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How firm a foundation

This past June Northwestern hosted the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Led by Harold Van Der Weide, our beloved and retiring director of church relations, a strong team of campus and community leaders did an outstanding job of welcoming, serving and entertaining the more than 500 delegates from around the world.

As host president I was responsible for presenting the Report from the Colleges. This gave me the opportunity to reflect with the delegates on the mission of Christian colleges in general, on Reformed colleges in particular, and, especially, on Northwestern.

Northwestern has a unique mission. It is intentionally ecumenical, evangelical and Reformed. We welcome all students who believe in the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We also accept some non-Christians who are open to the truths of the Scriptures. With other "Christian" colleges, Northwestern seeks to provide an excellent, academically rigorous, holistic education, in the context of a caring Christian community. This is indeed a high calling. But as a college in the Reformed tradition, deeply grateful for our long, vital relationship with the RCA, we seek to do more.

Allow me to be autobiographical for a moment. I am an adult convert to the Reformed tradition. I grew up in a loving Christian home and a warm non-denominational church. When I was about 11 years old I made a personal confession of faith. This has remained the single most important decision in my life. A few years later I attended a highly-respected non-denominational Christian college and benefited greatly from the academic demands and Christian ethos on that campus. Still, despite these supportive beginnings, I was not prepared for the cultural tumult of the late 1960s and in particular for the Vietnam War.

By the providence of God my first teaching position after completing my graduate work and returning from Vietnam was at Northwestern College. Under the tutelage of President Lars Granberg—a devout evangelical and ecumenical Christian—I was introduced to the uniquely Reformed notion of a Christian worldview. A Christian worldview, I learned, was a step beyond personal faith, one that enabled a young man or woman to make some sense of the world—in all its facets—social, political, economic, cultural and spiritual. It was a set of principles, thoughtfully developed, that serve as a foundation for all of life's decisions. Rooted in the Scriptures, a Christian worldview provides fabric to faith and direction to zeal.

Back in the early 1970s all of this was new to me; since that time it has greatly influenced my commitments and sense of call.

Today, we live in a non-denominational age in which Christian faith itself is valued over individual religious traditions. There is much here to be applauded. Unfortunately, however, it sometimes means that we forget the unique and important contributions of particular traditions. At NWC we are proud of our denominational ties, not because they separate us from others but because they highlight our contribution to the wider kingdom of God.

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Students indicate satisfaction

Northwestern's students feel good about their college experience—and at a higher rate than do students at other Christian colleges. That's according to a review of data from the Student Satisfaction Inventory, which was taken by students at Northwestern

and other members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) last fall.

In every area of the survey—which includes instructional effectiveness, academic advising, student centeredness, financial aid, service

excellence, safety and campus life, among others—the mean score of NWC students was higher than the mean score of all students at CCCU schools. "Our students are significantly more satisfied than are students at other CCCU schools," says Dr. Doug Trimble, associate professor of psychology and

coordinator of learning assessment. This also holds true when compared to the mean score of all private colleges, Trimble adds.

In addition, the data show a steady increase in satisfaction levels among NWC students compared to 1996 and 1998, when the test also was administered on campus.

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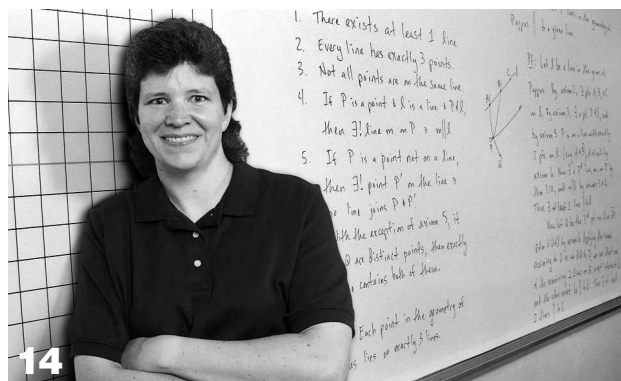
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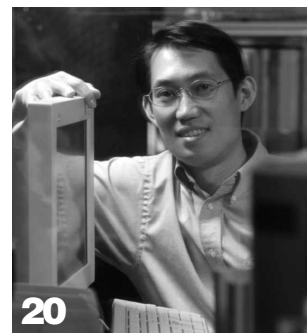


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Apartments under construction



Crews were busy working on two new student apartment buildings on the west side of campus this summer. The units, which will join an apartment building opened last year, will be ready for occupancy next fall. The new buildings are designed to house a total of 86 students.

New faculty bring wealth of experience to NWC

Fourteen new full-time faculty members joined the campus community this fall.



Karen Acker

Karen Acker assumes a newly-created additional position in the art department as an associ-

ate professor after teaching at the University of Arkansas. Her works have been exhibited in Italy, New Zealand, France and across the U.S. Acker earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture and ceramics at Central Michigan University, an M.B.A. at Saginaw Valley State University and a bachelor's in art history at Case Western Reserve University.



Jan Carrell

Jan Carrell is a new assistant professor of business, replacing the retired Phil Patton. She is a doctoral

candidate in management at Colorado Technical University who previously served as a chief operating officer and hospital CEO. She earned a master's degree in healthcare administration at Trinity University in San Antonio and a bachelor's degree in nursing at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Also joining the business department is **Dr. Clyde Vollmers**, professor, who has been hired in anticipation of



Dr. Clyde Vollmers

Dr. Dave Mulder's retirement next spring. Vollmers comes to NWC after serving as a strategic

planner at Marriage Ministries International in Denver. He taught marketing at Moorhead State University for more than two decades and owns Malchiel Marketing, a consulting company that offers marketing research as well as strategic business and market planning. He earned a doctorate in agricultural economics and marketing at Michigan State University and master's and bachelor's degrees at North Dakota State.



Dr. Sean Cordry

Dr. Sean Cordry is a new associate professor of physics. He taught physics and mathematics for the last seven years at York College in Nebraska. Cordry received doctoral and master's degrees in physics from the University of Mississippi and a bachelor's degree from Harding University. He replaces Dr. G. Henry Veldhuis, who died in March.

Dr. Robert Hubbard joins the theatre department



Dr. Robert Hubbard

as an associate professor after six years on the faculty of Calvin College. He earned doctoral and master's degrees in theatre at Bowling Green State University. Hubbard did his undergraduate work at Minot State University. He replaces May retiree Dr. Keith Allen.



Michael Reed

New in the physical education department is instructor **Michael Reed**, who also will serve as head track coach. He is a doctoral candidate in kinesiology at Texas Woman's University who earned a master's in exercise science at Oklahoma State and a bachelor's at Oklahoma Baptist University. Reed taught and coached for a number of years in Oklahoma and Texas. He replaces Melanie Mason, who moves to a staff position as athletic trainer and softball coach.

Kimberly Rylaarsdam has been hired as an instructor in English, serving as a developmental writing specialist and leader in the tutoring program. She has been an adjunct instructor at



Kimberly Rylaarsdam

Dordt College and a contract writer. She earned a master's degree in secondary education at the University of Iowa and a bachelor's in English at Dordt. Rylaarsdam replaces Carol Kramer, who resigned to join the staff of ATLAS (Attaining Truth, Love And Self-control) in Sioux Center.



Rod Sissel

Rod Sissel joins the modern foreign language department in a newly-created position as an assistant professor of English as a second language (ESL). He is a doctoral candidate in education at Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minn., where he taught ESL the last four years. Sissel earned a master's in English/applied linguistics at Iowa State University and a bachelor's from Prairie Bible College.



Dan Young

Dan Young is a new assistant professor of political science, filling a newly-created additional faculty position in that department. He

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Barker wins playwriting award



Jeff Barker

"Kin," a play by Jeff Barker, NWC theatre professor, won grand prize in the New Voices Iowa Playwrights

Competition this summer. Barker received \$500, and "Kin" was fully produced at The Viking Theatre in Des Moines in August.

Barker's play was one of nine finalists, selected from original plays submitted by playwrights from across Iowa. The competition was sponsored by the Unexpected Company, an Iowa-based group of artists dedicated to bringing classical and new theatrical experiences to schools and communities.

"Kin" is based on the true story of Carrie Buck, a young woman in 1920s Virginia. After she had a

child out of wedlock, Carrie was committed to a mental institution and ordered to be sterilized. Her case, appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, set a precedent that made it legal for doctors to sterilize patients who were deemed "genetically unfit." Over 30 states had such eugenics programs in the '20s and '30s, and more than 65,000 Americans were sterilized under eugenics statutes between 1907 and the end of the century.

"I'm really thrilled to win the award," said Barker, "because it will bring more attention to Carrie's story and the play. It was such an interesting historical moment for our country. The U.S. had philosophies, legislation and medical practices that were all swimming in the same river with the Nazis. In researching the eugenics movement, a worldwide movement, I

found that they believed that human beings now have the knowledge that can teach us who are the 'weeds' and who are the 'flowers,' and it's our responsibility under God to get rid of the 'weeds.' The connection between what was happening here and what was happening in Germany is fascinating to me.

"Last summer I interviewed Dave Smith, author of *The Sterilization of Carrie Buck*, and he said what these guys were doing was trying to make life neat. Life is not neat; it's messy. We can't make life clean by legislation or by killing off people we deem 'messy,'" added Barker.

"For me as a Christian, it goes back to 'all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.' We are, nevertheless, inestimably valuable in His eyes. Tens of thousands of people had their lives deeply hurt by having their ability to

give birth taken from them because they were deemed to be a social menace."

Barker said there will be two staged readings of "Kin" this fall while he and his wife, Karen, are on sabbatical—in Chicago, directed by the chairperson of Loyola University's theatre program, and in Holland, Mich. "I'm pretty close to being satisfied with the play," said the playwright. He plans to do some minor rewriting and seek publication of it.

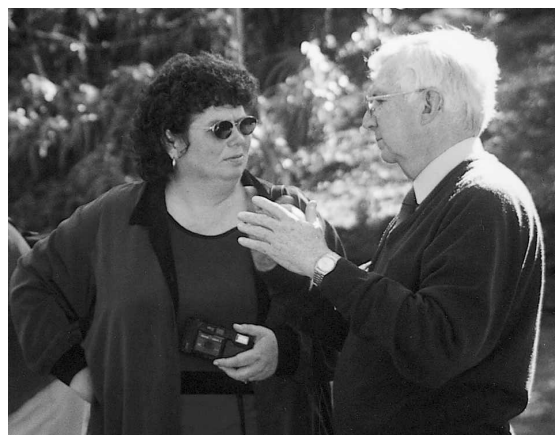
Barker has completed his first draft of a full-length comedic play about marriage, "It's a Guy Thing." Next on his docket is a one-act play, "September Bears," which will tell the story of how a Long Island church responded to the events of Sept. 11. Barker hopes to have Northwestern's Drama Ministries Ensemble premiere "September Bears" next spring in New York.

College explores study abroad options in South Africa

Faculty members Joonna Trapp and Dr. Carl Vandermeulen spent two weeks of July in South Africa exploring the possibility of establishing a study abroad option there. College officials are hoping to send a group of students and faculty to that country next summer.

In their first week, Trapp and Vandermeulen looked into opportunities in Capetown as part of a group of 20 faculty and staff from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The Northwestern duo then traveled 21 hours northeast to Pietermaritzburg and met with officials at colleges and a semi-

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Joonna Trapp talks with Mike Odedaal, administrative manager of African Enterprise, an interdenominational and interracial ministry of evangelism, reconciliation, leadership development, relief and community development.

