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president's letter

Dear Alumni and Friends:

We have been working with the theme “Fulfilling the Promise” for the past couple of years at Northwest Nazarene University. It has its base in the comment by C.H. French, the first principal of the Idaho Holiness School

Academy. When asked by the local townsfolk if the fledgling school would ever amount to anything he would respond, “Yes, in time God will build a great school here in Nampa.” It is this promise of greatness, guided over the years by God’s Spirit, that still motivates what we do today and our strategic plan for the future, outlined in *Fulfilling the Promise: NNU at One Hundred*.

During these past two years, we have focused our fundraising efforts primarily on improving the campus infrastructure, stretched thin by the recent explosion of non-traditional students and programs. That campaign, originally designed to reach \$1,000,000, was given a huge boost by the \$1,000,000 matching gift of Monty and Anne Ortman. Today, I am pleased to report that we have exceeded the \$2,000,000 mark in this University Fund Campaign by nearly \$75,000.

Two years ago it was determined we would not tackle additional large facility projects until many of our infrastructure issues were addressed—that has been accomplished! Now it’s time to return to major facility needs.

In this issue of *The Messenger* you will see the case to be made for expansion and renovation of our health and science facilities. This is our highest-cost project to date and we need the blessing of God and your support to accomplish the goal. Our theme is “Beyond Bricks and Mortar.” What is done by donation and construction is much more than building a structure—it is about the stories of God’s blessing and the obedience of His people. It is about what will happen in the lives of students as a result of this investment. The story of NNU has always been “beyond bricks and mortar.” It is about fulfilling the promise that God will build a great school.

“The promise of greatness lies before us as an ever-escalating challenge, never static; at once fulfilled and always yet to be fulfilled.” [*Fulfilling the Promise: NNU at One Hundred*.]

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hagood
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THE PROMISE of Greatness

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BEYOND BRICKS & MORTAR

From astronauts to doctors, NNU has cultivated a rich history of inspiring students in the fields of math and science. This legacy continues for the School of Health and Science faculty as they fulfill their mission to educate young professionals for the next generation in science, math and nursing. Since its re-establishment as a major at NNU in 1998, nursing has been the fastest growing major on campus and recently became the largest area of study with 171 students enrolled. This outstanding increase of nursing students has far exceeded current capacity, creating an urgent need for larger classrooms and clinical labs. Mathematics, physics, computer science, biology and chemistry, in addition to nursing, also require additional research space and new laboratories to accommodate current and future growth.

Faculty-directed scientific research is an important part of the educational experience at NNU. Participation in research is not only encouraged, it's required for all science undergraduate students! Students are an essential part of the research team for each of the research projects taking place on campus. Deanna Clem, a junior chemistry major, shares that as a result of her research opportunities, "I have learned how to think like a scientist and move the knowledge I have gained out of my textbooks into the real world...it allows me to gain a feel for how the process of professional scientific research actually works, when I am venturing into unknown territory instead of repeating a well-tested procedure out of a textbook." The new facility is specifically designed to provide students and faculty with upgraded space needed to support ongoing cutting-edge scientific research.

The Christian environment of NNU not only allows for top-notch academics in science but also allows students to integrate faith and knowledge. Dr. Dan Nogales, dean of the School of Health and Science stated, "At NNU we look to our Creator as we learn about and discover His creation. Being a scientist at a Christian university takes on a whole different meaning because we view science in the light of faith." Nogales added, "The way we teach looks toward building the entire person rather than just the scientific part of the mind. We are guiding students to integrate faith and knowledge and use their gifts to change the world."

The interaction between students and professors, and ongoing quality research furthers NNU's legacy as both a teaching and research university with the purpose of equipping graduates to make a difference in their world. NNU nursing students



score in the ninetieth percentile on the national licensing exam, and science students get accepted to medical school at a rate of 85 percent!

Alumnus Telfer Griffith, a recent medical school graduate shared, “NNU prepared me well to filter, absorb, and integrate the large volume of information continually presented in medical school, and I attribute much of my preparedness and success to the faculty and curriculum of not just the School of Health and Science, but also each of the schools and departments that together provide NNU students with a broad and exceptional educational experience. . .”

Harold and Phyllis Thomas have provided a lead gift for this project in the amount of \$4,500,000—the largest single gift in the history of NNU.

construction of a science and nursing facility. The existing science building renovation includes the addition of 30,000

square feet to more than double current square footage and will enhance the northeast campus entry. Cost estimates for this significant project range from \$8,000,000 – \$9,000,000.

The campaign received a substantial boost when President Hagood announced that Harold and Phyllis Thomas have provided a lead gift for this project in the amount of \$4,500,000—the largest single gift in the history of NNU. Harold is co-founder of Trus Joist International, Boise, Idaho and a long-time NNU Foundation Board member. Phyllis is the



Natalie Smith, '06, Greenleaf, Ida.

Retired science department chairman and former university advancement vice president Dr. Darrell Marks states, “Students today exhibit an unsurpassed commitment to excellence and a spiritual depth I have never before seen in my 52 years of university involvement. Students are continually seeking the Lord’s will in their lives.”

In response to the need to renovate the 62-year old science facility and upgrade science classroom/lab space along with the dramatic growth of the NNU nursing program, the university has announced the beginning of a campaign to raise funds for

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daughter of Samuel Swayne, for whom the Swayne Auditorium in the Brandt Center is named. The Thomases are passionate in their support of Northwest

Nazarene University and other Christian ministries around the world, providing financial support both personally and through the Thomas Foundation. Their generosity to the university is motivated by a shared vision for the difference Christian education makes in the lives of young people.

Fundraising for the balance of the cost of this facility began on Sept. 29, 2006 and will run through June 30, 2008. NNU

invites participation in this campaign by businesses, granting institutions, alumni and friends. Construction is anticipated to begin June 2007.

