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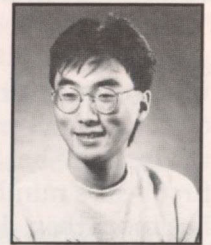
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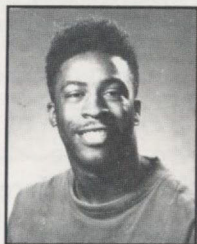
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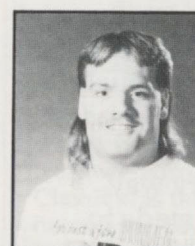
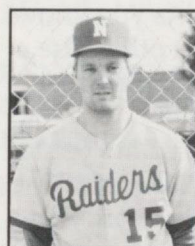
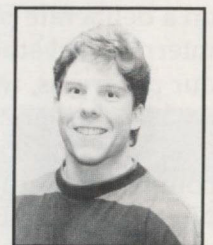
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## Your Average Joe?



## A look at the "typical" Northwestern student





## International Education – Northwestern style

Northwestern has long had an international dimension. For the most part, international student enrollment has been generated by individual and missionary contacts. More recently, really since 1985, there has been an intentional effort to develop an international program at NWC. It was then that the college began a Summer Institute for International Students. Under the able guidance of Dr. Lyle Vander Werff, professor of religion and director of international programs, the institute has flourished. The first year's number of 17 students has more than doubled, and what was once an almost exclusively summer experience is now often a prerequisite to at least a year of academic work at Northwestern College. Many international students complete their entire baccalaureate experience at NWC.

With the Summer Institute as a foundation, NWC has embarked on a deliberate plan to attract international students. As with all our programs, what we do, we wish to do well. Currently 67 students from 15 different countries are studying at Northwestern. In a student body of 1,000, the campus community and Orange City can assimilate this number well and provide mutually beneficial experiences for all of our students.

Providing a quality experience for international students requires a very real commitment on the part of the institution. Involved are international scholarships, compliance with immigration and employment regulations, academic advising, social and spiritual counseling, special courses, and roommate and host family assignments. In every way possible, an effort is made to integrate international students

into the life and fiber of the institution. The formation of a Coordinating Council for International Programs/Students has aided in this process. Membership includes Ron De Jong (admissions), Dr. Robert Zwier (vice president for academic affairs), Becky King (director of student ministries and multi-cultural education), Dr. Doug Carlson (faculty adviser to the International Club), Anita Vogel (host family coordinator), Dr. Ray Weiss (special academic adviser), and myself. Lyle Vander Werff chairs the committee.

International students benefit from a quality, undergraduate academic experience. All are aware of the Christian dimension at Northwestern and, in fact, likely choose NWC because of it. Many are introduced to the Christian faith for the first time while others are nurtured in the faith. Over the years many have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In addition, they have experienced another culture, especially in the homes of host families and the presence of American roommates. American students are enriched by the attendance of students from different cultures. Considerable global understanding develops and lasting friendships are made. And even as area communities have opened their businesses, churches, homes and hearts to this international dimension, they have likewise benefitted. As you know, northwest Iowa is not otherwise a geographic melting pot of ethnic and cultural diversity!

Our immediate goals are not to attract more international students, but rather to continue to provide a quality experience for the approxi-

mate numbers now represented and to mutually benefit from their presence. We would wish for additional diversity among the countries represented and would be pleased, too, if our North American students would more frequently choose to study abroad. Faculty exchanges would likewise be beneficial.

Detailed elsewhere in this issue is a Pacific Rim trip which Professor Vander Werff, my wife Martie, and I took early this summer. It was a broadening



NWC President James Bultman, accompanied by wife Martie in the front row and Dr. Lyle Vander Werff in the back, in a formal pose with officials of Keiwa College in Shibata City, Japan.

experience. Educators are held in such high regard there. I have never been treated this well before and don't expect to be again — but it was nice while it lasted! The trip was very successful and the reciprocation of earlier Japanese visits here was both necessary and enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to publicly acknowledge the exceptional work of Lyle Vander Werff. He has been both the architect and builder of our international program. More than any other single factor, it has been his vision and energy which God has used as an instrument for furthering this dimension of His kingdom work. All of us are indebted to Lyle for his tireless and fruitful efforts.

