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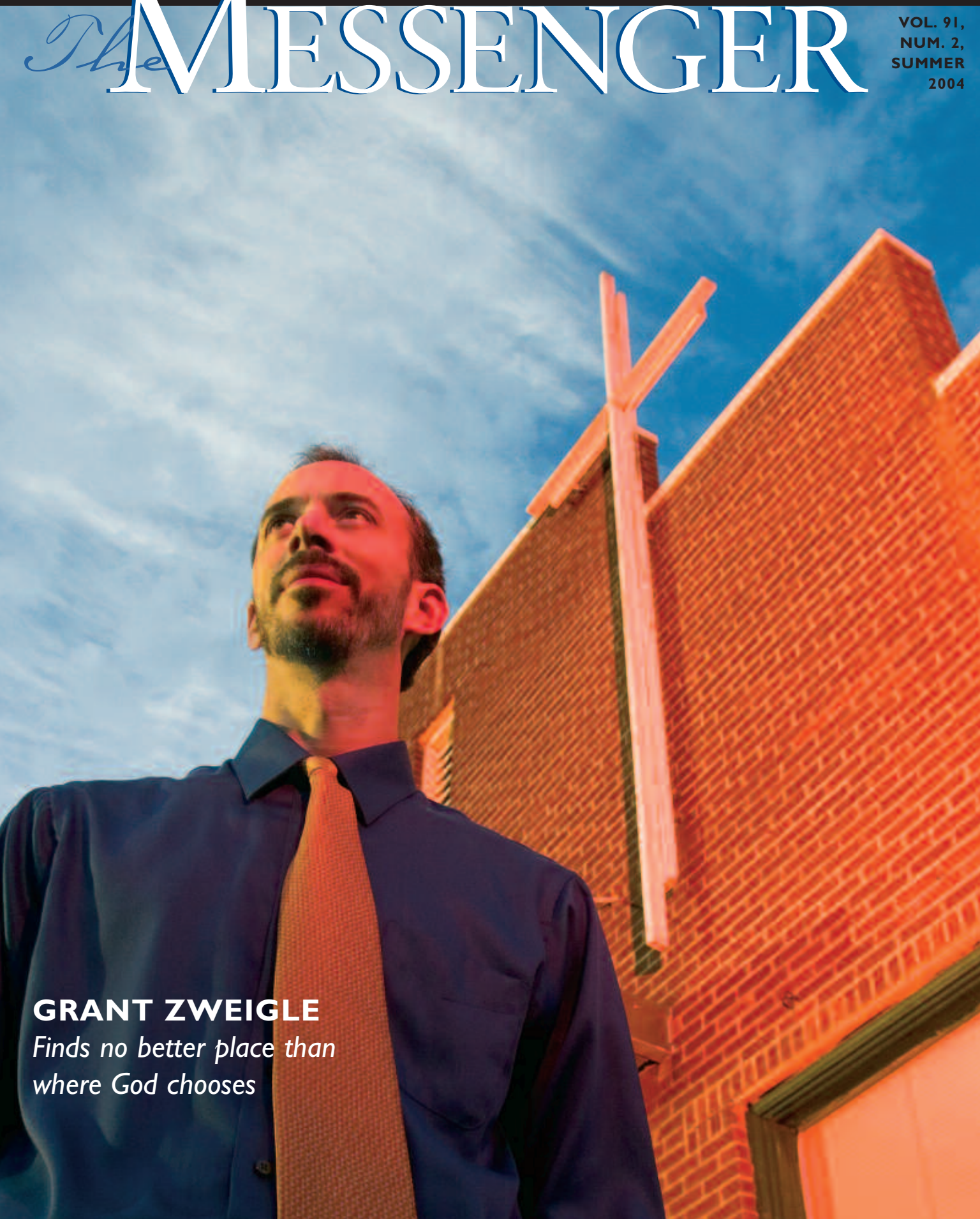

GRANT ZWEIGLE

Finds no better place than where God chooses

president's letter

Fulfilling the Promise

Recently I prepared a paper for the Board of Trustees and the campus community on the theme "Fulfilling the Promise: NNU at One Hundred." My task was to lay out for review my notions of what Northwest Nazarene University should aspire to be by the date of our centennial year in 2013-2014. Some would call this process and product a strategic vision.

In the paper I noted that all great adventures start with a vision—a vision of what might lie ahead, or what might be possible with determination and fortitude. And, in the case of a Christian enterprise, like here at NNU, that adventure is dependent upon the will and providence of God.

The writer of the twenty-fifth anniversary history of NNU records that there were many doubters of the early founders. An early administrator was asked often if he thought the school would ever amount to anything. He always responded, "Yes, in time, God will build a great school in Nampa." Today, Northwest Nazarene University is a well-regarded, comprehensive university that continues to seek to fulfill that early promise of becoming a great school. I stated in the paper that "the promise of greatness lies before us as an ever-escalating challenge, never static, at once fulfilled and always yet to be fulfilled."

In this edition of *The Messenger* you will read more about our strategic planning efforts pointing us toward that centennial year. Under the guidance of Dr. Mark Pitts, vice president for academic affairs, and a diverse Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee, we are seeking for the will and providence of God for the future of Northwest Nazarene University. Will you join with all of us in believing that we will have a vision big and bold enough to fulfill the promise upon which NNU was founded?

Sincerely,

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Northwest Nazarene University is a Christian comprehensive university offering more than 45 undergraduate majors and master s programs in six disciplines. In all of its programs, the university is dedicated to student growth in Christ-like character, academic excellence, creative engagement and social responsiveness. In addition to its 85-acre campus in Nampa, Idaho, and the MBA and STEP programs offered in Boise, Idaho, the university also has cooperative programs in 10 countries. Founded in 1913, the university serves approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students, and approximately 6,000 continuing education students.

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Correction:
In the last issue of The Messenger, *the Jones Suites and Lanman Prayer Garden were incorrectly identified. We apologize for the error.*

REFLECTIONS

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The Landscape of Higher Education

As you may recall, in the past *Messenger*, we brought you up to date on the past decade. A summary of the past decade activities were highlighted, and we've heard many positive comments on contents of the decade in review. I'd like to express my thanks to those of you who shared this feedback.

In this issue of *The Messenger*, we want to bring you up to date on a look ahead. One thing is for sure as we look to the future, the landscape of higher education is changing rapidly. Think with me along these lines: In addition to our strong liberal arts and comprehensive undergraduate programs, we now have multiple online degrees. Three strands of the online Master of Arts in religion include concentrations in spiritual formation, Christian education and pastoral leadership. The education department has an online reading degree. The business department has initiated a master's in international business and an MBA online degree. Students in the Master of Arts in religion online learning programs come from all over the world such as Papua New Guinea, Guyana, Malaysia, Mozambique and Venezuela. Stateside, four or more students are enrolled from each of the following states: Idaho, California, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Colorado. A collection of students also comes from states such as Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Maryland, Georgia, and Hawaii, with 33 states represented now and a likelihood of all 50 states being represented soon.

Our programs are growing in unique ways. As our online offerings expand and reach out to different disciplines, including the recent additions in education and business, we see more and more students impacted by Northwest Nazarene University. This fall, 125 students are expected to be enrolled in the Master of Arts in religion program with approximately 75-100 more expected to enroll in the new Masters of International Business Administration (MIBA), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Master of Education in reading.

Not only are these online programs changing the way we meet the needs of the church, last fall 510 students were enrolled in the non-traditional degree STEP program, as well as in our social work, teacher education, religion, MBA and counseling programs. These students now comprise 32% of the total student head count at Northwest Nazarene University.

You may be asking, in these programs, is the spiritual impact the same priority as the traditional undergraduate program? One friend of the university put it this way the other day when he made the statement that we need to be able to continue to focus on the role that Christ plays in our identity as a Christian university. "Where is the Jesus?" was his question to me as we spoke of all that NNU is doing.

I believe that we can provide you many real-life illustrations to answer this question. We do not take our identity as a Christian university lightly. Specifically, two outcomes of the university focus on Christ-like character and social responsiveness. You can read about 'where is the Jesus' in several articles in this issue of *The Messenger* that focus on the ways that our alumni has impacted and is impacting the world for Jesus Christ. You can also read about 'where is the Jesus' when you review the articles on the "Great Hearts," soul-changing efforts of NNU students and alumni making a difference in their professions and their communities. Perhaps, though, the best illustration I heard of 'where is the Jesus' in what we do at NNU came from a student testimony at a recent MBA cohort graduation dinner. It was heart warming to hear the number of MBA students stand up and tearfully say, "What is different about an NNU education is the spiritual emphasis on Jesus."

We do want to keep Jesus as a primary focus of NNU and pledge to keep you updated in the future as we attempt to adapt to the changing landscape of higher education but at the same time stay close to our roots and the mission of pursing an education that is centered firmly in Jesus Christ. Thank you for all you do in supporting Northwest Nazarene in this exciting venture.

empty pulpit. empty pews.

"Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!"
– the Apostle Paul in a letter to the Corinthians

The challenge of First Century ministry is still relevant today!

