Election time is here
Branstad visits campus for IA Governor

By Paul Jacobson
Student Writer

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h, it's that time of year again. A time when our televisions, mailboxes, and answering machines are brimming with political advertisements, and our phones are more likely to ring with calls from political candidates and their supporting parties. With election day quickly approaching, everyone is on the ballot for the upcoming election in November. It is a time of political appearances, phone calls, giving speeches, and television interviews; basically anything that will allow them the opportunity to convey their message and hope to sway your vote before the big day comes around.

On Tuesday, August 31st, former Governor of Iowa Terry Branstad was here on campus at NCC to speak to students and citizens about his return to politics and what he feels needs to be done in order for Iowa to overcome these tough economic times. Branstad will be running for Governor of Iowa in this year's election.

The afternoon began with State Senator David Johnson, of Ocheyedan, delivering a small speech before introducing our former Governor to everyone in attendance. Terry Branstad then took the floor, acknowledging his staff and everyone, including his running partner Kim Reynolds who is on the ticket for Lt. Governor, that is helping him make his return to Governor. He then gave a bit of background information on himself and what he has been doing since his time as Governor of our state. This was not his first time at NCC, as he stated that he has been to our campus numerous times and is very pleased with football against Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City supported the new mascot, along with those who came to watch. Not only were spectators wearing the Thunder shirts, they also had Thunder boom sticks to help make noise and keep the spirit going the whole game.

"I've always thought thunder was very interesting," said Tenille Broesder, Associated of Arts 2010 graduate. "When students are playing other colleges as they 'bring the thunder', it sounds intimidating and is a perfect fit for NCC's determination."

"I thought the decision to go with "Thunder" as NCC's mascot was a great idea," said Paul Jacobson, Industrial and Commercial Wiring student. "The main reason I am a fan of it is because it sets us apart from literally every other college because it is such a unique mascot. It is not a common name, such as the tigers, hawks, bears, etc. and for that reason I think it's very neat. Now, when people hear the name Thunder, they will associate it with NCC, and not mistake us for another school."

NCC Thunder apparel such as hooded sweatshirts, crew sweatshirts, T-shirts and hats are in the bookstore. Purchase yours today.

NCC Cup
A week of fall competitions brings new challengers, multiple winners awarded

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

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he Student Government Association hosted the 2nd annual NCC Cup, a week of fall competitions. Monday's competition was 'Mega Pong'. There were 6 different sized containers lined up in a row. Participants stood behind a line and tossed a ping pong ball into the containers. Each container had a different prize available to win. The farthest, smallest container was the goal for many participants, with only three succeeding. Juan Chavez, Industrial and Commercial Wiring student and Nick Netten, Business student were the proud owners of a NCC sweatshirt for making it into the hardest container.

See COMPETITION on 10
September bond vote falls short

Officials planning to return issue to ballot

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

Voters in Area IV (residents of Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Sioux as well as the Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School District in Cherokee County) that represent NCC came just short of passing the $13.4 million General Obligation Bond during a special election held on September 14. Although the unofficial results show the majority of voters, 57.4 percent, approved the Bond; but it needed a super-majority vote of 60 percent.

Bill Giddings, NCC President, stated, “On behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and students at Northwest Iowa Community College I would like to thank many of you for your support in NCC’s Special Election for the General Obligation Bond. The unofficial 57.5 percent positive vote was short of the 60 percent needed for the vote to pass. However, this tells us that many of you support the quality educational services we provide at NCC. We will continue to communicate our needs so we can continue to serve our growing enrollments in high value transfer and technical credit programs. We are proud to serve 26,600 continuing education enrollees annually through business and industry training, EMT, CPR, CNA, and Firefighter training. We look forward to playing a vital role in the economic development of northwest Iowa.”

State law requires a six-month waiting period before bond issues can be brought back to voters. The plan is to bring the general obligation issue back to voters on April 5 without making any significant changes to the proposed bond issue cost, pending NCC board approval.

The college would still like to pursue construction of a 15,225-square-foot building on campus to house the Heavy Equipment program, remodeling projects in Building D, energy conservation and efficiencies upgrades in four campus buildings, educational simulation devices, and expansion of education offerings for secondary school students throughout the region.

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**THE WOMAN IN BLACK**

TRiO students experience theatre play and resturant

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

Halloween was a little early this year for a group of TRiO students. On Friday, September 17, 2010 TRiO students traveled to Sioux City to the Fuji Bay restaurant for a cultural experience and the Lamb Arts Regional Theater for the production of The Woman in Black.

