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president's letter

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I grew up singing hymns and gospel choruses like many of you. Most often the lyrics made theological and living sense. Sometimes they didn't and sometimes the lyrics were taken out of the context within which they

were no doubt written. I am thinking today of the hymn *This World Is Not My Home*. The lyrics of the first verse read:

This world is not my home I'm just passing through
my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue;
the angels beckon me from Heaven's open door
and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Of course we know this world is not all there is. There is absolute truth to the declaration "I have no friend like you" (Jesus) and "if Heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?" The problem comes if we dismiss the value and the mandate we have to do much more in this life than just pass through...waiting for another more "real" life.

In this edition of *The Messenger* you will read about men and women who have decided to bring Jesus Christ into the world within which they live and work. After all, wasn't it Jesus in his High Priestly Prayer in John 17 who asked the Father not to take his disciples out of the world, but to keep them from succumbing to the values and attitudes of the world? We have a mandate to engage the society within which we live and work as the body—the incarnation—of Christ.

One of the four institutional outcomes adopted by our university in the recent past bears the heading "Social Responsiveness." That is, we expect our graduates to be prepared to take an active role in bringing justice, mercy and hope to the places and people that are around them.

So, indeed this world is not our final home, and we are committed to doing a lot more for our fellow human beings and for the Kingdom of God on earth than just pass through. This is a mission issue for Northwest Nazarene University.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Hagood
President



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*P*icture the Owyhee Mountains to your back and the Dewey Palace in front of you as you travel down 12th Avenue in the turn-of-the-century city of Nampa. The opulent hotel shows a vision for the future of this dusty town sprouting up from the desert to service the railroad. At this time in 1913, NNU is a humble elementary school of 13 students started by the local Nazarene church. And while the Dewey Palace, costing a quarter of a million dollars to build, may have put Nampa on the map, it has long since passed away while that humble school has grown and thrived and become the real landmark of this now not-so-small town.

If you are a more recent grad you may recall the existence of the Dairy King and the Pix Theater, which at the time no NNC student would dare be seen frequenting. Nampa has come a long way from the days when water skiing on the irrigation canals and swimming at Given's Hot Springs were the hip weekend activities for students. Indeed, the college has come far even from the days of the Yogurt Affaire as the student hangout and the excitement of the annual NAIA tournament. Culminating in the momentous transition from a college to a university, many alumni may not recognize the campus they called home for four years, let alone the once-small town that has flourished around it.

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"From Sagebrush to Ivy" was the theme of the 75-year celebration of NNU's establishment. Now, approaching 100 years in Nampa, Idaho, the ever-increasing need to be a dynamic organization committed to students' spiritual and mental development continues to run deep in the heart of the university. Without question, the look of the Treasure Valley has changed. Nampa has grown from a population of approximately 800 in 1900 to over 80,000 in 2007. To some it may seem that it's not quite what it was years ago, now that most of the rolling fields are filled with new homes and businesses. But to others, Nampa's growth equates expanding opportunities for NNU and the Church of the Nazarene. NNU has contributed to this explosive growth and looks forward to continuing to integrate with the changing community as she approaches her one-hundredth year.

Heading in new directions

Some of the changes in the Valley are difficult to miss. If you are traveling along I-84 going east and decide to get off at the first Nampa exit you'll discover that it's now the second. Or if you remember Amity Road running through the heart of campus, it has since been rerouted. Nampa now enjoys the convenience of the new Treasure Valley Market Place and the growing Belle District downtown. Students also notice the changes. As senior Casey Wilkerson shared, "I am amazed at how much the Nampa area has grown. There are more places to go and more things to do. The area is continuing to expand and I am excited to see what the future holds."

Nampa and Northwest Nazarene are in the crossroads of an increasingly recognized and praised region to live, work, and play. The Boise Metro area was named by *Forbes* magazine in

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2005 as the #1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. Similarly, Money magazine recognized the Treasure Valley as #8 on their list of the top 100 best places to live in 2006. Who would have imagined that a little railroad town would become the heart of an area topping lists in nationally-known magazines for its great quality of life, budding economy, and vibrant community?

NNU has been a vital part of building the Valley into what it is today. As President Hagood shared in a recent address to the Nampa Chamber of Commerce, NNU has been through highs and lows along with the city of Nampa. At one point in the 1980's when Northwest Nazarene was experiencing a period of low enrollment, an opportunity to move the university out of the Treasure Valley arose. NNU reaffirmed its vision to help build the community into the kind of place that would help attract more top quality students than ever before. Since then the University and the City have experienced the mutual benefits of that commitment and partnership. The partnership continues with alumnus, Tom Dale, as mayor.

Bridging the gap

Northwest Nazarene continues its historical mission and that of the Church of the Nazarene to reach out to its neighbors in relevant ways. As a university, NNU has unique opportunities to serve, including meeting the needs of disadvantaged groups,

Government Association (SGA) has followed this direction, developing opportunities for students to get involved outside campus. These include ten ministry clubs, the annual nursing home Christmas gift drive and monthly community outreach events. As student Stephanie Rooks shared, "There are many times I plan a community service event and wonder if I will be the only one there. But when students start showing up willing to help, I know it is nothing I have done but only their desire to serve others." In her job as SGA Community Relations Coordinator she shares, "I have to be humble and rely on Christ to provide students who are seeking to serve, and He always provides."

