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***A Legacy
of promise***





president's letter

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Several years ago I became captivated by the vision and faith of C. H. French, our institution's first principal, who faced questions as to whether the newly founded school would ever amount to anything given its humble beginnings. Not much is known about French's short tenure at the nascent Idaho Holiness School, but we do know he answered the questioners this way. "Yes, in time, God will build a great school here in Nampa." I believe this was a faith-filled promise made on behalf of our founders; that over the years Northwest Nazarene University would achieve the greatness equal to its capability and capacity at any given point in its history.

Since 2004, we have been using the phrase "Fulfilling the Promise" to describe our desire to do our part to actualize the promise in which our founders believed. It is this promise of greatness that has motivated us to do our very best to realize the university's full potential given our resources and environment. It is an ongoing challenge, of course, captured by the sentence I have often used: "The promise of greatness lies before us as an ever-escalating challenge, never static, at once fulfilled and always yet to be fulfilled."

Fulfilling the promise of the university is a responsibility we all share. Students can expect us to create the learning environment that enables them to pursue the promise of intellectual and spiritual development. Faculty and staff can expect us to support their endeavors to perfect the promise to meet changing needs and expectations. Alumni and friends can expect to be asked to help pass on the promise of both our tradition and our future by investing in NNU through prayer, counsel and financial support. Everyone can expect our university to remain true to our founding principles and to make good on our founding promises.

As this presidency comes to a close and others move to the responsibility for making good on C. H. French's promise, I want to say "thanks" to all of you for your remarkable support during these nearly 15 years I have served as president. I have often said that any president can have grand and glorious ideas, but without the support of the governing board, colleagues on the President's Cabinet, the campus community and alumni and friends, those ideas go nowhere.

So if we, together, have been able to accomplish some good things during these past many years, it is because of the partnership we have developed and used for the mission and purposes of NNU. Any celebration of this chapter in our university's history is a celebration of that partnership. God is building a great school in Nampa, and for that I give thanks to Him and to you!

With appreciation,

Richard A. Hagood, President



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In addition to its 85-acre campus in Nampa, Idaho, and the MBA and STEP programs offered in Boise, Idaho, the university has cooperative programs in 10 countries. Founded in 1913, the university serves approximately 1,750 undergraduate and graduate students, and approximately 9,000 continuing education students.

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Pictured on cover: President and Mrs. Hagood



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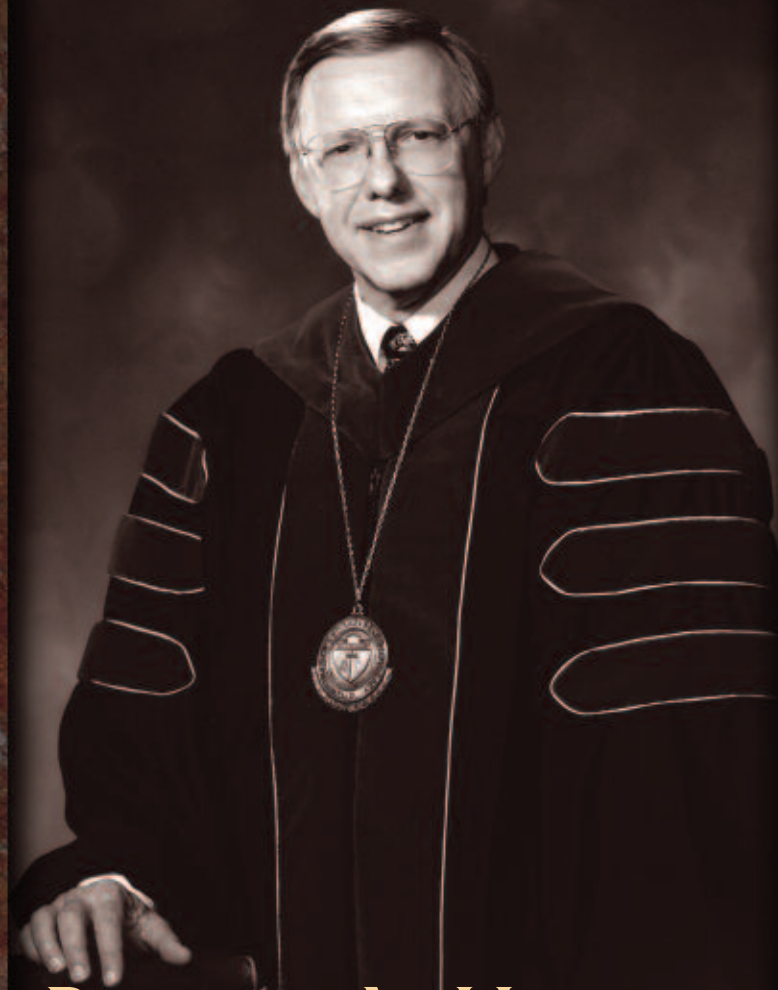
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Each homecoming the Alumni Association presents four awards: Alumnus of the Year, Professional Achievement, Distinguished Service and Leon Doane Young Alumnus. The recipients of these awards are selected by the Alumni Board of Directors. Information on previous award recipients, award criteria and nomination forms are available online at www.nnu.edu/award_nomination.

