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president's letter

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Here we are already months into a new year—2005. This year—like those we have recently experienced—is likely to be filled with a mix of good news and bad news, challenges and celebrations, the expected and the unexpected.

I need to be reminded, and often, that we all have need of an encouraging word or gesture during the ordinary days of life. We all need inspiration and motivation.

Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen are now the well-known founders of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. At first rejected by publisher upon publisher, the two men persisted until their “stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit” were published in 1993. Since then, millions of copies of the series have been sold and enjoyed by even more men and women who are touched by these stories of love, compassion and courage.

Like many other public speakers, I have used stories from their collections to capture a mood or a moment.

Gratefully, the history of Northwest Nazarene University is filled with inspirational stories every bit as interesting and motivating as those found in *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. We learn how members of the campus community, alumni and friends of the university meet the challenges of life in the spirit and power of God. What testimonies we share!

In this edition of *The Messenger* you will read wonderful stories about Steve, Monty and Anne, Mark, Becky and others. I trust you will be inspired and motivated by their stories and, in turn, encouraged to tell your stories of God's grace and blessing in your own life. In the end, our lives have meaning when we give testimony to the grace and mercy of God found in our stories. Enjoy!

Sincerely,


Richard A. Hagood
President



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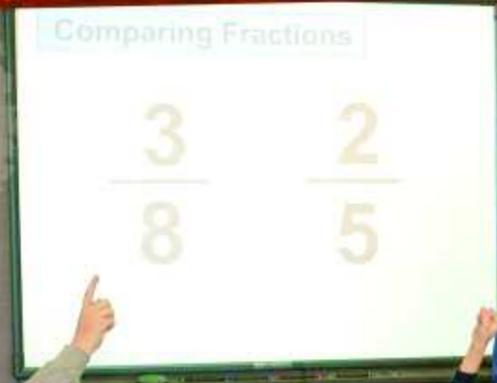
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Excellence

EDUCATION



TEACHERS
WHO HAVE
A PASSION
FOR
CHILDREN

in Education

Perhaps at no other time in the nation's history is education more at the forefront than it is now. Educational initiatives are at the top of the list for many state and national representatives, and new technology is constantly changing the way teachers teach and the way students learn.

At NNU, preparing teachers has been a high priority from the beginning. Nearly 100 years later, education majors make up a large percentage of the undergraduate and graduate student population, and many students who first graduate in another discipline return to NNU to later obtain their teaching credentials.

As a profession, teaching is growing in size, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The number of teachers in both public and private schools is expected to grow between 2001 and 2013 in response to population growth. Nowhere is that need as evident as it is in the Treasure Valley, where recent population growth has spawned dozens of new schools, some within blocks of each other. Chair of the Education Department Karen Blacklock said that preparing teachers who are not only qualified teachers, but teachers who have a passion for children and for teaching has been, is and will continue to be paramount in the program.

Along with the high interest and need for undergraduate education degrees, demand has grown for NNU's graduate degrees, as well. Forty-one percent of teachers in public schools hold a master's degree and 30 percent at private schools have earned their master's. Recent technology has allowed many students to continue or start their education online, and NNU recently unveiled its online Master of Education degree in reading to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing online graduate education.

Area principals and administrators speak highly of NNU's program and the graduates they have hired. "In this day and age of accountability and quality instruction it is critical that we hire teachers who have solid expertise in their content area and have impeccable character," said Mark VanSkiver, administrator of student services with the Kuna School District.

"It has been my experience that teachers coming out of NNU possess these qualities. NNU offers excellent teacher education coupled with clearly defined expectations for high integrity, respect of children, and a committed work ethic. NNU is always



BY ANGELA SWANSON
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my first choice when it comes to teacher recruitment," he said.

Principal Mike Cunningham agreed. "I have found that the graduates from NNU are extremely well prepared. They go through quite a rigorous curriculum by the time they are student teaching, and I've found them to be well-organized, articulate, eager to learn, with extremely good people skills and a good knowledge of how people learn and what they need in order to excel to the next level," Cunningham said.

The "rigorous curriculum" Cunningham refers to helps build confidence and skills in beginning teachers, according to Blacklock and NNU Director of Student Teaching Ron Manley. "There's so much consistency in supervision," Blacklock said, adding that one of the keys to the success of NNU student teachers is the mentor relationship they share with supervisors and the constant coaching and support they receive.

Manley also added that the 100 hours of field experience students go through before they begin teaching also helps them feel comfortable and confident in a classroom once their student teaching begins.

Ask Blacklock to name a qualified teacher who has graduated from NNU in recent years, and the list will be long! She speaks with obvious pride in NNU's education students and praises them for success and dedication.

At the top of the recognition list this year is alumnus Steve Wyborney, who was named Oregon Teacher of the Year last fall. Steve, who teaches fifth grade at Nyssa Elementary in Nyssa, Ore., said that his decision to teach came after his initial college graduation when he realized that his passion truly was to be in a classroom.

Surrounded by teachers his entire life, Steve said that claiming teaching as his own meant first graduating with a degree in English and then returning to NNU to pursue both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in education. (Both of Steve's parents, along with his brothers Hank and Chuck, are teachers.)

The decision, at that point, was his own, not just the path paved for him by his teaching family. "I moved back to Nampa and enrolled again," he said of the experience, "but this time with an extraordinary level of freedom and drive."

