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to NNU as President*

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I want to know you. I want you to come to know me. To this end the lead article in this issue of *The Messenger* is designed to introduce me to you,

one who is blessed to be the 12th President of Northwest Nazarene University. The writer has chosen “roots” as the theme for the article. It is a means to trace my lineage, the lives and paths that have shaped my life. It is an apt metaphor, for no one stands alone. We are the sum of those who have gone before, those we have known, those who have shaped and touched and cared and molded.

There is a similar metaphor found in the Gospel of John, Chapter 15: 1-17. It too is a fitting metaphor for my life and, more importantly, a fitting allegory for Northwest Nazarene University. It is the image of Jesus the Vine, His Father the Vine Grower and us, His children, the branches.

I am the product of a family tree rooted in faith. My legacy is filled with the fruit of God's grace and love, received from those who raised me, befriended me and shared life with me. Just as the branch is an extension of the vine, the fruit of my life is linked directly to my roots in these people. Truly, I am blessed with a good and godly heritage, planted deeply in the soil of the Father, His church, my family, and in my case, Nazarene higher education.

Now, as you and I recall the past and look to the future of Northwest Nazarene University, these words of Christ remind us who we are, how we came to be and what we must do to thrive, grow and continue to bear fruit. We, the people of NNU, are grafted into a godly vine. From our beginning, our roots have been in Him. Because of that, we have borne fruit, His fruit. The truth compressed into this passage has been, is and will be our truth—our identity. Reflect on these phrases:

I am the vine, you are the branches

Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit

The branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine

Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit

If you keep My commandments you will abide in My love

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

The words of Jesus call NNU, her trustees, faculty, students and you, her alumni and friends, to live lives in which we seek to abide in Him, to hunger for the pruning, perfecting, maturing, loving work of the Father. As the significant presidential tenure of Dr. Richard Hagood draws to a close and my season of service begins, may the words of Jesus be yours, mine and NNU's:

My Father is glorified in this, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples.

With anticipation,

David Alexander
President



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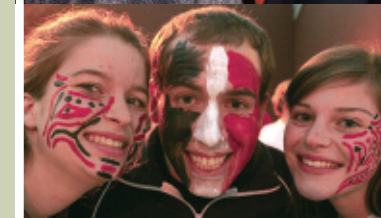
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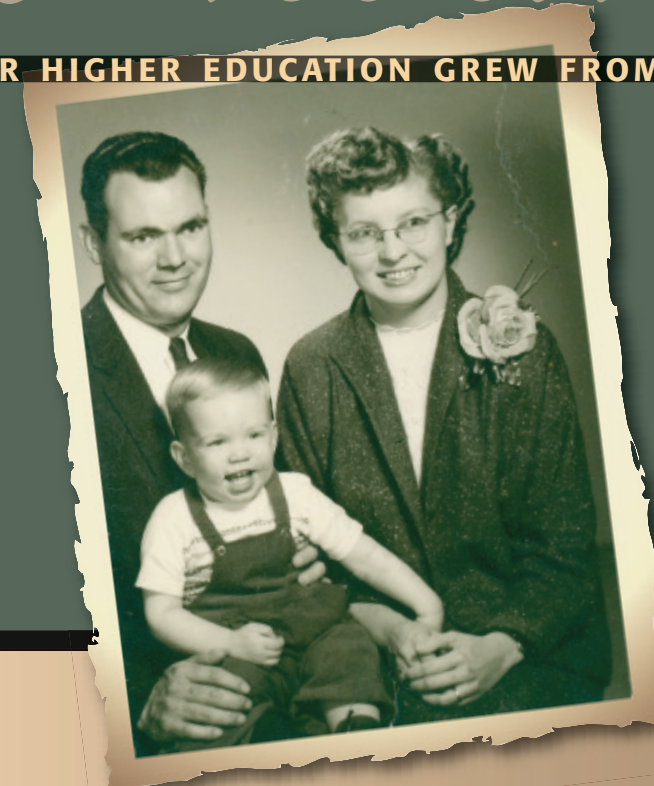
Read blogs for President Alexander, the Alumni Association and Chaplain Gene Schandorff online at www.nnublogs.com.

Save the date: President Alexander's inauguration will be Thursday evening, March 12, 2009.



Meet Dr. Alexander

HIS PASSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GREW FROM NAZARENE ROOTS



By Lucas Roebuck

David Alexander has always been firmly planted in Nazarene higher education.

A fig tree produces figs. An olive tree, olives. So it should come as no surprise that Dr. Alexander's family heritage, his life experiences and his spiritual journey are fruits of rich Nazarene traditions and ideals. According to friends and colleagues, this intellectual and spiritual passion for the Christian faith found in the Church of the Nazarene is what has best prepared him to be Northwest Nazarene University's 12th president.

"David is a capable man to be trusted," said former NNU president Gordon Wetmore. Wetmore hired Dr. Alexander to serve on the NNU Music Department faculty from 1986 to 1991. Wetmore said Dr. Alexander has a solid grasp of the Nazarene fundamentals. "He understands what we are about."

Dr. Alexander also values the larger role NNU plays in higher education, said Dr. Dan Copp, lifelong friend and Director of Clergy Development for the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.

"David understands Christian liberal arts education," said Dr. Copp. "He is a knowledgeable and articulate Wesleyan-Arminian leader whose life and leadership exemplify the qualities of such a worldview. As an education leader, this is expressed in his keen ability to model and call others to education engaged in forming the whole person—soul, mind and body."

Deep Nazarene Roots

Dr. Alexander's parents, Rev. Dave and Lois Alexander, met at Northwest Nazarene College in the postwar 1940s. Growing up in New Rockford, N.D., Lois (Gardner) Alexander came to know the Lord in the Church of the Nazarene. "A gentleman in the church gave her \$100," Dr. Alexander said. "She found her way to Northwest Nazarene College in 1945." She worked to earn \$250—the balance of the \$350 tuition. Before coming to Nampa, Dr. Alexander's father served in the U.S. Army during World War II, helping in Japan's reconstruction. While students at NNC, his parents married in 1947 leaving behind Morrison Hall and Vetville to live in Professor Finkbeiner's apartment near the Alumni House. The Alexanders later attended Nazarene Theological Seminary in the early 1950s before a lifetime of service to the Church of the Nazarene in the agrarian communities of central California where Dr. Alexander grew up.