## LETTERS

### Pranks revisited

I thoroughly enjoyed your Spring *Classic*, especially your article on Pranks 101. I must submit, however, a few corrections concerning the "parachuting mice" escapade.

Although Heemie second floor shares a boisterous reputation, Heemie basement actually pulled off this wry caper. In addition, three gerbils (vice two mice) were launched from the chapel's attic through a hole where a stage light was once fitted. The gerbils were attached to parachutes fashioned from plastic wrapping used by the drycleaners to protect newly pressed clothes. Finally, the scroll that preceded the gerbils actually read "Seasons Greetings From Airborne 101."

Don Bacon '84  
Tucson, Ariz.

Rev. Walter Pickup and I had a chance to reminisce about "the best chapel prank ever" and seem to recall a few different details. For some strange reason I think you might want to believe our version!

Dr. Steve Pederson (not Roy

Anker) was the speaker that day. Ten minutes into chapel a whistle was blown and then three (not two) gerbils (not mice) came parachuting down. The parachutes were made of lightweight plastic from a drycleaners (not handkerchief material). Then a scrolled sign came unrolling down (not attached to the gerbils) reading "Happy Holidays from the 121st Airborne and Heemy B" (not Merry Christmas or Heemie second). As the gerbils hit the floor they tried to run, but due to the harness holding their chutes on they could not move very far. They were all picked up and safely returned to the pet store later that day. They did float down beautifully and it was quite a sight to witness.

Dr. Steven Beals '83  
Montevideo, Minn.

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On this particular morning (in 1912) I had gone to English class. No sooner had I opened my book when an eraser hit my shoulder. I grabbed it, turned around and threw at one of the boys. Soon erasers were flying all across the room with accompanying laughter and giggles. As our instructor entered the room an eraser hit him in the chest. He was furious and demanded that all students who had thrown erasers stand up. He then declared that the six of us would be expelled for the entire day. To our dismay, we understood that this would reflect on our grades.

As we gathered together outdoors we were rather sad when one of the boys said, "Why don't we hike over to the depot and see the train come in?" As we reached the station my father came out of the depot. I was afraid that Father might scold me but when we explained what had happened he suggested that I go home and help Mother with the ironing.

Ruth (Dykstra '15) Rozeboom  
Rock Rapids, Iowa

## We Need Your Help!

As a Northwestern alum, you're an important resource in the student recruitment process. One of the best things you can do for NWC is to tell high school students and their parents, teachers and youth leaders about your Northwestern experience. You can also help by passing on names of students who you feel can benefit from and contribute to NWC's quality education.

Below is a list of NWC admissions representatives and the territories they cover. Contact them at 712-737-4821 if you know of prospective students from their areas.

Ron De Jong, Director-International students, except Canadians  
Mark Bloemendaal, Associate Director-All Transfers, ID, MT, ND, NV, UT, WY  
Laura De Boer, Assistant Director-CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, Washington, DC  
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Kris Korver, Admissions Counselor-AK, AZ, CA, HI, OR, WA  
Dan Van Gorp, Admissions Counselor-IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, VA, WV  
Perry Krosschell, Admissions Counselor-Canada, AL, FL, GA, LA, MN, MS, NC, SC, SD, TN, WI

All representatives have Iowa territories. Call for more information.

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## Fall Convocation honors Mouw '59

Dr. Richard Mouw, a 1959 Northwestern graduate who will become president of Fuller Theological Seminary next July, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from NWC at the Fall Convocation Aug. 25. Mouw also gave the convocation address.



Dr. Richard Mouw

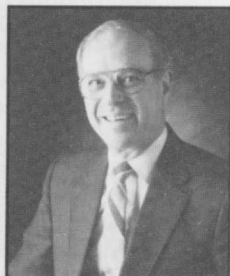
Widely known as an evangelical philosopher and theologian, Mouw is the author of eight books. His most recent work, *Uncommon Decency*, was published this year by InterVarsity Press. Mouw joined Fuller's faculty as a professor of Christian philosophy and ethics in 1985 after 17 years on the faculty of Calvin College. He became Fuller's provost and senior vice president in 1989 and was named president-elect earlier this year.