BRICKS,



RICHARD A. HAGOOD

P R E S I D E N T
NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

1993 - 2008



1960: "Goose" as an NNU Crusader



BRIDGES & BEYOND

Hagood's Legacy of Promise



1993: The Hagood Family



1993: Kurtz Park acquisition



1997: Lucile Little Prayer Chapel dedication

Every leader brings a promise. A CEO markets the promise of great profits. A general commands the promise of battlefield victory. A judge rules on the promise of equal justice.

When he became the eleventh president of Northwest Nazarene University in 1993, Dr. Richard A. Hagood accepted the mantle of NNU's promise—to have eternal significance by advancing the Kingdom of God through higher education—while also bringing his own promise.

"This promise of greatness, both temporal and eternal, has caused generation after generation to sign on for this adventure of faith and action called NNU, sharing with undaunted courage the vision and sacrifice to make this a great place," Hagood said.

As he prepares to retire, the fulfilled promise has become the Hagood legacy. The promise has been fulfilled by the bricks erected in the new facilities. The promise has been fulfilled by bridges built to the NNU community and to the world. The promise has been fulfilled by a vision that will shape NNU's passage beyond the years of his presidency.

1997



Brandt Center
Swayne Auditorium
Friesen Art Galleries

1998



Ford Residence Hall

1999



University Status
(Endowment reaches
\$12,020,476, increasing
to \$22,468,227 in 2008)

2002



Helstrom
Business Center

BEFORE THE PRESIDENCY

Richard Hagood's legacy at NNU began well before the Board of Trustees elected him president. In 1960, Hagood took the opportunity to perform on the court and contribute on the baseball diamond for NNU, then Northwest Nazarene College, and transformed it into a history degree. Hagood played into the school's basketball record books and is still on the NNU all-time scoreboard—third in free throws (432), sixth in assists (378) ninth in career points (1,426)—are a few of his records still standing 44 years later.

Boyhood friend and retired NNU colleague Jerry Hull said Hagood, a mild-mannered introvert, was a gifted athlete from early on. Hull's church team in rural Ontario, Ore., recruited the young Hagood.

"We needed a third baseman," Hull said, "and Rich was always three or four years better than his contemporaries."

Graduating from NNC in 1964, Hagood collected life experiences that became foundational in his ability to raise bricks and mortar and build bridges when he returned in 1985. During those intervening years, Hagood completed an Master of Arts degree from the University of Oregon and a doctorate from the University of Illinois. He taught in the classroom and worked as an administrator for Washington State University.

BUILDING BRICKS

One concrete testimony to the Hagood legacy is found in the expansion and upgrading of the NNU campus. Beginning in 1985, even before becoming president, he was spearheading fundraising efforts as vice president of institutional advancement.

In 1985, Hull was also an administrator at the college and a member of President Gordon Wetmore's cabinet. Hull said Hagood presented a great vision for NNC from day one.

"I joked with him that he was supposed to listen (on the cabinet) for the first six months before he proposed anything," Hull said. "He chimed in at the first major meeting we had."

Hagood's plan: to transform the campus by annexing Kurtz

Park west of campus in a land swap with the city and reroute the major roads that were running through campus.

While the cabinet liked Hagood's idea, most thought it was a pipe dream. "Most of us were less than optimistic," Hull said.

Still, Hagood "worked tirelessly" behind the scenes to give NNU breathing room and relieve the campus of menacing traffic. "Everyone had just accepted that this is how it is," Hull said.

Most everyone was wrong.

Hagood had the eye to not only see the vision as a plan, but to articulate that plan so others also saw the vision and provided leadership to implement the plan, according to Hull. Bringing this process of visioning, articulation and implementation to all university functions may be considered Hagood's greatest contribution to NNU.

Expanding the campus is one of many of the projects completed during Hagood's tenure. Highlights from the extensive list include the construction of the John and Orah Brandt Fine Arts and Convocation Center, Helstrom Business Center, Ford Residence Hall, Johnson Sports Center and the soon-to-be-built Health and Science Center.

"Several of the projects during Hagood's watch met needs beyond the core academic and athletic requirements of the university," said Dr. Stephen Shaw, professor of history and political science.

The Lucile Little Prayer Chapel was "constructed for prayer, reflection and meditation times for individuals. That project entails a spiritual dimension, and I submit that the Friesen Art Galleries

"Our constituency is broader than ever before. President Hagood has helped us grow into the realm of being an international university by taking our mission and services global."



2003



First year NNU received a top-tier ranking in *U.S. News & World Report*

2004



Harmon & Elizabeth Johnson Sports Center

2007



Health & Science Center Ground Breaking

2008



Record Enrollment (10,675 undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies students served)

also enhance the spiritual dimension of the campus through the artistic visions displayed there regularly,” said Shaw.

For Hagood, every facility is a story of God’s blessing.

“We have stories to tell!” Hagood said at the President’s Dinner in 2001. “Behind each name on a building, each endowed scholarship and each student now on campus is a story – often a story of God’s mighty acts in and through the lives of his NNU children.”

BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY

While building up the campus itself has been foundational to the promise of the Hagood presidency, connecting with legacy constituencies and building bridges to new groups speaks to the core of that promise. Along with his wife Junella (Finkbeiner), Hagood built new bridges of friendship and opportunity for NNU.

Junella’s support of the promise was through the power of prayer, Hull said. “Junella has supported (her husband) as a vehicle of prayer. Rich has always commented about her remarkable commitment and faithfulness.”