From Campus Man to Family Man

The spiritual seeds planted by Rev. Alexander wouldn't fully germinate until his son found himself on a Nazarene college campus. "Ironically, after the wandering of my adolescent years, the complete giving of myself to God occurred upon my arrival at Point Loma Nazarene University in 1973," said Dr. Alexander. At Point Loma, Dr. Alexander bunked with and began his friendship with Dan Copp.

"I watched David grow into his giftedness as a musician and student, and become a leader among a cohort of music students who excelled during their time at PLNU and in their various vocations over the last thirty years," Dr. Copp said. But Dr. Alexander's time on the Nazarene campus was not just about books and friendships. It was a spiritual coming-of-age. "Our time together at PLNU was a rich time of spiritual formation as we found ourselves in this larger world with opportunities to share how God was shaping us," Dr. Copp said. "In many ways my relationship with David was a means of grace to me during those important formative years." This experience shaped Dr. Alexander's understanding of Christian life on the college campus. "Spiritual formation occurs as much in your dorm as in chapel," he said.

Dr. Copp and Dr. Alexander's future wives were also roommates at PLNU, and the couples both married the week they graduated. For more than 30 years, Dr. Alexander and his wife Sandy (Jilbert) have grown a family that continues to embrace the Nazarene higher education tradition. Son Matt, 27, and his wife Brenda are graduates of PLNU. Daughter Amy, 25, and her husband Andy Curry are graduates of Southern Nazarene University. Besides staying home to raise children, Sandy has been an elementary school teacher for twenty-three years. "Sandy brings a sense of stability. They will be a great team," Dr. Wetmore said.



Cultivating Students

After graduating from Point Loma Nazarene University, Dr. Alexander completed his Master's of Music in choral conducting from California State University, Fullerton and later earned a doctorate in music education from the University of Illinois. He then put his education and musical talent to work teaching at NNU. Dr. Alexander was a favorite with students during his first tenure at NNU, where the students named him Professor of the Year. Jeff Doud, a 1990 NNU graduate and youth pastor at Puyallup Nazarene Church, who sang in the Northwesterners choir under the direction of Dr. Alexander, said Dr. Alexander challenged students to excel. "We all loved to sing for Dr. Alexander," Doud said. He recalled one piece of music that was particularly difficult. "A student said, 'Dr. Alex, I want to congratulate you on finding the hardest song in the world,'" Doud said. "Not only were we able to do it, but we did it excellently. When the challenges were difficult, he brought out the best in us." Doud said Dr. Alexander had an "amazing sense of humor," and students even thought of him as being "cool" especially when he would sample '70s rock in Freshman Music and Art of the Western World. Dr. Alexander also provided comfort for his students after the tragic drowning death of choir member Kurt Finkbeiner. "Dr. Alexander was the first professor I saw on campus that

night. Dr. Alexander took the time to be with us." The Finkbeiner Recreation Area is named in remembrance of Kurt. "Dr. Alexander reminded us that Kurt was with Christ," Doud said. "In the midst of the grief, he was able to give us tremendous strength in the crisis." Framing Christian Education "After spending the last 17 years as chair of the school of music and vice president of university advancement for Southern Nazarene University, Dr. Alexander is returning to NNU to provide critical leadership as the university approaches its centennial," said Rev. Randy Craker, chairman of the NNU Board of Trustees. "Dr. Alexander brings a breadth of educational experience that prepared him well to be our next president. His history with NNU, his experience as a faculty member and administrator, and his Christian character qualify him for this responsibility," Rev. Craker said. For Dr. Alexander, Nazarene higher education has something distinct to offer the world. "Ours is not to become a Christian version of the secular model. Ours is to become a counter-cultural educational model, distinct and unique, culturally aware, but grounded in the bedrock of truth," he said. Dr. Alexander addressed the NNU faculty this spring when he explained his understanding of Christian higher education.

He said Nazarene higher education should be "a kingdom community seeking to make and be Christ-like disciples through incarnational living and learning." "Together we shall reaffirm the things that are nonnegotiable; together we shall seek the Lord's guidance in formulating the path and vision that lies ahead," he said. "And together we shall proclaim it and pursue it."

Getting to Know Mrs. Sandy Alexander
NNU's NEW FIRST LADY

Q What sort of roles do you see yourself taking on as wife of a university president?
A I see myself standing alongside David. We're looking forward to meeting the campus family as well as the Trustees and Foundation folks. I'm looking forward to opening our home to students, faculty, alumni and friends of NNU.
Q After 17 years away, what are you looking forward to most in coming back to Nampa?
A We loved our five years in Nampa, but I never got to see the Northwest as I had hoped. So I am eager to travel and explore the Northwest as we represent the University.
Q When you are unwinding, what pastimes do you enjoy?
A David is teaching me how to golf, but I also enjoy reading, video-chatting with my granddaughter and scrapbooking.
Q You have been a successful elementary school teacher. What are your career plans once here in Idaho?
A I have taught school for 23 years. That's a long time, and with this transition, that's enough. I think serving with David will require a good deal of my time and energy.
Q You attended and met your husband at a Nazarene college. What has been the lasting impact of your Christian education, and what is the most important thing students should be getting out of their education at NNU?
A I think that my Nazarene education shaped me as a person as much as it prepared me as a teacher. In addition to my spouse, I have lifelong friendships with some of my college classmates. So, in the midst of studies, I would say to not take relationships for granted.
Q What is your favorite book, movie, song and soft drink?
A My favorites are "Anne of Green Gables," "Sense and Sensibility," "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners," and water.
Q Do you have a favorite Scripture or verse that inspires your life?
A The first chapter of Colossians is beautiful Scripture. I can still hear Reuben Welch reciting it whenever I read its glorious description of Jesus.
Q Do you have a favorite memory or funny story from the last time you were here at NNU?
A Being with the Northwesterners, watching them prepare the musicals and traveling with them to Japan and Hong Kong are all favorite memories of mine.
Q Is there anything else you want to tell The Messenger readers?
A We know what an honor and a responsibility this is. We covet your prayers, just as you are in ours!

