Fusing art & literature — NNU students tackle Hollywood!
Dear Alumni and Friends:

I remember thinking at the time of my father’s death in 1975, that this man, born in 1897 in Texas, had seen remarkable changes in transportation during his lifetime. During his early life in rural Oklahoma, his family had either walked or taken horse and buggy to their intended destination—and they didn’t travel very far. By the time he died, humans had traveled to the moon and back. Amazing changes requiring amazing adaptation.

Just one generation later, here in 2005, as I write this letter to you, I have access to instant communication with many parts of the world. In fact, just minutes ago I watched a 35-second video of our granddaughter playing her saxophone. It arrived by e-mail to our home computer from her home in South Korea. We are now able to communicate with her family by instant messaging and by web camera in real time. Like my father and changes in transportation, we are today living in a time of amazing changes in our ability to communicate

Northwest Nazarene University is adapting to these changes in communication, not only by keeping current in information technology, but in equipping our students to be able to communicate clearly and effectively in writing and speaking. In this edition of The Messenger, you will meet faculty and students who are teaching and learning in the field of mass communication. Like the communication within a family, the technical ability to communicate with audiences around the globe has increased dramatically. What is needed, and what NNU provides, is the skill and grace to know how to use the media for the common good and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Like me, I am sure you will be proud of the accomplishments of our faculty and students and encouraged that they are becoming equipped to impact a dynamically interactive world. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hagood
President

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When Gwen Miller graduated from Cole Valley Christian School in the spring of 2002, she had no idea that in less than three years she would find herself alone in Los Angeles, navigating her way through the maze called Hollywood.

Vivacious and friendly, Gwen came to NNU, in part, because it was familiar. “My sister came here, and I knew my way around,” she confessed one September day in the Amity Perk coffee shop on campus. “That, and it was the only Christian school in Idaho.”

For a girl who wanted to stay close to home in Boise, nothing could have shaken her out of her comfort zone more than the experience of winning a coveted Academy of Television Arts and Sciences internship where she was placed this summer with the crew of NBC’s Fear Factor. There she learned first-hand the joys and rigors of working in the fast-paced Hollywood environment.

With more than 4,000 applicants, the chances of Gwen being chosen as one of the final 36 were slim, but Mass Communications Professor Arnie Ytreeide had faith that Hollywood would see what he had seen in her. It was Ytreeide who encouraged her to apply for the internship and wrote one of the letters of recommendation that helped her make the final cut.

“Gwen has been a producer on every major production we’ve had while she’s been here,” Ytreeide said. “She’s willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish a goal. She works hard and is willing to get out there and jump in with both feet.”
Ytreeide praised Gwen’s commitment and ability to organize, cajole, contact, call, budget and whatever else needed to happen to pull a show off. “She excels at those producer jobs,” he said.

Even with being able to jump in with both feet and scale small buildings with a single bound, nothing could have prepared her for the differences between Southern California and life at NNU.

“LA was an experience,” Gwen said with a knowing smile and slight chortle, as if I should know.

She shared her story of finding housing in what she thought would be a safe area of town, only to realize that it wouldn’t have happened if it hadn’t been for the internship and Professor Ytreeide. I would not be here today without him. He’s the sole reason I am in the program and why I applied for the internship.”

“There are students across the continent who would sell their brothers and sisters to have the opportunity that Gwen has had,” Ytreeide added with a grin, only half joking.

In his fourth year at the helm of the mass communications major, Ytreeide spoke with pride about the program, the way it has developed and the way it continues to develop. From one degree four years ago, to concentrations in TV/film narrative, news/documentary, corporate media, media in ministry and media in missions, the mass communications program has expanded exponentially under Ytreeide’s leadership, adapting and changing to meet the needs of both 21st century students and employers.

“I got to learn Hollywood, which is an invaluable experience,” she said. “I also learned how to work with people, and I was expected to be learning all the time. My boss would take me into his office and ask me, ‘So what did you learn today?’

Gwen said that the aspects of production that thrilled her are the things that most of us find tedious: the budgeting, making call sheets, organizing the business side of all that it takes to ‘put a show together,’ in her words.

Why does she do it? Strangely enough, she said that it’s a challenge in a very enthusiastic way, and so much good work was produced that doors have been opening for them.”