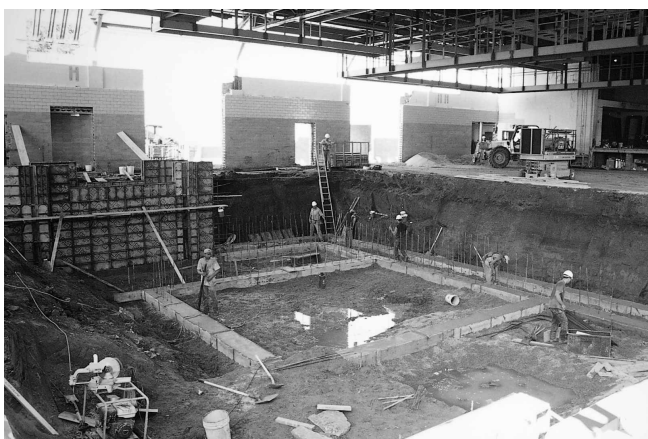


Theatre project on schedule

The adaptation and expansion of the old Auditorium into the new theatre arts center is on target for its projected completion date of the winter of 2003-04.

As of late September, the catwalk system had been installed, the orchestra pit and other areas of the lower level had been poured, and block work had been completed. Plans call for the roof to go up in October so that interior work can continue at full force throughout the winter.

Meanwhile, fund raising continues on the \$8.3 million project, with \$6.26 million committed so far. A brunch will be held in Des Moines on Oct. 26, and the development office is busy with many individual donor calls.



Couch appointed to lead institutional research



Charlie Couch

Charlie Couch, Northwestern's registrar since 1998, has been appointed to an additional role as director of institutional research. He will be involved in new efforts to organize and collect data to assist college officials in the decision-making process.

"One of my responsibilities will be to help departments understand what data they need to collect so they can make better decisions," says Couch. "Right now, I'm working in conjunction with the math department as they assist the admissions office in building a mathematical model they can use to determine if prospective students can succeed here. We hope to determine what the key components of a student's records are—such as high school grade point average, class rank, ACT score, family background—that will help us know a prospective student's potential for success at Northwestern."

Couch also will coordinate the compilation of Northwestern data for various third parties, such as *U.S. News and World Report*.

Couch will split his time between his registrar and research duties. He will be aided by Sandy Van Kley, who has been promoted to assistant registrar.

A staff accountant and assistant registrar at LeTourneau University before joining Northwestern's staff, Couch earned an M.B.A. from LeTourneau and a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

College explores study abroad options in South Africa

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nary, government organizations and Christian ministries.

"We kept hearing in South Africa that it's a microcosm of the world," says Trapp. "First-, second- and third-world cultures are all ensconced there. Changes are happening so fast, students would get to see big political changes there."

Additionally, Trapp says a trip to South Africa would have great potential for impacting NWC students spiritually. "The whole truth and reconciliation movement is couched in Christian terms; it's all about forgiveness. There is a strong evangelical Christian community there; the fervor of their faith is amazing."

Faculty/staff news

Dr. Mike Avery, business, presented two papers at the International Society of Logistics conference in Phoenix in August. He spoke on "Where We Are Today with Intermodal Transportation" and "Logistics Sustainability in International Markets." He also has been appointed for a second term on the executive committee for TRANSLOG International, an organization based in Washington, D.C., that is dedicated to research and promotion in the field of transportation logistics.

Dr. Doug Anderson, history, has joined a team of religion scholars to help in a project on "Religion by Region" funded by the Lilly Endowment. Coordinated by the Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Connecticut's Trinity College, the project is a comprehensive and comparative study on the impact that regions have on religion's role in American public life. Eight geographically-

based books will be published by 2005 to provide thorough briefings for journalists who cover religious dimensions of the news. Anderson is part of the Pacific team, and he will be writing a section on the mainline religious traditions on the West Coast.

Dr. Ed Starkenburg and **Lila Sybesma**, education, presented the teachers' in-service for approximately 30 teachers from Christian schools in Estherville, Ocheyedan, Sanborn, Sheldon and Hospers in August. Starkenburg's topic was "Proverbs: The Mission, Value and Direction for Education." Sybesma spoke on "Writing, Research, Using the Internet."

Dr. Karen Cianci, vice president for academic affairs, received a \$10,000 grant from the Templeton Foundation for the Neuroscience and Christianity course she teaches. The funds will be used to further promote dialogue

between science and religion.

Dr. Scott Monsma, sociology, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology. He chaired/moderated a roundtable discussion at the organization's June conference in Wilmore, Ky., about the state of sociology as a discipline and its place in the curriculum at Christian colleges.

Kim Case, associate dean for student programs, was elected to the executive committee of the Association for Christians in Student Development as the editor of *Koinonia*. During her two-year term, she will oversee the publication of the newsletter and also provide input on organizational initiatives and conference planning.

Dr. Barb Top, education, spent two weeks this summer doing training in regard to disabilities for educators, social workers, doctors and psychologists in Romania. Top and other members of a

team from Global Partners Inc. presented a workshop about disabilities, specifically about autism, and worked with autistic children and their parents.

Dr. Jim Rohrer, religion, presented a paper on Christianity among the aboriginal tribespeople of Taiwan in September at the International Symposium on Christianity and Native Cultures. The event was held at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Dr. Michael Yoder, sociology, is included in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He was nominated by Teresa Rummel '00.

Cornie Wassink, director of planned giving, is serving on the state board of directors for Leave A Legacy Iowa, representing the Planned Giving Council of Siouxland.

Students indicate satisfaction *continued from page 2*

On the Student Satisfaction Inventory, students not only rate the college's effectiveness on a broad range of topics, but they indicate whether they feel those areas are important or not. Trimble noted that the importance ratings given by Northwestern students have increased consistently since 1996, indicating that students have higher expectations of their educational experience and the service they receive. Trimble also said that the gaps between how well students rate NWC and how important they view those areas, are decreasing—meaning that Northwestern is apparently succeeding in the areas that are the most important to students.

Among the institutional strengths indicated by the survey, Northwestern's students evaluated their faculty as being knowledgeable in their field, available and caring. They described their academic advisers as approachable, concerned and knowledgeable about major requirements. In addition, students said they felt welcome on campus and able to experience intellectual growth.

Statements about the nurturing of faith also received high ratings in satisfaction and importance from NWC students. They reported that they are growing spiritually as a result of being on campus, that their understanding of God is being strengthened by classroom and/or other campus experiences, and that the campus is a good fit for them spiritually.

Summer Institute serves dozen

Twelve students from around the world made NWC their home during the Summer Institute for International Students in July and August. The students hailed from Japan, Taiwan, Nigeria and India.

Summer Institute, in its 18th year, featured daily classes in English as a second language, taught by Dr. Ron Takalo, associate professor of Spanish, and American cultural studies, taught by Michael Avery, assistant professor of business and economics. The program was directed by Piet Koene, chairperson of the department of modern foreign languages.

The students took a number of field trips, including a Great Plains camping trip to the Black Hills. They also spent time with area host families.



Library receives enhancements

Faculty and students are finding that the services of Ramaker Library are more thorough and easy to use because of some improvements made this summer.

Through its involvement in the Iowa Private Academic Libraries consortium, Ramaker has subscribed to the EBSCOhost family of databases. This comprehensive service provides access to about 6,000 scholarly journals, many of which are in full text, at a very appealing price for the college.

In addition, the library now features a wireless computer network with six laptops that can be checked out at the desk and used anywhere in the building. The new system is expected to enable students to concentrate better, and make studying and researching more convenient.

Auditorium time capsule opened

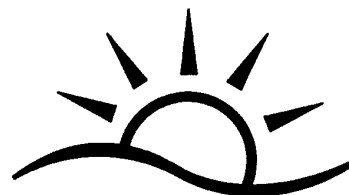
A time capsule placed in the cornerstone of the Auditorium on May 24, 1957, was recovered this spring by construction crews working on the adaptation of the building into the new theatre arts center. The memorabilia are now stored in the Archives.



The time capsule included a number of college publications and news clippings as well as greetings from the Board of Trustees; the student body; and several alumni representatives, including the Rev. John Van Peurse from the Class of 1897 and Gertrude de Bey from the Class of 1887.

In his greetings on behalf of the faculty, Dean J.L. De Vries expressed their desire that the Auditorium be used in ways symbolized by the three motifs in the upper portion of the main entrance: "That in all our activities and in all our future progress we may be conscious of the open Bible and have God truly as the Alpha and the Omega of our every deed, that it may be influential in developing our mental capacity as symbolized by the lamp of knowledge, and that it will be a means of developing students physically as symbolized by the Olympic torch."

"Considering the progress made during the first 57 years of the 20th century, a comparative projection into the 21st century would challenge the most capricious of visionaries," wrote Arie Vander Stoep, Orange City's mayor. "Strong foundations have been laid for mutual growth and development (of Northwestern and Orange City), and the realization that each greatly depends upon the other for continued expansion is deeply ingrained in the hearts and minds of all."



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New faculty continued from page 4

is a doctoral candidate in political science at Temple University. He earned a master's degree in public and international affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's at Calvin College.



Dr. Ted Eilders

Dr. Ted Eilders is serving in a one-year position as visiting assistant professor of psychology, replacing retiree Dr. Don Lindscoog. He comes to Northwestern from Polo, Ill., where he was pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church. Eilders received a doctorate in counselor education at the University of Iowa, a Master of Divinity degree at Wartburg Theological

Seminary, and master's and bachelor's degrees from Concordia University-River Forest, Ill.



Jolynn Tonsfeldt

Jolynn Tonsfeldt is serving in a one-year position as an instructor of education, replacing the retired Dr.

Ron Juffer. She taught English and German for 13 years at Le Mars Community High School and spent the last three years as a 4-H and youth development specialist in the Plymouth County Extension Office. She earned a master's degree in education from Drake University and a bachelor's degree from Dana College.

Kevin Bullis '96, visiting instructor in English, is



Kevin Bullis

serving as the sabbatical replacement for Dr. Joel Westerholm this year.

Bullis completed a master's degree in English at Western Washington University. He has taught composition at Whatcom Community College and Western Washington.



Danyale Tamminga

Danyale (Temple '96) Tamminga is serving as a visiting assistant professor of theatre this fall, filling in as Karen Barker's sabbatical replacement. She earned a

Master of Fine Arts degree in acting at Ohio University. She has directed productions at Lynden Christian High School in Washington and at Orange City's Unity Christian High School.



Nontando Hadebe

Nontando Hadebe, visiting instructor in religion and Christian education, is Dr. Jackie Smallbone's sabbatical

replacement this fall. A native of Zimbabwe and a resident of South Africa, she earned master's and bachelor's degrees in theology at the University of Natal. Hadebe spoke at Yale and the United Nations last spring on spirituality, poverty, gender issues and AIDS.

Burch to coordinate service learning efforts



Lisa Burch

Lisa Burch, resident director of North Hall for the last three years, has been named the director of service learning. In this new role, Burch will work closely with Vice President for Academic Affairs Karen Cianci and faculty to coordinate efforts to integrate classroom learning with whole

life experiences.

Burch's responsibilities will include providing resources for faculty who want a service component for their classes and helping to make service an integral part of the summer study abroad trips. She also will continue to coordinate Urban Plunge, a service learning experience over fall mid-term and Easter breaks that teaches students about poverty and homelessness while involving them in service to inner-city residents.

"It is very impactful for students to get a hands-on experience for what they're learning in class and have the opportunity to use their knowledge to serve others," says Burch. "Our goal is that either through their work or their reflection, they learn something new about where they served and the issues involved."

Burch also will direct Northwestern's new themed housing project. This fall, women students in three on-

campus cottages are exploring what it means to live and learn in community as they participate in study and discussion related to a specific theme. The cottages include a Spanish house, in which only Spanish language is spoken; a residence devoted to the issue of servant leadership; and a community of women looking at how Tamar in Genesis 38 did the right thing for her culture and her society.

Burch earned a master's degree in college student affairs from Azusa Pacific University, where she also completed her undergraduate education.