Mouw, who was chosen as one of NWC's Centennial Year Honored Alumni in 1982, received a bachelor's degree from Houghton College, a master's from the University of Alberta and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Chicago.

## Faculty laurels

A book by Dr. Charles Hill, assistant professor of religion, was published this summer by Oxford University Press. *Regnum Caelorum, Patterns of Future Hope in Early Christianity* looks at early Christian eschatology. The book specifically examines what early writers believed about the millennium and the intermediate state of the soul after death. The work is an outgrowth of Hill's doctoral dissertation at the University of Cambridge.

The Rev. Ray Weiss, associate professor of religion, has received his Ph.D. in intercultural studies from the Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission.



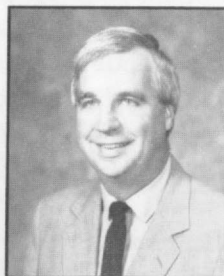
Dr. Ray Weiss

Dr. Ronald Takalo, associate professor of Spanish, made several presentations to Japanese teachers of English this summer while on sabbatical in Japan. He led

workshops on communicative language activities and spoke on current trends in teaching English as a Second Language. He also taught Spanish and English at Okinawa Christian Junior College.

Also making presentations at conferences recently were Dr. Orvin Otten of the physical education faculty and Bill Boote, sports information director. Otten talked about micro-computer applications in PE at the district convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Des Moines. Boote discussed "Surviving in the One-Man Shop" at the College Sports Information Directors of America convention in Lexington, Ky.

Wayne Kooiker, vice president for financial affairs, has completed the program at the Graduate School of Banking on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Kooiker studied a variety of business-related topics during the summers of the last three years.



Wayne Kooiker

*Theatre Crafts* magazine published an article by Jeff Taylor, associate professor of theatre and speech. "The Best Sheet Lightning Around or Merlyn's Lightning Machine" describes the sheet lightning invention Taylor and Merlyn Jasper developed for the lightning effect in NWC's spring play, "The Foreigner." Two other members of the theatre faculty, Jeff and Karen Barker, presented music and original drama at the Reformed Church Women's Triennial in Estes Park, Colo.

Dr. Robert Lay, assistant professor of religion, has been invited by the editorial board of *Christian Education Journal* to serve as general editor for a special theme issue on critical thinking skills.

An article by two Northwestern business/economics professors, "Recession and Hope," was printed in the June issue of *The Church Herald*. Dr. Eric Elder and Dr. Dave Mulder wrote about several positive aspects of the American economy in that article.

## New program

Northwestern has begun a cooperative 2+2 nursing program with Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill. Students would study at NWC for two years before transferring to Trinity

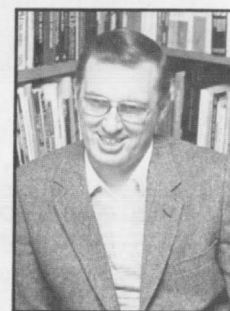
Christian. After two years at the Illinois school, they would receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Trinity Christian.

## Summer Institute

More than 30 students attended Northwestern's eighth annual Summer Institute for International Students in July and August. The internationals studied English as a Second Language and the Gospel of John, and received a cross-cultural encounter with Mid-America through field trips and host family relationships. The Summer Institute participants came from Japan, Taiwan, Bahrain, Korea, Malaysia, Bangladesh, China and Hong Kong.

## Nelson murderer receives sentence

The man convicted of murdering Dr. Ronald Nelson, professor of history and humanities at NWC from 1974-85, has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. That decision was reached at a new sentencing hearing in May, according to a report in *The Banner*.



Dr. Ronald Nelson

Charles Hayes was convicted in 1986 of shooting and killing Dr. Nelson during a robbery in the parking lot of Chicago's Roseland Christian Ministries Center on a Sunday afternoon in March 1985. Hayes was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

After the case was appealed, the Illinois Supreme Court upheld Hayes' armed robbery and murder conviction but overturned his death sentence. The court ruled that the judge had improperly considered the crime's location as a factor in his sentence. The court also questioned the admissibility of victim impact testimony by Nelson's son Roger '82.