Ytreeide’s encouragement to the students has resulted in a stream of work worthy of professional-level status, he said. “I challenged the students to compete with professionals,” he said, “not simply other college students. They rose to that challenge in a very enthusiastic way, and so much good work was produced that doors have been opening for them.”

Venie Ward, a recent graduate, was hired for video production in Europe before he graduated last spring, Ytreeide said, and senior Paul Otremba (Spokane, Wash.), who was hired by Boise’s Channel 7, was promoted two days into an internship when his talents became evident.

Students can choose to either major in religion with a minor in media, or take the media in missions major, joining their loves.

“What these students have accomplished has validated to me that they can do things far beyond what we commonly consider the student level of work.”

—Professor Arnie Ytreeide
One particular evening she decided to act as if she didn't speak English. She gestured and jabbered wildly (not gibberish — no real language) to the waitress, deferring to me to interpret. We spent the entire evening without the waitress ever hearing Helen utter a word of English.

On another occasion, the waitress brought a basket of mints to the table, following the meal. I took one and watched as Miss Wilson, with that twinkle in her eye, grabbed mints by the handful and stuffed them into her pockets. The waitress stood with wide-eyed disbelief as Helen continued to unfold the basket of mints. Miss Wilson turned to her and asked, “They don’t take this out when you pay?” The waitress replied, “I don’t think so,” and so Miss Wilson emptied the basket entirely. I was speechless and laughed until I cried. At the end of the evening, Miss Wilson left an enormous tip.

The other hallmarks of Helen’s life were her compassion and faith. The two were intricately woven together. Helen believed in promoting the cause of Jesus by modeling Christian compassion. She lived her life based on Matthew 25:40, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, my brothers, you did for me.” She had a deep love for animals, especially those that were neglected or abused. She believed it was her calling to help those who could not help themselves. I accompanied her on many animal rescue efforts and was astounded at the lengths she would go to save a pet. She answered the Pet Haven telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for many, many years. She poured her heart into Pet Haven, and on many occasions paid the balance of the bill from her personal account.

Helen cared deeply for people, too. Her former students were written to her heart and she remained in touch with them over their struggles. Miss Wilson was never one to hear about a situation and sit idly by, hoping things would just get better. She immediately flew into action with a plan of how she could help. I was the recipient of that help during a very difficult time in my life. She prayed for me, conveyed her love and shared her faith with me, and gave me some money to help me through. When I later tried to repay her, she refused, asking only that, when I was able, I would do the same for someone else.

In a world where many things are superficial, Miss Wilson was the real thing genuine and original in every sense of the word. I was blessed to call her my friend.

1980 alumna Jeannine (Bartholomew) Fitzgerald shares Helen’s love of animals.

Helen Grace Wilson was my teacher, my colleague, and my friend.

In 1977 I took my first class from Miss Wilson. Her expertise as a teacher was well known across campus at Northwest Nazarene College. I had heard from many that Miss Wilson’s Japanese Literature Class was a must. Sitting in class that first day, I saw Miss Wilson for the first time. She was short, a bit plump, and kind of old, I thought. It didn’t take long to discover how superficial my observations were. Miss Wilson quickly captured my attention. She was knowledgeable and witty, and we were well-bound as she moved about the room, lecturing easily about Japanese literature while weaving in stories of her own adventures. Little did I know that this NNC Professor would soon become one of my dearest friends.

After college I had the privilege of working along side Miss Wilson with Pet Haven, the humane society in Canyon County that she founded. I worked at a local veterinary hospital where the Pet Haven animals were boarded, and Miss Wilson and I had contact almost daily. In person, or by phone, we discussed adoptable pets, potential placements or Pet Haven donations.

Over the years, Miss Wilson taught me many things, but what has impacted me most is what I learned from her about living. Miss Wilson embraced life and lived it with a sense of humor, compassion and deep faith. Her sense of humor is well documented among all who knew her. She loved to make people laugh and enjoyed telling jokes, playing tricks and embarrassing you whenever she had the chance. We spent hours together in restaurants, and she delighted in teasing the waitresses. It was especially fun when we would get a new, unsuspecting young girl, who wasn’t wise to Miss Wilson’s ways.

