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Business department first to have accelerated degree program

Kate Brincks
staff reporter

Briar Cliff is offering an alternative for continuing education students who are pursuing a business degree.

The Briar Cliff Accelerated Degree program was started to help non-traditional students continue their education by catering more to their needs. The courses meet for five to eight weeks depending on the discipline. This program is for returning students who are at least 23 years of age, have had three or more years of work experience, and have at least 30 hours, approximately one year, of previous college experience.

"Briar Cliff had a thriving and robust continuing educa-

tion program once upon a time," said Dr. Tom Boeke, academic dean. "For whatever reasons, we didn't continue to pursue those programs."

Boeke said that this program is for working adult students who, for whatever reason, didn't get to complete their degree, but now have responsibilities and commitments that preclude them from attending class during the day.

"This new Briar Cliff Accelerated Degree program is an attempt to give returning, working, adult, students the chance to get a quality degree and it does so by delivering the courses at times and in places that are as convenient for them as we can make them," said Boeke.

Currently the program is

only offered for students returning for a business degree. However, they have looked at someday possibly including other majors, including computer information systems and management information services.

"I think based on the demographics of Siouxland and the markets that we're looking at we'll probably stick primarily to business or computer information systems," said Janet Plathe, director of continuing education.

Plathe said that there has been a lot of interest in this program. Enrollment for this program is approximately 35 students and classes started on Sept. 13. Boeke said that they have solicited faculty with a Master's Degree who are

working in some field of business and industry.

One student who is pursuing the accelerated degree is John Sandman. He said that he should be finished in about a year and a half.

"What interested me was the convenience and the low cost," said Sandman.

Traditional students are not able to participate in this program because the classes are based on participatory discussion about relevant work experience. The classes are not a lecture style.

"I think that the primary reason (that the classes are not lecture style) is that you really need to have relevant work experience to be successful in this classroom," said Plathe. "So it's not so much that we're

trying to eliminate a whole group of students from taking classes in this program."

Boeke said that they are looking to start classes off campus, but that is in the future. Plathe said that also in the future is the possibility for other majors and possible graduate programs. Right now Boeke said that they want to get this first program off the ground. Boeke also said that the program is flexible, and students would be able to stop and start back in with ease.

"At the current time, we're only offering classes on campus," said Boeke. "I want us to take the program and locate courses off campus, on site, where people work to make it more convenient."

Students express their voices



photo by Jody Johnson
Aubri Casey stands and reads poetry while Jennifer Dykstra waits for her turn at the Siouxland Voices poetry reading on Wednesday night in Meis Recital Hall. Students and faculty joined in the event by reading original works and some works done by the master poets.

Briar Cliff and Morningside propose to combine their nursing programs

Abby Lansink
staff reporter

Briar Cliff and Morningside College's are working together to possibly combine their nursing programs.

"This started three or four years ago, but due to financial implications things got quiet," said Ruth Daumer, Briar Cliff's nursing department chair. "Now things have emerged again in light of Morningside's desire, because of staff reductions that were announced."

Morningside staff is looking at this possible combination in

a supportive manner.

"It is important to have a nursing program in the area, and by combining the programs we will strengthen both colleges in a positive way," said Rick Peterson, Morningside's nursing department chair.

"Not many people realize that Morningside and Briar Cliff are the only two colleges in the Midwest, west of Des Moines, that offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing,"

-Rick Peterson

Most Briar Cliff nursing students are excited for the new merger between the colleges.

"I believe that this possible combination will be a benefit to the nursing programs because it

will bring more research possibilities, and nursing depends a lot on research," said Tiffany Rohe, a sophomore.

However, some students are holding back on their final opinions until all the details have been worked out.

"This combining of the nursing programs could be a great thing for our college, but I think all of the kinks need to be worked out in order for it to be successful," said Alysia Peterson, a freshman nursing major.

Nothing permanent has been decided, but Morningside would like to see plans in place for next fall.

"Whatever comes from the talks, it is certain that both colleges want to maintain a Christian College presence in the nursing education," said Daumer.