As the costs of attending colleges and universities continue to rise, more and more students are finding it difficult to afford higher education. Nowhere is this need more keenly felt than in the lives of our ministerial students. Frequently, students graduate with tens of thousands of dollars in debt, and it is just as often that graduates struggle to repay that debt because of their commitment to ministry.

In response to this overwhelming need, Northwest Nazarene University is committed to establishing a Ministerial Scholarship Program to assist students and reduce their cumulative debt upon graduation.

It is our hope to raise over a million dollars to assist Nazarene students to continue the ministry of our early Christian heritage. To do this, we need your help!

Students who are eligible to participate in the Ministerial Scholarship Program have the potential of receiving up to $25,000 in aid, significantly reducing the amount of student loan debt they must incur. Exact scholarship amounts and requirements vary.

Those interested in learning more about the Ministerial Scholarship Program are encouraged to contact the NNU Office of University Advancement toll-free at (866) 467-8987.

It's an assignment the Apostle Paul would have loved.

NO BETTER PLACE

BY RANDY MAXWELL, PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID PERRY

If someone had told Grant Zweigle in 1996 that he would be the pastor of an urban, multicultural church in Seattle, he surely would have run for the hills instead of enrolling at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. What began as a quest for a graduate degree in Christian thought and history, ended in an unexpected call by God to front-line ministry.

"Looking back now," says Grant, "I can see the Lord's hand leading me from the beginning of the journey in 1990 when I transferred from Seattle Pacific University (SPU) to Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) to where I am today. God has redeemed every part of my life for His glory and purpose. God is good, and there is no greater joy than living step by step with Him."

Grant's steps, though ordered by the Lord (Ps.37:23), seemed at times to wander with no clear destination. The Kent, Wash., native transferred to NNU seeking a change of scenery and a chance to play basketball. Giving little thought about long-term career goals, Grant pursued history and philosophy majors for the sheer joy of it. "I am fascinated by how ideas (philosophy) affect and influence people's decisions and actions (history)," he says.

After graduating from NNU in 1993, Grant accepted an invitation to serve for a year at Caribbean Nazarene Theological College in Trinidad and Tobago as a Nazarene in Volunteer Service. The young philosopher was looking to broaden his understanding of the world, and he wasn't disappointed. In what Grant described as "a life-shaping experience," his first cross-cultural experience stretched and expanded his previously small worldview and set the tone for his future ministry. "Imagine spending most weekends in a Hindu neighborhood, worshipping at a Christian church, with Sunday afternoons in the home of a Muslim family. That experience prepared me for the multicultural ministry we have today at the Beacon Hill Church of the Nazarene in Seattle," says Grant.

But Beacon Hill wasn't even a gleam in Grant's eye in those days. Returning to the States in June of 1994, Grant had no idea what to do next. The future seemed hazy, undefined. Grant enrolled in a graduate level philosophy class at the University of Washington with thoughts of teaching in higher education. Instead of finding clarity, however, Grant was increasingly frustrated at his lack of direction and began looking for things to fill the empty spaces in his life. "Unfortunately," says Grant, "I chose the wrong things."

continued

Like Israel wandering in the wilderness because of a basic lack of trust in God, Grant had his own desert experiences as he searched for the "Promised Land."

"The choices I made during that time were symptoms of a deeper issue. The deeper issue was a lack of trust and belief in God. Because I did not trust Jesus Christ to be my peace, hope and love, I looked for those things in other places."

Grant's wanderings led him back to Nampa, Idaho, in January, 1995 at the invitation of a friend who was looking for a roommate. Determined to get his life back on track, Grant began attending church again. "To be honest, I never really enjoyed church much but it seemed like the place to go to get help." He began attending the Fairview Church of the Nazarene where Orville Halley was pastor. And it was here that Grant would find his "burning bush."

"I will never forget the morning of April 30, 1995. It was a Sunday, and it was my birthday. That day I had planned to give a testimony in church about how my life had been changing and how good it felt to be in a church. But before I could get up and share, I felt something I had never experienced before—deep conviction of sin. God shook me to the core of my being as I realized that my feeble efforts at self-improvement were severely lacking in the eyes of a holy God. What I needed was not self-improvement but divine transformation," he says.

Instead of standing and delivering his testimony, the broken young man headed straight for the altar where he asked God to forgive his sins and then surrendered his life to Jesus.

Grant's world was turned upside down and suddenly new priorities filled his life. Hungry for discipleship, Grant approached Pastor Halley and asked if he would teach him what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ. "The Lord could not have provided me with a better teacher," Grant remembers. "Pastor Halley poured his heart into me over the next year and a half and instilled in me a passion for Christ and the world that Christ loves."

It was Pastor Halley who first saw ministry potential in Grant. Halley started giving Grant little assignments in the church—visit this person, share the gospel with that one, disciple another. Soon Grant was appointed lay pastor of evangelism at the church. Though still unrecognized by Grant, his steps were now on a path God had chosen from the very beginning.

Grant still hadn't lost his desire to pursue a graduate degree in either history or philosophy, so he followed his heart to Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) in Kansas City, Missouri. There, he hoped to earn a Master of Arts in Christian thought and history.

Grant arrived in Kansas City in the summer of 1996. Doctor Charles Shaver was one of the first people Grant met. Doctor Shaver, professor of evangelism, had heard about Grant's interest in evangelism and invited him to travel with him to Omaha, Nebraska, for a revival he was holding. That early encounter was the beginning of a friendship that has blessed Grant's life in many ways.

"During my first semester at NTS, I began to feel the Lord directing me to change my focus from an academic degree to a ministry degree. I could not imagine myself as a pastor, but after a week of prayer and fasting, I submitted to the Lord and switched to a Master of Divinity with an emphasis in evangelism."

It wasn't long before Dr. Shaver invited Grant to serve as his faculty assistant. The next year Grant was hired as the managing director of the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism and assistant pastor of outreach and evangelism at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene. He served in these positions from 1997 to 1999.

It was at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene that another flame ignited in Grant's heart. "I met the woman who would be my wife." Aisling Law was a student at Mid America Nazarene University with a heart for the Lord and a deep desire to minister to children whose lives had been broken by the sin of others.

Ironically, when Aisling and her twin sister were five years old, this same Dr. Shaver visited their broken home and shared the gospel with their mother, Sandy. Sandy accepted the Lord that day and their home was forever changed. Aisling and Grant fell in love and married on January 3, 1998, there at Kansas City First.

Over the course of Grant's four years at NTS, the Lord began to lead him towards pastoral ministry. As Grant approached graduation from NTS, he and Aisling began praying about where the Lord would lead them next.

While visiting family in the Northwest in the fall of 1999, Grant made an appointment with Dr. Hugh Smith, the District Superintendent of the Washington Pacific

District Church of the Nazarene. Doctor Smith told him about an urban, multicultural church in Seattle that had been without a pastor for two years. Because Aisling and Grant both wanted to work in an urban area, they were intrigued.

"We showed up at the church on Sunday and left the service with an overwhelming sense from the Lord that this is where He wanted us to be. Now the only question

was whether the church would call us!"

By November, the church issued a call to the Zweigles and, after graduating Summa Cum Laude from NTS with an Master of Divinity degree, Grant began his ministry in March of 2000. "Our installation service at Beacon Hill Church of the Nazarene was the same day as the Kingdome implosion. I couldn't tell if that was a good sign or not!" Grant jokes.

The Seattle Beacon Hill Church of the Nazarene is in an urban neighborhood of Seattle, just south of downtown and the International District. The church reflects the diversity of the neighborhood, and for Grant, who was first exposed to the blessings of multiple cultures as a volunteer in Trinidad, the "shoe" definitely fits.

"If you visit our church you may worship with people from Asia, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, North, South and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe who range in age from babies to senior adults. We are a multi-affluent church as well, serving poor, middle-class and affluent families."

The members of the church form a rainbow of Christian traditions as well as color. "We have folks from the three main branches of Christianity: Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox, and have frequent visits from people from other world religions."

Over the past four years the church has moved from being a mission church, where survival was the goal, to being a thriving, missional church—evangelistic, inclusive, compassionate and reproductive. As an outworking of Beacon Hill's missional focus a Spanish-speaking congregation was organized in February—the first organized Spanish language church on the WAPAC district.

"I think the genuine love for God and others that is expressed in such a diverse environment is a blessing to see and be a part of. In a world that is increasingly divided along racial, economic, gender, political and religious lines, this is a community that has found in Jesus Christ a unity and love that transcends the differences while celebrating the God-created diversity," Grant says.

"There is no better place to be than right where the Lord has called you, no matter where it is."

From NNU to Trinidad, to days of wandering, the altar of surrender, and ultimately, to the Beacon Hill church, Grant Zweigle's steps have been ordered by the Lord. Together with wife Aisling and their two sons, Graiden (who will be 3 in July) and Abram (who is 5 months old), the Zweigles know that there's no greater adventure than following where God leads.

"We love it!" Grant exudes. "There is no better place to be than right where the Lord has called you, no matter where it is."