Helen Grace Wilson
by Jeannine Fitzgerald

NNU Chosen as One of the Best Western Colleges

The 2006 Princeton Review results were also released in August with Northwest Nazarene University chosen again as one of the Best Colleges in the western region, which spans a geographical area from Houston, Texas, to Seattle, Wash. NNU is one of 122 colleagues chosen as a “Best Western College” and shares the distinction with two other schools from Idaho, University of Idaho and Albertson College of Idaho.

Coming on the heels of the U.S. News & World Report ranking, the Princeton Review recognition was well received by NNU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mark Pitts, who said he appreciated the rankings but believes that the true test of any college is found in the graduates. “We like the confirmation that the rankings give to the high quality of our programs, but our reputation rests in the performance and character of our students, not in rankings,” said Pitts.

Unlike other ranking institutions, the Princeton Review does not use a mathematical formula when rating colleges but instead relies heavily on current student opinion. According to The Princeton Review’s website, colleges chosen had to meet two criteria. First, they had to meet our standards for academic excellence within their region. And second, we had to be able to survey their students anonymously, either through our online survey, or through our paper survey, which we distribute and collect during an on-campus visit. Once the surveys have been completed and the responses stored in our database, each college is given a grade point average (GPA) for its students’ answers to each multiple-response question. It is these GPAs that enable us to compare student opinions from college to college, and to gauge which aspects of the complete experience at each college rate highest and lowest according to the institution’s own students.”

NNU Chosen as One of the Best Western Colleges

NNU students (through The Princeton Review survey process) had this to say about life at NNU: “Students report that NNU’s reputation is strongest in business, education, pastoral theology, religion, music, and premedical sciences, noting that NNU has incredible academic programs and many graduates go on to excel lent grad schools or job opportunities.” According to The Princeton Review, college and university profiles in general seek to provide a quality education that prepares students for life during and after college. As our programs continue to expand their influence and reach, this is an acknowledge ment of quality from organizations like U.S. News & World Report.”
NNU Students Raise Over $3600 for Katrina Relief Efforts

Speaheashed by Retention Coordinator Lance Nelson and the NNU Student Government Association, Northwest Nazarene Students raised more than $3600 in two days for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

“This was a way that we could really put love into action,” Nelson said. “As a Christian university, our mission is to reach out to those who are hurting and love them the way Christ would. It wasn’t really a question of whether or not we would participate – the question was how we would participate.”

Student government leaders decided to respond to the need by organizing and constructing crisis care kits filled with essentials like shampoo, toothpaste and bandages. Honk’s $1.00 store in Nampa offered a discount on items to help stretch the dollars even further.

In addition to the crisis care kits, NNU is responding in additional ways, as well. NNU President Dr. Richard Hagoed said in a letter to the NNU community that up to 10 students currently enrolled in Council for Christian Colleges and University schools affected by the hurricane (Louisiana College, Louisiana Judson College, Alabama; and Bellhaven and Mississippi College in Mississippi) will be offered the chance to transfer their enrollment to NNU for the 2005-06 school year with no NNU tuition payment.

Additionally, Chaplain Gene Schandorf, in coordination with Nazarene Disaster Relief and specific Gulf-area churches, is making plans for a December mission outreach trip.

NNU Dean Elected to Chair National Accrediting Body

Ronald Galloway, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Business, has been elected as the 2005-2006 Chair-Elect of the nation’s Board of Commissioners for Baccalaureate/Graduate Programs of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). Galloway will become Commission Chair in 2006-2007.

The Commission is the ACBSP body that rules on accreditation issues for all of the nation’s four-year universities. Galloway was elected to the post at the annual ACBSP meetings in Washington, D.C., in June.

NNU’s Master of Social Work Program Receives Accreditation

Northwest Nazarene University has announced that its Master of Social Work (MSW) program received accreditation in June by the Council on Social Work Education. This is the same accrediting body that has continuously accredited NNU’s bachelor’s degree in social work since 1979.

The NNU master’s in social work offers working adults the opportunity to complete a graduate degree in social work through an extended program of study. It is designed for working and/or those with family responsibilities.

The MSW program currently offers concentrations in clinical social work practice, and in management, community planning and social administration. Within each area of concentration students are also given opportunities to pursue special interests and projects. In the future, the department plans to offer a concentration in gerontology and certifications in school social work, drug and alcohol counseling.