The Theatre Department presents... Shakespeare's "Richard III"

Box Office opens Oct. 23
Call 712-279-5542 for details

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A new look at "New Age" religions

Justin Crawford
staff reporter

An FDC commissioned lecture called "Seeking the Divine: New Paths and Old" was presented by Paul Ermak, assistant professor of philosophy at Briar Cliff on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Center in the Stark Student Center.

Ermak began his talk by discussing New Age Religion and what its beliefs are and who follows it.

"New Age Religion isn't really new, it has its beginning around the same time of Christianity and is similar to Hinduism and Buddhism but

deals a lot with astrology," said Ermak.

Ermak said that there are four main themes to New Age Religion: unity of life - they believe that there is one divine being and everything from rock to trees to people to chairs is part of the divine being. Failure to understand this is the cause of pain and sorrow; divinity of person - each person much recognize the identity of their "true self" and listen to their inner voice; the power of the human mind - "New Agers" believe that the human mind has unlimited power. They believe that the mind creates every physical and mental illness but can also heal all these

illnesses. Also, they believe everybody can create their own success; focus on spiritual technology - the use of crystals.

Most New Agers left their old religion because they like the great diversity in the new age movement. There are no churches and new agers are reluctant to brand people "sinners."

"Those who are most drawn to New Age Religion are people that feel alienated from Christian churches and their formality. They also like the emphasis New Age Religion puts on social action, like fighting racism, hunger and poverty," said Ermak.

"New Agers" believe quite a

bit in astrology and they see the birth of the Age of Aquarius as a time of world peace. They also say it will bring about a unity of all the world's religions and a time of great prosperity.

New Age Religion also has people who are called "channelers". These people are said to be in contact with enlightened spirits and are conduits of spiritual wisdom.

Ermak then discussed some Christian Saints who had mystical experiences and compared some of their sayings to those of New Age Religion.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux said that humans seek God, because God seeks us. He put great emphasis on penance

being necessary for God's forgiveness. New Age Religion believes however, that evils done in the past are learning experiences and that self forgiveness is important.

Donald Hightsed, a resident of Sioux City who attended the lecture said he learned a great deal from Ermak.

"I have a cousin who believes in New Age Religion and I learned a lot about what he believes in."

Ermak ended the night by saying that there are many new religions in the world today and no one is to say what is "New Age" and what is not.

Community service is the corner stone of Briar Cliff's Campus Ministry and BCCares

Briar Cliff students cannot say that there isn't plenty of opportunities to get involved with service projects thanks to Campus Ministry and BCCares working together to make a community difference.

"BCCares comes under the umbrella of campus ministry," said Sr. Nancy Miller, director of Campus Ministry and BCCares. "Up until the past two or three years it wasn't under the direction of the same person. The scope of Campus Ministry is larger than BCCares."

Campus Ministry includes things like liturgical ministry, the 30-Hour Fast, special masses, and it informs the community about other religious holidays outside the Catholic faith, such as Jewish, Islamic and other holy days. Amnesty International, an organization that speaks out against human rights violations, sponsors a letter writing campaign with the help of Campus Ministry. Forty-three letters were written at the first campaign that was held a few weeks ago and there is going to be another letter writing meeting held at 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 22 in the BCCares lounge. Another big event that Campus Ministry is involved in is the Antioch Retreat that is coming up this weekend, but the planning committee has been preparing activities for quite a while.

"We (Campus Ministry) train students for various aspects of service," said

Miller. "It's a good experience for them."

BCCares work with special projects like Senior Homecoming, the Paint-A-Thon, blood drives, reading camps, and tutoring.

"I think there a good level of participation in these events," said Miller. "I liked the response from the Senior Homecoming. I think people benefit from it."

Another project that BCCares is involved in is Americorps.

"Americorps is a tutoring program where we have Briar Cliff tutors (there are currently three student tutors) who go off campus to tutor elementary age students," said Kendra Welp, a sophomore theology major and the Americorps on-site administrator for BCCares.

Welp is not only involved with Americorps, but she also volunteers for other community service projects through Campus Ministry and BCCares.