“Fuji Bay was very interesting,” said Heidi Hoppe, practical nursing student. “We all got what was called a ‘Bento Box.’ You could choose steak, chicken or salmon as your meat and it came with sushi rolls, cucumber salad, fried vegetables, fried shrimp, ginger, and also salmon. I choose chicken and I thought it was great; the sauce on it was amazing. This was a great experience.”

The uniformly acclaimed, The Woman in Black was adapted by Stephen Mallatratt, based on a novel by Susan Hill. The production combines the power and intensity of live theatre with a cinematic quality inspired by the world of film noir. It gives audiences an evening of inviting drama as they are transported into a terrifying and ghostly world.

The plot of this thriller was that Eel Marsh House stands tall, gaunt and isolated, surveying the endless flat salt marshes beyond the Nine Lives Causeway somewhere on England’s bleak east coast. Here, Mrs. Alice Drablow lived — and died — alone. Young Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor, ordered by his firm’s senior partner to travel up from London to attend her funeral and sort all of her papers.

His task is a lovely one, and at first Kipp is quite unaware of the tragic secrets which lie behind the house’s shuttered windows. He only has a terrible sense of unease. And then, he glimpses a young woman with a wasted face, dressed all in black, at the back of the church during Mrs. Drablow’s funeral, and later, in the graveyard to one side of Eel Marsh House. Who is she? Why is she there?

He asks questions, but the locals not only cannot or will not give him answers — they refuse to talk about the woman in black, or even to acknowledge her existence, at all. So, Arthur Kipps has to wait until he sees her again, and she slowly reveals her identity to him — and her terrible purpose. The Woman in Black treads in the footsteps of the classic ghost story, following the tradition of Charles Dickens and M.R. James, of Henry James and Edith Wharton. It is not a horror story or a tale of terror, yet the events build up to a horrifying climax and instills a sense of horror.

It relies on atmosphere, a vivid sense of place, on hints and glimpes and suggestions, on what is shadowy, heard and sometimes only half-seen, to chill the reader’s blood to the marrow and make reading the book alone at night inadvisable for the faint-hearted.

“The play was unique; there were only two speaking actors in it.” Hoppe said. “The lady in black did not say a word; she just showed up in her black once in awhile to scare us and the actors. I thought it was an interesting plot and even more so because it contained only the two men.”

“This was quite a different spin as far as plays I’ve seen in the past,” said Janet Hayden, business student. “It was hard to believe that two actors more or less did the complete play. There was not a lot of real action it was more verbal; but it left you wondering what was coming next.”

Stephen Mallatratt’s adaptation for the stage remains entirely true to the book itself and uses much of Susan Hill’s own descriptive writing and dialogue, while transforming the novel into a totally gripping piece of theatre.
NCC victorious over WIT again

THUNDER holds true; many players return

By Paul Jacobson

On September 24th, the NCC flag football team made their annual trip down to Sioux City to face their rivals at Western Iowa Tech Community College. This was the fourth time that the NCC and WITCC flag football teams have faced each other. This year’s team returned many of the players that helped defeat WITCC last fall, so things were looking promising for NCC heading into the matchup.

Having a newly acquired mascot, the NCC Thunder, spectators and players were sporting new shirts representing just that. The game took place on WITCC’s campus in front of many students and fans representing both teams. The kickoff was slated for 6:00 and when the time finally came, both teams took the field ready to play.

The first quarter started out somewhat slow. NCC’s first possession ended after only four plays when they turned the ball over on downs with the game still scoreless. Not long after giving the ball to WITCC, Michael VanderBroek intercepted a pass in enemy territory and NCC was already threatening to score. A couple of short pass plays to Gabe Mendez and Scott Patten led to a short touchdown pass from quarterback Paul Power for a quick NCC lead over WITCC after the extra point attempt was no good leaving the score at 6-0 in favor of the Thunder after one quarter of play.

The second quarter started out with an interception by NCC’s Todd Drekerefs off of the WITCC quarterback. The Thunder were able to put together a nice drive near the WITCC goal line but the Comets picked off a pass to end NCC’s chances of another quick score. Another four-and-out by WITCC gave the ball back to NCC. It wasn’t long before Austin Hanson caught a long pass to put NCC back near their opponent’s goal line. But again, an interception doomed the Thunder’s hopes at getting back into the end zone.