Ronald Nelson is remembered by colleagues as a serious scholar with wide interests and a quiet, unassuming man of faith who was very active in working for social justice. The Ronald R. Nelson Scholars and Artists in Residence Program honors this professor who made a significant impact on the NWC community.

## Progress seen in master's program

Eight students have graduated from Northwestern's Master of Arts degree in elementary education program since its inception in 1988. Another 10 students are at various points in their final projects.

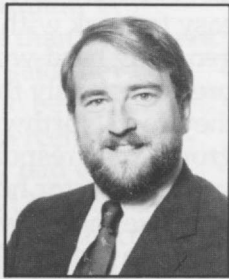
Judy Vander Wilt, assistant professor of education, is the new director of the program following Dr. George Stickel's departure to Kennesaw State College in Georgia. "We're finding that students are feeling very empowered by what they've learned in the program. They realize that they can improve their instructional effectiveness in the classroom," Vander Wilt says.

Most students are from northwest Iowa, but the program's integration of Christian faith and learning appeals to other individuals as well. "We are primarily a summer program, so we're finding that people who live in other areas and are able to come to Orange City in the summer can complete the program by transferring in some credits from an institution close to them," comments Vander Wilt.

With some refinements made to the curriculum this summer—particularly relating to the research process—Northwestern is strengthening what was already a solid educational program. For more information about the master's degree program, contact Vander Wilt at (712) 737-4821.

## New board member

The Rev. Kenneth Schlichenmeyer of Cape Coral, Fla., has been appointed to Northwestern's board by the Reformed Church in America's Florida Classis. He will attend his first board meeting Oct. 12-13.



Rev. Kenneth Schlichenmeyer

Schlichenmeyer has been on the pastoral staff of Community Reformed Church in Fort Myers since 1986. He was the director of Christian education at Orange City's Trinity Reformed Church from 1983-86. The new board member received a bachelor's degree from Bethany College and the M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary.

## Carver Scholars

Three NWC students have been selected 1992-93 Carver Scholars by the Iowa College Foundation. They are: Jeff Palmer, a senior social work major from

Sioux City; Jody Rossell, a junior psychology and philosophy major from Griswold; and Joline Schultz, a Pomeroy senior majoring in business administration.

The three are among 54 scholarship recipients from Iowa independent colleges and universities. The program, resulting from a grant by The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, is designed to help students who demonstrate the desire to succeed by overcoming significant social, economic and psychological obstacles to work toward a college degree. The Carver Scholarships average \$7,200 this year.

## Students receive national honors

Senior English major Carla (Carlson) Hibma of Odebolt has received honorable mention honors in a national writing contest. She was a runner-up in the Heath Student Essay contest, which was sponsored by the editorial board of the *Heath Anthology of American Literature*. Hibma's paper, "Visions of the American Indian in Oskison's 'The Problem of Old Harjo' and Faulkner's 'A Courting,'" was written for American Literature II last spring.

National recognition came to Laura Bleeker, a 1992 Magna Cum Laude graduate from Sioux Center, at the conclusion of the track season. The biology-health professions major and sprinter received NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors at the NAIA national meet and later was selected for the GTE/CoSida District Seven Academic All-American second team.



Laura Bleeker

## Japanese delegation visits community

Nineteen business and professional leaders of Shibata City, Japan, visited NWC and Orange City on July 17. The Japanese delegation sought to explore the ways colleges relate to their neighboring communities. The visitors continued their quest on later trips to Boston and the Scotland cities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews.

Shibata City is the home of Keiwa College, a Christian college of about 600 students that opened in 1991. Keiwa President Muneharu Kitagaki and Shibata Mayor Torahiko Kon were among the

delegation. Dr. Kitagaki had visited Orange City twice before, once with another group from Shibata investigating a sister city relationship with Orange City and again for five weeks last year as a participant in NWC's Summer Institute for International Students.

## Summer experiences



Scott Murray examines cells on his summer research project at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacology.