One of the primary missions of NNU is to offer excellent educational opportunities. Recently NNU extended its focus beyond four-year bachelor's degrees for traditional students. The influence of NNU's Dr. Dan Nogales and Dr. Eric Forseth on quality secondary education is seen in their involvement on the school boards of both the Nampa Public and Nampa Christian School Districts. NNU understands that quality education does not start and end in the undergraduate years.

Servicing the educational needs of a changing community has allowed NNU the chance to expand program offerings including the delivery of MBA courses on the Boise Micron campus and video conferencing to College of Southern Idaho. Also available are the online master's degrees in business,



Students who participated in the January SGA community service project.

providing expanding educational opportunities, and producing graduates equipped to continue what the University has begun in our local community and beyond.

As always, NNU faculty and staff lead by example to train students to recognize and meet the needs of the people around them. The list of ministries headed by NNU faculty is long, but a couple examples include Professor Kevin Dennis' yearly children's book drive for Operation Wishbook and Dr. Hull's leadership on the Salvation Army board. The Student

education and religion, accelerated delivery bachelor's programs in business and education for full-time working adults, and the expanded professional development courses across the region. This fall, for the first-time in her history, NNU enrolled over 10,000 students including regular undergraduate, graduate and continuing education students. Clearly, the need for quality, personalized education is growing with the Treasure Valley, and NNU is on the cutting edge of meeting that need in innovative ways.



Seniors Jennifer Knight, Carly Peck and Stephanie Rooks are pictured above helping sort food at the Boise Rescue Mission.

The real legacy and ongoing gift NNU provides to the community is her alumni. One of the University outcomes social responsiveness emphasizes “students will be faithful stewards of their knowledge, skills, and resources, and be agents of social justice and divine mercy.” Alumni continue to fulfill this expectation by investing in the community through leadership and service in local, state and federal government capacities, city councils, civil service, and as teachers, nurses, pastors, lawyers, social workers, and business people. In a recent interview, Nampa City Council member and alumna Lynda Clark (class of 1970) commented on NNU’s public involvement saying, “NNU has a culture of mission-oriented people combined with an acute awareness of what’s going on in the Nampa community. NNU has made a conscious effort to be involved in the community, making contributions of time, resources and investments that make a real impact.”

A roadmap for the future

The future is exciting for NNU and the surrounding area. The establishment of a University District surrounding the campus has both the school and the community dreaming big. Imagine, if you will, the NNU campus becoming a destination from the interstate with welcoming banners and street signs. Picture revitalized shopping centers and quaint neighborhoods designed to service the student population and the public who enjoy the positive, stimulating environment of a college campus. Envision the impact of cultivating the kind of community experienced by NNU’s residential students in a new district of housing, shopping, and dining radiating around campus for our neighbors to enjoy with us.

While change presents unlimited possibilities for growth,

some things remain the same. The Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant still draws the after-church crowd, the Albertson College of Idaho/NNU rivalry still brings out the fans, and Wheeler’s Drive-In still sells its long, juicy hamburgers. And NNU, while constantly adapting to meet the needs of the community and its students in an ever-changing world, stays true to its mission to educate and train people for professional success, Christian service, and civic contribution both locally and around the world.

Alumni and student pictured on cover and listed in order as seen on pages 4 and 5:

JUANITA CASTENALLOS
Class of 2008
Nursing student

DON RENSCHLER
Class of 1964
Pastor, Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene

JANET STELLWAY
Class of 2006
Social Worker, Salvation Army and Americorps

SEVINTS NURIYEVA
MBA graduate Class of 2006
Business Professional from Kazakhstan

GLENN LACEY
Class of 1994
Fireman, Boise Fire Department

NIKKI BODENSTAB
Class of 2006
Teacher, Snake River Elementary School

BURKE DEAL
Class of 1990
Owner, Ideal Custom Homes

B. EDGAR JOHNSON
Honorary Doctorate 2005
Previously served as General Secretary for the Church of the Nazarene, NNU Director of Church Relations and a devoted member of the community

HOMECOMING 2006

MORE THAN AN EDUCATION—

Shaping minds, Touching hearts, Inspiring futures

Homecoming 2006 has come and gone. Returning alumni and friends focused on honoring faculty, past and present, and their contributions to NNU during Thanksgiving weekend. Whether it is class reunions, basketball games, holiday auctions, concerts or the fall play, Homecoming has always had a special place in our hearts. Pictured here clockwise from top: 2006 homecoming royalty; Josh Cremer and Eddie Wheeler; Dr. Walden Hughes with Dr. Barry Swanson; choirs at annual homecoming concert; auction action with Bill Downs, Coach Tim Hills, Rich Sanders, and Kevin Seward;





silent auction browsers Pat and Jim Toney; the fall play; 5th quarter fun and fellowship; Dr. Marvin Stallcop with grandson and future alum Jared Stensgaard; Crusader choir alumni directed by Dr. Marvin Bloomquist; Alumnus of the Year Dr. Ron Galloway with his son John; Leon Doane Young Alumnus Jeff Kinneeveauk family with Pres. Hagood; Col. Bart Harmon receives Professional Achievement award from Dr. Hagood; Distinguished Service recipient Martha Hopkins accompanied by Dr. Eric Forseth.