“I was excited about the possibility of becoming a teacher, and I truly felt privileged that I had the opportunity to make the attempt.”

Ten years later, Steve is a model to other teachers across the nation and teaches and inspires others to find the passion he has found. By learning to use PowerPoint effectively in his classroom, Steve said that his students engage in as many as 40 distinct objectives with success in a given lesson. “This approach has been very valuable for my students, and even while I was just beginning to understand it, I recognized that it had the potential for impacting students far beyond the walls of my classroom,” he said.

Steve believes that his use of 21st-Century technology to



create a powerful interactive tool, coupled with his desire to share that knowledge with other teachers, is one of the reasons he was chosen to receive the highest honor in his state.

“I understood the reality that while there are many powerful practices taking place in our schools today, teachers rarely have a substantial opportunity to gather the greatness from one another’s practice,” Steve said. “I decided that I was going to take the best of what I had learned and share it with other teachers who might be able to benefit from it.”

Being able to be that positive voice is what Steve said he appreciates most about his recent honor. “Connecting teachers directly with teachers has been very important to me, and that is why I decided to take a risk and say, ‘This is the part of what I am learning that I believe could impact students outside of my own classroom.’”

On a personal level, taking risks has become very important to him, he said, especially as he deals with the daily complications of epilepsy – especially the fact that he does not drive – and the challenges that come from pushing himself to be a life-long learner. “I’ve learned that I have to take an active part in my own future. It’s easy to take on the mindset that you are going to do your best in life, but I understand now that it’s more important to actively shape your future than it is to

concentrate on becoming the best that you can be at any one thing,” he said.

Married to Jeannine Howard since 1994, Steve has two children, Benjamin, who is 7, and Natalie, 4. Steve said his wife has been called “an angel on earth,” and was quick to agree. “Jeannine is an amazing person, and an absolute Godsend to me,” he said, praising her for her support and love, and especially with the way she helps him cope with his disability.

“I’ve come to realize that when you face realities you can’t change, you can either bang your head against the wall or start seeking areas where you can make a difference. I think that accepting my limitations has helped me understand other people much better. The more I talk with people, the more convinced I am that everyone has some defining challenge in their life. How you let the challenge define you is in your own hands. I’m truly fortunate that my challenge is so obvious to me,” he said.

Steve also looks to his faith for answers and support. “Jesus Christ is the Lord and savior of my life,” he said. “This reality impacts everything I do. My faith provides my identity and colors my life. My faith leads me, and it demands that I respond to the Lord’s leading.”

On the walls of Steve’s classroom above the windows are several dozen pages printed out, each with a separate “Big Idea.” Big Idea #12 reads: “What seems impossible now may soon be possible.”

Look at the faces of Steve’s students and you’ll see the obvious hope of the impossible becoming possible. But for



Steve, his calling as a teacher is more than just what goes on in his classroom, more than inspiring 17 fifth graders to take risks and go deeper in their learning. “Teaching is an enormously important job,” he said. “The quality of the education that we provide to our students today instantly defines

us as a nation. Our levels of self-respect and passion are all spotlighted by the priority that we place on education today.”

With this recent honor, Steve said his schedule is busier than ever. In January, he flew to Dallas to meet with other teachers chosen from their states to receive this honor. In April, Steve will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with President and Mrs. Bush in the Oval Office, and in August, he will attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., where they will simulate a shuttle mission and Steve will get to work in mission control and the shuttle. “Not bad for a guy who can’t drive,” Steve quipped.

Most importantly, Steve said that he will have the opportunity to listen to the perspective of others and sees this opportunity as another chance to make his own reality. “Like many other things in life, this entire experience will be defined by me,” he said. “Truly, it will be whatever I make of it.”



Alumni Pledge Million-dollar Match to Help Raise Money for Campus Upgrades

Monty and Anne Ortman (Vanderpool) didn’t plan on making a million-dollar pledge when they walked into the annual President’s Dinner last fall.

Monty, class of ‘71, and Anne, who started at NNU in ‘69, attended Christian schools, and Christian education has been a life-long passion for both of them. At the President’s Dinner, Monty and Anne watched a video as the needs of the campus were presented, and they responded to that need by pledging a dollar-for-dollar match up to one million dollars.

The Ortman’s commitment is already reaping benefits, according to Vice President for University Advancement Gary Skaggs. Skaggs said the Ortman’s gift is impacting the annual phone-a-thon for the better as more alumni decide to give based on the matching pledge.

“The impact of this pledge is already producing deep, far-reaching effects,” he said. “We’ve had alumni decide to pledge more, and others decide to make a first-time pledge based on the fact that their donation is instantly doubled. For us, that’s tremendous, and we are incredibly grateful to the Ortman’s for this demonstration of faith in Northwest Nazarene University.”

Messenger Editor Angela Swanson recently interviewed Anne about their decision to give.

AS: You are choosing to impact the lives of students in the classroom and on campus through such important issues as safety, fire prevention, general campus upgrades, etc.—What has been your motivation to get involved in this important initiative?

AO: Monty and I try to live our lives with others in mind. We believe that individually, and as a couple, we have a God-given purpose beyond what we can see today.

AS: You have a passion for Christian higher education. What has been your impetus?

AO: Because we have a Christian world view, we believe in

an education that acknowledges God as creator with Christ, his son, as savior. I taught in Christian schools for 20 years; our children attended Christian schools. Monty and I attended Phoenix Christian High School.