The NNU Board of Trustees recently approved fundraising for the new Ministerial Scholarship program, to begin phase-in for the 2004-2005 academic year.
Progress-to-date:
*GOAL: $1,200,000 by October 1, 2004
*GIFTS TO DATE: Approximately $700,000
You can be a part of this exciting program! For information contact: Barry Swanson, Office of Church Relations, 208.467.8949 or Tony Vidmar, Office of University Advancement, 208.467.8425 or toll-free, 866.467.8987

NNU senior Kailee Fjeld and senior Cameron Gilbert listen as junior Doni Moore expounds on the virtues of being a chicken in the Northwesterner's spring musical presentation of Honk!*, which premiered to rave reviews in April.*

HONK! Delights Audiences

NNU's annual spring musical unveiled the award-winning Broadway musical *Honk!* in April, as the NNU Northwesterners brought the story of Ugly to NNU's Swayne Auditorium. Nearly 2000 attended the performance, which is used as an annual fund-raiser for NNU's music department.

NNU Again Graduates Largest Class on Record

As word of Northwest Nazarene University's excellence has spread, more students are choosing NNU to obtain undergraduate and graduate degrees. NNU graduated its largest class on record with an expected 408 total graduates. 254 received bachelor's degrees, and 154 received master's degrees in either business administration, education, counseling, ministry, religion or social work. This trend of large classes is likely to continue, according to Eric Forseth, Ph.D., NNU's vice president for enrollment services and marketing. "As graduate program offerings in online degrees and the service professions at NNU continue to expand, we are continuing to see a positive community impact in the Treasure Valley and around the world," he said.

NNU Welcomes Best-Selling Authors

New York Times best-selling authors Herb Cohen and Catherine Crier spoke at NNU earlier this year as part of the Business Enrichment Series co-sponsored by the NNU School of Business. Cohen, a practicing negotiator, was involved in some of the world's headline dramas, such as the Iranian hostage crisis and the skyjacking of TWA flight 847. He served as an advisor for presidents Carter and Reagan and was also involved with the negotiations for the NFL football players' strike and the General Motors Chevymobile litigation, among others.

Catherine Crier, award-winning journalist, news anchor and author of the best-seller *The Case Against Lawyers*, spoke as part of the NNU School of Business' Business Enrichment Series, "Avoiding Ethical Land Mines in Business."

Crier, who hosts "Catherine Crier Live" on Court TV, is also the winner of the du-Pont-Columbia, Emmy and Gracie Allen awards for journalism and has covered every aspect of law and politics during her tenure as anchor of "The Crier Report" on Fox News, correspondent on "20/20," substitute host for ABC's "World News Tonight" and "Nightline," and as evening news anchor for CNN. She was also the youngest elected state judge in Texas history.

Alumni Directory Goes Online

In response to alumni interest and feedback, the NNU Alumni Association is taking the Alumni Directory online. Users will need to establish a password to gain access, and alumni will have the ability to identify how much information they choose to make available to other alumni.

Many NNU alumni used the alumni directory site last year to update data for our print directory published last fall. A default user name is still set for any alumni who have not yet accessed the system, and at the initial login, users will be asked to choose their own preferred user name and password.

This site will allow alumni to update their own data, set privacy permissions, send alumni news, as well as look up contact information of classmates and friends. Check it out and let us know what you think at alumni-directory@nnu.edu. This is a new venture so we are interested in feedback to continue improving our service.

For first-time access: Enter your NNU ID number as printed on your *Messenger* address label for your user name; your password will be the first two letters of your last name followed by your ID number again in a six digit format—if your ID number is less than six digits, please put zeros at the front to make 6 digits. For example, if your ID number is 1395 and your last name is Smith, your user name would be '1395' and your password would be 'sm001395'. If you experience a log-in error using these defaults, please contact the Alumni Office at alumnidirectory@nnu.edu or call 1-800-654-2411.

NNU's Online Education

NNU Graduate Programs Build with New Online Programs in Religion and Reading

Northwest Nazarene University master's programs continue to grow, with two new online offerings, one in pastoral ministries and the other in reading.

"The purpose of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries Online Graduate Studies is to make theological education available to people in ministry," said NNU professor Mark Maddix.

The School of Theology and Christian Ministries began offering the Master of Arts in religion with an emphasis in spiritual formation in August of 2002.

"We are the first to offer a regionally accredited online master's degree in the Church of the Nazarene," Maddix said.

Currently the spiritual formation degree consists of a global learning community of 48 students from a variety of theological and ministry backgrounds. Because of the overwhelming response to both the spiritual formation degree and the new Master of Arts in religion with an emphasis in Christian education, which began in January, NNU's School of Theology and Christian Ministries unveiled its new Master of Arts in religion with an emphasis in pastoral ministry, which will begin in the fall of 2004.

To learn more about this new online pastoral ministry program, e-mail mar@nnu.edu.

Also, NNU's new online master's degree in reading will begin in August and fulfill the requirements for an Idaho reading endorsement.

"This top-quality, current, research-based program is geared to any K – 12 educator in Idaho wishing to gain a more in-depth understanding of how to teach reading," said NNU Education Department Chair Dr. Karen Blacklock.

"This program will also help teachers assess and intervene to help struggling readers close the gap and allow them to become literacy leaders in their schools," she said.

For more information on this new online master's degree, please visit the NNU Web site at http://interests.nnu.edu/education/reading/reading.htm.

. All graduate program listings can be found online at www.nnu.edu.

NNU School of Business Unveils New Online MBA and MIBA Programs

The NNU School of Business announced earlier this spring that it will be one of six campuses nationwide to offered master's degrees in business online. NNU introduced in April the addition of the two new online master's programs for its School of Business: the Master of Business Administration and Master of International Business Administration. Both programs are slated to begin in August.

"We're excited that NNU will be a part of this effort in international business education," said Samuel Dunn, director of the MIBA program. "We're increasingly integrated in a world economy."

At a press conference geared toward introducing the new programs to the community, Idaho Department of Commerce's administrator of international business Stephanie Camarillo said that she believes NNU's program will aid in international trade by training those in business around the world.

More information on NNU's new online master's programs in business and international business can be found online at www.nnuschoolofbusiness.com or by calling 208-467-8123.

More Online Learning Opportunities Offered

Northwest Nazarene University's Center for Professional Development in Business is teaming up with one of the nation's pioneers in e-learning to offer online learning opportunities as part of its curriculum.

NNU will now offer courses in areas including business management and computer programming through

a partnership with Element K, an e-learning company that offers interactive self-paced online courses.

The self-study courses may be taken at a student's convenience and pace and can begin at any time. Most classes are available for a 12-week period. For more information, call 208-467-8410 or visit http://cpd.nnu.edu/business.

Students in Free Enterprise Team (SIFE) Advance to Nationals

The Northwest Nazarene University SIFE Team matched its educational outreach projects against other SIFE Teams at the 2004 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Regional Competition and Career Opportunity Fair March 31 in Seattle. A panel of judges honored NNU's SIFE team with the title of regional champion. The team advanced to the SIFE USA National Exposition, hosted by the Kansas City Business Community in May.

Students in Free Enterprise encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.

At competition, teams are judged on how well their projects taught others the principles of free enterprise.

Dr. David Houghton serves as advisor for the NNU SIFE team and was named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow in recognition of his leadership and support of the SIFE program at NNU.

NNU Announces "NNU Presents"

Northwest Nazarene University is pleased to announce a season of world-class performances with its upcoming series "NNU Presents." Beginning with Dove-award winning and Grammy-nominated Christian group Avalon in October, NNU will present a season of family-friendly entertainment that is sure to please. Concert dates are as follows:

Oct. 4 – Avalon with Mark Schultz
Nov 16 – Riders in the Sky
Dec. 14 – Christmas with the Dallas Brass
Jan. 15 – Salvador
March 22 – Trinity Irish Dance Company
April 16 – Eileen Ivers
April 23 – Gregory Popovich's Comedy Pet Theatre
May 4 – Nikolai Massenkoff

Ticket prices range from $7 - $32, depending on the program. Tickets may be purchased at the NNU Brandt Center Box Office by calling 467-8795. For more information, visit www.nnu.edu/brandt or call the NNU Brandt Center Box Office.

2004 Master of Arts in Religion, Spiritual Formation Graduates Meet in Person for First Time

Seated left to right: *Bob Mitchell, Gail Zickefoose, Verne Ward, David Wheeler, Tim Milburn*

Standing left to right: *Cynthia Slaymaker, Ken Tennyson, Jeff Skinner, Tom Marks, Larry Lewis, Weldon Shuman, Richard Lopez, Phil McKinnis, Phil Buck*

Honorary Doctorates Confirmed

Northwest Nazarene University conferred its highest honor upon a Nampa businessman and an African Pastor Fri., March 5, during an academic convocation where both received honorary doctorates.

A.B. Ellis, NNU alumnus and former owner of Ponderosa Paint Manufacturing, Inc., was honored for his many years of service and generosity to NNU.