NNU School of Business receives Better Business Bureau’s 2005 “Integrity Counts!” Award

Northwest Nazarene University’s School of Business has been honored as a Better Business Bureau 2005 “Integrity Counts!” recipient. The NNU School of Business was recognized for its “unyielding commitment to integrity in education.” The Integrity Counts! Program is sponsored by the Better Business Bureau and KeyBank. Since its inception in 1997, 187 companies have been honored.

Organizations are nominated for “Integrity Counts!” recognition by customers, employees, vendors and the community at large. Nominations and supporting materials are reviewed by a panel of community leaders that determines the list of honorees.

“In our purpose statement for the School of Business is the commitment to develop ethical leaders in our global society,” said Ron Galloway, Dean of the School of Business. “Because of this commitment, this specific recognition by the Better Business Bureau has special meaning to us.”

The NNU School of Business is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and is nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. The school offers undergraduate degrees in business and accounting; an accelerated delivery business degree for working adults; and the MBA and MBIB offered at the NNU campuses in Nampa and Boise and online.

The School of Business also houses the Center for Professional Development in Business and the Business Enrichment Series, which is offered twice a year and most recently hosted New York Times best-selling author Harvey Mackay.

Seniors graduating in business at NNU rank in the 95th percentile of their peers from across the country in the ETS national business exam. NNU students routinely compete against nearly 65,000 students from 288 universities on this exam.

ON CAMPUS

Marc Herring

...on his semester
in Martha’s Vineyard
and becoming a rock and roll star

A n impromptu bicycle ride was one of Marc Herring’s first excursions used to familiarize himself with his new home for the semester. Noting the historic dry stone walls built by the first English settlers, the pristine beaches and the gorgeous cliffs the area is known for, Marc is definitely enjoying Massachusetts more. As a senior commercial music major, Marc Herring has spent his years at NNU involved in just about every music activity available. This semester he traveled to Martha’s Vineyard, Mass., for a special study program through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The program is called the Contemporary Music Program, and for music majors it’s as good as it gets.

As one of many off-campus study programs students can participate in while still being considered a current student of NNU, the Contemporary Music Program offers a unique and ideal setting for intensive study into the music and entertainment industries. With buildings like The Barn, an old barn converted into a recording studio, and the Lodge, the campus has both history and the high tech necessities. The program works from a Christian perspective to prepare its students to be competitive in all aspects of the industry from recording artists to agents to record company executives. Marc looks forward to not only to a full schedule of classes but also to a number of studio recording and performing opportunities. A road trip to New York will also be part of his required curriculum this fall.

Marc shares that he will spend this semester studying what it takes to break into the music industry. The program consists of two tracks: the Executive Track and the Artist Track. Marc has chosen the Artist Track. He will be paired with a student on the Executive Track, and they will work together to create, promote, and perform their music throughout the semester. While Marc will have a chance to focus on his music (the composes, sings and plays the guitar), his partner will work on getting Marc performance opportunities and promoting him.

Originally from Spokane Valley, Wash., Marc has been highly involved at NNU from day one. He has been a member in the summer travel group Covenant for three summers; he traveled with Crusader Choir to England and Scotland and with Hallelujah Brass to France last spring. He has also participated in a variety of jazz combos and worship teams. Like many musicians at NNU, Marc has taken full advantage of the various performing and travel opportunities offered through the music department.

In this way, he has been an invaluable asset to NNU, contributing his vocal and guitar skills to a variety of musical groups and genres.

Both travel with Covenant and playing on worship teams have allowed Marc to use his talents to reach out to others. Marc makes a frequent face in chapel and Time Out as a worship leader. During his summer experiences he has had opportunity to work with hundreds of youth and to minister in regional churches. One thing he has taken away from his time with Covenant is how to live in Christian community and exhibit the lifestyle Paul outlines in his epistles. No doubt, Marc has been a significant role model to many musically aspiring teens.

Though all of Marc’s NNU involvements have been amazing and profitable experiences, he finds that he is relishing a quieter semester on Martha’s Vineyard where he has time to turn his attention to developing his own sounds and honing his song writing skills.