2008 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Consideration for awarding the Alumnus of the Year is based on “personal achievement that has brought honor and distinction to the University and exemplifies the Christian ideals of the University.” For 2008, this honor has been bestowed on Dana Jean Freeborn, class of 1982. She exemplifies what it means for our alumni to pursue spiritual and intellectual development “centered firmly in the Person of Jesus Christ.”

Dana is the daughter of 1958 alumni Dr. E. Dee and Vi (Jahn) Freeborn, and sister of E. Daniel Freeborn, class of 1996. Dana graduated from NNC with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics, seeking a career in computers. After a summer traveling as goalie with NNC's nationally ranked women's field hockey team, doing sports evangelism in New Zealand, Australia and the Fiji Islands, Dana took her first position at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif., as a computer analyst. Twenty-five years later, she is still with JPL and has worked her way through the ranks. Currently, she supervises a group focused on providing data management solutions for science missions, enterprise applications and archive systems at a low cost with low risk. Dana is also the Cognizant Design Engineer of the Ground Data System



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
DANA FREEBORN

Process Control System for the Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO), an earth orbiting mission sponsored by NASA's Earth System Science Pathfinder (ESSP) Program scheduled to launch in December 2008. Describing Dana, a fellow software engineer said, “Technologies and methods change over time, but Dana has managed to keep current and remain on the forefront of science data management system development.” She is also described as a “dedicated worker and an inspiring leader, brilliant but never flaunts her accomplishments.”

At the same time Dana provides strong leadership in her workplace, she is also an important leader in her church. Pastor T.

Scott Daniels says of Dana's leadership on the church board, “Dana has been a consistent and steady voice of grace and wisdom. She is a quintessential lay leader and faithful friend who continues to be involved with worship and the arts in her church, even playing flute in the church orchestra.”

A friend who would ascribe faithfulness as the theme of Dana's life said, “It is obvious Dana knows who she is in Christ.” Dana Freeborn truly embodies the mission of Northwest Nazarene University through her personal and professional accomplishments.

The Professional Achievement Award honors an alumnus whose distinguished record of achievement has brought honor and recognition to the University. For 2008, this alumnus is Randall A. Peterman, J.D., class of 1973.

Randy Peterman, is a partner in the Boise law office of Moffatt Thomas Barrett Rock & Fields, specializing in bankruptcy, loan workouts, commercial litigation lender liability defense and agricultural lending. Randy is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and is an active member and former president of the Idaho State Bar Commerical Law and Bankruptcy Section and the Business and Corporate Law Section. Randy has been selected among the best lawyers in America for over a decade, recognized by *Super Lawyers*, and selected by *Chambers USA* as one of America's leading lawyers for business.

Randy grew up in a Nazarene parsonage and is the son of Don and Ruth Peterman, both class of 1947. Randy attended



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
RANDY PETERMAN

NNC as a president's scholar, graduating summa cum laude, and completed his law degree at the University of Washington in 1976, where he was editor of the *Washington Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif. He commenced his practice by serving as a law clerk in 1977 for the Honorable Gerald F. Schroeder, now a retired Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice.

Beyond his professional practice, Randy serves on NNU's Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors for Hands of Hope, Inc. Additionally, Randy and his wife Linda (Blankenship, class of 1977) are passionate about and heavily involved in the development of the Nazarene Trinity Pines Camp

and Conference Center in Cascade, Idaho. Randy teaches business ethics for NNU's MBA program as an adjunct professor and also serves as outside general counsel for NNU.

Randy and Linda have three sons, Reed, Drew and Kyle, and are active members of the Eagle Church of the Nazarene.

When one looks across the horizon of NNU's impact around the world and into the faces of those whose lives of service have left a lasting imprint, Ralph and Lynn Neil's influence would be hard to miss. Honored this year for their distinguished service, they are described as kind, generous, creative and intelligent. Though both Ralph and Lynn are officially “retired,” they continue to live lives of service.

NNU's influence on Ralph and Lynn began early, for Lynn at age 12 when her father, Dr. John Riley, began his tenure as president of then NNC, and for both of them as students graduating in 1961. For 18 years, they served in successful pastorates in Washington and Oregon. Their ministry was marked by strong preaching, effective servant leadership and a deep love for missions. In 1981, the Neils came back to NNC to teach—Ralph in the Department of Philosophy and Religion and Lynn in the English Department. Both Ralph and Lynn served their disciplines as department chairs, and Ralph concluded his tenure as the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries. During their years of faculty leadership, Ralph and Lynn cultivated a strong sense of community. A current faculty member testifies to Ralph's investment in lives, “I will always



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
DRS. RALPH AND LYNN NEIL

remember Ralph as a tireless advocate. He welcomed my family to Nampa in a very pastoral way and encouraged me personally.”

The resumes and list of accomplishments for this couple are long and broad. Lynn is a writer with several published articles and has used her journalism expertise when leading workshops to help others develop their own skills. More recently, Lynn has been involved with Africa Nazarene University and Brazil Nazarene College in consulting and writing projects for accreditation and education programs. Since retiring, Lynn and Ralph have continued to teach around the world, putting their touch in some way on many Nazarene college and university settings. Their love for missions and for the global church has been evident, not just in teaching but in years of

involvement with work and witness trips.

The Neils' commitment to the international church has helped NNU expand its mission and her influence. As they have pastored, taught, encouraged and resourced students, leaders and parishioners, the ripple effect of that investment will be evident for years to come. Their life and ministry together has exemplified a pastor's love and care for people, and a strong sense of calling and mission that has both blessed and benefited NNU.