Multicultural affairs programs revamped

Northwestern's efforts to serve international and minority students have been put under the umbrella of the new office of multicultural affairs. Todd McDonald, an assistant director of admissions and international student immigration adviser at NWC since 1999, is the new director of multicultural affairs.

The office will have responsibility for recruiting and admitting international students, as well as serving those who enroll. The office also seeks to be an advocate for multi-ethnic minority issues.

"One of the distinctives of a Northwestern education is that we seek to help students build a Christian worldview," says McDonald. "It's difficult to do that in Orange City, Iowa, without outside resources. We do send a number of students away to study and serve, but we all are enriched by having students from other parts of the world here, studying and living with us. It makes Northwestern a better place."

McDonald's goals for this year include establishing multicultural leadership scholarships for students who have a passion for racial issues and who are involved in leadership in



Working with Director Todd McDonald in multicultural affairs are Anila Karunakar '02, assistant (left), and Grace Rohrer, international student counselor (center).

those areas, and sending staff on one or two international recruiting trips. "One of my biggest goals is to work on communication and cooperation between staff and faculty regarding international student issues. We are fortunate that we have many faculty and staff who have a heart for this issue; we hope to corral that and work in a collaborative manner."

McDonald was program coordinator in the office of international student services at Azusa Pacific University for two years. He earned a master's degree in college student affairs there and did his undergraduate work at Central College.

Administrators in new roles

Several administrators are in new roles at Northwestern this fall.



Paul Smith

Paul Smith '98 has been promoted to associate director of computing services. A member of the college's computer staff since shortly after graduating, he served most recently as web development manager.

Dan Robinson '01 is the new web development manager. Involved in the development of some of Northwestern's web pages

when he was a student, he previously served MED-TEC in Orange City as a contract programmer, network administrator and webmaster.



Deb Sandbulte



Dan Robinson

Deb Sandbulte has been hired for the newly-created position of human resource

coordinator. She worked in human resources for 20 years at American Identity/K-Products, serving most recently as employment coordinator. Sandbulte is a graduate of Dordt College.

Anita Vogel '69 has been appointed interim director of Ramaker Library, serving while the college searches for a permanent replacement for Dr. Richard Reitsma, who became the library director at Siena Heights University in Michigan this summer. Vogel has been reference librarian at NWC since 1999. She earned a Master of Library



Anita Vogel

Science degree from the University of Iowa.



Jen McAlpine

Jen McAlpine '02 has been appointed as interim sports information director. A student

worker in that office for the past two years, she will be filling the position for a year as she raises support and prepares to move to Sarajevo, Bosnia, where she will be doing full-time missions work with PIONEERS. She replaces Rick Clark, who is now focusing on his roles as instructor in Spanish and assistant men's basketball coach.



Freshmen continue NWC legacy

Thirty-four of Northwestern's 347 freshmen are children of NWC alumni. Many of the alumni parents and their freshmen paused during Orientation Weekend for this photo.

Front row (left to right): Terry Meekma '71, Ashley Meekma, Rachel (Te Brink '72) Meekma, John Haack '70, Kelly Haack. Second row: Jim Simmelink '75, Ryan Simmelink, Delores (Smith '80) Simmelink, Kyle Carroll '79, Kali Carroll, Sharon (Schoon '79) Carroll. Third row: Keith Boone '84, Anita Boone, Sharla Boone '84, Andy Van Der Maaten '82, Maria Van Der Maaten. Fourth row: Perry Raak '70, Terika Raak, Cherie (Ravenhorst '70) Raak, Brenda (Kok '78) Te Brink, Heidi Te Brink, Alan Te Brink '76.

NWC to build new art facility

As the theatre arts center takes shape at the corner of Hwy. 10 and Albany Ave., another new NWC building will soon be constructed to its south. A new 13,500-square-foot home for the art department will be built on Hwy. 10, just east of the Subway. Work is expected to begin in October, with completion by next fall.

The art building, expected to cost \$1.3 million plus furnishings and equipment, will replace Bushmer Art Center, which has housed the art department two blocks west of the main campus since 1969. Significantly larger than Bushmer, the new facility will include 10 studio rooms for such areas as ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, painting/design, photography/art history and computer graphics. The building will be connected to the campus computer network, unlike Bushmer, and will include three faculty offices.

The art gallery, previously located in the Rowenhorst Student Center, will be housed in the new building and will be the focal point of the structure's entrance. The gallery will be rounded to match the shape of the concessions/lobby area of the new theatre arts center across the street. In addition,



the art building's exterior will feature red and tan brickwork that will echo the exterior of the new theatre facility.

"Light is such an important element in art; this building is being designed very much with that in mind," said Rein

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Northwestern again recognized by U.S. News

Northwestern College has again been ranked in the top tier of Midwestern comprehensive colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*. Northwestern is tied for 28th out of a total of 109 colleges in the magazine's 2003 *America's Best Colleges* guidebook, released in September. Information also is posted at www.usnews.com.

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings are based on key measures of quality such as academic reputation; retention (freshman retention and six-year graduation rate); faculty resources (including class size, the percentage of faculty with the top academic degree, student-faculty ratio, and faculty compensation); student selectivity; financial

resources; and alumni giving. Northwestern fared particularly well in alumni giving, ranked 12th out of the 109 colleges in its category with 33 percent of alumni donating to the college; and in the percentage of freshmen who were in the top quarter of their high school class, tied for 15th with 54 percent.

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Raider Rooters aid athletic program



A radar gun for the baseball and softball teams is one of the items purchased for the athletic department by the Raider Rooters.

Northwestern's athletic booster club, the Raider Rooters, plays an important role in the success of Red Raider teams, and with another school year under way, the group is conducting this year's membership drive. "We want to educate people about Raider Rooters with the hope of increasing our numbers," board member Lori Vander Molen said.

Raider Rooters (RR) is a program intended to support NWC athletics beyond the budget. Funds are raised through an annual membership drive, with five different levels of subscriptions available to the public.

Members who subscribe to the top level, called the "Winners Circle," receive a fold-up camping chair, a

bleacher seat, a stocking cap and a water bottle this year. The next premium is called the "Quarterback Club," and members receive a bleacher seat, a stocking cap and a water bottle. "Sideline Coach" members receive a stocking cap and a water bottle, "Family" members receive a water bottle and the final giving level is the "Single" level. All members' names will be printed in the 2002 football program.

NWC Athletic Director Barry Brandt expressed his gratitude for the Raider Rooters. "I don't think our program would be where it is without RR," he said. "They have a reputation, and it's a good one." Brandt serves on the board of RR. "My work is primarily informational," he

Enrollment sets records again

For the fourth year in a row, Northwestern has set enrollment records. This fall's total enrollment of 1,313 is up 19 students from the previous record of 1,294 set last year.

The fall 2002 enrollment also includes the school's highest-ever numbers for full-time students and full-time equivalent (FTE). This year's 1,246 full-time students and FTE of 1,274 eclipse previous records set last year, when NWC had 1,243 full-time students and an FTE of 1,266.

The FTE increase of eight, a less than one percent jump, reflects the college's desire to maintain this year's enrollment near last year's numbers. The Growth Analysis Task Force made that recommendation last year because the college was operating at capacity as determined by staffing levels and structures such as classrooms, residence halls, the chapel and cafeteria. As a result, the admissions office began putting students on a waiting list during the summer.

Northwestern's class of first-time freshmen is 347, and a strong year in recruiting transfer students brought the total of new students to about 410. "I'm thankful we met our recruitment goals but did a good job of maintaining enrollment as the college asked us to do," said Ron De Jong, dean of admissions. "We had a record number of applicants this year, which indicates that young people are attracted to the kind of education that Northwestern offers, an education we continually strive to improve."

To accommodate Northwestern's enrollment, five new faculty positions have been filled this fall and staffing has been expanded in such areas as computing services, student ministries, maintenance, student affairs and human resources. This summer, the college built new offices in the Rowenhorst Student Center and Bultman Center, modified the cafeteria and equipped more classrooms with new technology. More course offerings in the evening and at alternative time slots also have helped to accommodate the large number of students. In addition, two apartment buildings, housing a total of 86 students, will be ready for next fall, as will a new art building. The new theatre arts center will be completed in the winter of 2003-04, freeing up faculty offices in Van Peurse Hall.

Northwestern has 460 students from the Reformed Church in America, the highest number since 1982. Fifty-six percent of Northwestern's students are from Iowa. A total of 30 states and 14 countries are represented.

Over the last 15 years, Northwestern's enrollment has increased by 46 percent. This year's figures are 26 percent higher than those of 10 years ago and a 12 percent increase over five years ago.

NWC to build new art facility *continued from page 11*

Vanderhill, professor of art. The facility will feature clerestory windows—a raised portion of the building with windows alongside it, open to the floor below—to catch desirable light from the north. In addition, the building's artificial light, a combination of incandescent and fluorescent, will be adjustable to assist the artistic process.

Safety also is an important benefit of the new facility. "The new building will have excellent environmental management of the air and noise as well as mechanical safety," said Vanderhill.

With an aesthetically pleasing building on one of Orange City's most traveled streets, the art department's visibility will jump dramatically. "We have been out of sight and out of mind from the main campus except for our monthly exhibitions," said John Kaericher, professor of art.

"I am anxious for our students to make it their own by using the facilities to the fullest," added Kaericher. "In the pursuit of excellence in the creative process, a state-of-the-art physical plant will help the states of their art development."

If you are interested in donating to this project, please contact John Greller, vice president for development, at 712-707-7106 or bear@nwciowa.edu.

Raider Rooters aid athletic program *continued from page 12*

said. "I can help them know what fits with the program at Northwestern."

The Raider Rooters group has played a role in building projects such as the Bultman Center as well as helping with funds for the minibus. Also, RR annually provides several thousand dollars toward a wish list for

the coaches. In recent years, RR has provided funds for a tennis tower (practice server), a portable notebook computer for the athletic training office, and a radar gun for the baseball and softball teams.

Brandt explained that Raider Rooters was one of the first notable booster clubs for colleges of Northwestern's

size. "It's a faithful program with good leadership."

To become a member of the Raider Rooters, individuals can call Northwestern's athletic department at 712-707-7280 or sign up at the Raider Rooter table present at home football and volleyball games.

A Calculated Career

by Tamara Fynaardt



When Dr. Kim Jongerius's daughter, Jamie, was born, the nurse told her husband, Joel, "Wow. This is a big baby."

"How big?" asked Joel.

"Her head is 15 inches in diameter."

Kim says, "I use that story to illustrate to students that math and math definitions are very precise. The nurse meant 'circumference.' Diameter is the measure across a circle—a head with a 15-inch diameter would be bigger than a basketball!"

"Math is like a foreign language you have to learn," said Kim, who also majored

in English as an undergraduate. She decided on an academic career and had to choose between teaching poetry or the Pythagorean theorem.

"I chose to teach math because it would drive me crazy to teach writing," she admits. "I figure someone born and raised in this country should be able to speak and write English, so I get really frustrated with people who don't speak correctly or when things aren't written well."

"On the other hand, I feel badly for students who can't do math well—but I

don't feel badly *about* them," she laughs. "Besides, what I really enjoy about English is creative writing, and mathematics is creative, too."

The creativity in math surprises students, claims Kim. "Sometimes students are taught by teachers who don't really understand math and who are afraid of math. Most students come out of elementary and high school thinking there's only one way to solve a certain type of problem. There may be a most efficient way, but there are likely other ways, too."

Kim remembers doing a calculus problem on the

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board several years ago, and a student, testing an alternative method, asked, "Why can't you do it this way?" "You can," Kim said to her startled students and proceeded to solve the problem another way. A classmate later told her his reaction to the shaking of his mathematical foundations was to think, "Hey, you can't do that!"