As the second quarter drew on, it was easy to see that NCC’s defense was just too much for WITCC’s offense to handle. The Thunder continued to deflect any passes headed toward receivers, sack the quarterback, and pick off any bad passes that came their direction. Roger Stephas was a nightmare for the opposing quarterback and was in his face and on numerous occasions he grabbed his flag for a sack.

Heading towards halftime, the WITCC quarterback threw up a pass only to be intercepted by Justin Roberts and returned all the way to the Comet’s end zone. It was then realized that Roberts’ flag had fallen off while he was running, ruling him down and the touchdown did not count. At halftime, the score was still 6-0 in favor of NCC.

The third quarter proved to be the offense’s time to shine. After the Comets turned the ball over on possessions, Joe Tass received a pitch and heaved it downfield to a wide open Scott Ahrens, completing the perfectly executed flea flicker. Again, the extra point attempt was no good leaving the score at 18-0 Thunder.

The fourth quarter began with WITCC’s first pass was intercepted by NCC’s Jake Groen and gave the Thunder offense great starting field position. A couple of short passes led to a scramble by quarterback Paul Power for a touchdown, giving NCC a 12-0 lead over WITCC after the extra point attempt failed.

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FIGHT THE FLAB

Loose the freshman fifteen; several options to keep down the pounds

By Brittany Miller

Between classes and studying, it seems impossible to get the exercise we need every day. But there is hope! A recent article by Karen Hopkin on ScientificAmerica.com claims that laughing provides many of the same benefits as exercise.

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I hope you all have enjoyed your first semester at NCC. We at the Collegian are excited to be a part of your NCC experience. We have an excellent group of both experienced staffers and talented newcomers who are dedicated to providing you with a high-quality publication, but we always want to hear from new writers and unique view points. A paper is only as good as its contributors.

On that note, writing, taking pictures and submitting ideas for the Collegian are all excellent ways to build your resume, gain experience and make some quick cash. Feel free to stop in at any of our meetings. You can bring your own story ideas, choose an article from our list or just drop in to see what we’re all about. We are always looking for fresh points of view. Keep an eye out for our next posted meeting.

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If you miss an issue, you can read our content online at www.nwicc.edu.

Have a wonderful semester. Study hard, join some organizations and stay connected. We hope to hear from you all soon.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

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Elections provide advertising entertainment

By Cassandra Schmith

It’s a good time to be a politics junkie. A compelling midterm election fast approaches with tight races and a likely shift in Congressional power. The 2010 campaign season has become even more interesting for people who just like to laugh.

From over-the-top advertisements to embarrassing revelations of past events, the 2010 election year has proven to be the most entertaining one since, well, 2008 – the year John McCain gratefully blessed the world with Sarah Palin.

Across the country, candidates have been working hard to keep us laughing. Ads remain the main source of humor. Pennsylvania even saw this during the primaries with Joe Sestak running an obviously out-of-context clip of incumbent senator Arlen Specter saying he switched parties to “get Re-el-ECK-tid.” This ad taught Penn Arlen Spector saying he switched parties to Pennsylvania even saw this during the campaign. Ads remain the main source of humor. A compelling midterm election fast approaches with tight races and a likely shift in Congressional power. The 2010 campaign season has become even more interesting for people who just like to laugh.

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The queen of the 2010 campaign hilarity is Delaware Senator candidate Christine O’Donnell with her ultra-conservative views, down to earth style and knack for saying dumb things on TV. O’Donnell has drawn inevitable comparisons to Palin.

In 2008, Palin ended up on a joke to give insight on her tenacious personality and willingness to fight for the people who elected her. That joke, of course, was “What’s the difference between a pit-bull and a hockey mom? Lipstick.”

Well, what’s the difference between Palin and O’Donnell? The timeless of the moronic statements.

While Palin gives prime time interweaved on major networks to reveal her thoughts on the Bush Doctrine (she’s not sure what it is) and Russia (she can see it from Alaska), O’Donnell has virtually hidden from the public eye, forcing political comedian Bill Maher to dig into archives and find embarrassing clips of O’Donnell from 15 years ago.

In those clips, O’Donnell mentions her “dabbling in witchcraft,” desire for a celibate country and fear of mice with fully functioning human brains. But these things are from 15 years ago.

It was the ‘90’s. Everyone wanted to be “Sabrina” and have a talking cat. “Hocus Pocus” was an incredibly popular movie, and the public was enamored by the idea that it would be easy to kill a witch. The immorality clearly appealed to O’Donnell.