Criteria for the Leon Doane Young Alumnus Award is demonstrated leadership, Christian character, professional endeavors and support of their alma mater. This year's award is presented to a couple who truly functions as a team, Brian and Nichole (Rumbaugh) Bohner.

Brian, class of 2000, and Nichole, class of 1996, met at NNU where Brian honed his entrepreneurial skills studying business and Nichole completed a degree in fashion merchandising. Brian had a dream of building his own business and brought that dream to reality shortly after graduation by purchasing PC Maintenance, a small sweeping and parking lot maintenance company. In five short years, Brian and Nichole have worked together to build this small local business into a thriving multistate operation through the development of a unique business model designed to perform parking lot maintenance for big box entities. “They are a good example of a young couple who found each other at NNU, and are demonstrating in a very competitive market what a Christ-centered education can do if you apply it,” said one of



LEON DOANE YOUNG ALUMNUS
BRIAN AND NICHOLE BOHNER

their nominators.

Brian and Nichole have not hesitated to give back to their alma mater, including a significant gift to a business scholarship. They have made it a priority to keep NNU's parking lots patched, coated, and striped at no cost to NNU, saving the University a minimum of \$20,000 annually. They have also spoken to NNU entrepreneurship classes, emphasizing business ethics; loyalty to customers, suppliers and employees; and transferring godly principles to business practices.

In addition, Brian and Nichole are parents to Analynn and Andrew, teach a fifth-grade boys Caravan class and are active in the Crusader Athletic Association.

Both Brian and Nichole acknowledge that they owe their success to Christian parents, their church, their NNU education and strong mentors. Professor Dick VanSchyndel said, “This is the payback for being a professor at NNU, watching former students excel in the world of business and, more importantly, become Christian ambassadors to the community.”

people
new
places
new
faces
familiar



homecoming & family weekend november 6-8

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Ladies Soccer vs. Montana State University, Billings

Ladies Volleyball vs. Central Washington University

Play - Science Lecture Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Homecoming Chapel - Honoring Award Recipients

Award Recipient Receptions - Brandt Center Suites and Galleries

Christmas TV Production Open House

Run/Walk for Scholarships

Play - Science Lecture Hall

Ladies Basketball vs. Northwest Christian

Concert and Homecoming Coronation - Swayne Auditorium

President Meet and Greet - Brandt Center Lobby

Fun and Games - Johnson Sports Center (student/alumni/parent/NNU community)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SMNA Breakfast - Wordsworth

School of Theology/Christian Ministries and NTS Reunion - College Church Atrium

Live and Silent Auctions - Brandt Center Lobby

Reunion Lunches for 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 - various locations

Ladies Soccer vs. Central Washington University

Ladies Basketball vs. Alumni

Play - Science Lecture Hall

Field Hockey Alumni Game and gathering

Soup Supper hosted by Bella Voce - upper lobby Johnson Sports Center

Graduate Education Gathering - Johnson Sports Center

Mens Basketball vs. Corban

Ladies Volleyball vs. Seattle Pacific University

Grand Finale (bonfire, live music, food and fireworks) - West of Johnson Sports Center



As each year passes, a look across the campus is met with new people and new places.

This fall will be no exception—a new president, a new state-of-the-art Health and Science Center located at the heart of the campus, new students, new parents and new faculty, along with many campus improvements. At the same time, we are confident that in all the newness there will be found the familiar. The school motto proclaimed on the chapel wall, “Seek first the Kingdom of God,” and the sense of acceptance and community in the faces of friends old and new remain the same. Come to campus and experience the new and the familiar for yourself!

Join us for Homecoming & Family Weekend November 6-8!

Complete details are available online at www.nnu.edu/homecoming

Reservations

Name _____
(Alumni, please include maiden name and class year as applicable.)
Spouse's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail Address _____
Phone _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS NEEDED

TOTAL \$

Homecoming Concert & Coronation

_____ @ \$7 (adult) _____
_____ @ \$5 (under 18) _____
_____ @ \$5 (60+) _____

General Admission Seating
(*NNU students, use NNU student ID for free admission.*)

Fall Play

_____ @ \$6 (adult) _____
_____ @ \$5 (students/60+/under 18) _____

General Admission Seating
(*Ticket is valid at any performance.*)

Saturday Sports Extra & Grand Finale!

_____ @ \$10 (adult General adm.) _____
_____ @ \$5 (under 18) _____
_____ @ \$13 (lower level reserved) _____

(*NNU students and employee families, use NNU ID for free admission to both mens basketball and ladies volleyball.*)

NUMBER OF TICKETS NEEDED

TOTAL \$

Soup Supper

_____ @ \$6 _____
_____ @ \$3 (ages 5-11) _____

SMNA Breakfast

_____ @ \$8 _____

Class Luncheon

_____ Year _____
_____ @ \$12 _____
_____ @ \$10 (Class of 2003) _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

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Refer to your communications



Commencement

NNU's 92nd academic graduation ceremonies were a rich combination of academic pageantry, meaningful speeches and student recognition for achieving significant goals. The graduating class of 2008 included 290 undergraduate students and 188 graduate students from the six master's programs.

Rev. Jeff Carr returned to NNU as this year's baccalaureate speaker inspiring graduates to lives dedicated to "Choosing Hope" and making a difference in their world. Carr, a 1987 graduate, is currently deputy mayor and director of gang reduction and youth development programs for the City of Los Angeles.

Dr. Richard A. Hagood gave the commencement address encouraging students to recognize "Stones of Remembrance: Stories for the Future," and he was honored with president emeritus status for his 15 years of visionary leadership to NNU.

Ceremonies also included professor emeritus status being granted to Dr. Chris Kapicka and Professor Reginald Hill.

Hagood Celebration Concludes

Retiring University President Dr. Richard A. Hagood and his wife Junella were honored during Hagood Celebration Week for their dedication to Northwest Nazarene University. Several receptions and banquets were held that were attended by pastors, trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, friends and community members throughout the region. Gifts, including a fully endowed



scholarship and a painting entitled "And Their Dreams Came True," commissioned by the celebration committee and created by Junella's brother David, were presented to the Hagoods in their honor.