Six NWC students, with majors ranging from communication studies to sociology, received practical experience in the workplace through internships over the summer. Internship sites included WYMG-FM, Springfield, Ill.; Hillside Children's Center, Rochester, N.Y.; Lutheran Social Services, Ames; *The Church Herald*, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Los Angeles County Bureau of Investigation; and KXKT Radio, Omaha.

Two junior chemistry and biology majors, Teresa Mesman of Springfield, S.D., and Scott Murray of Moville, were chosen to participate in summer research projects as part of the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program. Mesman worked at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on a project relating to DNA replication proteins. Murray's research at the University of Iowa explored the field of cellular and molecular endocrinology, focusing on two pituitary hormones.



# Your Average Joe?

What are the Northwestern students of 1992 like? Their Nike shoes, Pepe jeans and Liz Claiborne sweaters may be different from your college-time wardrobe, but the students themselves are in many ways similar to those of your generation. As in the past, strong majorities of NWC students are Christians, from small Upper Midwest towns, and part of traditional two-parent families.

Yet as Northwestern has progressed from an academy of 100 students, to a junior college, and then to a four-year liberal arts college of more than 1,000 students, the make-up of its student body also has broadened. While NWC once was almost exclusively

## *A look at the "typical" Northwestern student*

by Duane Beeson  
Cartoons by Dan Van Beek '92

Statistics for this story were taken from four sources: the campus Quality of Life survey distributed to all Northwestern students last fall; enrollment information from the registrar's office; the Cooperative Institution Research Program (CIRP) survey filled out by last year's NWC freshmen; and the ACT Entering Student Survey filled out in the fall of 1990 by the freshman class.

The comparison group, when mentioned, refers to other four-year Protestant colleges with medium selectivity that also participated in the CIRP study.

25 denominations. (The percentage of students from the Reformed Church in America was at 38.2 last fall and has remained fairly constant for the last several years.)

A look at several statistics and surveys of NWC students, augmented by interviews with faculty/staff, provides an interesting portrait of the "typical" NWC student. As you read ahead, you'll probably notice both similarities and differences from the Northwestern students you remember.

### **Background**

For most Northwestern students, the small-town and small-school environment is not new. More than 88 percent of the NWC freshmen in 1990 graduated from a high school class of fewer than 200. In fact, 67 percent were from a class of fewer than 100. Last fall's enrollment

figures showed that 30 percent of NWC students were from Sioux County, 55 percent from northwest Iowa and 71 percent from Iowa.

While Northwestern's percentage of first-generation college students is decreasing, that is still a significant segment of the student body. Forty percent of the fathers of last year's NWC freshmen, and 43 percent of the mothers, have never attended college.

### **Just Plain Nice**

"It sounds almost trite," says Business Professor Phil Patton,

**"Our students are pretty genuine, straight-forward kids who don't try to make you think they are somebody other than whom they are."**

"but students at Northwestern are just basically nice people. They're easy to work with because they're generally hard-working; they take pretty seriously the reason why they're at Northwestern. As a group, they respond well to suggestions for how they might improve themselves." Dr. Michael Yoder in the sociology department describes NWC students as generally "earnest, hard-working, very respectful of authority. They are persons of high moral character."

Authentic and down-to-earth are other descriptions for NWC students. "All my years here I've been impressed by the fact that rarely do you find arrogance," comments Dr. Peter Hansen, member of the chemistry faculty since 1969. "Our students are pretty genuine, straight-forward kids who don't try to make you think they are somebody other than whom they are." Adds



62 percent of last year's NWC freshmen play a musical instrument.

attended by the Dutch from northwest Iowa, international students (hailing from some 15 countries) now make up more than six percent of the student population. More than 20 states are represented, as are approximately

Chaplain Matt Floding, "Students have an open-faced posture toward one another, a lack of snobbishness. They're very friendly and seem very open to talk about issues in their lives with faculty and staff members."



67 percent of Northwestern students have participated in intramural athletics.

### Christian Commitment

Last year, more than 94 percent of NWC students said they consider themselves to be Christians. Additionally, 90 percent of the students said they had grown spiritually while at Northwestern.