Ellis is past president of the Nampa Rotary Club, received the Cecil Andrus Man of the Year Award, has been selected as a Distinguished Citizen by the Idaho Statesman and has also been the recipient of the 1987 Northwest Nazarene University Eugene Emerson Award and the 1997 Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Also receiving an honorary doctorate was the Reverend Paulo Sueia, field director for the Church of the Nazarene in Africa. Sueia, who has pastored Nazarene churches in Mozambique has also held positions as district superintendent, professor of theology, and principal of the Nazarene Seminary in Mozambique.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig also received an honorary doctorate this year and served as the commencement speaker for the 2004 graduation ceremony. Craig is serving his third term as a United States Senator and serves on many committees including the Senate Special Committee on Aging the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he is the chairman of the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management.

NNU Forensics Places at Christian National Tournament

Bottom left to right: *Josh Van Der Ploeg, Aaron Montgomery, Kiersten Murray, Janna Fitch*. Top left to right: *Sarah Arendt, Mark Hewes, Mike Jeter, Tyler Heath, Jeff Oldright*

NNU Bookstore Web Page Up and Running

The NNU Bookstore is now online at https://www.nnu.edu/bookstore/. Be sure to visit the link from the "quick links" section on the NNU homepage for all your Christmas shopping. Samples of sweatshirts, mugs, blankets and other NNU paraphernalia are available on the Web page, and if you have a specific request, feel free to call the Bookstore at 208-467-8844.

NNU Offers Certified Business Manager Review Courses

Northwest Nazarene University announced that it will now offer review courses for the Certified Business Manager (CBM) Exam via a blended learning model. Now students graduating from NNU with a bachelor degree will have a choice of continuing on for their MBA or earning their CBM.

The CBM Exam Review Course at the Boise campus will begin mid-September. Classes will be held over a 9-week period with a 3-hour class each week.

The CBM certification, sponsored by the Association of Professionals in Business Management (APBM), is the most integrated certification and exam available in the field of business management.

For more information regarding the CBM designation, please visit www.cbmexam.com, or for more information on Pfeiffer CBM Exam Review Courses, please visit http://cpd.nnu.edu/business.

Faculty News

Psychology professor **Dr. Glena Andrews** was honored as this year's faculty award lecturer and presented her paper titled "Making Wise Decisions: When Intelligence Isn't Enough" in April.

Three NNU nursing faculty were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, national honor society in nursing this spring at Boise State University. The faculty were **Barbara Lester, Sharon Stephen** and **Judy Taylor**.

History professor **Dr. Mark Gismondi**, recently attended the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, where he presented his paper "The Virtues of Terror: Gendered Virtue, Identity, and International Conflict."

Gismondi will also have his paper "Tragedy, Realism, and Postmodernity: Kulturpessimismus in the Theories of Max Weber, E.H. Carr, Hans J. Morgenthau, and Henry Kissinger" published in the August edition of *Diplomacy and Statecraft*.

Biology professor **Dr. John Cossel, Jr.**, was recognized by the Idaho Herpetological (Amphibians and Reptiles) Society as the Outstanding Contributor to Idaho Herpetology for 2003.

Dr. Thomas Jay Oord, NNU School of Theology and Christian Ministries, recently attended the Society for Christian Philosophers conference in Lexington, Ky. Oord served as session chair for the conference titled "Open Theism and Its Critics." Oord's report on the topic appeared in ***Science and Theology News*** (January 2004).

Dr. Oord's article "Brain Science Affects Ideas about Humanity" also appeared in the January edition of ***Science and Theology News***, and ***ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religion Studies*** also recently published Oord's essay "The Divergence of Evangelical and Process Theologies: Is the Impasse Insurmountable?" (Volume 31 [2003]: 99-120).

Dr. George Lyons, professor of New Testament, is the coauthor, along with J. Wesley Eby and Al Truesdale, of a recently released book published by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City. ***A Dictionary of the Bible & Christian Doctrine in Everyday English*** is the thoroughly revised second edition of the volume that was first published in 1984 by Beacon Hill Press.

Dr. Walden Hughes has published an article in the April 2004 ***Clavier***: "The Music of Muzio Clementi Gradually Became More Romantic."

Dr. Dennis Waller, NNU Department of Communication Studies, recently completed an invited section on "Tips from the Experts" for the upcoming book of duo interpretations called *Duo Practice and Competition: Thirty-five Original Original Comedy Plays for Two Females* soon to be released by Barbara Lhota & Ira Brodsky (2004).

Phi Delta Lambda Induction

NNU 2004

May 15, 2004 was a time of smiles and celebration and remembrance as the NNU graduating class of 2004 remembered classmate Jarod Krohn, who died last year of a brain aneurism. He was 22.

Blue ribbons filled Nampa s Idaho Center as each person remembered the light that Jarod was to the campus during his time at NNU. 2004 Senior class president Melissa Pinkerton said that Jarod's family, friends and classmates were all involved in the decision to make and wear the ribbons. "Our thoughts and prayers are continually with the Krohn family," Melissa said.

Jarod, who is remembered for his great love of the outdoors, was a sports recreation management major at NNU and loved the beauty of Idaho. Jarod is survived by his parents, Bobbi and Rob, brother Jason, and fianc e Kerri Tygard.

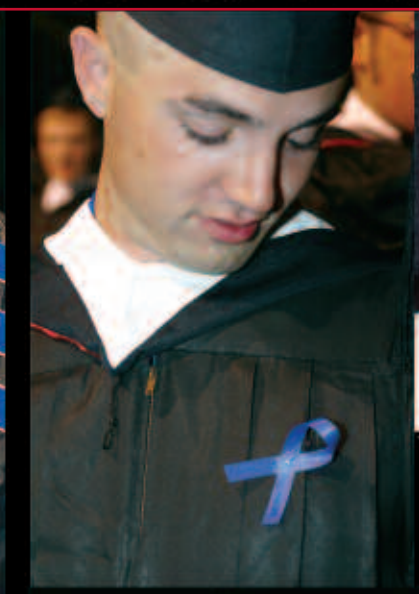
During investiture, the senior class presented Jarod s parents with a tree to be planted in his honor outside the new Harmon and Elizabeth Johnson Sports Center and $1000 toward the Jarod Krohn Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Those who are interested in helping with the fund are encouraged to contact Dr. Darrell Marks or Tony Vidmar in the Office of University Advancement. at 208-467-8425 or toll-free, 866-467-8987.

Nurses Pinning Ceremony

The Golden Graduates

COMMENCEMENT



In Remembrance of Jarod Krohn

STEVE PAUL

Mark Maddix

Sitting down and talking with Mark Maddix is like sitting down with a dear friend.

When I talk to Mark, his manners are impeccable; his smile genuine; his heart sincere. Simply put, he is down-home good.

He tells me that he grew up in Olive Hill, Ky., and he retains his small town heritage in his obvious sincerity and gentle spirit. So how does someone who loves Kentucky so much end up at NNU, I wonder.

"I knew that this is where I would come. I sensed that this was where we fit," he tells me, reflecting on the call he received two years ago to lead the online master's programs in religion at NNU. Since his coming, online programs at NNU have grown to include three emphases within the Master of Arts in religion degree: pastoral theology, Christian education, and spiritual formation.

Maddix says that there are many things he enjoys about teaching, but that more than anything, he savors the chance he has to influence others. "The most important part for me is the opportunity I have to invest in other people's lives and to be in the process of helping shape and form church leaders for today and for the future," he says.

Of the online learning experience, Maddix has nothing but positive things to say. Working with groups of 15 – 20 students online, the small-group feel appeals to Maddix, who also appreciates the fact that online learning allows ministers and those interested in ministry to immediately apply what they are learning in their churches. "Learning is actualized," says Maddix. "The best part of online (learning) is that it provides people a chance to obtain graduate education while remaining in ministry."

Officially Maddix is a professor of Christian education within the NNU School of Theology and Christian Ministries. A graduate of Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Maddix holds degrees in bible and Christian education, divinity and Christian educational studies. He is the author or co-author of numerous articles, books and textbooks and travels the world teaching and speaking.

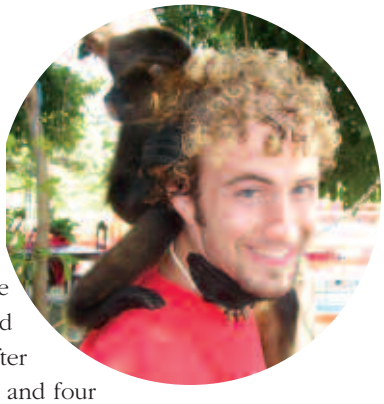
Among his other appointments and commitments, he and his family spent several weeks this summer in Brisbane, Australia, where he taught at Nazarene Theological College. Maddix and his wife, Sherri, have two children, Adrienne and Nathaniel and currently make their home in Nampa.

The School of Theology & Christian Ministries at NNU now offers three fully online graduate degree programs: Christian education - children and youth; spiritual formation; and pastoral ministry.

Depending on the program, new learning communities begin at various times throughout the year. There are no residential components for any of the three programs, all of which are accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities.