The republican from Delaware also obviously spent a lot of time watching “Pinky and the Brain.” It’s easy to see how she got confused; the cartoon was highly realistic.

Now is the time to turn to political discourse for entertainment – get it before its gone November 2.

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Branstad concerned about state capitol

Branstad, a Republican, ended the afternoon by letting everyone know that he is not running for Governor for the title, the money, or the fame, but rather because he is very concerned with what is going on in our state capitol. He explained that he wants to set this state and does not want to see it continue to fall into more debt and face bigger problems. He ended by saying, “I’ve done it before, so I’m confident I can do it again.”

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The most entertaining one since, well, 2008.
Outdoor movie night is success

By Paul Jacobson Student Writer

On August 27, NCC held a movie night for students to help cap off the end of the first week of school. The movie was shown on a projector which was cast on to a 20x30 foot white inflatable screen in the middle of the three housing buildings allowing everyone in attendance the opportunity to take in a film under the stars. Students gathered up their blankets, sleeping bags, and any type of chair they could find to assure themselves a comfortable place on the grass. The movie “The Blind Side” was the featured film of choice and in a lot of peoples’ minds, a very wise choice.

“The Blind Side” hit the big screen in 2009 and lived up to any expectations that were built. It is a film based on a true story about a homeless and traumatized boy who is taken in by a wealthy family and goes on to become an All-American football player and eventually a first round pick in the NFL Draft.

The movie received many award nominations and very positive reviews by critics. The film is based on the book, “The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game”, by Michael Lewis.

“The Blind Side” starred well known actress Sandra Bullock as well as actor Tim McGraw, who is more known for his singing than his acting, as the parents to Michael Oher, of whom they take in and raise all on their own volition. Michael is just a young boy thrown out into the real world when he is forced to move out of the house and fend for himself. After a night on the town, the Tuohy’s spot Michael walking the streets in the pouring rain. They eventually invite him into their home for the night due to the rain, but what was supposed to be only one night begins to turn into a week, and then two, until he is finally given a bedroom and his own possessions and eventually asked to be part of the family.

Michael is a big kid, with the frame of someone who could be a force on the football field. Leigh Anne Tuohy (Bullock) eventually realizes this and decides to get him involved in the game of football. After struggling over and over, Leigh Anne gives Michael just the talk he needs to hear, and suddenly becomes the player that everyone is talking about. College scouts start to appear in the stands to take a look at this Oher kid that everyone is talking about, and eventually realizes this and decides to take him in, and raise him on his own.

Michael’s high school football career begins to come to an end when he starts to realize that he is going to have to make a choice over where he wants to play college ball. The choice is basically up to him, as nearly every college in the country wants to see him in their uniform. The Tuohy’s were both graduates of Ole Miss, although they now call Tennessee their home, which is home to a college that is high on Michael’s list, the University of Tennessee. Eventually Michael decided that attending Ole Miss is the best decision for him (although the whole Tuohy family did a little prodding) and that he will be attending there the coming fall.

The Tuohy’s family is very wealthy and gives away a lot of money to their alma mater, Ole Miss. After the NCAA launches an investigation into Michael’s choice of attending Ole Miss, they find that Michael may be guilty of receiving money and gifts from Ole Miss boosters, which the Tuohy’s are considered. Michael then has to prove his case and is eventually found not guilty due to that fact that Mr. and Mrs. Tuohy took in Michael and actually adopted him with no intention of helping Ole Miss’ football program.

In the end, Michael goes on to become an All-American offensive lineman at Ole Miss and eventually is a first round draft pick in the 2009 NFL draft by the Baltimore Ravens. Michael’s story is something that is rarely, if ever heard. It was such an uplifting movie to see an impoverished boy who is on his own at such a young age and living in the projects of Memphis, leave and become such an inspiration to so many people.

I may be a little biased, but I think that “The Blind Side” was without a doubt one of the best movies that 2009 saw. It is a sports movie, a real entertaining and also so dramatic. I feel like a lot of sports movies are the same. You know, the underdog always wins, the star player hits a walk-off homerun to win the game, a shot is made at the buzzer…you get my point. But this film always had you wondering as to what would happen next. Basically, this was just a really good movie that families, couples, or just you yourself could enjoy. You do not have to be a fan of sports to enjoy “The Blind Side”, you just have to be a fan of a feel-good story. All in all, I really enjoyed this movie, and I thought it was the perfect choice for NCC’s movie night. Kelley McCarty said, “It was a good event to have at the beginning of the year to allow students to meet one another and get to know other students. It really brought people together that first weekend of college.”

