Welcome to a new year at Northwest Iowa Community College

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Northwest Iowa Community College. I am very proud to be associated with NCC and I believe that we are a significant community college that makes a difference in the lives of all of our students and communities.

As a native of Northwest Iowa, I am aware of the strong work ethic of its residents and the value they place on quality education. NCC mirrors those values with a mission of being “a progressive learning college rapidly responding to the changing needs of our global community.”

NCC has a long tradition of providing outstanding career and technical training programs. We were the first “technical” college in Iowa, actually beginning as a technical college one year prior to the forming of Iowa’s community college system. To this strong beginning, NCC has expanded its programs to include Associate Degrees in Arts and Science, Business and Health programs and Continuing Education classes for Business and Industry needs. Students may begin at NCC and transfer to a 4-year college, knowing that their credits will transfer.

A key element to continuing to offer quality education at NCC is the ability to upgrade and enhance college facilities and technology that is consistent with industry standards. Therefore, on Tuesday, September 14, voters in the Northwest Iowa Community College District will have the opportunity to vote for a general obligation bond to fund these needs.

Funds generated from this general obligation bond will support career and technical education upgrades that will include See GIDDINGS on 7

Students have many activities to par-take in

By: Paul Jacobson
Student Writer

Throughout the 2009-2010 school year, NCC had numerous activities going on all throughout campus. From fundraisers to blood drives to intramural sports, NCC was a busy place to be throughout the year. If you are a student that lives on campus, you know that housing also held many activities for students to partake in.

NCC’s housing put on different events over the course of the year that allowed students to have fun, possibly win some prizes, and most importantly, to meet one another. When you’re an incoming freshman, it can be a scary experience not knowing anyone or having friends to interact with. That is where NCC housing stepped in and gave students the chance to meet new students.

To kick off the year, a grill-out was put on to welcome students to NCC. The grill-out was held between the three housing buildings on NCC’s campus. It gave students the opportunity to eat some good food and to meet each other.

A WiI bowling tournament was held in the fall where students could put their bowling skills to test. Students were competing for prizes along with some bragging rights on the line. Lyon Hall was host to the WiI tournament that saw many students come out and have some fun.

As the end of the fall semester approached, so did the holidays. To get into the Christmas spirit, a Christmas party and room decorating competition were held. Prizes were given out to the students who had the best decorated room. The Christmas party was an event that gave students the opportunity to unwind from studying for their finals and gave them See HOUSING on 15

NCC general obligation bond vote

What is the September 14 NCC general obligation bond vote about?

Voters in Area IV are being asked to approve a $13.4 million bond over 15 years for Northwest Iowa Community College. This bond would support three main areas of the College:
- Career & Technical Education Facilities
- Advanced Technology
- Energy Conservation & Efficiencies

How were these needs identified?

The NCC Board of Trustees directed College Administration to conduct a Facilities Assessment to assess the planning process for growth, development and renovation of College facilities. The extensive research and analysis resulted in a final report that recommended the Board of Trustees explore funding options to address the immediate facility needs.

How will I be impacted?

Home Assessed Value: $100,000 Actual Tax Levied Per Year: $16.65
Ag Land Assessed Value: Average Per Acre: $1,300 Actual Tax Levied Per Year Per Acre: $3.81

Source: County Assessors’ Office

Are these funds used for staff salaries?

No, the Code of Iowa does not allow the use of a general obligation bond for salaries.

Why a general obligation bond issue?

A bond issue is a way to address enrollment growth by accelerating construction projects. Unlike levies, which are often renewed by voters to continue support of the
student's perspective on the bond vote

By: Paul Jacobson
Student Writer

Northwest Iowa Community College is a beautiful place where students are able to gain the proper amount of knowledge before going into the workforce but also to enjoy their time and experience that NCC gives them while they are here. As times change, so does the curriculum and the need for more learning opportunities.

On September 14, a vote will be held to decide whether or not NCC will receive a bond that would allow them to expand their campus and make needed renovations that would allow our school to keep up with the rapid changes that we are presented with. The bond will be for $13.4 million. NCC has become a common hub for students all across the state as well as students from bordering states to come and continue their education. There are programs at NCC that are not common to the majority of community colleges, including the Powerline, Heavy Equipment, Diesel Technology, as well as the numerous electrical programs.

These programs are continuing to see a spike in numbers, meaning that classrooms are getting tighter. With this bond, classrooms and labs would be able to expand to allow for prospective students the chance to come to NCC and study in their desired field.

A large number of classrooms and labs will see major changes. Due to growth in the Heavy Equipment program, facilities need updating to give students a greater edge. The diesel lab will be relocated and remodeled due to a large growth. In essence, a domino effect is created once the facilities need updating to give students a greater edge.

The College is a vital part of life in the surrounding communities in some way. Get out and vote! Anyone can vote before Election Day by picking up an absentee ballot and return it by September 14, 2010 or visit your county Auditor’s Office prior to September 14.

Nuts ‘n’ Bolts About the Bond Vote

By: Cassandra Schnith
Student Editor

Northwest Iowa Community College is having a vote on September 14, 2010 for the general obligation bond issue. The bond issue is a way to address a one-time need due to enrollment growth and ongoing construction projects.

Unlike levies, which are often renewed by voters, these bond issues provide funds for a specific dollar amount and are not renewable. This bond will generate $13.4 million over 15 years for specific projects to address growing enrollments.

Who can vote on September 14?

This bond affects residents of Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, and Sioux counties, as well as the Marcus-Meriden-Cleg-horn School District located in Cherokee County.

Can I vote before September 14?

Yes, you can vote before election day. You can apply for an absentee ballot and return it before polls open on September 14 or visit your county Auditor’s Office prior to September 14.