While Marc would ultimately “love to be a rock and roll star,” writing and playing his own music, he says he is fascinated by many facets of the music industry and would be interested in music ministry or becoming a recording engineer. The possible career opportunities in the field of professional music are endless, he says, and Marc is excited about the preparation and experience his time at NNU, and now at the Contemporary Music Center, has provided him. Whatever the path God lays out for him, Marc will continue to make music that is artistic, original, and spiritually driven.
Finding balance at NNU

by Craig Stensgaard, NNU Sports Information Director

What separates the Northwest Nazarene University volleyball program from other collegiate volleyball programs in the country? Crusader head coach Jared Sliger can answer that question with one word: Balance.

The ability to have balance in his own life and the lives of his players is what brought him back to Northwest Nazarene University in the spring of 2005. Previously, he spent four years coaching at the NCAA Division I level, first as an assistant at the University of Idaho and then for two years at the University of Oregon. “I think that has been the biggest change for me, the ability to have balance and still coach at the NCAA collegiate level,” he said.

“I think there is a trade-off in finding that balance and passing that ethic on to the players, but I also think that it’s a healthy trade-off. You may not get as much repetition in, but your play- ers feel better, and their brains are more relaxed. We are willing to make that trade because we only get to work with them for four years and are trying to impact them for the rest of their lives with their decision making,” he said. “That is what is so different than anywhere else I’ve been. Before it was just ‘what can you do for me as a player these four years?’ Now we want to help them learn how to make wise decisions and develop good, positive habits.”

“When we went on our team retreat this year, it was a huge confirmation to me of how NNU is different from other institutions. At NNU, the focus is on the growth of the person, not just the athlete. NNU provides a balance between their spiritual life, academic life, social life and athletic life. And as we work at helping them keep balance, I get to keep it as well.”

This balance includes working and coaching with his wife, Lisa Sliger, Jared ’91, and Lisa ’01, enjoying giving back to the university that changed both of their lives. “The NNU community is focused on developing the entire student,” Lisa said.

“Your growth and confidence as a person, and your confidence in your faith are fostered by the environment at NNU. At the other institutions, volleyball is a job. You are spending all of your time, including your free time, working on your sport. But here at NNU we are focused on the whole person, spending time involved in campus events, and being part of the NNU community,” she said.

As proven by Lisa, having balance can still lead to success. An NAIA First Team All-American as a senior, Lisa (Ericksen) appeared in the NAIA National Volleyball Tournament each of her four years as a Crusader, helping NNU to their highest finish ever in 1998, taking second in the NAIA national championship match and finishing the season at 34-7.

“The athletes we are recruiting feel a comfort when we talk to them about how Jared and I both graduated from NNU and tell them how our lives completely changed while we were here,” Lisa continued. “Being able to recruit and talk with parents, tell them our story, and show them that we are going to take care of their kids for the four years they are here really makes a difference.”

God has truly blessed these coaches who are working on and off the court together to find a balance in life and share that balance with their players.

Across the nation, NNU Alumni Chapters are springing up, bringing alumni and friends of the university together for friendship, relaxation and some good old-fashioned reminiscing.

According to Alumni Director Darl Bruner, NNU Alumni Chapters are a great way of connecting alumni and promoting continued personal and spiritual growth. “Alumni chapters become a great way to network and find new churches, job opportunities and social groups,” said Bruner.

“NNU Alumni Chapters are an important part of remembering the great heritage of Northwest Nazarene,” he continued. “Keeping these memories and traditions alive is a vital part of passing this heritage on to the next generation.”

Get involved today by contacting the Alumni Office at alumni@nnu.edu or 1-800-654-2411 to learn about attending or starting an Alumni Chapter where you live.
Aug. 24, 2005 is a day that 1997 alumnus and Army Specialist Matt Salisbury will always remember. That day, President George Bush called his name from Nampa’s Idaho Center, asking Matt’s permission to quote Salisbury from an article he had written for the Idaho Press Tribune and previously received recognition for from Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

In a letter to family describing his experience of the Iraq elections, Salisbury poignantly captured the emotion of the war through the story of an elderly Iraqi gentleman able to vote for the first time. “It was incredible experience,” Salisbury said of the event. Bush spoke at the Idaho Center as part of a speaking tour specifically meant to honor those who have served in Iraq. Bush spoke at the Idaho Center as part of a speaking tour specifically meant to honor those who have served in Iraq. Bush spoke at the Idaho Center as part of a speaking tour specifically meant to honor those who have served in Iraq.

