen (Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Division, Professor of Music, and Director of Bands at NWC) on trumpet and flugelhorn, featuring Jeff Troxel on guitar, NWC student Collin Ingram on upright bass and Bedford, once again, on drums. The jazz pieces were back again with this group, performing The First Time I Ever Saw Your Face and Stolen Moments with incredible solos from each member. They put a lot of energy into each piece, all smiling and bobbing to the music.

The first piece they played held special significance for Hansen because it was the song he and his wife listened to on their first date.

“Hee you go sweetheart,” said Hansen to his wife, who was in the audience.

After the intermission, the event continued with the final group of musicians, the Ronnie Bedford & Friends sextet. Featuring Bedford on drums, NWC Instructor of Music Craig Olson on saxophone, Robert Rumbolz, assistant professor of music at NWC on trumpet, Trevor Krieger on violin, Troxel on guitar and Ingram, once again, on upright bass. The group performed the jazz pieces Beautiful Love, Come Along Jody, Emily, Strollin’, and Tune 88.

“It’s great to have all this fun. I hope you’re having as much fun as us,” said Bedford after performing Tune 88. “We always have a good time doing that.”

Each musician featured had at least one solo and as a group performed with incredible energy and were met with wild applause at the end of their performance.

“It’s an amazing thing to have such great friends,” said Bedford as the night ended. “I can’t thank these people enough.”

The night was over, the tickets that were sold for an optional donation of $12 raised approximately $1,500 for the NWC foundation, although final numbers were not released by press date.

“I think the night went beautifully. I had a great time. All of those that participated, all the artists, were absolutely wonderful,” said Bedford. “Very, very happy with the way the evening went.”

Although the producers of the event were concerned that bad weather would lower attendance, the NPA was full of people from local and surrounding areas, including faculty, staff and students. NWC President Paul Prestwich with his wife and daughter also attended.

“I think it was a good number. The folks that I talked to, the musicians who’ve been on stage felt like it was a great crowd, they were very engaged in the activities,” said NWC Foundation Executive Director Shelby Wetzel. “Given the weather and what’s going on outside, I’m very pleased that we got a reasonably full house... We’re just thankful for the musicians as well as the audience.”
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other that will last a life. These things are important as they grow to be men and we accomplished that.

"For these three to make the finals of their weight class is just spectacular. To think that having three All-Americans is great. When you make the national finals, there’s no much separation between those two guys competing."

The seven of the Trappers who were sent to Spokane include Hillhouse, Cast, Petersen, Bobby Robbins at 149 pounds, Bernie Dupuy at 169 pounds, Ben Price at 197 pounds and heavyweight Sears Tiernan.

The returning All-American, Hillhouse, lost in double overtime in a three to two semi-final match.

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Petersen defeated Rend Lake College’s Austin Moorehead with a 4-1 decision to win the 184-pound weight class crown.

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"What happens at this last tournament isn’t what we’ve accomplished. What we have accomplished is what we have done so far,” Petersen said during an interview with Zeigler. “And how we’ve all worked together and how we’ve worked to be a family and the bond we have now and it took all season to get it. That’s what the goal is.”

Top 10

Team Results
1 Clackamas Community College - 109
2 North Idaho College - 98.5
3 Rend Lake College - 94
4 Iowa Central Community College - 93
5 Labette Community College - 85.5
6 Harper College - 84
7 Lincoln College - 84
8 Northwest College - 72.5
9 Muskegon College - 69
10 Highline Community College - 67.5

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Pohlman selected as new head volleyball coach

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Former Dodge City Community College leader selected; hopes to begin recruiting process immediately

Shaun Pohlman

Athletic Director Andy Ward said, “We felt like Shawn was a really good fit for our athletic department for Northwest College and he has head coaching experience at the community college level and he’s been successful at Dodge City and we think he will be very successful here at Northwest.”

In the 2008 season, Pohlman was awarded Co-Coach of the Year in the Jayhawk Conference in Dodge City. “He’s improved their program,” Ward said. “He’s really built a solid program and made the team a contender in the Jayhawk Conference.”

Pohlman also shared his enthusiasm with the Trail about becoming a Trapper. “I’m absolutely thrilled. I think that not only is it a good fit for me on a professional level but I really felt comfortable while there,” Pohlman said. “I think the committee felt comfortable with me and everything really clicked.”