Testimonies and achievements affirm faculty and students at NNU, and the administration recognizes the need to provide them with first-class facilities that fulfill their educational needs. The university is proud to create a quality educational

environment where Christian values can flourish.

The field of research and education in the sciences expands because of faithful friends of the university such as Harold and Phyllis Thomas.

To learn how you can participate in one of the largest facility campaigns in the history of Northwest Nazarene University, visit nnu.edu/development or call 866-467-8987.



BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW FACILITY

- ▶ Increase in space from 24,800 sq.ft to 54,800 sq.ft.
- ▶ 7 modern research labs
- ▶ Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging Lab
- ▶ Nursing Learning Center/Lab
- ▶ Cadaver dissection lab
- ▶ 3 large classrooms seating 95, 60 and 45 students
- ▶ Faculty offices
- ▶ Science Lecture Hall renovation



CREATIVE RESEARCH SCIENCE PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

- ▶ Studying the development and spread of cancer (NIH-INBRE)
- ▶ Designing an imaging system to make metal detectors have a camera-like effect when detecting weapons
- ▶ Studies of commonly used cancer drugs and their damaging effects on the heart (NIH-INBRE)
- ▶ Nanotechnology—namely the synthesizing of shuttle molecules—that may replace silicon based computers
- ▶ Working with sensitive and endangered amphibians of Idaho (Dept. of Idaho Fish and Game)
- ▶ Utilizing balloon launches for low altitude space research (NASA)
- ▶ Researching the connections between the inflammation response and the progression of Alzheimers in the human brain (NIH-INBRE & Murdock Trust Grants)
- ▶ Designing mathematical models to help predict and prevent disease states such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and some kinds of cancers (NIH-INBRE)
- ▶ Writing fast searching programs to probe the data from the human genome project and other animal DNA sequences known as bioinformatics (NIH-INBRE)

- ▶ Training high school biology students how to assess plants and shrubs in burned areas, looking at pre- and post burns through the Fire Up! Project (NASA-BLM)
- ▶ Making new materials for more efficient and less expensive solar cells (NASA)
- ▶ Synthesizing molecular cages to trap and study single incarcerated molecules



A FEW NOTABLE ALUMNI

- ▶ Astronaut Rick Hieb '77, until recently held the record for the longest space walk and is also a world expert in space robotics.
- ▶ Rich Williamson '61, works for NASA U.S. Space Program, JPL, CA.
- ▶ LaDeana (Weigelt) Hillier '86, is the assistant director of the Washington University School of Medicine Genome Sequencing Center and has authored more than 65 scientific publications.
- ▶ Hye Young Yi-Brunozzi '95, received her Ph.D in chemistry from the University of Utah and is currently at Ft. Detrick working as a post-doc fellow for NCI in HIV drug resistance program.
- ▶ Jeff Hanway, MD, '84, lives in Clifton Va., where he is a pediatric orthopedic surgeon.
- ▶ Jim Zimbelman '76, is involved in research at the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and is responsible for obtaining/retaining all unmanned planetary probes.
- ▶ Current health and science faculty that are NNU alumni include Dan Lawrence, John Cossel, Jerry Harris and Roger Schmidt.
- ▶ Current health and science faculty that are alumni from other Nazarene universities include Tim Anstine, Jennifer Chase, Bob DeCloss, Dan Nogales, Jan Crabill, Ken Yoder, Kim Forseth, Barry Myers, Carol Bett and Bill Packard.

For a continued list of science and health alumni visit nnu.edu/alumni.

Students Make the Shift to NNU's Newest Online Graduate Program

by Gayle O'Donabue, Extended University Services

How does a pastor from a remote village in Alaska continue to pursue ministerial education? Up until now, the answer has usually been relocating to where a degree program is available. But not anymore, because currently NNU takes the degree program to students live via the Internet. This fall NNU added a fully-online Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree



to its already-established master of arts degrees in spiritual formation, Christian education, and pastoral ministry.

NNU's M.Div. degree is designed to prepare people for pastoral leadership in congregations and ministry agencies, providing a depth of understanding in theological and biblical studies. The program also provides opportunities for theological integration, spiritual formation, and ministry contextualization.

Given the university's accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, NNU is the only institution of higher learning to offer a fully-online M.Div in the Wesleyan tradition.

"The M.Div. is still considered the standard for graduate ministerial preparation," said Dr. Mark Maddix, dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries. "In addition, pastors need a master of divinity to be accepted into many doctor of ministry programs, and graduate courses in religion to get into most chaplaincy programs."

Maddix added that many pastors had

shared that they wanted this type of program to keep them engaged and growing in ministry.

For Brian Williams, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in La Junta, Colo., the online programs have been invaluable.

"Had it not been for NNU's online offerings, I could not have earned a master of arts in spiritual formation while pastoring a church in a small Iowa town" he said. "And when I moved to Colorado, I was able to take NNU with me. The online option makes learning portable."

At first, Williams was concerned with quality. "A quality education is important to me," he said, "and the professors made

sure the program was quality from the get-go."

Jay Akkerman, director of graduate theological online education, indicates that online learning

reduces the gap between learning and doing. "Our online learning environment allows students to apply what they're learning in their courses into their ministry settings in real time," he said. "It shortens the gap between theory and practice and puts a student's work into the context of a community of believers."

Even though students like Williams have not been on a campus in their graduate years, they still feel part of a learning community. "Being in a cohort of 15-20 people, you get to know each other and become very close," he said.

Akkerman has been astounded by how quickly NNU's online learning communities come together. "We say everybody sits in the front row in an online class because everyone has to take part in the discussion boards, online assignments, etc. As a result, professors get to know their online students very well."