According to Kim, if you get the same answer she did, and if you can prove your method works in every case, then it's not wrong. What a relief for her mother-in-law who told her once that she'd learned a wrong method of subtraction while attending country school. "What do you mean you subtract wrong?" asked Kim. "When you subtract 9 from 12, do you get 3? Then it's right."

When Kim first arrived at Northwestern, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Peter Hansen shared with her an article comparing Japanese and American parents' per-

ceptions toward math education. "Parents in a Japanese city and in Minneapolis had been asked on a survey, 'What does it take for a child to be good at math?'" Japanese parents said the child has to work hard. Parents in Minneapolis said the child has to have some innate ability and a really great teacher."

Kim's in favor of really great math teachers, but, she adds, "There's this particularly American misperception that math is something you have to have a gift for—that if you're not gifted, then you're just never going to master it and that's OK. People find out I teach math and they say, 'Oh, I never was any good at math'—with a bit of pride even. I'll bet they wouldn't say the same thing about reading, for example."

"If kids struggle with reading, their parents get specialists to help ensure they learn to read. But they think it's OK not to learn math. Maybe everyone doesn't have to learn algebra. But you've shut a lot of doors by not learning at least the basics. The problem-solving skills are applicable in all kinds of ways."

"It's hard to find a field where some math wouldn't help you," adds Kim. "Science and psychology use a lot of math, of course. But there's this misperception that business has nothing to do with math, and that's too bad. The better M.B.A. programs now are requiring students to have good back-

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Searches are under way for the following positions:

Chaplain

A senior-level administrative position to begin during the summer of 2003. The chaplain reports to the president, is responsible for the spiritual life program of the college and leads a team of campus ministry staff members.

Major functions include planning and administering a daily chapel program, discipling students, supervising student leaders and personal counseling. Preference will be given to candidates with a Master of Divinity degree, ordination in the Reformed Church in America and three years related experience.

Contact Dr. Bruce Murphy, president, president@nwciowa.edu.

Director of Ramaker Library

This 12-month position, available immediately, could be either faculty (non-tenured, no rank) or staff, depending on qualifications.

The director coordinates and supervises all facets of library operations, including budget development and monitoring; hiring, supervising and evaluating library staff; program development and review; acquisition and circulation of materials; and maintenance of equipment and facilities. The director reports to the vice president for academic affairs, attends faculty meetings and serves on campus committees. The director will play a key role in planning for a new library building and in meeting the technological requirements of the 21st century.

Candidates must have a master's degree from an ALA-accredited institution, five or more years of progressively responsible library experience, excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, and expertise with new library technology. Preference will be given to candidates with a doctorate or a second master's degree.

Contact Dr. Karen Cianci, vice president for academic affairs, vpaa@nwciowa.edu.

Psychology Faculty

Two tenure-track positions specializing in either developmental psychology, cognitive psychology or social psychology, available August 2003. Teaching load will include either General or Developmental Psychology and some of the following courses: Social Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Learning and Cognition, Research Methods, History and Systems of Psychology, or Physiological Psychology. The ideal candidates will enjoy mentoring students, have strong teaching skills and be able to integrate Christian faith with the study of psychology. Research (including the ability to involve students in research), advising and institutional service also are expected.

Preference will be given to candidates with a completed or nearly completed doctorate. Candidates must have graduate course work in in developmental, cognitive or social psychology and one or more of the fields noted above as well as teaching experience.

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Secondary Education Faculty

Two tenure-track positions, beginning August 2003. Specialization in secondary education is desired with the ability to teach Foundations of Education and Secondary School Methods, and possibly Middle School Methods and/or Educational Psychology. One position serves as coordinator for the secondary education program and will require some administrative responsibilities within and outside the education department. One position specializes in secondary science to teach secondary and/or middle school methods and part-time teaching in physics/general science. Additional responsibilities include advising students, scholarship and departmental/committee tasks.

A doctorate in education is preferred and will be required by the time of tenure review. Candidates must have secondary and/or middle school teaching experience and possess excellent teaching and mentoring skills.

Contact Dr. Karen Cianci, vice president for academic affairs, vpaa@nwciowa.edu.

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In a Beacon student newspaper editorial last March, international student Hannah Dutt wrote, "If there is one thing the events of September 11 seem to indicate, it is this: We live in a world where people can no longer live in the sheltered isolation of their private communities. We all are citizens of a greater global community, and this means there is a growing necessity for us to understand differences better . . .

by Tamara Fynaardt

"Talk to Me"



"Sometimes I wonder if we're just wasting our time trying to engage grudging American students in cultural exploration . . . [but] people, I've discovered, are generally eager to know you, absorb you into their lives and support you—they're just not quite sure where to begin.

"Start here," Hannah goes on to say. "Talk to me.

"International students never [mind] being asked about their countries, their backgrounds and cultures. Having come so far from home . . . we expect to be thoroughly quizzed about the worlds we hail from," she adds.

Hannah hails from a number of places. A native of India, she's lived in the northern deserts of India, in Delhi, in the United Arab Emirates, in Chicago, in Bombay and, before Orange City, in the Middle Eastern country of Oman, where her father currently is a Christian missionary. She speaks flawless English as well as Hindi (the national language of India), a little Telegu (the language of Andhra Pradesh,

her home state) and a little French.

Hannah's mother agreed at age 25 to marry her dad, sight unseen. A secret convert to Christianity, Hannah's mom was to marry a Muslim; the arrangement had been made by Hannah's grandfather. Hannah's mom learned of another man through Christian friends and felt God was calling her to marry him instead. "Her decision to marry a penniless evangelist against her father's wishes got my mom kicked out of the house," said Hannah.

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Hannah Dutt and her roommate, Emily Shelton, at last year's Ethnic Fair.

Her mom has since reconciled with her family, though, and Hannah said, "Now my grandmother is a Christian, and my aunt and uncle are also, but secretly."

Hannah's father is associate pastor of the Protestant Church in Oman, a large English-speaking congregation and also an umbrella organization for many other Protestant churches and denominations in Oman, including the Anglican and Catholic churches. Her mother is a doctor; currently, though, she is working at home, raising Hannah and her three siblings and supporting her husband's ministry.

Hannah came to NWC in 2000 as a biology/chemistry major, planning to enter some field of medicine like

her mother. During her sophomore year, though, she decided on a double humanities and writing/rhetoric major, which enables her to pursue "everything from science to theatre." Now she's thinking of becoming a journalist or a translator—maybe even a professor. "That's a little freaky, though," she says with a laugh.

"Humanities and the liberal arts suit me to a T," said Hannah, "because I like learning about everything and not getting too detailed into one subject. I've found some of the best students here choose humanities for the same reason."

Some of Hannah's favorite classes have been Acting, Introduction to Rhetorical Studies, Playwriting and Fiction from India. "I hate to study, though," she confesses. "I love reading, but the moment I pick up a textbook, I feel curiously sleepy."

Outside of class, Hannah is president of the International Club, she has been the student manager of the campus catering service, she went on a spring service trip to Amsterdam, and she's involved in theatre. "Theatre has been an exercise in taking risks, making a fool of myself and being cool with it," she said. "You also learn how to handle stress, and I've come to value teamwork and the ensemble attitude of Northwestern's theatre department."

Also this spring and summer Hannah was one of

several students working for Dr. Carl Vandermeulen, English, researching and writing for a grant proposal that could, in part, fund more diversity and diverse experiences for Northwestern students.

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"American students aren't necessarily *opposed* to diversity," she suggests. "They've just not been exposed. Their attitudes aren't much different than you'd find in villages in India, where people have

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never seen the world outside the borders of their community."

This fall Hannah is continuing to work for Vandermeulen as his teaching assistant, and she's living in one of three Northwestern

theme cottages. Along with nine other women, Hannah is seeking to further cultural understanding and acceptance by following the biblical example of Tamar.

Trips from Orange City to Oman and back are expensive, so Hannah has been home only twice since beginning college. She misses city life, the ocean and the diversity of her home.

"There are many Indians living in Oman," she says, "along with Pakistanis, East Asians, Americans, British people, Dutch people and others from all over the world."

She finds Orange City a bit "rural," but she has yet to get bored. "The reason is the people," said Hannah. "I came with a 'tell me, teach me,' attitude. I love listening to people's life stories, and I'm eager to tell mine." She adds with a smile, "Very few people ever get tired of talking about themselves, and I'm no exception."

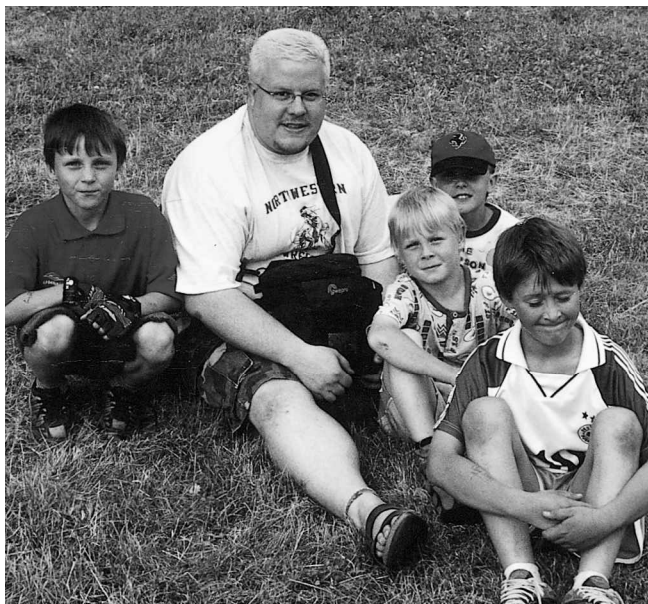
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Desire to teach and coach leads wrestler to NWC

Reversal

by Nick
De Haan '03



Senior Bill Detlor with children he met this summer while on a mission trip in the Czech Republic with the Raider wrestling team.

When Bill Detlor transferred to Northwestern two years ago, he did not know what to expect, and he had traveled a long journey since high school to get here.

The Redmond, Wash., native had attended college but lacked direction in his studies, and his grades suffered. He returned home and worked as a tire installer and cashier for several years. "Then a friend invited me to a wrestling practice for the high school team he was coaching," Bill recalls. "After about 10 minutes in practice I knew I wanted to go back to school and get my teaching certificate so I could

teach and coach."

He looked around for schools and decided to take classes at a local college. For the next two years Bill took classes part time and worked part time while coaching high school wrestling. The school he was attending did not offer a physical education program and he realized he would have to transfer to pursue a physical education degree. "I looked at several schools and finally decided on Northwestern," Bill says.

"I was accepted to Northwestern in late July, and by mid-August I was in my car driving halfway across the country to a col-

lege I'd never seen in a state I'd never visited. The fact that everything worked out for me to get to NWC, along with the amazing acceptance of the college community, are constant reminders to me that this is where God wants me at this stage in my life," reflects the 31-year-old.

In Bill's first class, Professor Ron Juffer made a positive impression. "My first class, I walked in and Professor Juffer knew my name, where I was from and my major just by looking at me, and that just blew me away," Bill remembers.

Now a senior physical education major with an English teaching minor, Bill expresses appreciation for the NWC faculty in general. "The professors care about you as a person, not just a student," he says.

Bill says Northwestern has helped him grow in his faith. "What amazes me about NWC is the way the professors incorporate their faith into what they teach no matter what the subject is. The opportunity to build relationships with my friends at this college has also helped my faith grow. My high school wrestling coach's favorite verse is Proverbs 27:17, 'As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.' This verse is reflective of

my friendships at NWC. My friends challenge me to grow in my faith and become a better person." Bill also cites Sunday evening Praise and Worship as another way in which he has grown in his faith at NWC.