Board of Trustees Chair Randy Craker says, “I value her prayer life—you feel she can really take your need and connect it to the Father.” Describing Junella as a bridge builder, he continues, “She’s the person who connects you with other people in a unique

way so that you feel like you know that person.”

The Hagoods built bridges with faculty, staff, students and alumni. Hagood’s efforts have not escaped the notice of business major and current student Ryan Harter.

“Two years ago for his President’s Dinner address, Dr. Hagood used my family’s story as his introductory metaphor,” Harter said. “He talked to my grandpa, who loves to share his family’s history, and asked if he could use it in his speech. Then he invited my grandparents, my parents, and me to the dinner and made us an integral part of the story.”

Hagood used his famous wit to build relationships with his faculty and staff.

Before NNU’s transition from college to university, business department chair Dr. Ron Galloway sought to get a reaction from Hagood by creating a mock newspaper advertisement for the NNC Master of Business Administration program. The ad read, “MBA @ NNU.” Hagood responded with a note: “One small step for mankind; one giant leap for NNC; one fatal slip for the Business Department.”

The note is now framed on Galloway’s wall.

Julie Wiebe, an executive secretary who worked with Hagood for 15 years, says he often expresses his appreciation of everyone’s contribution to the mission of NNU. “An example of a way he has done this is his incorporation of highlighting individuals—faculty, administrative personnel and staff—in his speeches at recognition dinners. I have seen him be a friend to many,” Wiebe said.

Beyond NNU, Hagood has worked diligently to build bridges with the Treasure Valley community. Hagood provided leadership while serving with numerous organizations, including the Mercy Medical Center Board of Directors; NCATE Appeals Board; commissioner for the Boise Airport; General Board of the Church of the Nazarene; Governor’s 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force; and terms as chairperson for the USA/Canada Council of Education; and CEO for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Management Council.



Pictured at left: President Hagood presenting son Lincoln his graduation diploma in 2004.

Another bridge that was critical to the Hagood promise was the institution's transition from college to university. "Hagood's ability to see a vision, articulate a message and implement a plan was 'instrumental' as NNC became NNU," said Hull.

"Our constituency is broader than ever before," according to Faculty Chair Glenna Andrews. "President Hagood has helped us grow into the realm of being an international university by taking our mission and services global."

Hagood envisioned the addition of continuing studies/professional development programming. In 2004, Extended University Services was created to expand graduate and nontraditional programs that now annually enrolls more than 8,000 professional development students and over 500 full-time graduate students through on-site and online delivery programs.

BEYOND BRICKS AND BRIDGES

Ironically, one of the areas where some had concern about Hagood when he became president is where Hagood has left the strongest foundation for the future. It's what Hagood called in his inaugural address the "care for the soul" of NNU.

"Many people wondered who is this man and what direction will he take us?" Craker recalled.

"Some had reservations about Hagood's commitment to the Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan tradition," Hull remembered, "because he had a professional education background, not a clerical one." Such concerns, however, proved to be unfounded.

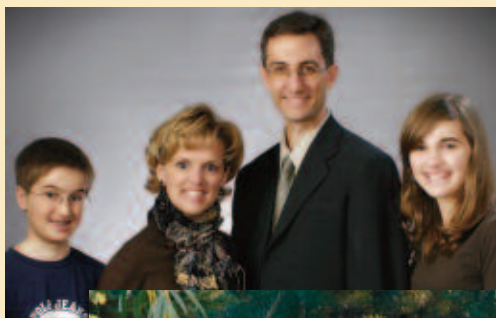
"He is about the best self-trained Wesley theologian I have ever known," Hull continued. "He intentionally set aside efforts to context his leadership in a theological- and personal-faith framework."

In fact, Hagood's Wesleyan knowledge rivals that of many Nazarene clergy. Hagood recognized he was not merely running an organization, but knew what had been built

had a soul. "He recognized it was a spiritual heritage that was being passed on, and it was his to preserve and care for that heritage. He understood he had a shepherding role to maintain the university," said Craker. The soul has been tended. In this most important core, the promise has been fulfilled.

"Hagood's central desire was not that NNU would simply survive, but that it would thrive," said Shaw. "His main focus (is) that we do more than just 'breathe' as an institution but that we really 'live' as a Christian university."

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Throughout Hagood's presidency, the NNU community witnessed the Hagood family grow. Pictured above: Heidi (Hagood) Zickefoose with husband George, daughter Alexandra and son Corte. Pictured below: Holly (Hagood) Mack with husband Daniel, son Nathan and daughter Kendra. Lincoln is pictured on page 7.



Bricks. Bridges. Caring for the soul of NNU. All promises fulfilled under the stewardship of President Hagood. While his tenure with NNU is coming to a close, Hagood believes there are still many more promises to be fulfilled.

"Some of the dreams of our founders have been realized and some exceeded. Some dreams are ongoing and will always be before us as challenges," Hagood said. "The full realization of the NNU promise is not likely to be known until heaven itself. And, it might just be better than we ever dreamed."



A Special Gift

Jami (Mittelstaedt) York, class of 1995

She has a gift ... a gift that makes you feel special when you are in her presence. She is quick to listen and inquire about how she might pray for you—and when she says she will pray, she really means it. She has faithfully given a day each week in prayer for the NNU campus, faculty, staff, students and alumni during her tenure as First Lady of Northwest Nazarene University.