AS: You have initiated an important matching gift. What are your hopes to have this matching gift be optimally utilized as alumni and friends of the university answer this call to focus on making a difference in Christian higher education?

AO: Each person is called according to what they are able to do, and they individually must respond. The matching funds would simply multiply what NNU is able to do in a shorter period of time. The rest of the people will make the big difference.

AS: Please tell us about the night you decided to donate the million dollar-matching gift. I’ve been told that there was a video shown at the President’s Dinner that included a vivid image of a fire. How did that impact you?

AO: The video showed a fire alarm, and that image highlighted for us the seriousness of the need. It wasn’t just “It would be nice if we had that building”—it’s a matter of lives and necessities. The idea for funding this essential aspect of the campus, coupled with our matching challenge, was divinely inspired. Beyond a shadow of a doubt God planted this idea at a moment that we least expected it.

NNU’s new “Fulfilling the Promise” campaign is geared toward helping raise funds for campus improvements, including the following:

- Residence hall air conditioning
- Enhanced residence hall sprinkler systems
- Sidewalk and street repair
- Replacement of aging sewer lines
- Paving of student parking lots
- Campus security enhancements
- Technology upgrades
- Academic initiatives

AS: Why have you chosen to support NNU?

AO: It is not only because of our gratitude for the life-long friendships made at NNU, but because of our loyalty, belief in Christian education and our heritage. We also have an appreciation for those who ministered to us and believed in us during our years there.

AS: Other insights you want to share in regards to how God directs your lives?

AO: Our belief is that God speaks in the quiet moments and in the most unexpected ways. When we hear his voice, it is imperative to respond. Not to do so hinders our walk with the Lord and his purpose for our lives. Esther 4:14 says, “Who knows but you have come . . . for such a time as this?”

“Beloved Community” Welcomes Minnijean Brown-Trickey



NNU’s 2005 Beloved Community events featured Minnijean Brown-Trickey, one of the legendary “Little Rock Nine.” Brown-Trickey addressed the NNU community in late January, bringing a message of encouragement and personal responsibility.

Known as one of the teenage members of the infamous “Little Rock Nine,” Brown-Trickey gained international recognition by breaking the color barrier of the segregated public school system in Arkansas in 1957.

NNU School of Business Receives “Integrity Counts” Award

The Northwest Nazarene University School of Business was honored in September with a 2004 Integrity Counts! Award from the Better Business Bureau and KeyBank. The School of Business received an honorable mention after having been reviewed by an independent panel of community leaders.

“The Better Business Bureau is very proud to have your business in our community representing and supporting integrity and ethics towards your employees, customers and the community in general,” wrote The Better Business Bureau in its press release. “You should be extremely proud to be considered one of ‘the best of the best.’”

Spring Musical to Feature Famous Beagle

The Northwesterners are proud to present their upcoming musical “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” April 8 – 12 at 7:30 p.m. in NNU’s Swayne Auditorium. Recently revitalized on Broadway, this musical is sure to please the entire family. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for

students and seniors. Reserve your tickets in advance by calling the NNU Box Office at 467-8795.

NNU Presents Season Continues Strong

With only four shows left in the 04-05 NNU Presents series, audiences have been enjoying the first-class, family entertainment brought to NNU this year by Brandt Center Director Bryce Quarve.

Trinity Irish Dance Company and Different Drums of Ireland are set to perform Tues., March 22 at 8 p.m. in Swayne Auditorium, followed by All Ireland Fiddle Champion Eileen Ivers on Sat., April 16; Gregory Popovich’s Comedy Pet Theatre on Sat., April 23, and rounded off by Nikolai Massenkoff with the Virtuoso Balalaika Ensemble and Russian Folk Ballet on Wed., May 4. Log on to www.nnu.edu/brandt or call 467-8795 for tickets.

Business Enrichment Series to Feature Dr. Bob Arnot in April



The next Business Enrichment Series, co-sponsored by the NNU School of Business, will take place, Thurs., April 14 and feature

nationally recognized medical expert Dr. Bob Arnot.

The afternoon seminar will run from 1 – 5 p.m., and a VIP reception for Arnot will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Caven and Jones Suites of NNU’s Brandt Center.

Arnot will present “Bottom Line Medicine - Human Lives vs. Dollars” at 7 p.m.

Dr. Bob Arnot is one of the most recognized names in the medical and health professions. Formerly NBC chief medical editor, Arnot has just been named NBC special foreign correspondent. In his writings Arnot shares his expertise on everything from fitness programs to

cookbooks. His recent book is *Seven Steps to Stop a Heart Attack*.

For more information, contact nnu4biz@nnu.edu or 467-8870.

Baccalaureate and Commencement Times Set for 2005

The NNU Office of Academic Affairs has announced that Baccalaureate and Commencement have been set for 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sat., May 15 at Nampa’s Idaho Center. More information on graduation festivities will be listed closer to graduation and can be accessed through the Office of Academic Affairs webpage.

Reunion Lunches to be Held at General Assembly

Please join President and Mrs. Hagood and our Covenant student musical ensemble for dinner and fellowship at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis on Sun., June 26 at 12:30 p.m. following the morning worship service. Reserve your place by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-654-2411 or online at www.nnu.edu/alumni. The dinner will be held in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-654-2411 or 208-467-8840 or e-mail alumni@nnu.edu.

Also, Youth in Mission would like to extend an invitation to a Youth in Mission Alumni Reunion for all those who have participated in Youth in Mission.