Depending on the area of emphasis, there are five entry points into the program each year. For more information about NNU's fully-online M.Div., visit nnu.edu/online or call 208-467-8368.

Education programs expand accelerated course options

The strength of NNU's education program is well known and respected. In fact, a recent graduate shared that two teachers in her school district requested their children be placed in her classroom. Why? Because she was an NNU graduate.

Getting more quality teachers into the classrooms faster is the goal of a new certification program now being offered by the education department.

ACE, an accelerated certification in education program, has been designed for adults desiring to earn an elementary or secondary teaching certificate. Degrees and certificates can be earned in as little as 16 months. Candidates for the elementary program must have completed at least two years of college, and a bachelor's degree is required for the secondary program.

Jim Bader, dean of the School of Education, Social Work and Counseling, said classes meet two nights per week on Mondays and Fridays. "This allows students to maintain their current employment and/or other responsibilities until they are prepared to teach."

The ACE elementary and secondary programs are tailored to meet the needs and interests of students with a variety of educational backgrounds. "Courses complement and expand on the insights about learning that participants have already acquired in their personal and professional lives," Bader said. "And students move through the program together in a cohort to allow their diverse backgrounds to play a role in the educational issues they explore."

Visit nnu.edu/ace for program information.

NNU recognized by U.S. News & World Report as top tier university for fifth year

For the fifth consecutive year NNU was ranked as one of the leading universities in the West by



U.S. News & World Report in their annual America's Best Colleges edition.

The university advanced in the top tier to number 34 of 123 master's-level universities in the West. This ranking is shared with Fresno Pacific University, Calif., and University of Colo. - Colorado Springs.

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 freshmen. This ranking validates that the university's solid liberal arts educational core is a key ingredient to the professional success of students.

Northwest Nazarene University President Richard Hagood was pleased by the ranking and added that what makes NNU different from many peer institutions is the university's commitment to the development of all dimensions of students' lives. "As an institution still relatively new to the category of comprehensive master's level universities, we take pride in being so highly rated among universities of our type." He noted that NNU is the only university in Idaho ranked in the top tier of its category. "This ranking speaks well of our faculty and staff," the president

said, "and is a public recognition of their work."

Northwest Nazarene University continues to be held in high esteem in this important ranking. "It is an honor to have colleagues rank the university in the first tier and we are grateful for these quality rankings. Most important to us, though, are the graduates that matriculate and go out as global Christians making a difference in their community. Whether our recent graduate's first job is serving in the Treasure Valley as a teacher/educator, as an accountant in Bentonville, Ark., at Wal-Mart headquarters or overseas as an interpreter in China, our students continue to be an important part of the moral fiber of their community," said Dr. Eric Forseth, vice president for enrollment services and marketing.

There are 557 colleges divided by region throughout the U.S. ranked in the master's-level university category.

NNU is recognized as Best Western College by Princeton Review

The 2006 Princeton Review results were 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 123 colleges chosen as a "Best Western College".

The Princeton Review recognition was well received by NNU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mark Pitts who said, "We're always most interested in the quality of our graduates and their impact on the world, and it is also gratifying to see that quality recognized by an organization like the Princeton Review. The NNU faculty work hard to deliver a stimulating, innovative undergraduate education and this acknowledgement as a 'Best Western College,' and the significant upturn in undergraduate enrollment this year,



provide evidence that the quality of NNU's undergraduate education is being recognized."

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, each college chosen had to meet two criteria, standards for academic excellence within their region and the compilation of anonymous student surveys.

This is a unique ranking in that students

are provided open-ended opportunities to submit feedback about the institution. Students have continued to rate the institution positively. Vice President for Enrollment Services and Marketing Eric Forseth stated, "The insights shared by students give accolades to NNU's academic rigor, spiritual climate and ability to connect with high caliber majors."

Forseth added, "We have an enrolled class again this year that has a positive academic profile, and the outstanding faculty members at Northwest Nazarene University play a pivotal role in the shaping of these capable students." According to The Princeton Review, the ranking lists and profiles in general seek to accomplish that which a college admissions viewbook, by its very nature, can never really achieve—an uncensored view of life at a particular college.

New Faculty



Julie Au

Nancy Ayers

Jessica Brazil

Jan Crabill

Christian Esh

Ezekiel Ette

Karl Ganske

Jamie Hubble



Karen Jones

Lawanna Lancaster

Lance McGrath

Stephen Mountjoy

Barry Swanson

Debra Ujiye

R.G. Vanderpool

NNU welcomes talented faculty for the 2006-2007 academic year

JULIE AU, PH.D., professor of psychology, whose research interests include achievement motivation and outcomes, second language learners and academic performance.

NANCY AYERS, registrar, formerly NNU's degree audit coordinator for six years.

JESSICA BRAZIL, professor of social work, has experience working with child welfare, child protection, children's mental health and adult mental health programs.

JAN CRABILL, A.B.D., professor of nursing, has completed all coursework for a doctorate.

CHRISTIAN ESH, PH.D., professor of history, enjoys hiking, camping, reading and traveling with wife Laura.

EZEKIEL ETTE, PH.D., professor of social work, has interests in international social work, specifically the adjustment and settlement issues of immigrants and refugees.

KARL GANSKE, M.A., professor of philosophy, an '02 alumnus, formerly taught at European Nazarene College and served as intern pastor to NNU students at College Church in Nampa, is completing a Ph.D. in Wesley studies.

JAMIE HUBBLE, M.F.A., professor of art, specializes in photography and graphic design, served two years as a missionary graphic designer in Guatemala.

KAREN JONES, PH.D., professor of business with an emphasis in management in organizational leadership comes to NNU from Nazarene Headquarters.