"I like serving others," said Welp. "You get to do a lot of different things. My favorite part is the special projects that we have. I'd recommend it to other students as a way to get involved, help the community, make someone else's day, and feel good."

Students are encouraged to get involved as much as they can, not only with the different service projects but also with helping organize them. Jennifer Bechtel is the Peace and Justice coordinator for Campus Ministry and she also organized the 30-Hour Fast for the past three years.

"Ideally all the dedicated people are the one's that continuously attend events that are put together for the Peace and Justice program," said Bechtel, a senior English and psychology major. "I want to provide a channel for peace and justice in the community for a lot of people to become aware. I just wish I could devote more time to it."

Upcoming Events for Campus Ministry and BCCares

- October 20-22** - Antioch Retreat
- October 22** - Amnesty International Letter Writing Campaign
- October 28** - Halloween Reading Camp
- October 29** - Youth Rally in Carroll, Iowa
- October 30** - BCCares volunteers serve at the soup kitchen
- November 1** - All Saints Day (Roman Catholic Holy day)
- November 2** - All Souls Day (Roman Catholic Holy day)
- November 12** - Festival of Faith
- Amnesty International Letter Writing Campaign
- November 18-22** - Chicago Service/Immersion Trip

Contact Sr. Nancy Miller at 279-5485 or millern@briarcliff.edu to volunteer or for further information.



photo by Jody Johnson

Joully Thor, a North High School student, dances the "Hmong Dance" at the Ethnic Relations Club International Dinner, last night.

International Dinner

Sarah Hruska
co-editor

The Ethnic Relations Club held its annual International Dinner yesterday in the Stark cafeteria.

"The last two years it's been held in the spring, before that it was always held in the fall," said Brenda Husman, advisor for the Ethnic Relations Club.

ERC Vice-President Susan Ly, a sophomore business major, worked hard to get sponsors from over 24 different businesses for the raffle that helps raise money for the club.

"The money raised goes into our budget and it helps buy things like the decorations we

use," said Ly.

The club was also selling ERC t-shirts and the BHAMM club was selling their monopoly style board games. The ethnic foods were served by ERC members and students from the multi-cultural program from North High School.

"The community relations person for the ERC is going to make a deliberate attempt to make contact with all the multi-cultural clubs at all the high schools," said Husman.

"The food was good," said freshman Steve Giedosh. "It's still a college food service program, but the atmosphere was great."

Opinion

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Letters to the Editors

I'm writing in response to the alcohol article that was in last week's issue of the Cliff News.

I feel that the article was extremely one sided. Every person that was interviewed has a negative view on college drinking. They never

addressed the social part of the drinking. This might not be a great reason to drink but it is the other side of the coin.

Excluding LeAnn's comments, everyone else went to college when alcohol was TRUELY a problem.

I think that the average stu-

dent should have also been interviewed to see if they feel pressured to drink or if they think that student drinking is out of control. Thanks.

-Robert Greenhagen
Briar Cliff junior

The illusions of drugs and alcohol

Abacadabra and a bit of alcohol...

Is what brought approximately eighty Briar Cliff students to the Stark Student Center the evening of Monday, Oct. 9.

In an event sponsored by several organizations on campus, Don Parker, speaker and magician, took the stage and almost five dollars from Mark Bohls in order to promote alcohol and drug abuse awareness.

His show was unique, well attended and informative.

Throughout his show entitled, "The Illusion of Drugs & Alcohol," he does an array of magic tricks while incorporating startling statistics and real-life experiences with totally active audience participation.

"The Illusion of Drugs & Alcohol" for the college was a unique way to build awareness in regards to responsible drinking, while addressing the following issues: study vs. party, alcohol-free housing, stress management, changing peer culture, underage access, treatment / therapy, goal setting, and asking for support.

Twelve years clean and sober, he spoke from personal experience. He dropped out of college due to substance abuse and almost died from an overdose. From this position, his message is honest and authentic.

For instance, in one segment he asked for five dollars from anyone in the audience.

Student, Mark Bohls, offered his and then Parker went on to say that that was partially how he supported his bad habits for so long by panhandling and asking for money. Parker went on to do a trick in which he changed the American, five dollar bill into a Canadian bill. However, he did turn it back to its original form before returning it to Bohls.

