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WNCC Spectator staff bids farwell

You have seen the newspapers in the hallways, at local businesses and maybe even grabbed one to read. The stories range from sports to editorials. Each composed by staff reporters covering their own specialties. It is these dedicated reporters, honing their craft in the learning environment of WNCC, which make each issue better than the last. But unfortunately, they often get lumped into one group of people that take spoken words and turn them into written articles. Let's take some time to acknowledge that it is the individuality of each writer that makes the Spectator one of a kind.

Before the newspaper spends money, it has to make some. Justin Griebe has helped play a vital role in advertising this year. He has scoured the local market for potential advertisers and has opened some new doors to the business owners of the area, making him known around campus and the community.

Sports are a great headliner in many colleges and universities around the country and native Natalie Miller has left no stone unturned on our campus. Natalie's "1 on 1" creation has become a staple for the up-and-coming athletes at WNCC. She also kept the population up to date on the latest and greatest statistics in soccer, baseball, basketball and softball.

Editorials must be remembered as opinions of the writer and our own Rob Servino has held back no punches when expressing his own. Loved and hated alike, Rob's editorials stretched across lines and even pages of the paper this year. His coverage of national concerns helped give us some insight on how the world looks



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Top row L-R: Rob Serevino, Justin Griebe Bottom row L-R: Karen Yergler, Emily Warren, Stacy Mack, Jennifer Fronapfel and Valerie Bandura. Not pictured: Natalie Miller, Tamara Simmons, Leo Martinez and Mark Rein.

through the eyes of Rob.

Articles this year came from a broad spectrum of ideas. Karen Yergler kept readers informed in arts and theater. Her coverage of the Carnegie Hall experience was more than an article, it was an experience to be treasured. Emily Warren helped to bridge the gap between elementary school and college with her coverage of stugo's "adopt a school" program. The Easter egg hunt proved to be more than a morning of community service, it was fun for even the youngest of participants. Tamara Simmons' article on the readership program was a benefit to all students on campus. And finally, we've had various translators from Idalia Montelogo to Leso Martinez, who've translated important articles into Spanish.

A newspaper would not be complete without some eye catching photos. Jennifer Fronapfel caught outstanding pictures this year of students. One of the highlights came with the appearance of Frederick Winters, hypnotherapist. She snapped

shots of students having a great time following suggestions at the afternoon performance in Cougar Palace.

Lastly, there is no organization and direction without the presence of authority. Valerie Bandura and Mark Rein were assets without measure when it came down to process and layout questions.

The Spectator staff would like to thank all the readers this year and we look forward to more outstanding ideas in Fall 2004.

TEXT BY STACY MACK

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Housing needed to increase international students

College's need for more student housing leads to investigation into Christian-based organization for training host families of international students.

BY STACY MACK
Staff Reporter

Having saturated the local area for potential students, Western Nebraska Community College is hoping to increase enrollment by expanding their international student base. But before heavy global recruitment can take place, the issue of student housing has to be resolved.

"We are not anywhere near where I think we need to be [for international students] and the reason for that is that we don't have the appropriate residential housing," Dr. John Harms, President of WNCC said.

Harms is hoping for board approval for the new residents hall proposal sometime in May or June of this year to help with students' housing needs. Concerning international students, one option is the introduction host families.

"You need to also have a place where someone from the community can adopt those students while they are here," Harms said. "So they can be put into a family environment, a family setting so we can begin to see that cultural exchange take place."

WNCC currently does not have a

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What is your reason for breathing?

BY EMILY WARREN
Staff Reporter

Ever so often there comes a time when one is urged to step out of the repetition of their everyday lives and consider strongly what it is that they are truly living for. An opportunity for one of those days came on April 28 at noon in the theatre when Joe Martin made his visit to WNCC.

As a nationally known speaker, professor, and author, Martin has spoken at more than 450 businesses, organizations, and associations within the past four years. WNCC is one of the 50 college campuses that he will visit this year.

While visiting our Scottsbluff campus, Martin spoke about leading a successful life by using your "gifts" and fulfilling your purpose. When he first approached the stage, he urged everyone to relocate to the center, given that there were only about 30 students (give or take a few) in attendance. Martin's theme involved comparing those people who are not living for their purpose "dead people". He used this comparison frequently throughout the presentation by pointing out many in the crowd. And yes, those of you who did not attend were labeled as "dead people". A white handkerchief was



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Joe Martin addresses a WNCC audience on April 28.

used as his prop to symbolize his "gift" that he was born with and could not dispose of. He noted how sometimes we use it for the wrong reasons, ultimately it needs to be used to serve others in our own special way.

Though his speech cannot be recaptured in the form of a newspaper brief, the main points can be reiterated, to a small degree. Martin's claim in the beginning was that people

were going to leave the presentation either extremely motivated or extremely irritated. This seemed to be a valid statement at the end when he opened the floor to questions.

Most questions from the small crowd consisted of how to find your gift, how to make time for it (many people have children and other responsibilities), and how to use it properly. The deliverance oh Martin's speech seemed to really affect those that attended.

If not to be motivated, the speech as least provoked thought for most.

Before handing out his book entitled, Tricks of the Grade, Martin reminded us that we were "born original" and urged us to not "die a copy."

Visit Martin's website at www.rwuniversity.com.

As an attendee of the program I would urge those interested to take his advice...you could be motivated.

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