Being on the wrestling team also has been a highlight for Bill. "Our team is like a family, and the guys are like brothers. Being older I was unsure about how I might fit in with the team, but the guys have welcomed me and made me feel at home," he says. "Coach (Paul) Bartlett's caring for each of us as individuals has helped to foster this family atmosphere within our team. It's great to have a coach that cares about us as people and sees the whole person, not just the wrestler."

This summer Bill had an opportunity to travel to the Czech Republic with 10 other Raider wrestlers for two weeks through Christian Outreach International. The NWC team practiced with a number of clubs, including the Czech national team, and participated in two competitions. At each competition and practice, the group was able to share their Christian faith. Usually one wrestler shared his testimony and handed out tracts.

Along with wrestling, the group spent time with youth of various cities at three activity centers in large Gypsy neighborhoods and had an opportunity to teach PE classes for grades 6-8. "It was neat to share with the

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No Joke

by Nick
De Haan '03

Alumna doesn't clown around with volunteerism

A middle school math teacher, a volunteer firefighter, an emergency medical technician and "Siren T Clown." These are some of the significant roles Florence (Rienstra '52) Hunter has taken on since she left Northwestern.

Florence began her career teaching lower elementary classes in Collins and George, Iowa, during which time she had three children. When she moved to Windsor Heights in 1979, she got the opportunity to teach middle school math at Holy Trinity School in nearby Des Moines. "I truly love teaching and enjoy the middle school age student," she says.

After she arrived in Windsor Heights, Florence decided to become a volunteer firefighter. "Northwestern instilled in me a great respect for volunteerism," she explains. After completing recruit school she became a nationally-certified firefighter and shortly thereafter completed training to become a certified emergency medical technician.

She presently serves as captain of the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Windsor Heights Fire Department. "In addition to supervising the division and assisting with training programs, I respond every third night on the ambulance, and at all other times when I am available, I respond to other emergency calls," she says.

Florence says she always has had an interest in clowns. "For many years I collected clown figurines. One Christmas my husband gave me a figurine of a hobo clown and a little girl decorating a Christmas tree. It was beautiful. I soon learned that this clown was the world-famous Emmett Kelly Jr. The next year Emmett made a personal appearance in Des Moines to sign his figurines, so of course I had to see him. Emmett is a mime clown and does not speak while in costume, but the owner of the store introduced us to him while he was on break, and that started a great friendship. Through him my husband and I have met many wonderful friends from all over the country."

About eight years ago Florence decided to attend Clown College at the University of Wisconsin—not to join the circus, but to find new ways to teach and entertain children and adults. "In the week we were there, we attended classes on make-up, magic, prop construction, skits, costume design, face painting and making balloon animals. Classes were all day from around 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and in the evening we had

opportunities to try out our magic and skits," she explains.

Being a volunteer member of the fire department, Florence became "Siren T Clown" and set out to teach children and adults about fire safety. During Fire Prevention

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"Our projects include improvements to the city's parks by furnishing additional landscaping, park benches, lighting on the walking trails and other similar projects."
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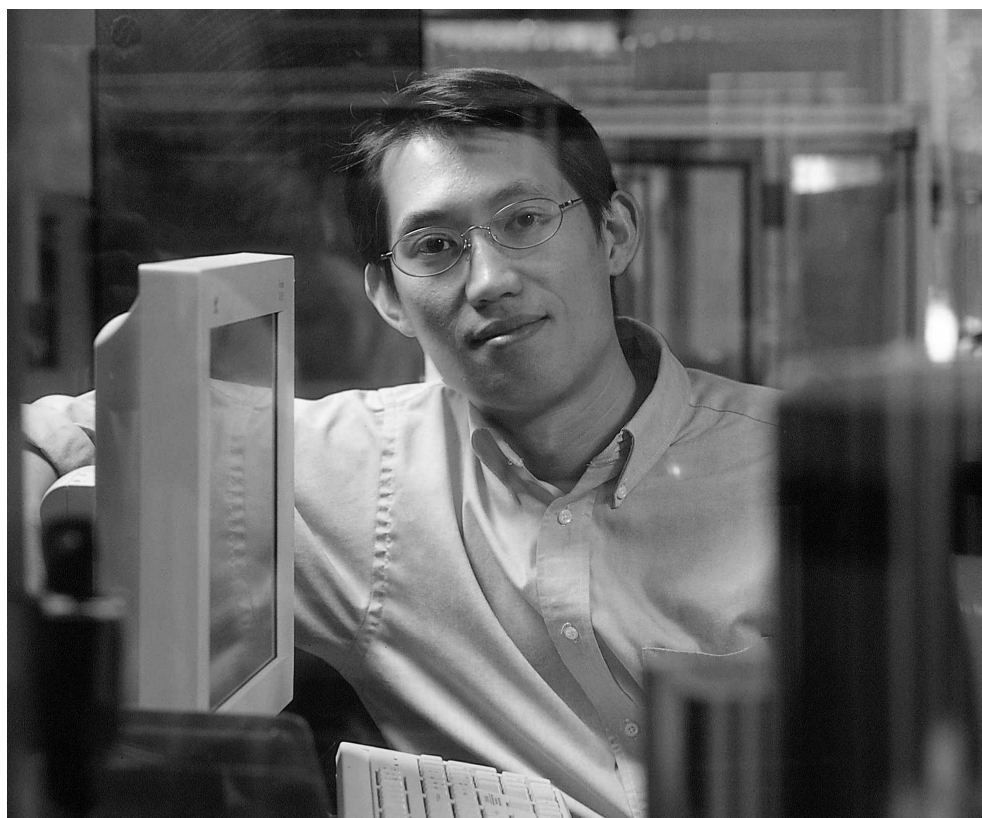
Week and at other times of the year "Siren" appears at schools, civic clubs and other locations presenting fire safety programs.

Twice each year "Siren" and a group of clowns from all over the country appear with Kelly and participate with him in many activities including birthday parties, clown events and a parade. During Kelly's promotion of his figurine, "Send In the Clown," a couple of years ago, Florence and seven other clown friends appeared in costume with him on promotional posters that were distributed worldwide.

In addition to her volunteer work for the fire department, she is actively involved in a number of other volunteer activities such as the Windsor Heights Special Events Committee,

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Step by Step to Silicon Valley

by Duane Beeson

"God had a picture for me. I didn't know it; I discovered it a bit at a time."

That is how Royal Huang '88 describes his life's journey. It's a journey that took him from a persecuted Christian family in China to a career in the Silicon Valley, with providential experiences at Northwestern, Buffalo and San Francisco along the way.

Royal's picture begins with his grandfather, Shuzhong Hsu, a Presbyterian minister who worked at a Reformed Church in America mission. Even before the Cultural Revolution in the 1960s and '70s, Hsu was mocked and beaten for his Christian faith. He was imprisoned and later held in a forced-labor camp.

"He was very strong," Royal says of his grandfather. "Many were executed. A lot of people gave in. It would have been an easy route for him to compromise his faith, but he didn't. His devotion to God was always important to me," Royal says, his voice breaking with emotion.

Former Northwestern President Friedhelm Radandt learned of Royal and helped arrange his enrollment at NWC. Coming from a quiet island, Royal was stunned his first night in Heemstra Hall by the loud music in the dorm. "It was a whole new culture, so different. I couldn't imagine living there. I got down on my knees, and I prayed. After I had prayed, I felt I'd been there for years—I could adjust to that."

Royal says the transition to life at Northwestern was smooth because he felt God's leading through every difficulty. He fondly remembers many people who provided him with support—faculty, staff, Orange City residents, American students and fellow members of the International Club.

At Northwestern, Royal grew spiritually through Bible studies, service projects and the modeling of Christian faculty. "Because of Northwestern's strong Christian commitment, I acquired a Christian worldview and was really prepared to face the world," he says.

A biology major, Royal came to NWC desiring to become a medical missionary. He found that he enjoyed computer science courses, and struggled over whether he should switch his major. "I prayed about this for a week, and then went to First Reformed Church, where Pastor (Cecil) Martens prayed a line that said, 'God, show us not only the reality, but also the possibility.' The reality was that it is hard for international students to get into American medical schools. But it was possible, so I stayed with my biology major. God was planning the whole thing; I didn't know what was going to pan out."

Royal was chosen to participate in a research project at Harvard Medical School the summer before his senior year, an experi-

ence that would prove to be pivotal. "It was very rewarding, but I realized that medical research suited me better than being a doctor," he recalls. "I saw that it could be very stressful to be a physician, and I felt I wouldn't enjoy that type of lifestyle."

After graduation, Royal enrolled in the master's degree program in biophysics at the State University of New York at Buffalo. There, too, he sensed the Lord's leading. A professor created a program for him that focused on platelet adhesion—what happens when an artificial surface such as a transplant comes into contact with the blood system. And, while there, Royal had the opportunity to minister to the university's large international student community.

When the university's budget cutbacks necessitated Royal's switching to a Ph.D. program, he gained an interest in non-invasive diagnostic instrumentation such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). "A professor at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, which is affiliated with SUNY-Buffalo, was doing that, but he was planning to retire soon and not taking any more students. I prayed a lot and somehow persuaded him to take me as his last student."

Royal's research on developing contrast enhancing techniques for MRI on brain tumors led to a post-doctoral research position at the University of California-

San Francisco (UCSF).

"They were doing another step further than we were—Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopic Imaging. That enables you to tell a person's cancer tissue chemical composition without biopsy. It was the hottest technology at the time, and UCSF was one of the best in the country," Royal says.

At UCSF, Royal worked with 200-300 prostate cancer patients. Many were

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celebrities who heard about his lab's potential to determine the grade of cancer after former patient Andy Grove, CEO of Intel, mentioned it in a *Fortune* magazine article.

When Royal's son was born three months premature, Royal left UCSF, which had offered him an assistant professorship, to stay home. While tending to Joseph's needs, Royal began doing consulting work. Using his computer science training from Northwestern and his biology knowledge, he developed state-of-the-art fingerprint verification and

identification software.

After a year at home, Royal became a scientific programmer for a firm that conducted genomic research. For the last three years, he has been with Caliper Technologies Corp., another Silicon Valley company that combines computer industry technology with biotechnology.

As senior scientific programmer, he develops algorithms for software used to process and analyze high throughput data. His work has contributed to Caliper's "lab-on-a-chip" technology, which miniaturizes, integrates and automates many laboratory processes, putting them on a palm-sized chip. The chip contains a network of microscopic channels through which fluids and chemicals are moved in order to perform experiments.

"The biggest use of lab-on-a-chip is by pharmaceutical companies trying to find a potential drug target," explains Royal. "They will screen tens of thousands to a million compounds a year to find one or two targets, a very costly process. With this, they don't have to spend a lot on chemicals; a tiny little bit is enough to do the reaction. And they are able to complete several months' work of compound screening in a few days."

"God was so good to me, leading me to this company," says Royal. "Looking back, I was always praying, and God led me from one thing to another. It was

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grounds in linear algebra, calculus and statistics.

"And music, for example, also is very mathematical. Art uses geometric principles, and theatre stage design is very mathematical."

An insistence on equal-opportunity math for all majors has led Kim and her colleagues to advocate for math classes to be part of Northwestern's general education requirements. Previously, students were able to "opt out" of math classes if their math ACT score was high enough.

"We were saying, essentially, that if your math score was high enough, then

you've taken enough math in your lifetime—you don't have to take any more. We don't do that with English. If your English ACT score is high, you get to take a harder writing course. So why do we do this with math?"

When Kim was hired in 1993, she was the first math Ph.D. to be employed at NWC. "There were 15 math majors total when I came," she remembers. "This fall there are 19 incoming freshmen with math majors, and we've exceeded our goal of 40 majors. Our students are incredibly bright," she adds, noting that of the incoming majors, most have ACT

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"There's this particularly American misperception that math is something you have to have a gift for—that if you're not gifted, then you're just never going to master it and that's OK."

