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Cover photo: Senior Candi Fender and her classmates in the Romania Semester hiked to the summit of Peleaga, at an altitude of 8,231 feet, in Romania's Retezat Mountains.

A Leader Remembered

Northwestern's Center for Spiritual Formation and Vocation has been renamed the James L. Franken Center for Faith, Learning and Living in memory of James Franken '75, who served as a trustee of the college for eight years.

In addition, a fund in excess of \$500,000 has been contributed by family, friends and colleagues to establish the James L. Franken Servant Leadership Program. The fund will provide for programs, projects and positions that apply faith to servant leadership through entrepreneurial initiatives, academic innovations and experiential learning. It is anticipated the fund will grow in the future.

"Jim Franken was known for his creative, inclusive and entrepreneurial leadership style," says Dr. Bruce Murphy, Northwestern's retiring president.



Jim Franken

"He exhibited a keen wisdom and a passion for building the next generation of leaders in his work on our board and his direction of the Interstates Companies in Sioux Center.

"This new servant leadership program is in keeping with the college's strategic vision to encourage integrative studies, and it is quite appropriate for both that program and the building

housing campus ministry and career development to bear his name."

Franken was president and CEO of Interstates Companies and Harbor Group at the time of his death in 2001 at the age of 48. He had overseen the companies' growth from 110

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to 400 employees in his six years at the helm. He also established the Interstates Foundation to provide ongoing support for nonprofit organizations.

Franken served as president of Northwestern's Alumni Association and as a board member from 1989 to 1991. He was reappointed to the board in 1995, joining the executive committee in 1998 and serving as chair of the finance committee from 1999 until his death. In 2005, he was posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service to Northwestern Award.

Dr. Jasper Lesage, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. John Brogan, vice president for student development, will oversee the selection of personnel for the servant leadership program. They will work with the Franken family and faculty and staff to establish the program's priorities.



The building that houses campus ministries and the Career Development Center is now known as the James L. Franken Center for Faith, Learning and Living.

Inbox

Northwestern's 125 years

What a great fall publication of the *Classic*! I really enjoyed and appreciated your cover article about the history of Northwestern, as it brought back a lot of memories and also filled in some gaps.

I also liked the article on Kevin Jansma, as I wasn't aware of many of those events in his life.

You sure have a variety of news stories. Thanks!

Dr. Ron Juffer '56
Professor Emeritus of Education
Orange City, Iowa

No Easy Answers

It's an issue that has stymied politicians and surfaced repeatedly in the current presidential campaign: What can and should be done about illegal immigration?

In November, nearly 300 college and community members attended a Northwestern-sponsored public forum to discuss that question. The evening program was moderated by Spanish professor Rick Clark and featured a three-member panel composed of Coleman McAllister, Sioux County attorney; Diane Vander Broek, a family health advocate from Orange City; and Piet Koene, Clark's colleague in the Spanish department and a court-certified interpreter.

Opening comments by each panelist provided context for the problem, after which questions were taken from the audience. Those attending the forum learned from Koene that the percentage of foreign-born individuals living in the U.S. is lower than it was 100 years ago; that under current law, it's almost impossible for a foreign laborer to gain legal entry into the country, with waiting periods of 10 to 12 years; and that 36 percent of preschool children in Sioux County are Hispanic.

Vander Broek told of families ripped apart when



Sioux County Prosecutor Coleman McAllister answers a question during a campus forum on immigration. Also on the panel were Piet Koene, NWC Spanish professor and a certified court interpreter, and Diane Vander Broek '73, a family health advocate.

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 parents are deported and their children—American-born citizens who have known only life in the U.S.—have no option but to stay behind.

“As a nation, we’re addicted to immigrant labor,” she says. “It’s not just a legal dilemma, but a moral and ethical dilemma as well.”

McAllister spoke of the incredible market for stolen

identities caused in part by illegal immigration, of a caseload in which more than half of Sioux County’s felony charges involve this crime, and of the impact of identity theft on the lives of its victims.

While the problems are clear, the answers are not. The forum, however, was a first step in beginning to grapple with the question of how Christians should respond.

Coming Soon



Northwestern’s president-elect, Greg Christy, will take office in January. Look for a cover story about him in the newly redesigned spring issue of the *Classic*, coming to you in late March.

Faith and Friendship

How does one's faith affect her friendships?

Six psychology majors and professor Dr. Daniela Cambetas have been exploring that question. Their research was presented at a symposium on faith and culture at Baylor University this fall.

Last spring, the research team surveyed approximately 200 female students at Northwestern on a variety of issues related to friendship and faith. The survey sought to find the extent to which a woman is intimate with her best friend and the measurement of faith intimacy in that relationship. The survey asked questions about being open with friends, keeping each other accountable, praying together and spiritual maturity. The extent to which women feel included in friendships and the extent to which they would exclude others in certain situations were also explored.

The researchers found there is a relationship between the intimacy of female friendships and their spiritual faith. "If a woman was really intimate with her best friend, she was also less likely to exclude and more likely to feel included," says Cambetas. "If she had a higher spiritual maturity, she was also likely to have higher intimacy and faith intimacy. We don't know which one comes first, but we can say there is definitely some relationship there."

Cambetas presented findings from the research her team has conducted, as well as personal research, at the Baylor symposium on friendship. Thanks to funding from Northwestern's Lilly Grant, Cambetas' student researchers were able to attend the conference and learn about various aspects of friendship through discussion and other speakers.

This fall, the women immersed themselves in studying literature regarding friendship, hoping to broaden their understanding of the connections between faith and friendship.

In their literature review, the research team found that as a woman becomes closer with another individual, that indi-



Northwestern researchers found a correlation between the intimacy of female friendships and their spiritual faith.

vidual becomes a mirror to her. The students were especially excited to see how friendship can play a role in vocation.

"If you define vocation as seeking God's calling for you, then we can see vocation in friendship," says Cambetas. "If your friend is a mirror to you, helping you become a better person, and you trust each other to tell both the good things and the bad, then seeking God's calling in life through that friendship can be considered vocation. We weren't looking for this specifically, but we were excited to discover it."

"Within the context of Christian friendship, we uphold each other to be the best we can be and the best God wants us to be," says the psychology professor. "We were definitely reaffirmed in the importance of friendship and faith."

The research team has been invited to present at a conference on C.S. Lewis at California's Azusa Pacific University in February. The presentation will include findings on Lewis' perspectives on spiritual friendship.

NWC happenings



On Board

Kurt Dykstra '94 of Holland, Mich., is a new member of Northwestern's Board of Trustees. He attended his first board meeting this fall.

Dykstra, appointed for a four-year term, is a partner at Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. He served as Northwestern's director of student activities in 1994-95 before enrolling in the Marquette University Law School. After graduating, he was a judicial

clerk at the Wisconsin Supreme Court in Madison and an attorney in Milwaukee. He has been with Warner Norcross & Judd since 2002, becoming a partner in 2006.

Writing Hope

This fall, one section of College Writing students undertook a project with a unique goal: to offer words of encouragement and hope to several women in Afghanistan. The idea for this service-learning project was sparked by a booklet Instructor Deb Menning read, *A Voice for the Voiceless*, which told stories of gender injustice experienced by women worldwide, including women in Afghanistan.

Through connections with a former Northwestern student who currently works

in support of Afghanistan-based workers, the project began to take shape: Students would create a gift of writing for a small group of women being trained as carpet weavers at a women's center in Afghanistan.

Workers at the center conducted interviews with the carpet weavers using questions developed by the class. After receiving the interview responses, students began writing. The assignment included a variety of sections such as an opening letter to the Afghan women

explaining the project and the student's desire to connect with them. Another section focused on writing the women's stories based on the information gathered through the interviews.

Other components of the project included finding artwork, poems or songs to share with the women, as well as composing a prayer for them. Once completed, the writing projects were creatively packaged into gifts.

"When Professor Menning introduced this project, I was excited to not just write, but for it to mean something," says freshman Janelle de Waard. "Their answers to our questions

taught me a lot about the struggles of women in Afghanistan, and writing to honor them has impacted my life by creating a desire to help them."

In March, the writing gifts will be presented to the carpet weavers at a celebration honoring women. Both Menning and her class hope this is the beginning of a bridge of service between Northwestern and the women of Afghanistan.

Blue-Ribbon Collaboration

A team of three Northwestern students placed first among 15 teams at the NWC site during an Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest on Nov. 3.

The Northwestern team—John Calsbeek, a sophomore computer science major from Orange City; Jeff Regan, a sophomore computer science major from Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Curt Van Wyk, a junior mathematics major from George, Iowa—combined to solve five of the nine problems in the five-hour competition. Out of more than 200 teams competing at 16 sites in the North Central region, they placed eighth.

This marks the second consecutive year that a Northwestern team has finished in the top 10 in the region.



Enjoy the Northwestern/Dordt rivalry by gathering with other NWC alumni and friends to watch a live webcast of the Raiders/Defenders men's basketball game.

Wednesday, Jan. 30
5:30 p.m. (PST): Food and silent auction
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Retiring President Bruce Murphy and his wife, Di, associate professor of education, were feted at a special farewell event in October.

So Long, Farewell

Laughter, tears and warm remarks were all part of a farewell celebration for retiring President Bruce Murphy and his wife, Di, held on Oct. 8. Alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, community members and students gathered to express their love and gratefulness to the Murphys.

"This is an opportunity for us to share our respect and affection for you," Vice President for Advancement John Greller told the Murphys. "The two of you go together in our hearts and minds like peanut butter and jelly."

The event included a video produced by student Vaughn Donahue, a presentation on behalf of intercultural students and alumni, and a reading of selected greetings from constituents by theatre professors Jeff and Karen Barker.

A letter of appreciation on behalf of Japanese sister college Baiko Gakuin

University was read, and memory albums developed by Jane Greller were presented to the presidential couple.

Board chairman Drew Vogel announced that trustees have established the Bruce and Di Murphy Intercultural Student Scholarship with an allocation of \$100,000 in endowed funds. The scholarship will provide for an annual distribution of about \$5,000 in scholarships to international and/or American ethnic minority students with significant financial need, good academic standing, and evidence of Christian faith and character. "We've seen your heart," said Vogel, "and we know this has a special place in it."

Northwestern supporters interested in contributing to the new scholarship are invited to contact the advancement office at 712-707-7106 or giving@nwciowa.edu.

'Tis the Season for Giving

Christmas is coming, and several Northwestern students, faculty and staff are getting in the holiday spirit—the spirit of giving.

Dec. 15 through 22 will be busy for a dozen students who will serve in New Orleans under the direction of Rebecca James, Northwestern's Americorps Vista volunteer coordinator. Partnering with Trinity Christian Community and Lisa DeWaay '07, the team will be renovating houses destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 in the Hollygrove neighborhood, located in the 14th Ward of New Orleans.

"There's much to be done yet," says Dave Nonnemacher, director of the Lilly Grant and experiential learning, "and we need to do something. This is a great opportunity to think of others and serve with our hands and hearts."

Nonnemacher and 10 students will spend the same time period in Jackson, Miss., teaming with the John Perkins Foundation to rebuild homes. Perkins himself will be present, leading devotions for the group.

This is the third year in a row for the campus ministry office to coordinate Christmas Gulf Coast trips. During the spring breaks of 2006 and '07, several trips were also made to the Gulf Coast for cleanup efforts.



For the third consecutive year, Northwestern will send a service team to the Gulf Coast over Christmas break.

One Man's Art

What is art? Does freedom of speech give one the license to offend? Should opportunities for critical thinking ever give way to censorship?

The Northwestern community grappled with all of those questions during an alumni art exhibition held as part of the college's 125-year anniversary celebration in October. At issue was a replica of an American flag made out of four types of black fabric by Greg Schoon '75. Hung in Te Paske Gallery, the untitled 6-by-10-foot flag and its accompanying artist's statement generated a storm of controversy.