Parker's amazing similarities to Music Television personality, Tom Greene, might throw you for a loop, but don't let that fool you because while the man can laugh now, that was not always the case.

He tells his tale of woe. The first drug he ever took was a cigarette and his drug habit just kind of escalated from there into just about every drug imaginable. Now he has memory and nasal problems due to the large amount of drugs he had consumed for so many years.

From sniffing cocaine to smoking marijuana, Parker did it all and now he says he is making up for it every time he does his show because he is able to positively impact the lives of others while making his childhood dream of becoming a magician come true.

All eyes were on him throughout his show. The students and few faculty members that were present loved him.

After his show he was bombarded by at least six students who were eager to ask him questions, which was odd since he had taken two sepa-

rate opportunities throughout his show for question and answer segments. His question and answer sessions included questions from his very personal marriage to his mystical talent.

By the way, Parker has been practicing magic since the tender age of seven.

What can you do?

When you got it, you got it and Parker definitely has it, on-stage charisma and talent.

In another portion of the show, he got five students from the audience and handed them car keys. The students were instructed to hide the keys in their pockets while he went on to predict which student had the key to unlock the battery-operated remote control car. This trick was used to encourage the importance of a designated driver who in essence was the student who had the only key, which was able to unlock the car.

Parker's grand finale was his great escape from a straight jacket, which two students from the audience had secured. However, within minutes he had escaped.

His finishing quote after this miraculous escape, which he made the audience repeat was, "I am one-hundred percent responsible for my life."

Find out more about Don Parker and the show at: www.donparker.com

- Tina Caldera
Briar Cliff junior

Quote of the Week

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt

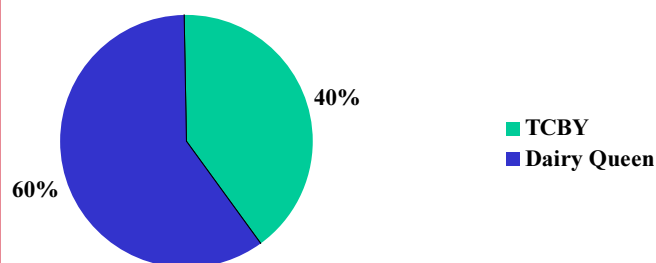
Students:

Don't forget to see your advisor. This is the last week to sign up for Term II

Penguin's Polls

A weekly, non-objective, non-scientific, non-journalistic survey conducted by Sarah "Penguin" Hruska, co-editor of the Cliff News.

Which do you like better TCBY or Dairy Queen?



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Photo Question

What do you think about Briar Cliff getting a football team ?



Jennifer Bechtel
Senior
Psychology/English

"I feel that this is a complicated situation, but it is an inevitable part of BC's expansion."



Melissa Bronson
Freshman
Elementary Education

"I think it will be good for BCC because it will attract more people to the Cliff."



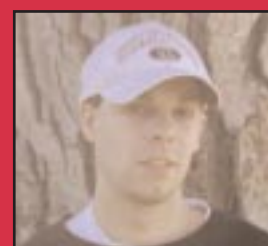
Jeanne Emmons
Professor of English

"I think football is a violent game that goes against our Franciscan values and will drain BCC resources. If we want men, we need to get a good engineering program."



Marty Hilberg
Sophomore
Theatre/Spanish/Math

"I'm not thrilled about it, but football will be good for BCC."



Brandon Smith
Senior
Secondary Education

"I'm in support of it because it will bring more life on the weekends."

Arts and Entertainment

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Lost souls equals lost money

Sarah Buford
assistant editor

Lost Souls," which opened on Friday Oct. 13, was not all it seemed to be. I think that the previews showed the best parts.

As this story slowly unfolds, we find out that Maya (Winona Ryder) is the survivor of a demonic possession during her childhood and she was lucky enough to survive the exorcism performed by Father Lareaux (John Hurt). Now she is a part time assistant to Father Lareaux, helping him with other exorcisms in New York, where they both live.