The Snow is Calling

Students get antsy for first snowfall of season

By Cassandra Schmidt Student Editor

Winter is here, which means one thing to many students at NCC. It’s time to get the snowmobiles on to the sled and raise all on their own volition. Jared Holtrop and Jared Holtrop, Heavy Equipment student

Mid-Term survival Kit

By Brittany Miller Student Writer

We all know that fish is a ‘super food’ because of all the omega-3 fatty acids it boasts. It is an all round brain booster. So, before you head to class, consider grabbing a tuna sandwich for lunch and give your brain the energy it needs to get you through the day! Does your stockpile of tests having you biting your nails? Try this new polish from Orly to kick the habit. This top coat tastes HORRIBLE and will have you regretting each time you stick those pretty little fingernails into your mouth! Orly No Bite $5.70 at Amazon.com

Need to take a break? Get outside! Shoot a few hoops, take a walk, or just sit on the front porch. Just being outside in that fresh air and sun will boost your mood and energy as well as let you chill out!

Instead of pouring down energy drinks and crashing halfway through the day, try a little green tea! It is said that green tea can help release dopamine in your brain. This boost can help you get into a more positive mood – something we all need during midterm!

Music- Classical music is said to calm brain activity, consequently making it easier to concentrate.

So, stop the NCC library and check out some of our favorite background music like Classical Music for People Who Hate Classical Music. Or hop on myspace.com/vitaminstringquartet and listen to the Vitamin String Quartet, a rad group of musicians who use their instruments to string out mainstream hits by musicians like Led Zeppelin and Lady Gaga. It’s tempting to stay up all night and cram for that huge test, but missing out on sleep won’t help you! Sleep helps you recall information and focus! I know I could use a little bit of that!

Not motivated to study? Your natty, crumb infested, finger streaked laptop probably isn’t helping. Here are some great tips from Consumer Reports to get it back in tip-top shape before midterms!

Step #1 Get your screen clean! Spray a soft cloth with ammonia-free glass cleaner. Wipe the screen down gently. Then get those fingerprints off the cover as well.

Step #2 Get the crud out! Use a compressed air can to spray out those cookie crumbs from under the keys.

Step #3 Ventilation! With a gentle vacuum, suck any dust out of your laptop vents.

Step #4 Feel refreshed and motivated!
Elections happen again, students chosen

S.G.A is behind the scenes

By: Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

CC’S Student Government Association held presidential elections on Monday, September 20, 2010. There are three candidate spots on the S.G.A ballot: president, vice president and secretary.

What does the S.G.A president do, you may ask? It’s not a job that people hear much about and S.G.A itself isn’t the most publicized group on campus. But believe me, it’s more than just a little thing, it’s huge.

The people who meet every other Monday genuinely care about you, the student body, and what you want.

Sometimes this means we sit in our room the whole meeting haggling back and forth over an amendment or a proposed resolution, but we do it because we don’t want to take the easy way out and just settle. We want to get the absolute best results for the students.

A message from this year’s President:

My name is Jackson Roos. I’m a 33 year old nontraditional student. I am enrolled in the Commercial and Industrial Wiring program. I am part owner of a small business in Sheldon, doing electrical work and electrical safety training for businesses and industries nationwide. I am married with 2 wonderful children.

The reason I ran for S.G.A President is because I felt that as a paying student, I wanted to have a say in how some of my tuition dollars are spent, especially when it comes to using the money for entertainment purposes. How awful would it be if we were just told what was going to be done with our money? I feel as president, it’s my job to try and provide a medium to listen to and translate the ideas of the students into fun activities for the masses, and organize those activities for the students to enjoy.

I encourage anyone who has a good idea for activities to contact myself, or any of the other S.G.A members and we will make this a great year for students.

A message from this year’s Vice President:

My name is Cassandra Schmith. I am 24 years old and I am a nontraditional student. I am enrolled in the Associate of Arts for Elementary Education program. This will be my second degree I am perusing, Massage Therapy being the first. I live in Sheldon and have a very out-going 5 year old son.

We have been on campus for a few short months, and most of us are still meeting new people everyday. Despite this short time, our NCC community is really starting to come together. Just the other day while riding my bike I began to think, what makes NCC so special to me?