“Professor of the Year” awarded to science faculty member

Students selected Dr. Tim Anstine to receive the Professor of the Year Award for 2005-06. Amy Hansen, a junior from Centralia, Wash. shared, “Dr. Anstine’s enthusiasm for chemistry and his walk with Christ are inspiring and motivating. It’s both fun and engaging to be in his classroom as he genuinely opens his life to share with students.”

“Dr. Anstine is an outstanding classroom teacher and also a committed mentor of undergraduate students. He has touched hundreds of lives during his time at Northwest Nazarene University,” said Dr. Mark Pitts, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Anstine, chair of the chemistry department, earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Nevada and bachelor degrees in chemistry and biology from Point Loma Nazarene University.

Education program receives renewed national accreditation

During fall 2006’s re-accreditation review, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) determined that NNU’s education program met all rigorous standards as set forth by the professional education community.

Dr. Eric Forseth, Vice President of Enrollment Services and Marketing stated, “The NCATE team identified the strengths of outstanding faculty, phenomenal and mature students, involvement of all

stakeholders including advisory groups (e.g., local schools), and long term institutional support of the education department. Through this process, Dr. Karen Blacklock’s leadership as department chair was extraordinary.”

“It was rewarding for us to know that evaluators with a high level of knowledge and experience validated our investment into the next generation of educators. The recent approval visit provided exciting confirmation of NNU’s commitment to excellence,” responded Dr. Blacklock.

For more information on NCATE accreditation visit www.ncate.org.

Political philosopher and author visits campus

In celebration of the 2007 Beloved Community events, University of Chicago professor and author Dr. Jean Bethke



Elshtain presented “How Do We Talk: Religious Values in the Public Square” to a community audience that listened with keen interest. Elshtain is a political philosopher whose task has been to show the connections between politics and our ethical convictions.

This lecture was one of several educational events taking place during NNU’s Beloved Community celebration January 15-25.

NWCCU regional accreditation reaffirmed

Northwest Nazarene University proudly announces the Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

reaffirmed regional accreditation on the basis of the fall 2006 comprehensive evaluation visit. The University was complimented for substantial compliance with all standards that were evaluated. The NWCCU accreditation team identified the strength of outstanding faculty, staff and administrative personnel’s longstanding commitment to the goals, mission and vision of the University. They also commended the University’s inclusion of students in administrative operational decisions and the exemplary assessment systems developed and implemented in various schools and departments. The association’s letter commending NNU on this re-accreditation also states, “The Commission applauds the University’s board, faculty, staff and administration for their foresight and success in taking Northwest Nazarene University from a liberal arts college to a comprehensive university.”

NNU students gain investment experience

If you were to give a college student \$50,000, chances are that investing it wouldn’t be the first thing to come to their mind. But ten business students have such a sum and they are investing it. The money came from the NNU Foundation Investment Committee and students have been managing it the past two years. In



that time, they’ve realized an impressive 32% overall gain to \$67,000.

“Many business schools across the country provide students with

opportunities to gain investment management experience,” said Dr. Peter Crabb, business professor at NNU and faculty advisor for the fund. “However, for schools our size, students typically run a \$25,000 managed fund, so we feel fortunate that the University has entrusted us with such a substantial amount.”

Currently, about 45 percent of the fund is invested in seven stocks, while the remainder of the fund is invested in the Russell 2000 Value Index. Money is pulled from the Russell 2000 when the students find stocks in which to invest. The index fund is also what the students use as their benchmark to set the anticipated returns for their investments. So far it’s a strategy that’s worked well.

“Our diversified yet conservative portfolio is generating a higher return than our benchmark, and it did so with less risk,” said Lindsey Silveria, a senior accounting major. “We actually find it more difficult to buy than to sell because we’ve realized strong returns on our investments and we don’t want to settle for anything less.”

Dr. Crabb said he’s seen the students take the enormous fiduciary responsibility seriously and it’s provided direct experience with ethical investment practices. “It teaches the importance of knowing your client,” said Crabb, “and knowing if what you’re suggesting is appropriate to that organization’s mission and goals. This is the reason the students opted to ignore a promising gambling company in favor of a banking firm. “Both deal in money, but the banking firm was a better fit,” Crabb said.

NNU Athletic Hall of Fame

At halftime of the men’s basketball game on February 17th against Western Oregon, Jerry Issacson (Baseball), Shelly (Johnson) Bartlow (Basketball), Becky (Dix) Wadekamper (Volleyball), and Dr. Francis Sharpton (Meritorious Service) were inducted into the NNU Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations to these four outstanding individuals!

Professor Crawford recognized for service



Philosophy Professor Dr. Edwin Crawford (pictured next to his wife Carol) was recognized

with the naming of a lecture series in honor of his service to Wesley Center for Applied Theology since its inception. President Hagood made the formal announcement during the Revisioning Holiness Conference attended by over 350 laypeople, pastors and theologians in February.