Would this bond issue be renewable?

No, bond issues are intended to fund specific projects, for specific dollar amounts and for a specific amount of time. Because of our tax base, this bond issue will be fully funded and expire in 15 years.

The College is a vital part of life for northwest Iowans

NCC provides quality credit programs

• More than 40 technical and career programs train students for in-dwelling careers including Electrical, Health and Transportation.

• Arts & Sciences transfer program credits are accepted at four-year colleges and universities throughout Iowa and the country.

• More than 4,000 area high school students have taken a College course since 1999.

• An increasingly diverse student base is served through traditional classroom offerings, ICN classes, condensed 7x7 classes, and online courses.

• More than 9,500 students have graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College.

NCC is a leader in Continuing Education and Business and Industry Training

• Last year, more than 13,000 lifelong learners participated in Continuing Education & Training and Business & Industry Center offerings.

NCC’s economic impact is approximately $50 million in our communities

• NCC accounts for approximately $47.2 million of labor and non-labor income in the NCC service area. Calculations were based on College operations, student spending and past student productivity. –CC Benefits, October 2007

• 84% of NCC alumni live and work in Iowa

Welding Lab, and Transportation. Building C will add to the Powerline addition. There will also be 23 advancements in NCC’s energy conservation and efficiencies.

“The remodeling will not disrupt NCC student learning,” said Dr. Bill Giddings. “It will be an upgrading process for the next several years.”

The bond will benefit students, faculty and everyone in the surrounding communities in some way.

Please remember to vote September 14
Competition at Skills USA is successful

By: Paul Jacobson
Student Writer

On April 29th and April 30th, chosen NCC students attended the SkillsUSA Iowa State Conference in Ankeny, on the Des Moines Area Community College campus. Here, students in their respected programs were able to compete against students from other colleges. The top finishers from each program will then go on to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NSLC) in Kansas City, MO June 21-25. Students were asked to perform certain tasks that someone in their career would normally perform on the job.

The featured programs that were invited to the SkillsUSA competition varied in a wide range. Automated Manufacturing, Automotive Refinishing, Automotive Service, Collision Repair, Diesel Equipment, Electronics Technology, Industrial Motor Control, Mechatronics, Related Technical Math, Residential Wiring, Team Works, and Technical Drafting were all the programs here from NCC that were on hand to compete in the contest.

While at the SkillsUSA competition, the students representing NCC displayed tremendous effort as they took home 33 medals in twelve different contests. Twelve of those students will be going on to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The students who qualified are as follows: Clayton Buckley, Daniel Van Roekel, Matt Van Roekel – Automated Manufacturing; Zac Huist – Automotive Refinishing; Cody Rosenboom – Diesel Equipment; Luke DeJong – Electronics Technology; Logan Willmert – Industrial Motor Control; Marshal Dreessen, Jacob Van Der Stoep – Mechatronics; Michael Brown – Related Technical Math; Danny Stuekerjuergen – Residential Wiring; Alex Lancaster – Technical Drafting.

A number of NCC students also received the Academic Achievement Award, which is awarded to students who hold a grade point average over 3.5 and are recommended by an advisor. Travis McVay, Jake Peters, Zac Huist, Andrew Echternach, Cody Jancker, Brandon Ebel, Alex Lancaster, and Craig Zieman were among the students who received the honor.

Steve Pearce was selected National Technical Committee for Community Service Contest as well as elected to the Iowa SkillsUSA State Board of Directors (3 year term). Steve Pearce was recognized for his years of Service as a State Board Member for Iowa SkillsUSA. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

The SkillsUSA competition is a great event that allows students the opportunity to compete against other students and test their knowledge in their desired field.

Freshman Danny Stuekerjuergen, who placed first in the Residential Wiring contest, had this to say about his exposure to SkillsUSA: “It was a very eye-opening experience for me. I was able to see how well prepared NCC has gotten us compared to other schools in the same program. It was a competitive, yet fun opportunity that I am glad that I was able to be a part of.”

NATIONAL SKILLS USA RESULTS

Northwest Iowa Community College students competed at the National Skills USA Conference in Kansas City during the week of June 21, 2010. The conference is an annual event where career and technical education students from around the United States showcase their skills. Skills USA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education.

The following NCC students competed and received recognition for placing in their category:

Automated Manufacturing: 2nd place in the nation, Jeremiah Nelson, Hull; Cody Johnson, Orange City; and Austin Thevenin, Aurelia.

Mechatronics: 2nd place team in the nation, Jacob Vander Stoep, Maurice; and Marshal Dreessen, Blair, NE.

Automated Manufacturing Technology – Secondary: 7th place in the nation, Clayton Buckley, Orange City; Dan Van Roekel, Orange City; and Matt Van Roekel, Orange City.

Technical Drafting: 8th place in the nation, Alex Lancaster, Alton.

Related Technical Math: 8th place in the nation, Mike Brown, Missouri Valley.

Industrial Motor Control: 12th place in the nation, Logan Willmert, Elmore, MN.


Automotive Refinishing: 20th place in the nation, Zac Huist, Hospers.