“IT was incredible experience,” Salisbury said of the event. Bush spoke at the Idaho Center as part of a speaking tour specifically meant to honor those who have served in Iraq.

Pictured above from the top: Specialist Matt Salisbury with his daughter, Claire; President Bush greets Salisbury’s mother, Nancy; Salisbury; Bush addresses the Nampa audience; President and Mrs. Bush thank those who came.

News by decade

1940s
Walter -48- and Charlotte (Hume) -45-
Edgar celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 23, 2005. The Edgars are enjoying life in Sitka, Alaska, and serve as class agents for NNU.

1960s
Eldon -64- and Carol (Miller) -59-
Rayborn retired in September after serving the Myrtle Creek Church of the Nazarene for over 54 years.

1970s
Maxine (Lester) Pond -70- and her husband, Vern, are traveling to Lithuania this fall to volunteer teach at Lithuania Christian College for one semester. Maxine earned an MA in Linguistics (TESOL) in 2003 from the University of Surrey, UK.

1980s
Daniel Snethen -89-
He is beginning his 10th year at Little Wizard High School on the Pinewood Reservation, teaching science and literature. He also coaches oral interpretation and drama. In addition, Dan serves as announcer for sports teams and is presently working on a master’s degree with hopes of finishing in the summer of 2006.

1990s
After completing a two-year clerkship for the Honorable H. Joseph Coleman of the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One, Lisa Worthington-Brown -99-
has joined the firm of Dionne & Ronick as an associate.

2000s
Marissa (Edwards) Williams -01- and her husband, Brett, have moved to Boulder, Colo., to start a church called The Clay.

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Save the dates! Nov. 23 - 26 Homecoming 2005 “It’s Tradition!”

Log on to www.nnu.edu/alumni for all the details on what is sure to be an incredible homecoming event. Don’t miss the opportunity to hear and read stories of your years at NNU and experience the camaraderie and connection with fellow alumni. Whether you live ten miles away or ten thousand, bring the entire family for four days of fun for all.

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Births

Ravna Aviva Grace on March 9, 2004 to Allen and Cherylann (Oberg) -92- Dinius, joining brother Kyle.

Brad on Nov. 3, 2004 to Michael and Holly (Manley) -95- Annex, joining brother Harrison, who was born Jan. 6, 2003.

Milestones

Marriages

Back Wiebe -85- and Katie Brekke on July 12, 5013 in Rapid City, South Dakota.


Sara Cunningham -02- to Peter on May 28, 2005 to Marcie and Christian, joining brother Joel.


Jennifer and Josh Falk on May 14, 2005 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Harrison, who was born Jan. 6, 2003.


Babies

Eric -00- and Kristy (Genthe) -99- Helkey, joins siblings Annika and Riley.

Babies

Ryker Scott on June 16, 2005 to Eric -94- and McKenna (Say) -96- Lacy, joining siblings Landon and Kennedy.

Eli Everett Miller on June 23, 2005 to Brian and Kristi (Brackett) -99- Miller.

Ava Joy on July 5, 2005 to Eric -00- and Brooke (Ferdinand) -97- Adamson.

Liam Felix on Aug. 30, 2005 to Jeff -01- and Bekah (Ponsford) -99- Hall.

DEATHS

Helen G. Wilson -45-, NNU faculty member for 39 years, on Aug. 4, 2005 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Christopher Murray -94- on July 17, 2005, in Boise, Idaho.

Earl Jay Rice -52- on June 16, 2005 in Gothenberg, Nebraska.


Alumnus Kent Hill Serves the U.S. in Europe

1971 alumnus Kent Hill, Ph.D., (picted above right with First Lady Laura Bush) is currently the assistant administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development for Europe and Eurasia. Additionally, he is serving under appointment from President Bush as acting assistant administrator for the Bureau of Global Health.

In addition to Hill’s governmental responsibilities, this spring he received an honorary doctor of human letters degree from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y. Hill also gave the address during the college’s commencement exercises.