The students' Christian commitment is reflected in church attendance—70 percent attend Sunday morning services at least three times a month—and in acts of service toward the less fortunate. "I see students at Northwestern being very open to service," says Dr. Ron Juffer, who joined the education department in 1967. "I don't think kids necessarily have a stronger faith today, but they're more open about sharing it. I've seen that in the classroom and in informal situations."

### Conservative

Students' Christian beliefs understandably influence their morality and personal behavior.



Only 26 percent of last year's NWC freshmen reported drinking beer during their senior year of high school.

The percentage of last year's NWC freshmen who reported drinking beer during their senior year of high school (26 percent) was less than half that of students at similar colleges (54 percent) and nationwide (57 percent). Other indicators of NWC student views on moral issues: Only 11 percent of the 1991 freshmen said sex is OK if the individuals like each other (contrasting with 41 percent of the comparison group and 50 percent nationwide) and 19 percent of the NWC frosh thought abortion should be legal (compared to 58 percent of students at similar schools and the national average of 63 percent).

In political orientation, NWC students described themselves as middle-of-the-road (49 percent of last year's freshmen) or conservative (38 percent). Only 10 percent claimed to be liberals; three percent said they belong in the far right camp.

### Academic Ability

Statistics show that NWC students are academically above average. Sixty-nine percent of the 1991 freshman class said their average high school grade was a B or higher. Forty-three percent of last year's freshmen were in a high school scholastic honor society.

The average ACT score of Northwestern's incoming freshmen

was 23.2 last fall, compared to the state average of 22.8 and the national average of 21.5. The ACT of NWC freshmen has increased steadily from the composite of 21.7 in 1987.

### Involvement

"Northwestern students want to be actively involved in lots of different things," says Dr. Robert Zwier, vice president for academic affairs. "That's been their experience in their small high schools and they want to continue to invest themselves in many activities while in college."

Last year, 84 percent of NWC students said they had been involved in co-curricular activities during their college experience and 74 percent were currently involved.



Northwestern was the college of first choice for 88 percent of the 1991 freshmen.

Dr. Peter Hansen's first impression of NWC students (in 1969) was that they were lazy because he didn't consider them to be very studious. "But since then I realized that they're not sitting and watching TV and goofing off. They're not studying as much as I think they should be, but they have jobs and they devote long





71 percent of Northwestern's 1991 freshmen reported having stayed up all night at least once as a high school senior.

hours to student missions, athletics, Bible studies and so forth," says Hansen.

#### Aspirations

Some call it humility, others say it's provincialism or low self-esteem, but many feel that NWC students don't have as high aspirations for themselves as they

**27 percent of the 1991 NWC freshmen said their mothers are homemakers, contrasting with 17 percent in our comparison group. In addition, 25 percent of the fathers of last year's freshmen are farmers. That contrasts with five percent in the comparison group.**

should. "I think their one weakness," says Phil Patton, "is that they don't realize quite how good they are." Adds Dr. Hansen, "They tend to underestimate their abilities and aim too low, both in terms of their expectations for their college education and in terms of

career aspirations."

Analysis of Northwestern students' responses on the Cooperative Institution Research Program (CIRP) report seems to confirm this. For example, on a list of potential reasons noted as very important for attending college—ranging from becoming more cultured, to getting a better job, to

Only 47 percent of NWC respondents to the CIRP study planned to pursue a higher degree than a bachelor's, compared with 76 percent of the students at similar schools. Over the last 10 years, the number of individuals who go on to attend graduate school immediately after completing their NWC education



Only 47 percent of last year's freshmen said that being very well off is an essential or very important objective for their life.

preparing for graduate school—NWC students indicated each reason at a lower level of frequency than did students at comparable institutions.

In another part of the survey, students specified the skills in which they think they are above average or in the top 10 percent. Potential answers varied from academic ability and popularity to mechanical ability, understanding of others, and competitiveness. In 1991, NWC students rated themselves lower than did the comparison group in every category except cooperativeness. The two previous years, NWC students rated themselves lower in all areas.

has varied from seven to 14 percent.

While low self-image may contribute to low aspirations, the small-town background of so many students is also an important factor. "They just haven't seen as many career options open to them as have students who have grown up in a metropolitan area or in a professional home and rubbed shoulders with people from many different walks of life," says Chaplain Floding.