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Ten Tips You Need to Survive College

Your first-aid kit--10 tips to help you stay on top

By: Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

• 1. If you haven’t already registered, try not to schedule back to back classes. You’ll wear yourself out besides missing the best times to study--right before and right after class.
• 2. Begin the first day of class. Know what’s expected of you. Take notes from the first day even if it’s routine stuff you think you already know.
• 3. Establish a routine time to study for each class. For every hour you spend in class, you will probably need to study two hours outside class. Studying for each subject should be at the same time, same place, if possible. Study includes more than just doing your homework. You will need to go over your notes from class, labeling, editing, and making sure you understand them. Study your syllabus daily to see where you are going and where you have been. Be sure to do reading assignments. (Don’t put them off just because there’s not a written assignment.) Read ahead whenever possible. Prepare for each class as if there will be a pop quiz.
• 4. Establish a place to study. Your place should have a desk, comfortable chair, good lighting, and all the supplies you need, etc., and of course, should be as free of distractions as possible. It should not be a place where you routinely do other things. It should be your study place.
• 5. Do as much of your studying in the daytime as you can. What takes you an hour to do during the day may take you an hour and a half at night.
• 6. Schedule breaks. Take a ten minute break after every hour of study. If possible, avoid long blocks of time for studying. Spread out several short study sessions during the day.
• 7. Make use of study resources on campus. Find out about and use labs, tutors, videos, computer programs, and alternate texts. Sign up for an orientation session in the campus library and computer facilities. Get to know your professors and advisors. Ask questions. “I didn’t know,” or “I didn’t understand” is never an excuse.
• 8. Find at least one or two students in each class to study with. Studies show that students who study with someone routinely make better grades. You will probably find yourself more motivated if you know someone else cares about what you are doing in the class. Teaching a concept or new idea to someone else is a sure way for you to understand it. Studying in a group or with a partner can sometimes become too social. It is important to stay focused.
• 9. Study the hardest subject first. Work on your hardest subjects at a time when you are fresh. Putting them off until you’re tired compounds the problem.
• 10. Be good to yourself. Studying on four hours of sleep and an empty stomach or junk-food diet is a waste of time. Avoid food and drink containing caffeine just before or just after studying.

Pepsi vs. Coke Challenge

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

The statistics class did a challenge for students and staff at NCC to figure out the difference between Pepsi and Coke. There were two sets of cups, labeled ‘B’ and ‘A’. The object was to drink the two cups and determine which one was which. The results: Pepsi was in cup ‘B’ and Coke was in cup ‘A’.

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NCC Student Movie Night

By Cassandra Schmith

NCC hosted a movie night for NCC students to get into the Sheldon Main Street Theater for free admission with their student i.d.'s on June 29, 2010. The three movies available for students to watch were The Killers, Toy Story 3, and Grown Ups.

There were a total of 69 NCC students in attendance. 15 students saw The Killers, 15 students saw Toy Story 3, and 39 students saw Grown Ups.

The Killers, staring Ashton Kutcher and Katherine Heigl, is Hollywood’s latest stab at satirizing American suburbia. An average American romance combines with good old-fashioned espionage, where the typical block party turns into a playful shootout between assassins. It’s framed more on the ordinary turmoil of young marriage than car-chases and conspiracy theories; the spy twist becomes just another joke in the movie, among penguin difficulties and marital bickering.

After being dumped by her geeky boyfriend, tightly wound Jen, (Heigl), goes on vacation with her parents to Hawaii. She meets a charming ‘down on his luck’ man Adonis-like Spencer (Kutcher), who manages to court her in between killing bad guys for Hollywood’s finest. Heigl seems ordinary and giddiness, attempting to play the uptight every-girl, a character type that seems to be creating a niche for herself. Kutcher, playing his usual brood handy and Selleck is his usual brood ever-loving and respectable in just the right balance.

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Spencer soon discovers his covert, violent ways to marry Jen and enjoy an ordinary life in the good old USA. His secret past comes back to haunt him when all the local assassins descend on their home to hunt down Spencer’s head for a massive bounty. Half of the movie’s humor lies in discovering the secret assassins, emerging from the most unlikely of neighborhood personalities.

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The friends have grown into an array of very different men, from one with a high-flying career as a Hollywood producer with a model-wife Adonis-like Spencer (Kutcher), who manages to court her in between killing bad guys for Hollywood’s finest. Heigl seems ordinary and giddiness, attempting to play the uptight every-girl, a character type that seems to be creating a niche for herself. Kutcher, playing his usual brood handy and Selleck is his usual brood ever-loving and respectable in just the right balance.

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Fun is abundant at NCC

By: Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

Northwest Iowa Community College has held a few random activities over the past few months. NCC’s Student Government Association hosted a few activities for students to participate in. A Wii Bowling competition was held, with 5 games that were played over the lunch period. After 2 hours of extensive arm swinging and accurate eye-hand coordination, the winners of the 5 games were Lori Adrian, Donovan Burrack, Mike Brown, Tyler Grave and Travis McVay.

Another one of S.G.A’s activities hosted was a student pool tournament. The tournament lasted for a few weeks, with students organizing their own playing times. There were 8 teams that took part in the tournament. The games were close, the bracket was full and the anticipation was great to see the final results. The first place team was Justin Hesnard and Eric DeWitt in which they each received a $40 gift card to Casey’s. The second place team was Boyd Stenblock and Randy Holz in which they each received a $20 gift card to Pizza Ranch.

In May, NCC held a Campus Pride Day. During campus pride day, students and faculty were provided a free lunch catered from Sheldon’s Hy-Vee. A tug-o-war competition was held in the front lawn with several teams participating.

“Getting involved with the activities such as the tug ‘o war was a way to keep me busy,” Said Industrial Commercial Wiring student Scott Patten. “I am very competitive and my team knew we had the will and the power to take it.”

Once the tug-o-war and lunch was over, students and faculty was asked to take a few minutes and pick up trash outside around campus. The turn out was tremendous and it was a good way for students and faculty to show their appreciation to NCC in making it clean and beautiful.

“My favorite part of the day was when we all played mini golf because we were all together and even though we didn’t keep score, we were all winners,” said Associate of Arts student Ali Adame. “I think NCC should host it again. It was a great way for students to get to know each other and just to have fun together.”

