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brings new possibilities to athletes
and students*

president's letter



Dear Alumni and Friends:

Every once in awhile we just need to take time to celebrate! And, on Friday evening Oct. 1 we did just that. Some 700 alumni and friends of Northwest Nazarene University gathered for the annual President's Dinner to celebrate another good year of financial and volunteer support for our university and to celebrate God's blessing. What an evening! What a venue—the Johnson Sports Center!

This annual dinner allows students, the campus community, and me to express our appreciation to donors, who during the past year contributed a minimum of \$250 to NNU, and benefactors who, over a longer period, have established endowed scholarships or funds exceeding \$10,000. Benefactor is a good word, isn't it? A benefactor is a person or group that gives financial aid to ensure the benefit, the well-being of another, in this case Northwest Nazarene University.

We had another special reason to celebrate at the President's Dinner. We dedicated the 50,000 square-foot addition to our athletic facilities—the Johnson Sports Center—to the mission and purposes of NNU. The spacious and magnificent fieldhouse was transformed into a banquet hall, and our guests were treated to a ceremony that also celebrated the generosity of Harmon and Elizabeth Johnson.

The Johnsons shy away from publicity, but we have prevailed upon them to let *The Messenger* tell our alumni and friends about this most remarkable couple and their most inspiring story. Harmon and Liz, neither of whom is an alumnus, have adopted NNU as their own and have demonstrated extraordinary affection for the university and its students. You will enjoy learning more about this beneficent relationship in this edition of *The Messenger*. I invite you to join with me in celebration!

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hagood
President



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Gracious Giving—

*How One Couple is Transforming
the Campus of NNU*



BY ANGELA SWANSON, PHOTOGRAPHY BY STEVE PAUL



NNU coaches gather with Harmon and Elizabeth Johnson in the new Johnson Sports Center. Pictured from left to right are (standing) Jamie Lindvall (women's soccer), John Spatz (track and cross country), Mike Terpstra (men's basketball), Tim Onofrei (baseball); (seated) Deb Bradburn (volleyball), Julie Coert (softball), Athletic Director Rich Sanders, Elizabeth Johnson, Harmon Johnson, Kelly Lindley (women's basketball) and Associate Athletic Director Darlene Brasch.



As graduates of California State colleges and Azusa Pacific University, Harmon and Liz Johnson seem unlikely candidates to be benefactors of Northwest Nazarene University, but less than five minutes into our conversation, I realize that the Johnsons understand what it means to be led by God, especially in the way they give of themselves.

Born in Batesville, Arkansas, and raised in Central California, Harmon developed a love of sports early on, when he started playing baseball in junior high. “We enjoy what we do well,” he says, smiling. “I was a good athlete.”

That love of baseball stretched into 20 years of coaching and also included

playing at the professional level with the San Francisco Giants organization. He is noticeably humble about his experiences. He mentions his blessings often and his accomplishments only when I ask him. Even then, he is hesitant.

Through teaching, Harmon met his wife, Elizabeth, and together they taught in Fresno and Orange County before relocating to Nampa in 1979. Once in the Treasure Valley, Liz completed a 25-year career as a teacher, then joined Harmon in his business, Cherry Lane Construction, one of the largest developers of single-family residences in the state of Idaho.

It was through membership at Nampa First Church of the Nazarene that Harmon and Liz say they became acquainted

with NNU and started to learn of the needs of the university, particularly the need for new buildings on campus. In 1997, Harmon managed the building contract through Cherry Lane Construction for the Lucile Little Prayer Chapel, a cornerstone of the NNU campus. In a turn of generosity, the Johnsons began their legacy of buildings at NNU. "Upon completion of the project, instead of presenting NNU with a bill, Harmon and Liz graciously donated the entire cost of the project," said Gary Skaggs, vice president for university advancement.

In addition to the prayer chapel, Harmon and Liz gave the lead gift for the new Johnson Sports Center gymnasium expansion project, a gift that totaled \$2.5 million and encouraged others to give through matching donations. (See more on the Johnson Sports Center at right.) As I talk with the Johnsons, I sense their desire for others to see that it is only in giving that we truly receive. I listen to them speak passionately about how they wish they could inspire others to give, as well, and that passion is confirmed when I talk to Gary Skaggs about the love that Harmon and Liz have for NNU.

"Their greatest fulfillment and satisfaction come from believing that their gifts are answers to someone's prayer for NNU," Gary says, referring not only to the sizeable unrestricted year-end gifts donated, but also to the scholarships they fund to help students pay for the cost of a private Christian college education. "They live by the principle that what they have is God's money; they are just the bankers."

How does someone find his or her path to giving, I wonder. "I don't have a pat formula," Harmon says when I ask him what has led to the success that has allowed him to donate more than three million dollars to the university. "We've just always attempted to be where we thought God wanted us to be in our lives."

The Johnsons reiterate what Gary has said earlier about wanting to make a difference in the lives of the students. "Our biggest hope is to be the answer to some mother or grandfather's prayer," Harmon says. On the heels of that hope is another dream, fueled by their own selfless giving and a wish to see others caring for the community as they do. "We also hope that they (the students) some day help and pass that on to some other student in need."