Seventy-five students from five world areas are presently enrolled in the program. Courses are taught online by NNU faculty and specialized adjunct professors, enabling students to complete a master's degree in religion while remaining in their ministry assignments as pastors, missionaries and staff members.

For more information about NNU's online graduate programs in religion, check out the university's new website at www.nnu.edu/mar. Additional questions can be directed to Kathy Bynum, program manager for graduate theological online education, by e-mailing mar@nnu.edu or calling 208-467-8432.



Matt Chitwood lives intentionally

Matt Chitwood will tell you that he was always a "good church kid," but after international travel and four years at NNU, it is evident in talking to Matt that somewhere in between his high school and college graduations a shift occurred.

Maybe it was on one of his mission trips, cleaning a church in Barcelona. Maybe it was during the semester he spent in Costa Rica studying with the Council for Christian Colleges and University's study abroad program. Or maybe it was while he was just hanging out with friends in chapel or NNU's coffee house, Amity Perk. Maybe it was the combination of those experiences that led Matt to his belief that life must be lived with a focus on others.

"You have to live intentionally to really make a difference and to really live the way our Christian faith calls us to do," Matt said. "There are needs to be met, and it's important to make it real."

Matt said that his travels while in college really opened his eyes to the "big world that is out there."

"My faith became more than youth-group focus on others and interaction with them," he said. Being faced with issues of poverty and homelessness "grind it down to what's important," he said, recalling a time he stood above a garbage dump in Guatemala watching the thousands who live and work there. "You stand there and it just breaks your heart," Matt said. "It's hard to realize that a world like that exists."

Exist, however, it does, and Matt found himself questioning his life in an entirely different way after his international experiences. "Why do I deserve this?" he asked. "You see the blatant contrast between our society and the consumerism and the people who have nothing. I wonder where Jesus would be if he were here today. I don't think he'd be cruising around and living the American dream. It puts a new perspective on what the Bible asks me to do."

Through his travels and his own personal spiritual journey, he said he realized time and again living to meet the needs of others must be intentional.

"The Bible calls us to loving and helping the poor – the widows and the orphans and the needy. You always hear 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' but it's not about religion; it's about relationship," Matt said.

Matt calls his experience with the CCCU study abroad program "amazing" and added that "the main thing about it wasn't studying, it was about challenging my faith."

On May 15, Matt graduated as part of NNU's largest graduating class to date, earning his degree in business with a focus on international relations and a personal bent toward continuing mission work. Already Matt has impacted the world for Christ through his travels. To find out more about the CCCU study abroad programs, visit their Web site online at www.cccu.org.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
–Robert Donaldson

"I've never been afraid to try; I've never been afraid to fail. I've never planned to fail, but if I do, at least I know I've tried." These are the words of Robert Donaldson, more familiarly known as "Dip."

Born in England and raised in Sacramento, Robert came to NNU as a junior college transfer basketball recruit in 1979 and was named 1981 Player of the Year by his teammates. While at NNU, he met his wife, Beth Bolarjack. They were married in 1983 and have six children.

After playing for NNU, Robert's dual citizenship allowed him opportunity to play on England's National Team. In 1988, Robert accepted the post of assistant coach of England's National Junior Team, stepping up a year later as assistant coach to the England Men's Senior Team.

Twelve years ago Robert and his family settled in Coventry, England, where he took over the franchise of Coventry's ailing basketball club. The Coventry Crusaders are now one of the most successful clubs in England. In November 2002 Dip was nominated Director of National Teams for the English Basketball Association.

Throughout his career, Robert never lost sight of a commitment he made at NNU to use basketball as a tool for reaching young people. In 1997 he established The Crusader Foundation, a charitable organization geared toward supporting area youth.

Recognized throughout Coventry and Warwickshire as the Christian sportsman who is not afraid to wear his heart on his sleeve, Robert was invited to join the executive board of Coventry's Youth for Christ organization seven years ago, and continues his ministry both on and off the court.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
–Bob Kiel

Colonel Robert C. Kiel knew from childhood that he would attend college at Northwest Nazarene University. It was his mother's life-long dream and the influence of an uncle that made it happen.

In the fall of 1944 Bob enrolled as a student and spent his days on campus pursuing his love of basketball as well as his studies. These days Bob still finds himself on campus often, as an encouragement to several departments by lightening their workload through his volunteer efforts and continuing to pursue his love of basketball.

After graduating in 1949 with a BA in history and a minor in education, Bob taught high school in Marsing for two years before entering into a military career with the US Air Force, where he served on continuous active duty until his retirement in 1980. Bob received two Air Force commendation medals – one for Meritorious Achievement; three Meritorious Service medals; one Legion of Merit; and he was named 1979 Air Logistics Command's Outstanding Consolidated Base Office Senior Personnel Manager.

In 1981 Bob and his wife, Won, moved to Boise and Bob began to find ways to be involved in helping his alma mater. Having been an athlete in college, the athletic department was a natural fit. Bob has been on the Crusader Athletic Association (CAA) Executive Board for ten years, and presently serves as CAA Secretary. He also served seven years on the committee that managed the NAIA National Men's Basketball Tournament hosted by NNU and edited the CAA Newsletter for nine years.

Along with his other volunteer activities, Bob also serves as class agent to the class of 1949.

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
–Julie van Beek

Julie van Beek, class of 1989, grew up in Nampa and presently serves as head coach of the women's basketball program at Trevecca Nazarene University, where she has been since TNU restarted the women's team, in 1996. The team was 4-24 its first season, but by the fourth year, the team qualified for the national tournament and have been there twice since. Julie's overall record is 140-109.

Julie says she came to NNU because she wanted to attend and play basketball for a Christian college and was impressed by the caring coaches and faculty, especially head women's basketball coach Jerry Finkbeiner, for whom she would later serve as assistant coach at Southern Nazarene University from 1992-96.

During her years as assistant coach at SNU, Julie helped lead the school to three NAIA National Championships and a 134-9 record. Julie reflects on her years at NNU with fondness and says that her NNU experience and the influence of coaches and teachers are among the reasons she is at Trevecca today. In the NNU record book, Julie is listed in the individual top ten season or career records in ten different categories. Among her other awards, in 1989 Julie received the Salisbury Basketball Award and in 1991 was inducted into the Cascade Conference Hall of Fame.

Julie teaches a Sunday School class and serves on the Christian Ministries Committee at her church. She is also involved with the Nashville Fellowship League, an outreach ministry to the Tennessee Titans and their fans. Professionally, she serves as first vice president to the NAIA Women's Basketball Coaches Association, is an NAIA National Rater, and is a member of the NAIA All-American Selection Committee.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
–Bruce Webb

Born in Oklahoma and raised in Northern California, Bruce Webb graduated from Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene University) in 1955. After graduation, Bruce served four churches as minister of Christian education at Los Angeles First, Seattle First, Upland First, and Nampa College Church of the Nazarene.

During these years (1957-1968) he also served as vice president of the Nazarene Directors of Christian Education Fellowship.

In 1968 Bruce came to Northwest Nazarene College as director of admissions. During his years at NNC, Bruce sent over 100,000 hand-written birthday or holiday cards and personal notes (most written between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.) plus tens of thousands of letters and phone calls to prospective and current students, colleagues and pastors. He was more than a recruiter—he was everyone's friend. His personal attention to students did not cease with their enrollment. He was highly visible in chapel, the cafeteria, campus coffee shop, and at ball games. For many on campus, he also served as pastor, counselor and confidant. People would frequently walk through his always-open office door to find him in prayer with a student or colleague. For 15 years Bruce corresponded with every Nazarene missionary's child during his or her teen years. This personalized touch created a growth pattern that peaked in a record undergraduate enrollment of 1352 in 1981-82. It is not surprising that Bruce came to personify "Mr. NNC" for countless prospects, students, parents and constituents across nearly two-and-a-half decades. Bruce and his wife, Gina, now divide their time between family in California and Idaho and time in Arizona.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT –Ken Wilde

Ken Wilde, recipient of NNU's 2004 Professional Achievement award, is a 1972 graduate with a degree in political science and history, who also spent his college days participating in track and basketball.

After graduation, Ken was a school teacher for many years in both public and private education, before becoming the senior pastor of Capitol Christian Center in Boise, Idaho, eighteen years ago. Among his other involvements, Ken has also served as chaplain of the Idaho State Senate.

One of Ken's passions, especially in the last several years, has been to see churches and believers of all denominations rally together in unified prayer for revival in our nation. That passion, and a clear obedience to God's leading, has resulted in the establishment of the National Prayer Center in Washington D.C., which Ken founded and where he serves as executive director. The National Prayer Center is an inter-denominational, non-profit organization dedicated to activating, mobilizing and inspiring Christians across America to become involved in the Biblical mandate to pray for our leaders and for revival in order to heal our land.

The prayer center is headquartered in Washington D.C. within walking distance of the United States Capitol building. The facility's primary function is to be a place of prayer for our nation and its leaders and has become a gathering place for Christians burdened for our land to pray and intercede for national healing and revival. The prayer center staff facilitates corporate prayer times with Congress members and other prayer leaders. The center is also opened to members of Congress and their staffs for times of prayer, devotion and encouragement.

