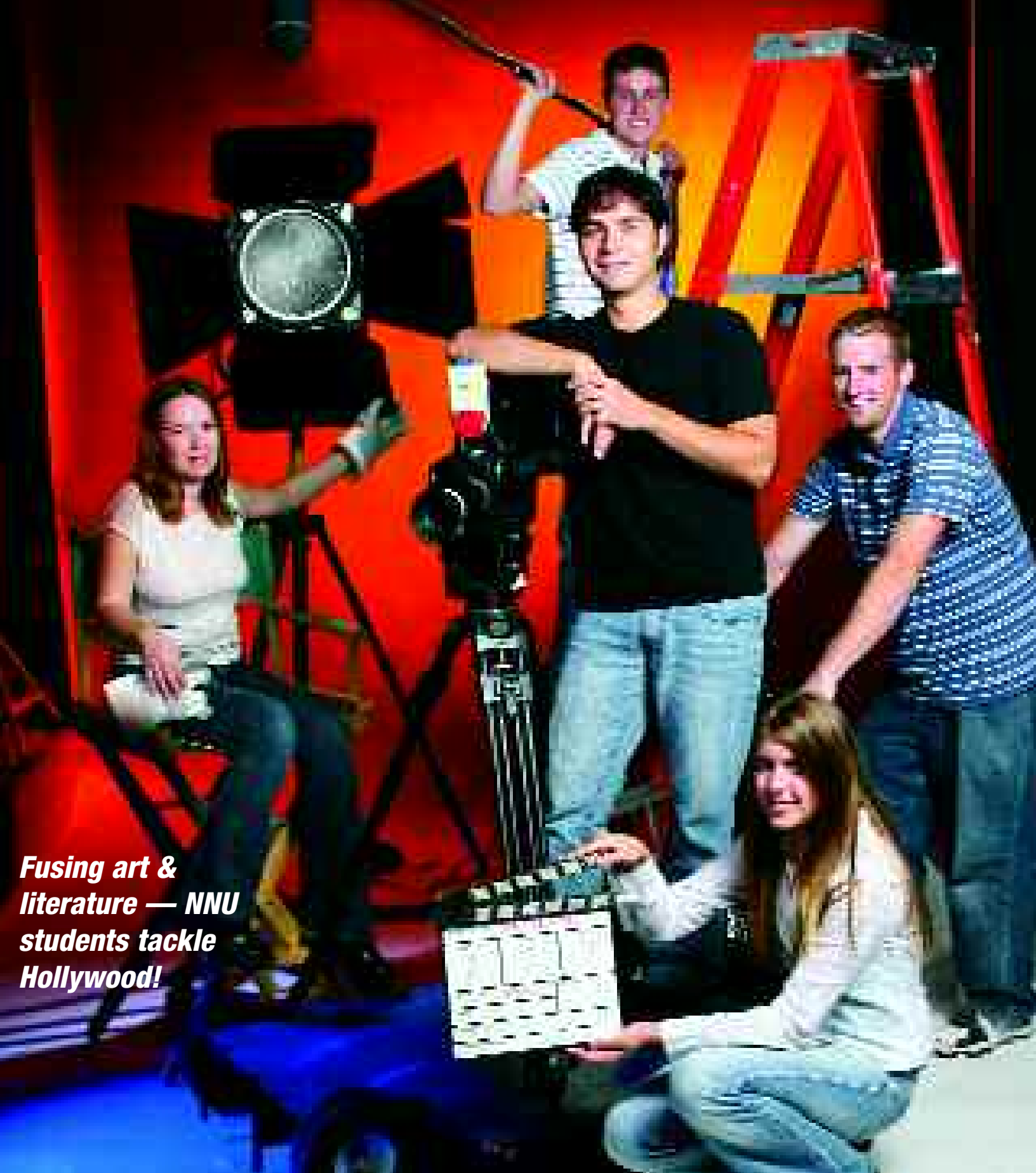


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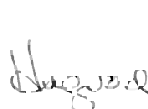
Dear Alumni and Friends:

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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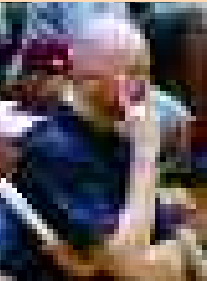
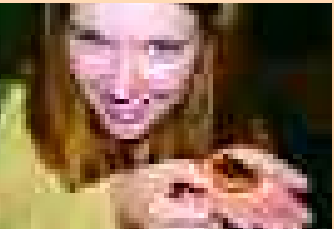
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BY ANGELA KLEIN, CLASS OF 1993

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."