Junella Hagood has impacted the lives of countless individuals. In the spring of 2001, Junella approached me with the idea of beginning the

Women's Covenant Group for students in her home. Because our families had ties dating back to her childhood, I felt we had a special connection.

I realize now, however, I might have just been one of many recipients of her special gift. It was my pleasure to

partner with her to initiate the first group. We committed to pray about what it would be and who might be in the group before we approached any students. Junella believed that the Lord would form the group—and He did. Some amazing girls ventured to the president's home for that first meeting. Not only was it special to be in there home, but Junella truly shared her life and lessons she had learned with us. She invested in the lives of the girls in this group as it continued to flourish for the next several years.

Jennifer (Bieberdorf) Mishler, class of 2005, who participated in the group for several years, shares, "Junella was warm and inviting, and impacted me more than she knows. She held us all accountable, showing us patience, grace



Ashley Bruce and Mrs. Junella Hagood at commencement.

and the way a woman of the Lord should live. Even after graduating, I still feel I can go to her for words of wisdom."

Ruth (Voelker) Cashell, class of 2003, adds, "Meeting with Junella each week was such an important piece of keeping me grounded in my faith during college. I promised Junella when I graduated that I would pass on the gift of discipleship and mentoring, and I have."

Ashley Bruce, class of 2005, recalls, "Knowing that I was loved and cared for by Mrs. President Hagood meant the world to me."

I had long admired Junella's passion and commitment for NNU. It was apparent when she was involved in planning for an event on campus. Her creativity, class and eye for detail helped these activities be more than just events on the calendar; with Junella's touch they became important components of campus relationships,

connectedness and fundraising.

Dr. Hagood shares a story that paints a beautiful picture of his wife's contribution. He found her praying in the middle of the Brandt

Center construction zone with only the outer walls up. The project was over a million dollars short, and she stood right there and prayed for a gracious donor. In addition, adjacent to the Brandt Center stands a mark of Junella the prayer warrior—the Lucile Little Prayer Chapel, Lanman Prayer Garden—that had its origination in Junella's heart.

These are only a few of the many stories of lives impacted by

Junella Hagood. Northwest Nazarene University has been fortunate to have a woman like Mrs. Hagood who has truly sought the Lord's will for her life and lived out her calling.



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Presidential search update

With the retirement announcement of President Richard Hagood, a search and screening committee, established by the Board of Trustees, is in the midst of a presidential search. Nominations and applications have been accepted and reviewed based on the leadership statement adopted to guide the process.

The Board of Trustees' executive committee members and the faculty chair are serving as the search and screening committee. This committee met in January to review all resumes, and interviews took place in February with semifinalists, which led to the committee's recommendation to the full board at the March meeting. It is anticipated that the election of NNU's next president will take place on March 7 or 8, 2008.

Randy Craker, Chair

NNU Board of Trustees

For up-to-date information on our progress, visit the presidential search Web site at www.nnu.edu/presidentialsearch.

Salazar receives honorary doctorate

In October, Pablo Salazar (Mendiguchía) was honored with a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. Salazar was recognized for his distinguished political career as well as his leadership in the Church of the Nazarene.



Born in Chiapas, Mexico, Salazar earned a law degree from Popular Autonomous University of the state of Puebla. After graduating, he began his career in governmental service as attorney general of the state. He also served as the legal director



New Health and Science Center

- 50,000 total square feet
- 4,200 square feet of dedicated student/faculty research laboratories
- Nursing clinical and simulation laboratories
- Eleven additional teaching laboratories
- Five general-use classrooms
- Cadaver dissection laboratories
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy facility
- Bioinformatics/computer science research laboratories
- Microscopy and cell culture facilities
- Vivarium – live display of animals
- State-of-the-art air handling system for biology and chemistry
- Modern science lecture hall

Beyond Bricks and Mortar campaign is complete, having raised \$9,500,000 plus contingencies. Our attention now turns to programmatic equipment for nursing, biology, chemistry, etc. Construction began in February with anticipated completion date in January 2009.

of the Office of the Secretary of Education and Culture of the State and as the executive director of the Federal Electoral Institute.

In 1994, Salazar was the first member of the Church of the Nazarene to serve as an elected federal senator in the Republic of Mexico, and he performed a critical role in maintaining political stability during the historical conflict between the federal government and the Zapatista Army of National Liberation. Salazar also organized the Commission of Conciliation and Pacification and helped develop the Law for Dialogue, Conciliation, and Dignified Peace in Chiapas while in office. Salazar served as governor for six years.

Students explore God's call at NNU conference

During a weekend in November, high school juniors and seniors from the Northwest region attended *The Call* conference on the NNU campus. Hosted by the Northwest Region NYI and the religious studies and admissions departments of NNU, *The Call* is an annual

conference designed to provide time and opportunity for students to explore God's call on their lives.

Fifty-two student participants focused on the conference theme, "drinking from the cup," through reading, seminars and discussion. Mike Kipp, religion professor at NNU, and Johnny Hampton, youth pastor at College Church of the Nazarene, guided sessions with the students and shared real-life stories from their personal ministries.

Stacey Berggren, director of admissions and co-producer of *The Call*, was glad to be part of another successful conference, and she encourages even more students to register next year. "If students are interested in looking deeper into God's call on their lives, whether that be full-time Christian ministry or not," stated Berggren, "they will find the conference meaningful and worth their time in exploring that call." The cup participants received sits on Berggren's desk and serves as a reminder of God's call on her own life, challenging her to live a life worthy of "drinking from the cup."