LAWANNA LANCASTER, M.S.W., professor of social work, a '99 NNU alumna, began conducting foster parent training at NNU in 2002, is currently pursuing a doctorate.

LANCE MCGRATH, M.S., user services librarian, enjoys family activities with wife Marie and two sons.

STEPHEN MOUNTJOY, PH.D., professor of education, an entrepreneur with business and education experience focused on adult learning, group effectiveness and personal transformational change.

BARRY SWANSON, PH.D., professor of music, served in music ministry in several states before coming to teach in NNU's music dept in '91, most recently serving as assistant to the president (church relations) for the past six years.

DEBRA UJIYE, M.ED., professor of education, has 25 years experience in public education as a secondary educator and district director of special education.

R.G. VANDERPOOL, PH.D., professor of business, a '72 alumnus, recently completed post doctoral studies in nonprofit management.

Modern languages class studies in Mexico



Classroom lectures traveled beyond Idaho borders for the modern languages class. Last summer two faculty, five students and several family members explored indigenous ruin sites and Mexican history from three time periods in south Central Mexico while practicing their Spanish and finessing their dialect.

Having experienced Mexico, senior Gwendolyn Angellford, stated "It is the place to go to learn Español and to grow in ways that you'll never know."

Nampa shows community support by wearing NNU shirts



"New Student Orientation" day found over 200 employees of Nampa businesses wearing NNU t-shirts in place of their uniforms, visually displaying their support of new and transfer students coming to campus for the 2006-07 academic year. From restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops and reader boards, the Nampa community enthusiastically welcomed students to the Treasure Valley.

The following organizations participated: Albertsons, Chicago Connection, Larry's Chevron, LeBaron's Honker Café, Moxie Java/TCBY, Jiffy Lube, Northwest Christian Credit Union, One More Cup, Pizza Hut, Smoky Mountain Pizzeria and Grill, Super Pollo Mexican Grill, and Wal-Mart.

The campus community welcomed new students galore

Over 375 freshmen and transfer students arrived on campus Aug. 25-27 in trucks, trailers, U-hauls and family vans, bringing with them parents and siblings to bid them farewell. Forty businesses and community organizations greeted students and their families at Community Awareness Day on the Brandt Center lawn, along with a team of admissions staff ready to welcome them and their families in style. Across the campus at Ford Hall and Culver Hall, numerous faculty, staff and student leaders assisted by moving students into their dorms as they made their home at NNU.

Several highlights of the weekend activities included a scavenger hunt, Root Beer fest, a ribbon-cutting ceremony that symbolically welcomed new students to the NNU community, and concluded with the annual President's Picnic.

As freshman Mike Miller stated, "Orientation week was intense. It helped me adapt and meet my peers in a fun, relaxed environment."

Golf team explores England

Partnering with alumnus Josh Coopridge, the NNU golf team traveled to Worcester, England in May 2006 for a team service project. Coopridge, class of '02, is the head coach of the Worcester Wolves professional basketball team. As part of the community outreach program, the NNU Crusader golf team taught American



sports at two primary schools while at the same time taking advantage of cross-cultural experiences.

NNU head coach Craig Stensgaard, class of '92, shared, "We didn't want a trip centered on golf, but instead opted for a well-rounded experience for the student-athletes."

The project was supported through

fundraising by each athlete and a grant from the Ferdinand Foundation.

Increased grant funding for science students

NNU's goal of encouraging students' pursuit of math and science goes hand in hand with new federal initiatives to increase grant funding for students pursuing these areas of study. New federal financial aid grant programs are being rolled out to help students who show need and a commitment to academic excellence.

Enrollment reaches all-time high at NNU

Fall enrollment numbers showed a 12.8 percent increase, an all-time record. With this increase NNU welcomed the largest segment of new students in a decade and marked record enrollment in graduate programs, which totals 1,755 undergrad and grad students.

"The growth is characterized by an expanded first-time freshman class, a dramatic increase in transfer students and a strong retention of previous students," stated Vice President for Enrollment Services and Marketing Eric Forseth, Ph.D.

Official figures for the fall 2006 semester are 1,230 undergraduates (a 5 percent increase from 1,167 fall 2005) and 525 graduates (up from 460 in fall 2005). Continuing education students showed a steady increase as well, up to an unduplicated head count of 8,428 from 8,169 last fall.

"NNU's undergraduate and graduate enrollment increase demonstrates the growing reputation of the institution in the Treasure Valley and the region. We're pleased that students and families are attracted by the university's combination of innovative programs, personal attention and Christian mission," stated Vice President of Academic Affairs Mark Pitts, Ph.D.

Revealing an Idaho Giant

by Anna Lee, Transfer Student Admissions Counselor

Imagine hiking through undergrowth and wading through pristine streams searching for a creature so elusive most people have never seen one. Once found, practically every piece of data recorded is new information. Imagine your findings adding to the scientific knowledge about a new species. Imagine camping out with friends in gorgeous Idaho wilderness and getting academic credits for it.

NNU science students Jeremy Chatelain, Amanda Merrell, and Gabriel Otis spent their summer doing just that. Joining Dr. John Cossel and NNU alumnus and Idaho Fish and Game biologist, Joel Sauders, these students participated in a field research project to track and study the Idaho Giant Salamander.

The Idaho Giant Salamander is a species endemic to the Northern Rocky Mountain Region. These creatures, found almost exclusively in Idaho mountain streams, have gone relatively unstudied by scientists until now. With this project, the NNU biology department has positioned itself on the cutting edge of research on this animal. So what makes this salamander so interesting? The Idaho Giant Salamander is unique for several reasons: it is one of the largest terrestrial salamander species; it can reach maturity in both aquatic and terrestrial forms (meaning some have gills and live only in water, and others have lungs and live on land); and, it was only recently classified as a separate, distinct species.