It was a great day to be outside, and spending a day with fellow NCC students.

“My favorite part of the day was the huge black slide,” said Power line student Ben Westhoff. “I think NCC should have another Wild Water West day every year for students.”

A note for next year: make sure to apply sunscreen. Many of the students looked like lobster’s by the end of the day, but still had smiles on their faces.

ART DISPLAY RESULTS:

Drawings:
1st Place: “Bubbles” by Kaitlyn Vanderbroek
2nd Place: “Purple Life” by Ali Adame

Sculpture:
1st Place: Clazina Blom

Photography:
1st Place: “Blue Day” by Danielle Geerdes
2nd Place: “Dos Ballerinas” by Daniel Romero
3rd Place: “Tigre Blanco” by Jeanna Bennett

Honorable Mentions:
“Soft Mornings” by Kristi Chase
“Vegalicious” by Katy Gilbert
“3 Mile Corner” by Gary Oslin

“Fun is abundant at NCC.”

PHOTOS AND COLLAGES BY CASSANDRA SCHMITH
PARKING... always an issue

It seems every college campus has one common problem: parking. It seems there is never enough parking to accommodate everyone. Contrary to popular belief, the problem is not that the college does not provide enough parking; the problem is following simple parking guidelines set forth by the college. Truth be told, NCC has sufficient parking for all students, faculty, and staff, if everyone would just park in their designated areas.

Here is a little refresher just in case you are new to campus, or have had a memory loss from last year:

Students attending classes in Buildings A or B are asked to park in Parking Lot 1, this is the lot south of Buildings A and B. Parking Lot 2, south of Building C is where you should park if you are attending classes which are held in Building C.

If you are attending classes in Building D, you will find sufficient parking located in close proximity to your classrooms if you park in the lot located directly east of Building D, which is Parking Lot 3.

If you are attending classes in Building H, you should park in the lot directly east of Building H, which is Parking Lot 4.

For the safety of all students, we ask that you park in designated areas only. Cars that are illegally parked may be towed. If you are unsure where to park, Student Services can provide you with a map of the NCC campus and answer any questions which may arise.

Students are urged to vote on Sept. 14

GIDDINGS

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growth and expansion for several technology programs. The bond will also be used for college-wide energy conservation and efficiencies with the installation of HVAC and mechanical system improvements. In addition, funding will be provided for advanced technology that will include health occupations simulation and heavy equipment and transportation simulation.

I urge you to vote on Tuesday, September 14. As a student and/or a voting citizen, you can exercise your right to vote. If you need help registering as a voter, see Kristi Landis, NCC Student Activities Coordinator, register at the Student Organization Fair on September 1 or visit this website for the information on registering to vote: http://www.sos.state.ia.us.

Welcome to NCC!

Sincerely,

Dr. William G. Giddings, President
Northwest Iowa Community College

NO SMOKING

In accordance with House File 2212, which was enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, NCC became a smoke/tobacco-free campus on July 1, 2008. Smoking and the use of tobacco is prohibited on any college owned property.

Get Noticed!

Do you want your ad in the next issue of the Collegian? If so, please contact Robert Hoting at 324-5061 or toll free 800-352-4907.

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Advice for a successful fall semester

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

Could someone tell me where the summer went? This being the edition of the Collegian right after summer, I figured I had to make some sort of commentary on the start of this hectic, yet relaxing time, and the beginning of the new fall.

It’s time to pack up those bathing suits and flip-flops and dig out the long sleeves and heavy socks. For those of us who have spent a fall and winter here at dear NCC, believe us when we say it does get cold. “Arctic Tundra” has a certain ring to it. But I say this with a smile on my face. For the sake of a spectacular season to begin of flag football, followed by a week of winter activities, I’m willing to wear my NCC-logo sweatshirt.

With the coming of fall, you’ll have to trade your milk-shakes in for some hot chocolate. For those students that don’t know, the NCC cafeteria has hot chocolate and cappuccinos and the bookstore has coffee. Grab a cup before class to warm up and get ready to take notes.

New rooms, new apartments, new roommates, and new friends, these are just a few more things we have to enjoy about different cultures, and most importantly the opening your mind to different ways of thinking, learn. The dorm has a plethora of space during the day.

College success is the whole college experience that enables one to truly succeed. Meeting new people, opening your mind to different ways of thinking, learning about different cultures, and most importantly the enjoyment of being a part of the college campus. Giving your time and talents to an organization will not only help that group, it will make your college experience a valuable and enjoyable one.

I hope everyone had a great summer, and of course, don’t forget to get involved.

FOOD SERVICE

HyVee offers hungry students a variety of options during breakfast or lunch at reasonable prices. The kitchen opens at 7:30 a.m. weekday mornings with breakfast being served until 9:30.

Lunch service begins at 10:15 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. Daily specials, ala carte menus, as well as lunch tickets are available. Also, we have a large variety salad bar available everyday. The daily special that includes a main entree and two side dishes is $5.25. There is also a $20 dollar punch card that has a $22.50 value available anytime.

Semester meal plans are available. They are: Break only is $215 per semester. Noon meal only is $395 per semester.

Combined Breakfast and Noon Meal is only $610 per semester. These prices represent considerable savings on your lunch costs; but must be used during the semester or term in which you purchase them.

Campus dining also offers two meals for $10. The meals remaining do not carry over to the next semester or term, so be sure that your program of study allows you the time to come to the cafeteria.

If you prefer to bring your own lunch, microwaves are available in the cafeteria.

Meet the Counselor!

Short-term individual counseling in the areas of career planning, academic planning, interpersonal relationships, personal issues are available on campus! The confidential services of the counselor are available to individuals at no cost.