"Why NNU?" I ask, and I wait while Harmon contemplates his response and Liz smiles knowingly. "It was a combination of things," he tells me. "I believe that it was necessary for NNU to be able to move in the direction that it wanted and needed, and the opportunity presented itself."

It only takes me a few moments to realize that the Johnson's giving is not about buildings and a love of sports, or even a desire to help where help was needed.

The core of their generosity is a deep desire to help students and see them succeed. "It's important for us to see champions for Christ," Liz tells me. "We're interested in helping bring about those champions."

What they receive in return isn't monetary, but Liz gets to the heart of the matter as she talks about how rewarding it has been for them to give. "God has blessed us in honoring him," Liz says, smiling. "I really think that the more you give, the more you get. It's a tremendous blessing to us that we're able to help."

I listen as Harmon wonders aloud the percentage of alumni who



ABOUT THE JOHNSON SPORTS CENTER

- New 55,000 square-foot addition and remodel of the NNU gymnasium.
- Three basketball courts that can be converted into tennis, volleyball, pickle-ball and badminton courts or baseball and softball diamonds.
- Indoor three-lane track for practice and student use throughout the year.
- Houses a new fitness center with 3,500 square feet overlooking the baseball field and includes treadmills, stair machines, stationary bicycles and a full set of cross training weights.
- New outdoor ropes course and climbing wall that can be rented by students or organizations.
- The Dillabaugh and Ferdinand Hospitality Suites may be rented for receptions, seminars, workshops or during games and include floor-to-ceiling views of the gymnasium. Tables, couches, audio visual equipment and the availability of catering service make the suites a wonderful addition to the facility.

give to the university, and I realize that he wishes he could inspire more people to give. "If everyone did their part, this university would have no financial need," he says. "If everyone gave just a little bit. More than anything else, they're missing out on a blessing."

As we talk some more, Harmon tells me that true giving comes from a change of heart, a heart centered and focused on God and his will. Harmon and Liz rise to leave, and I shake their hands, honored to have met them and spent this time talking with them.



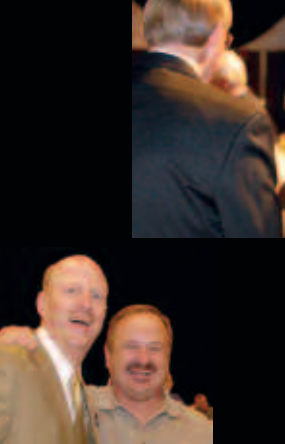
In October, hundreds gathered at the annual President's Dinner to thank donors for their generosity to Northwest Nazarene University. Dr. Hagood is shown above (pictured left to right) with Tracey Dillabaugh, Roland and Bobby Halle, David Ferdinand and Carolyn Peterson, and



Harold and Phyllis Thomas. Harmon and Elizabeth Johnson (center) were especially honored for their numerous contributions to NNU the last several years.



Fulfilling the Promise NNU looks to 100



NNU Tops List of Best Universities According to U.S. News & World Report

Northwest Nazarene University has once again been named to the list of best universities, earning a top-tier ranking as one of the best master's-level universities in the West, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. NNU held its number 30 ranking in the annual America's Best Colleges edition. NNU is the only Idaho university to earn a top-tier ranking.

"We are pleased to be recognized again in the top tier of Western United States master's and comprehensive universities," said University President Richard Hagood. "We are clearly impacting students' lives with quality academic programs, Christian values, enhanced campus facilities and first-rate faculty. We are grateful for the opportunity to be honored this way," he said.

NNU School of Health & Science to Benefit From State-wide NIH Grant

Northwest Nazarene University received over one million dollars in September as part of a five-year National Institutes of Health grant to Idaho schools. The \$16.1 million grant is the largest single educational and research grant in Idaho state history and draws together nine Idaho higher education institutions and two research centers. NNU will receive \$1.3 million and use the funds to aid in student and faculty research. The program is funded through the National Institutes of Health Institutional Development Award (IDeA) and establishes the IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence.

NNU Dean of the School of Health and Science Dan Nogales, Ph.D., credits grants like this with the ability to offer NNU students the highest academic preparation for careers in medical research. Former grants received have included grants from NASA and the Murdock Charitable Trust, among others.

One major area to be covered by the grant at NNU will be cell signaling,

according to Nogales. Nogales collaborates with NNU Biology Professor Chris Kapicka, Ph.D., and the Boise Veteran's Administration in the areas of chemotherapy and cardio toxicity. NNU students are also actively involved in this research and will be aided in their research by this latest grant.

Nogales said that he is excited for the possibilities the grant will bring. "This grant will enhance the already active research group at NNU and give us opportunities to expand our research capabilities for our students and faculty over the next five years," he said.

Northwest Nazarene University has a



long history of faculty-student research where students work closely with faculty members and other researchers on projects related to biomedical research, including studies involving Alzheimer's disease, bacterial toxins, viral birth defects, breast cancer and chemotherapeutic drugs.

Along with Northwest Nazarene University, University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Boise State University, Albertson College of Idaho, Brigham Young University – Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College and North Idaho College will also participate as part of the extended program.