As a personal bonus, Pohlman will be closer to his family in Twin Falls, Idaho. “On a professional level, we’re competing against one of the toughest conferences in the nation,” Pohlman said. “We’re able to provide full ride scholar ships, the resources that are available will increase recruiting power.”

Pohlman plans on arriving in Powell as early as March 21. “I have other responsibilities here (Dodge City)” Pohlman said. “I don’t want to leave this program the way I had received it and I have girls here that I still care about and want to make sure they have a good transition.”

Pohlman’s first act of duty will be to begin the recruiting process. A recruiting questionnaire is available online at http://www.northwestcollege.edu/volleyball/recruiting/ for prospective athletes.

Lady Trappers fight for two wins in final home games

Sophomore players enjoy their last night competing at home court, look forward to rest of the season

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In the final two home games of the season, the Trapper women’s basketball team defeated Central Wyoming College on Thursday, Feb. 24, 80-71, and Eastern Wyoming College on Saturday, Feb. 26, 87-61. The team had a tremendous effort coming out of the locker room in the second half on Saturday defending their home court and knowing it was some of the players last game in the gym.

“I think it was good; the kids came back and responded well after a loss,” Head Coach Janis Beal said. “They did a good job of holding their heads up and getting defensive free throws.”

The team also was able to draw quite a few fouls and convert for the extra points. “We went to the free throw line 41 times which shows we were attacking the basket quite a bit,” Beal said. “It was a big win; it was good being sophomore night. I think they responded well to the previous loss against Sheridan and wanted to play hard in that last game at home. Everybody got to play and when everybody gets to play in a big win it’s always a fun sophomore night.”

Sophomore Megan Goodman reflected on the win over Eastern Wyoming College in her last game on her home court. “We came on strong right at the tip off,” Goodman said. “It was the last time playing in the Cabre gym for a lot of us so we wanted to give it our all, and we did. We got a big lead early and midway through the second half coach Beal put in all the freshmen which I think was good for them to see how it will be next year.”

The Lady Trappers now move onto the Region IX tournament in Casper, Wyo. against Northeastern Junior College from Sterling, Colo. “At this point in the season it’s more refining things it’s not really changing a whole lot. We have all week, which is nice, so we can put in some scouting reports for NJC,” Beal said. “It ought to be a fun tournament, from top to bottom everyone’s a lot closer than they have been in recent years and it’s up to anybody who shows up and wants to play the game.”

Jessica Fisher looks for an open player while being boxed in by three Eastern Wyoming College players on Feb. 26 in the Cabre Gym.
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In the final three consecutive home games of the season, the Trapper men’s basketball team defeated Central Wyoming College on Thursday, 87-85. They then lost to Laramie County Community College on Friday, 93-89, but returned for a last home win against Eastern Wyoming College, 66-64.

“We struggled to score and just struggled with the ball in general and some of that has to do with how Eastern plays. They don’t give up a lot of points on average,” Head Coach Andy Ward said. “We found ourselves down in the second half and our guys just battled back and extended our full court defense and pressured the ball to get some baskets.”

Ward also reflected on sophomore Chantz Ramos’s last career game as a Trapper and a college athlete.

“I thought Chantz Ramos had the best game of his career as a Trapper,” Ward said. “He played with energy, he was all over the floor and he made shots. And we needed it and for him to play that kind of game, we needed it.”

Ramos drained four three pointers throughout the game.

“It was my last home game as a Trapper and a last home game in my career and I wanted to end it with a bang,” Ramos said. “I went out there and played all out and it just worked out for me and I’m grateful the game came at the last home game.”

Going into the locker room, the team was reminded of the fact that it was the last game on the home court for the sophomores and possibly unreturning freshman.

“The Eastern game was an emotional roller coaster in the locker room,” freshman Shane Reader said. “A lot of the guys weren’t coming back, a lot of sophomores last time playing in the gym and freshman who didn’t know if they were coming back. It was kind of like we had nothing to lose so guys just came out with a crazy amount of energy.”

The previous night against Laramie County Community College fatigue had set into the players from the series of games.

“The Laramie game is where fatigue really set in. We knew they had two good shooters that coach keyed in on, making sure they didn’t get hot like what happened the night before,” Reader said. “We gave up a lot of middle penetration. I thought our legs weren’t under us completely from fatigue.”

Ward agreed with the fact that players were tired and accredited some of the mistakes to the lack of care for the ball.