Then, as a bug smashes into my face, running into my teeth, it hit me - quite literally actually. It is NCC’s togetherness. Such a simple subject, but one I know that I will help bring more of. Togetherness is a quality that builds an atmosphere NCC strives to have.

I know it’s hard to see exactly what the Student Government has been doing as a lot of it is behind the scenes work, but believe me, as this year’s vice president I can safely say we’ve had one of the most active counsels in years and have many great things to be showing up here on campus.

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Ultimate Football

Building D gets on the football field

By Cassandra Schmith
Student Editor

The students of building D had a day of fun in the field. Ultimate football was a fun activity organized for the students of building D. SkillsUSA is a Vocational organization that is open to students of high school and colleges that are enrolled in a trade or industry program. SkillsUSA follows an annual Program of work each chapter. Members are involved in leadership training, chapter business, fundraising, community service, social activities and conference attendance.

“Ultimate football was a SkillsUSA social activity for members to network, enjoy themselves, and meet other members of SkillsUSA,” said Youngs.

There were 66 students involved; the group was divided into 4 teams with playing 6 games to determine a winning team.

“We will be planning a spring social activity as well,” said Youngs.

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Constitution Day Quiz Winner

Kaitlyn Kruse, Associate of Arts student from George, IA, won the Constitution quiz, presented by Professor Stephen Gibbons’
Learning Community

The Life of My Friend

By: Derek Groeneweg
Submitted

M y first impression of Wylan Fluit was that he was a confident, outgoing, and responsible man. He was the type of man that I have chosen to interview and I also have the privilege of being his friend. He is a symphony of a selfless individual. Wylan had a wonderful childhood, is one semester away from graduating from college, he has met the love of his life, has a successful generation ahead of him, and just recently found out he is going to be a father for the first time!

Wylan grew up on a acreage near Alvord, Iowa. He was the fourth out of five children; he has two brothers and two sisters. When he was younger, Wylan and his siblings mostly created their own fun on the farm. His family would take vacations to the Wisconsin Dells, Yellowstone National Park, and other places. Wylan also to Washington. Growing up near Alvord, Iowa. He was the first to be a father for the first time!

Wylan went out to college. After graduating from an accredited Christian School, Wylan attended Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) in Sheldon, Iowa for two years. While he was studying at NCC, he received a business degree. He took some classes online and some on campus.

After completing his degree at NCC, Wylan went out to work for four years. He worked for Hoedgaard Construction until he made the decision to further his education. He then enrolled at South Dakota State University (SDSU). At SDSU, he is majoring in Ag Business and is completing a minor in Ag Marketing.

When reminiscing on what college life was like at NCC. He stated, “I really enjoyed NCC. The staff was very helpful, classes were flexible, and I was able to work part-time.” He later commented on how it “felt” like a larger high school because you came to know your classmates well due to small class size. He also said he really enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the reasonable tuition that allows anybody the opportunity to obtain a college education. After concluding our discussion on what he would change if given the chance to return, he said, “If I had to change one thing, I would do so. I chose to major in Ag Business because I was interested in the field, but I now realize that I would have been better off majoring in Business. I think I would have enjoyed it more.”

Wylan is currently employed at South Dakota Processors and receiving a job offer from them. He is also very excited to be a semester away from graduating and looking forward to the future.

Wylan’s hobbies consist of helping his dad on the farm, hunting, and driving his four-wheel. He was one of the first to be a father for the first time! His dad, he is honest and has taught me a lot of things about life in general and is always willing to help.” Wylan searches out people who are honest, trustworthy, and friendly.

Family and religion are the two most valued things in Wylan’s life. He says, “My biggest strength is being a father for the first time!” He also enjoys listening to country music. Wylan is very easy to get along with, laid back, friendly, and honest. If he could do one thing just to do it, he would be to take a ride in a F-22 fighter jet.

One of his weaknesses would be that he is not a risk-taker, but his strength would be that he is very responsible.

Wylan has been very successful at everything he has done, and he has seen him success, “Accomplishing something you set out to do, helping you become confident in yourself and all the things you never thought you could.” In his life, he has not only aimed for success, but has shown us success.

Now that Wylan is coming to the end of his college life experience, I am confident to say that his pathway through college has made him into the man that he is: confident, responsible, and trustworthy. He will now be able to start his family out and give them the sort of childhood that he received. He can help shape his family into the loving family he grew up with and hopefully his children can say something that the things they most admire is their father.