Professional referrals are also available through the counselor. Appointments can be made through Student Services; walk-ins are welcome.

Also, any students requesting special learning accommodations can receive services through the counselor. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate a request for accommodations.

It is extremely important for students to contact the accommodations contact person as early as possible to arrange for their accommodations.

The counselor, Beth Frankenstein, can be reached at ext. 242 or via e-mail bfrankenstein@nwicc.edu

Student Services ready to assist all students

Need to talk with Admissions or your Student Advisor? Financial Aid? Questions about your e-mail or an online class? Looking for information on Student Activities, Housing, Transcripts, Student Verification, Careers, or Counseling Services?

You can find answers to all these things and more by stopping at Student Services located just inside Building A! The Student Services staff is dedicated to providing your time at NCC is a positive experience and committed to helping you meet all your needs and goals.

You can be assured that you will be welcomed when you stop by and everyone in Student Services will work hard to either answer your question, find someone to answer your questions for you, or point you in the direction you need to go.

WHERE SHOULD YOU STUDY?

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Facebook Gaming Proves Problematic, Absurd

By: Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

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ome well-known addictions—drinking, gambling, and smoking—only in this day and age can people be addicted to social networking. For some, it has become more than an everyday hobby but has actually taken over their lives. If you have discovered Facebook, you probably know what I’m talking about and you may be in this same boat.

This social networking website has become the most popular with over 300 million users. Once you get into the applications and virtual worlds, you get sucked in and it’s very difficult to find a way out.

Social networking is very time consuming and it can easily distract you from your studies. Some students have flunked their classes because they can’t stay away from their other lives to complete a homework assignment.

Chatting on Facebook or Facebook ‘staking’ isn’t more important than that essay due in six hours. Although I have been strong enough to ignore all the tempting invites to Farmville, Fishville, Café World, etc., I know many people that say this.

Never before have I become obsessed with a non-existent lifestyle, and I find it absurd that there are so many people out there that spend hours upon hours on these applications. It takes so much effort to build a farm on Farmville and when you’re done, you don’t even know what you had accomplished.

These superficial worlds also involve real money! If you aren’t tied down to your fishbowl in fish world then it may have gone unnoticed. The real addicts spend their earned United States currency on these games. Which I think is ridiculous! The recession we live in right now means nothing to the addicts who are trying to gain a social status or level up in these superficial worlds.

FREE SERVICES PROVIDED BY TRIO

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Participants receive guidance in scheduling appropriate courses for completing their course of study. Mid-term progress reports are reviewed and assistance is provided to students in need. Degree audits are completed to track each student’s progress.

CAREER PLANNING
The TRiO SSS staff provides free career counseling to participants. For those with questions concerning careers, possible salaries, and projected job market, we will schedule the CHOICES assessment through the Career Center.

PERSONAL COUNSELING
Personal counseling is available to participants dealing with issues that can interfere with their academic success. Participants with issues beyond the scope of the TRiO SSS staff will be referred to an appropriate service provider.

FINANCIAL AID ADVISING
Participants are helped to maximize their financial aid potential by providing scholarship information. Guidance is also given to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid), a form required by the federal government to be eligible for financial aid.

TUTORING
Professional and peer tutoring are available to TRiO SSS participants. Tutoring and basic skill courses are provided for those students in need of additional support, enabling them to excel academically.

TRANSFER ASSISTANCE
TRiO SSS can assist in exploring colleges and areas of study. Group campus visits to four-year colleges are scheduled so participants can make decisions based on first-hand knowledge. Detailed information will be provided to students planning to transfer.

LUNCH & LEARN WORKSHOPS
TRiO SSS provide weekly Lunch & Learn workshops, helping students acquire useful skills while enjoying a free lunch in a relaxed atmosphere. Workshop topics include: Learning Styles, Mastering Test Anxiety, Time Management, Formal Dining Etiquette, Resume Writing, Interview Preparation, and Note Taking Skills just to name a few!

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
TRiO SSS offers access to a variety of cultural events at no cost to the participants. Off campus activities include plays, operas, ballets, symphonies, dinner theatres, museums, and much more.

Who’s your academic advisor?

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ademic and career advising area important components of NCC’s commitment to a positive learning experience with personalized attention. Advising involves both an interactive process designed to facilitate student development and the communication of accurate information on degree programs, courses, resources, college policies/procedures, and career opportunities, all with the objective of helping students attain their individual educational goals. It is important to schedule a time to meet with your advisor during registration to review academic progress and to register for the upcoming semester. Watch your student email for emails from your advisor reminding you of their office hours.

Are you unsure as to who your Academic Advisor is? Contact Student Services.

You belong in the NCC Learning Community

I
have a little quiz for you, no, it isn't hard, and I promise it will be to your benefit! Are you more comfortable learning with a group of friends? Looking for friendly and approachable faculty? Undecided about your college major? Planning to transfer to a four-year college? If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions then NCC’s Learning Community may be for you!

In the NCC Learning Community, faculty collaborate to plan your assignments, this helps to prevent those feelings of being overwhelmed! Instead of writing a paper for English and another paper for Psychology, the Learning Community allows you to combine your efforts and write just one paper for the assignment. This allows you to make connections from subject to subject. Take two classes at the same time with the same group of classmates.

Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. These classes offer built-in time to connect with classmates and faculty. Think of it… more learning, less feelings of being overwhelmed, meeting with the same group of individuals which helps many people feel more comfortable, and three great faculty members to guide you on your journey.

Contact Beth Frankenstein in Student Services today and tell them the place for you is in the NCC Learning Community! Call 1-800-352-4907 and ask for extension 242, or stop by Student Services and ask to speak with Beth Frankenstein.