Senior Tyler Gunstream mans a camera during the 18-hour "Idaho Family Christmas" shoot for NBC affiliates.

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.

"L.A. was an experience," Gwen said with a knowing smile and slight chortle, as if I should know, as if it were a secret we were sharing that day over coffee.

She shared her story of finding housing in what she thought would be a safe area of town, only to realize that she was right in the heart of West Central Los Angeles. Fortunately for Gwen, there were no troubles the three months she spent in L.A., but housing was only the first of what she would learn during her summer experience.

As the assistant to Fear Factor Producer Kevin Wehrenberg, Gwen was in the thick of an NBC prime-time production, putting into practice in a big way what she learned here at NNU producing shows like "An Idaho Family Christmas," even though putting those skills into practice meant coming home every night smelling like fish. "It didn't even matter if

**"I'm living the impossible dream that I never thought would happen."
— Gwen Miller, on her experience in Hollywood**

there were fish at work or not," Gwen laughed. "We *always* smelled like fish!"

Asking Gwen what the best part of the experience was, she was quick to answer. "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 thrill 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 drive for which she has little explanation. "When you work 14 hours a day, you have to be a little obsessed," she told me with a smile.

What else is in it for a girl from Boise, I wondered aloud. "I grew up," she said with just a hint of pride in her voice. "Going down there from here was so different. L.A. is ten times the size of the entire state of Idaho!"

When Gwen came to NNU, she was interested in pursuing

journalism. Part of the requirements included a class in mass communication, and from that class sprang what she called a love for mass comm. From there, she wondered if she should keep pursuing her love or if she should choose a major that seemed more proper.

It didn't take her long to realize that mass communications was the only path for her, she said. "I could have changed to something else, but that would be so boring!" she said with an emphasis on the last two words.

"I'm living the impossible dream that I never thought would happen. And it wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for the internship and Professor Ytreeide. I would not be where I am 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.

"We get calls and e-mails from around the world asking us if we have students who can help with media needs," Ytreeide said, referring to the many churches who wish to stay on the cutting-edge of technology with new computer programs and media needs but are in need of staff members and laypeople who can actually make those things happen.

"Take the student who wants to be a missionary but wants to be able to communicate using media," Ytreeide said. That's where the NNU media-in-missions concentration can help. Students can choose to either major in religion with a minor in media, or take the media in missions major, joining their loves.

Either way, students are prepared to meet the needs of both the mission field and the technological challenges of new media. "We're bringing the churches into the 21st Century," said Ytreeide, smiling.

**"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**

Along with the advancement of media in the churches, 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."

Verne 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 pro-

moted two days into an internship when his talents became evident.

Senior Sarah Chase (Lakeview, Ore.) held two intensive internships with the Idaho Press Tribune and now works as the assistant to the managing editor; and Mark Hewes (Arco, Idaho) is basking in the glow of his first film, "Clocks," which was recently accepted to two film festivals, including the "True West" film festival in Boise this summer.

"What these students have accomplished has validated to me that they

can do great things far beyond what we commonly consider the student level of work," Ytreeide said, humbly steering the lime-light to his students and away from all that he has personally done to better the program in recent years.

For Ytreeide and his students, including Gwen, dreaming the impossible dream in order that it might come true is standard operating procedure. The admonishment that anyone can be mediocre might be seen above the recording equipment or sound studio, but those who interact with Ytreeide and his students know that anything less than grand is simply unacceptable, even when "grand" includes smelling like fish and holding cockroaches on a daily basis. Who knew life could be so amazing?! Snakes, and brains, and cockroaches, oh my!



Mass comm. students torch a house with the help of the Nampa Fire Department for a fire safety commercial shot on 16mm film.

Helen Wilson

by Jeanine Fitzgerald

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



One particular evening she decided to act as if she didn't speak English. She gestured and jabbered wildly (just 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 hand-full and stuffed them into her pockets. The waitress stood with wide-eyed disbelief as Helen continued to unload the basket of mints. Miss Wilson turned to her and asked, "They don't take this out of your check do they?" Still in shock, 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 that 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 very dear to her heart and she rejoiced in their successes and wept 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, encouraged me, believed in 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 Jeanine (Bartlow) Fitzgerald shares Helen's love of animals.



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 sat spell-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.

NNU Once Again Earns Top-Tier Ranking



For the fourth consecutive year, Northwest Nazarene University has garnered a top-tier ranking as one of the leading universities in the West by the *U.S. News & World Report* annual *America's Best Colleges* edition. The report, which was released in August, ranked NNU number 37 in the top tier among master's-level universities in the West.