Senior Jeremy Chatelain has been an integral part of the research from the beginning. Last fall, Dr. Cossel, Jeremy and Idaho Fish and Game biologists captured a number of salamanders to study in the NNU herpetology labs prior to taking a team out in field. Jeremy cared for and took measurements of the salamanders to evaluate their response to a marking technique, helping guide the field research. Using a method called electro-fishing this summer, the team located the salamanders in the



Pictured left to right: Gabriel Otis, Amanda Merrell and Jeremy Chatelain

of the different directions I can explore in my career," Jeremy stated. "I wouldn't have had this kind of opportunity at a larger college where equipment and professors' time has to be spread among so many students." "It was a perfect experience," shared Amanda Merrell, who aspires to become a biologist following graduate school. "It gave me a chance to see what it is really like—it's definitely what I want to pursue for a career." Transfer student Gabe Otis learned about the trip while meeting with Dr. Cossel on a campus visit. Gabe was able to join the team and get some research experience even prior to his enrollment at NNU in the fall. Dr. Cossel expects that the data they gathered will form a foundation for continuing research and field study on the salamanders.

Several salamanders studied in the lab are kept in aquariums on display in the biology department for campus visitors to view. "As a secretive species with such a limited territory, most people would never come across an Idaho Giant Salamander," Dr. Cossel commented on the public display. "We want to give people the chance to observe this unique Idaho animal and to see a sample of the valuable research our undergraduates are taking part in."

Research projects like this one join the multitude of internships, field experiences, study-abroad trips, and other experiential learning opportunities available to students in all areas of study at Northwest Nazarene, making a positive difference in the lives of students, people and subjects involved . . . even salamanders!

Opportunity Knocks for...

by Craig Stensgaard, Sports Information Director

Hilary Hughes

The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live,” artist Flora Whittmore stated. Like many students, Hilary Hughes decided which doors to open and close when she made her decision to attend Northwest Nazarene University.

“Coming to NNU was definitely a God thing,” Hilary explained. “At first I didn’t think NNU was my top choice, but He opened the doors and Coach Lindvall called at just the right time.”

That recruiting call from Head Women’s Soccer Coach Jamie Lindvall opened the door to NNU for Hughes, and the Prosser, Wash. native has continued following God’s direction ever since. “I was literally praying about my college decision the night coach called.”

An accomplished sophomore midfielder on the Crusader soccer team, Hughes was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season and is excited about making the most of her opportunities both on and off the soccer field this year.

During Hughes’ second year as a Crusader, she was elected by her peers to be the NCAA Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) president. Hilary was selected in August 2006 as the national SAAC representative for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. This selection is a prestigious national appointment that will find Hughes traveling across the United States for



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the next three years attending NCAA meetings as a voice for the Division II student-athletes on one of the most prominent committees in the NCAA.

“Hilary has been a strong presence as one of the core leaders on our team since her arrival as a freshman,” Coach Lindvall commented. “It will be interesting to see how the Lord uses her to impact her fellow SAAC leaders from around the country.”

Hughes feels the purpose of SAAC is both to emphasize the positive aspects of intercollegiate athletics and be the voice of student-athletes on college campuses. Because her career path is aimed firmly toward athletic administration, this is a task she takes very seriously.

“As a female student-athlete with a goal to work in Division I or professional athletics, I’m excited about the doors that I might be able to open over the next three years.”

Hilary is working on a degree in recreation and sports management, and has much to look forward to in the future. It would be

easy to lose focus on academics with the soccer season at hand, yet Hughes doesn’t seem distracted.

“I am excited about this year. The bond our team has developed has really made it a place of comfort. We can face struggles outside the team and come back to the group for support.” Hughes noted that the close-knit community dynamic of the campus confirms that opening NNU’s door was indeed the right decision.

Alumni Embark on a 3,300 Mile “Dreamwalk”

By Linda Harter, class of '81

When they were newlyweds they imagined how fun it would be to trek across America. On July 4, 2006 Paul '79 and Barbie (Huff) '81 Bentley began their 20-year dream of walking across the United States. After six pastorates (in Alaska, Wash. and Idaho), raising two sons, Paul's teaching at Boise State University, Barb's job at Lifetouch Photography and teaching at Weight Watchers, and before their joints would scream too much, the time was right for their “Dreamwalk.” They spent a year training, planning, mapping out back roads and highways, and packing small boxes of food to be picked up at general delivery postal locations every few weeks. They packed their “home” in their backpacks—Barbie carrying 30 pounds and Paul 37 pounds for the 16-month journey.

Their starting point was at a favorite bed and breakfast, Mary Jane's Farm, located outside of Moscow, Idaho, where their dream really took shape. Their final

destination is Astor, Florida, at a favorite restaurant known for great catfish. This is marriage enrichment to the extreme! After raising a family and fighting the fast pace of life, they told writer David Johnson of the Lewiston Tribune that they “...plan to focus on their marriage by enjoying, encouraging, helping and inspiring one another along back-road routes gearing more to introspection than destination.”

The first weeks were replete with ups and downs. Downs consisted of the dry Idaho Palouse Mountains, extreme heat of



the day and debilitating blisters for Barbie. Ups

for them included the amazing people—friends, strangers, road-way workers. They averaged eight to twelve miles a day walking in the very early hours of the morning. They pitched their tent each night at a campground or a flat space off the road—sometimes there were other



people, sometimes animals. (No bears or cats, thankfully.) Every two to three weeks the Bentleys took a respite by enjoying the luxury of a comfy motel bed, doing laundry, charging their phone and



computer batteries and dining in restaurants.