Father Lareaux performed an exorcism with a murderer named Henry Birdson (John Diehl). Horrific screams and cries came from the room, but before we knew it, an orderly came to stop the whole thing. Maya ran out of the room and took all the papers, scribbled with numbers that were on the desk. When looking through them later, she broke a number code and stumbled upon the person who was going to become the antichrist in a matter of days. Satan was to take over this person's body, which turns out to be the famous writer, Peter Kelson (Ben Chaplin).

Peter is a novelist/crime

reporter who's doing a book on a famous serial killer and claims on national TV that "he doesn't believe in capital E-evil." That's when Maya decides to step in and try to convince him otherwise.

The whole movie is centered basically on Maya and Peter. Maya does everything she can to try to prove to Peter, who surprisingly has no faith in God or the devil, that he is in fact going to become the antichrist. The audience sees Peter struggling with his faith while Maya deals with the demons that keep haunting her brain.

"The time of the transformation is near." Peter heard that phrase numerous times in the film, along with everyone else in the theater. Supposedly if this transformation occurs, Peter will become the devil on earth just as God became Christ. However, no one really ever finds out what the transformation is.

When I heard that "Lost Souls" was coming out on "Friday the thirteenth", I was so ecstatic, being that "scary" movies are my favorite. However, I walked out of the theater completely confused and annoyed. The previews showed the movie to be utterly freaky and intriguing. I did not find it that way at all. I saw it more as a waste of time

than anything else.

The actors performed their parts fairly well, Ryder's role especially, with her dark image. "Lost Souls" had great underexposed camera work and angles, which made me think it was supposed to be greater than it turned out to be. It just seemed to be another satanic movie, with few scary parts, aside from Maya's crazy hallucinations.

"Lost Souls" seemed to mimic other movies like "The Cell," "Bless the Child," and the re-release of "The Exorcist." Though most movies are like that, getting ideas and concepts from another movie, this particular one seemed not on the realistic side. The plot was almost not there.

If you want to see "Lost Souls," go ahead, I don't see it as a total waste of time. However, if the re-release of "The Exorcist" is as good as the original, you'd be better off seeing that. One of the few things I learned from this film is that if your digital clock reads 666, that is not a good sign.

Running time: 95 minutes
Rated: R
Rating: * (out of 4)

What's Happening

On Campus:

Oct. 20:

--Comedian/open mic night @ 6 p.m. in Stark

Oct. 21:

--Presidential Softball Challenge game @ 3 p.m.

--Family weekend begins

--Women's soccer vs. No 15 Huron @ 1 p.m.

Oct. 22:

--Women's soccer vs. No 24 National @ 12 p.m.

--Men's soccer vs. No 16 National @ 2 p.m.

--Mass in Chapel @ 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

--"Whose Line is it Anyway?" @ 8 p.m.-

Stark Center Stage

--Amnesty International Letter Writing @

7:15 p.m.- contact Sr. Nancy, campus ministry

Off Campus:

Oct. 20

--Antioch Retreat starting @ 6 p.m. until Oct.

21- contact Sr. Nancy, campus ministry

Oct. 21

--Men's & women's cross country @ 10 & 10:45 a.m.- Yankton

--"Great Bowls of Fire" @ 6-10 p.m.-Art Center, 225 Nebraska St.

Oct. 22:

--Altramar- Medieval Music Ensemble @ 7:30 p.m.- Cathedral of the Epiphany, 10th and Douglas.

Oct. 23:

--Volleyball against Mt. Marty @ 7:30 p.m.

--Women's golf in Lee Summit, MO

Oct. 24:

--Women's soccer against Nebraska Wesleyan @ 4 p.m.