Within days of its installation, President Bruce Murphy received dozens of complaints, many from veterans. Initially he reiterated the importance of exposing students to differing points of view and invited complainants to join a conversation with art students about the display. But when a front-page story in the *Sioux City Journal* generated a new barrage of protests more vehement than the first, Murphy made the decision to end the public display of the artwork.

Given the intense emotional response of many in the community, he explained, continuing to exhibit the piece was "likely to undermine any future efforts to engage our wider community in the purposes of art and the nature of a Christian liberal arts education."

Just as there was opposition to Schoon's artwork, there was opposition to its removal from public display. Some saw such a decision as antithetical to Northwestern's identity as a Reformed college.

"Our Reformed theology not only allows but requires us to examine the larger world in its entirety," says Rein Vanderhill, chair of the art department. "Our calling is to immerse ourselves in the whole culture, to the end of transforming that culture for the sake of God's kingdom."

While the exhibition was closed to the public, students continued to have opportunities to view and discuss Schoon's artwork. One such opportunity was held prior to a forum about the exhibition that featured five panelists: President Murphy, art and English professors, a student art major, and a veteran. Chaplain Harlan VanOort served as the forum's moderator.

Other conversations took place in the classroom. Sociology professor Mike Yoder, for example, had his students write response papers following the forum. The controversy was an opportunity to debate various points of view and learn how to deal with disagreements.

"The campus was involved in a real discussion," says Vanderhill. "Students were talking about important issues. That's the nature of college. It makes learning exciting."

Food for the World



Sophomore Edwin Meran was among 200 students who helped package about 34,000 meals to be sent to children in Haiti in November. The Kids Against Hunger packages feature a chicken-flavored rice-soy casserole with dehydrated vegetables, fortified with 21 essential vitamins and nine minerals.

Missions-Minded

Dr. Rod Spidahl, associate professor of religion/missiology, presented a workshop at the Fellowship of Short-Term Mission Leaders conference in Atlanta in October.

Spidahl spoke on "Intercultural Competencies for Short-Term Missions." He provided guidelines for grasping key aspects of religious, cultural and ethnic awareness, especially the importance of attitude and roles in observation, language and learning style.

Spidahl and his family lived for five years in sub-Saharan Africa among the Fulbe people, doing outreach, teaching and discipleship. A former pastor in Lutheran and Presbyterian churches in the United States, he has worked in HIV/AIDS consultation for Kenya and with first- and second-generation immigrants from a variety of ethnic backgrounds in the U.S.



Faith and Family

A Q&A with the children of Northwestern's Parents of the Year

When the family of Alan and Kim Schmidt gets together, it's like a miniature Northwestern reunion. All five of their children have attended or graduated from NWC, and sons Aaron and Matt are employed at the college as assistant wrestling coach and head athletic trainer, respectively.

The Schmidts were recognized this fall as Northwestern's Parents of the Year for 2007. Their children shared with the *Classic* what makes their folks special.

Why do they deserve to be Parents of the Year?

Audra: They've placed Christ in the center of our home and family. Although they were busy with their jobs and our activities, they always made parenting their most important job and consistently sacrificed for us.

Isaac: They were always there for us financially, spiritually and physically. They also parented us in a Christian manner, teaching the importance of a personal relationship with Christ. Finally, one way they expressed their love was in the sometimes sacrificial attendance of events that were important to us.

What values are most important to your parents?

Audra: My parents instilled the importance of faith, family and servant attitudes. They taught us to fully rely on God and believe he will guide and protect us no matter what. Family togetherness and support is also very important in our family. Another value my parents taught me is to help others and serve in a Christ-like manner.

Matt: Serve God with everything; work hard no matter what; family is family forever.

If you could give some parenting advice based on how you were parented, what would it be?

Aaron: Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child in

the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Be a servant and an example of Christ in all you do. Don't worry about being your child's friend, because when they realize how you have raised them to love Christ, respect others and themselves, and work hard, then the friendship will come.

Audra: Always make time for family and God. Don't sweat the small stuff. Know when to pick your battles. Be able to laugh, even when you want to get mad.

Teach your kids a strong work ethic and a servant attitude to go along with it.

Isaac: Showing love is disciplining—not letting kids have their way. God is the ultimate parenting example. Follow his lead as a parent, and you'll do all right.

Matt: Treat every kid as an individual. Show interest in what they are interested in.

Micah: Pray about the task or decision that needs to be made, and God will lead you.

What are some important traditions in your family?

Aaron: Eating the evening meal together every night and being together as a family on Sunday.

Audra: We have a number of traditions pertaining to food: chili and grilled cheese after NWC football games, "wrestling breakfast" (monkey bread, egg dish and fruit soup), and mom's pizza when everyone is home. We also always go out to the farm and spend time together walking through the field or just playing with the dogs, cats and pigs whenever we are home.



Northwestern's Parents of the Year, Alan and Kim Schmidt of Arthur, Iowa, have had five children attend the college. Shown in this photo are, front row, left to right: Gena (Fihr '00) Schmidt with her daughter Gabrielle, Kristy (Wägenaer '04) Schmidt, Kim Schmidt with grandson Gage Schmidt, and Alan Schmidt. Back row, left to right: Matt Schmidt '00, Aaron Schmidt '03, Audra Schmidt '08, Micah Schmidt '04 and Isaac Schmidt '07.

Fallsports



Freshmen Hillary Hanno (left) and Bobbi Jean Rich were among several underclassmen who played important roles in the Raiders' 31-12 season, which ended in the quarterfinal round of the NAIA national tournament.

Football

- Finished with an 8-2 record; tied for second in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).
- Ranked 15th in the final national poll.
- Kadrian Hardersen, Nate Jansen and Cody Van Sloten were named to the all-conference first team.
- Van Sloten earned All-American honors.
- Craig Hector was named national player of the week after posting 401 yards of total offense and scoring six touchdowns in a 44-30 victory over Dakota Wesleyan. Grant Mosier received national player of the week honors after tying a GPAC record with three interceptions and recovering a fumble in a 35-13 win over Dana.
- A new play earned a spot in NWC football lore when the Raiders beat Concordia, 29-24, on a blocked field goal attempt that resulted in a touchdown as time expired. (Watch video of "The Play" at www.nwcraiders.com/football.)

Volleyball

- Advanced to the Elite Eight at the national tournament for the first time in 15 years after placing second at regionals.
- Finished GPAC play in second place with a 13-3 record.
- Megan Meyer was named GPAC player of the year, all-region and second team All-American. Also earning first team league honors were Kaitlin Beaver and Rachel Gosselink.
- Beaver was named to the all-tournament team at nationals.
- Gosselink was named national setter of the week after averaging 14 assists per game in three road wins.
- Gosselink set a new school record for assists in a season with

- 1,905, and Meyer set the all-time digs record with 1,758.
- Krista Hibma, Meyer and Colette Veldhorst were honored as NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Men's soccer

- Competed at the national tournament for the first time in school history after winning the regional title.
- TJ Buchholz was named regional coach of the year.
- Finished the year with a 12-8-1 record.
- Tied for second in the GPAC with a 7-4-1 mark.
- Four Raiders received All-American honorable mention recognition and were named to the all-region team: Andy Janssen, Tyler Sytsma, Brad White and Blake Wieking.
- Janssen, Sytsma and White were first team all-conference.
- Chris Bergst received NAIA Scholar-Athlete recognition.

Women's soccer

- Compiled a 7-10-1 record. Tied for fifth in the league with a 7-4-1 record.
- Macy Rozeboom received All-American honorable mention recognition and made the all-conference first team.
- Six Raiders were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes: Serah Bugler, Tara Blutt, Rebecca Callies, Michelle Power, Rozeboom and Carrie Vander Horst.

Men's cross country

- Placed eighth at the GPAC meet and 10th at regionals.
- Anthony Ebert, Jon Kuik, Jack Peterson and Jon Woehl were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Women's cross country

- Placed 10th at the national meet.
- Olivia Johnson and Charity Miles raced to third and fifth, respectively, at nationals, earning All-American honors.
- Finished third at the conference meet and second at regionals.
- Johnson was the conference runner of the year, winning the GPAC meet. She received conference runner of the week honors three times, and Miles garnered the honor once.
- Dale Thompson was named the GPAC coach of the year.
- Ingrid Carlson, Laura Jacobson, Sarah Korver and Wolf were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Men's golf

- Placed third at the Red Raider Invitational with a season-best 309.

Women's golf

- Qualified for the regional meet next spring by placing fourth at the GPAC tournament.
- Melissa Hisel earned all-league honors for the fourth consecutive year.

Facevalue Karen Barker

Actor, provocateur, nurturer

What are you about?

Changing the culture one student at a time. I know when people hear this they either roll their eyes at my arrogance or think I'm a fool. But I believe artists who are Christians have a responsibility not only to change the narrow, sometimes ignorant way the church views art and artists, but also to change the fearful, usually dismissive way the larger culture views Christians.

Why do you love your job?

I'm grateful to work with people I love, respect and admire. I love being a part of students' lives at a developmentally crucial time, and I love analyzing acting.

If you could do anything else at Northwestern, what would it be?

I'd like to run a women's studies program or work with faculty development.

What are you an expert at?

The older I get, the more certain I am that I'm an expert at absolutely nothing.

What do you wish you were an expert at?

Raising teenagers, acting, dancing and singing.

What have been some of your favorite shows at Northwestern?

My favorite show is whatever I'm currently directing. A favorite acting experience was my recent role in *James Joyce's The Dead* because I had the opportunity to act with my daughter, Hannah.

What actors would you love to work with?

Meryl Streep, because I love her subtleties and her ability to totally embody the characters she plays. I think it is evident, even in her film work, that she's been trained as a stage actor. I'd also love to work with John Malkovich. In my opinion, his film work doesn't do him justice, but I've never seen anyone onstage who is more intense or more "in the moment" than Malkovich. He's mesmerizing. I'd love to find out if I could keep up with him.

What are your memorable theatre moments at Northwestern?

I recall an evening in The Playhouse when it was raining and the roof leaked. Water dripped on President Bultman's head. I'll also never forget the night we ceremoni-

ously locked up The Playhouse and walked to the new DeWitt Theatre Arts Center.

What do you want to happen in your life yet?

I want to start a summer theatre program. I want to live

on an acreage. I want to never stop traveling.

Beyond theatre, how do you like to spend your time?

Digging in the dirt, traveling, reading and keeping up with whatever my kids are doing.



A member of Northwestern's theatre faculty since 1988, Karen Barker regularly performs with her husband, Jeff, and leads workshops on incorporating drama into worship.

Ofcourse

Sick Feelings



Class

Pathophysiology

Instructor

Dr. Byron Noordewier, professor of biology

"I was really scared and sad at the same time," recalls Ronda before her mastectomy. "I said goodbye to my right breast for the last time. It had been my buddy for the last 43 years—I followed it everywhere."

Ronda contributed her patient's perspective for Chapter 19 in the text *Pathophysiology: Concepts and Applications for Health Care Professionals*, which is being used by students in BIO 360. Her firsthand account covers her mammogram, needle core biopsy, surgery, chemotherapy, and reconstructive procedure, after which she endured two bouts of an antibiotic-resistant staph infection called MRSA.

Ronda's sense of humor is obvious as she writes about the prospect of losing her waist-length hair, oozing green goop and "facing the future a little lopsided." She says she received thorough information about all her treatment options and her caregivers were competent and sensitive. Her only complaint: Many medical personnel overlook the power of humor.

"I would crack a joke about myself and was often met with a blank look," she says. "If the patient can have a laugh during such a terrible ordeal, go along with it. When I say, 'Everyone at the office thinks I should go for a 42D,' at least smile."

Insights like Ronda's are scattered throughout the text's medical terminology, charts and figures about diseases of the cardiac, gastrointestinal, immune, renal and respiratory systems. The insights are key to helping nursing and pre-med students understand what it's like for people to live with the pathologies they're studying.