Hill has published several books on Christianity in Russia and more than 50 articles and reviews on subjects such as the human rights, religion in communist countries, Russian intellectual history, Marxism and development.

A noted expert on human rights and international religious freedom issues, Hill has been an active participant in dialogue between Catholics, Evangelical Protestants, Orthodox and other religious groups.

Hill received both his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Washington in Seattle after earning his bachelor’s degree from NNU.

Ray Cooke Spends his Retirement Riding the Rails and Documents his Experience through Video

Pursing the dream of every railroad fan, retired history professor and 1958 alumnus Ray Cooke has found joy riding the rails in Canada and documenting the path of No. 41, a 1920 Baldwin Consolidation 2-8-0 excursion train in Central Alberta.

Using one of his retirement hobbies, Cooke produced the DVD documentary that Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions has been “aching to have,” according to writer Renato Gandia. “I thought people might like to know what became of retired professors,” Cooke quipped in a recent letter.
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Photo by Brad Elsberg: A portion of the NNU campus family, May 2, 2005

Photo by Steve Bly

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2005
3-4 Explore NNU
4 7 p.m. Fall Readers Theatre
9 7 p.m. MBB vs. ACI Exhibition, Idaho Center
9 Harold Ivan Smith Seminar
10 7 p.m. WBB Exhibition Game vs. Boise State @ BSU
10-13 Call to Ministry Conference
12 7 p.m. VB vs. SPU (Senior Night)
17 8 p.m. Concert Band Concert-BC
18 8 p.m. Boise Philharmonic-BC
18 8 p.m. Fall Drama-SLH
19 8 p.m. Fall Drama-SLH
23 8:30 p.m. Fall Drama-SLH
23-26 Thanksgiving/Homecoming
24 7:30 p.m. Homecoming Concert
25 1 p.m. Alumni Reunions
26 1 p.m. Fall Drama-SLH
26 9:30 a.m. Live Auction/JSC

DECEMBER 2005
1 7:30 p.m. MBB vs. MSU-Billings
2 7 p.m. MBB vs. Lakeland College
1-3 Gun & Outdoor Exhibition-JSC
3 7 p.m. MBB vs. Lakeland College
6 7 p.m. WBB vs. ACI
9 8 p.m. Jazz Combo-SLH
10 7 p.m. MBB vs. Willamette University
10 8 p.m. Messiah
16 7 p.m. MBB vs. W Montana U
16-31 Winter Break
20 7 p.m. WBB vs. Adams State
21 7:30 p.m. WBB vs. Adams State

JANUARY 2006
1-8 Winter Break
5 7 p.m. WBB vs. SU
7 7 p.m. WBB vs. SMC
9-10 Check-in/Registration & Testing
9 Res Halls Open @ 10 a.m.
11 Semester & Quad 1 Classes Begin
12 7 p.m. MBB vs. UAF
14 7 p.m. MBB vs. UAA
16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
16-21 Beloved Community Events
26 5:30 p.m. WBB vs. UAA
26 7:30 p.m. MBB vs. SU
27 8 p.m. Boise Philharmonic-BC
27 Winter Visit Day
28 5 p.m. WBB vs. UAF
28 7 p.m. MBB vs. SMC

BC - Brandt Center
JSC - Johnson Sports Center
SLH - Science Lecture Hall
NNU Art Professor Wins National “Best of Show” Award

NNU Professor of Art & Design Jonathan Bouw was recently honored with the Stevan Dohanos “Best of Show” award at the Society of Illustrators’ Museum of American Illustration in New York City. “The Society of Illustrators is the most prestigious organization for illustrators and commercial artists in the world,” Bouw said. “Luminary artists such as Brad Holland, C.F. Payne, Anita Kunz, William Joyce and Jerry Pinkney show at the Society. Some of the aforementioned have won this award in the past.”

Each year the Society hosts a show called “Our Own Show” which is for members only. The winning work from the show is also featured in the Professional Statements section of the Society’s Annual “Illustrators 47,” which is distributed to every major publisher in the U.S.

“I was shocked to win,” Bouw said. Additionally, Bouw’s work has appeared in Christianity Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Sojourners, National Times, Leadership Journal, and Education Week, among others.

Bouw received his M.F.A. from the School of Visual Arts, New York City, in 1990.