NNU was judged on peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, average class size, student to faculty ratio, faculty resources, financial resources and the

ACT/SAT and high school rankings of incoming freshman students.

The number 37 ranking is shared with Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., and University of Colorado – Colorado Springs.

NNU President Dr. Richard Hagood said that quality programs and faculty have helped earn NNU top rankings year after year. "As always, we are pleased with our ranking in *U.S. News & World Report*. At the same time, though, the true indicators of our strengths are our accreditation, the placement rates of our graduates, and the scores on exit exams of our graduating seniors," Hagood said. "Year after year, it is consistently confirmed to us that we are succeeding in our mission to educate students within the context of faith, preparing them to make a difference

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 colleges 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."

in their communities."

In 2001, NNU moved to the master's-level universities category from its previous category, liberal arts colleges, with the addition of graduate programs in business, counseling, social work and theology. In the liberal arts category, NNU was consistently ranked as one of the top 10 liberal arts universities in the West bringing a long history of distinction to the university.

"NNU's reputation throughout the Northwest and literally around the globe is growing," said Dr. Eric Forseth, vice president for enrollment services and marketing. "It is with distinctions like the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking that we are able to show that we continue 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 acknowledgment of quality from organizations like *U.S. News & World Report*."

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 excellent grad schools or job opportunities.'"

According to The Princeton Review, college and university profiles in general seek to accomplish that which a college admissions viewbook by its very nature can never really hope to achieve—to provide a (relatively) uncensored view of life at a particular college.

The Princeton Review is a New York City-based company known for its test prep courses, education services, and books. It is not affiliated with Princeton University or ETS.

More information about NNU's honor can be found by visiting www.princetonreview.com

NNU Students Raise Over \$3600 for Katrina Relief Efforts

Spearheaded 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 Hagood 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 Colleges 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

Schandorff, 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 specialized interests and projects. In the future, the department plans to offer a concentration in gerontology and certifications in school social work and 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 “unbending 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 recipients and 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 in the area of integrity 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 MIBA, offered at the NNU campuses in Nampa and Boise and also 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 388 universities on this exam.

STUDENT spotlight

Marc Herring

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



by Anna Lee,
class of 2004

An 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 anymore. 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 (he 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, have 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 many repetitions in, but your players 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."



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 (Erickson) 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 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.

This balance includes working and coaching with his wife, Lisa Sliger. Jared -91- and Lisa -01- enjoy 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



START A LOCAL CHAPTER TODAY!

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.

ALUMNI CHAPTER GATHERINGS AND OTHER EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR:

Oct. 22 Carlsbad
Nov. 14 Salt Lake City
Nov. 19 Seattle
Dec. 19 Colorado Springs
Dec. 21 Denver
Jan. 7 Salem
Jan. 21 Ellensburg
Feb. 9 Anchorage
Feb. 25 Phoenix
March 25 Washington D.C.

Log on to the NNU web site at www.nnu.edu/alumni for all the latest news on Alumni Chapters and other alumni events!

A DAY WITH THE PRESIDENT



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 Iraqi 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.

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 34 years.

Sharon (Cary) Hall -60- has been honored for the 3rd time in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Teachers are nominated for making a difference in the life of a former student. Sharon retired from a full-time elementary classroom in 1994, but stays active substitute teaching. She also supervised student teachers at Walla Walla College during the 2004-05 academic year. Sharon and her husband, Fred, live in Walla Walla, Wash.

1970s

Maxine (Lister) Pond -70- and her husband, Vernon, 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.

Randy and Aileen (Chadwick) Maddox -75- have moved to Durham, NC, where Randy has joined the faculty of the Divinity School of Duke University as Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies. He will teach half-time at the graduate level and spend time in research and writing. He will also help direct the University's Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Traditions, as well as serve as an Associate General Editor of the Wesley Works Project (which is producing a scholarly edition on John Wesley's writings in 35 volumes).

1980s

Daniel Snethen -89- lives in Colume, SD, where he is beginning his 10th year at Little Wound 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 & Rorick as an associate.

Adrian -96- and Melissa (Ruppert) -97- Van Hooser have relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Adrian is a district retail sales manager for Cingular Wireless. Melissa has enrolled in a mortgage professional training program with Provident Funding.

Kristi -90- (Wharfield) and **Jeff Oster** have joined the staff at College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa where Jeff is serving as the minister of music and worship arts.