The School of Health and Science also recently received a grant for curriculum advancement with instrumentation from the National Science Foundation.

New Ropes Challenge Course Opens

NNU's Office of Continuing Studies opened the latest in its services to the community, a 50-foot, multi-element challenge course aimed at team-building. The new course includes a rappelling wall, tireclimb and rope swing and encourages trust-building through team exercises.

Ropes Course Manager Rob King says that he hopes that organizations, as well as students, take advantage of the new course. More information, rates and reservations for the course can be made by calling 467-8824 or e-mailing King at rgking@nnu.edu.



NNU Alumnus Presents Talk on Wallace Stegner

"A Conversation with Wallace Stegner & Dick Etulain," co-sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council took place in September in the NNU Friesen Art Gallery. Dr. Dick Etulain, professor, author, NNU alumnus and story-teller extraordinaire, presented an illustrated talk on his relationship with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wallace Stegner.

Etulain also spoke with students and is shown above during an afternoon presentation.



Alumni Office Awards Citations of Merit

Several NNU alumni were honored throughout the year by the Office of Alumni Relations for their contributions to their local communities, churches, families and NNU.

Len and Geri Back, Joyce Chitwood, Reg Finger, and Jeff and Debbie Weisen were all given Citations of Merit. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Friesen were also honored in May 2003.

Thank You Outgoing Class Agents, Welcome New Agents and Alumni Board Members

The Office of Alumni Relations would like to publically thank this year's outgoing class agents for their time and gifts of service: Larry Bunts (1957), Kathy Burns (1966), Cara Heffner (2002), Brenda and Mason Vail (1996), Jorene Wiedmeier (1993) and Gale Zickefoose (1990).

A hearty welcome is extended to new alumni board members Scott Englund and Jeff Kinneeveauk (both class of 1996) and new class agents Melissa Ankerton and Carrie Hayes (2004), Jodie Keys (2002), Joe Kronz (1990), Delbert Laws (1957), Tim Schlack (1996), Angela Swanson (1993), Marilyn Thompson (1966), and Ramon (R.G.) Vanderpool (1972).

Hall of Fame Athletes to Be Honored During Homecoming

NNU will honor former athletes, Coach Paul Taylor, and long-time scorekeeper Bob Woodward during the 2004 Homecoming activities.

Dave Gardner (basketball, 1955-57), Raynor Rumpel (basketball 1970-74) and Wally Nye (baseball 1964-67) will be honored along with Taylor and Woodward Sat., Nov. 27 at a ceremony between the men's and women's games that evening (approximately 7 p.m.).

A Parade of Athletes will feature alumni athletes and coaches, and a reception for Hall of Fame inductees will follow the men's game. Please contact the Alumni Office for more information and to find out how to participate in the Parade of Athletes: 800-654-241, 208-467-8840 or alumni@nnu.edu. Also view a complete listing of Homecoming activities online at www.nnu.edu/homecoming.

Faculty News

NNU Political Science 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." Dr. Gismondi also had 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*.

Thomas Jay Oord recently had his book *The Science of Love: The Wisdom of Well-Being* published by Templeton Press. Oord's latest book explores the nascent field that investigates the multiple issues affecting our understanding of love, hypotheses proposed by science, and doctrines of theology. Information on the book can be found at the publisher's Web site: http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=73.

Also, Oord's chapter essay "Morals, Love, and Relations in Evolutionary Theory" has recently been published in the book *Evolution and Ethics: Human Morality in Biological and Religious Perspectives*, published by Eerdmans Publishing Co.

After arguing for the central place of love in Christian ethics, Oord offers a theory of relations - evident at the biological and social levels - that he claims is necessary for an adequate conception of love.

Professor Arnie Ytreeide, Dept. of Communication Studies, has been chosen as one of 20 professors nationwide to attend a week-long, expense-paid seminar in November held by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (the "Emmys") in Hollywood. The purpose of this annual seminar is to keep media faculty in touch with the trends in national television, to provide faculty with information their students need, and to encourage networking between the decision-makers in Hollywood and

the teachers of future talent. The seminar places him in contact with some of the leading television executives in Hollywood and on the sets of some of the biggest shows.

NEW FACULTY



Dr. Rhonda Carrim
(philosophy & religion)



Professor Ben Earwicker
(Spanish)



Dr. Lynette Hill
(M.Ed. in reading - online)



Professor Michael Kipp
(philosophy & religion)



Dr. Julie Straight
(English)



Professor Kay Totten
(nursing)

"Lights,
Cameras,
Action!"



ARNIE YTREEIDE

With a passion for filmmaking and three children's books to his name, NNU media studies professor Arnie Ytreeide is bringing real-life experience to the classroom. And with five concentrations within the mass communications major, the key word is "options" for Ytreeide, who has revamped the NNU curriculum to meet the needs of today's students.

One way Ytreeide said he and the department are meeting those needs is by offering two new concentrations as a joint effort with the NNU School of Theology and Christian Ministries. Media in missions and media in ministry offer students a chance to integrate their love of production with their desire to help the church. "It's a growing area," Ytreeide said of media used within the churches. "Virtually every church is seeing the value of using media to communicate."