Fitness Center named after “Doc” Hopkins

In November the fitness center was named in honor of Dr. Martha Hopkins for her significant contributions in the areas of fitness and wellness, and her leadership as a role model for women in Christian higher education.



Christmas-break tradition continues in Venezuela

The student mission trip that takes place each year during Christmas break found Dr. Jennifer Chase, biochemistry professor, Chaplain Gene Schandorff and sixteen students traveling to Maracaibo, Venezuela. The team had the opportunity to be involved in various ministry activities as well as assisting with building a chapel and repairing roofs and floors for the people of Venezuela.

Landon Loeber reflected on the trip by saying, “Working in the 90-degree heat was a shock to a lot of us, but the tasks accomplished made up for the hours spent in the sun. We were able to attend several services and worship with our Christian brothers and sisters. It’s difficult to sum up our two-week experience in just a few highlights; however, I thank God for the opportunity to watch His work being done in the lives of people thousands of miles away. (Loeber is an elementary education major from Grangeville, Idaho.)

Other students who attended include: Ian Bauder, Laura Bodestab, Zach Carpenter, Megan Grant, Ashley Jones, Jeremy Klingensmith, David Laird, Kevin Lambert, Mandy Miller, Molly Orias, Abby Rock, Tanya Troost, Kylee Vienna, Brandon Wickstrom, and Lacey Young.

by Craig Stensgaard, Sports Information Director

Crusader Baseball Steps Up with Local Youth Programs

Stepping up to the plate has more than one meaning for the Northwest Nazarene University baseball team. Whether they are reading at a local elementary school or coaching at an NNU

baseball camp, you can be sure the NNU baseball players on the field this spring have spent considerable time stepping up to help others during their careers as Crusaders.

"We consider NNU baseball a community sport because we ask so much from the surrounding community through our fundraising efforts. In doing that, we want to teach our guys the concept of giving back," comments NNU head baseball coach Tim Onofrei.

One of the many ways coach Onofrei and his 40-member team gives back to area youth is through Crusader baseball camps. "We use our student-athletes as camp coaches and we want them to see themselves as Christian role models for young kids. All of our players have been given the gift of athletic talent and we want to teach them how to use that gift," said Onofrei.

Through partnerships with both the Nampa Valley Little League and Nampa Babe Ruth baseball programs, the Crusaders can see the influence their camps are having. At any given home game the number of young ball players in attendance is terrific, and coach Onofrei believes it is because of the baseball camps and the relationships the players have developed with the kids.

One of last season's highlights was a reading program at Sage Valley Intermediate School where NNU baseball players volunteered time to read to children in several classrooms.

"It was great to see our players working with fifth and sixth graders in the classroom—that is an age where we can really make an impact," said Onofrei.

Chris McCurley, Instructional Reading Coach at Sage Valley School, encouraged the team by reporting, "It was truly a pleasure to have the baseball players come to our school for Read Across America. Our kids loved the interaction they had



with the players, and they became 'stars' for a day. All the students wanted their autographs. It was nice to have such positive role models in our school promoting reading, and I am looking forward to having the team come again!"

Other impact opportunities include helping coach practices with the Special Olympics baseball program in Boise and organizing activities with the Nampa Boys and Girls Club.

Senior outfielder and team captain Eric Duke emphasized the stance that the Crusaders have taken. "Our work in the community shows what we stand for as a team—our goals are not just to win on the field, but to win off the field as well."

With coach Onofrei leading the charge, the Crusaders will continue to step up to the plate.

Composer, Professor, Mentor and Marksman

by Jill Sever, Class of 2006

Some may call it an unusual combination but Dr. Walden Hughes, NNU's piano virtuoso, says his hobby as a gun enthusiast and his profession in music have remarkable similarities.

A highly regarded man of many talents, Hughes has impacted NNU, the music community, the marksman community and scores of students throughout his life. He was recently surprised during Homecoming 2006 when many former students returned to perform in the annual Thanksgiving concert as a special tribute to him. At that event he was also honored by being presented with a scholarship established in his honor to provide assistance for students pursuing their love of music.

Dr. Hughes has a positive influence in the community surrounding NNU as well. A result of his 25-year relationship with Dunkley Music has benefited the university's piano students by providing 18 new Kawaiis pianos (valued at \$200,000) each year. Hughes then arranges details to sell the one-year-old pianos. Having such top-quality instruments provides NNU's music students with the opportunity to learn from the best—a brilliant professor like Dr. Hughes and the finest of instruments at their fingertips.

Dr. Hughes has quietly built an amazing national reputation as a teacher and composer/arranger. But more than that, he is a dedicated professor who constantly reworks and improves his classes, and gives encouragement and inspiration to his students. In addition, over the past 30 years, he has produced an incredible group of successful piano performers and teachers. "He is a great credit to NNU, both as an alumnus and faculty member," states Dr. Barry Swanson, chair, Department of Music.