A patient with chronic pelvic inflammatory disease describes, "Sometimes it feels like my reproductive system is being rubbed with ground glass." Another, who has epilepsy, talks about the embarrassment of having a seizure in public and the disappointment of losing her driver's license.

Helene, a diabetic, resents the label "noncompliant" written in her chart when she rebels against her restrictive diet. She is grateful for the one nurse whose response to her weight gain was, "Don't be so hard on yourself."

Midway through the semester, students were assigned to write their own patient's perspective after visiting with someone who is living with disease.

Nursing junior Heidi Otten interviewed a classmate about her tendonitis. Otten's subject has chronic pain and needs other students to wash her hair and carry her tray in the cafeteria. "She cried and told me how good it felt to have someone listen to her story about this disease that affects her life so much," says Otten.

Senior Jen Shafer, who plans to be an ophthalmologist, interviewed an Orange City resident with macular degeneration.

She knew macular degeneration involved the breaking of blood vessels, which increasingly blurs vision, but she was surprised to learn the disease doesn't hurt at all. Her subject told her about seeing doctors in four different states and about technological breakthroughs that are enabling him to maintain his sight.

"One thing he asked me not to do as an ophthalmologist is scare people," Shafer says. "He said when he was first diagnosed, his ophthalmologist told him eventually he wouldn't be able to function without help and that someday he'd be completely blind."

"It reminded me that when I'm a doctor, it's important to be honest—but also optimistic."

Lookingback

The Christmas Gift

by Duane Beeson

Hiram Gillespie's income was going the wrong direction.

A master's degree graduate from Yale, Gillespie was appointed by Northwestern Classical Academy and Junior College in 1928 to teach Greek and Latin. He came with significant teaching experience and is remembered as a good instructor who revered the classics.

Hired for \$2,000, Gillespie also served as registrar and occasionally taught German. But over the course of 12 years at Northwestern, his salary dropped to \$1,200. In today's dollars, he was making the equivalent of \$18,000.

Gillespie's story was not uncommon among Northwestern faculty during the Great Depression.

In 1931, the faculty voted to relinquish 10 percent of their salaries—a total savings of \$2,000—to help the struggling institution. Additional salary cuts came throughout the decade.

Perhaps harder to take than the cuts was the uncertainty of receiving a regular paycheck. Northwestern's archives show that several times during the Depression, teachers went for months without being paid.

President Jacob Heemstra, in an October

1933 letter to area church consistories, reported that the faculty had received only half a month's salary since May. "The school lives within its income," he wrote, "but this is made possible by the sacrifice of the faculty."

In another plea for assis-

sive swept Zwemer Hall, says they considered themselves fortunate if they had a good pair of shoes, a shirt and a pair of pants. At Christmas, if they got anything, the gift would be clothes—perhaps a hand-me-down from an older sibling.

dollar. In the end, each professor, from Gillespie to President Heemstra, opened a card with a \$5 bill inside—the equivalent of \$80 today.

The student newspaper described it this way: "Realizing the faculty members have been loyal, friendly



Northwestern's faculty from 1934–35. Hiram Gillespie is on the far left in the back row; Fern Smith and President Jacob Heemstra are in the front on the far right.

tance, Heemstra wrote, "One of the most difficult parts of the burden of administration is the fact that we are not able to pay our faculty even a respectable living wage. Our teachers are receiving only three-fourths of a salary that is already none too high."

Students certainly knew of the financial struggles firsthand. A third of them were working on campus to help pay for their education. Ralph Mouw '36, '38, who

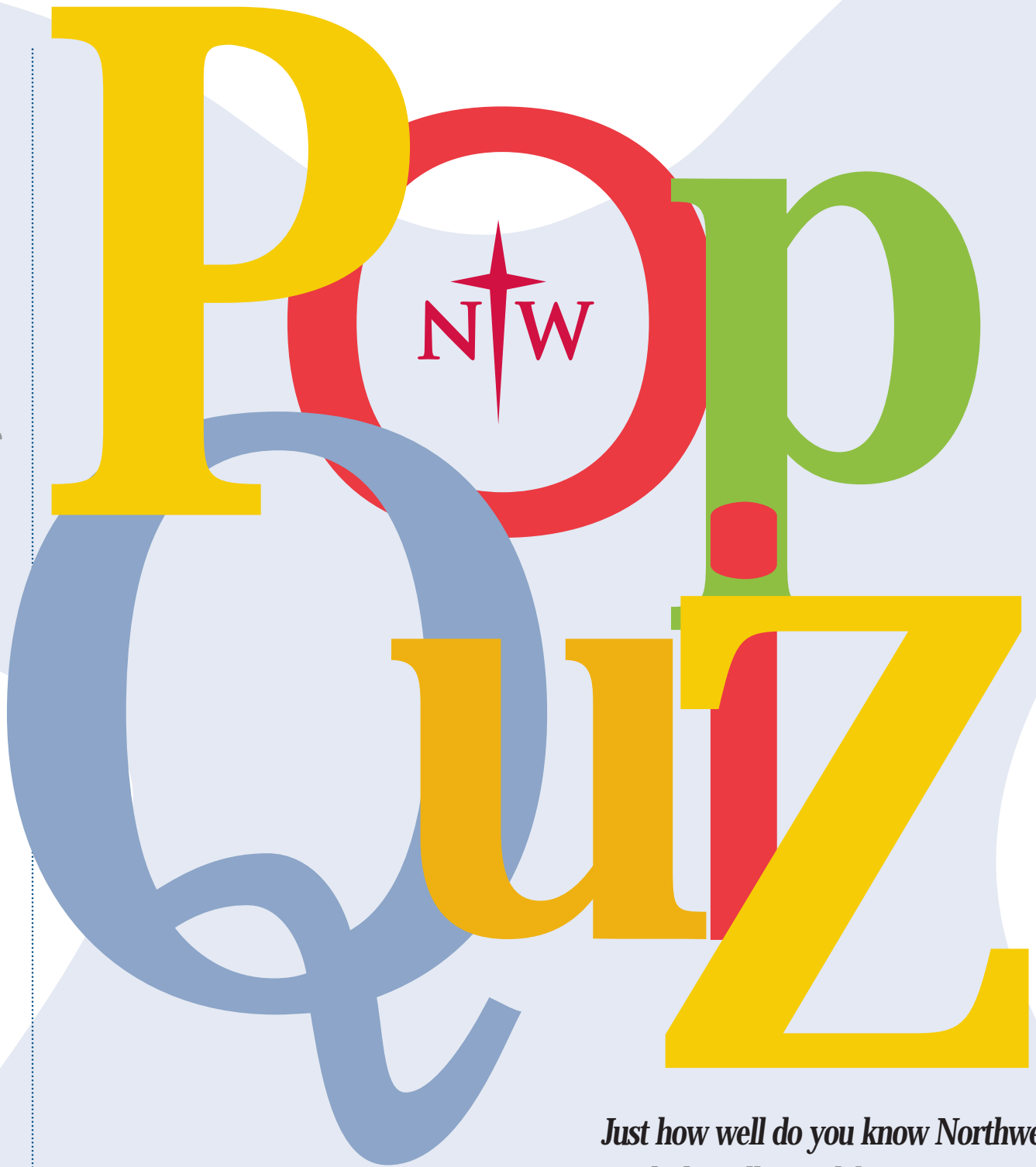
In that environment, what happened on campus as Christmas approached in 1933 was remarkable. Students, the ones used to receiving time and wisdom from their professors, began talking quietly among themselves. "Let's give a gift to each teacher."

The *Beacon* reported that nearly every student contributed something, from 25 cents to \$5. Most of the donations were less than a

dollar. In the end, each professor, from Gillespie to President Heemstra, opened a card with a \$5 bill inside—the equivalent of \$80 today.

"It was a tough time," says Mouw, "but we considered ourselves blessed to get an education. The teachers were great people all around, and we were thankful for them."

How well do you know Northwestern?



Just how well do you know Northwestern? With the college celebrating its 125-year anniversary, now's a good time to test your knowledge. So grab a pencil and get started. Answers are on page 25.

1. What is the motto on the cornerstone of Zwemer Hall?

2. Which faculty member holds the record for the longest tenure as a Northwestern College professor?



a. John Kaericher



b. Virg Muilenburg



c. Barb Turnwall

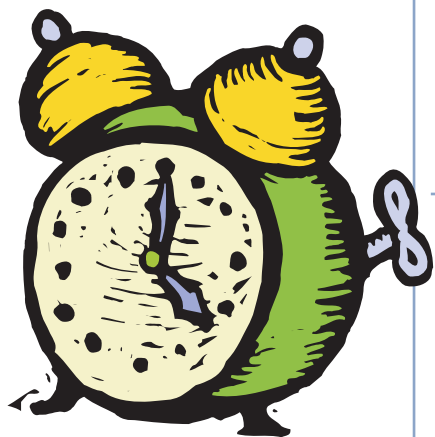


d. Dick Van Holland

3.

In the early years of Northwestern Classical Academy, students were required to attend chapel:

- a. Daily for 15 minutes
- b. Daily for 30 minutes
- c. Twice a day for 15 minutes
- d. Three times a week for an hour



4. Zwemer Hall is named for ...

- a. The first principal of Northwestern Classical Academy
- b. A province in the Netherlands
- c. The first president of Northwestern Junior College
- d. The man who proposed its construction

5. For eight years, a former skating rink in downtown Orange City housed Northwestern Classical Academy's classrooms and chapel. By what nickname—in addition to "The Rink"—was the building known?

6.

Which of the following has *not* been the site of the cafeteria?

- a. Heemstra Hall
- b. Colenbrander Hall
- c. Fern Smith Hall
- d. Dykstra Hall
- e. Hospers Hall

7. What were the school colors of Northwestern Classical Academy?

- a. Blue and white
- b. Green and gold
- c. Orange and blue
- d. Red and gold



8.

Before becoming known as the Red Raiders, Northwestern's athletic teams went by what team name?

- a. The Dutchmen
- b. The Farmers
- c. The Hawks
- d. The Panthers

9. What are the founding years for Northwestern Classical Academy, Northwestern Junior College, and Northwestern College as a four-year institution?



10.

Match these longtime Northwestern professors with their academic disciplines.

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Verna De Jong | a. business |
| 2. George De Vries | b. chemistry |
| 3. Peter Hansen | c. education |
| 4. Ron Juffer | d. English |
| 5. Bill Kennedy | e. history |
| 6. Don Lindscoog | f. mathematics |
| 7. Ralph Mouw | g. music |
| 8. Phil Patton | h. philosophy |
| 9. Fern Smith | i. psychology |
| 10. Jay Van Hook | j. religion |

11.

Which of the following was not a punishment for misbehavior during the early 1900s?

- Confinement to the student's room for the evening
- Dismissal from class
- \$1 fine
- Suspension from school
- Public apology during chapel



12.

Name the Northwestern presidents with the longest and shortest tenures.



13.

In what decade were Dutch language classes dropped from Northwestern's curriculum?

- The 1900s
- The 1910s
- The 1930s
- What do you mean? Wij onderwijzen nog het Nederlands.

14.

Who was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of full professor at Northwestern College?



15.

Which of the following are true of the *Classic*?

- It's the name of the first student newspaper.
- It's the name of the alumni magazine.
- It derives its origin from the name of the academy's first program of study.
- All of the above

16.

In what sport and year did Northwestern win its first national championship?



17. How many national championships—individual and team—has Northwestern won?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 7
- d. 10

21.

How many windows does Zwemer Hall have?

- a. 47
- b. 63
- c. 81
- d. 102



18. Match the following residence halls with their year of construction.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Colenbrander Hall | a. 1950 |
| 2. Fern Smith Hall | b. 1960 |
| 3. Heemstra Hall | c. 1965 |
| 4. Hospers (formerly "Union") Hall | d. 1968 |
| 5. Stegenga Hall | e. 1980 |
| 6. West Hall | f. 1996 |



22. Who wrote the words for Northwestern's *Alma Mater* song? (Add one bonus point if you can identify the source of the melody.)