Top 5 Box Office Movies

1. Meet the Parents
2. Remember the Titans
3. Lost Souls
4. The Ladies Man
5. The Contender

www.movies.com

Top 5 Rentals

1. Little Mermaid 2: Return to the Sea
2. The Tigger Movie
3. Erin Brockovich
4. The Matrix
5. Next Friday

www.blockbuster.com

Top 5 Fiction Books

1. "The Rescue" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner, \$22.95)
2. "The Bear and the Dragon" by Tom Clancy (Putnam, \$28)
3. "The Sky is Falling" by Sidney Sheldon (William Morrow & Co., \$26)
4. "Open House" by Elizabeth Berg (Random House, \$23.95)
5. "Drowning Ruth" by Christina Schwarz

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Top 5 Nonfiction Books

1. "Nothing Like it in the World" by Stephen E. Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, \$28)
2. "The O'Reilly Factor" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway, \$23)
3. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday, \$19.95)
4. "It's Not About the Bike" by Lance Armstrong with Sally Jenkins (Putnam, \$24.95)
5. "Sellout" by David P. Schippers with Alan P. Henry (Regnery, \$27.95)

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Top 10 Albums from KLIF Radio

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|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Papa Roach | Infest | Dream |
| 2. Matchbox 20 | Mad Season | Atlantic |
| 3. Eve 6 | Horrorscope | RCA |
| 4. Common | Like Water for Chocolate | MCA |
| 5. Fastball | You're An Ocean | Hollywood |
| 6. Incubus | Stellar | Epic |
| 7. Nina Gordon | Tonight and the Rest of My Life | WB |
| 8. Elastica | Mad Dog | EMI |
| 9. Disturbed | Summer of the Sickness | Giant |
| 10. Radiohead | Kid A | Capitol |

FREE CONCERT TICKETS!

(students may pick up free tickets at front desk in Stark Student Center)

Altramar Medieval Music Ensemble

Sunday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Epiphany, 1101 Douglas St.

Season members admitted free with membership card
Non-members-**admission at the door**,
\$10 adults, \$5 students

Reminder:

One more week to sign up for Term II. Check with your advisor for the appropriate times!

Volleyball team hopes to move back up in poll

Women's volleyball dodged a five match-losing streak Monday night at the Flanagan Center as the Chargers, the NAIA's 20th-ranked team, swept visiting Dakota Wesleyan in three games.

"It felt like we were back in the routine," said senior Molly Moberg.

The team improved its record to 22-6.

Sophomore Katie Jo Ruhland led Briar Cliff in kills with eight, while sophomores Katie Lauver and Jessica Miller each had seven kills. Moberg and freshman Kelsey Biermann had six kills themselves. Moberg also had 12 digs while Biermann had nine.

"Kelsey was put into the role of an outside hitter and stepped up to the challenge," said senior Kelly Cox.

Senior Staci Rosche was 18-for-18 with three aces and Grace Bahrij was 16-for-16 with an ace. Rosche also had 26 assists in the match.

"I think this game was a good game to regroup (after this weekend)," said Rosche. "We started working together and we had fun."

In the College of St. Mary's "The Big Guns Tournament" held in Omaha during the weekend of Oct. 13 and 14, Briar Cliff was upset in all four games.

Third ranked St. Mary and 17th ranked National American University dealt BC their first setbacks for the weekend.

Even with Biermann's 10 kills



Photo by Jody Johnson

Sophomore Katie Lauver gets down for a dig as the Chargers sweep past Dakota Wesleyan in three games. The Chargers now 22-6 look towards nationals and hope to win big.

against St. Mary's, the Chargers were still swept in three games.

Miller added nine kills while Ruhland had eight.

National also beat the Chargers in three games as Briar Cliff's record went to 21-4.

Rosche had 44 assists against National, while Moberg added 10 digs and six blocks in the match.

"There was something that wasn't there this weekend," said Moberg.

In their first match on Saturday against Hastings, Briar Cliff lost in three games. The next loss came against Lubbock Christian in four games.

"This weekend was a realization of what it is going to take

to go to nationals," said Moberg.

Rosche agreed.

"We're all glad that we got in a slump now instead of at the end of the year when it really counts," said Rosche. "We've played a lot of good teams and now we know what it's going to take to win."

The team is now regrouping and going back to basics.

"We're going back to fundamentals," said junior Traci Stone. "We're going back to basics so we can get back to where we were."