Students said goodbye with a farewell community chapel featuring "Hagood's Favorite Things," and fun t-shirts for students and faculty. Dr. Hagood also joined the students for a night of bowling after a barbeque in Finkbeiner Recreation Area. View photos from the week's celebrations online at www.nnu.edu/nnuimages.



MBA Students Plan Special Olympics Fundraising Efforts

In February, the NNU School of Business was asked to prepare a fundraising plan for the Special Olympics 2009 World Winter Games. Eight MBA students spent nine weeks researching, meeting with the 2009 Games executives and directors, and orchestrating a proposal to raise a projected \$15 million needed to support the Games. The plan was presented to the 2009 World Winter Games executives in May and will be implemented in the months leading up to the event.

The 2009 World Winter Games will be held in southwestern Idaho in February 2009, at Boise, Sun Valley and the Tamarack Resort. The event will be the largest winter sporting event in Idaho history, and it is expected that more people will come to Idaho for these games than came to Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics in 2002.

Administrative and Staff Personnel of the Year



Darl Bruner, director of alumni relations, and Jan Mortimer, bookstore textbook supervisor, were awarded the 2008 Administrative and Staff Personnel of the Year awards, respectively.

Faculty Award Lecture

Brenda Freeman, Ph.D., delivered the University's 11th annual Faculty Award Lecture on April 8 entitled "Ghost Sickness or Depression: The Role of Culture in



Native Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment."

The lecture was based on research conducted during her sabbatical that raised questions about the role of culture in the treatment of mental health problems. It explored historical trauma, native cultural adaptations of Western mental health approaches and evidence based on practice for culture-based interventions.

Psychology Research Forum

Alumnus Dr. Trevor Hall, class of 2000, returned to campus as the featured speaker at the 2008 Psychology Research Forum. Dr. Hall is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and director of the Neuropsychology Program at OHSU's Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Hall's current research project aims to confirm a relationship between cholesterol metabolism and autism, which sheds light on the causes of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and may also lead to new screening protocols and treatment interventions.

The event included research contests for local high school and regional college and university students.

Regional Main Event 2008

More than seven hundred junior high and high school students from throughout the Northwest were welcomed to campus for the Regional Main Event in April. Students participated in competitions and events while connecting with NNU faculty and students.

Exciting and entertaining activities took place throughout the weekend including Bible quizzing competitions, intramural sports tournaments, dodge ball, Frisbee golf and skateboarding. Talent competitions from "duct tape" art forms to instrumental and vocal talent were formally judged, and NNU scholarships were given to students earning first, second and third place in specified talent categories.

This year's keynote speaker was Alex Fonseca, young adult pastor from the Church of the Nazarene in Campinas,

Brazil. Fonseca was joined by NNU alumnus Scot Mortimer, class of 2002, who led worship.

JSC Fire Update



The Johnson Sports Center experienced unanticipated destruction during a fire the evening of March 2. The fire was contained to the external portion of the fitness center in the building's southwest corner and occurred while the building was unoccupied. Damages exceed \$3 million due to the extensive amount of smoke and water damage throughout the 105,000 sq. ft. facility. After many weeks of investigation, the Nampa Police Department arrested three suspects in connection with the arson fire. Complete occupancy is anticipated in early August.

Health and Science Center Update

Construction continues on the new Health and Science Center, scheduled to open in January 2009. "The science and nursing faculty are anxiously awaiting the move into the new facility. We have designed a state-of-the-art facility and can't wait to begin teaching students in the new



classrooms and labs," Dean of the School of Health and Science Dr. Dan Nogales said. "We are most grateful to the many donors who have made this dream possible." A dedication ceremony is planned for March 12, 2009.

Visit www.nnu.edu/healthandscience to watch the construction progress online.

Professor of the Year— Dr. Christian Esh



Students named history professor Dr. Christian Esh 2008's Professor of the Year. During his two years at NNU, Dr. Esh has established an excellent rapport with students, faculty and staff alike.

One student commented, "Dr. Esh is always more than willing to set aside his grading to help students with a paper or even just to talk."

Dr. Esh was one of eight professors nominated from different departments on campus. In honor of this recognition, SGA President Landon Loeb presented him with an engraved Waterloo pen on behalf of the student body.

2007 production of "An Idaho Family Christmas" in June.

This was the fifth year that students and faculty of the Mass Communications program produced the show, which airs multiple times on the KTVB family of stations during December. The show features music groups from the community performing a variety of Christmas music. "But this year instead of just a variety show, we added a story to the mix," Professor Arnie Ytreeide said. That story followed a young boy into a mythical village in the mountains of Idaho as he searched for his parents on Christmas Eve.

The Telly Awards were founded in 1980 to "recognize distinction in creative work and honor outstanding local and regional television commercials and productions."

"We're very pleased by this recognition," Ytreeide said. "Our department philosophy is that students aren't competing with other college students; they're competing with the real world. This professional award underscores that students can do amazing things when they're challenged."



Athletics Reveals New Logo

On June 27, 2008, the Northwest Nazarene University Athletic Department unveiled its new athletic logo at the 29th annual "The Legends" Crusader Athletic Association Scholarship Golf Tournament in Nampa.

The new athletic logo features the letters NNU integrated into an icon and, as shown above, is paired with the NNU mascot "Crusaders" to form a secondary logo. "Our entire department is excited about our new athletic logo," commented NNU athletic director Rich Sanders. "I would like to thank President Hagood for his support as we journeyed through this process, and I look forward to seeing our new look in action this fall."

The new icon now adorns the center of

Orrin Hills Center Court in the Johnson Sports Center. The icon can also be seen in the masthead of NNUsports.com.

The athletic logo was designed by Jim Ward of Jim Ward Design in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Ward is an experienced designer, having created athletic logos for many colleges and universities throughout the country.

NNU will continue to use its athletic red and black color scheme, but it will also welcome a new grey (Pantone 423) to the color family.