Three weeks into their journey Gordon and I drove from our home in Seattle to north central Idaho on Highway 12 where we planned to meet up with the Bentleys for the weekend. We hadn't had communication for five days (no cell service or phones where they were walking) and could only estimate where we might find them. We located them up along the road near Lochsa Lodge along the Lochsa River and spent a great weekend together. Before we left Paul and Barbie, we walked with them trying out the backpacks. “You can't know a man until you walk a day in his shoes or something like that. I am a wimp—it was too hard for me—I walked only a mile!”

Our dear friends are ministers on foot. God has used them to touch lives of people in many unusual ways. The Bentleys plan to winter in Colorado and take up their “dreamwalk” in the spring.

Paul and Barb invite you to follow their journey on a Web page at www.trailjournals.com/bentley.



DECADE NEWS

Before 1950

Marshall "Ike" Eichenberger celebrated his 100th birthday February 18, 2006. Ike attended NNC 1925 to 1927. His roommates were Albert Harper and Shorty Gilmore. Ike and his wife Bunny (Feltar Dobbs) live in Sun City, Ariz.

1950s

Allan -51- and Shirley (Thorne) -51- Miller celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 31, 2006.

1960s

Kay M. Wilder -67- chair and professor in the department of family and consumer sciences at Point Loma Nazarene University, was named director-at-large of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) at the recent AAFCS 97th Annual Conference.

1970s

Terry -74- and Kathie (Berschauer) -74- Ketchum are in Lacey, Wash. resourcing development of healthy churches for WA-PAC District after 25 years of service for the Church of the Nazarene in the Caribbean Region.

Diane Rowen Garmire -75- was invited to teach as a visual arts workshop clinician summer 2006 at the Tennessee Arts Academy, Belmont University, Nashville. Diane currently teaches in Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Wash.

Jamey (Sturmer) Crider -77- teaches art and drama at Clermont (Fla.) Middle School and is involved in a drama/dance team instructing behavior-challenged boys to praise God through music, dance, and drama. Jamey is proud mom to Matt (17) and Ben (22) who are garnering accolades for their own dramatic and musical endeavors. She is also writing a book about her experiences as a caregiver wife to husband Al who battles progressive MS.

Stan -78- and Cindy (Toland) -78- Rodes have relocated to Nampa after 12 years in Ontario, Ore. where Stan served as senior pastor of the Nazarene church and Cindy taught in the public school system. Cindy is now the administrative assistant to President Richard Hagood and Stan serves as assistant district superintendent of the Intermountain District.

Mark -79- and Doris (Lay) -79- Bodenshtab have relocated to Southern Ore. where Mark serves as senior pastor at Roseburg Church of the Nazarene and NNU Trustee. Mark and Doris serve as class agents for NNU class of 1979.

1980s

Maj. S. Michael Nishimura -82- has served the US Army as a chaplain since 1998 after being a pastor for 16 years. He has served in Korea since January 2006. Michael and his wife Sue recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and have one daughter, Shannon. Michael will return to the States in January 2007.

Karen Lea -84- has moved to Tennessee where she is professor of education and NCATE chair at Trevecca Nazarene University.

Monte -86- and Bethany (Davis) -86- Cyr and family have relocated to Miami where Monty has accepted the assignment of NYI coordinator for the Caribbean Region following seven years of Youth Ministries leadership in Africa.

Ryan -88- and Dina (Cuffe) -88- Roberts and their daughters moved to South Korea this past summer where Ryan is a high school/middle school VP, and also a chaplain at Taejon Christian International School in Taejon. Dina is teaching kindergarten.

Alex -88- and Rhonda (Johnson) -89- Allen live in Harrisburg, Ore. with their two daughters Sarah and Erinn. Rhonda is an accounts payable clerk for the school district and Alex teaches business

education at the high school. Alex also serves as the district's technology coordinator and was recently honored for his work in that role.

1990s

Tami (Cashell) Choquette -94- is living in Alaska with husband Greg, and currently works for University of Alaska – Anchorage Campus.

Sherry Maine -95- received a master of science in chemistry from the University of Nevada at Reno and has accepted a position as a classical chemist at SVL Analytical in Kellogg, Idaho.

Joel -95- and Sarah DeBoard -95- Marion have relocated. Sarah is an assistant professor of psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., teaching courses in neuropsychology. Joel teaches social studies at Duarte High School and coaches boys basketball. Their daughter Alyse was born on June 20, joining son Jayden, age three.

David Leonard -96- is a chaplain in the United States Air Force and lives in Ala. with his wife Valorie and two daughters. He is presently serving in Iraq.

Paul -98- and Elizabeth (Walker) -96- Schmelzenbach have moved to San Diego, Calif. where Paul is an assistant professor of physics at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Nathan -99- and Beckey (Wornell) -00- Mason have moved to Williamsport, Penn, where Nathan will complete residency in family practice. After graduating in May 2006 from Ben-Gurion University–Columbia University Medical School for International Health, Nathan spent his first three years attending classes in Beersheva, Israel and his fourth year completing clinical electives at Columbia's affiliated hospitals in New York, along with a two-month hands-on clerkship in Kenya. Nathan and Beckey have one son, Jeremiah.

2000s

Andrea Souza -04- lives in the Nampa area and teaches K-5 music at Eagle Elementary School, as well as 4th and 5th grade orchestra and private piano lessons.

Kara Lyons -02- has moved to Princeton, N.J. where she will begin Ph.D studies in New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Jadyn Wilkes -03- has relocated to Placentia, Calif. where she is attending optometry school.

Amanda Marble -01- has accepted the position of manager of the Student Alumni Organization and Student Advancement at Pepperdine University, in Malibu, Calif. as of August 1.