Along with the increased use of media in the churches, Ytreeide said that the mission field clamors for graduates who can produce film and television, as well. "We use media effectively in the church," Ytreeide said. "At the same time, there is a great need on the mission field. Media reaches a large number of people, and I've talked to missionaries who have long lists of projects they'd like done but no one to do them." In addition to the concentrations in missions and ministry, students in the NNU mass communications major can pursue emphases in film and television, news and documentary, or corporate video.

And while the options may be endless, Ytreeide's expectations for his students are high. Rather than allow students to compete against other college students, he consistently challenges them to view themselves as professionals and to produce work that rivals their paid counterparts. "I raised the expectations of the students to network quality TV and national quality film," Ytreeide said. "And they loved it!"

Students in Ytreeide's program work on a major broadcast television production in the fall and on a major film production in the spring. For the past two years, Ytreeide's students have put together "An Idaho Family Christmas," a compilation of

local musicians that runs on television during December.

Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne and local television news anchor Dee Sarton both participate in the project, and Ytreeide sang the praises of the NNU students who put the production together last year with a group of professionals. "The students responded with an absolute sense of professionalism and pride. Every student worked hard. No one complained, and everyone was willing to stay (until the project was completed)," he said.

"The idea is to give screen credit," Ytreeide continued. "Everyone wants to know what you've done, and students can say that a show they produced aired on NBC affiliates. That's a pretty good feather in their cap!"

As with all shows, funding is paramount in producing a show of any caliber, let alone a top-quality show. With this understanding Ytreeide expressed his appreciation to United Heritage Financial Group as "the sponsor that made it happen."

For the spring film production, students are busy working on a script that Ytreeide wrote several years ago that sprang from graduate school research and his own experience with Alzheimer's Disease.

Roosevelt Street tells the story of how one family struggles and comes to terms with Alzheimer's Disease. Students are busy in pre-production for the film and excited by the caliber of artists who have verbally agreed to work on the film, most notably actor George Kennedy. Kennedy, whose television and screen credits are lengthy and include shows such as *Guns, Smoke, Hawaii Five-O* and *Cool Hand Luke*, has spent time in class visiting with students and plans on starring in the film.

Ytreeide said the goal of the project is to help people deal with the stress of living with Alzheimer's Disease, a form of dementia that affects an estimated 4.5 million Americans. According to a Gallup poll commissioned by the Alzheimer's Association, 1 in 10 Americans said they had a family member with Alzheimer's and 1 in 3 knew someone with the disease.

Written from personal experience and research, Ytreeide hopes the film will be inspirational to those who are affected by Alzheimer's and educational to those who may know little or nothing about the disease. "We see this project as fulfilling all of NNU's mission," Ytreeide said, referring to the four university outcomes of academic excellence, Christ-like character, creative engagement and social responsiveness.

Shooting for the film is slated to begin next summer, and a Web site has been produced to help spread the word about the film and to gather stories to help enrich the script, according to Ytreeide. Log on to www.rooseveltst.com to learn more about the film. More information about Ytreeide and the NNU mass communication major can also be found online at www.nnu.edu.



KENDALL YODER

"I Will Never Leave You Or Forsake You"

When NNU Senior Kendall Yoder couldn't sleep because every part of her itched, she never dreamed that she had cancer. After several doctor's visits and just as many treatments for what her doctor thought might be allergies, the diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma left Kendall and her family in shock.

A Nampa native, Kendall's decision to attend NNU was last-minute and fairly unplanned, she says. In hindsight, Kendall says that God was leading her even then through her cancer journey by placing her at NNU where she could continue attending classes, even when she was physically and emotionally drained from the chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"I never knew why God sent me to NNU. I just ended up here," Kendall said. "I look back and now I know if I had gone anywhere else I couldn't have stayed in school."

Actively involved in virtually every area of campus, Kendall's loss was keenly felt.

"It was just horrible," she said, recounting the symptoms. "It was the worst thing I've ever experienced." Kendall credits her roommate Alisha and other friends and family with helping her through those times.

And while friends and family gathered around her for support, Kendall said it was the voice of God that spoke most clearly to her. At the point when Kendall received the cancer diagnosis, she said that the emotional pain was overwhelming. "I started sobbing because of everything that I was feeling, and louder than life I heard, 'I will never leave you nor

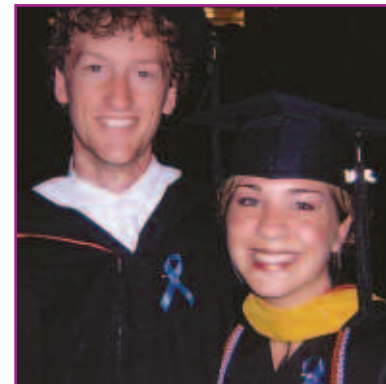
forsake you.' Over and over I heard that in my head. It was God's own spirit coming to comfort me."