Leaving a Legacy with NNU

Three hundred and eighty-four. That's how many individuals are currently members of the NNU Centennial Club. These wonderful alumni and friends of the University have indicated that they've included Northwest Nazarene University in their estate plans in some way, through a will, trust, charitable gift annuity or beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy or retirement account.

There is no question that the resources given to the University in the past through careful estate planning have helped define our campus and blessed countless young men and women over the years. We will forever be grateful to partner with these 384 Centennial Club members who have decided that the mission and ministry of NNU is worth their resources today and tomorrow. Their legacy is one in which we are very proud to be a part.

President Richard Hagood recently stated, "Over the years as I have talked with donors, one of their greatest joys is knowing they are enabling a student to have the benefit of an NNU education—a gift that lasts far beyond the lifetime of the donor."

If you would like to become a Centennial Club member, or would like help creating an estate plan that would benefit future students, contact University Advancement at 866-467-8987.

DECADE NEWS

1950s

Olga Beth (Betty Anderson) -50- and **Russell Speer -50-** celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 12, 2008. They have attended the Nazarene Churches in Seattle, Medford, Yakima, Marysville, and now attend College Church in Nampa. Russell retired from banking, and Beth from teaching. They have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Alaska, Canada, the Bahamas, Europe (Paris, London, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and many more). They are presently singing in "The Grace Note Choir" at College Church. Beth and Russell have two children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and all are committed Christians for which they are thankful to God.

1960s

Jack Wright -60- was invited to participate in a creation vs. evolution symposium at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Jack debated from the intelligent design position against four evolutionists.

1980s

Craig Laughlin -83- has relocated from Southwood Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Mo., to be Senior Pastor of Marysville Church of the Nazarene in Washington.

Julie van Beck -89- was named 2008 GNAC Coach of the Year. Julie completed her third year as head women's basketball coach for Seattle Pacific University, holding an overall win/loss record of 71-15.

1990s

Isaac (Ike) Swanson -94- has been recognized as a 2008 Global Solution Achievement Award (SAA) winner for his participation on the Genetic Submission for the Prasugrel NDA, one of 15 projects selected at Eli Lilly and Company in North America. The team members participated in the submission of genetic data as part

of a New Drug Application (NDA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The SAA is the main platform for annual peer recognition of global information technology at Lilly.

John Kirkemo -97- has accepted a senior civilian position within the U.S. Air Force's Atlas V Launch Vehicle Program in El Segundo, Calif. Atlas V rockets provide essential launch capabilities for both military and commercial satellites. John currently resides in Redondo Beach, Calif., and is engaged to be married this summer.

Angie Wharfield -97- has been selected as the director of social services for Eastern Europe for Holt International Children's Services. Angie received her MSW from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas, and License in Clinical Social Work (LCSW). She has worked for Holt in Portland, Oregon, and as a child and family specialist for Cascadia Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team in Portland.

2000s

Brandon Hill -01- is a graphic designer at Nazarene Publishing House and was recognized by the American Institute of Graphic Artists in Kansas City and awarded the Institute's coveted A4 Award for 2007. The A4 Award is for outstanding art developed locally in Kansas City. The winners were selected from a pool of over 600 entries. Brandon's winning entry was for a book cover for "Rendezvous: A Sacred Encounter with God," Beacon Hill Press.

Hollie (Larson) Lindner -02- has been appointed by the Alumni Association Board of Directors to represent NNU's graduate program and nontraditional alumni on the Board. Hollie recently completed her MBA at NNU and serves as NNU's director of marketing and public relations.

Julie (Walburn) O'Connor -03- has completed a master's degree in education from Colorado University. Julie lives with

husband Brett in Parker, Colo., and teaches at a private elementary school in Denver.

Shaun McMikle -04 MBA- has taken a position as technical training and implementation manager for OSI Pharmaceuticals, providing support for IT training and business process implementation needs for the company's locations in Colorado, New York, New Jersey and Oxford, England.

Ben Stecker -05- is living in Washington, D.C. where he is currently employed as a congressional aide for Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington State.

Andy Peters -06- was one of the 75 accepted out of 2000 applicants by Pacific Northwest University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Wash., as part of its inaugural class.

MILESTONES Births

Trenton Michael on Jan. 1, 2006, to **Chandra (Logan) -98-** and **Joe Ferguson -97-**, joining sister Nayelie Elise.

Taylor Jaye on July 9, 2006, to **Kari (Leaf) -98-** and **Jason Cardon**, joining brother Andrew.

Elaine W. on Sept. 11, 2006, to **Rebecca and Wilson Wanene -04-**.

Jack Barry on Nov. 16, 2006, to **Karen (Swanson) -98-** and **Bryon Knight -97-**, joining siblings Sam (7) and Bethany (4).

Natalie Danielle on Nov. 30, 2006, to **Danielle and Timothy Whetstone -96-**.

Matthew Wayne on June 21, 2007, to **Janelle (Bear) -92-** and **Brennan Stollfus**, joining sister Katelyn.

Ethan John on July 6, 2007, to **Merri (Tollen) -92-** and **Chris Coulter**, joining sister Erin.

Rachel on July 27, 2007, to **Shauna (Brown) -97-** and **Eric Cartlidge**.

Leah Jubilee on Aug. 1, 2007, to **Michelle (Phillips) -01-** and **Erik Dye**, joining brother Judah.

Carson McKinlee on Aug. 18, 2007, to **Jenny (Hatler) -96-** and **Chris Dinter -95,** joining big brothers Jackson and Caleb.

Preslee Christine on Aug. 22, 2007, to **Jami (Mittelstaedt) -95-** and **Matt York**, joining sister Adison.

Emery Mae on Aug. 30, 2007, to **Tauni (Thompson) -06-** and **Matthew Jensen -06.**

Jace McKenzie on Sept. 7, 2007, to **Heidi (Zimmerman) -03-** and **John Hunter -94,** joining sister Kimberly and brother Cade.

Elijah Michael on Sept. 9, 2007, to **CarlyAnn (Sandidge) -99-** and **Kevin McLaren** joining sister Keva Ann.