19. Which dorm has served as both a men's and a women's residence hall?

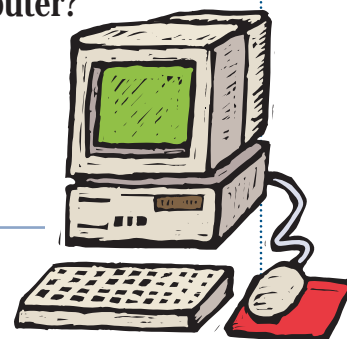
20. By what name has the college's snack bar or café not been known?

- a. The Red Zone
- b. The Hub
- c. The Koffee Kletz
- d. The Snack Bar

23.

In what year did Northwestern purchase its first computer?

- a. 1968
- b. 1971
- c. 1976
- d. 1980



24. Name the two Northwestern College professors who have been honored as the Iowa Professor of the Year.

25. What do the Fern Smith Residence Hall and the Rowenhorst Student Center have in common?

- a. Their namesakes are related by marriage.
- b. A tunnel connects them to the rest of campus north of Highway 10.
- c. They were both constructed in 1980.
- d. The same architect designed both buildings.

Think we missed an obvious question? Let us know what you would have included. E-mail classic@nwciowa.edu.

How well do you know Northwestern?

Way to Celebrate!

Alumni and friends from near and far returned to campus Oct. 6 to help Northwestern celebrate its 125th anniversary during Homecoming 2007. Special events included an alumni art exhibition, all-school reunion in the newly renovated Rowenhorst Student Center, and anniversary dance featuring music by the Des Moines Big Band. Also part of the evening's entertainment was a nostalgia-filled program featuring former President Friedhelm Radandt, an A cappella/alumni choir, a short drama about Northwestern through the years, and a video drawn from the college's photo and film archives.

To see pictures and video highlights of the anniversary celebration and to view the archival video, visit www.nwciowa.edu/125.





Distinguished

Three alumni honored at Homecoming

Northwestern honored three alumni as part of Homecoming festivities Oct. 5–7. Marty Guthmiller, Orange City; Dr. Don Van Etten, Rapid City, S.D.; and Dave Hulsart, Orange City, were recognized for their professional, humanitarian and Northwestern service achievements, respectively.



Recognized as Northwestern's alumni of the year at Homecoming were, left to right, Dave Hulsart, Don Van Etten and Marty Guthmiller.

Marty Guthmiller '82 Professional Achievement Award

When visitors to Orange City's new hospital enter the front door, the first thing they see—and hear—is water, trickling down a stone wall into a shallow pond. The sound of water is healing, says Marty Guthmiller, chief executive officer at the Orange City Area Health System (OCAHS).

Since becoming CEO of Orange City's hospital and clinic in 1993, Guthmiller has advocated for excellent, convenient health care in his rural community.

He has a simple philosophy, borrowed from coaching legend Lou Holtz: 1) Do the right thing. 2) Do it the best you can. 3) Treat others the way you want to be treated. Guthmiller makes sure every new health system employee gets that message directly from him.

While at the downtown health system campus, Guthmiller improved the organization's medical staff, facilities and

services to the point where the rapid growth began to compromise patients' "healing environment."

Water is one element of the healing environment Guthmiller aimed to achieve in a new medical facility. Starting in 1999 with a countywide task force that studied health care in the region, Guthmiller eventually led the communities of Orange City and Alton through strategic planning, fundraising and construction, opening a 128,000-square-foot, \$29.6 million facility on a campus between the two towns in May 2006.

In addition to highly qualified health care professionals, state-of-the-art medical technology, and convenient access to same-day surgeries by a variety of specialists, the new facility also enables OCAHS to provide patients with ample natural light, a peaceful environment without overhead paging or other "clinical" sounds, and the opportunity to stay connected with the outside world through e-mail and the Internet.

Always visionary, Guthmiller is already planning the organization's next improvement: digitalized medical records. He says it will continue to transform the ways OCAHS physicians and nurses care for patients and their families.

Don Van Etten '54

Service to Humankind Award

Don Van Etten's model for service was his father, Amos. During his lifetime, the elder Van Etten spent 25 years as board chair of the Orange City Hospital Association, belonged to a local service club for 50 years, sat on the local school board, and served as the county coroner.

With that kind of example, it's not surprising Don's life has also been characterized by service, whether to his church, community, state or profession.

An Orange City native, Van Etten attended Northwestern for a year before graduating from Hope College. After earning a medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, he completed his internship and surgical residency at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A 33-year career as a surgeon followed, 20 of which were in Rapid City, S.D., where he chaired the surgery section of Rapid City Regional Hospital and helped start the hospital's Same-Day Surgery Center, for which he served as chair of the board of directors.

It was during surgical mission trips to Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica, however, that Van Etten says he experienced his most fulfilling times of service.

The Rev. Rob Graham, former pastor of Rimrock Evangelical Free Church in Rapid City, saw Van Etten perform scores of surgeries while in Venezuela.

"He was on his feet from daylight to dark, doing surgery for people who couldn't afford it," Graham says of Van Etten. "As a surgeon, he's very good technically, but he also has a heart of compassion. I saw that as he worked with people."

Now retired from his medical career, Van Etten is serving his fourth term in the South Dakota House of Representatives, where he chairs the Health and Human Services Committee, sits on the Taxation Committee, and fights to protect children from tobacco products.

Dave Hulsart '91

Service to Northwestern Award

For 26 years, Dave Hulsart has been a fixture at the scorer's table and in the press box at Northwestern games. Even when he was suffering from severe kidney and heart problems, Hulsart diligently ran the clock for men's basketball games and kept stats for football.

"That's what kept me going," he says about his volunteer efforts. "Working at the games kept me from thinking about my health problems."

Today, Hulsart is feeling better than he's felt for years, thanks to the transplant of a donated kidney from his pastor's wife in May 2006. With renewed strength and energy, Hulsart is back on the softball diamond for Northwestern as an assistant coach.

It's a familiar place for Hulsart; he was the Raiders' head coach from 1989 to 2001. Now he assists his star player, three-sport All-American Melanie Mason, who was a record-setting pitcher on the 1997 team that qualified for the NAIA national tournament.

That team finished ninth with a record of 44-10. Overall, Hulsart's squads compiled a record of 348-183 and won nine conference titles. He was named the regional coach of the year in 1994 and '97 and earned conference coach of the year honors in 2000, the same year he served as president of the NAIA Coaches Association. The N-Club gave him four coaching achievement awards.

The accolades aren't his coaching highlights, though. "It's not about winning and losing; it's about the relationships you have with the players and the impact you might have on how they turn out in life," says Hulsart.

Some of his best memories are of time spent with his teams on road trips. "All the places we'd go, people would tell us how well-behaved our players were. I was proud to be their coach."

New Horizon

by Tamara Fynaardt

Students learn about sustainable community development in post-communist Romania

In a November blog entry, Northwestern senior Candi Fender wrote about shopping in Lupeni, Romania: We need more cheese. So I run across the street to Euro Riva.

I wait in line behind women buying eggs, milk, freshly cut meat and candles in preparation for Day of the Dead. Finally it is my turn. I step to the counter, take a deep breath and say, "Jumatate kilograme de brunza, si una cascaval mica," stumbling over the word "brunza."

There are a few giggles behind me.

The clerk weighs the cheese and tells me how much I owe. I hand her a zece lei bill, knowing she probably does not have exact change. I expect to receive a piece of gum or box of matches as change.

But the clerk insists I have the bani she needs. I don't. Thoroughly embarrassed, I point to an orange and ask, "Si una portocala?" She weighs the orange, shrugs, and then hands me the cheeses and the orange.

Sometimes I wish we could get oranges instead of bani at home. Oranges taste better than change anyway.

Romania is a country of contrasts, as evidenced in the Jiu Valley, where bland communist-style apartments and coal smokestacks are surrounded by the untouched beauty of the Transylvanian Alps.



The seven participants in Northwestern's first Romania Semester say the countercultural youth of post-communist Romania inspired them to invest deeply in their communities at home. (From left: Corinna Basinger, Brianne Van Wyk, Candi Fender, Ashlea Combs, Ryan Clay, Lindsay Squires and Andrew Mahoney.)

After the Iron Curtain

In 1989, Romania's Iron Curtain came down, exposing Nicolae Ceaușescu's empire to the world.

Rural villages were nearly empty as peasants had been resettled in urban concrete high-rises. Ceaușescu's people were starving while he exported much of Romania's agricultural and industrial products to pay the country's debt. One in four Romanians was an informant—betraying neighbors, even family.

And Ceaușescu's ban on contraception—an attempt to expand Romania's influence through population growth—had led to rampant HIV/

AIDS and abandonment and institutionalization of children.

"Things are better now," says Dave Nonnemacher, Northwestern's director of experiential learning, who first visited Romania eight years ago. Compelled by something he can only describe as "a wind across my heart," Nonnemacher sought out various individuals who'd traveled to Romania until someone offered to take him along.

During his first trips, he walked through aisles of orphanage cribs. Some held more than one infant. Toddlers were tied to the bars. He recalls one night in an orphanage in Babadag, trying to sleep as children

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cried and screamed while the workers drank plum brandy.

In 2007, Romania was finally permitted to join the European Union (EU), provided they 1) deal with corruption, and 2) reform their child welfare system. Child welfare is improving, says Nonnemacher. Corruption, however, continues to plague the country.

A November 1, 2007, article in *The Economist* cites a survey by Transparency International, a Berlin-based

watchdog, that rates Romania as the most corrupt country in the EU. Another recent survey by the Research Institute of Romania revealed that approximately half the population believes one becomes successful by stealing or breaking other laws. Only nine percent believe hard work or personal merit have anything to do with personal success.

Civic and moral apathy, corruption, suspicion, predatory ethics and hopelessness. This post-communist legacy is all the youth of Romania have ever known. It also was the classroom environment for the seven students in Northwestern's inaugural study abroad program: the Romania Semester.

Teaching values

In 1990, after seeing a 20/20 special on Romania's warehoused children, Dana Bates' parents sold their house and got on a plane to Bucharest, where they ran an orphanage until their deaths this year.

After a visit to his parents in the late '90s, Bates and his wife, Brandi, both Gordon College graduates and adventure education enthusiasts, hatched a plan to bring an Outward Bound-like adventure program to Romania. Their vision eventually led them to the Jiu Valley, an impoverished coal mining region where the unemployment rate is more than 50 percent.

Despite being swindled out of thousands of dollars

Visit the Romania Semester blog, "Northwestern Adventures in Romania," at www.nwromania.blogspot.com.

by their Romanian partner, the Bates stayed, establishing the New Horizons Foundation (NHF) in 2000. They and other NHF staff run Viata summer adventure camps in the mountains surrounding the Jiu Valley and IMPACT service-learning clubs in a growing number of Romanian schools and churches for teens ages 13 to 18.

Viata offers weeklong experiences with rock climbing, hiking, ropes courses, caving and orienteering to help Romanian young people

understand values foreign to them: self-confidence, trust and teamwork.

The IMPACT clubs reinforce those values through bi-weekly gatherings during which the teens socialize, discuss morals and ethics, and strategize to plan and implement projects that will benefit their communities.

IMPACT club projects have ranged from simply picking up the trash that litters Romanian sidewalks and parks to hosting HIV/AIDS educational forums and raising funds to buy Christmas

gifts for destitute families.

The ultimate goal of Viata and IMPACT is the development of social capital, something Romanian youth are woefully lacking. The NHF website defines social capital as “the moral competencies that build trust and make sustainable development possible.”

Nonnemacher describes it as “Relationships. Civility. The common good. It’s personal integrity and caring relationships that enable society to develop and flourish.”