Hughes explains that his talent and love for music was passed down from his mother and the love for shooting was instilled in him by his father. This love for music and marksmanship has set him apart from fellow enthusiasts since his incredible hand-eye coordination has made him an expert in both fields—even after he overcame six eye surgeries in 1998 that left him with double vision.

Currently a member of Front Sight, a firearms training facility, Hughes recently won a handgun competition and has been invited to become an instructor. Although L.A. SWAT, ex-FBI,

CIA, Marines and other marksmen enter these contests, many underestimate this 50-year-old accomplished musician. He is in the process of becoming a combat handgun master, which requires mastering speed, accuracy, and the ability to discern between threatening and non-threatening targets.

Dr. Hughes graduated from NNU with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Piano and Music Theory in 1977 and began his college

teaching career two days after his 23rd birthday—a sudden transition from student to professor. He earned a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Idaho in 1979, and a Doctor of Arts in Music History and Literature and Piano Pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado in 1992, all while teaching at NNU. In 1995, Hughes was awarded the coveted Master Teacher Certificate by the Music Teachers National



Association (MTNA), presented each year to only three music teachers in the United States.

Hughes' publications include 30 articles in professional journals in the U.S. and Europe, *Clavier*, *Piano Quarterly*, *American Music Teacher*, *Piano and Keyboard*, *Piano Guild Notes*, and *Music Review*; 18 CD reviews for *American Record Guide*; 12 book reviews of new piano pedagogy and repertoire books; and, 13 CD reviews for *Clavier*. He has composed 88 piano ensemble scores and was commissioned to write works specifically for performance by Hvaler School of the Arts, Norway; Katholische Universitaet Eichstaett, Germany; Kipnis/Kushner Duo, New York; Santa Fe Guitar Quartet, Argentina; and the Louisiana Music Teacher's Association 2004 state convention.

His piano ensemble works have been performed in 49 countries and 45 states; he has recorded *Bach and the Romantics* and *Bach and the Romantics 2* on CDs for MP3.com 2000; and is an MP3 Artist with 40 internet recordings.

Although some may think Dr. Hughes' hobby as quite unusual, he takes great joy in everything he does—teaching music, selling pianos, or shooting sporting clays. After all, someone had to show up at the Boise Cabela's grand opening!

Dr. Hughes and his wife Monica (Hoyle) have two children, Camden, age 24, and Kendra, age 20.

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Dating back to Thanksgiving weekend 1948, homecoming at NNU has had warm and rich traditions, always showcased in drama, music, athletics, and organized class reunions. The original homecoming festivities were established as morale boosters for students—most of whom were unable to make a trip home to celebrate the holiday. The first several years boasted a “turkey bowl” pick-up football game and a wild game dinner. The campus became alive with activity and visitors.

While homecoming has continued to be a significant time of celebration with alumni coming to campus, several student traditions have fallen by the wayside because most students opt to leave campus. Comments on homecoming evaluations repeatedly included: “Homecoming was great but where are the students? It would be more pleasant and meaningful if a greater number of students were on campus.”

The Alumni Association Board of Directors decided it was time for a change—NNU students and alumni want homecoming to be an all-campus community event. After an evaluation process, Homecoming 2007 is scheduled for November 1-4. In a statement released by the Alumni Board, the directors

noted that moving homecoming from the Thanksgiving holiday would potentially “enrich the connection between students and alumni and maximize the involvement of alumni, students, faculty, friends and prospective student families.”

Another goal of the Alumni Board was to create new enthusiasm by re-building homecoming traditions. That is happening as the look of 2007 Homecoming takes shape and the scope of the all-campus celebration is broadened. Student leaders are planning for homecoming weekend to be the culmination of a full week of “NNU Spirit” activities. Also, an invitation will be extended to families of current students to get connected by attending a newly-created Family Weekend. Everyone can be assured that long-standing traditions of a homecoming concert, drama production, basketball, class reunions, alumni awards, and a homecoming coronation will be in place. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Darl Bruner, Alumni Relations Director.

Keep an eye on the homecoming pages at www.nnu.edu/homecoming for complete information. Plan now to connect with the NNU campus for Homecoming 2007, November 1-4.

ALUMNI WEEKEND

Not only is May 5-6 Commencement weekend, it is also a time of celebration for alumni. A special Alumni & Friends Chapel, together with reunion brunches for the 40s and 50s decades and the Class of 1957, are planned. Saturday's events will conclude with a banquet open to all alumni and friends.

The Class of 1957, celebrating their 50th reunion, will be honored by induction into the NNU "Golden Grad Club."

Schedule and ticket information is available online at www.nnu.edu/alumni or by phone, (800)654-2411.

DECADE NEWS

1940s

Hubert -44- and Virginia (Hubbard) -44- Helling celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11, 2006.

1950s

Carole (Russell) Bowers -56- and her husband, Dr. James C. Bowers, celebrated their 50th anniversary with their three children and eleven grandchildren. The Bowers live in Florida.

1960s

Billie Gehres -66- retired from Central Valley School District in June, 2000. In Sept. she began as adjunct professor in Ed. Leadership at Eastern Washington University, also working with ProCert teacher education.

David Griffith -66- retired in Sept. 2006 from employment with the State of Washington.