Adriane Leigh on Sept. 14, 2007, to **Roslyn (Pitts) -99-** and **Stephen Carlson -99,** joining sister Julian.

Kate on Oct. 2, 2007, to **Becky (Maile) -03-** and **Alex MacDonald**, joining sister Ella.

Mckenna Elaine on Nov. 9, 2007, to **Joanne (Stephens) -93-** and **Jeff Turley -90,** joining brother Cyrus and sister Grace.

Annabelle Jean on Nov. 14, 2007, to **Kristi (Trigg) -03-** and **Willis Cook -03,** joining sister Gabrielle.

Gabriella Hope on Nov. 19, 2007, to **Cheri (Wood) -93-** and **Rob Lawler -93,** joining sisters Autumn, Caitie, and Elise.

Kye Charles on Nov. 28, 2007, to **Kristi (Brackett) -95-** and **Brian Miller**, joining brother Eli.

Ainsley Mae on Dec. 3, 2007, to **Heather (Holliman) -94-** and **Joe Bettis**, joining sisters McKenna and Macy.

Anna Elizabeth on Dec. 12, 2007, to **Kristina (Hedstrom) -95-** and **Andrew Zirschky -97,** joining brother Evan.

Aubrey Rebecca on Dec. 18, 2007, to **Melissa (Anderson) -00-** and **Jeremy Riehl -00,** joining sister Anna.

Josephina Alena on Jan. 4, 2008, to **Cheryl and Russell Tidwell -90,** joining sister Rynanne.

Tyler James on Jan. 21, 2008, to **Megan (Bellamy) -01-** and **Scott Boswell -01.**

Morgan Grace on Jan. 23, 2008, to **Tara (Poole) -02-** and **Ryan Comingdeer -00,** joining sister Alexa.

Aria Marie on Jan. 26, 2008, to **Colleen (Jensen) -99-** and **Roscoe Calvin Cook.**

Emma Renee and Caleb Richard on Jan. 31, 2008, to **Katie and Richard Wiese -85,** joining brother Ryan.

Carter Everett on Feb. 5, 2008, to **Megan (Griff) -03-** and **Matt Hereth.**

Liana Michelle on Feb. 14, 2008, to **Lisa and Daniel Rust -93,** joining brothers Evan and Dillon.

Kathryn Cynthia on Feb. 15, 2008, to **Melissa (Ruppert) -97-** and **Adrian Van Hooser -96.**

Jonathan Gregory in March 2008, to **Sarah (Martin) -02-** and **David Miller.**

Braden Giovanni on April 19, 2008, to **Mollie -03-** and **Brian Sweet (03),** joining brother Gabe and sister Kaylee.

Marriages
Matthew Jensen -06- and **Tauni Thompson -06-** on May 15, 2006, in Nampa, Idaho.

Andy Peters -06- and **Amanda Merrell -08-** on June 9, 2007, in Spokane, Wash.

Angela Paschal -00- and **Jason Rose** on June 9, 2007, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Malia Keene -00- and **Shane Johnston** in August 2007, in Kea’au, Hawaii.

Melody Irish -01- and **Gregg Schuetze** on Nov. 24, 2007.

Jacklyn Travis -08- and **John Patterson -06-** on December 21, 2007, in Nampa, Idaho.

Carie Mitzman -94- and **Kevin Naylor** on Feb. 8, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

David Church -96- and **Angela Bynum -98-** on Feb. 29, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

Sara Pickens -05- and **T.J. O’Brien** on March 22, 2008, in Mount Vernon, Wash.

In Memory
Berdena (Oldenkamp) Martin -56- on Nov. 3, 2007, in Keizer, Ore.

Alma Kortan (53) on Jan. 12, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

Goldie (Edes) Larson (44) on Feb. 4, 2008, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Eva (Combs) Barnes -68- on March 9, 2008, in Emmett, Idaho.

David Burkhart -51- on March 17, 2008, in Hood River, Ore.

Gary Skaggs -72- on March 17, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

Dr. Graydon Cross -82- on March 20, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

Lloyd Pounds -39- on March 26, 2008, in Nampa, Idaho.

Wesley E. Edes -39- on April 1, 2008, in Sunnyside, Wash.

Steve L. Smith -72- on April 2, 2008, in Oakland, Ore.

Marie Huston (30) on April 12, 2008, in Manheim, Penn.

Walter Allen Howard, Sr. (31) on April 19, 2008, in Emmett, Idaho.

Ruth Matchett -45- on April 23, 2008, in Greenville, Ohio.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

NNU Alumni Relations has contracted with a publishing company, PCI, to compile and publish an updated alumni directory. PCI will contact alumni by postcard, e-mail or phone call over the next few months to update contact information and give you an opportunity to purchase an updated directory. Please assist us in updating our records by being responsive to the PCI representative. For more information visit nnu.edu/printdirectory.



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NNU LEADER INFLUENCED THOUSANDS

by Christin Runkle, Class of 2002, Idaho Press-Tribune



Family, friends and coworkers remember Gary Skaggs, Northwest Nazarene University vice president of university advancement, as a man of God who formed dynamic relationships with those around him. Skaggs, 58, died March 17 after being diagnosed with brain tumors in early January.

Gary's three sons, Matt, Ben and Alex, said their father's greatest impact on their lives was the godly example he provided for them. He was an "example of how to be a servant to others," Matt said. "That's how he lived his life — as a servant."

"To me, he epitomized what it was to be a Christian," Ben added.

As Skaggs' sons heard from the many friends and acquaintances expressing their sympathies after his death, they realized more than ever the impact their father had on the people he met.

"He lived three lifetimes in his 58 years," Ben said. "(Hearing about his influence) makes me realize every day that if I can be half the man my dad was, I'll have accomplished a great thing."

"Thousands of people considered him to be their best friend," Matt said. "He had a way of touching people."

Among the many touched by Skaggs' life are Monty Ortman and Greg Jamison, both of whom attended NNC with him and now serve on NNU's Foundation Board. Both men remained close friends with Skaggs and were with him during his surgery in February in Phoenix, where they spent time laughing, crying and praying together one last time.