“Furtherness: Holiness Reoriented in a Changing World”

Northwest Nazarene University hosted nationally recognized author and speaker Brian McLaren for its 2008 Wesley Center Conference, and also hosted the author’s “Everything Must Change” tour in NNU’s Brandt Center. The conference, entitled *Furtherness: Holiness Reoriented in a Changing World*, was coordinated by NNU and featured McLaren as a keynote speaker. Plenary sessions also included addresses by Dr. Alan Nelson, executive editor of *Rev! Magazine*, and Dr. T. Scott Daniels, senior pastor of Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene. 2008 Wesley Center Conference participants explored how holiness should lead followers of Jesus in the twenty-first century, both personally and collectively.

NNU Alumni in Missions Wall of Honor

NNU alumni have a rich and varied history of significant participation in the work of the gospel around the world. By the hundreds they have accepted lifetime

assignments in missions, taken long-term assignments, or volunteered for short-term mission projects through Work and Witness-type programs, medical teams, “JESUS” film evangelism, and many other kinds of ministries fulfilling the Great Commission. They have served through the Church of the Nazarene and through many other mission-sending organizations.

The Alumni in Missions Wall, located in the Brandt Center, was established as a public honor to those who have made significant contributions to missionary service. We encourage all alumni and friends to help us identify those who qualify for inclusion on the honor wall. The basic qualifications for inclusion are: 1) to be an alumnus of NNU; and 2) to have served in a “cross-cultural” setting other than one’s own country, for at least one continuous year.

Tools are available on the website to submit names along with supporting information to nominate persons meeting the criteria for inclusion on the honor wall. Submissions to update and correct information regarding yourself or others listed on the Wall of Honor are also appreciated.

The NNU Alumni in Missions Wall of Honor is now available to everyone for information and inspiration at www.nnu.edu/missionswall. If you know people who meet these criteria, please submit their names online. Thank you in advance for your help in honoring NNU

alumni who have made a significant contribution to cross-cultural missions around the world.

Submissions may be mailed to NNU School of Theology and Christian Ministries, Attention Dr. Ralph Neil, 623 Holly Street, Nampa, ID, 83686.



SAVE THE DATE

The Board of Trustees at Northwest Nazarene University requests the pleasure of your company at a retirement reception celebration in honor of **President & Mrs. Richard A. Hagood** on Friday, April 25, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Brandt Center Grand Lobby.



IT Conference

Under the leadership of Dr. Eric Kellerer and Duane Slemmer, NNU hosted the annual Nazarene Higher Education Information Technology Summit last October. The summit included IT leaders from seven of the nine U.S. Nazarene colleges and universities, Nazarene Headquarters, and Nazarene Publishing House. Colleagues from Nazarene Theological College in Queensland, Australia, and Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary also joined the summit discussions via videoconferencing.

First Annual NNU Athletic Online Auction a success!

The first annual NNU Athletic Online Auction caught the attention of NNU alumni and friends around the world! The auction’s 100 plus items, ranging from sports memorabilia to exquisite getaways, grossed \$25,000 and brought in bidders from 25 different states and two countries. The money raised will benefit women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, men’s and women’s soccer, the Crusader Athletic Association and the general Athletic Department fund.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, donations, or to be added to the distribution list, please contact Carie James at cnjames@nnu.edu.



Homecoming 2007 included more than just a calendar change! Students, alumni and friends enjoyed memory-making moments at a variety of events during Homecoming 2007. Sports enthusiasts cheered the Crusaders in basketball, cross-country track, soccer and volleyball, while others bid on a multitude of auction items. The weekend also included the fall play "Curious Savage," the Homecoming Concert, a walk/run to raise money for scholarships, and a grand finale that included a bonfire, fireworks, and Nampa's own High Street Band. **Don't forget to mark your calendar for Homecoming 2008, Nov. 6-8!**



2007



HOMECOMING





STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PRESIDENT RICHARD HAGOOD

BY CHRIS SPICER &
ASHLEE JEROME,
CLASS OF 2008



Amateur reproductions of famous paintings, photographs, and cultural icons cover the walls of the Science Lecture Hall, filling the building with familiarity. However, a closer look at the artwork shows something is different.

A man's face has been drawn on the body of each painting—on the body of Luke Skywalker, fighting Darth Vader, on the head of an Egyptian Sphinx and on the body of Mona Lisa herself. This face is the likeness of Richard Hagood, a gentleman, and a scholar, but not a Jedi knight.

This over-exaggeration of the acclaimed president's accomplishments is part of a tribute to his career at NNU, yet speaks nothing short of students' appreciation of a man who has done so much for the university. Fresheree 2007, or The Life and times of Richard Hagood, is just one of the ways students are saying "thank you" to the Hagoods for their years of service.

The Office of the President may be a position that seems out of the reach of student connection, but Dr. Hagood has always encouraged a student-minded presidency. From his warm welcome speeches to each freshmen class, to his willingness to interact with people while walking around campus, to taking a pie in the face to raise money for student groups, Hagood has formed strong connections and relationships with students.

As Erin Shively, class of 2008, expressed, "The night of the big NNU versus College of Idaho game, I saw President Hagood practicing for a free-throw competition that was to take place with the C of I president at halftime. No matter the requirements of the job, Dr. Hagood has continually proven himself devoted to NNU and its students."