Nonnemacher was introduced to Bates on one of his trips to Romania and has since taken groups of Northwestern students to

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serve as Viata counselors. The partnership laid the foundation for the semester-long program, for which Bates—a Ph.D. candidate at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies—is the primary professor.

Learn more about the New Horizons Foundation, Viata and IMPACT at www.new-horizons.ro.



Icons are a prominent part of Eastern Orthodoxy, which is the national faith of Romania. While the Romania Semester students could not understand much of the worship services they attended, they were able to experience the gospel through the symbolic images that cover nearly every surface of most Orthodox churches.



The Trust Fall is one of the group activities for teens in the Viata summer adventure camps run by New Horizons Foundation. Simply trusting their friends will catch them does not come naturally to Romanian teens, who are susceptible to post-communist corruption and apathy.

Nonnemacher says the Romania Semester fits with Northwestern's mission: "What we stand for as a Reformed institution is mirrored in the foundational

principles of New Horizons. It's a holistic, transformative vision for community that aims to affect values, relationships, spirituality, the environment, the econo-

my—everything," he says.

Transforming lives

In late August, Fender, Corinna Basinger, Ryan Clay,

Ashlea Combs, Andrew Mahoney, Lindsay Squires and Brianne Van Wyk arrived in the Jiu Valley. They were just in time to participate in one of NHF's last Viata camps of the summer.

The juniors and seniors are from four Midwestern states and studying business, English, music, religion and sociology at Northwestern. During their Romania

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"I watched them work together to try and solve problems facing their town, and I saw them becoming beacons in their communities."
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Semester, they took four classes: Eastern Orthodoxy; Experiential Education; Romanian Language, Culture and History; and Sustainable Development.

In September, Nonnemacher joined the students on a seven-day, team-building backpacking trip in the Retezat Mountains. The students also spent a week in Cluj-Napoca, a large city in central Romania. There they studied with Dr. Gabriel Badescu, associate professor of political science at Babes-Bolyai University, the foremost social capital scholar in Eastern Europe and a board member of NHF.

Early in the semester, the students spent five weeks living with Romanian host

families. After midterm break, they moved into two apartments in Lupeni. In the evenings, they took what they were learning about building and sustaining a civil society to the streets of Romania through interaction with IMPACT club teens.

Combs volunteered with a group that meets at a Pentecostal church on Monday and Friday nights. "As I entered the pink cement building, I was immediately greeted by a dozen teenagers, running up to kiss me hello," she says.

"I was overwhelmed by their passion and spirit in a community that seems utterly apathetic. I watched them work together to try and solve problems facing their town, and I saw them becoming beacons in their communities."

"Climbing out of the Jiu Valley takes more than a hike over the mountains—it

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requires a transformation of the mind," says Squires. "Unlike American teens, Romanians have never heard that if they work hard, they can achieve their dreams. Yet so many are learning to take initiative and form a brighter vision for their lives and communities."

Dr. Doug Carlson, history professor and associate dean for off-campus programs, visited the students in October. He and colleagues encourage Northwestern students studying abroad to adopt a posture of learning—

of receiving knowledge rather than giving it.

"There can be a strong sense among our students that we have what the world needs, whether that be the gospel, democracy or material things," he says. But these students approached their host country and their new Romanian friends with humble, avid curiosity and a desire to serve.

The students say their semester in Romania enlarged their worldview. Their exposure to the wounds of communism

taught them about the shared values that underlie a civil society, the responsibility of the individual in the face of corporate apathy, and the role of faith in sustainable community development.

More important, perhaps, than what the Northwestern students learned was the effect of their presence and enthusiasm among those committed to remaining in the Jiu Valley. "This place is very lonely after eight years," says Bates. "At times we have wondered if we can survive this valley."

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Although there are still some jobs for coal miners, the unemployment rate in Romania's Jiu Valley is 50 percent. Since being allowed to join the European Union, Romanians are free to work throughout Europe. The resulting exodus of workers is affecting family and civic life.

Beyond the horizon

Carlson hopes 12 to 15 of the approximately 60 Northwestern students who study abroad each year will enroll in the Romania Semester. In addition, he and sociology professor Dr. Scott Monsma are working to launch Oman Semester, where students will learn Arabic and study Islam and interfaith dialogue.

Now that the Romania Semester is enabling Northwestern students to learn from the country that captured Nonnemacher's heart, he says the next step is

to bring someone from the Jiu Valley to Northwestern.

That someone could be Robi, an 18-year-old son of a miner who has been a leader in his IMPACT club. Robi

has served as a tour guide and language tutor for the Northwestern students this semester.

He is respectful, responsible, honest and trustworthy.

He's committed to fighting corruption and serving the common good. He speaks English and wants to earn an American college education. Nonnemacher and Bates

hope if Robi studies at Northwestern, he will take what he learns about reconciliation and redemption and live it at home, in Romania.

Popquiz answer key (Questions on page 12)

1. Deus est Lux (Latin for "God is light")
2. a (John Kaericher taught art at Northwestern for 42 years, from 1963 to 2005. Current English professor Barb Turnwall will tie his record this spring, since she joined Northwestern's faculty in 1966 and is still teaching.)
3. a
4. d (The Rev. James Zwemer, principal of Northwestern Classical Academy, presented plans for its construction to the Board of Trustees in 1892.)
5. Noah's Ark
6. e
7. a
8. c
9. 1882, 1928, 1960
10. 1-d; 2-e; 3-b; 4-c; 5-j; 6-i; 7-f; 8-a; 9-g; 10-h
11. c
12. The Rev. Dr. Jacob Heemstra (23 years) and Dr. Frederick Wezeman (3 years, 4 months)
13. b
14. Theora England Willcox, a member of Northwestern's theatre faculty
15. d
16. football, 1973
17. c (football, 1973 and 1983; men's basketball, 2001 and 2003; women's basketball, 2001; Jacob Koczman, indoor 600 meters and outdoor 400 meters, 2001)
18. 1-b; 2-d; 3-a; 4-c; 5-f; 6-e
19. Heemstra and West have both served initially as women's dorms and are now men's dorms.
20. a
21. d (It depends on how you count them. We tallied every window opening as one, regardless of how many panes or sections it contained, and didn't count windows in and around doors, except for the arched window above the north entrance.)
22. Virgil Muilenburg, professor emeritus of biology. The melody is the Dutch national anthem.
23. c
24. Piet Koene, in 2004, and Jeff Barker, in 2006
25. a (The woman for whom Fern Smith Hall was named married the father of the former Northwestern president for whom the RSC was named.)

How did you rate?

21-25:

Archive Addict

OK, you're way too familiar with the contents of Northwestern's archives. You really should get out more.

14-20:

Raider Rooter

You're one of those who had a hard time deciding whether to name your son "Bub" or "Seine," aren't you?

6-13:

Alumni Apprentice

Apparently you spent a little too much time at Debo's during your Northwestern years.

1-5:

Northwestern Novice

Are you sure you didn't graduate from Dordt?



Firefighters brace themselves from explosive heat coming from a burning home in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego on Oct. 22.

In the Line of **Fire**

by Sherrie Barber Willson '98

Northwestern alumni experience Southern California wildfires

As he pounded on doors, Kelly Kleinhesselink '05 tried to ignore the fire burning 50 yards away.

It wasn't easy—the flames were 50 to 75 feet high—but he knew he had to stay calm. As a San Diego County sheriff's deputy, he was charged with evacuating people ahead of the wildfires that raged across Southern California in late October.

Kleinhesselink is one of several Northwestern alumni impacted by the wildfires. He and Tom Huygens '04, both Orange City natives, moved to San Diego only two years ago, so this was their first experience with wildfires. Both say they were shocked at how fast it happened and how widespread the destruction was.

Huygens was working in downtown San Diego Sunday night, Oct. 21, and noticed smoke hanging in the air from a fire in the eastern suburbs. "I didn't think it was that big of a deal. It was one fire," he says. "I woke up the next morning, and instead of one fire, there were nine. I couldn't believe it. I had no idea how fast it could spread."

When Kleinhesselink's roommate told him at 6 a.m. Monday they had 10 minutes to evacuate, he was similarly disbelieving—until he looked off the balcony and saw flames up the hill. He packed two suitcases and went to work not knowing whether his condo, which he and his roommate had bought only three weeks earlier and hadn't even insured yet, would survive.

It gave him a unique sympathy for the people he was ordered to evacuate that night, starting around 2 a.m. The fire was coming so fast, he only had time to knock on people's doors and give them the evacuation notice; then he had to move on.

"It's tough to tell people they have only a few minutes to get out and leave everything behind," Kleinhesselink says. "They don't want to leave; they were constantly trying to grab belongings and pack their cars. But the fire was coming so fast by then, I had to tell them flat-out, 'If you don't leave now, you're going to die. Your life is more important.'"

The crisis heightened further when a call came over the radio saying he and his partner had less than five minutes to get out or they would be trapped by the fire crossing the road they were on.

"I had such mixed feelings. I was freaking out because the fire was coming, but I knew people might still be in their houses. But we had to get out of there," Kleinhesselink says. "No more than two to three minutes later, the flames jumped the road. I can honestly say I've never been so scared in my life."

Zac Nesper '98 and his wife, Ellen (Sterup '99), were among the 500,000 people who evacuated, but their house survived and they returned home by Wednesday, Oct. 24.

However, they were watching as the news showed addresses of destroyed homes, and they saw one that seemed familiar. They ended up being the ones to tell their friends their home was gone.

"The only thing they had grabbed was their wedding album," Zac says. "You never think about what it's like to lose absolutely everything till you see your friends have to deal with not even having a toothbrush anymore."

Many of the evacuees went to stay with friends and family, but 10,000 took refuge at Qualcomm Stadium. Huygens also went there. His home wasn't in danger, but he heard on the radio they needed medical staff, and as a paramedic and firefighter in training, he wanted to help. He spent two days there, mostly helping elderly people evacuated from nursing homes sort out their medications and ensuring they received proper care.

"I'm the type of person who always wants to be doing something, and since I couldn't be out there fighting fires, this was the next best thing," he says.



"It's tough to tell people they have only a few minutes to get out and leave everything behind. They don't want to leave; they were constantly trying to grab belongings and pack their cars. But the fire was coming so fast by then, I had to tell them flat-out, 'If you don't leave now, you're going to die. Your life is more important.'"



For those impacted by the wildfires, it was a life-changing experience. The silver lining was the outpouring of generosity to those who were displaced.

Terry Klinker '77 and his wife, Susan (Paarlberg '78), returned to their house after three days to find it had survived with only smoke and soot damage, but over 100 families in their church had lost their homes. The church has coordinated an outreach to those families, including counseling by people who lost their homes to wildfires four years ago. The Klinkers are also helping families sort through the rubble to try to salvage any items that might have survived.

Kleinhesselink was inundated with offers of places to stay until he found out toward the end of the week that his condo building had miraculously survived.

"You always think it won't happen to you, and then you realize that in 15 minutes, you could lose everything," Kleinhesselink says. "But at the same time, I learned there will be people there to help you, and that's comforting."

Alumnicorner



Rachel Van Den Broek '02
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Attending my first Scholarship Luncheon for Northwestern scholarship donors and their student recipients, I was seated at a table of students who were among the 40 that had received an Alumni Scholarship this year. As I listened to their stories, I was thankful for generous donations by alumni and friends who helped make their experiences—and subsequent learning—possible.

As Northwestern continues to celebrate its 125-year anniversary, I invite you to attend another party—our annual Gala Auction, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23. The Gala Auction is the National Alumni Board's largest fundraiser for our alma mater, the event that enabled the Alumni Association to provide those 40 students with \$1,000 scholarships for the 2007–08 school year.

This is your invitation to get involved in students' lives and learning. What do you love to do? What hobbies do you enjoy? Turn your passion into a donation to the Gala Auction. For example, I love books and reading, so I'll be donating a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble as a way of sharing my interest with someone else. Maybe you're a golfer and want to donate a golf outing. Are you an artist? Perhaps you can donate something you've created.