From that point on, she had a change of heart. "Even though I was going through it, I took on a new attitude," she said. "Even at the core of feeling awful, I knew that God was going to use it." Through her cancer treatments, Kendall said that she felt a "weird sort of gratefulness," as if somehow she were able to see things more clearly because of what she was going through.

In May, just before graduation, Kendall received a cancer-free diagnosis. Her hair is shorter than it was a year ago, but it has grown back just as thick as it had been before. For Kendall, however, the definition of beauty has changed to mean something deeper than the thickness of her hair. "If you are beautiful on the inside, that beauty is going to shine through. Having cancer really helped me focus on who I am on the inside," she said.

Kendall also found that as she focused on who she was as a person and who she was in Christ, her world view also changed. "I think my love for people is different. I think my love for myself is different. I can take it all with a grain of salt. The only thing you can do is rely on God – to be at that point of brokenness," Kendall said.

In a twist of irony, Kendall had been researching the drug doxorubicin as part of her studies as a chemistry/biology major. It was that very drug that saved her life. Today, Kendall is interested in continuing her cancer research studies at the graduate level but is taking the semester to learn through the CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) study abroad program to Costa Rica, fully living the life



she was meant to live.

Her new perspective stays with her daily, she said, giving her a fresh optimism and sense of humor. "I cherish the bad

hair days now," she said with a smile and a laugh. And while cancer isn't something that most people say they love, Kendall sees it all through different eyes. "The number one thing I loved about going through cancer was being able to evaluate every day who I was and who I wanted to be." A powerful statement indeed.





TAHMINA MARTELLY

Finding God on the Barge

Ever since I can remember, God was always part of my life. It was hard not to think about God when we had to wash ourselves ceremonially clean, cover our heads and pray on a prayer rug facing Mecca, five times each day. As a Muslim growing up in Bangladesh, my whole life was intertwined with religion. I was born into a Muslim family in a predominantly Muslim country, and I knew no other way. But even as a child, I found myself wondering if God really heard my carefully memorized prayers.

Things changed dramatically in my life as civil war broke out in my country. It seemed to happen in an instant. One minute we were sitting together as a family, laughing and talking, when suddenly the sky seemed to explode with a roar and a tremendous flash of light. Our family dove for cover in the confusion as bombs exploded and shelling from fighter jets caused the windows in the house to shatter. Life would never be the same. We dressed in extra sets of clothing, packed a few necessary food items, and got ready to flee our home.

We walked in the darkness to the harbor where an ancient and creaking grain barge waited for us. We said tearful good-byes to uncles, cousins and friends not knowing if we would ever see each other again. As we pushed off from the makeshift harbor into the river, we watched as the harbor was destroyed by a bomb. The grain barge had no engine; it was maneuvered along the river by pushing with long bamboo poles. Along our slow journey to my grandmother's village we saw hundreds of dead bodies floating in the river and passed entire villages that were massacred and burned.

One night, men carrying huge semi-automatic machine guns and large flashlights boarded our barge. As the gunmen shone the large lights over each member of my family, all we could see were their silhouettes and the sounds of their guns being cocked. At that moment, I felt an almost physical presence on my right hand side, and I knew that it was God. Not the God with whom I had a passing knowledge of mumbled prayers,

but the real God. In an instant I knew things were going to be okay. I knew I was going to be okay no matter what.

It was seven years later that I learned the name of the God I had encountered on the barge. We were living in Yemen at the time, where we had moved at the end of the war. A family from Idaho came to teach at the international school I attended, and the youngest son began to talk to me about Jesus. I finally had a name to go with the God I had met on that barge so long ago. I was hungry and searching for everything about Jesus, yet I knew that if I accepted him as my savior there would be a tremendous price to pay with my family.

It so happened that as my father was changing positions within the World Bank that we would be traveling a lot, and I would not be able to finish high school in one country. We began to explore where I could live to finish high school. It was truly the grace of God that made it possible for me to come to Idaho and stay with the same family who had introduced me to Jesus.

It was an August evening when I realized that God had taken every step towards me, and I had to make Him the Lord of my life no matter the cost.

I enrolled at NNC and things were very strained with my parents, who had threatened to cut off financial support when I told them I had become a Christian. By the end of my sophomore year, I was also engaged to marry Grantley Martelly, a senior from Barbados, West Indies. This was a tremendous shock to my parents since traditionally all Bengali weddings are arranged by the elders of the family. I remember vividly, my father telling me that I was no longer his daughter; I was no longer welcome in his home or in his heart.

But God is so gracious. In my deepest pain, His people became my family. Grantley and I married the day after he graduated from NNC. From my wedding dress, to my veil, the pictures and the food, everything was provided by friends from Nampa First Church and the NNU family.

The relationship with my family remained strained until our son, Ryan, was born. My mother's desire to see this new baby broke through the years of silence, and God began to heal. Ryan is sixteen this year. Things between my family and I will never be the same, and I don't expect it to be the same. God never promised it would be easy to follow Him, He only promised it would be worth it.

It is the deepest desire of my heart to see my whole family come to know Christ as I know him. As I pray and wait on the Lord, he uses me daily in my work with refugees from war-torn countries right here in Salt Lake City. God is good. He never wastes a single experience in our lives. Ultimately, if we let Him, He uses everything to bring him greater glory.