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scores above 27.

And one of the incoming freshmen math majors will be receiving the department's first math scholarship, which was established and endowed with \$20,000

donated over time primarily by Kim and her colleague, Dr. Tim Huffman.

After class Kim heads home to Joel, her carpenter husband, and Jamie (5) and Matthew (2). She's also been president of the Orange City Daycare Center board of directors this past year while the center has completed a major expansion and remodeling. When asked what she does with her spare time—if she still does any of her own poetry or creative writing, for example—she laughs, "You're kidding, right?"

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kids and witness to them," Bill comments.

Several athletic trainers and family members accompanied the wrestlers, and they visited an orphanage twice and also a home for the elderly. A highlight for Bill was going along to the orphanage. "It was neat for me to bring a little joy to them and minister in that way."

This is not the first time Bill's wrestling abilities have been linked with missions. He traveled to Latin America with Athletes in Action for three summers. "I have had the opportunity to combine the two things I love the most by going on these trips," he says. "I can use wrestling to build Christian relationships."

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in which she helps plan and conduct all of the large events sponsored by the city, including the 4th of July celebration and the Fall Festival.

She is also serving her second term on the Windsor Heights Foundation Board, a non-profit organization that supports city improvements. "Our projects include improvements to the city's parks by furnishing additional landscaping, park benches, lighting on the walking trails and other similar projects," Florence says. "The Foundation also sponsors 'Music in the Park,' a weekly concert series each summer, and we are working on the development of a new bike trail through the city."

Each year the City Council of Windsor Heights selects a person from the community to honor for their service to the community. In 1994 Florence was selected as Citizen of the Year for her work with the various organizations in the city. She also has been recognized as a "Woman of Influence" in the metro area.

Marketa George Oliver, city administrator, wrote in nominating Florence for that honor, "Flo has been a source of great enthusiasm, energy and positive thinking for many decades in the Windsor Heights community. Her tireless efforts have made immeasurable impact on this community and the people in it. She is an excellent role model. Mrs. Hunter was the first female member of the Windsor Heights Lions Club and its first female president. She was one of the first female firefighters on the Windsor Heights Fire Department and has spent more than 20,000 hours serving our community and its residents."

"God has greatly blessed me," says Florence in response to her accolades. "I have been in fantastic health, have three sons and five grandchildren, an understanding husband and have been able to continue to do all the things I truly enjoy."

Alumni corner



Karen Woudstra
'79
Director of Alumni
and Parent
Relations

At our development staff retreat this summer, we spent some time discussing the book *Secrets of the Vine* by Bruce Wilkerson. The theme kept coming back: "Abide in me."

Many of you have read the passage from John 15, about the vine and the branches, at one time or another. The image of God being the vinedresser, Christ the vine and we as the attached branches getting our breath and life from Him, is a powerful word picture for me.

God desires that we cling to Him for all that we need, that we grow because of the nurturing and care He provides us, and that we fulfill His calling for our lives to bear fruit. The only way to bear that fruit, whether it be the inner fruits of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control) or outer fruit (such as bringing others to know Christ), is by abiding in Him daily. Through all the good or bad events that come during our lifetimes, the Lord is always there, encouraging us to abide more closely with Him and bear fruit for Him. I always love the word pictures and parables that God uses to make it easier for us to get it!

Northwestern has held true to its mission and clung to the vine. Its branches have sprouted and have gone many places, touching lives and bearing fruit for Him. Students have carried God's love throughout our country and all around the world as they returned home this summer or have gone on Summer of Service projects. I have talked to many alums who, since leaving NWC, have let the Lord use them. Many of you are excited about what God is doing in your lives and in the fruit that you've seen. Some of you may be seed planters and won't see the immediate fruit in your lifetime, yet God will continue to nurture those you've touched because you were faithful and shared your inner fruit with others.

Sometimes it's good to stop and think about our lives since leaving NWC. Are our roots planted deeply in Christ? Are we abiding in Him? Are we excited about what God is doing in our lives and in the lives of others around us? Did Northwestern make an impact in our lives? Could we help NWC continue in its mission with our time, talents, money and prayers? Are we letting God use us for His purposes? I hope so!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Do you know stories of Northwestern alumni who are making a difference because of faithfully abiding in Him? We'd love to hear about them! Contact me at 1-800-588-6692 or karenw@nwcioowa.edu.

Deaths

Marie (Wandscheer '35) Lancaster, 87, died July 7 in Le Mars. She graduated from Westmar College and taught school in Early and Boone before becoming a librarian in the Maurice-Orange City school system. She married Ed Lancaster in 1942. She was a member of American Reformed Church, Orange City, where she taught Sunday school and catechism classes and gave music instruction. She also sang in the choir and served as church librarian. Among her survivors are a daughter and two sons, including **James '69**.

The Rev. Tunis Miersma '38 died in Holland, Mich., on May 8 at the age of 85. After graduating from Northwestern Junior College, he earned degrees from Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. He served Reformed Church in America congregations in West Olive, Mich.; DeMotte, Ind.; German Valley, Ill.; Clymer, N.Y.; and Holland, Mich. He is survived by his wife, Alda.

Don Kraai '65 died of cancer on June 9 in Rock Valley at the age of 59. He received a master's degree in mathematics at Louisiana State University and taught a total of 11 years at Dakota Wesleyan University, Lake Park, Meriden-Cleghorn and Paullina. He served as a sales manager for National Motor Club for the last 26 years, based in Rock Valley. He served as an elder and Sunday school teacher at Faith Reformed Church. Among his survivors are his wife, **Geri (Ter Horst '62)**; four children; and a sister, **Betty Korver '54**.

Bernadette "B" (O'Brien '67) Kramer, 70, died at a Spencer, Iowa, facility after a seven-month bout with cancer. B married Miles Kramer in 1951. The Kramers lived in Alton, where she began the art program at Floyd Valley Community Schools in 1964 and taught there until retiring in 1992. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Alton Historical Society. Her sur-

vivors include a son, a daughter, two brothers and three sisters.

Susan Lensink '76 died June 28 in Sheldon at the age of 48. After graduating from Northwestern, she taught English and Bible for three months in Taiwan and then was employed as a social director by Village Northwest Unlimited, where she worked for 26 years. She also was a Special Olympics coach. Her survivors include her mother, a brother and a sister.

Galen De Bey '78, age 46, died in Gilbert, Ariz., on June 11. He married **Christine (Carlsen '78)** in 1979. He started his business career with the Paullina State Bank, later served as president of the North Dakota Credit League in Bismarck and most recently was vice president of operations for the Bank of the Southwest in Gilbert. He is survived by his wife; a son, Austin; and his mother, **Jeanette (Mulder '43)**.

'42

The Rev. Ken Dykstra was honored on April 23 when Sen. Charles Grassley presented a reading on the Senate floor to the U.S. Senate and to President George W. Bush acknowledging the work done by the retired pastor. The reading made mention of the years Ken spent as senior pastor of Third Reformed Church in Pella, his role as an ambassador for the RCA to Mexico and India, and his retirement work in prison ministry and as a minister of calling for churches in Oskaloosa and Pella. The framed parchment was presented to Ken for Father's Day and now hangs in his office.

'44

Phyllis (Vander Schaaf) Good sang at various sites in Israel with the choir of the Community Church of Smoke Rise, N.J., at Christmas time in 2000. The choir also presented a concert at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris as part of that trip. Phyllis reports that, along with the singing experience, the day tours of Israel were most memorable.

Mini profile



Mark Leuer, Donna (Visser) Van der Linden and Doug Bakker reunited at RAGBRAI this summer.

Staying in touch

by Nick De Haan '03

When it comes to keeping up with old college friends, many probably wish they could do better. The flurry of life after college that often includes finding a job, a place to live and getting married may leave a person little time for keeping up with college buddies.

Five NWC alums from the mid-'80s have nonetheless managed to get together on a regular basis. The group has done a variety of different things such as attending blues

clubs in Chicago, visiting attractions in Wisconsin and just hanging out in Westport in Kansas City.

"For the most part we spend the weekend catching up on how each of our families are doing and what has transpired over the past year," says Doug Bakker '84 of Urbandale, Iowa. "The conversations are now changing from past times and what we did, to what our children are doing and their many activities.

"This started while Mark Leuer '86 and I were living in the Chicago area. Another alum, Bill Bliel '81, was an assistant coach with Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and we began attending a number of his home games. Then we started traveling around the Big Ten to NWU's away games as well."

Shortly after that, Keith Rescorl '85 and his wife, Sandy, decided to fly out from New Jersey and join the group for the Northwestern/Michigan game in Ann Arbor. "We had a good-sized group going that year so we rented a van for the trip from Chicago to Ann Arbor. We had a great time and decided to do it again the following year," said Bakker.

"Keith is a big fan of Penn State so we decided to go to the Penn State/Illinois game in Champaign, Ill. Keith had been communicating with Steve De Vries '85 of Salix, Iowa, and found that Steve and some of his friends would also be attending that game. We all arranged to meet in the parking lot for a tailgate party before the game, and that was when the 'weekend get-together' idea really caught on. From then on we've done our best to get together as a group for at least one game a year."

Over the years, some men on the trip have assumed certain roles. "Keith is the one who really keeps this going and almost every time has traveled the greatest distance to make it," Doug said. "Steve has done most of the work in making sure things go smoothly by arranging the logistics, tickets and lodging." Mark now lives in Phoenix, and Gary Steffen '85 of Lakeville, Minn., rounds out the group.

A number of the group also went on the RAGBRAI bike ride across Iowa this summer. "Gary usually rides the whole week, but usually some of us try to join him for at least a couple of days," Doug said. "This year we ran into Donna (Visser) '84 Van der Linden on the ride. Donna was a football cheerleader and now is living in California, and we hadn't seen her since we left Orange City. That's what I enjoy most about RAGBRAI: the unexpected meetings with old friends and reminiscing."

Asked for highlights, Doug responded, "The most enjoyable part of every trip is just catching up with what is going on in each others' lives."

'58

Mary Jo (Onken) Meyer retired in 2000 from the Maricopa County Medical Assistance Programs. She lives in Glendale, Ariz., where she works part time as a companion to an elderly woman. Mary Jo traveled to Europe last spring.

'75

Bob Keyser and his wife, Cathie, of The Woodlands, Texas, are mourning the death of their nine-year-old son, Thomas, who died from a blood clot in his lungs on May 14. A memorial service was held on May 27 in Orange City, where Thomas was born. The Keyseres also are the parents of Katie (16) and Megan (13). Please keep their family in your prayers.

'78

Jim Mickelson is in his 23rd year of high school/elementary teaching and coaching at Odebolt-Arthur. He is approaching the 200-win plateau in both basketball and volleyball. In the past six basketball seasons, his teams have gone 97-32, including reaching the substate final in 2001. His volleyball team made it to the regional semifinals last season. He also coaches golf and baseball. His wife, **Kim (Witte)**, is a substitute teacher in the Odebolt, Iowa, area. Their sons, Brad and Adam, are attending NWC. Their daughter, Kara, is a high school senior.

'81

Heidi (Woudstra) Hoppe and her husband, John, started Calvary Chapel of Lexington, S.C., five years ago. Heidi reports that God has been growing the church both spiritually and numerically. The Hoppes have four children. "Life is busy, and God is so good!" says Heidi.

'83

Steve Clay lives in Kennesaw, Ga., where he has been selling enterprise software for Hyperion Solutions Corp. for five years. He is a mem-

ber of Acworth United Methodist Church. He and his wife have three children.

'84

Martha (Shaver) Devadatta now lives in Naperville, Ill., with her husband, Dan, and children, Christopher (9) and Rachel (5). Dan is the senior pastor at India Christian Evangelical Free Church, the same church Martha was involved in from 1985-87. Now she is active in the church's education and music ministries, and she relishes the opportunity to get back into professional free-lance proof-reading while staying at home for their children.