Through the years President Hagood has taken on many faces. He is a dedicated fan consistently in the stands cheering on the Crusaders and the smiling face waving to students through his office window while they head to class. As an endearing leader, he challenges the campus to pursue the promise and become global Christians.

But Dr. Hagood cannot be mentioned without also noting the dedication and compassion of his wife. Junella fully supports her husband's efforts to better the campus, and can regularly be seen alongside him at NNU events. "The first time I spoke with Mrs. Hagood, I could tell she was genuinely interested in getting to know me," Hannah Beers, class of 2009, stated. "She has remembered me since, and talks with me as if we are old friends."

Students have shown their appreciation for President Hagood in many ways throughout his career. Some borrowed his presidential portrait from its Emerson Hall display and took a two-dimensional, black and white, 2' X 3' version of Dr. Hagood on a spring break adventure.

Although President Hagood hasn't actually saved a galaxy far, far away or ruled an ancient civilization on the Nile River, he has done something just as great and noteworthy by making a positive impact on the lives of countless students on this campus.

DECADE NEWS

1950s

Loring -53- and **Jen (Shoemaker) -58-** Beals celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2007.

1960s

Orval -63- and **Roberta (Miller) -60-** Halley make their home in Oklahoma City. Orv is serving as director of missionaries who have been trained by the Heart of God Ministries. In this role, Orv and Roberta travel into the 10/40 Window of the world several times a year to be director, coach and pastor to those serving the unreached world.

1970s

Howard -76- and his wife **Debby (Redman) Henning -73-** recently spent a week in Washington, D.C. where Howard, along with 92 other honorees, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. The award, hosted by the White House, was a week of celebratory activities including a state dinner, pictures with the President and Laura Bush and a \$10,000 cash award.

Erwin Sonnenberg -76- was awarded the Idaho Association of Counties' top honor, the Mills-Adler Award, for his service to both Ada County and the Association. Erwin has served in the Ada County Coroner's Office since 1979 as deputy and then chief coroner.

1980s

Jeff Sharpton -83- has been named Webmaster for NNU. Jeff most recently sold his business, Design Point Inc., in Salem, Ore., and moved to Nampa along with his wife Kimberley. They were married in Grand Cayman, June 17, 2006.

Steve Curl -87- and his wife Tara have brought a specialty birthday party franchise to the Treasure Valley, located in Boise. A birthday party with the "Oogles n Googles" company provides two hours

of entertainment including, but not limited to, a theme, cake and juice, party favors and souvenir photos. In addition to birthday parties, Steve and Tara will also be introducing an Oogles n Googles preschool enrichment program.

Ryan -88- and **Dina (Cuffe) -88-** Roberts have signed an additional two-year contract with Taejon Christian International School in South Korea where Dina teaches kindergarten and Ryan will assume a new position next fall as the director of Spiritual Formation programs. Friends may keep up with them through their blog at www.robertsinkorea.typepad.com.

1990s

Andrew Coose -90- has been named federal security director for the Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field Airport and will oversee five additional airports in Idaho. Andrew comes to the position with over 17 years of experience in aviation security both domestically and internationally, having held positions in Oregon, East Africa and Japan.

Allen Williamson -91- received the Law Enforcement Purple Heart from the Nampa Police in March 2007 following a line-of-duty injury received in Feb. 2005.

Sherry Pence -95- is a full-time studio potter and also very active in the international tatting (the art of lace-making) community. She makes the world's only ceramic tatting shuttles, which are shipped all over the world. Her first tatting book was printed December 2007.

Bryon Knight -97- is employed as a mortgage planner with Affinity Mortgage in Nampa after five years in the title and escrow business.

Andy Pence -97- is a fighter pilot flying the F15C in the U.S. Air Force and had the unique privilege of being one of the pilots to do the flyover for the 2006 Super Bowl.

Jenny Bangsund -98- completed a doctorate in English from Duquesne University (Pittsburgh) in May 2007, and is now assistant professor of English at the University of Sioux Falls (South Dakota), where her husband, Jonathan Neiderhiser, serves on the music department faculty.

Christine Johns -99- will be graduating from a nephrology (kidney diseases) fellowship in June 2008 and has committed to a volunteer position in Laos with a nonprofit organization, Health Frontiers. She will be the coordinator for the internal medicine residency program in Vientiane with primary responsibilities of teaching and organizing internal medicine residents.

2000s

Nicole Thiel -00- has graduated from the New York Film Academy's Acting Conservatory at Universal Studios in Hollywood, Calif.

Susan Doramus -01- will be working out of the Caldwell office for U.S. Representative Bill Sali as his newly appointed district representative.

Joy Lindner -03- graduated May 2007 with a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. She has accepted the senior pastor position of the Church of the Nazarene church in Juliaetta, Idaho.

Aaron Montgomery -06- a doctoral student in mathematics at University of Oregon, received the Dan Kimble First Year Teaching Award, named in honor of UO psychology professor emeritus Dan Kimble.

Anna Sohriakoff -07- continues working in Washington, D.C. now as executive assistant and scheduler for U.S. Representative Bill Sali.

MILESTONES

Marriages

Faith Doebling -01- and Brad McLane on Aug. 4, 2006, in Merrill, Mich.

Megan Selby -02- and Jeremy Deck on Aug. 26, 2006, in Marysville, Wash.