News By Decade

1940s

Darrell -48- and Dorothy (Lowman) -48- Teare celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April.

1960s

Sharan Perkins Porr -62- and her husband, Van, are teaching in the Indian School in Sun Valley, Ariz.

Carl R. Morgan -69- is now the superintendent of schools for the St. Helen's School District in Oregon.

1970s

Michael Myers -73- is the principal of Stone Ridge Christian High School in Merced, Calif. He is also completing his second doctorate and is a faculty member for Univ. of Phoenix and FlexNet.

Daniel -72- and Carol (Smith) -72- Ketchum serve as field directors for South Asia after serving for the Western Mediterranean & Southeastern Europe fields.

Beverly J. (Taber) Hilliard -79- is living in Yokosuka, Japan, where she teaches in a Navy school.

Larry -77- and Juli -78- Hall are living in Twin Falls, Idaho, where Larry is a marketing and sales director and Juli is a Web site proofreader. They are also enjoying being first-time grandparents.

Mary (Sweatt) -78- McGuire graduated from Boise State University in May with an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction.

Gary Sherrill -75- is currently serving with the USCG as the port security specialist rating force master chief.

1980s

David P. -88- and Laurie (Sanders) -88- Miller have relocated to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after eight years in Grand View,

Idaho. David is now the principal at Sorensen Elementary School.

John Mack -86- left Seattle, where he was an industrial engineer with Boeing, to pursue a great opportunity in Phoenix, Ariz.

Wendy Dymment -85- is using her pediatrician skills in a two-year assignment in the Sudan with MedAir, an international humanitarian aid organization.

Jeff -87- and Wendy (Freeby) -87- Carr. Jeff resigned after 17 years as director of the Bresee Foundation, and the family spent several months traveling the U.S. in a motorhome. You can follow the family at <http://homepage.mac.com/carrfamily/>.

Susan Borrego -80- is the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas, in Fayetteville.

Robert Duncan -84- is working for Spanish-Argentine oil company Repsol YPF, as head of international market communications. He, his wife, Lilly, and their three children live in Madrid.

1990s

Steve Twilegar -92- and partners have formed a financial planning firm (Pinnacle Northwest Financial, LLC.) in Bellevue, Wash.

Drew Hinds -98- now works for the Canby School District in the district-level instructional technology position.

Cindy (Bressler) Irvin -92- earned her MBA and works for Liberty Bank in Eugene, Ore.

Dora Thompson -95- lives in Saint Johns, Ariz., and teaches kindergarten.

Keith -92- & Dawn (Davis) -90- Besherse. Recently promoted to major, Keith is assigned as the aviation operations officer for the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. Dawn is a member and officer in three local and several on-line quilt guilds.

Jim Pearl -92- and his wife, Angie, are pastoring the Maili Church of the Nazarene in Maili, Hawaii, a multicultural church on the island of Oahu. They have two children, Alyssa (4) and Caleb (2).

Jason Pepperd -99- recently graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and is currently establishing a practice in Wasilla, Alaska.

Steven Emerson -92- has accepted the position of district president of Key Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brian A. Higgins -97- completed a Bachelor of Business Administration in accountancy at Boise State University.

Michael Knapp -91- is now serving as senior pastor at Pleasant View Church of the Nazarene in Richfield, Wash.

Melissa Fivecoat-Borger -97- recently graduated with a Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Lewis and Clark College.

2000s

Heather (Staffenson) -00- Wang and her husband, Andy, have recently moved back to North America with their new baby, Elina. They reside in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Daniel W. Morgan -00- and Diane (Allen) Morgan -89- have moved from Havre, Mont., to Gillette, Wyo., with their three daughters, Danielle (11), Debbie (8), and Denise (5). Daniel and Diane now pastor the Gillette First Church of the Nazarene.

Trevor -00- and Carrie (Bailey) Hall (97). Trevor has completed his Doctor of Clinical Psychology course work at George Fox University and plans to start his internship/residency in pediatric neuropsychology. Carrie graduated from George Fox University in May with a degree in elementary education.

Milestones

Marriages

Brian Seidel -02- to **Maureen Riker -03-** June 1, 2002 in Yakima, Wash.

Charis King -03- & Travis Johnson on May 31, 2003 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Josh McDonald -03- & **M. Alyson Stillwell -02-** on August 9, 2003 in Nampa, Idaho.

Alvaro Ontanon -97- & Cristina Gonzalez on March 27, 2004 in Madrid, Spain.

Holly Leach -99- & Whit Hemphill on June 5, 2004 in Eugene, Ore.

Ryan Lee -04- & **Anna Salisbury -04-** on June 18, 2004 in Nampa, Idaho.

Terra Hirst -01- & Ryan Roper on June 19, 2004 in Denver, Colo.

Trina Sherman -01- & Gary D. Willison on June 30, 2004 in Ontario, Ore.

Jennifer Burns -96- & Craig Tupper on July 23, 2004 in Seattle, Wash.