He has a sturdy foundation for me in the way he has succeed-ed in life and the way he shows compassion for everyone around him. Success and a promising future mark the way for him.
Class is over, time to eat. As I walk out of Building B; I enter the cafeteria. I have entered the cafeteria so many times before. It’s the first place that I go when I enter the building in the morning. The cafeteria is where I study, read, and eat. It is by far my favorite place when I am at NCC. I usually seclude myself at a table and listen to my own thoughts and block out the others around me.

That is what normally happens, but today I will look around me. I will open my eyes, smell with my nose, listen with my ears; I will notice what is going on around me. The cafeteria is my place of comfort, and to others it is many different things. It is a place to socialize, study, and overall enjoy themselves.

As I open the doors from Building B, I can smell the food from the cafeteria wafting in the air. It is lunch time. Today’s special is wild rice, chicken, and cake; Man, does it smell amazing. My mouth is watering for another table full of people. They are playing a game with cards. It looks like a game where you battle against each other with cards to see who the winner is. They look like they are all having fun. The whole table is intensely staring at the cards; their eyes are zoning in on the cards. They don’t care about anything else that is going on around them. I notice that there is no food on the table, only empty trays. They have long ago eaten their food. They are now just enjoying the company of each other. They are all bonding over a little card game. They could care less about the food; they have been consumed by the game. The enjoyment of each other is much more important. I notice this enjoyment going through the whole cafeteria. “Caleb!” says the lady that took my order. I am startled by my name. I get up to grab my chicken strips. I weave in and out of the crowd and tables again to retrieve my chicken strips. My plate is sitting on a little table; I can smell the strips. I can’t wait to eat them. I hold the plate up and hear the sizzle of the hot oil they were just cooked in. I walk up to the table and get ranch dressing. There is a little line of other people getting condiments. They are all in a hurry to sit down with their friends, ready to socialize. I grab my ranch and weave in and out of the crowd again. Ready to eat my chicken strips.

By the time I get back to my table, I have gained two people; A classmate and a professor. I look and find it a weird that students and teachers are sitting together; that never happened when I was in high school. I do notice the student and the professor are in a deep conversation. The food they are eating is not what they are noticing that is for sure. I try to act like I am listening to their conversation, but I really want to eat my food. They are either on Facebook, read, or texting. I thought I was the only one that enjoyed the cafeteria. This is not true. I have learned that many others enjoy it as well. From the first moment I walked into the cafeteria I could tell people were enjoying themselves. The cafeteria is a place to let loose and let out the stress of all the classes we are taking. It is a place of enjoyment. I can’t wait until I go to the cafeteria, again.
SMILE!

Beware of what you are doing around campus, your picture may be found in the next issue of the Collegian. Our staff has been on the prowl to get some good pictures of students, faculty, and staff doing some outrageous things. Make sure that you smile if you see our camera!

SNOWMOBILING

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dress adequately.

• Wear a helmet and eye protection at all times and other protective clothing suitable to the environment.
• Do not let young or inexperienced riders operate snowmobiles without training and supervision.
• Do not use alcohol or other drugs when you ride.
• Learn proper riding skills from an instructor or qualified rider and practice such skills before riding.
• Always maintain a safe distance between riders. Tailgating can lead to collisions and injuries.
• Ride with others and let someone know where you are riding. Never ride alone.
• Obey the laws.
• Stay on trails designated for snowmobiles.
• Be informed of local weather conditions and dress and equip yourself appropriately.
• Know the area you are riding in. Be aware of its potential hazards.
• Always ride at a safe and responsible speed. Know your abilities and don’t exceed those levels.
• Make sure your equipment is in top working order; check before heading out.
• Carry a map of the trail or area you intend to travel.
• Clear snow from your snowmobile tail lights at frequent intervals.
• Use common sense.

There is no other experience like riding across the blanket of snow on your machine.

Iowa’s snowmobile safety course will be taught at Northwest Iowa Community College, on Saturday, December 11, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 431, Building D. Pre-registration and prepayment information can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office locally at 324-5061 or toll-free 1-800-352-4907. A fee of $15.00 will be charged for the course. Students will need to bring snowmobile gear and a helmet. They will also need to bring a sack lunch for a short noon break.