The Alumni Board and I are eager to reach new goals. Maybe we can add 25 scholarships to the 40 we're already giving annually.

Mark your calendar for this year's Gala Auction. And if you can't be there physically, join the many alumni from across the country who participate by bidding online at www.nwciowa.edu/gala.

Deaths

Cornelia "Cora" (Stander '26) Van Klompenburg, age 100, died Oct. 22 in Orange City. A former country schoolteacher, she led 4-H groups and was a member of First Reformed Church, where she taught Sunday school and participated in women's organizations. Among her survivors are two sons, including **Stan '58**, and a daughter, **Linda Massmann '60, '62**.

The Rev. Samuel Williams '43, age 85, died Aug. 31 in Brewton, Ala. After graduating from Northwestern

Junior College, he served in the Army for several years. He continued his education at Central College and Western Theological Seminary, and was a minister for 39 years in several churches around the country. After retiring, he was active at Old Springhill Primitive Baptist Church in Brewton. He received Northwestern's Distinguished Service to Humankind Award in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, and four children.

Valerie (Van Galen '73) VanOort, age 55, died of cancer Aug. 3 in Helena, Mont. An active participant

at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, she spent many years home-schooling her three children. In addition to them, she is also survived by her husband, **Daryl '75**.

Paul Hulst '77, age 52, died Nov. 2 in Sheldon, Iowa, after suffering a seizure several months earlier. He was a schoolteacher early in his career and spent the last 10 years as a clerk at Casey's General Store in Orange City. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hospers, where he served as a deacon and taught Sunday school and catechism. His survivors include a brother.

Edward Mase '77 died of cancer Aug. 19. He lived in The Colony, Texas, and worked as a marketing manager for the Miller Brewing Company. He earned an M.B.A. from St. Louis University. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and two sons.

Class notes

'62

Charles "Joe" Suttle, Richmond, Calif., retired in August from his position as a senior engineer at VOICEPRO, a telecommunications company. He teaches for a local home-school group and serves in the media department of Bay Hills Community Church.

'65

The Rev. Dick Welscott, Byron Center, Mich., was recently named director of development for the Reformed Church in America. He will lead the denomination's efforts to raise funds for ministry programs and provide leadership for other development staff. He most recently served as director of church multiplication and discipleship.

'70

Ron Bouma and his wife, Ruth, recently purchased Birch Lane Resort on Horseshoe Lake near Pine River, Minn. Check it out at www.mnresort.com.

'73

Patricia Zwagerman, Marina Del Ray, Calif., is executive director of Partnership Scholars, a nonprofit organization that provides mentoring and college financial aid to disadvantaged youth in California. She previously served as executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley for eight years.

'75

Doug Vander Broek, Lincoln, Neb., was re-elected to a second term on the board of the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association. He is in his 25th year of chiropractic practice. He and his wife, **Jane (Kats '76)**, have three children: Benjamin (25), Elizabeth (22) and Jonathan (19).

'77

Ruth Kampen recently moved to Grayslake, Ill., after 20 years in New England. She is a reference librarian specializing in government and regulatory affairs with Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America.

Sheila (Hoffman) Krogman, St. Cloud, Minn., is director of human resources at Woodcraft Industries, where she has served for 28 years. Her husband, **Bill '79**, teaches English at Albany Senior High School. They have two children: Joshua (26) and Sara (22).

Debra (Heyman) Mastbergen is substitute teaching in Sioux City after 17 years of teaching full time. Her husband, Brian, is a civil engineer. They have two grown sons.

Cheri (Block) Meyn, Boyden, Iowa, teaches third grade at Boyden-Hull Elementary and also serves on Northwestern's Alumni Board. Her husband, **Jeff '78**, teaches high school business and is the athletic director and junior varsity basketball coach at Boyden-Hull. They have three children: **Carissa '04**, **Dusty '07** and Maria (19).

Miniprofile

Star Teacher

by *Emily Hennager '06*

Teacher Heather (De Vos '00) Youde knows the art of pulling a fast one. She practices on her students every day—all for their good, of course.

"My goal for my students is that they know they are welcome and wanted in my classroom, and also that learning can be fun. I make class hands-on and then sneak in the learning," says Youde, who teaches sixth-grade math, seventh- and eighth-grade science, and ninth-grade health in the Remsen-Union (Iowa) School District.

But, says Youde, students can't be fooled. "Kids know if you're sincere. And if they know that, they're willing to do anything for you."

This fall, her dedication earned her Iowa's 2007 American Star of Teaching award. The honor, given by the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes teachers' success in improving academic performance and making a difference in students' lives. Winners were chosen from 4,000 nominations by a committee of former teachers. Now in its fourth year, the program honors one teacher from each state and the District of Columbia.

Youde, who also serves Remsen-Union as district activities director, middle school girls' basketball coach and high school varsity softball coach, was nominated by Kirk Johnson '99, principal of the middle school and high school.

"She brings high expectations and high energy to the teaching and learning process," says Johnson. "Students in her class understand they have to do something to learn. She knows each student's learning style and adapts her teaching to fit that."

Youde regularly incorporates hands-on projects in her



Heather Youde, right, received Iowa's 2007 American Star of Teaching award.

lessons, such as developing a 20-foot timeline depicting the scientific history of Earth or creating flip books that graphically and numerically represent a mathematical equation.

"Students say I'm really weird some days," says Youde, who lives in Remsen with her husband, Colin '01, and two-year-old daughter, Mykin. "I try to be off the wall to engage their attention so they remember."

At Northwestern Youde double majored in elementary and physical education and minored in health. She remains dedicated to learning new teaching methods. Last school year she was chosen as one of 10 educators in the state to participate in a mathematics research program for grades three through six, which included developing and testing new teaching strategies.

Now in her sixth year of teaching, Youde previously taught transitional kindergarten; third, fifth and sixth grades; and elementary and high school physical education.

"I've basically taught every student in our district," she says with a laugh. "It's made me well-rounded. I know all the kids from K-12."

The Rev. Clyde Rensink is pastor of Emmanuel Reformed Church in Clinton, Wis. He and his wife, **Debbie (Sinkey '78)**, are the parents of **Chris '07**, **Derrick '09** and **Megan (14)**.

Capi Vellinga Kountz, Bozeman, Mont., has been dealing with Stage 4 breast cancer for four years. She is currently involved in a clinical study that has resulted in a 35 percent reduction in the tumors.

Christine (Pomp) Woodward, Tenstrike, Minn., and her family created a music ministry that performs at local churches and festivals.

'79 Lisa (Tutt) Cravens, San Antonio, recently left teaching to pursue a career in writing. Her husband, **Jim**, is a director in the space science and engineering division at Southwest Research Institute.

'82 Jim Mulder recently received an Outstanding Staff Award from Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph. He has been the university's library supervisor for public services for the past nine years.

'83 The Rev. Bob Breed recently received a Doctor of Ministry degree with an urban focus from Pittsburgh Theo-

logical Seminary. He is the missions pastor at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C. Bob and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of Rylee, Caleb and Olivia.

'84 Dr. Janet (Hassebroek) Guthmiller is an associate professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill.



Searches are open for the following faculty positions:

Biology (sabbatical replacement, 2008–09)
Business (accounting)
Business (management and/or marketing)
Nursing (adult health)
Nursing (mental health)
Spanish (sabbatical replacement, 2008–09)
Theatre design/technical direction

Each position begins August 2008 and is tenure-track unless indicated otherwise. Job descriptions and application details are available at www.nwciowa.edu/employment. Northwestern seeks individuals who are Reformed and evangelical in theology and committed to the distinctives of a Christian liberal arts education.

Northwestern College complies with federal and state regulations concerning nondiscrimination in employment. Women and persons of color are encouraged to apply.

Alumni: What's new with you?

Let us know so we can tell your friends and classmates. Send to: Office of Public Relations, Northwestern College, 101 7th Street SW, Orange City, IA 51041. Or e-mail to classic@nwciowa.edu; fax number is 712-707-7370. Deadline for the spring '08 *Classic* is Jan. 9.

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'86

Kirk Allen, Elmira, N.Y., serves as an optical materials technician for Corning Inc.

Kathi (Jongeling) Brandau, Franklin, Ind., is a teacher for Blue River Career Programs. She and her husband, Doug, have three children: Jacob (14), Sarah (12) and Jenna (1).

The Rev. Dr. Barb (Wright) Edema is senior pastor of First Congregational Church in Chelsea, Mich.

Dick Hartman is the administrative/worship pastor at Christ Community Church in Redlands, Calif.

'87

David Christianson, Rosemount, Minn., is a senior analyst at Lawson Software in St. Paul, where he has been employed for the last 10 years.

The Rev. Scott Crane, Wyoming, Mich., received a Doctor of Ministry degree in spirituality and story from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in May.

Dan Hansen is a nursing home administrator and assisted living director in Elkader, Iowa.

Tim Hielkema, Des Moines, is an architect for the Durrant Group, where he specializes in mixed-use developments and medical office buildings. He received two master's degrees from Iowa State University: one in architecture and the other in community and regional planning. His latest design project is an elite shopping venue in Las Vegas.

Sharon (Van Den Brink) Klaahsen teaches fourth grade at Little Rock (Iowa) Community School. She and her husband, Blair, have two daughters: Brittany (19) and Brooke (14).

Melanie (Odens) Olson, Chamberlain, S.D., and her husband, Greg, operate an antique business, Old West Trading Post, in Oacoma.

Susan Van Kley retired from singing professionally and now is a private voice teacher in Crete, Ill., and the music director at Calvary Reformed Church. She also works for accounting firm Ernst & Young as a manager of communications and marketing. Her husband, Mark Evans, teaches at the Perspectives Charter School in Chicago.

Dave Van Wyk, Helena, Mont., works for Philip Morris as a territory sales manager. His wife, Shaini, is a dental hygienist.

Dana (Van Maanen) Vink, Zeeland, Mich., compiles behavioral assessments as part of the hiring process for church planting. Her husband, **Tim**, is the director of church planting for the Reformed Church in America. They have three daughters, including Karis, who is a freshman at NWC.

Joanna Williams is an adjudicator for RBC Royal Bank in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. She also serves as youth ministry leader at Streetsville United Church and has been very active in community and volunteer work.

'88

Ted Schultz has joined the staff of

Grinnell (Iowa) College as sports information director. He previously served as sports editor at the *Clinton Herald*. His wife, Marsha, teaches seventh-grade math and is the head volleyball coach at Grinnell High School.

'89

Chris Fisher has joined the Orange City Area Health System as a nurse anesthetist.

'91

Brian Draayer is an agent for Dowden-Hinn Realtors in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

'92

Laura Hansen serves as a missionary in Leipzig, Germany. She helps a church with children's ministries and evangelism.

The Rev. Mark Starr is pastor of First Reformed Church in Willmar, Minn.

'93

Janel (Schwartz) Even is the education staff assistant for Head Start at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Anne (Infantino) Rinaldi, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is a business analyst

for Republic Western Insurance Company. She and her husband, Mark, have a daughter, Stephanie, who will graduate in the spring from Central College.

Julie (Sohl) Tucker, Sioux City, is a school social worker for the Northwest Area Education Agency. She and her husband, Chris, have three children: Bayley (4), Sydney (4) and Jayna (2).

'95

Brian Veenendaal teaches sixth grade at Brown Deer (Wis.) Middle School. His wife, **Tricia (Reynen**

'97), is an in-home daycare provider. They are the parents of Brett (9), Taylor (7) and Brinn (3).

'96

Jenna (Messer) La Fleur is a stay-at-home mom in Littleton, Colo. She and her husband, Mark, have two boys: Rohan (3) and Asher (1).

Tammy (Bouwman) Westergaard, Sioux Falls, is the daycare and pre-school director at Good News Reformed Church. Her husband, Matt, works at Hy-Vee.