MEET THE FACULTY

AMY JURRENS
Composition—Communication courses are equip you to convey your ideas, knowledge, and viewpoints effectively. Good communication skills are a skill all employers are looking for, regardless of your major.

STEPHEN GIBBONS
Social Science—General Psychology is a scientific exploration of human behavior and emotion, beginning with the brain and nervous system, sensation and perception, and continues with learning, personality, stress, and abnormal behavior. Explore the many facets of human behavior with a group of the same students.

BETH FRANKENSTEIN
Personal Counselor/Special Needs—College Experience is a one credit course in which better ways to study, manage your time, and utilizing resources available at NCC will be explored.
Libraries are so full of information, but much of what you really need to know cannot be found on the shelves. Here are some of the most common questions that our patrons (students, faculty, and staff) have asked. Keep those questions coming:

1. Is this the bookstore?
   No. This is probably the #1 question we get asked at the beginning of each semester, so don’t worry about being embarrassed! The bookstore is just a few doorways down from us in Bldg. A. We will loan you books instead of selling them, but we would be happy to take donations for the “Library Staff Vacation Fund.”

2. Can we eat in here?
   If you ever come in the library around 9:30 in the morning, you may see us enjoying a nice cup of coffee and a mid-morning snack, so we thought that students probably need the caffeine and sugar as much as we do. You can eat and drink in here (no 5-course dinners allowed) but please make sure and clean up your mess.

3. What time do you close?
   Monday-Thursday we close at 8:00pm, and on Fridays we close at 4:30 pm. We are not open on weekends or holidays. Our databases, card catalog, and other online resources are available to you 24-7, since we cannot be. There are user names and passwords required to access these resources. Come in and say “Hi” and we would be happy to assist you with these.

4. Can you make a copy of this for me?
   No, but we do have a copy machine that you can use. Instructions are free, but copies will cost you 5 cents a page. For additional questions, such as “Do you have change?” or “Can this copier make change?” the answer is “yes.”

5. Is anyone in charge here?
   This question is shocking! Why? Does it look like no one is in charge? Our work study students get this question quite a bit, but most of the time, Molly Galm, our Library Director, along with Nancy Filkins and our newest staff member, Sarah Breems, the Library Coordinators, try to keep the students in line. Our work-study students can handle most questions or problems you may have—just ask (in a quiet voice, of course).

6. What is my user name and password?
   We have signs posted with most of the information that you need for grades, email, or logging on to the computers. For the majority of the formats, you will need to know your last name and social security number. For more information, or if you are having any trouble, let us know.

7. How do I get a library card?
   Guess what? If you have a student ID, you are already in our system—we know who you are. If your personal information, such as last name, address, or phone number has changed since you registered, please let us know when you stop by. If you do not have an ID, we can issue a library card for you to use and enjoy. We certainly wouldn’t want to deprive you of checking out books or videos!

8. What does it cost to print?
   Printing costs 10 cents per page, but if you don’t need to lug around a bag of change. Each student begins the semester with $20.00 as their printing balance. Each time you print, the computer will remind you how much is money is left in your printing balance. If you need to add more money to your account, you can do so in the library or at the front reception desk. If you have questions about printing in different formats, we will be happy to help.

9. Will you help me write my paper?
   The library staff will be happy to assist with research (finding books, articles, or websites) and with the formatting (MLA or APA) of your paper, but the Learning Center is a great place to go for the actual writing process and editing. The staff in the TRIO room will also assist you with this process.

10. I have to commute to school and I get bored during. Do you have a solution?
    We have a great collection of audio books on CD and tape. Check out the link for WILBOR on the library website for books in MP3/WMA format. We even have MP3 players that you can check out, so you can listen to books no matter where you are—at home, in your car, or in class. Scratch that last one....

Where else can you find librarians with a sense of humor and a vast knowledge of the Library of Congress?

Everything you wanted to know about the library

By the Library Staff

Free help offered at Learning Center

The Learning Center, sandwiched between the library and TRIO, may be one of the best kept secrets on campus! Whether you want personalized tutoring on a subject, need to use a computer, or wish to use a study room, the Learning Center can accommodate the need. In addition, it is a quiet place for individuals or groups who want to collaborate. Other services include test accommodations, test proctoring and instruction for vocational courses or the High School credit programs.

The Learning Center services are free to all students! You do need your ID to sign in and a picture ID must be presented before testing.

The Learning Center is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday – Thursday and from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Hours may vary during holidays and different times of the year.

Be a student ambassador

- Develop leadership skills
- Make phone calls to prospective students
- Assist with special event days that focus on providing information to prospective students
- Special Events may include Campus visit Days, Campus Tours, and Orientation Days

Employment Opportunity $7.25/hour

- Gather names of persons in photographs. Other duties as assigned. Qualifications: Communication, writing and oral skills
- Photographer: Must be outgoing and able to meet deadline.
- Writer: Must be able to provide stories of events on campus as assigned by editor. Other duties as assigned. Qualifications: Communication, writing and oral skills required.

EARN EXTRA CASH!

The Collegian is looking for the following paid positions:

Photographer: Photograph events on campus as assigned by the editor. Gather names of persons in photographs. Other duties as assigned. Qualifications: Outgoing and able to meet deadline.

Writer: Provide stories of events on campus as assigned by editor. Other duties as assigned. Qualifications: Communication, writing and oral skills required.