The Youth in Mission Reunion will take place on Sat., June 25, 2005 from 9 – 10:30 p.m. following the evening service. Contact Rita Mounts for details at 816-333-7000, ext. 2210 or YIM@nazarene.org.

Alumni Reminders

NNU alumni directory information is now available online through a secure format. Visit <http://alumni.nnu.edu/> to gain access to this site and connect with friends. Also, while visiting the Alumni home page, sign up for the weekly NNU News and Partners in Prayer e-mail newsletter. Stay

connected by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@nnu.edu or by calling 800-654-2411.

NNUSPORTS.com Launched

NNU sports fans may have already noticed a change in the look of the NNU Athletics website as the Athletic Department unveiled its new nnusports.com website in January. Up-to-the-minute sports news, live broadcasts and schedules are all available by logging on to the new website. Follow all the latest news, watch the webcam and cheer on the Crusaders at www.nnusports.com.

Faculty News

Dr. Walden Hughes has written two 4-piano, 8-hand works, commissioned by the Louisiana State Music Teacher’s Association.

Dr. Bill Russell (School of Business)

authored an article titled “The Case for Business Ethics Training,” which appeared in the November/December 2004 issue of *Business IQ Magazine*, Idaho’s premier business magazine.

The Idaho State Department of Education has published a 12th-grade civics and government CD-ROM containing Idaho standards and lessons for senior-level government courses. **Dr. Steve Shaw** (Department of History and Political Science) wrote the chapter and supporting material concerning American Indian tribal sovereignty in Idaho.

Shaw has also been awarded a research fellowship grant from the Idaho Humanities Council for 2004-05 to write a book on the United States Supreme Court case of Reed v. Reed.

Dr. Dennis Waller (Department of Communication Studies) was named Speech Arts Contributor of the Year

for 2004-05 by the Idaho Speech Arts Teachers Association during their recent convention in Sun Valley. The award honors one person each year for their work and service to communication arts.

Professor Arnie Ytreeide (Department of Communication Studies) participated in a week-long workshop in Hollywood as a guest of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (“The Emmys”) in November. As one of twenty media professors selected for the workshop, he spent the week in face-to-face meetings with some of the top executives in television today, including writers (“Law and Order”), producers (“The West Wing”), directors (“24”), and network chiefs.

Highlights of the week included a face-to-face panel with the heads of the six major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS, WB, FOX, HBO). Those discussions included extensive discussions on morality and ethics in television.

NNU Mourns Loss of Pavlisko and Collins

Northwest Nazarene University mourned the losses of senior elementary education major Jennifer Pavlisko and Master of Social Work student Richard Collins.

Collins, 56, was killed Jan. 18 in a head-on collision, and Pavlisko, 21, died in her sleep Jan. 21 of an undiagnosed congenital heart condition.

“We have no explanations,” said NNU President Dr. Richard Hagood in an address to the NNU community during chapel on Monday, trying to make sense of the tragedies of the week. “It hurts,” he said, mirroring the pain that many students, employees and faculty were feeling on campus.

An undergraduate student who had lived on campus for most of her time at NNU, Jennifer came to Nampa in the fall of 2001 from Longview, Wash., where she had been actively involved in the Kalama Church of the Nazarene.

According to friends and family,



JEENIFER PAVLISKO



RICHARD COLLINS

Jennifer’s passions were for children and missions. Her personal Web page at NNU tells the story of Jenn’s love for her friends and family, her love of children and her love of the Pacific Northwest.

She loved to travel, according to friends, and treasured memories of trips to Haiti, Mozambique, Venezuela and San Francisco, where she had spent time on mission trips she had taken with her church group and NNU. “She had a real heart for missions,” said Janet Harman, NNU education professor.

This year, Jennifer was student teaching

third grade at Sunnyridge Elementary School in Nampa and was trying to find ways to integrate her love of children and teaching with her desire to be a missionary, according to former major advisor Tom Oord. She was on schedule to graduate in May.

In trying to make sense of the loss, NNU Chaplain Gene Schandorff said that there may be no making sense of it. “We are not called to trust God’s plan (in our moments of deepest pain),” he said. “We are called to trust his love.”

Both Hagood and Schandorff encouraged the community to bond together in a spirit of support and unity during this time of grief. “Trust God’s heart, because God loves,” Schandorff said, adding that too often people try to understand what cannot be understood.

“We need to make the best times we can with our children,” said Jennifer’s mother, Linda. “Because we don’t know how long we have. I am very proud of her.”

The Personal Element

MARK BOOTHBY



trees and shrubs and rake leaves." Home Depot also donated a garage door to one elderly couple, according to Mark. NNU students have also been a great help with the project and have made a tremendous impact, he said. "A lot of students don't know about North Nampa," Mark said, adding that most have preconceived stereotypes, which he delights in dispelling. "These are real people living in an area that they truly love," he said. Mark's personal conviction is obvious. He uses phrases like "redemptive change" and "Christ-like behavior" as he speaks. "We're doing the right thing," he said.

Project will help residents spruce up their homes

For NNU Resident Director Mark Boothby it's personal, not just business. Mark has been making the newspapers lately with his efforts to bring a sense of pride back to North Nampa by cleaning yards and painting homes that residents are unable to maintain.

"When you're socially responsive because of your Christ-like character, it brings a different element of service."