Carrie Hayes -04- has taken a position as a resident director at Trevecca Nazarene University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Cami (Koepke) Werner -03- received a masters of divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University in May 2006.

MILESTONES

Births

Reagan Elizabeth Parr on Aug. 6, 2005 to Rob and Kami (Sample) -97- Kelley.

Miya Elena on Oct. 11, 2005 to David and Emi (Baca) -94- Baumgartner.

Ella Rose on Nov. 15, 2005 to Matthew and Faith (Smith) -96- Ho, joining brother Ethan.

Annie Elise on Nov. 25, 2005 to James -01- and Lindsey (Rodes) (98) O'Connell, joining brother Ryan.

Meena Elizabeth on Jan. 21, 2006 to Justin and Brenda (Bergdoll) -94- Dewey.

Jackson on Feb. 28, 2006 to Todd and Stephanie (Mapes) -96- Miller, joining sister Macey Jean.

Trevor on March 12, 2006 to Jon -88- and Kelly (Helterbrand) -95- Friesen, joining big brother Talbot.

John Matthew Jr. on March 14, 2006 to John and Stephanie (Ortman) -00- Brigowatz.

Isaac William on March 16, 2006 to Trevor -01- and Amber (Cashell) -01- Gunstream, joining big sister Ainsley.

Graci Madeline on March 22, 2006 to Kevin -96- and Sarah (McCabe) (94) Saul.

Denali Elizabeth on April 22, 2006 to Jason -97- and Jewel (Chesney) -99- Alvis, joining brother Eli.

Kendall Boyd on April 28, 2006 to Daron and Katie (Klosterman) -97- Brown.

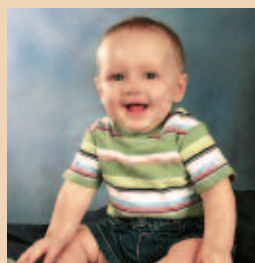
Laura Grace on April 29, 2006 to Jerry -91- and Camille (Clark) -92- Harris, joining big sister Ashley and big brother Daniel.

Shiloh Jane on May 3, 2006 to Chip -01- and Mindy (Reed) -01- McNeiece.

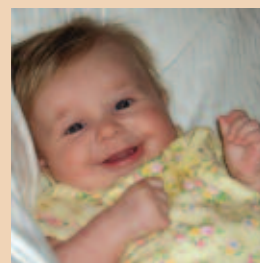
Brooke Mada XiaHong born on Aug. 6, 2004 and adopted on May 8, 2006, by Brad 92- and Robin (Gibson) -93- Michelson, joining brothers Ryan and Braden and sister Rachel.



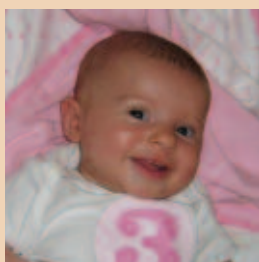
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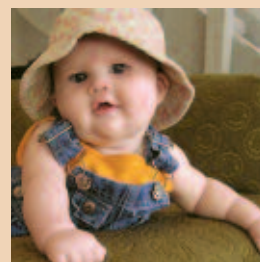
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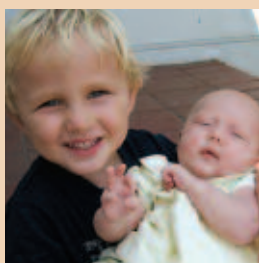
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Madison Stewart



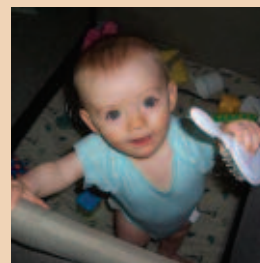
Shiloh Jane McNeiece



Jayden & Alyse Marion



Annie Elise O'Connell



Reagan Kelley



Isaac & Ainslee Gunstream



Grace Janeen Smith



Miya Elena Baumgartner

Grace Janeen on May 8, 2006 to Shon -93- and Janeen (Erdman) -94- Smith, joining big brothers Garret and Grant.

Joshua Alex on May 11, 2006 to Jason and RaShell (Durst) -93- Southerland, joining sister Hannah and brother Daniel.

Jordan Diane on May 24, 2006 to Shawn -00- and Candice (Gunstream) -04- Blenker.

Allye Mae on June 20, 2006 to Joel -95- and Sarah DeBoard -95- Marion, joining brother Jayden.

Brendan Kyle on June 28, 2006 to Matthew and Mary (Peckham) -00- Shriver.

Olivia Claire on July 12, 2006 to Robert -94- and Dawn Brindle.

Madison, age 6, adopted on July 18, 2006 by Joyce C. Stewart -78-.

Aidan Joshua on Aug. 16, 2006 to Josh -96- and Kelli (Haverfield) -03- Kinney, joining brother Bryce.

Marriages

Melissa Eagy -04- and Christian Bagge on March 9, 2005.

Dean Sandros -04- and Teresa Karenko -04- on May 28, 2005 in Boise, Idaho.

Karen Walker -97- and Jose Aguilar on April 22, 2006 in Longview, Wash.

Mindy Swanson -04- and Eric Wilkins on June 3, 2006 in San Diego, Calif. The couple reside in Nampa, Idaho.

Jamie Campbell -05- and Trevor Lubiens on June 9, 2006 in Nampa. The couple reside in Nashville.

Mindy Cornett -03- and Karl Shrum on June 16, 2006 in Ontario, Ore.

Paul Belisle -63- and Sharlene Anders Thiel -66- on June 24, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

Sonya Wold -01- and Timothy Trosper on July 8, 2006.

Benjamin Conrad -06- and Rachel Sullivan -05- on July 15, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

Deaths

Hazel (Graham) Beers -57- on April 23, 2006 in Arlington, Wash.