1970s

Dr. Robert Rayborn -70- has been named by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory as the head of its Center for Research, Evaluation, and Assessment.

Kerry -78- and Cindy (Kilpatrick) -78- Smith are living in Klamath Falls, Ore. where

Kerry is a Special Education Resource Specialist at Chiloquin High School, after completing a Masters degree in Education at Southern Oregon University.

1980s

Bettina Tate Pedersen -82-, Professor of Literature at Point Loma Nazarene University, has a new book published, *Being Feminist, Being Christian* (Palgrave, June 2006).

Carol (Crane) Hawn -83- resides in Eagle, Idaho, where she has 30 private piano students and teaches part-time at Boise Bible College.

Robert Duncan -84- has joined the International Business School for the University of Navarre, as Director of International Comm. Robert and his family live in Barcelona, Spain, where he is involved in a variety of marketing and public relations pursuits.

1990s

Julie (Horschel) Plopper -90- has accepted a position as a children's pastor at Brainerd Nazarene Church in Minn., where she also home schools her sons.

Charles "Rick" Rossow -95- has received the Young Investigator Award of the International Society for Heart Research. This award is given annually "to recognize outstanding research in the field of cardiovascular science by young investigators."

Karolyn (Roberts) Parsons -99- and her husband Joel have served the Coal Valley, Ill. Church of the Nazarene as co-pastors since 2003. They were both ordained as elders in Aug. 2005 on the Northwest Illinois District.

2000s

Louise Stienkeoway -00-MBA- has been appointed as the new Florida East Regional VP of Operations for Florida

Metropolitan University. Louise will oversee three FMU campuses and four National School of Technology campuses.

Bekah (Kunz) Chapman -01- has moved back to the Boise area after completing a doctor of physical therapy degree from Idaho State University and, more recently, working with a sports medicine clinic in Mich.

Megan (Griff) Hereth -03- has completed her Masters in Social Work through Eastern Washington University and has begun a new job as Foster Grandparent Coordinator at Catholic Family and Child Services in Yakima, Wash.

Alexis (Coulson) Adams -03- is enjoying working for Apex Mortgage as a loan processor and being mom to Gavin. She and husband Aaron reside in Nampa.

Daniel DeCloss -04- received his Master's Degree in June 2006 from the Naval Postgraduate School.

MILESTONES Births

Alex Benkah born on June 9, 2004 and adopted from Liberia in the spring of 2006 by James and **Mandy (Boorman) -98-Moore**, joining siblings Grant and Chloe.

Grace and Quinn on Nov. 18, 2004 to **Glen -93- and Yvonne (Coberly) -92- Loyd**.

Kieran Zane on Sept. 22, 2005 to **Kenneth -00- and Maranda (Schmitt) -03- Tennyson**.

Judah Winfield on Nov. 30, 2005 to Erik and **Michelle (Phillips) Dye -01-**.

Hazel Channa on Jan. 4, 2006 to **Dave -01- and Stephanie (Garrett) -01- Coles**.

Kendra on Feb. 17, 2006 to **Keith -98- and Robyn (Harris) -98- Millar**, joining big brother Patrick.

Pierce Allen on March 6, 2006 to **Jeremy -99-** and **Stacie (Tuckness) -99- Glassco**.

Katelyn Elizabeth on March 9, 2006 to Bryan and **Judy (Clark) -99- Appleby**.

Carter Mac on March 21, 2006 to Joel and **Sarri (Tate) -00- Gibson**, joining sister Madeline and brother Garrett.

Simon Alexander on June 8, 2006 to **Michael -98-** and Kim Salisbury.

Raylee Olivia on June 12, 2006 to **Matt -97-** and **Sheila (Seguin) -98- Saunders**, joining big brother, Kyron.

Cole Andrew Burgi on June 27, 2006 to Marc and **Carla (Padur) -96- Burgi**.

Sharees on June 28, 2006 to Wayne and **Donna (Knight) -96- Henry**, joining sister Aliya and brothers Kaleed and Rashard.

Tyson on July 16, 2006 to **Greg -02-** and **Angie (Kornstad) (94) Bartolaba**, joining siblings Haley and Lindsey.

Xander Vaughn on July 21, 2006 to Travis Bandy and **Tara Landis -99-**, joining brother Zakkery and sister Hannah.

Olivia Brielle on July 23, 2006 to **Vito -01-** and **Jenni (McPherson) -01- Montebianco**.

Adeline Jane Marie on July 23, 2006 to **Richard -97-** and **Kristen (Powell) -98- Sturm**.

Ellyse Faith on July 28, 2006 to **Mark -83-** and Tracy **Johnson**, joining brother Steven, and sisters Kathryn, Allison, and Elizabeth.

Tariah on Aug. 3, 2006 to Rick and **Staci (Kirk) -00- Carter**, joining brother Jaden and sister Aspen.

Andrew Jaren on Aug. 10, 2006 to Joel and **Karolyn (Roberts) -99- Parsons**, joining big brother Jason.

Dalan Michael on Aug. 12, 2006 to **Eric -01-** and **Carrie (Franks) -02- Vail**.