Last year, Mark answered an advertisement for an internship at the Nampa Urban Renewal Agency and was hired to coordinate efforts to clean up the lowest-income area of Nampa. A 1999 elementary education major at NNU, Mark and his wife, Amy, are both students in the NNU Master of Social Work program.



For Mark, the human element of his profession is the most important. "It's easy to spot problems or issues, but often the overlooked portion of a 'neighborhood issue' is the personal element," Mark said. "North Nampa is not just run-down homes that you drive by on your way to shop in Boise. North Nampa is people – people and families that have lived there for years in some of the only affordable housing they can find."

Mark said that the families targeted by this program include the retired and disabled residents who can not afford to maintain their properties on their own. For the last year and a half, Mark was given a \$30,000 budget per year by the Urban Renewal Agency.

With the hopes of making the money stretch a bit further, he approached businesses like Home Depot. "Home Depot was great," Mark said. "They have teams that do community service and came out and volunteered their time to trim overgrown

"And people from North Nampa are starting to see our investment. You don't just change the look of the neighborhood – you change the atmosphere." Last fall, Mark had the opportunity to teach one of the Freshman Seminar classes, geared toward helping students transition to college. Mark said he brought up questions to encourage them to think about their faith and roles in society. "How do you be socially responsive and Christ-like?" he asked them. "How do you make that Christ-like behavior?" One of the ways is modeled through his project in North Nampa.

More than just another urban renewal project, Mark has brought the face of NNU to the residents of North Nampa and the faces of North Nampa to the students at NNU, proving that finding fulfillment in mission work does not have to mean traveling hundreds or thousands of miles from home.

In 2003, NNU administrators asked themselves what they truly hoped NNU graduates would be able to accomplish in the world as students and graduates. Mark easily exemplifies those attributes in his commitment to serve the needs of North Nampa. For Mark, it isn't about mowing a yard or trimming trees; it runs much deeper. In his chapel address last fall, Mark relayed the parable of the Good Samaritan to the NNU community. "Go and do the same," he said, quoting the words of Jesus. "Compassion is not just reaching down. It is deciding to jump into the ditch, experience the human-ness of the situation, and help the person out from down there."



BECKY SCHIERMEIER

Suffering and the Decision to Choose Joy

As a freshman at NNU two short years ago, Becky Schiermeier could never have guessed how her life would change in a fraction of a second. Bright, vivacious and actively

"Anyone can be a cynic, but you have to choose to be joyful. The gift of joy is free."

involved on campus, Becky, 19, was busy studying to be a nurse and set to be a resident assistant in the fall of her sophomore year. That summer, however, Becky's life changed when an accident froze the campus community and left Becky fighting for her life.

On the night of June 3, 2003, Becky, her brother Russell, 20, and sister Katrina, 14, were out jogging and riding bicycles. Becky, who was jogging, was hit when her brother misjudged her position in the darkness. Both Becky and Russell were knocked unconscious. As Katrina ran for help, a couple with a cell phone spotted the accident and called 911. Within the hour, Becky was airlifted to Boise from Gooding County Memorial Hospital where a coma was induced to help reduce the swelling on her brain. Twenty-three days later, doctors brought Becky out of the coma and she began the long and arduous task of recovery.

Relearning to talk and walk, Becky has faced daily challenges but has kept her faith and her sense of humor. Using first sign language and then speaking in slow but understandable speech, Becky's remarkable recovery includes a return

to NNU this year to continue in the nursing program she began as a freshman in 2002. Last fall Becky addressed the NNU community during chapel to tell her story and help raise the awareness of those with brain injuries and, on a much deeper level, all those who suffer. She brought tears to the eyes of many and had to stop several times herself as the tears flowed. Her speech was slow, but deliberate. "It's difficult," she said. "It's difficult to be here. As I recover, I see more things that I lack. And I ask myself, 'What is God's purpose for suffering?'" As Becky spoke, she told the audience that she believes that part of God's purpose is to have us turn to him in times of pain. "God would not have us run away from him when troubles come," she said. "He wouldn't have us run away from him but to him." Out of those sufferings and dependence on God comes



hope and faith, she continued. "God plants the seeds of hope in our heart that produce faith in him. His ways are much higher than our ways," she said.

In her ethics class, Becky said that she is learning that wanting what we don't have and not wanting what we do have seems to be part of the human condition. "That's the trick," she said. "You have to choose joy. It doesn't just come. Anyone can be a cynic, but you have to choose to be joyful. The gift of joy is free."

On Sat., Nov. 27, the NNU Psychology Club and Honor Society Psi Chi hosted the Becky Schiermeier Walk/Run to help benefit the Becky Schiermeier trust fund and the Brain Injury Association of Idaho. Nearly 100 people participated, raising close to three thousand dollars. Becky, who has joyfully chosen to maintain her sense of humor, encouraged everyone to participate in the walk and was herself at the front of the starting line.

Becky is shown above left with her roommate Kara Johnson who helped organize the Becky Schiermeier Walk/Run.

News By Decade

1940s

John Dick (46) is in his 51st year of full-time law practice and enjoying every minute. In May, the mayor and city council of Chandler, Ariz., proclaimed "John Dick Day" as John was honored for his long-time commitment to the community.

Dr. Jack D. Burke (48) is director emeritus of the International Student and Scholar Services Office at the University of Houston and serves as an international consultant and coordinator for the Christian Special Interest Group of NAFSA, an association of international educators. Jack and his wife, D'Ann, live in Houston.