Dave Purdy (97) is living in Richland, Wash., and working as an engineer. He and his wife, Veronica, have one daughter and another on the way.

2000s

Marissa (Edwards) Williams -01- and her husband, Brett, have moved to Boulder, Colo., to start a church called The Clay. The launch was in September 2005. Marissa is attending Denver Seminary working on an MA in counseling.

Adam -00- and Dena (Jones) -00- Jurhs are living in Tennessee where Adam was recently ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene. They serve on staff at the Portland Church as associate/youth pastors.

Chris -05- and Kristen -04- Desgroseillier are in Pomeroy, Wash., where Chris is youth pastor at the Pomeroy Church of the Nazarene. Kristen works in the Pomeroy school district as a K-12 substitute and in an after school program for at-risk students.

Hollie (Larson) Lindner, '02, has been named director of Marketing and Public Relations for NNU. Hollie most recently served the university as marketing director of the Center for Professional Development in Business. Her duties began mid-October.

Note: When submitting digital photos, please remember that electronic submissions for the alumni news must be at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher. Questions? Call 208-467-8531.

**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.

It won't be the same without you! www.nnu.edu/alumni

Milestones

MARRIAGES

Rick Wiese -85- and **Katie Benke** on July 12, 2003 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Mark Walker -99- and **Jennifer Anderson** on April 9, 2005 in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Sara Cunningham -02- and **Josh Falk** on May 14, 2005 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Arlene Francisco -99- and **Joel Helkey** on June 25, 2005 in Newport, Oregon.



*Arlene Francisco
& Joel Helkey*

BIRTHS

Ravna Aviva Grace on March 9, 2004 to **Allen and CherylAnn (Oberg) -92- Dinius**, joining siblings Elizabeth, Noah, Lydia and Peter.

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

First row from left:

Liam Felix Hall
Laura Mailin Antras



Second row from left:
Eli Everett Miller
Ruthee Wilson



Kyra Rosalie on Jan. 13, 2005 to **Chaun and Tara (Holmly) -94- Westrich**, joining siblings Carson and Cade.

Hudson James on Feb. 13, 2005 to **Melissa and Joshua -03- McKim**.

Cezanne Nicole on March 25, 2005 to **Jennifer and Mark -92- De Pew**, joining sister Anna.

Laura Mailin on May 8, 2005 to **Kerstin and Carlos -94- Antras Solé**.

Colson William Harter on May 18, 2005 to **Duane -88- and Melony (Gould) -87- Harter**.

Marcus Timothy on May 25, 2005 to **Cristie and Timothy -89- Garman**.

Meegan Jean on May 28, 2005 to **Marc and Shannon (Wiebe) -97- Breda**, joining brother Joel.

Joshua Edward on June 8, 2005 to **Darin -94- and Sharon (Norris) -97- McGilvra**, joining brother Kyle.

Camden Matthew Brown on June 10, 2005 to **Matt -94- and Stephanie (Kinman) -94- Brown**, joins siblings Annika and Riley.

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) -95- 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) -01- Hall**.

DEATHS

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

Christopher Murray -96- on July 17, 2005, in Boise, Idaho.

Earl Jay Rice -52- on June 5, 2005 in Gothenberg, Nebraska.

Mildred Avinell Mc Nabb -49- on March 23, 2005, Conway, Arkansas.

George Lindsay -41- on Dec. 14, 2004, Payette, Idaho.

Alumnus Kent Hill Serves the U.S. in Europe



1971 alumnus Kent Hill, Ph.D., (pictured 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.

Prior to assuming his current role with USAID, Hill served as president of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., from 1992 to 2001. From 1986 to 1992, he was president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, D.C.; and from 1980 to 1986 Hill taught European and Russian history at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.

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

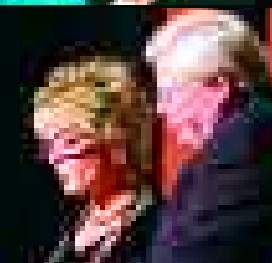
Pursing the dream of every railroad fan, retired history professor and 1958 alumnus Ray Cooke has found joy riding the rails in Canada and documenting the path of No. 41, a 1920 Baldwin Consolidation 2-8-0 excursion train in Central Alberta.

Using one of his retirement hobbies, Cooke produced the documentary that Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions has been "aching to have," according to writer Renato Gandia. "I thought people might like to know what becomes of retired professors!" Cooke quipped in a recent letter.