Miniprofile



Christy Sweet serves as curator of the Kam Wah Chung, a Chinese museum in John Day, Ore.

(Un)solved Mysteries

by Amy Scheer

There's a fork stuck in a wall of the Kam Wah Chung, and Christy Sweet '01 wants to know why.

Though she is employed as curator of the Chinese museum in John Day, Ore., Sweet often plays detective. About that mummified cat found under the floorboards: "Did it crawl there? Was it put there? Didn't they smell it? It's like a mystery to solve."

The Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site, designated a national historic landmark, serves as a time capsule of Chinese settlement in the West. From 1887 to the late 1940s, the stone structure functioned as a trading post, temple, medical clinic and residence of Lung On and "Doc" Ing Hay, two

Chinese immigrants who helped build the economy and multicultural relations in eastern Oregon.

"I love watching people when they first walk in," Sweet says. "They're surrounded by this foreign culture in the middle of Oregon."

The 30,000 objects inside comprise an unusually large collection of primary source material, attracting visitors from as far away as Taiwan. Researchers regularly thumb through the detailed records of patients' symptoms and their herbal remedies kept meticulously by Doc Hay.

Sweet points visitors to a letter from Hay's wife ("It's been 30 years since I saw you ...") and to objects like a Wheaties box in the otherwise very Asian kitchen to help connect them to the past. The men made sacrifices for their families, she'll muse aloud, and, in the morning, they had their cereal—just like you did.

"Visitors' eyes light up," Sweet says. "I really love talking with people and getting them interested in history."

A Northwestern internship at the Reformed Church's archives in New Brunswick, N.J., clued in Sweet to her love for all things historical. Thanks to this hands-on experience, she was able to break into the field early, spending three years at the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice, Neb., even before earning a master's degree in museum science at Texas Tech University.

Devoting herself to historic forks by day and the History Channel by night, Sweet learns Chinese in the spare moments between. With her enthusiasm for her work so obvious, it's difficult to imagine her as a college student wary of choosing history as a major. How would her love of the past translate to a career, she wondered, if she didn't want to teach?

Mystery solved.

Prayercorner



The Rev. Harlan
VanOort '82
Chaplain

On the nostalgia tabletops in the Rowenhorst Student Center's new Hub café is an advertisement for Northwestern Classical Academy from the 1920s. It describes the school as "Christian, but not sectarian." Reading that this year as we're celebrating Northwestern's founding 125 years ago, I was struck by the realization that the school has maintained that vision. I believe prayer is one of the reasons why.

NWC is a Christian college, but community members would never claim that other Christian colleges are not Christian. Nor do we limit the name "Christian" to only those believers whose behavior and thinking matches ours. We are unabashedly Christian—but willing to recognize others who may disagree with us as also Christian.

This becomes a challenge in the biblical studies classroom, where I sometimes teach. Students will look at me, pleading with their eyes: "Tell us the right answer." Did Isaiah see Jesus in his prophetic words, or did the Gospel writers recognize the connection later? Did Moses write the whole Pentateuch? Which is most biblical: amillennial or premillennial eschatology? What is the most accurate translation of the Bible?

There are fine Christians whose answers to those and many more questions seem in opposition to one another. And sometimes there are more than two sides.

Northwestern is not sectarian, although it might be easier. If we had the answers to every question and those in the wrong were disqualified as Christians, we would no longer need prayer—only an answer key. Instead, we live by prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us to an understanding of who we are, who God is, and how we are to respond to questions and differences among believers. Please join us in our prayer for wisdom:

"Lord, our faith seeks understanding. Reveal yourself and your world to us anew. Teach us with the help of your Holy Spirit. Grant us humility to recognize that at times we will be wrong. Grant us wisdom to know how little we know. Grant us hope in the vision that one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that you are Lord of all creation."

'97

Rachel (Govig) Bardwell, Indianola, Iowa, is a stay-at-home mom. Her husband, Kedron, teaches political science at Simpson College.

Heidi (Yost) Boehmer and her husband, Eric, recently moved to Huntington, W. Va., where he will be trained in international medicine. She previously managed edu-

cational programs for the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic.

Angela (Boer) Bonnema, Harrisburg, S.D., is an elementary art teacher for the West Central School District.

Kristi Bootsma is the manager of budget and cost accounting at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She earned an M.B.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Joel Carlson, Concord, Calif., leads the investment systems and technology team at Wells Capital Management in San Francisco.

Peter Errington, Spokane, Wash., recruits, trains and sends missionary interns to Europe and Asia through Mission to Unreached Peoples. He and his wife, **Esther (Leman '98)**, have three children: Aidan (7), Talea (5) and Shiloh (2).

Susan (Hagge) Fuerst is a physical therapist in Park Falls, Wis. Her husband, Dean, is a maintenance technician.

Anna Minor, Fort Worth, Texas, is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She previously served as the family ministry administrative assistant at Northwest Bible Church in Dallas.

Cynthia (Wiekamp) Prins is a stay-at-home mom to Kianna (6), Kaylee (4) and Carter (1). She and her husband, Corey, live in Marshall, Minn.

Kristin Roth, Goodyear, Ariz., is a pre-kindergarten teacher for the Tolleson Elementary School District. She has a daughter, Sahana (6).

Jayson Vande Hoef works at Bosma Water Service in Sibley, Iowa.

Tina (Jackson) Vande Slunt, Interlaken, N.Y., is a preschool teacher for the South Seneca School District. Her husband, **Derek**, is senior pastor of Interlaken

Reformed Church.

Jennifer (Meendering) Walker, Winnebago, Neb., teaches preschool at the Stella Sanford Child Development Center in Sioux City. Her husband, Joel, is on the maintenance crew at Winnebago Public School.

Kay (Hekter) Wynn, Austin, Minn., is a stay-at-home mom to Alex (4) and Derek (3). Her husband, **David '96**, is in his 11th year at First Data Corporation.

'98

Carrie (Farley) Gear is a senior communication strategist for the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines.

'99

Dan Faber is in his last year of residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. His wife, **Angie (Halverson '02)**, is a stay-at-home mom.

Leah (Huizenga) Meskis, Bourbonnais, Ill., is operations director for Camp Manitouqua and Retreat Center.

Kimberly Van Gundy, Winchester, Tenn., is the program manager of resource development for Mountain T.O.P., a rural-life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains.

'00

Tim Harskamp and his wife, Mindy, teach and coach in Earlham, Iowa.

Luke Haverhals is serving as a visiting assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Iowa.

'01

Justin De Jong, Chicago, is a spokesperson for Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Office of Management and Budget.

Ben Ellingson, Roseville, Minn., graduated with a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Minnesota in April.

Matthew Huibregtse, North Saint Paul, Minn., is a captain with the U.S. Air Force.

Julie (Jansen) Oldenkamp serves as high school guidance counselor at Sioux Center Community Schools and also coaches junior varsity volleyball.

Alison Van Nyhuis received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida in August and serves as assistant professor of English at Shippensburg (Pa.) University.

'02

Laura Anderson teaches junior high science and social studies at Isaac Newton Christian Academy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Angela Brouwer, Grimes, Iowa, is a first-grade teacher and coach at Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District. She is also pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership administration from Drake University. She volunteers for the Grimes Fire Department and works part time for a private ambulance company.

Rebecca (Hup) Bruning, Sioux Falls, is a financial assistant at Waddell and Reed, a financial advising firm. Her husband, **Troy '01**, is a manager in the information technology department at Raven Industries. They have a daughter, Adallia (1).

Brian Darby is pursuing a Ph.D. in plant and soil science at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Michelle (Fynaardt) De Haan, New Sharon, Iowa, works part time in human resources at First National Bank Midwest. Her husband, **Nick '03**, works in the safety and energy departments of New Alliance Farm Services. They have two children: Micah (3) and Rebecca (1).

Melinda (Krull) De Leeuw earned a master's degree in education from Morningside College and teaches

elementary special education at George-Little Rock (Iowa) School. She and her husband, Shane, have a son, Collin (1).

Matt Foss, Detroit, earned an M.F.A. in acting from the Chicago College of Performing Arts. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in theatre and directing from Wayne State University.

Ryan Govig serves as the youth director at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

Andrew Huguen, Long Beach, Calif., is pursuing an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California.

Richard Johnston, Dallas Center, Iowa, is a math teacher and head baseball coach at Guthrie Center School. His wife, Katie, teaches math and science and coaches volleyball at Urbandale Middle School.

Anila Karunakar, Orange City, works with international and American ethnic minority students in the

intercultural office at Northwestern. She is pursuing a master's degree in higher education from Geneva College.

Lacey (Olsen) Lemmert is a career and college adviser for high school students on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation near Valentine, Neb.

Amanda Magnuson, Omaha, is a news editor for DTN, an agricultural online news service.

Dr. Tony Manes recently opened a chiropractic office with his wife, Gina, in Cranberry Township, Pa.

Corey Mellegaard, Dimock, S.D., is the director of human resources at Dakota Wesleyan University. His wife, **Leah (Elder '01)**, serves as the university's director of annual giving.

Lisa Murphy, Wheaton, Ill., is pursuing a master's degree in Christian formation and ministry at Wheaton College. She also serves as a gradu-

ate resident adviser in the upper-classman halls on campus.

Renae (Miller) Negus, Sioux Center, is a social worker for Bethany Christian Services in Orange City. Her husband, **Chad**, is an agricultural and commercial loan officer at Primebank in Sioux Center.

Kaisha (Wasilensky) Netten, Alton, Iowa, is a social worker for the Iowa Department of Human Services. She is pursuing a master's degree in social work from the University of Iowa and plans to complete a practicum with Hospice of Siouxland. Her husband, Dustin, is a plumber.

Leah (Griner) Olson, Lamoni, Iowa, is a school social worker for Green Valley Area Education Agency. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Iowa. Her husband, **Ryan**, teaches physical education and is the head coach of track and basketball at Lamoni High School. They have two children: Brayden (3) and Lauren (1).

Greg Schoolland, Ripon, Calif., works in his family's home construction business. He and his wife, **Amanda (Ulmer '03)**, are the parents of Jack (1).

Marcie (Huff) Schuiteman teaches first grade in Sioux Center. She received a master's degree in education from Morningside College.

Becky Sheridan, Anchorage, Alaska, is an apartment manager and is also involved in community theatre.

Tracy Smidt is the high school youth leader at Kanahwa (Iowa) Christian Reformed Church. She is also a nanny for a family in Clarion.

Jessica Smit, Dyer, Ind., is studying drawing and oil painting at the School of Representational Art in Chicago. She previously taught English in Maebashi, Japan.



History book available

In celebration of Northwestern's 125-year anniversary, Professor Emeritus of Religion Dr. Syl Scorza wrote a history of Northwestern's last 25 years. *The Fifth Quarter: Northwestern's History From 1982 to 2007* is intended as a supplement to Gerald De Jong's *From Strength to Strength: A History of Northwestern From 1882 to 1982*, which was published during Northwestern's centennial year.

Scorza's spiral-bound booklet can be purchased for \$5. If you would like to order one, contact Ron De Jong, vice president for external relations, at rondj@nwciowa.edu or 712-707-7106.

Miniprofile

Moving Pictures

by Amy Scheer

The narrator's talking about abstinence, and the man on the screen is chopping raw meat. He prepares a lovely meal and sets the plate on a concrete patio, just past the reach of a Siberian Husky on a chain.

As the dog strains for the food, whimpering, the viewer—placed eye level with the plate and in range of the flying drool—wonders who's really doing the teasing here: the church, by tabling talk of sex? God, by designing intimacy only for marriage?

Trigger (www.whatistrigger.com), a series of short films made by Passenger Productions, intends to get church youth talking.

"We sometimes get labeled as button pushers," says Joe Hubers '03, part of the group's creative team, "but in a healthy way."

Zondervan markets the films to youth groups as "so darn cool," and they are: The fast-paced editing, strong imagery and atmospheric underscoring can compete with the best of what the YouTube generation is viewing.