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COMPEITIOn

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Tuesday's competition was 'Pumpkin Bowling'. The object of this competition was similar to regular bowling, only the ball was a pumpkin and the pins were gourds and squash. Several students participated in taking their aggression out on vegetables. There were 4 frames in the game, with Riley Vogt, Diesel Technology student, winning with a score of 54 and Neil Niehus, Diesel Technology student, getting second place with a score of 34.

Wednesday's competition was 'Nas Trikes'. Participants rode children's tricycles around the "triangle" sidewalk in front of Building A. The only participants were men, with the majority of them being close to 6 foot tall or taller, making it difficult to ride a 2 foot tall trike. Neil Niehus won first place in the A feature, with Riley Vogt winning second place in the A feature. Scott Patten won first in the B feature.

Thursday's competition was 'Pass the Poultry'. It's an egg race with a twist. Each team was to walk on a slippery tarp with a spoon in their mouth while carrying an egg and passing it along to their partner. If the egg was dropped, the participants had to start over. Scott Patten and Austin Hanson, Industrial & Commercial Wiring students, placed first completing the race in 30 seconds. Cassandra Schmith, Associate of Art student and Bruce Burgess, Diesel Technology student, placed second completing the race in 32 seconds. It was a close race, and no one fell.

Friday's competition was the 'Battle of the Champions. All of the winners from the previous days participated in the final event. The final event was similar to one many may have seen from the famous television show "Minute to Win it."

The participants received three balloons. Each participant was required to keep all three of the balloons in the air at the same time for a minute, or until they were the last one standing. Students, faculty and staff that were present in the cafeteria were the judges to watch Scott Patten, Riley Vogt, Neil Niehus, Bruce Burgess, Cassandra Schmith and Austin Hanson keep their balloons in the air. Austin Hanson won the final competition.

Halloween at NCC

NCC students celebrate with their own fun for the spooky holiday

By Cassandra Schmith  Student Editor

‘Trick or treat – smell my feet – give me something good to eat...’ NCC students took Halloween into their own hands and had some fun.

A few students went to Spencer, IA to "get their freak on" at the JayCees haunted house. It was said to be bigger, scarier and better than ever.

"It was really fun. At first I was a bit skeptical because all I seen were small children, but when I witnessed grown men screaming and running out of the haunted house, it made my anticipation even stronger," said student Brittany Miller.

A pumpkin carving contest was held. Students sought out their creativity and got to work on carving a masterpiece. Twelve pumpkins were entered into the contest for judging on the Friday before Halloween. The overall contest was won by the Electrical Technology class with a pumpkin carved as the NCC Thunder mascot and shot candy.

Honorables were given. Brittany Miller, Natural Resource and Conservation student, won best in creativity with her Lindsay Lohan pumpkin. Riley Vogt, Truck and Diesel student, won the best in originality with his pumpkin with the tongue sticking out. Ali Adam, Associate of Art student, won most detailed with her Charlie Brown pumpkin. Cassandra Schmith, Associate of Art student, won most unique in depth and dimension with her faced pumpkin.

Students were given a chance to wear their Halloween costumes to classes, participate in a costume contest and be judged over the weekends. Many students walked the halls on Friday, October 29 in costume; many faculty and staff were also witness in costume. Pictures were taken of the students that dressed up, an email was sent out and other students were to vote on whom they thought should win. The winner was revealed on Monday morning. The winner was Jared Bernhardt.
Students at NCC show off their Ink and tell their stories. If you would like to show off your ink/story in the next edition of the Collegian, e-mail Cassandra Schmith at schmithc_ncc@nwicc.edu.

Clockwise: (1) Lisa Martinson’s tattoo symbolizes a friend that passed away. (2) Amy Monroe’s tattoo symbolizes her marriage to her husband. (3) The red and black in Dan Kammrad’s tattoo symbolizes high school and it is to remind him of how much he’s changed from the rebel, poor attitude high school student to who he is today. Overall it symbolizes getting back on the right track in life. (4) Dani Lonning’s tattoo Stands for the end of crap. She says “Don’t worry about anything and just focus on yourself. Don’t let life get you down when times get stuff.” (5) Amy Monroe’s butterfly tattoo symbolizes her daughter Sarah Ellen. (6) The four tigers in Jeann Bennett’s tattoo symbolizes herself and her three sons. (7) Sarah Avery’s tattoo symbolizes the celebration her brother Ross’s life. (8) Cassandra Schmith’s tattoo symbolizes her Great Grandma Amy. (9) As a memorial for her dad Jennifer Gibbons’s inked herself.

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