President's Dinner 2005

Photos by Brad Elsberg



Clockwise from left: President Richard Hagood presents Cunningham Foundation Chair Harry L. Bettis with the 2005 Eugene Emerson Award for distinguished service. The President's Dinner presentation highlighted (l-r) Ron Weatherford, Ryan Harter, Linda Harter, Gordon Harter, & Joan Weatherford for their contributions to NNU. Anne and Monty Ortman provide a President's Dinner update on the million dollar university fund matching program, which, as of Oct. 5th, stood at \$575,000 raised, more than half-way to the million dollar goal; President Hagood speaks to those gathered, celebrating a successful year.



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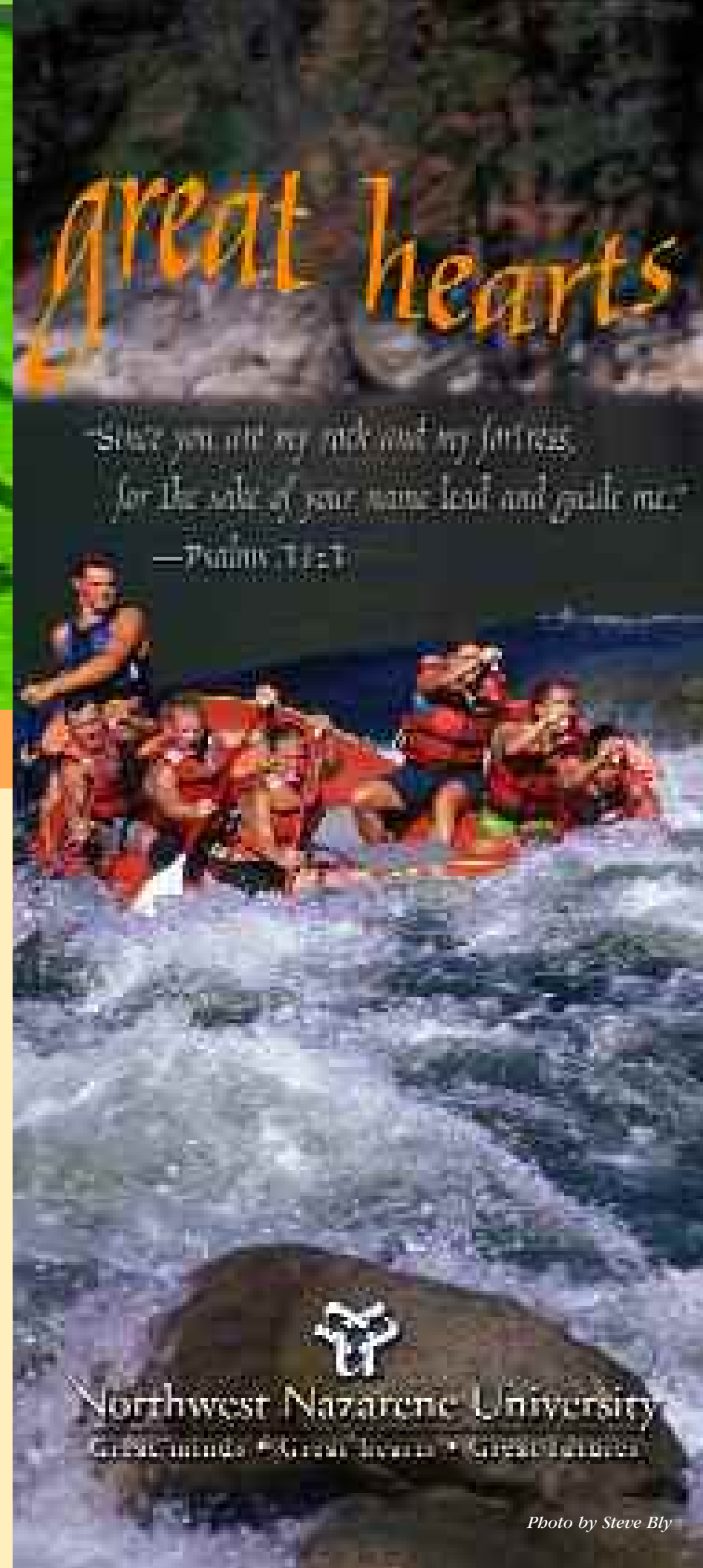
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- Every gift to the University Fund between October 1, 2004 and March 31, 2006 is being **matched dollar for dollar up to \$1,000,000** by NNU alumni Monty and Anne Ortman.
- Every gift to the University Fund will be used to meet student needs by completing vital campus projects.
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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2005

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| 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

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| 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 Combos-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

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| 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.