Ken and his wife, Connie, have three children, Kristi, Rachelle and Tracy. Tracy is a 2004 graduate of NNU.

Change Proposed to NNU Alumni Association Constitution Your Vote is Requested

Changes to the constitution of the NNU Alumni Association require a two-thirds majority vote of the constituency to be implemented, and your Alumni Association Board of Directors has proposed some changes.

The Alumni Board of Directors is aiming for the authority and flexibility to increase the size of the alumni board. Historically, representation on the Alumni Board of Directors has consisted of nine members: one each from the seven districts in the NNU educational region or zone as identified by the Church of the Nazarene (i.e. Alaska, Colorado, Intermountain, Northwest, Oregon-Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Washington-Pacific), as well as the presiding president and one additional director representing alumni outside the educational zone.

Over the years the NNU alumni population has changed so that the present board make-up no longer adequately represents alumni demographics. The actual proposed change to the constitution is written in such a way to allow the board of directors to have some flexibility in selection as the demographics continue to change. The board would also like to include a current student as an ex-officio representative.

You will find the complete constitution of the Alumni Association and the language of the proposed changes at this link, where you may also submit your approval or disapproval: www.nnu.edu/alumni.

If you do not have access to the World Wide Web and would like to see the proposed changes, a printed copy will be mailed to you upon request by calling 1-800-654-2411.

In order to comply with the sixty day voting period required for changes to the constitution, ballots will be accepted until August 30, 2004.

News By Decade

1960s

Jim Franklin -61- is the new principal and social science teacher at the Sun Valley Indian School in Sun Valley, Ariz.

Franklin Ballard D.D.S. -65- was recently inducted as a fellow in the American College of Dentistry at the 2003 American Dental Association meeting in San Francisco.

Stan -66- and Doris Funk celebrated their 50th anniversary with three of their five children: **Veda -96-, Doug -90-, and Paul -90-** and 4 of their 13 grandchildren.

1970s

Larry A. Burns (72). The United States Senate has confirmed President Bush's nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Larry A. Burns of San Diego to serve as district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Judge Burns will fill a new judgeship authorized by the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act.

Chuck Jr. -73- and Mitzi (Mittelstaedt) -75- Wilkes have moved to Spokane Valley where Chuck serves as associate pastor-ministry development at Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene.

Diane (Rowen) Garmire -75- is an educator in the Spokane Public Schools and has been invited to her second summer of presenting for Edufest, the national summer conference/institute for teachers of gifted and talented children, held in Boise.

Rory Ann (Dyrness) Porter (75) lives in Kansas City, Kan., where she has accomplished her dream of teaching high school art, after raising her family, completing her bachelor's and master's degrees at MidAmerica Nazarene University, and serving as a senior educational technology analyst for Johnson County Community College. Rory also teaches media and communication courses at JCCC as an adjunct.

1980s

Perry -81- and Sylvia (Nordmo) -80- Schmitt recently returned to the United States after a four-year tour where Perry was deployed to Kosovo and Iraq. The Schmitts have three children, Benjamin (a student at NNU), Lauren and Kendra.

Karen (Bayne) Holt -83- graduated with a master's degree in management from Southern Oregon University in June of 2003.

Jolene McKenzie -83- has been appointed classified director for the *Seattle Weekly* newspaper. She recently moved back to the Northwest after ten years on the East Coast to be closer to her family.

Tim -83- and Cheri (Doane) -83- Hubbard and their family left the Treasure Valley in April 2003 to enter full-time ministry in Smith's Ferry, Idaho. They homeschool Laura (15), Timothy (9), Julia (7), and Stephen (6), and work at keeping up with David (2). If you would like to receive their ministry newsletter, please e-mail your request to faithwalk@frontier.net.

Karen Lea -84- is on the faculty of Olivet Nazarene University and serves as chair of the Division of Education. Her article "Team Teaching in a Middle School: A Case Study" was recently published in the *Eastern Education Journal* (Spring 2004).

Denice (Jahn) Tracy -85- is currently employed as the secretary/receptionist for the Financial Aid Office at NNU.

Dianne (Shank) Anderson -85- recently completed a Ph.D. in math and science education at University of California, San Diego. She is a professor in the biology department at San Diego City College. Her husband, Ted, is a professor in the kinesiology department at Point Loma Nazarene University. Ted and Dianne have two children, Tori (14) and Axel (12).

Harrie Trotman -86- graduated from the Bresee Institute for Urban Training and has planted a Nazarene church in Los Angeles, Calif.

Michael Severson -86- graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology with a master's degree in nuclear engineering. His next duty assignment is Sandia National Laboratories at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M.

James Bramson -87- currently serves as the children's pastor at Richland First Church of the Nazarene in Richland, Wash.

Steve -87- and Becky (York) -87- Metcalfe, along with their children, Kendal (13) and Jack (9), recently returned to Indonesia after enjoying 18 months back in Vancouver, Wash., with family and friends. Rebecca is teaching seventh-grade English and Steve works at Pelita Harapan University as a recruiter with the marketing department and is also the head basketball coach.

Donnie -87- and Brenda (Shjerve) -88- Frazier live in Medford, Ore., where Donnie serves as an assistant principal at South Medford High School and Brenda stays at home with their two daughters.

1990s

Stephen Descalzo -98- and his wife, Laura, have both graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary each with a Master of Divinity. In March they were appointed as intern missionaries to Russia by the Wesleyan Church. They are presently in the process of raising their support.

Heidi Maston -90- has been awarded the degree of Master of Distance Education from the University of Maryland.

Lee -90- and Anne (Coordes) -91- Rudeen are relocating temporarily to Kansas City where Lee will join the

staff of World Mission Communications to assist in productions as MWI prepares for General Assembly in 2005. At the same time Lee will also study writing and video production in the Kansas City area.

Joe -90- and Kristi (Dillbeck-Alm) -91- Kronz reside in Nampa where Joe is a pathologist at Mercy Medical Center and Kristi is an active homeschooling mother of three: Josiah (9), Isaac (6) and Isabelle (2).

Tim -93- and Elana (Andrew) -94- Flynn have started their own real estate investment company. Elana is also a criminal defense attorney in McMinnville, Ore. Tim and Elana have three sons.

Jorene (Batali) Wiedmeier -93- was promoted to business relationship manager with Wells Fargo Bank in January and has also been selected to receive the Accomplished Under 40 Award, an annual recognition program presented by the Idaho Business Review to recognize young business leaders in the Treasure Valley.

Tanisia (Haines) Pennington -94- is now living in Salem with her husband, Ryan. Ryan is the music and outreach pastor at South Salem Church of the Nazarene.

Diane Morris -MEd 95- is an elementary school counselor for the Johnson County School District in Rigby, Idaho and was elected president of the Idaho School Counselor Association.

Bill -96- and Kim -96- (Horner) Buckholdt. Bill is working as a tax attorney at Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller in Spokane. Kim is a C.P.A. who handles accounting projects while taking care of their eighteen-month-old son, Will.

Tim Schlack -96- is a staff assistant to Senator Mike Crapo and volunteers at a local elementary school with the Everybody Wins program. He also serves on the executive board of the National Conference of State Societies.

Tessa Phillips -96- is a special education teacher in Newberg, Ore., and is spending her summers with Work & Witness (2003) and NIVS (2004). She says that she is both overjoyed and overwhelmed at the Lord's leading in her life.

Jay Tegethoff -96- and his wife, Nicole, are living in Burley, Idaho, where Jay is yard manager for Franklin Building Supply and Nicole stays home with their sons, Ameron Jay and Kyler Daniel.

Ian -96- and Anne (Frahm) -97- May live on a mini-farm in Portland, Ore., and still ride bicycles. Ian is a therapist and Anne is a school counselor.

Joe -98- and Kristi (Madsen) -98- Arnold are living in West Chester, Penn., where Joe serves as minister to youth and their families in a local Church of the Nazarene Kristi recently completed a master's degree in school counseling from West Chester University and is a kindergarten teacher.

Hattie James -99- has returned to Idaho from Alaska and is now a graduate student at Boise State University, working towards her school counseling degree.

Justin -99- and Nicole (Stone) -96- Carr are in Fresno, Calif., where Justin is in grad school and Nicole stays home with their children, Emma (4) and Devon (1).

Kevin -99- and Jessie (Jones) -01- Jensen. Kevin graduated with an MBA in 2001 and is now the financial aid director at TVCC in Ontario, Ore. Jessie says she loves being a stay-at-home mom with their new baby, Carson.

2000

Eric Depew -00- is pastor of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Billings, Mont. after completing his Master of Divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary in 2003. He and his wife, Nicole, have one daughter, Stella.

John Leavell -01- and his wife Jenni are living in Vermont, where they are involved in their local church and restoring a 1930's house in their spare time. They say they would love to hear from some familiar friends.