Skaggs was "one of my best friends in life," said Jamison, who met him as a student at NNC in 1968. "I liked his attitude and his sense of humor. He cared about people."

"He was a good guy. We just hit it off," said Ortman, who was a year ahead of Skaggs in school. "He was a very loyal friend."

Skaggs married Marilyn Ratzloff in 1971, and after graduating from NNC in 1972 with degrees in English and secondary education, he worked for 20 years in real estate and estate planning in Reno, Nevada. He returned to NNC in 1992 to become the director of planned giving, a job he held until being appointed vice president of university advancement in 1998.

Matt said that for his father, returning to NNC was a "leap of faith." But those familiar with his personality agreed that he was perfectly suited to the two positions he held at the university. "He really wanted to be involved in some strong full-time

Christian service, and he truly wanted to use his experience (in business and finance),"

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Jamison said. "I think it was a wonderful fit because of his (passion for Christian service)."

By all accounts, Skaggs was incredibly successful in fundraising and planning. He has been credited with cultivating a friendship



GARY SKAGGS
1950 - 2008



with and providing counsel for alumna Leah Peterson,

who left the university its largest-ever single donation of \$7 million. But Skaggs' impact at NNU is probably immeasurable, NNU President Richard Hagood said. Much of Skaggs' work was in deferred giving, the results of which "will be coming in for years to come," Hagood said. Skaggs excelled at fundraising, primarily because of his business experience and his personable nature, explained Hagood, who recruited and hired him. "(He had) a natural way of building relationships. I saw that with all kinds of people."



In memory of Vice President Skaggs, an endowed scholarship has been established. Giving for the Skaggs scholarship to date is over \$23,000, and the university anticipates ongoing gifts. To donate to this scholarship fund contact University Advancement at 866-467-8987, mail designated funds for the Gary Skaggs Memorial Scholarship to 623 Holly Street, Nampa, Idaho 83686, or give online at www.nnu.edu/give.

COVENANT

June 15: Vale Naz., Ore.
June 15: Nyssa Naz., Ore.
June 16-20: Intermountain Sr. High Camp
June 22: Billings Naz., Mont.
June 29: Sheridan Naz., Wyo.
June 29: Gillette Naz., Wyo.
July 1: Lander Naz., Wyo.
July 2: Casper Naz., Wyo.
July 4: Nazarene Bible College
July 6: Trinity Naz., Colorado Springs, Colo.
July 6: Golden Bell Campground
July 10: Mountain Home Naz., Idaho
July 11: John Day Naz., Ore.
July 13: Longview Naz., Wash.
July 14-18: WA PAC Sr. High Camp
July 20: Redwood Naz., Redmond, Wash.
July 20: Marysville Naz., Wash.
July 27: Wenatchee Naz., Wash.
July 28-Aug. 1: Northwest Jr. High Camp
August 3: Spokane First Naz., Wash.
August 3: Coeur d'Alene Naz., Idaho
August 5: Othello Naz., Wash.
August 6: Colfax Naz., Wash.
August 7: Pasadena Park Naz., Spokane, Wash.
August 8: West Valley Naz., Yakima, Wash.
August 10: Bay Area Naz., North Bend, Ore.
August 10: Coquille Naz., Ore.
August 13: Harvester's Naz., Elgin, Ore.
August 14: Kuna Naz., Kuna, Idaho

PARABLE

June 15: Lebanon Naz., Ore.
June 15: South Salem Naz., Ore.
June 16-20: OR PAC Sr. High Camp
June 22: Filer Naz., Idaho
June 22: Twin Falls First Naz., Idaho
June 24: Laramie Naz., Wyo.
June 25: Colorado Springs First Naz., Colo.
June 27: Pueblo Belmont Naz., Colo.
June 29: Valley Naz., Monte Vista, Colo.
June 29: Creede Baptist Church, Creed, Colo.
July 1: Idaho Falls Naz., Idaho
July 2: Great Falls Naz., Idaho
July 4: NW District Family Camp
July 6: Hermiston Naz., Ore.
July 6: La Grande Naz., Ore.
July 9: Kennewick Naz., Wash.
July 10: Zillah Naz., Wash.
July 11: Connell Naz., Wash.
July 13: Bethel Naz., Spokane, Wash.
July 14-18: NW Sr. High Camp
July 20: Mountain View Naz., Olympia, Wash.
July 20: Centralia Naz., Wash.
July 23: Kent Naz., Wash.
July 25: Seattle North Naz., Wash.
July 27: Safe Harbor Naz., Vancouver, Wash.
July 27: Sheridan Naz., Ore.
July 28-August 1: OR PAC Jr. High Camp
August 3: Medford Naz., Ore.
August 3: Klamath Falls Naz., Ore.
August 5: Florence Naz., Ore.
August 6: Eugene First Naz., Ore.
August 7: Camas Naz., Wash.
August 8: Real Life Community, Vancouver, Wash.
August 10: Hillsboro Naz., Ore.
August 10: Pinecrest Naz., White Salmon, Wash.
August 13: Ustick Naz., Caldwell, Idaho
August 14: Vida Nueva Naz., Nampa, Idaho

WITNESS

June 16-20: Colorado Camp
June 29-July 5: National Bible Quiz - Q2008
July 7-11: Alaska Children's Camp
July 14-18: Alaska Jr. High Camp

SUMMER MINISTRY GROUPS '08 TOUR

Current schedule information: www.nnu.edu/ministrygroups



Left to Right: Jerad Larson, Adam Lyon, Stephanie Swanson, Kyle Blaser, Nathan Dupper, Megan Nichols, Thomas Barnett, Holly Beech, James Snyder



Left to Right: Mandy Hacker, Sarah Austin, Brandon Haskins, Lacey Smith, Ryan Donley, Karissa Ellingson



Left to Right: Nate Berrian, Brian Loeber, Amy Carroll, Ann-Jean Pillers, Jael Henthorn

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