Lois (Irwin) Yeend (40) on May 1, 2006 in Vancouver, Wash.

Lillian Lewis -54- NNU Professor Emeritus on May 2, 2006, in Nampa, Idaho.

Margaret (Parsons) Koolhof -31- on May 29, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

A.B. Ellis (38) on June 11, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

Marjorie (Elmore) Byrd (44) on July 4, 2006 in Treasure Island, Fla.

Marvene (Hansen) Turner -75- on July 8, 2006 in Aurora, Colo.



Brooke Mada XiaHong with brothers Ryan & Braden, and sister Rachel Michelson



Jordan Blenker



Mindy Cornett & Karl Shrum



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Mindy Swanson & Eric Wilkins

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PRESIDENT'S DINNER 2006



“Continuing Greatness—Beyond Bricks and Mortar” was the theme of the annual President’s Dinner held in the Johnson Sports Center September 29. The red carpet was rolled out in honor of 670 alumni, friends and constituents who had contributed to the university in the past year. From those who sacrifice to donate monetarily to those that give time investing in the lives of students, Northwest Nazarene University was in a celebration mode for their generosity and the successful completion of the University Fund Campaign—\$2,074,000 raised for critical campus infrastructure projects.

A new sense of excitement was then experienced by the guests when President Richard Hagood announced the receipt of a \$4.5 million gift! This donation, given by Harold and Phyllis Thomas, is earmarked for a science and health facility. Thus, the campaign for a much-needed science center was launched. To emphasize and illustrate the impact of the sciences and the need for an updated science and health facility, President Hagood shared the story of a former student, Dr. Joe Kronz. As a needy 15-year-old, Joe was a “diamond in the rough” when he was taken into the hearts and home of Len and Geri Back of Salem, Ore. The Backs loved and cared for Joe during his high school years and then sent him to NNU. He excelled in his studies at NNU and went on to earn a medical

degree, graduating with honors from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Joe Kronz now serves as the director of pathology at Mercy Medical Center, Nampa, Idaho! President Hagood then challenged the dinner guests to make the dream of a new science and health center a reality.

Along with honoring volunteers and donors throughout the evening, the distinguished Eugene Emerson Award, given annually in recognition of the spirit of cooperation between the community and NNU, was presented to H.E.L.P. (Health Education Leadership Program), a Nampa organization that has given \$107,000 via 59 nursing scholarships since 2002. “The impact of these dollars will long be felt and remembered,” affirmed Gary Skaggs, NNU’s vice president for university advancement.

Scholarship recipients also had the opportunity to share in the evening’s celebration with donors that have invested in endowed student scholarships. The endowment balance now stands at over \$19,400,000 and results in \$650,000 annually in student scholarships.

In anticipation of the promise of greatness, the NNU community celebrated in a spirit of thanksgiving for those that impact the lives of this generation for Christ by investing in the cause of Christian higher education!



Ford Hall Resident Director Robbyn Lande with Tiffany Nygard, Amy Bloomquist, Hannah Taylor and Peggy Egan on move-in day.

FALL 2006 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 2 7:05 PM MBB vs. ACI @ Idaho Center
- 3-4 Explore NNU
- 4 4 PM WBB vs. EOU
- 4 2 PM MBB @ EWU, alumni & friends gathering following game
- 4 7 PM VB vs. CWU
- 11 2 PM WBB @ Weber State University
- 17-25 Fall Play
- 17 8 PM Boise Philharmonic
- 17 8 PM MBB @ Colo. School of Mines*
- 17 7 PM WBB vs. Great Falls
- 18 6 PM MBB vs. Mesa State @Colo.School of Mines*; alumni & friends gathering following game
- 18 7 PM. WBB vs. UC San Diego
- 22-25 Homecoming, see schedule of events at www.nnu.edu/homecoming

DECEMBER

- 1 6 PM Alumni Appreciation Night 80s, 90s, 00s decades (family dinner, kids play area, and MBB)
- 1 7:30 PM MBB vs. Alderson-Broadbuss
- 2 7 PM MBB vs. MSU-Billings
- 1-2 Crusader Choir Dessert Theater
- 5 7 PM WBB @ ACI
- 8 6 PM MBB vs. Dixie @ Westminster, alumni & friends gathering following game
- 8 5 PM WBB vs. Notre Dame de Namur @ Humbolt State

- 9 6 PM MBB @ Westminster; 7 PM WBB @ Humbolt State
- 15 5:30 PM Alumni Appreciation Night 60's & 70's decades (dinner and MBB)
- 15 7 PM MBB vs. Warner Pacific
- 16 6 PM WBB @ Grand Canyon, alumni & friends gathering following game
- 18 4:45 PM WBB @ Grand Canyon
- 20-21 7 PM MBB @ MSU-Billings, alumni & friends gathering following game on 20th

JANUARY

- 2-3 7 PM WBB vs. Dixie State
- 4 7 PM MBB vs. Seattle University
- 6 Church Family Night (free game tickets)
- 6 5 PM WBB vs. UA-Anchorage; 7:30 PM MBB vs. WWU
- 11 7 PM WBB vs. Saint Martin's; 7:30 PM MBB @ UA-Fairbanks
- 13 7 PM WBB vs. WOU; 7 PM MBB @ UA-Anchorage, alumni & friends event after game
- 16-22 Beloved Community Week
- 18 7 PM MBB vs. SPU; 7 PM WBB @ WWU
- 20 5 PM WBB @ Seattle University
- 24 7 PM WBB vs. UA-Fairbanks
- 25 6 PM Alumni & Friends gathering before game; 7:30 PM MBB @ WOU
- 26 8 PM Boise Philharmonic
- 27 7 PM WBB vs. CWU; 2 PM MBB @ Saint Martin's

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