Michael -02- and Callie (Gilbert) -02- McCarty are residing in Auburn, Wash., and teaching in Kent. Mike also serves in the Washington National Guard and has been mobilized. He is presently training in the U.S. for deployment to Iraq this year. Please keep Mike and Callie in your prayers.

G. Dee Carter -02- (MBA) has recently accepted a position as vice president/real estate lending manager with Syringa Bank in Boise.

Yakima Pastor Helps Grow NNU Ministerial Scholarship Program

Many people have been involved in the inception of NNU's ministerial scholarship program. One of those instrumental people is Rev. Holland Lewis. As chair of the Ministerial Scholarship Task Force, Holland took it upon himself to make a difference in the lives of future students. This spring, he presented a check for over $40,000 from Yakima West Valley Church of the Nazarene. With the involvement of local churches and individual donations, NNU is more than half way towards the ministerial scholarship endowment goal of $1,200,000. We still need your help! Please encourage your local church or those interested individuals to contact Barry Swanson in the church relations office at 1-208-467-8530.

Marriages

Maren Larsen -02- & Shane Hermanstorfer on Aug. 3, 2002 in Puyallup, Wash.

Shelly Brown -97- & Jason Harris on Dec. 13, 2002 in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Tim Knapp -03- & Stephanie Rodes -03- on May 24, 2003 in Ontario, Ore. Corrie Donahue -01- & David Munoz on June 14, 2003 in Harbor Bay Island, Calif.

Joyce (Swenson) Nyhus (62) & Bart Bridgeman on June 28, 2003 in Saint Louis, Mo.

Nick Nettles -02- & Amber Zasimovich on June 28, 2003 in Marysville, Wash.

David Golladay -97- to Emily on July 5, 2003 in Grandview, Wash. They are now a family a five, with three girls.

Molly Rogers -02- & Mervin Hanover on July 26, 2003 in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Temry Jenks -00- & Rafael Melendez on Aug. 2, 2003 in Bend, Ore.

Tyler Jeans -03- & Heidi Allgeier -01- on Sept. 13, 2003 in The Dalles, Ore.

Kenneth Owens -80- & Mary Lu Willis -81- on Sept. 13, 2003, Nampa.

Jeff Skeen -03- & Amy Snyder -03- on Sept. 26, 2003 in Salem, Ore.

Don Belisle -03- & Elizabeth Corlett -03- on Nov. 1, 2003 in Snoqualmie, Wash.

James (J.R.) Caines -01- & Jennifer Maxwell on Nov. 8, 2003 in Olympia, Wash.

Amy Besherse -94- & Robert Vreugde on Nov. 22, 2003 in Othello, Wash.

Jon & Stephanie (Ortman) Brigowatz

Stephanie Ortman -00- & John Brigowatz on Jan. 3, 2004 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Brian Tibbs -03- & Jill Bramhall -01- on Feb. 14, 2004 in Nampa, Idaho.

Braden Anderson -03- & Kassandra Seltzer (01) on March 19, 2004 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Michael Stock -96- & Holly Bathurst on March 27, 2004 in Redding, Calif.

Births

Syaira Christine on Feb. 27, 2001 to Christopher and **Christy (Wellington) -94- Gilliam**, joining sister Niakeata.

Evan Daniel on Sept. 21, 2001 to **Daniel -93-** and Lisa **Rust**.

Stella on June 27, 2002 to **Eric -00-** and Nicole **Depew**.

Devon Thomas on Sept. 12, 2002 to **Justin -97- and Nicole (Stone) -96- Carr**, joining sister Emma Nicole.

Marin Mae on Oct. 3, 2002 to **Donnie -87- and Brenda (Shjerve) -88- Frazier**, joining sister Miranda.

Andrew David on Nov. 19, 2002 to Rodney and **Vonnie (Baker) -93- Herman**, joining sisters Annaliese and Allison.

Rebecca Ann on Jan. 25, 2003 to Ward and **Susie (Johnson) -98- Schwider.**

Lauren Elizabeth on Jan. 30, 2003 to **Matt -97- and Aimee (Wallace) -97-** Skaggs, joining sister Karlee.

Jace Carter on March 11, 2003 to Jacob and **Johanna (Carter) -96- Sherley**.

Nickolaus G. on March 28, 2003 to Sean and **Heather (Robison) -98- Sanborn**.

Logan and Laurell on April 25, 2003 to **Kevin -96- and Heather (Hirst) -96- Batchelder**, joining sister Madyson.

Zachary James on May 6, 2003 to Zane and **Kimberly (Riggs) -97- Lathim**.

Emma Rae on May 7, 2003 to Justin and **Brenda (Bergdoll) -94- Dewey**.

Grace Elizabeth on May 14, 2003 to **Paul -98- and Kara (Heitschmidt) -98- Stevenson**.

Riley Kinman on July 9, 2003 to **Matt -94- and Stephanie (Kinman) -94- Brown**, joining sister Annika.

Kaana Lei on July 28, 2003 to **Brian (89) and Shannon (McKay) -92- Fye**.

Caroline Grace on Aug. 3, 2003 to Casher and **Kim (Chapen) -91- Haggerty**, joining sister Katie and brother Dylan.

Joel Robert on Aug. 25, 2003 to Marc and **Shannon (Wiebe) -97- Breda**.

Emily Joy on Sept. 3, 2003 to **Andy -98-** and Melinda **Diehl**, joining brother Austin.

Stella Depew

Isaac Smedley

Anna Haller

Maria Mizee

Logan and Laurell Batchelder with big sister Madyson

Kyler Daniel on Sept. 15, 2003 to **Jay -96-** and Nicole **Tegethoff**, joining brother Ameron Jay.

Anna Maxine on Sept. 23, 2003 to **John -88-** and Ruth **Haller**.

Elijah Daniel on Oct. 8, 2003 to Christopher and **Stacy (Murtland) -93- Thomas**, joining siblings Mark, Caleb, Hannah and Esther.

Darin Albert on Oct. 16, 2003 to **David -94- and Dorothy (Day) -94- Alexander**, joining sister Dayla.

Aspen on Oct. 24, 2003 to Richard and **Staci (Kirk) -03- Carter**, joining brother Jaden.

Isabela Brooks on Nov. 1, 2003 to **Jose -00- and Rebecca (Keller) -00- Melendez**.

Sadie Isabelle on Nov. 5, 2003 to Christopher and **Christy (Wellington) -94- Gilliam**, joining sisters Niakeata and Syaira.

Nathan Aaron on Nov. 28, 2003 to Aaron and **Angela (Duncan) -95- Battershell**, joining sisters Lindsay and Megan.

Dillon Tony on Dec. 3, 2003 to **Daniel -93** and Lisa **Rust**, joining brother Evan.

Maria Nadine on Dec. 12, 2003 to Scott and **Lisa (Jenkins) -96- Mizee**, joining sister Breanna and brother Ketner.

Abram Emanuel on Dec. 17, 2003 to **Grant -93-** and Aisling **Zweigle**, joining brother Graiden.

Isaac Matthew on Dec. 26, 2003 to Matthew and **Kadee (Wirick) -01- Smedley**.

Emily C. Rose on Dec. 27, 2003 to **R. Kenneth -86- and Beth (Hathaway) -87- Hayes**, joining brothers Andrew, Noah and Jonah.

Alysa Renee on Jan. 1, 2004 to **Aaron -01- and Julie (Cline) (97) Bynum**, joining twin sisters Caitlin and Hannah.

Tai Li was united with his parents **John -93- and Angela (Poteet) -94- Bomar** on Feb. 9, 2004 after being adopted in the Yunan Province of China. He was born on May 28, 2002.

Carson on March 29, 2004 to **Kevin -99- and Jessie -01- (Jones) Jensen**.

Deaths

Evelyn (Frisk) Hodges (44) on July 16, 2003, Nampa, Idaho

Robert Dennis -54- on Sept. 29, 2003, Amarillo, Tex.

John F. Janzen -72- on Nov. 19, 2003, Salem, Ore.

Mark Sullivan -84- on Nov. 21, 2003, Vancouver, Wash.

Sara Marie Greenup (98) on Nov. 26, 2003, Boise, Idaho

Garold Albert Schmidt -37- on Nov. 29, 2003, Yakima, Wash.

Peter Thiessen -42- on Nov. 30, 2003, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Naomi M. Johnson, long time NNU Bookstore Manager, on Dec. 25, 2003, Nampa, Idaho

Rev. John R. Kell -53- on Jan. 6, 2004, Boise, Idaho

Rev. John Brasch, Sr. -44- on Jan. 29, 2004, LaGrande, Ore.

Erma (Franklin) Nygaard -42- on Feb. 14, 2004, Moscow, Idaho.

Dr. L. Guy Nees -42- on March 26, 2004, Kalispell, Mont.

Eugene Skiens -50- on April 5, 2004, Indio, Calif.

A Will for

by Gary Skaggs
Vice President for University Advancement

"I want to die without a will." Have you really heard anyone say those words? I haven't either. Everyone agrees that it is a good idea to leave instructions for the use after our death of what God has helped us accumulate.