1950s

Rev. Norm -58- and Carol (Brittain) (58) Stueckle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2004.

George Zickefoose, Sr. -59- has retired after 12 years of teaching/administration in public schools followed by 33 years on staff in three churches—Denver Southside, Seattle Aurora and Meridian Valley Shepherd. George and Jan will be teaching in a two-room school for missionary kids, grades 1-8, in Kudjip, Papua New Guinea, this school-year under the auspices of Nazarenes in Volunteer Service.

1960s

Merton Thornton -62- is enjoying his retirement by flying and singing in a Barbershop Gospel Quartet and a Barbershop Chorus.

1970s

Rebecca (Duke) Cline -71- recently became the director of a child care center that has 200+ children ages 3 months to 12 years.

Jim -72- & Judy (Eldridge) -72- Dodge retired in 2003 and began voyaging throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northern British Columbia on board their sailing vessel, Pacific Dream. Jim has published articles about their journey

for a North American sailing magazine. Their off-season home is Canby, Ore.

Dr. Lynette (Hehn) Hill -73- recently joined the NNU faculty as director of its new online reading master's program, following a ten-year stint as Idaho's English/language arts specialist. Lynette joins her husband, Reg, a long-time NNU English professor.

Mary Luhn -76- After 24 years in Othello, Wash., Mary has moved to Clarkston, Wash., to teach high school math at Clarkston High School.

Rev. Carlton Harvey -77- and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 6, 2004.

Patricia (Carlson) Salisbery -78- and her husband, Kent, have completed NewStart Assessment in Kansas City and have been approved to pastor a NewStart church in Arvada, Colorado. Their home church, Lakewood Nazarene, will be the mother church.

1980s

Dorothy Herring-de la Iglesia -80- has recently authored *How to Set Your Children Up for Success*. Dorothy has also founded her own design company and been involved in the Business Development Council for the State of Washington. She was awarded a National Small Business leadership Award in 2002 at a White House Dinner. She lives in Seattle with her husband and daughter.

Shinri Nishimura -82- recently returned from a nine-month tour in Iraq. He enjoyed tremendous ministry there.

Gary O'Neill -83- and his wife, Denise, have moved to Manchester, England, with daughters Paige and Christian to pursue graduate degrees in theology. In October, they were inducted as pastors of the Norfolk Park Church of the Nazarene in Sheffield, England.

Carrie (Childers) Graf -86-, husband Todd, and kids Carlee and Cameron moved to Tennessee in August. Carrie is now the job cost accountant at Wright Industries, an engineering/manufacture of specialized machinery—the same position she held in 1994 before moving to Colorado.

Craig -86- and Linda (Goldsmith) -86- Hunnel have pastored the Church of the Nazarene in Tomah for four years. They recently celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary with their kids: Aaron, Kristin, Sarah, William and C.J.

Kevin Edgerton -87- and his wife, Alice, would appreciate your prayers as they make plans to serve in Central Asia and for the process of registering their NGO.

Dr. Tom Oord -88- recently had his book *Science of Love: The Wisdom of Well-Being* published by Templeton Press. The book explores the nascent field that investigates the multiple issues affecting our understanding of love, hypotheses proposed by science, and doctrines of theology. Information on the book can be found at the publisher's website: http://www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=73.

Dan -88- & Dawn (Bolton) (92) Paull. Dan was promoted to senior auditor in July. He has been with the Fuels Tax Office for 14 years. Dan and Dawn celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary in September. Their son, Donovan, is in the third grade this year.

Eric Manchester -89- was recently married to Paula Jones. He now enjoys watching stepson David play football and also teaches philosophy at Caldwell College in New Jersey.

1990s

Ron -90- and Susie (Stromdahl) -90- Zimmer. After eight years on staff in Kent, Wash., as youth pastors, Ron and Susie have moved to Chico, Calif., where Ron is senior pastor.

Roxie (Broomfield) Wellington -90- successfully defended her dissertation for an Ed.D. at the University of Idaho.

James -93- and Kimberly (Traver) -93- Fitts live in Milwaukie, Ore., with their three children, Connor, Caleb and Madalynn. James is a branch manager of U.S. Bank, and Kimberly is a stay-at-home mom.

David Winkleman -93- and wife Heidi lost their daughter Alison, 5, last July after two years of battling a brain tumor.

Christopher Murray -96- is working as a chaplain at the Salvation Army Corp in Boise and battling leukemia. He is scheduled to receive a bone marrow transplant in June and is in the process of raising funds to cover expenses. Chris can be contacted at 208-338-9645 or christopher_murray@usw.salvationarmy.org. An account has also been set up through Wells Fargo in his name for donations.

Jody -97- and Sheryll (Rulloda) -03- Hampton. Jody graduated with honors from Nazarene Theological Seminary in May with a master's degree in divinity. He serves as the youth pastor for First Church of the Nazarene in Lee's Summit, Mo. Sheryll continues to work at Nazarene Theological Seminary as the library cataloger.

Andrew -97- and Kristina (Hedstrom) -95- Zirschky have relocated to Princeton, N.J., where Andrew is in Master of Divinity studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. Kristina works for Drama Kids International, a confidence-building drama program for children.

2000

Emily (Rogers) Allen -00- graduated from NNU in May with her Master of Science in community counseling.