Heather Endicott -04- and Dustin Hammons on Dec. 9, 2006, in Stanley, Idaho.

Emily Evans -97- and Dan Gibson on

March 10, 2007, in Centralia, Wash. The couple resides in Hudson, Colo.

Sara Hamilton -00- and Jeff Scroggins (00) on June 15, 2007, in Maui, Hawaii. The couple resides in Colorado Springs.

Lynsey Elmore (04) and Peter Boeckel -07- on Aug. 3, 2007, in Nampa, Idaho.

Amy Taylor -03- and Karl Ronfeld on Sept. 15, 2007, in Portland, Ore.

Melissa Hardy -99- and Brian Parker -97- on Sept. 29, 2007, in St. Maries, Idaho.



Sara Hamilton & Jeff Scroggins



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Amy Taylor & Karl Ronfeld

Births

Twins Jeffer and Jeison born June 6, 2003, in Cali, Colombia; adopted August 2007, by Lori (Strange) -93- and Chris Ward, joining big brother Zachariah. Lori is pastor of Calvary Church of the Nazarene in St. Croix Falls, Wis.

Ainsley Ryann on May 30, 2006, to Molly (Martin) -97- and R. Erik Miller -97-.

Bretton Lee on Aug. 8, 2006, to Tami (McCoy) (95) and Ben Moore.

Emma Grace on Nov. 9, 2006, to Pam (Duerksen) (94) and Tim Benedick-98-.

Chloe Joy on Feb. 16, 2007, to Kristen (Hyatt) -04- and Chris Desgroseillier -04-.

Kaeden Phillip on April 13, 2007, to Carrie (Dynes) -98- and Kyle Six -97-.

Caitlyn Rae on May 23, 2007, to Gail (Larson) -98- and William Cook -97- joining sister Carolyn.



Jeffer & Jeison Ward



Ainsley Miller



Caitlyn Cook



Brinley Gunstream



Callum & Moira Laird



Grace Benedick

Brinley Dawn on June 1, 2007, to **Stephanie (Walz) -03-** and **Chad Gunstream -00-**.

Isabella Jaree on June 8, 2007, to **Jayci (Montgomery) -01-** and **Chris Field -98-**.

Lorelei Caitlin Jean on June 29, 2007, to **Dustie and Abram Walton -01-**.

Alexandria Grace on July 6, 2007, to **Corrie (Donahue) -02-** and **David Munoz**.

Guylan James on July 9, 2007, to **Marlena and D. Ryan Close -99-**.

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.

Twins Callum Lochlan and Moira Maeve on Sept. 23, 2007, to **Ashley (Tippett) -98-** and **Charles Laird -99-**.

Andrew on Sept. 27, 2007, to **Deisy and Brian Repp -91-**.

Grace Elizabeth on Oct. 2, 2007, **Rachel (Littler) -06-** and **Steve Benedick -06-**.

Maggie Lina on Oct. 14, 2007, to **Karina (Wolf) -93-** and **Nomer Tuazon**.

Alexander Jon on Oct. 24, 2007, to **Sherry (Barnes) -04-** and **Peter Barnes -03-**.

Rokiah Caylene on Nov. 9, 2007, to **Becca (Gilbert) -03-** and **Ryan Notbohm -04-** joining big sister Rayanne.

Lily Rachelle on Nov. 10, 2007, to **Amy (Oglevie) -03-** and **Joseph Stone (00)**.

Laynie Grace on Nov. 13, 2007, to **Mary (Kessel) -95-** and **Trenton Redman**, joining brothers Brady and Ashton and sister Maddie.

In Memory

Thomas C. Holloway -66- on Feb. 2, 2007 in Nampa, Idaho

Orpha (Presnell) Cammack -30- on Sept. 25, 2007, Salem, Ore.

Ethelyn (Bruner) Ulmet -42- on Oct. 5, 2007, Olathe, Kan.

Mary Waller -60- on Oct. 25, 2007, Lubbock, Texas.

Rev. Orval Schmidt -69- on Nov 30, 2007, Nampa, Idaho.

Hazel (Bittleston) Friberg -45- on Dec. 14, 2007, Vancouver, Wash.

Howard Titterington -51- on Dec. 16, 2007, Nampa, Idaho.

Sam Willard -59- on Jan. 11, 2008, Surprise, Ariz.

Maisie (Bellamy) Bennett -47- on Jan. 22, 2008, Burns, Ore.



Brettton Moore



Emma Benedick



Chloe Desgroseillier



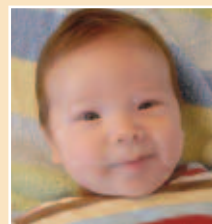
Kaeden Six



Isabella Field



Lorelei Walton



Guylan Close



Jace & Kimberly Hunter



Maggie Tuazon



Alexander Barnes



Rokiah Notbohm



Lily Stone

Alumni Weekend

May 3 and 4 is commencement weekend at NNU, and also a time of celebration for NNU's older alumni. A special Alumni & Friends chapel is scheduled for Saturday morning, following reunion brunches for the decades of the 30-40s and the 50s, and the class of 1958. The day will conclude with a banquet Saturday evening with President and Junella Hagood open to all alumni and friends. The class of 1958 will be especially honored with their induction into NNU's "Golden Grad" club. A complete schedule and ticket information is available online at www.nnu.edu/alumni or by phone at (800)654-2411.