'87

Teresa (Ten Pas) Rogahn lives in West Allis, Wis., with her husband, George, and their son, Luke (2).

Susan Van Kley will perform the Verdi Requiem in May 2003 at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

'88

Dr. Tim Aberson and his daughter, Kaitlyn (7), recently competed in the Iowa Games. Tim won the 110-meter high hurdles and 400-meter low hurdles and placed second in the 800-meter run in the 35-39 year-old division. Kaitlyn took 12th in the 100-meter dash and 14th in the 200-meter in the 7-8 year-old category. Tim practices chiropractic in Paullina, Iowa.

Erin McGrane recently co-composed the musical score for "Wet and Wooly," the first episode of Farkleberry Farm, a 3-D computer-animated children's VHS/DVD series. The show, which teaches children the importance of befriending others and keeping promises, earned Best Animation at the Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee and Best Original Film at KAN Film Festival. Erin is an active musician, actress and poet in Kansas City.

'89

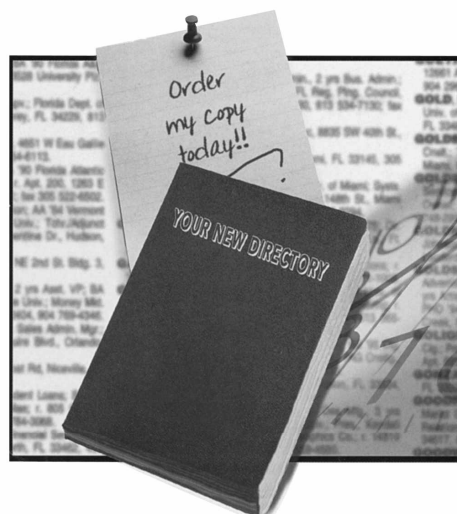
Kim (Kilpatrick) Carrigan just graduated Cum Laude from Iowa Lakes Community College's Licensed Practical Nursing program. She is now enrolled in the RN program. Kim plans to keep her teaching certificate current, but decided to make a career change after her second child was born with medical/special needs. She has been a stay-at-home mom for the past seven years due to his needs. She lives in Spencer with her husband, Mark, and their children: Kellerie (9), Mitchell (7), Sarah (5) and Cullen (4).

Tony Huizinga has been one of the top 20 salesmen three years in a row selling fire safety equipment for MasterGuard Corp. He also has qualified for the participation trip (a cruise or resort) each year by selling a certain amount. His wife, **Dawn (Knipple '90)**, stays at home in Owatonna, Minn., with their sons, Arn (4) and Will (1).

Ann (Lapinski) Jongsma has resigned her agency position and works part time as a psychotherapist in her private practice. She lives with her family in Woodridge, Ill.

Rod Matthews has completed his master's degree in music education at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. He continues to teach instrumental music in Bellevue, Iowa. His wife, Denise, is a stay-at-home mom and part-time registered nurse. They have three children: Ian (12), Joy (11) and Paul (9).

Holly (Donaghy) Udesky has joined Gallagher Lazarus & Co., a women-owned marketing company in Chicago that markets law firms and their services nationwide, on a part-time basis. Holly also was recognized in the July 19 *Chicago Tribune* for her contribution as the costumer for Stage Two Theatre Ensemble's production of the '70s rock musical "Hair."



Last call for the alumni directory

The telephone verification phase of our alumni directory project, in which alumni can make final changes to their listings, is almost complete. Representatives of Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., the official publisher of our directory, have just a few more calls to make before final proofreading begins.

Since we are publishing only enough directories to cover pre-publication orders placed at this time, please let the Harris representative know if you are interested in purchasing a directory. This will be your only opportunity to reserve a copy of the Northwestern College alumni directory. If for any reason you have not heard from the publisher, or if you wish to place an order, please contact:

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Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc.
6315 North Center Dr.
Norfolk, VA 23502
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This comprehensive new volume is a compilation of the most current data available on over 9,900 NWC alumni. Information was obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone verification and/or alumni records. The directories are scheduled to be released in November.

Our new directory is an excellent way of reliving your school days and getting reacquainted with former Northwestern classmates. To those who returned their questionnaires—many thanks for your cooperation. And, to those who ordered a copy of the directory—enjoy!

Prayercorner



Barb Dewald
Director of Student
Ministries

It was the wedding of two recent alumni. As I was coming into the church, I was delighted to encounter other NWC alums—some in the wedding party and others as guests. What a treat to be able to catch up on their lives.

The day was beautiful, the church full of friends and family, and the ceremony meaningful. Then it was time to usher everyone out to congratulate the couple and their families. I was seated near the back, so I settled in for what I knew could be a 45-minute wait. The praise team was playing, and it was a perfect time for prayer and reflection.

It was evident that the bride and groom were desirous of and committed to having God as the center of their lives and their marriage. Represented in the congregation were people from many different aspects of their lives who had helped to shape them personally and spiritually. I thought of how all of the Northwestern people there were connected to the bride or groom—roommates, classmates, mission trip teammates, wingmates, athletic teammates, etc. I smiled at the stories of late night or van trip or class conversations about theology, politics, dating and the world as they tried to piece together how to live out God's call on their lives.

God shapes each of us through Christian community. How thankful I am that God has placed me in relationships with friends, co-workers, students and family who have listened, encouraged, challenged and laughed with me as I have sought to live the gospel.

The beginning of the school year is a crazy time—full of opportunities and busy with activity. We are individuals in a community who need time and space for relationships and for reflection to help us process the many ideas and experiences that bombard our lives. Please pray for students, faculty and staff:

- To cultivate the healthy habit of taking time to be with God on a regular basis. Pray particularly for new students as they set patterns for their college career.
- To have relationships that are life giving and that model biblical principles.
- To be good stewards of our time so that our lives follow a healthy pace, allowing appropriate time for reflection and processing information and experiences.

May God bless your lives with quality time, space and relationships.

'91

Kelly Bass Brown continues to work as the classifieds/front office manager for the *Jackson Hole Guide* newspaper in Jackson, Wyo.

Mishelle (Wurpts) Levi resides in Ogden, Iowa, with her husband, Christopher, and children, Micah (5), Jonathan (3), Gershom (2) and Tirzah (8 months). Mish is a stay-at-home mom and home-schools their children. Christopher is operations manager for Patterson Dental Supply in Des Moines.

The Rev. Kevin Muyskens was installed in August as pastor of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon. He previously served the Paw Paw, Mich., Christian Reformed Church for the last five years. He and his wife, **Sandy (Hurlburt '92)**, have three children: Bethany (5), Nathaniel (4) and Jonathon (3).

'92

Tammy (Mulder) Sieck works at BTI Special Commodities, a trucking company in Des Moines. She and her husband, Randy, also own their own truck, which Randy drives for a company in Minnesota.

'93

Jack Shields is the principal at the Blaine, Minn., campus of Calvin Christian School. His wife, **Sue (Reynen)**, is a stay-at-home mom. The Shields live in Blaine.

Trent Sorbe recently accepted a position as senior vice president at Fishback Financial Corporation, a five-bank holding company based in Brookings, S.D. He manages regulatory affairs and internal audit for the corporation.

'95

Rachel (Burgers) Langenhorst teaches fifth grade for the Brandon Valley Public School system in Brandon, S.D. Her husband, Deric, owns and operates Exterior Designs, a landscape design company, and also

serves as a volunteer fireman. They reside in Larchwood, Iowa, with their two sons.

'96

The Rev. Lewis Bram is in his fifth year as pastor of First Baptist Church in Rockwell, Iowa. His wife, **Christy (Hoffman)**, is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Marble Rock.

Timothy Kruckman is the head of the social studies department at Turkey Valley Community School in Jackson Junction, Iowa. He also coaches cross country, girls' basketball and track.

'97

Tanya (Vander Wal) Owen has been promoted to controller at Hidden Villa Ranch, an egg and cheese distributor based in Orange County, Calif.

Candy Volkens recently completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from California State University-Bakersfield. She lives in Palmdale, Calif.

Heidi Yost is a missionary in Mozambique who is co-founding a new ministry for formerly institutionalized youth, mostly from orphanages. Beacon of Hope-Africa is a live-in program for 10-12 youth for Christian discipleship, education, job training and life skills development.

'98

Matt Hugen and his wife, **Jill (Godeke)**, have recently moved back to the Des Moines area, where he is the IT production support manager at Colorfx Marketing Services. The Hugens live in Ankeny.

Mark Petersen is the new principal of the Woodward State Hospital School and K-12 technology coordinator for the Woodward-Granger School District. He completed his master's degree in educational administration in May from Iowa State University. He lives outside of Granger, Iowa,

with his wife, Ann, and two sons, Peyton (3) and Reece (1).

Scott Wolfswinkel is the owner of Wolf Construction, which collected a number of awards for its house on display for Home Show Expo 2002 in Urbandale, Iowa, this summer. His 4,800 square-foot ranch received the Best Interior, Best Landscaping, Best Craftsmanship and Best Overall awards. Wolf Construction employs 45 people, running 10 crews.

'99

Angela (Hoover) Cunigan and her husband, Bill, now live in King, N.C., where she is the director of Christian education at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Kirk Johnson teaches business education at Southeast Polk Senior High School in Altoona. He also is an assistant football coach and assistant girls' basketball coach.

Janine (De Vries) McClintock and her husband, Jonathan, have moved from California to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Janine teaches first grade in the Omaha Public Schools while Jonathan teaches physics and chemistry and coaches basketball in Glenwood, Iowa.

Amy (Harder) Schumann teaches high school Spanish in Waukee, Iowa.

Ryan Ten Pas is a CPA with Schenck Business Solutions in Sheboygan, Wis. His wife, **Melissa (Fox '01)**, teaches fourth-sixth grade at Lake Country Academy in Sheboygan. They live in Hingham.

'00

After two years as resident director in Northwestern's Hoppers Hall, **Emily Gosselink** is a resident director at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Serena Holthe is in law school at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. This past summer, she

clerked at the American Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Center. Serena lives at the Esther House, a Christian women's community house located in a poorer neighborhood. She and her housemates seek to serve the Lord in the city and reach out to their neighborhood. Serena attends a nearby traditional African-American church, Third Street Church of God, where she is one of the team leaders for the youth program.

Dan Nelson is promotions director for WYLL, AM 1160, and its sister station, 106.7, The Fish, Chicago's Christian music station. He had the



Steven Curtis Chapman with Dan and Susan Nelson at Fish Fest 2002.

opportunity to rub shoulders with Steven Curtis Chapman, Toby Mac, Sonicflood and Michael Tait at Fish Fest 2002. His wife, **Susan (Menning '99)**, continues as communications specialist for the Society of Actuaries. The Nelsons live in Bartlett, Ill.

Tarra (Klein) Vander Leest is a student at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Her husband, **Steven '01**, is in medical school at Des Moines University.

'01

Troy Bruning is a computer support specialist at the Wegner Medical Library in Sioux Falls. His wife, **Rebecca (Hup '02)**, is a marketing coordinator at Raven Industries.

Justin De Jong is a project manager in the communications department at Peoples Energy in Chicago.

ALASKAN TRIP SEMINAR?

In recent years Northwestern has annually sponsored a weekend Estate Planning Seminar in Omaha.

We are currently investigating the possibility of hosting our Estate Planning Seminar in the summer of 2003 in conjunction with either an Alaskan cruise or an Alaskan land trip. The length of the excursion would be from seven to 10 days. Rather than spending an evening and a condensed day reviewing estate planning ideas, we would spend just an hour or two each day on this topic.