Contact: Kristin Kolbaum at kkolbaum@nwicc.edu or stop by room 127A

2010-2011 SCHEDULE

FALL 2010
August 18 ..............Fall Semester Classes Begin
August 30 .........Fall Online Classes Begin
September 6 ............College Closed—No Classes
October 11. No Day Classes, Evening Classes Held
October 12. No Day Classes, Evening Classes Held
October 18 ......Midterm
November 24 ..........No Classes
November 25 .........College Closed—No Classes
November 26 .........College Closed—No Classes
December 17 ..........Fall Online Classes End
December 17 ..............Fall Semester Ends

SPRING 2011
January 6 ..........Spring Semester Classes Begin
January 17 ..........Spring Online Classes Begin
March 4 ..........Midterm
March 7-11 ............Spring Break—No Classes
April 22 ..........College Closed—No Classes
April 25 ..........College Closed—No Classes
May 6 ..........Spring Online Classes End
May 13 ..........Spring Semester Ends
May 13 ..............Commencement

SUMMER 2011
May 24 ..........Career & Technical Summer Term Begins
May 30 ..........College Closed—No Classes
May 31 ..........Summer Online Classes Begin
May 31 ..........Arts & Sciences Summer Term Begins
July 4 ..........College Closed—No Classes
July 22 ..........Summer Term Ends
July 22 ..............Commencement
July 25 ..........Summer Online Classes End
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**SIGMA KAPPA DELTA**

Sigma Kappa Delta is an English honor society with an emphasis on making literature enjoyable! As a member you will explore, discuss, and learn a variety of literary topics which offers a great learning resource and supports what students are learning in the classroom. You will also be eligible for scholarships and awards, as well as opportunities to attend cultural events, write for both local and national publications, and connect with other students who share the love of learning and literature.

**PHI THETA KAPPA**

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year college students. Its chapter at NCC is called Beta Lambda Pi. Eligibility centers around having a 3.5 GPA. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for the stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members and 1100 chapters worldwide. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa can be found on their website.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)**

SGA is the student governing and leadership organization of the College. A President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer are elected yearly. Each program can have class representatives to SGA. These students attend SGA meetings twice a month, present student views and report back to their program on current issues. The purpose of SGA is to plan activities which are of interest to the student body.

To develop and maintain a rapport between the student body, faculty, and administrative staff of the college.

To be responsible for student activities conducted under college sponsorship.

To advise the administration on the needs of the students.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST**

NCC has had a local chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) on our campus for almost two decades, open to all students who are seeking Christian fellowship. CCC is an international organization with three main goals:

1. To introduce students to Jesus Christ.
2. To help them connect with other Christians and grow in the faith.
3. To equip them to walk with God for a lifetime of service and to introduce Christ on their campus and around the world.

We do a weekly Bible Study, some fun outings and occasionally get together with other Crusade chapters from other campuses. Our signature service project is a toy drive before Christmas. Many people on our campus have contributed, and we are grateful for their help. Anyone can attend!

**SKILLSUSA**

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving more than 250,000 high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including the construction trades. It prepares students to be America’s high performance workers. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. SkillsUSA builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communication skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long learning and personal development.

Northwest Iowa College Community has a very active local chapter with an average of 80 members. Members become involved with activities on campus as well as within the communities such as:

- Fundraising
- The Tool Fest
- Pizza Ranch coupons
- NCC Duck Dive
- Community service projects
- Adopt-A-Family
- Canned food drive
- Adopt-A-Highway project
- Social events
- Competition is a big part of SkillsUSA. Local competitions are held in February and state competitions are held the first week in April. State competitions are held in Des Moines, Iowa. Those qualifying for nationals then compete in Atlanta, in June. Eleven NCC students competed at the National SkillsUSA Conference this past summer.

During the competitions students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, labor organizations and test competencies are set by industry. SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students excel who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members. Each year, NCC has a consistently broad range of home awards and several national qualifiers from state SkillsUSA competition. The first place winners of the Iowa SkillsUSA Championship will go on to compete in the national event to be held the last full week of June in Kansas City.

**THE COLLEGIAN**

NCC’s campus newspaper, the Collegian, is published six times per year and is a great way to meet new people on campus, become more aware of the activities and going’s on around campus, and looks great on a resume! Not a journalism major? Not a problem! All that is required of those looking to expand their leadership and personal career capabilities.

**ISA CLUB**

Founded in 1945, International Society of Automation (ISA) is a leading, global, nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for the stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, ISA develops standards; certifies industry professionals; provides education and training; publishes books and technical articles; and hosts the largest conference and exhibition for automation professionals in the Western Hemisphere. Students that join ISA have access to a large career database and many free training opportunities. Further, ISA hosts competitions in which NCC’s Instrumentation program has placed 1st in 7 of 8 years at the national level, and 1st at the state level, 6-state region, and as high as the silver medal in international competition, world-wide.

**HIT CLUB**

The Health Information Technology Club (HIT) is open to all students currently enrolled in the HIT program at NCC. The objectives of the club are to promote the HIT program, to provide students interested in HIT with an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with prospective employers and to encourage ethical and professional development which brings into practice the skills and values set forth in the HIT program. Service learning projects are part of the club activities and events.

The HIT Club recognizes National Health Information & Technology Week with a week-long celebration including decorating the hallway with the 2009 theme - "Precision in Practice; Excellence in Care."

**MULTI CULTURAL CLUB**

We share a world! The Multi Cultural Club is a great way to meet new and interesting people of diverse backgrounds. This group has several purposes: sharing and celebrating cultures, experiences, perspectives, differences and commonalities and celebrating the richness that diversity brings to our world.

It’s a group of students that gets together once a month during school to discuss issues regarding diversity and current events in the world.

We embrace diversity on campus. Everyone is welcome!

**STUDENT AMBASSADOR**

Student Ambassadors are team players in the Enrollment Office with the focus on individuals who are interested in becoming a student at NCC. They assist with telephone calls, on-and-off campus events, and mailings. A paid position.