Lasting Legacy



The story is told about an educator from a remote school district in Alaska who had one notable lapse of judgment—she missed three days of work without notifying her supervisor. When this petite teacher called the school district, she explained she had shot a black bear in a remote section of the Alaskan wilderness and spent the last three days dragging it back to Anchorage. Along with stories of salmon fishing trips using duct-taped fishing gear, to an impeccably dressed socialite who balanced her own checkbook at the age of 99, this native Idaho teacher, Leah Peterson, always made a lasting impression.

Gary Skaggs, vice president for university advancement became acquainted with Leah Peterson in 1993 through Lewis Suiter, former NNU planned giving director. Skaggs states, “I knew little history of this dynamic 85-year-old lady other than she had obtained a teaching certificate from NNU in 1928. I had no idea that God, in His providence, was beginning a 14-year journey that would leave the University with a lasting legacy to Leah’s extraordinary life.” Leah believed passionately in education and, in particular, the life-changing aspects of Christian education. As her relationship with NNU deepened, Leah began to make significant investments in the University.

Born in 1908 in the mountains above Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, Leah Peterson lost both parents at an early age, which contributed to her becoming self-sufficient. She began her teaching career in a one-room, log schoolhouse in Pasimeroi Valley in the isolated Salmon River backcountry of Idaho. While teaching in Idaho she met future husband Chester Peterson and married in 1930.

In 1939 the Petersons relocated to Kodiak Island, Alaska. After teaching for a short time, in 1942 they moved to Anchorage where the adventuresome couple lived in a tent for two weeks until they found permanent housing, recalls Skaggs.



Anchorage became the Petersons' home and Leah began a 42-year teaching career, a recognized and distinguished educator, administrator,

state leader and author of Alaska school textbooks. “She was a pioneer for education in Alaska, helping to build an educational system from frontier instruction to a solid educational organization,” said Pastor Peter Loughman of the First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage.

“In 2001, Mrs. Peterson returned to the NNU campus for the first time in 73 years when President Hagood awarded her an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of her service to the profession of education, her community and society at large,” shares Skaggs. He recalls, “[The event] was memorable as Leah brilliantly wove the story of her humble beginnings, hope and dreams, and the impact education had on her own life during college and throughout her career. It was heartwarming to see the entire audience rise in appreciation, with a lengthy applause, providing a lasting memory for all.”

President Hagood credits Vice President Gary Skaggs with building an authentic friendship, providing professional and competent counsel for Mrs. Peterson and investing thousands of miles, countless hours and weeks of travel to nurture this genuine relationship. He helped her plan her memorial service and write her obituary, and was a pallbearer and spoke at her memorial service.

Mrs. Peterson passed away Sept. 30, 2007, leaving NNU a generous contribution of approximately \$7,000,000, a gift that will be used to construct a facility in honor of her history, contributions and relationship with the University. We celebrate Leah Peterson, a God-ordained relationship began in 1928, and an abundant contribution that will provide a channel of God’s blessing for tomorrow’s generations.

Continued prayer is requested for the Gary Skaggs Family and his recent illness.

SPRING '08 CALENDAR



MARCH

- 1 5 PM WBB @ SPU
- 1 7 PM MBB vs. Alaska-Fairbanks
- 5-7 Board of Trustees
- 6 7 PM MBB @ CWU
- 6 7 PM WBB vs. SMU
- 6-10 Spring Musical (SA)
- 7 Theatre Night (HBC)
- 8 7 PM WBB vs WOU
- 8 7 PM MBB @ WWU
- 9-10 9 AM T&F Indoor Nationals (Mankato, MN)
- 14 Friday Escape (student visit day)
- 14-15 9 AM T&F @ NNU
- 15-23 Spring Break
- 28 Friday Escape
- 29 Arizona Chapter will meet in Phoenix
- 29 9 AM T&F @ Whitworth
- 31-4 Sanner Senior Sermon Week

APRIL

- 1 Jazz Combo Concert
- 4 Friday Escape
- 4-5 9 AM T&F @ BSU
- 10 Concert Band Spring Concert
- 12 Faculty Recital
- 12 9 AM T&F @ CWU
- 17-20 Regional Main Event
- 19 Southern California Chapter at the home of Judge Larry Burns in San Diego
- 19 9 AM T&F @ WSU
- 21-22 9 AM T&F GNAC Combined @ CWU
- 21 Chamber Ensemble Concert
- 24 Vocal Recital
- 25 Friday Escape
- 25-26 9 AM T&F @ NNU
- 28 Final Exams Begin

MAY

- 1 Senior Art Show
- 2 Crusader Choir British Isles Tour Send-off Concert
- 2-3 9 AM T&F GNAC Conference @ CWU
- 3 Darkwood Consort in Concert
- 4 10 AM Baccalaureate
- 4 3 PM Commencement
- 10 9 AM T&F @ SPU
- 22-23 9 AM T&F Outdoor Nationals (Chico, CA)

JUNE

- 13 Travel Groups Send-off Concert
- 14 Nampa Jumpstart
- 19-21 Jumpstart Tour (Spokane, Seattle, Portland)

BC = Brandt Center
JSC = Johnson Sports Center
SA = Swayne Auditorium
HBC = Helstrom Business Center

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Pictured above: grandparents Mitch (73) and Jennifer Wolf (73), parents Blake (97) and Jana (Deakins) Wolf (99), along with daughters and future alumni Allison and Andi.



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