Actually, no one dies without a will. If we fail to do it ourselves, state governments have "written" a general will stipulating how estates will be dispersed. But the state doesn't know our dreams, priorities, commitments and the things we have come to value.

I'm sure you know the importance of a personalized will or other estate planning document. You agree that establishing a will or revising a will completed many years ago (when your children were young, before grandchildren or retirement, when your estate was much smaller) is a high priority. Unfortunately it often takes plans for travel or a catastrophic event, serious illness or death of someone close to us to get our attention and motivate us. When you do your estate planning, remember these important considerations:

Reflect Your Wishes

Appoint someone you trust, without bond, instead of a court-appointed executor. Provide for family members in ways that state statutes will not – establish a trust to benefit your spouse; eliminate estate taxes; disperse money to children or grandchildren in a prolonged manner. Identify charities important to you for special bequests or a tithe from your estate. (NNU can provide sample language.) Detail allocations reflecting your priorities and desires.

Legally Valid

Don't shortcut by using a stationary-store document or writing your wishes on a home computer as a do-it-yourself project. Why complete a will without being sure it is legally valid?

Up to Date

Life isn't static. Family situations change. Needs and desires are different from five years ago. Estate tax laws come and go. An outdated will could be as harmful as no will at all.

Amendable

Your will is not locked in concrete. You can make changes easily by adding a codicil or redrafting.

Safely Stored

Store the original document in a safe place (such as a bank safety deposit box) and let someone close to you know the location.

I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't ask you to prayerfully consider Northwest Nazarene University as you designate a portion of your estate to charity. Estate gifts received this year have added to the student scholarship endowment, assisted in much-needed facility construction and helped with vital campus maintenance. Without these gifts, many important needs of Northwest Nazarene University would go unmet.

We can assist you in preparing or updating a will or living trust, answer questions, provide information, and if needed, direct you to an attorney in your area. Such planning will give you peace of mind, benefit your loved ones and perhaps benefit NNU as well. Together, we can make a difference for eternity.

Toll-free: 1-866-467-8987

NNU the right choice for PRIDGEN

By Craig Stensgaard, NNU Sports Information Director

Now that finals have ended and Crusader sophomore Danielle Pridgen has both her freshman year and everything she owns in her rearview mirror, her first comment when asked if she would do anything different was made with laughter. "Besides getting more sleep and bringing fewer things into my dorm room, there really isn't anything I would do different. I love everything about this place!" Pridgen said.

While Danielle worked on moving out of the dorm for the summer, she took some time to reflect with me on the past year and how NNU has become an integral part of her life. "It was definitely an adjustment as I was away from home, trying to balance my classes, and at the same time playing basketball at a completely new level. Once I established a routine and got used to it all, everything fell into place and it has turned out great," she said.

To say it "fell into place" is an understatement, as the 6-foot forward was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference co-Freshman of the Year, averaging 13.2 points per game and an amazing 9.7 rebounds per contest, leading the entire conference. She also posted a conference-best 13 double-doubles in a 27 game season on a Crusader team that went 15-12 overall. "I was really surprised (with the award), just because I didn't realize there was an award like that. I just played every game the best I could, and took what it gave me. I remember thinking, 'Wow, I can't believe that they picked me out of all the freshman in the league.'" In addition to starting on the basketball team, Pridgen also competed for the NNU track and field team.

"It was a good season, but it was hard to make the transition from basketball to track, because my heart is so much into basketball. The track coaches were great and I loved the team, but the strength I've gained working out for basketball has slowed me down on the track."

Being slow on the track is a first for Danielle, since she is an 11-time individual 2A State track champion in Idaho and holds the state records in both the 400-meters (55.98) and 800-meters (2:13.91).

When asked what she was planning for the summer, the kinesiology education major told me that she is planning to work for Northwest Basketball Camps (a Christian basketball camp organization) for three or four weeks coaching basketball and also take a Water Safety Instruction course in Boise. "After the class, I plan on teaching swimming lessons at the YMCA in Boise," she said and added a little tongue-in-cheek, "In my spare time, I will be working out for basketball and getting ready for next season."

CALENDAR

AUGUST

1 STEP & GRAD Fall Session Begins
16 Last Day to Officially Enroll (Traditional UGrad)
20-23 New Student Orientation
20 Residence Halls Open for New Students
21 Residence Halls Open for Returning Students
21 Women s Volleyball vs. Alumni
23-24 Returning Student Registration
23-28 Malibu Days
24 Women s Volleyball vs. ACI
25 Traditional Classes Begin: Semester & Quad I
25 Women s Volleyball vs. TVCC
26 SGA Jazz on the Lawn
26 Women s Soccer vs. EOU
28 Women s Soccer vs. ACI
30 Women s Soccer vs. CWU

SEPTEMBER

6 Labor Day
6 STEP Module I Classes Begin
9 Women s Soccer vs. Seattle University
16 Women s Volleyball vs. UAA
17 Homeschool Visit Day
18 Women s Volleyball vs. UAF
22 Women s Soccer vs. WOU
24 Boise Philharmonic
30 - Oct. 1 Explore NNU

OCTOBER

1-2 Alumni Board Meeting/Class Agent Workshop
1 Johnson Sports Center Facility Dedication
4 NNU Presents: Avalon with Mark Shultz
7 Women s Volleyball vs. SMC
7 Women s Soccer vs. HSU
9 Women s Volleyball vs. CWU
11 Columbus Day (Student Holiday)
13 Women s Soccer vs. SPU
16 Women s Soccer vs. MSU-Billings
16 Community Outreach Day
18 Women s Soccer vs. Grand Canyon University
21 Women s Volleyball vs. WOU
22 Boise Philharmonic
23 Women s Volleyball vs. HSU
23 Women s Soccer vs. WWU
30 Women s Volleyball vs. Seattle University
31 Daylight Savings Time Ends

NNU PRESENTS

A series of family-friendly world-class performances!
Tickets range from $7 - $30 in advance and $9 - $32 at the door. Group rates are available. Season tickets go on sale July 1. Tickets for individual shows are available August 2. For tickets and more information call the Brandt Center Box Office at (208) 467-8795 or visit our Web site at www.nnu.edu/brandt.

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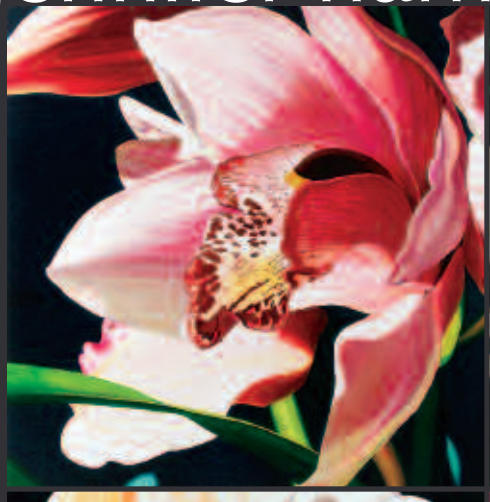
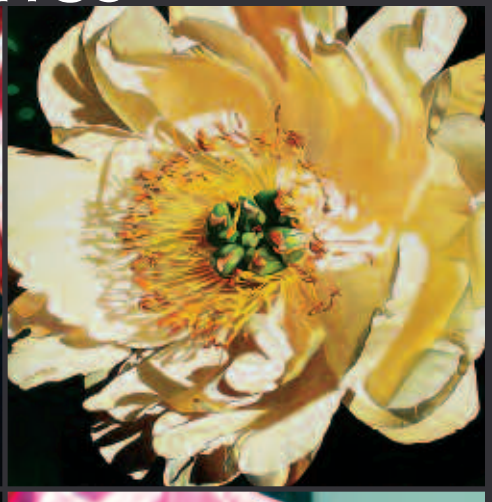

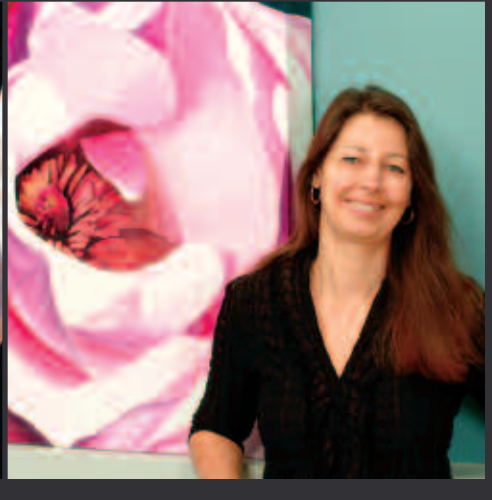

Alumna Jennifer Harmes worked as a graphic designer for 13 years before leaving her career to devote herself full-time to painting and exhibiting her work. Originally from New Zealand, where she now lives, Jennifer concentrates on florals and explains that her love of painting flowers runs deep.

"Each flower has its own voice, its own attachment of memories and emotion. I love how flowers are totally spontaneous and fill a space with energy and life. There is so much to learn from their natural rhythms and from their generous, unselfconscious beauty. Flowers have the power to make us look at life anew," she says. Jennifer's work is represented in numerous private collections and can be found online at www.jenniferharmes.com.

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