Hubers reluctantly admits as much, explaining his struggle to be authentic while playing the "cool game."

"Our first goal is to be obedient to the art form and to Christ, as we walk with him," he says. "He is the source of all creativity."

Back in his guitar-playing days at Northwestern, Hubers saw music's potential to express what words alone could not. When the lead singer of his college band died of leukemia, he and his young friends found



Joe Hubers and his colleagues at Passenger Productions seek to tell stories that resonate with the YouTube generation.

they had a lot to say—through words, music, and ultimately images. Not long after, Passenger was born.

"My desire all along was to tell stories," says Hubers, who shares in all aspects of production with his "fellow passengers." He found one story that needed telling close to his home in Sioux Falls, S.D.—the story of the Lakota Nation.

Riding With Ghosts, Passenger's first full-length film, was awarded Best Documentary by Montreal's First Peoples' Film Festival this past summer. Hubers traveled to represent the film at the international event, where it was lauded for its artful portrayal of redemption among brokenness.

That's pretty darn cool.

Angela (Albrecht) Torgerson, Buffalo, Minn., is the children's program manager at Metro Hope Ministries Healing House in Minneapolis. Her husband, Brandon, is a counselor at Central Minnesota Mental Health Center.

Matt Ulmer, Lincoln, Neb., is a physical therapist in the spinal cord injury unit at Madonna Rehabil-

itation Hospital. His wife, Diane, is an occupational therapist.

Dr. Erin (Chaffin) Van Veldhuizen, Mesquite, Texas, graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in January and opened her own practice, Van Family Chiropractic, in Dallas. She is also on the adjunct faculty at both Parker College of Chiropractic and Brookhaven Community

College. She and her husband, Loren, have a son, Jonah (1).

Wendy Van Wyhe earned a master's degree in higher education from Geneva College. She resides with a group of Geneva students in downtown Beaver Falls, Pa., seeking to live in intentional Christian community and serve their neighbors.

'03

Abbie (Klinker) Deptolla, Elburn, Ill., is a financial aid adviser for American InterContinental University Online.

Ezra Johnson is the associate dean for residence life at Indiana Wesleyan University. He earned a master's degree in student affairs from Regent University in Virginia Beach.

Rebecca Reed, Alto, Mich., directs Camp O'Malley, a nonprofit organization that serves at-risk youth of western Michigan. She assisted the camp in reopening after it closed due to funding and renovation issues, and lives at the camp year-round.

Kristin (Breems) Rucks works as marketing manager for Sodexho at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

Erin Wilson, Fort Collins, Colo., is a residential counselor at Turning Point, a group home for boys. She also leads worship at the Salvation Army.

'04

Tyson Graham, head girls' cross country coach at Nature Coast Technological High School in Brooksville, Fla., led his team to its first conference championship and appearance at regionals.

Laura Keith is a policy analyst at the Homeland Security Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. She is also working on a master's degree in security policy at George Washington University.

Nancy Koskamp, Worthington, Minn., is an electronic data processing bookkeeper at First State Bank Southwest.

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'05

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'06

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'07

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New arrivals

Julie and Mick Noteboom '83, daughter by adoption from Guatemala, Telma Fabiola (11), joins Adrianna (16), Isaac (12) and Josh (8)

Leo and Janel (Schwartz '93) Even, daughter by adoption, Katie Abigail

Lori (Vander Pol '95) and Jerry Rens '94, son, Peter Arthur, joins Grace (9) and Henry (6)

Lori (Jensen '96) and Tobias Posvar '96, daughter, Annika Marguerite, joins Aidan (10) and Brandon (4)

Sherri (Van Roekel '96) and Daron Van Beek '97, daughter, Aubrie Kae, joins Carson (6) and Brendon (2)

Kedron and Rachel (Govig '97) Bardwell, son, Micah Kedron Eric and **Heidi (Yost '97) Boehmer**, son, Aedyn Shepherd Steve and **Angela (Boer '97) Bonnema**, daughter, Josephine Louise, joins Skyler (12) and Isaac (8)

Dean and Susan (Hagge '97) Fuerst, daughter, Anna, joins Sarah (3) Greta and **Clint Hogrefe '97**, daughter, Esther Louise

Marcy (Vos '98) and Ryan Agre '98, daughter, Amaia Joy, joins Bryant (6) and Emri (3)

Tony and Heather (Horstmann '98) Einck, daughter, Lindsey Ellen, joins Kaeley (5) and Whitney (3)

Curt and Carrie (Farley '98) Gear, son, Jacob Curtis Pat and **Sarah (Huizenga '98) Kinne**, son, Alec Dale, joins Hannah (2) **Catherine (Painter '98) and Jayson Vande Hoef '97**, son, Gabriel Jay, joins Victoria (4)

Randy and Jennifer (Christiansen '99) Dolphin, daughter, Jayde Eellas, joins Tyce (2)

Monte and Sherry (Groen '99) Koopman, son, Ethan LeRoy, joins Lisa (2)

John and Leah (Huizenga '99) Meskis, daughter, Rachel Sharon Seth and **Jennifer (Van Wyk '99) Van Zante**, twin daughters, Eden Elaine and Eliza Pearle, join Ephraim (4) and Emmet (2)

Angie (Grosvenor '00) and Adam Collins '99, daughter, Madeline Claire

Justin and Nancy (Ter Horst '00) Dickmann, son, Elijah Dean, joins Carter (2)

Lisa (Eller '00) and Jonathan Hardersen '99, son, Davis Eller, joins Cooper (3) and Hadley (1) **Tarra (Klein '00) and Steve Vander Leest '01**, daughter, Aliza Christine

Holly (Van Horn '01) and Nate Christoffels '01, twins, Parker Nathan and Paityn Holly, join Kennedy (3)

Ryan and Amanda (Taylor '02) Allen, son, Trystan Lee, joins Zowie (1)

Bill and Heather (Miller '02) Bremer, daughter, Annika June Casey and **Amanda (Rhoades '02) Bultman**, son, Josiah Rhoades, joins Adrianna (5) and Micah (2)

Jeremy and Danielle (Beckman '02) Dykstra, son, Dyson Allen, joins Kasiah (2)

Angie (Halverson '02) and Dan Faber '99, daughter, Gianna Grace, joins Josiah (2)

Renae (Miller '02) and Chad Negus '02, son, Austin Michael

Rochelle and John Sapp '02, daughter, Kaedyn Rae

Daniel and Kristine (Elbers '03) DeGroff, daughter, Hannah Elsie **Kristin (Erickson '03) and Dan Lassen '01**, daughter, Kienna Bri

Neleigh (Harklau '04) and Keith Ranschau '03, twin daughters, Haevyn Alivia and Hudson Bella

Josh and Bridget (Haagenstad '04) Swenson, daughter, Madelyn Olivia

Tiffany (Giles '05) and David Booth '04, son, Brayden David **Angela (Rice '05) and Travis Squires '06**, daughter, Amariah Grace, joins Abel (1)

Marriages

Lisa Tutt '79 and Jim Cravens, San Antonio

Barb Wright '86 and Douglas Edema, Chelsea, Mich.

Ann Iversen '93 and Craig von Waaden, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Tammy Bouwman '96 and Matt Westergaard, Sioux Falls

Grant Fihlr '97 and Amy Parmenter, West Des Moines, Iowa

Lori Gorter '00 and David Schroeder, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Tim Harskamp '00 and Mindy Michel, Earlham, Iowa

Luke Haverhals '00 and Noelle Nyren, Iowa City, Iowa

Amber Davis '01 and John Backes, Chicago

Julie Jansen '01 and Jared Oldenkamp, Sioux Center

Katie Petersen '01 and Mark Morrell, Dublin, Ireland

Katie Severson '01 and Jeff Winne, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Matt Ulmer '02 and Diane Hilger, Lincoln, Neb.

Amber Vande Zandschulp '02 and Tony Altena, Orange City

Laura Boltjes '03 and Toby Berry, Steger, Ill.

Kristin Breems '03 and Justin Rucks, St. Cloud, Minn.

Brooke Engelmann '03 and Chris McConn, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Kylie Veenis '04 and Seth Breems, Roseville, Minn.

Carin Grussing '07 and Scott Weltzheimer, Hoisington, Kan.

The couples reside in the city listed.

Glimpses of Change in Romania

by Lindsay Squires '09

Diesel trucks growl by on the utility road behind my host family's apartment, sending loud puffs of air from their brakes. The windowpanes rattle. Sometimes, motley packs of dogs come trotting through the muddy alley immediately outside my window, stopping to investigate the more promising pieces of trash. At other times, ragged workers plod by with shovels thrown over their shoulders or pushing a rickety wheelbarrow.

During the daytime, I push the blue curtain aside to reveal the dingy mining ruins that stretch along the utility road. Beyond, autumnal mountains contrast starkly with the features of the mine. Some of the mines are still in operation, but many are not. Near the center of Lupeni, a massive smoke-stack towers 250 meters above the city, the specter of a collapsing enterprise or the brooding mother of the cement apartments below.

A few weeks ago, I was reading in the little sun room on the south side of the apartment. Sunshine filtered in through the lace drapes, and occasional voices joined the steady drone of hip-hop music somewhere down the street.

"So, what does Europe mean in the Eastern European imagination? ... It is something distant, something to be attained, to be deserved. It is



Lindsay Squires, right, poses with Ema and Alexandra near a ropes course at New Horizon Foundation's Viata Camp.

also something expensive and fine: good clothes, the certain look and smell of its people. Europe is plentitude: food, cars, light, everything—a kind of festival of colours, diversity, opulence, beauty. It offers choice: from shampoo to political parties ... Europe is the opposite of what we have, and what we want to get rid of—it is the absence of communism, of fear and deprivation."

I lowered my copy of *Café Europa* and shifted my gaze out the window, pondering Slavenka Drakulic's evocative writing. Here I was, a Westerner, trying to comprehend what Eastern Europe is to those who have lived through communism. I have never really thought of myself as a Westerner, but living here has proved to me that I am. The contrast between my world and theirs is too stark for me to be anything else.

Yet I have found a place in their world. "Welcome home!" my host mom, Erika,

had said with open arms as my pale face emerged through the doorway after a backpacking trip. She had heard of my food poisoning and had been waiting for me to come home. A few weeks earlier, I had not known this family. After entering their lives, however, I knew God not only had brought me here for them but also had given me a place with them.

One of my favorite places in Erika's apartment was her little blue kitchen. Erika had apologized for the roughly painted walls, but I didn't care. She and I would sit on the low white stools and talk for hours after dinner. That is how I heard her story. As I learned of her childhood, her family, and how she has changed her life in recent years, I saw brokenness coexisting with strength.

That is the paradox of the Jiu Valley, one of the statistically saddest regions of the world and the most corrupt place in Romania. Beauty and ruins coexist; hope competes with despair.

All this lends even more profundity to the vision of New Horizons Foundation (NHF). Erika and all those involved with NHF understand that rebuilding Romania means transforming its youth. God has given these people hearts of steel and hearts of love. Their challenge cannot be fully appreciated by a Western mind because breaking the societal mold formed under communism takes a

rare courage, perseverance and faith.

I have been blessed to meet some of the young people here. I have loved them and let them love me. I have laughed with them and let them laugh at my broken Romanian. I wonder if the small investment I have made in them is anything compared to how they have inspired me.

I cannot imagine growing up in the Jiu Valley as they are. Many forces are against them, yet they are learning to stand in the face of everything that says they can't—and to change the very value system of their society.

When I think of Romania in the future, I will see the faces of people like Ema, Alexandra and the NHF staff who have worked with them. These students and adults are what give me hope for the future of Romania. Like new growth emerging through the ruins of the past, God is raising lights in the darkness.

A junior writing and rhetoric major from Fairfield, Neb., Lindsay Squires is one of seven students who participated in the inaugural year of Northwestern's Romania Semester program this fall.

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