Births

Faith Jewel on April 12, 2003 to **Jennifer -97- Wells.**

Zechariah Wayne on July 24, 2003 to **Drew -98-** and Christin **Hinds.**

Colin Robert Seidel on December 30, 2003 to **Brian -02-** and **Maureen (Riker) -03-** Seidel.

Kari Elle on February 19, 2004 to **Miles -92-** and **Kamela (Evans) -92-** Lawrence, joining sisters Kelli and Kristin.

Elina Marie on February 20, 2004 to Andy and **Heather (Staffenson) -00-** Wang.

Johanna Lea on February 20, 2004 to **Dirk and Carol (Oord) -90-**



Clockwise from top left: Ryan & Anna (Salisbury) Lee (photo by Kim Mitchell), Alvaro & Cristina Ontanon, Ryan & Terra (Hirst) Roper, Kyler Tegethoff, Ashtyn Vail & Grant Smith.

VanSlageren, joining sisters Jacoba & Marika.

Jacob Jennings on March 13, 2004 to **Patrick -90-** and Andrea **Lautenbach.**

Grant William on May 7, 2004 to **Shon -93-** and **Janeen (Erdman) -94-** Smith, joining brother Garrett.

Garrett Michael on May 12, 2004 to **Mike -91-** and Merry **Knapp.**

Ellie Grace on May 15, 2004 to **Steven -92-** and **Jonna (Pence) -93-** Emerson, joining sister McKenna and brother Chandler.

Andi Grace on June 4, 2004 to **Blake -97-** and **Jana (Deakins) -99-** Wolf, joining sister Allison.

Calum on June 13, 2004 to Malcom and **Julie (Gilbert) -97-** Collie.

Ashtyn Taylor on June 22, 2004 to **Mason -96-** and **Brenda (Elder) -96-** Vail, joining brother Austin.

Anna Rochelle on July 2, 2004 to **Jeremy -00-** and **Melissa (Anderson) -00-** Riehl.

Deaths

Lois Tish -39- in March of 2004, Newberg, Ore.

Randolph Metcalfe (61) on March 31, 2004, Kelowna, British Colombia.

Phil C. Salisbury -48- on April 21, 2004, Nampa, Idaho.

Laurel (Hartman) Hegstrom -44- on April 26, 2004, Campbell, Calif.

Hazel (Hankins) Nichols -35- on April 29, 2004, Emmett, Idaho.

Howard Olson, assistant to the president from 1972-81, on May 6, 2004, Vancouver, Wash.

Lloyd Birks -42- on May 6, 2004, Olympia, Wash.

William D. "Bill" James (60) on May 14, 2004, Bend, Ore.

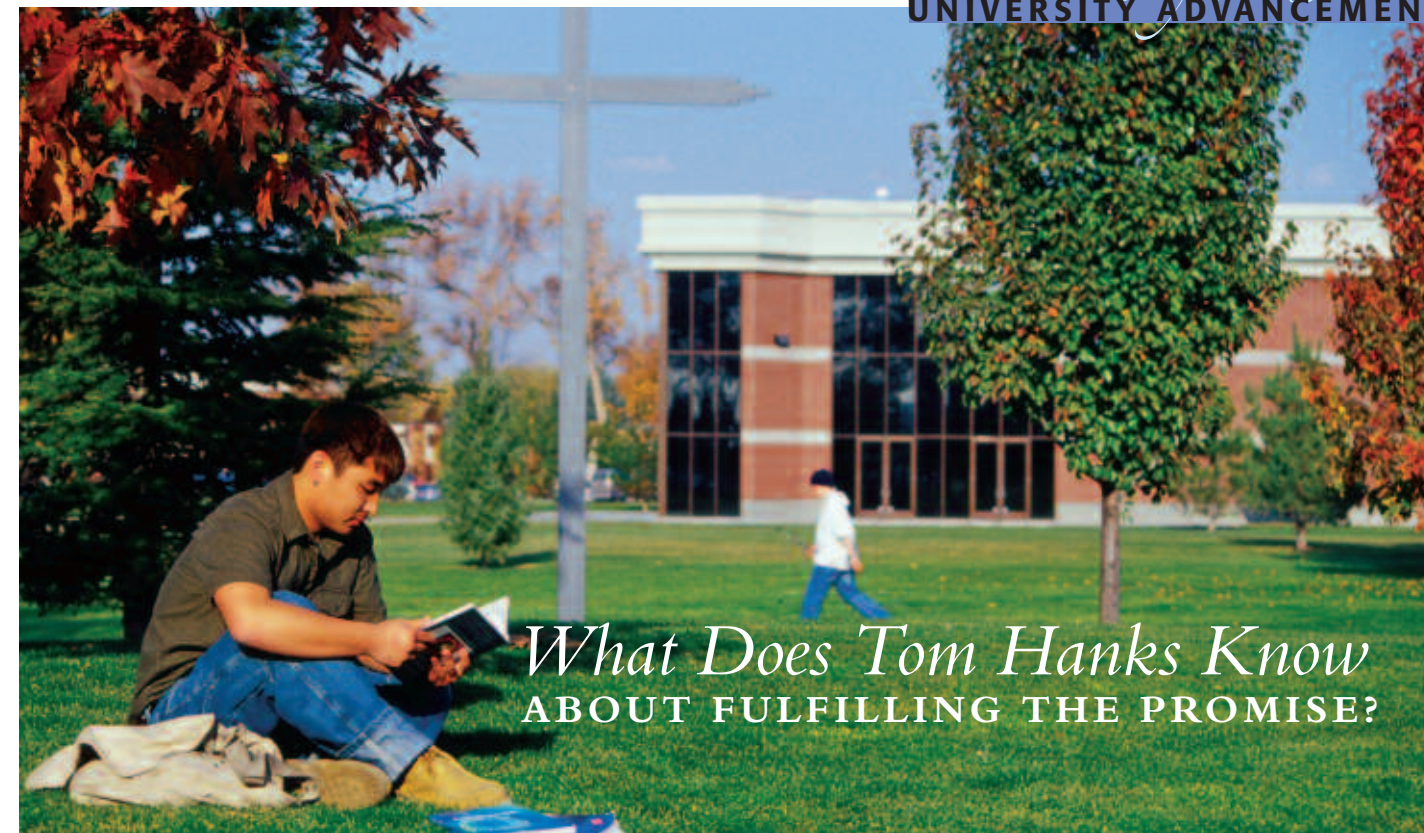
Linda Peterman Dunlap -70- on May 15, 2004, Watsonville, Calif.