Sonja Wold -01- received her master's degree from Eastern Washington University and is teaching at Community Christian Academy in Lacey, Wash.

Molly Bales -04- is in Palermo, Italy, working with university students on the island of Sicily.

Erik -04- and Shelley (De Boer) -04- Eilers live in Clarkston, Wash. where Shelley teaches geometry and applied

Milestones



First row from left:
Henry Read Peirce
Bethsada Rose Rotz
Riley Mae Nutting &
Ashlyn

Second row from left:
Aidan Reid
Elizabeth Lande
Franklin Magnaghi

Third row from left:
Grant & Garrett Smith
Twins: Tove Teodor &
Koen Bjorn Schweizer

Marriages

Tamara McCoy -99- & Benjamin Moore on April 2, 2004 in Boise, Idaho

Erik Kjosness -02- & Michelle Hussong -02- on April 24, 2004 in Centralia, Wash.

Charles (Rick) Rossow -95- & Rebecca Galloway -99- on May 1, 2004 in Centralia, Wash.

Josh McKim -03- & Melissa Mynett on May 1, 2004 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Chad Moody -03- & Keri Durbin -03-

math in Lewiston, Idaho, and Erik is the activity director for a retirement home.

Carrie Hayes -04- is in Seattle serving with Americorps. She is working in an alternative program with middle school students and tutors in an after-school program.

on June 19, 2004 in Boise, Idaho

Lori White -83- & John Neely on June 19, 2004 in Missouri, Mont.

Jody Wesche -74- & David Fullmer on June 20, 2004

Heidi Jorgenson -99- & Mischa Sorbo on June 26, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska

Eric Manchester -89- & Paula Jones on June 26, 2004 in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Michelle Phillips -01- and Erik Dye on July 5, 2003 in Ridgefield, Wash.



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Zach Marble -04- & Sarah Orias -04- on July 31, 2004 in Salem, Ore.

Aimee Jordet -01- and Ryan Campbell on Aug. 14, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska

Lori Best -01- & Kris Bocking on Sept. 5, 2004 in Boise, Idaho

Michael Gile -00- & Jill Moseley -00- on Sept. 25, 2004 in Sequim, Wash.

Carrie Ann Gilbert -01- & Java Toy on Nov. 26, 2004 in Lakeland, Fla.

Births

Kelsea Grace Jing-Lei on June 30, 2003 and adopted by Roger -92- and Erin (Sullivan) -92- Kadey on Aug. 17, 2004, joining sisters Kylie and Kara.

Elizabeth Lynne on Oct.1, 2003 to Travis -00- and Norma (Thompson) -00- Lande.

Franklin Raymond on Feb. 1, 2004 to Kevin and Christina (Butler) -98- Magnaghi, joining sister Naomi.

Aidan Reid on Feb. 15, 2004 to Josh (94) and Lindsay (Jamison) (95) Peppard.

Kenna Joy on March 4, 2004 to Jessie -01- and Jeni Franklin.

Lora Glaphre' on March 8, 2004 to Mark -85- and Christa (Daniels) -92- Woodward, joining brother William.

Karlyn Kennedy on March 15, 2004 to Kevin -94- and Camrynne (Beadles) -95- Six, joining brother Colton.

Broderick Luke on April 19, 2004 to Darren -90- and Michelle (Hurn) -91- Mc Kenzie, joining siblings Simon, Katie and Genevieve.

Drew Jackson on April 24, 2004 to David -01- and Christi (Peterson) -98- Arnold, joining brother Christopher.

Macy Jane on April 25, 2004 to Joe and Heather (Holliman) -94- Bettis, joining sister McKenna.

Tyler James on May 14, 2004 to T.J. (00) and Kristen (Jacobsen) (00) Rabe.

Mark on June 3, 2004 to Andrew and Shellie (Smitherman) -91- Petersen, joining sister Kendall.

Madison Linn on June 20, 2004 to Ron -94- and Heidi (Ackley) -94- Curtis, joining brother Bradley.

Kera Renae on June 20, 2004 to Erik and Kendra (Jennings) -99- Maurer, joining sister Lindsay.

David Clifford on June 26, 2004 to Markus -91- and Lorilee (Harding) -92- Ballard, joining brother Lucas.

Riley Mae on June 26, 2004 to Randall -96- and Amy (Watson) -97- Nutting, joining sister Ashlyn.

Kadee Joy on July 21, 2004 to Chris -04- and Stephanie (Wirick) -01- Tiner.

Erin Elizabeth on July 28, 2004 to Chris and Merri (Tollen) -92- Coulter.

Elizabeth Hope on Aug. 4, 2004 to Mark -83- and Tracy Johnson, joining sisters Kathryn and Allison, and brother Steven.

Victoria Rose on Aug. 17, 2004 to Don -03- and Elizabeth (Corlett) -03- Belisle.

Eben Ray on Aug. 20, 2004 to Timothy -98- and Stacie (Messick) -98- Frank, joining sister Kaylee.

Tove Teodor and Koen Bjorn on Aug. 20, 2004 to Hans and Lisa (Guy) -99- Schweizer.

Elijah Aaron on Aug. 24, 2004 to Todd -97- and Janna (Kern) -99- Puckett.

Jeremiah Wesley on Aug. 25, 2004 to

Nathan -99- and Becky (Wornell) -00- Mason.

Keanna Gabrielle on Aug. 27, 2004 to Jody -97- and Sheryll (Rulloda) -00- Hampton.