Many colleges and universities have found that their alumni and friends enjoy the opportunity to spend an extended period of time with other members of the college community while participating in this type of endeavor. For those who have already been planning to take an Alaskan trip, this affords the opportunity to do so at group discount rates.

If you are interested in participating in a Northwestern College Estate Planning Seminar while enjoying the splendor of our largest state, complete the form below and return it to Cornie A. Wassink, Director of Planned Giving, Northwestern College, 101 Seventh Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041. Please return this form or e-mail this information to cwassink@nwcioa.edu by Nov. 15.

You are under no obligation if you return this form. We simply want to determine the level of interest before we pursue further planning.

Name _____
 Address _____

 (City) (State) (Zip)
 Daytime Telephone Number _____
 Fax number _____
 E-mail address _____
 Number interested in attending _____

Carrie Odell is Northwestern's new resident director for Hoppers Hall. She spent last year teaching in Colorado Springs.

Daphne (Baack) Petersen is the new executive director of the Nebraska chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She had been working for the chapter as a lobbyist for the past year.

'02

Andy Hugen works in financial planning for the Boeing Corp. in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Lisa Murphy is an assistant hall director for a freshmen women's dorm at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

John Sapp is a Northwestern admissions counselor.

Brandon Van Marel is an admissions counselor for Northwestern.

New Arrivals

Roseanne and **Calvin Carter '81**, daughter, Hannah Elizabeth. Julie and **Mick Noteboom '83**, adopted son from Guatemala, Isaac

Michael, joins Adrianna (11). **Kristi (Rosene '87)** and **Dave Ellis '87**, twins, Anna Joy and Sara Jo, join Molly (9), Ben (7) and Luke (5).

Kirsten (Schafer '88) and **Jeff Koele '88**, daughter, Gracia Mae, joins twins Ben and Jon (3).

Tracy and **Mark Jensen '89**, daughter, Laura Elizabeth.

Kevin and **Ann (Lapinski '89)** **Jongsma**, daughter, Jenna Rose.

Bill and **Beth (Van Marel '91)** **Scott**, son, Caleb Fredric.

Waneda (Henning '91) and **Tony Shaw '90**, son, Garrett Turner, joins Wade (8) and Clayton (5).

Janna (Kappers '92) and **Todd Heinen '92**, son, Johnathan Duane, joins Elizabeth (2).

Michelle and **Todd Leach '93**, son, Hudson, joins Hannah (6) and Megan (4).

Sue (Reynen '93) and **Jack Shields '93**, adopted son, Jace Claron, joins Sara (5) and Julia (2).

Maureen (Caraher '93) and **Marlyn Te Grotenhuis '90**, daughter, Erika Nicole, joins Emily (5) and Katie (4).

Joel and **Carmen (Symens '94)** **Huizenga**, daughter, Lydia Colleen.

Diane (Legore '94) and **J.T. Loewe '92**, son, Shane Thomas, joins Jenna (2).

Jodi (Kok '95) and **Gary De Beeld '94**,

son, Colton Jeffery, joins Brooke (2). **Deric and Rachel (Burgers '95)** **Langenhorst**, son, Mason Thomas, joins Alex (5).

Christy (Hoffman '96) and **Lewis Bram '96**, daughter, Anna Kaye.

Amy (Verhey '97) and **Craig Juffer '96**, son, Brayton Kreig, joins Mara (3).

Jennie (Wolf '98) and **Paul Smith '98**, daughter, Annika June, joins Mullin (1 1/2).

Heather (Van Horn '98) and **Tim Weiss '97**, daughter, Macy Paige.

Kim (Verborg '00) and **Dan Peterson '00**, daughter, Jenna Sue.

Andrew and **Kylie (Van Dyke '01)** **Prasuhn**, son, Trenton Andrew.

Melissa (Fox '01) and **Ryan Ten Pas '99**, daughter, Ella Mary, joins Christopher (3) and Hannah (2).

Marriages

Carol Vander Ploeg '79 and Greg Law, Remsen, Iowa.

Kelly Bass '91 and Carl Brown, Jackson, Wyo.

Tammy Mulder '92 and Randy Sieck, Grinnell, Iowa.

Heather Wangen '95 and Todd Holtan, Pine Island, Minn.

Timothy Kruckman '96 and April Uthoff, Spillville, Iowa.

Tanya Vander Wal '97 and Jim

Owen, Paramount, Calif.

Nikki Dykstra '98 and Jason Mills, Kohler, Wis.

Amy Harder '99 and Jeff Schumann, Waukegan, Iowa.

Tarra Klein '00 and **Steven Vander Leest '01**, Memphis and Des Moines.

Rebecca Hup '02 and **Troy Bruning '01**, Sioux Falls.

Angie Halverson '03 and **Dan Faber '99**, Omaha.

The couples reside in the city listed.

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always on the cutting edge. I view it as God's grace to me. I often think of Psalm 103:5, 'He satisfies my years with good things.'"

Some of the other good things in Royal's life include his wife, Ruth, daughters Sarah (7) and Hannah (1), and son Joseph (5), who is perfectly healthy today. Royal also enjoys his involvement in the Home of Christ, a large Chinese church which has several member congregations throughout the Silicon Valley. He has taught Sunday school, organized outreach ministry and led seminars on creation vs. evolution.

What's next for Royal?

Inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit of the Silicon Valley, Royal dreams about starting a new venture in the future. "I still have to pray and see how God is leading. Man can only do the thinking. God is the only one who can fulfill. I'm seeking and seeking what's God's leading for the next step."

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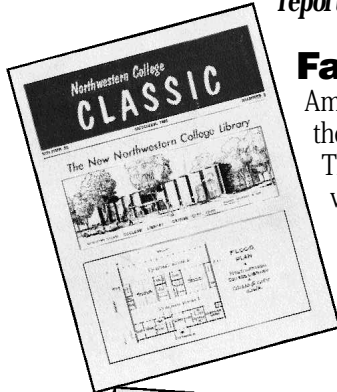
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Classic reflections

A new feature of this publication, Classic Reflections recalls campus news from the past as reported in Classics from the Archives.



Fall 1962

Among Dean J.L. De Vries's announcements, the main lounge of Dykstra Hall, which at the time was being used as a dormitory for men, had been redecorated with new carpet. The Zwemer Hall basement had been completely remodeled and new offices were provided for, among others, Phil Patton of the business department. Ground was broken for a \$325,000 addition to Colenbrander Hall. This expansion would house an additional 110 men and provide dining facilities for approximately 200. On hand for the ceremony was Dr. H. Colenbrander, for whom the building was named. President Preston Stegenga announced detailed plans for the new \$250,000 library. Ground-breaking ceremonies were scheduled for Homecoming festivities in October.



Fall 1972

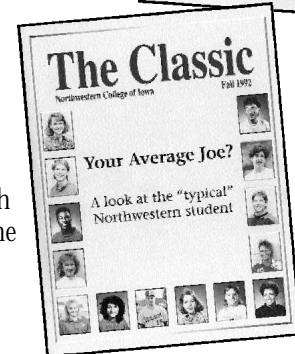
Despite continued inflation, the faculty had to forego salary increases. Nevertheless they returned more in financial gifts to the college than had been given in the previous year by a larger faculty. The curriculum underwent changes to allow students to develop more personalized programs. Of the 126 semester hours of course work required for graduation then, 77 could be selected by the students in subjects of their choice and in their chosen major. The music department received an enthusiastic endorsement from a visiting team of consultants from the National Association of Schools of Music. The music program was rated "excellent" by a representative of this national accrediting agency as compared with standards set for music departments of colleges the size of Northwestern.

Fall 1982

The Registrar's Office issued enrollment figures showing that 891 students attended Northwestern. The "old skating rink" was transformed into a new headquarters for the office of buildings and grounds. Among others, Mike Yoder, associate professor of sociology, and Ron Takalo, assistant professor of Spanish, joined Northwestern's faculty. Architects recommended that the vines covering Zwemer Hall be removed and sidewalks be redesigned to prevent runoff draining into the basement.

Fall 1992

Since Northwestern's Summer Institute for International Students began in 1985, the campus experienced a boom in international enrollments. A record 67 international students enrolled at NWC in the fall of 1992. Laura Heitritter, Ed Starkenburg, Marc Wooldridge and Harlan Jorgensen joined Northwestern's faculty/staff. Since the elementary education program's inception in 1988, eight students had graduated with their Master of Arts degree and another 10 were currently in the program. Dr. Richard Mouw '59, president-elect of Fuller Theological Seminary, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from NWC at the Fall Convocation.



Remember when?

Remembering 9/11



by Colette Johnson '00

I don't know what to say. A year ago, during my first week of classes at graduate school in New York City, men flew two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Burnt birds fell from the sky. Flaming people jumped from windows. Towers collapsed. I don't know what to say about it.

I've spent a year seeing it every time I turned the news on, reading about it on subway posters that advertise ways to cope and places to get counseling, talking about it with family and strangers and friends, thinking . . .

And I don't know what to say about it. I mean, I don't know the moral to the story. I don't have answers. I don't know how to sum it up.

I was asked to write about my experience on September 11th because I was here, in New York, when the towers fell. So let me start by saying, I was so protected. I didn't know anyone who worked in the towers. I didn't have that heart-stopping fear when I heard the sirens and the news. None of my family or friends died. When it happened, I was indoors. I didn't have to see the planes hit, or see the towers fall. When it hap-

pened, I was at school, surrounded by the new friends I was beginning to make. I was not alone.

For several hours, no trains were running, and I had no way to get back to my apartment. Phones weren't working. I couldn't let my roommates know I was OK. But my school gave us food free of charge while we all waited in shock, milling around, and then gathering each half hour for updates.

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Jesus had a friend named Lazarus. His sisters, Mary and Martha, were also close friends of our Messiah. Lazarus got sick. Jesus was a healer. Word was sent to him that his friend was sick.

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." . . .

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. . . .

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

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We were moved from one building to another. My school is close to the hospital, and they wanted to use our building for the families. The sirens were constant. People walked the streets crying, looking at the black smoke blanketing the sky. In the bathroom, a woman came in covered in ash and debris. "I was trapped in a pile of people," I heard her say. "There were these men on top of me. I couldn't breath. I thought they were going to suffocate me. I managed to pull my way up in the pile, and when I got out, everyone was bleeding. Those men on top of me—their bodies protected me from getting cut."

For the next few weeks we thought of nothing but the attack. Memorials were everywhere. In the subway, on fences, pictures of loved ones missing. And the only place I heard vengeance being cried was the television. At Union Square, in the subway, on fences, were signs calling for peace. "Our grief is not a cry for war."

But at the same time T-shirts were manufactured overnight, proclaiming, "I survived the World Trade Center attack," as if it were a roller-coaster ride, or a steep ski-hill. Friends of Middle-Eastern descent and immigrants in my neighborhood wore flags as protection. But that didn't stop

the suspicion. And the "tragedy tourists" wanted to see the site and hear the stories again and again.

And I, when I ride the subway and see a man in a turban carrying a package, I get nervous. Although he doesn't deserve it, I watch him with suspicion. I thought twice before going to see the Fourth of July fireworks, because I knew there would be a big crowd. Some days I'm scared. I expect something else will happen. Some days I feel like the world is falling apart. Some days I'm angry at people's responses to the attack. Some days I feel an inappropriate sort of pride that "I was here when . . ." Some days I want my mother here with me. And I want someone to say, "Everything is going to be all right," and have it be true.

Right now, I imagine falling at the feet of Jesus and saying, "Lord, if you had been here, this would not have happened."

And in my mind, Jesus does not say, "But look how New Yorkers have bonded together to help one another in this time of crisis," or "See how the worst brings out the best in Americans," or "Look how it has brought people to God."

In my mind, Jesus weeps. And then he heals.

One day all will be healed. One day all tears will be dried.

But first, Jesus weeps.

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