Dr. Glenn D. Fraser -40- on May 31, 2004, Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Delbert Millholland -40- on June 18, 2004, East Wenatchee, Wash.

Eileen (Littlefield) Tolbert -43- on June 29, 2004, Woodland, Wash.

Elizabeth (Dewoard) Coryell -36- on July 2, 2004, Meridian, Idaho.



Perhaps you viewed the recent Steven Spielberg film *The Terminal*. Actor Tom Hanks portrays Viktor Navorski, a first-time visitor to the United States from Eastern Europe. As Navorski is landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport, a military coup erupts in his homeland.

Diplomatic chaos ensues and the U.S. government refuses to accept passports from Navorski's country. Navorski becomes a "political prisoner," unable to go home, yet unable to enter the United States. He has no choice but to stay confined to the JFK airport terminal in New York – for months!

The film portrays Navorski as sincere, honest and determined – determined to fulfill a promise made to his dying father. That promise necessitates that Victor come to New York City to fulfill his pledge. Whatever it takes, Victor is determined to keep his promise.

The Terminal showcases the power of a "word kept" and a responsibility fulfilled. Victor Navorski lives out the Biblical admonition to "Let your yes, be yes and, your no, no." He fulfills his promise and keeps his word.

In a similar manner, NNU founder

Eugene Emerson embarked on an adventure more than 90 years ago. That adventure entailed the fulfilling of a promise, a promise sparked by a vision to serve the Lord and the young Nazarene denomination by starting a Christian college. The promise has blossomed over the years through the labor, faith and finances of many who share a mutual concern: to support an institution whose purpose is developing Christian character within the framework of genuine scholarship.

The promise has not changed! Northwest Nazarene University is still vitally concerned with seeing both Christ-like character and competence instilled in its graduates. NNU is still delivering on its promise.

But keeping promises can be costly. Victor Navorski found that to be true; so did Eugene Emerson; so do we. We have accomplished much together the past few years, constructing five new buildings since 1997 and changing the face of the campus during some of the most challenging world and economic times in modern history – a miracle of God's grace and a testimony to your faithfulness.

We have much left to accomplish, but it is now prudent to give focused attention to

some vital infrastructure items before we proceed with the next phases of our campus master plan – important needs such as campus safety and security enhancements, technology upgrades and improvements to student housing. Many of these priorities are difficult if not impossible to address in the course of normal budgetary cycles without increasing the cost of education to our students.

To accomplish these infrastructure goals, we are beginning a University Fund Campaign announced at the Oct. 1 President's Donor Appreciation Dinner, to raise \$1 million in undesignated funds by March 2006.

This campaign will be the focus of much of our University Advancement Office contact during the next 17 months, including multiple mailings, contact from class agents and phone contact during our student phone-a-thon. Once again we ask that you prayerfully consider how God would have you respond to this worthy goal as we "Fulfill the Promise" to this generation of students - and also to those still to come.

We can't do it without you. Together, we *are* making a difference.



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NNU - BUILDING LEGENDS

As part of the 2004 Homecoming festivities, NNU welcomes High Street, the featured act of the annual Thursday evening Homecoming Concert. High Street is pictured above (left to right): Bruce Wehler -84-, drums; Matt Summers, vocals/percussion; Eric Larson -90-, trumpet; Stuart Dennis -83-, keyboards/manager; Paul Harmon (71), bass; Tom Dale -76-, trombone/vocals; Shane Powers -93-, trumpet/vocals ; Randy McKellip -91-, saxophone; and Bruce West, guitar/vocals. High Street performs across the nation at jazz festivals other music events. Visit their Web site at www.highst-band.com and be sure to join us for Homecoming 2004 Nov. 24 - 27. Check out all the Homecoming festivities online at www.nnu.edu/homecoming. We'll see you there!



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