Cody James on Sept. 2, 2004 to Ryan and Kerri (Locke) -90- Van de Wetering, joining brother Tyler.

William Guy on Sept. 9, 2004 to Marc -97- and Elizabeth (Herrick) -98- Simmons, joining sister Laurel.

Stuart Michael on Sept. 21, 2004 to Stephen and Laurissa (Hurst) -02- Deininger.

Henry Read on Oct. 7, 2004 to Jon and Kristen (Dalton) -95- Peirce, joining sister Havah.

Ashton James on Oct. 22, 2004 to Trent and Mary (Kessel) -95- Redman, joining brother Brady.

Deaths

Laurel Ruth Tracy-Falk -73- on March 5, 2004, Madison, Wis.

Kathryn (Longanecker) Hurley -60- on June 26, 2004, Portland, Ore.

Lori (Lake) Simmons -89- on July 28, 2004 in Nampa, Idaho

Arthur Manchester -55- on Sept. 3, 2004 in Portland, Ore.

Bernard Seaman -35- and professor emeritus, on Oct 1, 2004 in Nampa, Idaho

Doris (Rodman) Jewett -47- on Nov. 17, 2004 in Portland, Ore.

Brian Plopper -90- on Nov. 22, 2004 in Staples, Minn.

Roberta Arnesen, wife of Trustee Brad Arnesen, on Nov. 29, 2004 in Yakima, Wash.

What IS the University Fund?

The University Fund (along with tuition, church education budgets, endowment income, etc.) is one lifeline of the NNU general operating budget. Funded by unrestricted gifts to the university - gifts not designated for another specific use - the University Fund bridges the gap between the actual cost of delivering Christian education and revenue received from student tuition, helping to keep tuition more affordable.

Why GIVE to the University Fund?

Your gifts to the University Fund are distributed each year to areas of greatest need, such as institutional student scholarships; residence hall maintenance; campus security, salaries for faculty and staff – needs not commonly in the “bells and whistles” category or “heartstrings” stuff, but still crucial to the functioning of the university. The University Fund helps keep the promise made more than 90 years ago by NNU founder Eugene Emerson, to develop Christ-like character and academic excellence in the lives of our students.

Where does the UNIVERSITY FUND CAMPAIGN fit in?

As President Hagood said during the “Fulfilling the Promise” campaign launch at the 2004 President’s Donor Appreciation Dinner, keeping promises can be costly. NNU now faces a need to complete a number of essential infrastructure needs as we prepare for students of the 21st century, including projects such as:

- Residence hall air-conditioning and sprinkler systems,
- Sidewalk and street repair,
- Paving of student parking lots,
- Replacement of aging sewer lines,
- Campus security enhancements,
- Technology upgrades, and several academic initiatives.

Over and above the normal University Fund portion of the budget cycle, the University Campaign to raise a minimum of \$1,000,000 in undesignated gifts by March 2006 will help address these critical infrastructure needs, keeping our promise.

Who are University Fund DONORS?

Teachers, construction workers, bankers, pastors, doctors, retirees, NNU faculty and staff, businesses, foundations – University Fund donors come from all walks of life. From Alaska to Hawaii, University Fund donors live throughout the United States and around the world. 1920 alumnus Dr. Louise Chapman gave to the University Fund, as has 2004 graduate Bodie Jones. The common bond among both NNU friends and alumni is a desire to help NNU keep her promise to students.

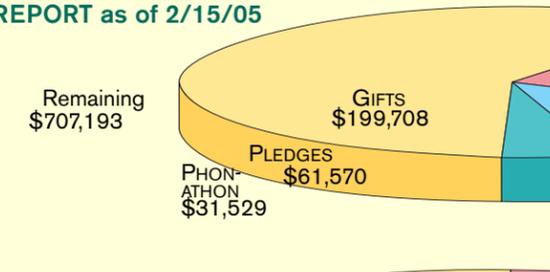
Presently 76 donors are 2004-05 President’s Associates, each giving \$1,000 or more to the University Fund this fiscal year.

How can YOU PARTICIPATE in the PROMISE?

NNU supporters Monty and Anne Ortman (see p. 7) were so moved by the needs presented at the President’s Dinner, they committed to match dollar for dollar up to \$1,000,000 every gift given to this campaign.

In his November 2004 letter to constituents, President Hagood reminded us that we each can make a promise, and that promises made at God’s direction, based on faith in his provision, are destined for fulfillment. As of Feb. 15, friends of Northwest Nazarene University have responded to this challenge with close to \$300,000 already given or promised to the University Fund Campaign:

CAMPAIGN REPORT as of 2/15/05



From \$10 to \$10,000 and more, EVERY gift is helping to build the NNU of the future, Fulfilling the Promise!

For additional information or to make a contribution, contact Linda Nicholson, University Fund Director: 866-467-8987 / 208-467-8425 or llnicholson@nnu.edu.

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KING Verne Ward IV, Papua New Guinea; QUEEN Noelle West, Eagle River, AK;
Sam Fleischmann, Vancouver, WA; Roni Field, Pomeroy, WA;

Front row L to R: Jeb Anderson, Nampa, ID; Claire Griffith, Olympia, WA; Matt Bruce, Pleasant Hill, CA; Janee Mestrovich, Nampa, ID; Marc Herring, Spokane, WA; Ashley Strickler, Bothell, WA



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