“I think there’s a lot of merit to that. We played a lot of games. We looked tired, and Laramie looked tired. It looked like nobody wanted to win the game early on,” Ward said. “We turned the ball over too much, we struggled to score and more than that we really struggled to defend anyone. We scored 89 in the game which is a lot of points for us but our defense just was not there.”

On Friday, Feb. 24, the Trappers fought until the clock ran out against Central Wyoming College for an 87-85 win.

“Guys came out in second and extended our defense full court and put a lot of pressure on the ball which let our guys get into it a little bit more energy and excitement and enthusiasm,” Ward said. “We just widdled away at their lead and got it down to a manageable deficit and at the end I don’t think we hardly led but the point where you want to lead is at the end.”

The team heads down to Norfolk, Neb., to take on Northeastern Junior College in the first round of the Region IX tournament beginning Tuesday, March 15.
Thematic at the movies:

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1. A street of small shops  
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59. Loud ringing of bells or laughter  
60. Leave out  
61. Starch from cuckoopint root  
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63. Exclamation for unfortunately  
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Down:
1. As opposed to Bachelor of Science degrees  
2. Reproductive structures  
3. Land of Israel  
4. WWII villain  
5. Slow the growth of  
6. It featured the line, “You’re gonna need a bigger boat.””  
7. French military leader  
8. Rocket Chick  
9. Scarecrow control  
10. One on a list  
11. Indian ethnic group  
12. Mountain valley  
13. Tool used for gripping  
14. “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad _____”  
15. Tool used for gripping  
16. “Gas Food _______”  
17. “____ and feather”  
18. “The world is your _______”  
19. Indian ethnic group  
20. Another spelling for #56 Down  
21. “It featured the line, “I feel the need... the need for speed!””  
22. “Stallone’s nickname”  
23. “It featured the line, “And I guess that was your accomplice in the wood chipper.””  
24. “Eat Pray Love” locale  
25. “And I guess that was your accomplice in the wood chipper.””  
26. “I feel the need... the need for speed!””  
27. Goofballs  
28. “Another’s control”  
29. Another spelling for #56 Down  
30. Long time  
31. “Cult film involving repossessing cars”  
32. Bogs down or gets stuck  
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34. “He famously called out to Adrian”  
35. At the top  
36. “It featured the line, “You’re gonna need a bigger boat.””  
37. Male children  
38. “Boys on the ____” with Goldberg, Barrymore and Parker  
39. Richard Nixon’s VP  
40. Level or dismantle  
41. One on a list  
42. Thrown to give up  
43. “Layla” performer  
44. “It featured the line, “You’re gonna need a bigger boat.””  
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Answers to last week’s puzzle:

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Gamers retreat for three-day weekend

Computer club holds LAN Party with Student Senate funds

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What would you say if I told you you could do nothing but play games for a whole three-day weekend? This is the scene of the Local Area Network party hosted by the Computer and Technology club in the DeWitt Student Center Lounge on Feb. 25-27. A LAN Party is basically a group of people playing video and computer games, sitting on the couch and drinking sodas.

“I think it was great, we had a good turnout. Even at shut down, people were still playing games; so it’s pretty cool,” said Computer and Technology Club President James Ries.

There were numerous consoles, such as wii, an X-Box 360, and a Playstation 3. The average games played during the event included Super Mario Smash Brother’s Brawl, Bullet Storm, Black Ops, Halo Reach, World or Warcraft, Dead Space 2, Pokemon and Age of Empires. Some of the games were fighting, militaristic, futuristic, strategic, involved monsters, adventurous, were online and exclusive to consoles.

In order to fund the event, Student Senate awarded the LAN Party $700. While $400 is normally given to the computer club to host the LAN Party, an additional $300 was given as special funding for equipment, such as extra projectors and screens.

“It was pretty good; we had 38 consistent people show up for all three days. We had pop, half of the three cars that were filled [were consumed]. I think everyone had a good time,” said NWC student Steve Bracha.

The LAN Party had a few gaming tournaments; on Friday there was a Super Mario Smash Brother’s Brawl (Random characters and battlefields) competition. The winner was NWC student Daniel Simon. On Saturday there were two competitions; the Super Mario Smash Brother’s Brawl (3 rounds of fighting) and the winner was also Simon, and the Pokemon tournament with the winner Bracha.

On Sunday there were two competitions: the Age of Empires tournament, with the winner as Ries, and the Halo Reach tournament. The winner was NWC student Stanley Langbe.