Jonathan Bracy on Aug. 14, 2006 to **Matthew -97-** and **Stephanie (Green) -95-**

Elton, joining big brothers Jordan Matthew and Jameson Carl.

Aaron M. on Aug. 25, 2006 to Shawn and **Angela (Bradburn) -00- Young**.

Kaitlyn Laurie on Aug. 31, 2006 to **Jay -05-** and **Sarah (Jobbins) -05- Lundergan**.

Gabriel Oaken on Sept. 1, 2006 to **John -01-** and Jenny Leavell.

Caleb Daniel on Sept. 20, 2006 to **Daniel -01-** and **Kristina (Roth) -02- Benedick**.

Madelyn Rachel on Oct. 17, 2006 to Travis and **Sarah (Kearns) -99- Brown**, joining big sister MacKenzie Ellen (Mar. 22, 2005).

Camden Grant on Nov. 8, 2006 to **Ian -96-** and Tami Miller.

Emma Lee on Nov. 12, 2006 to Ray and **Lori (Fish) -99- Mathews**, joining brother Ian.

Identical twins Carys and Elise on Nov. 29, 2006 to **Skye -96-** and **Victoria Duncan**, joining older sister Keelin.

Abigail Elise on Dec. 1, 2006 to Chris and **Cherie (Ketchum) -00- Reiter**.

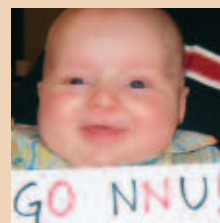
Aubrey Joann on Dec. 4, 2006 to **Jared -98-** and Kelly Lassen.



Abigail Reiter



Cole Burgi



Caleb Benedick



Emma Mathews



Carys and Elise Duncan



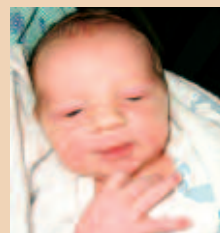
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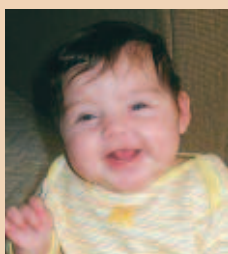
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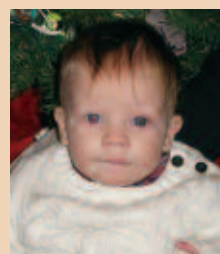
Madelyn Brown



Olivia Montebianco



Dalan Vail



Xander Landis



Judah Winfield

Marriages

Tyler Hill -04- and **Amy Carner -04-** on Jan. 1, 2005 in Shoreline, Wash.

Lesley Butler -02- and **Dustin Doane** on Oct. 2, 2005 in McCall, Idaho

Rebecca Weikel -02- and **Louie Ruiz** on May 20, 2006 in Bryan, Texas.

Brandon Hill -02- and **Kristin Erwin** on June 24, 2006 in Kansas City, Mo.

Nicole Danielson -01- and **Ted Walker** on July 29, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Sarah Marie Miller -02- and **David Martin** on Aug. 5, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Janelle Stark -02- and **Paul Staehlin** on Aug. 27, 2006.

Meredith Crary -04- and **Jason Johanson** on Sept. 1, 2006 in Portland, Ore.

Casey Crail -06- and **Elizabeth Henry -06-** on Sept. 9, 2006.

Naomi Falby -02- and **Lt. Remil Capili** on Oct. 28, 2006 in Monterey, Calif.

Kimberly Robinson -98- and **John Lovitt** on Nov. 4, 2006 in Kansas City, Mo.

Joseph Chapman -02- and **Rebekah Lynn Kunz -01-** on Nov. 11, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Gina Grate -98- and **Andrew Pottenger** on Nov. 12, 2006 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

David Greeely -04- and **Graci Welch -05-** on Dec. 9, 2006 in Tahoe, Calif. The couple resides in Nampa.

Delwin Hobza -45- on Oct. 20, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

M. Dean Hellenga -54- on Nov. 5, 2006 in Nampa, Idaho.

Dr. Percival A. Wesche on Nov. 17, 2006, Nampa, Idaho.

Bruce Malpass (57) on Nov. 21, 2006, Boise, Idaho.

Lewis Roberts (41) on Nov. 21, 2006, Portland, Ore.

Esther Howard -48- on Dec. 4, 2006, Cottonwood, Calif.

Cecil Dobbs -39- on Nov. 27, 2006, Nampa, Idaho.

Kevin Wayne Coordes -02- on Jan. 18, 2007, Nampa, Idaho.

Mary Lou (Graham) Steigleder -49- on Jan. 28, 2007 in Temple City, Calif.

Albert Eason -38- on Feb. 3, 2007 in Boise, Idaho.

Deaths

Naomi (Hammer) Jackson (34) on Sept. 13, 2006, Portland, Ore.

Lewis (Louie) Suiter (50) on Sept. 17, 2006, Roseburg Ore.

Richard Chadbourne -96- on Sept. 30, 2006, Nampa, Idaho.