An energetic student who likes to communicate a student who enjoys people a student who wants to be a leader on campus

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Cosmic Bowling League**: Sheldon Rec Bowl (Budd-2%) on Tuesdays from October-February. $6 per person for 3 games and shoes are included. (Need 5 people on a team & 2 alternates preferred.)

**Basketball**: Open Gym @ Sheldon Middle School on Tuesdays from January-February, Cost: Free

**City League Intramural Opportunities**: Sponsored by Sheldon Recreation. The Student Government Association will pay the team registration fee. Only NCC students can be on the team.

**Co-Ed Volleyball League**: September - November

**Men's Touch Football League**: September - October

**Men's Basketball League**: Thursdays, November - March

**Women's Volleyball League**: January - March

**Sheldon Swimming Pool**: Cost: Free. Must be a student ID Card holder.

- Golf - 9 holes, Sheldon Country Club - Cost: $5 weekdays & $6.50 weekends. Must present Student ID Card
- Golf Yard Fitness & Tanning Center - NCC Student discounts available; must present Student ID Card

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NCC CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

AUGUST 2010
The Outstanding Student Leadership Award is in its 5th year of existence, and was created to award individuals who have gone above and beyond to be a leader. This leadership can be exhibited in the classroom, in on-campus activities, and outside of the classroom. Earlier this semester, nominations for this award were submitted by faculty, staff and other students from NCC. Nominations had to include a narrative of specific activities or events that show this person’s leadership abilities. After all nominations were submitted, a team of faculty and staff read the narratives and voted on the most deserving candidate.

Jeff Pool, former Enrollment Coordinator at NCC, wrote in his nomination letter, “As a student here, Travis has pushed himself towards finishing two degrees in three years by participating in a multitude of activities including traveling to the SkillsUSA National Competition, traveling and representing NCC in SkillsUSA and representing NCC at the national competition where he placed 4th." Pool continued, “Travis has also excelled as a leader in on-campus housing. He has lived on-campus for the full 3 years he has attended NCC, and has always been one of the most active participants in student housing activities. He officially became an RA in January 2010. Besides planning activities, he also took the initiative to start a fitness room in the apartment. He was able to secure equipment for us through a donation, get the equipment delivered to campus, and get the room set up. He is truly a stand out student, a stand up guy and an outstanding leader. Travis McVay represents the type of success that I would hope for any student that attends Northwest Iowa Community College.”

McVay is currently working in the automotive service industry in Canton, SD.

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FALL SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES

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Rich Morgan — 2010 Alumnus of the Year

Each year, one outstanding graduate of Northwest Iowa Community College is recognized for his or her success in their chosen profession and support of NCC. The recipient of the 2010 Alumnus of the Year Award is Rich Morgan.

Morgan earned his degree from (what NCC was first called, Northwest Iowa Vocational School) in 1975 in Auto Body. He has successfully built a business that utilized the skills learned in college, and is the owner of Morgan Collision and Tire in Sheldon and Collision Masters in Spirit Lake.

Morgan has played many roles at the College. He has been a substitute teacher in Collision Repair & Refinishing, Career Day presenter, Skill-SUSA Technical Committee Chair-twice, member of the Collision Repair & Refinishing Advisory Committee, he has provided internships to NCC students, and taught EMS courses for the Continuing Education Department at NCC.

Rich Morgan is a true advocate of Northwest Iowa Community College. Seven of his nine employees have graduated from NCC. One employee graduated from the Accounting Program, two graduated from the Automotive Technology Program, and four graduated from the Collision Repair & Refinishing Program. Three of his children have also attended NCC. His daughter, Steph, graduated from the Secretarial Program and his other daughters, Sarah and Sonya, have taken transfer classes at NCC as they pursue their bachelor's degrees at the University of Iowa.

“We are fortunate to have Northwest Iowa Community College in this area. What they have to offer is a great asset to our community. Even though a lot of my employees have graduated from NCC, I still encourage them to take Continuing Education Classes to upgrade and refine their skills. The mechanical/technical area of the College has always gone out of their way to help shops in this area. When we have needed training they have found the accredited instructors to teach the programs we need.”

“It's a huge honor to be selected NCC's Alumnus of the Year. I didn't ever expect to be selected for this award. There are thousands who have done more than what I have done. I hope someday I can contribute even more.”
Here fishy, fishy, fishy!

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Housing students get involved

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somewhere to go and have fun.

Over the course of the year, there were a couple different education speakers that NCC invited to the housing to speak with students about different topics. One of those speakers came in and talked about safe sex.

The other speaker talked about financial aid and how to apply and receive it. Both speakers had some very important information to share with students and it was well received.

As soon as the news of the Haiti earthquake was heard, NCC went to work raising money for the relief effort. NCC housing also did its part in the fundraising by holding an ice cream social. All profits that were received from the ice cream social were given to the American Red Cross to help the country of Haiti.

In mid-March, Sheldon's Main Street Theatre III, partnered with NCC and held a movie night for NCC students. The three featured movies were: Clash of the Titans, Date Night, and How to Train Your Dragon. Students were able to attend any one of the three movies completely free. Out of the three movies playing, Date Night was the most popular with the majority of attendees being male students.

As the school year came to an end, NCC housing held a “Pancakes n’ Prizes” night as one last hurrah. Students were invited to come out and to eat some pancakes as well as win some prizes. Games based on the game show, “Minute to Win It” were held allowing everyone to win a prize, or just look foolish.

This past year was a very busy and stressful time for all students. The activities that NCC housing put on were a nice break to all the reading and studying that students had to do; and it gave them somewhere to get away, even for just an hour or two.
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