Even though the past weekend was a setback, the Chargers are looking to get back on top. Their next home game is Oct. 31 against Sioux Falls.

against Huron
Men's basketball 11/21 against Grand View College
Women's basketball 11/24 against Black Hills State
Men's basketball 11/24-25 Dana tournament
Women's basketball 11/25 against S.D. Tech
Men's basketball 11/29 against Northwestern



Women's soccer looks to redeem themselves in biggest weekend of the season

Even though the women's soccer team lost both of their home games this weekend, 2-0 to Jamestown and 3-1 to Northwestern, they stuck together as a team.

"The team played well, we had couple close games," said head coach Shawn Mansfield. "In a game it would be nice to score first and score early, but the teams we play are getting better so that makes it harder to do. Ball control is excellent now, much better than it was before and it is good to see improvement."

The only Charger goal in the games this weekend came from Hilary McHugh against Northwestern.

"The team this year is a really close group and we play very well together," said Maren Brink, a senior and the teams co-captain. "In the first half we kept playing hard, but in the second half we let them score 3 points and that hurts."

The team really benefits from

all the senior leadership this year, there is only one freshman and the rest of the players are juniors and seniors.

"When we started the game we were really pumped up. We've been playing really well lately," said junior Jill Baxter. "The team is kind of rebuilding this year. Having Annie Steven's back on the team was really helpful because she is such a good player."

"Both games were really close, but as a team we have been unlucky this year," said McHugh. "Passing, ball control, connecting, finishing our shots, and putting everything together is what we are really working on now."

On Saturday Oct. 21 the Charger's play against 15th ranked Huron and on Sunday Oct. 22 they play against National American.

"Right now our major goal is to get through these games," said McHugh. "And win to our first district playoff game."

Men's basketball takes it to the hoop in their first game of the 2000-2001 season

Michelle Morelli
co-editor

In their first game of the season, the men's basketball team scrimmaged each other with the blue team winning 75-50.

"We were a little rusty at first," said forward guard Oliver Ware. "But both the blue and gold teams pulled together and by the second half the blue team picked up the defense."

The leading scorers of the night were senior Joel Ehrig with 14 points, junior Oliver Ware added 13, while sophomore Damon Hunter chipped in 11.

"At times we looked good, but there is a lot of stuff we need to work on," said junior guard Ben Herrig.

Turnovers seemed to be a problem during the game.

"We need to work on turnovers and transitions," said assistant coach Joe Burkhart. "The game looked about what we expected, but

we will be much more improved by our first game."

A few team members felt that they could have done better as a team.

"We need to take care of the ball on offense and defense," said Herrig. "We were a little nervous about this game, and there is still time for improvement."

Ehrig was 6-of-8 from the line.

The only injury on the team is Herrig. He is playing with an ankle problem.

"I thought he played very well for being hurt," said Ware. "He stepped up and made some good plays."

The first game of the season is against Trinity in Ellendale, N.D.

Their first home game is against Northwestern on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

"I predict that we'll win the NAIA tournament this year," said Ware. "We are going to work hard and make it happen. We can do it as a team."

Sports Events for October/ November

On campus:

Women's soccer 10/21 @ 1:00
Men's soccer 10/22 @ 2:00
Women's soccer 10/22 @ noon
Women's soccer 10/28 @ 1:00
Volleyball 10/31 @ 7:30
Men's basketball 11/8 @ 7:30
Women's basketball 11/10 @ 7:30
Men's basketball 11/11 @ 3:00
Women's basketball 11/14 @ 7:30
Men's basketball 11/15 @ 7:30

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Off campus:

Volleyball 10/23 against Mount Marty
Women's Golf 10/23-24 in Lee Summit, Mo.
Women's soccer 10/24 against Nebraska Wesleyan
Volleyball 10/27-28 at St. Ambrose tournament
Volleyball 11/2 against Northwestern
Men's basketball 11/4 against Trinity
Volleyball 11/7 against Morningside
Wrestling 11/11 against Dakota Wesleyan
Women's basketball 11/11 against St. Mary's (Neb.)
Women's basketball 11/17 against Sioux Falls
Wrestling 11/18 against William Penn Duals
Women's basketball 11/18