Norris Helstrom -44- on Oct. 14, 2006 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



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NAGEL BEVERAGE

Dispenses Scholarships for Nursing

MARK WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF DONOR RELATIONS

The John F. Nagel Foundation was formed and funded in 1993 as a charitable memorial in memory of John and Jack Nagel by their family with the purpose of creating funds that can be gifted to charities throughout southern Idaho.

Since 1993, the Nagel Beverage Company has not only been serving students Pepsi products, they have also been funding student scholarships to help reduce the debt load of many NNU students. This year alone The Nagel Foundation provided 61 scholarships totaling \$117,500, the majority of which were awarded to nursing students. In the last 15 years approximately 200 students have received Nagel-funded scholarships.

Dr. Eric Forseth, NNU Vice President for Enrollment Services and Marketing, shared these insights about the Nagel relationship. "NNU has been fortunate to receive such long-standing support from the Nagel Foundation. The willingness of the Nagel Foundation to be 'community involved' and generously give back to those they do business with is a very positive attribute of their organization. It is exciting to have corporate citizens like Nagel Beverage relocate to Nampa."

The Nagel Foundation resources have especially helped students with demonstrated financial need. "We are humbled by President Anne Mathews, General Manager Vance Miller

and Curt Goldgrabe's continued willingness to support NNU students majoring in the health care professions," Forseth concluded.

The Pepsi Scholarship Program provides financial support for high school graduates who demonstrate excellence in scholastic achievement, community service and personal accomplishments. Vance Miller, General Manager at Nagel, reports, "The Nagel Foundation's planning premise has been to offer financial support to students who wouldn't be able to further their education without assistance."

The on-going support of Nagel Beverage could not have come at a better time for NNU nursing students. Nursing was re-introduced in 1999 as a four-year-degree program and is already NNU's largest major. The new science and nursing facility, along with the support of faithful donors like Nagel Beverage, will ensure that NNU continues to equip young men and women for lives of service in the healthcare professions.

For information regarding nursing scholarships or the science and nursing building campaign, Beyond Bricks and Mortar, contact Mark Wheeler, Office of University Advancement, 208-467-8832 or mjwheeler@nnu.edu.



Concert Band during Homecoming 2006

SPRING 2007 CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1-4 SB @ CWU (Richland)
- 7-9 Board of Trustees
- 8 SB @ WWU (Bellingham)
- 9-10 Alumni Board
- 9 Chamber Ensemble Concert
- 10 SB @ SU (Seattle)
- 13-17 Spring Musical
- 13 SB @ EOU (LaGrande)
- 14 SB @ Corban (Salem)
- 15 10 AM T&F @ Whitworth (Spokane)
- 15 7 PM Wesley and the University Lecture-BC
- 16 8 PM Boise Philharmonic
- 16-17 10 AM T&F @ Whitworth (Spokane)
- 16-19 Music Department Regional Tour
- 17-25 Spring Break
- 20 12 PM BB @ Dixie State (St. George)
- 23 2 PM BB @ Menlo U (Atherton)
- 24 10 AM T&F @ EOU (La Grande)
- 25 12 PM BB @ Menlo U (Atherton)
- 26-30 Sanner Senior Sermon Week
- 30-31 BB @ WOU (Monmouth)
- 30 Spring Visit Day
- 31 Alumni Chapter Gathering (Phoenix)

APRIL

- 2-4 Career Week
- 7 12 PM BB Alumni Game
- 8-9 Easter - Undergrad Trad. Holiday
- 9 Chamber Ensemble Concert
- 10 5 PM SB @ ACI (Caldwell)
- 13-14 BB @ CWU (Ellensburg)
- 14 10 AM T&F @ CWU (Ellensburg)
- 14 SB @ CWU (Ellensburg)
- 17 2 PM SB @ UVS (Orem)
- 19-22 Regional Main Event
- 19 SB @ WOU (Monmouth)
- 20-21 BB @ SMU (Lacey)
- 20 Spring Jazz Concert

- 21 10 AM T&F @ WSU (Pullman)
- 21 SB @ SMU (Lacey)
- 22 Reunion Zero Class of 2007
- 23 10 AM T&F @ EWU (Cheney)
- 23 Chamber Ensembles Spring Concert
- 23 7 PM Theology Night
- 24 Who's Who Dinner
- 25 10:20 AM Investiture SA
- 27 Boise Philharmonic
- 28 10 AM T&F @ BSU (Boise)
- 30 Final exams begin

MAY

- 5-6 Alumni Weekend Golden Grad Celebration
- 5 Alumni & Friends Chapel and Banquet
- 5 Senior Art Show and Reception
- 5 10 AM T&F GNAC @ WOU (Monmouth)
- 5 2:30 PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- 6 10 AM Baccalaureate
- 6 12 PM Counselor Ed Grad & MSW Luncheons
- 6 3 PM Commencement
- 12 10 AM T&F @ SPU (Seattle)
- 19 Mid-Atlantic East Coast Alumni Chapter Gathering
- 28 Memorial Day- Staff Holiday

JUNE

- 4-8 Summer Music Program
- 16 Nampa Jumpstart
- 21-23 Jumpstart Tour (Spokane, Seattle & Portland)

KEY

- BB Baseball
- SB Softball
- SA Swayne Auditorium
- T&F Track and Field

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