Because students have had little exposure to the world beyond their hometowns, Northwestern has many programs designed to broaden their horizons. Notable Christian leaders in a variety of



Only 15 percent of last year's NWC freshmen said they had talked about sex in the previous year, contrasting with 33.5 percent of the students from similar colleges.

fields are brought to campus through the Ronald R. Nelson Scholars and Artists in Residence Program. The guests lecture in chapel and classes and interact with students in a variety of situations.

Many opportunities are available for students to study abroad or intern in a metropolitan

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environment. This school year alone, 11 students will intern in Chicago, four will student-teach in an urban Kansas City program, and six will study overseas (in Wales, China, England and Costa Rica). Others will take internships in Los Angeles; Orlando, Fla.; and Washington, D.C.

Also helping students to widen their world-view are required cross-cultural courses; the college's subscription to the SCOLA network, which brings in internation-



Last year, 15 percent of Northwestern's freshmen said chances are very good that they will marry while in college. That is more than double the percentage from our comparison group. In reality, only 10 percent of NWC students are married.

al TV news programs from around the world in the local language; and interaction with the nearly 70 international students on campus. In addition, more than 100 students each year go on service projects over college breaks to inner-city areas and foreign countries.

Northwestern faculty and staff are serious about helping students of the '90s to reach their potential and become leaders in the 21st century. "I see the goal of the college as recognizing what students are like when they come here and then trying to build them into the kinds of people we would like for them to become," says Ron De Jong, admissions director.

"With the curriculum, the programs, and the resources that we have, Northwestern can build on the students' abilities and

**44 percent of last year's NWC freshmen had used a personal computer as a high school senior. That compares to 41 percent of students from similar colleges and 38 percent nationwide.**

attributes and stretch their horizons in terms of their own potential and what they can do for society."



# Ministry from the Mat

by Deborah Menning

A wrestler's typical build, an insatiable love for the sport, a string of honors on the mat - add to these an equally voracious desire to instill Christ into young lives and you have a good measure of Paul Bartlett, NWC wrestling and women's golf coach and assistant professor of physical education.

Exuding physical energy and spiritual depth, Paul is an eight-year veteran of the Northwestern faculty. Although he loves teaching and has an outstanding impact on his student-athletes, education was not his first career choice.

Growing up in East Lansing, Mich., a horticulturist grandfather and a mother who was an avid gardener contributed to his goal to become a landscape architect. The fact that he loved to golf and dreamed of designing golf courses also had an impact.

A junior national wrestling champion in 1971 and '72, Paul finished his senior year in high school as an All-American. The previous year he had finished third in the junior world wrestling championships in Tokyo. All of this brought him a great deal of visibility as a college recruit and basically permitted him to take his pick among the colleges courting him for their wrestling squads.

Iowa State University had two things Paul was looking for in 1972 - a degree program in landscape architecture and the national wrestling title. When ISU offered him a full-ride scholarship, he jumped at the chance to pursue his



Whether in the classroom, on the course with the women's golf team, or by the mat with his wrestlers, NWC professor and coach Paul Bartlett looks for ministry opportunities.

two favorite things.

At that time, Paul says, his whole life was wrapped up in wrestling. He relates, "The Lord humbled me through the ISU wrestling experiences I had during my first two years there. I believe God gave me wrestling and then took it away so I could come to know Him. During my sophomore year, I made a commitment to Christ because of a teammate who had a significant influence on me. Gradually, as I struggled to figure out how my commitment to Christ and wrestling fit together, God helped me to see that wrestling in itself wasn't sinful and that I could glorify Him in it as long as it wasn't first in my life. At that point, He began to give it all back to me through success on the mat as an upperclassman." As a senior, he was second in the Big Eight championships and a

quarterfinalist in the national tournament.

That success continued right through two years as a graduate assistant wrestling coach at ISU, coaching at Drake University, working as the head wrestling coach for two international cultural exchange wrestling teams for Athletes in Action International, and eight years at NWC.

Paul explains that during those early years of success he "...came to see the tremendous opportunity for ministry within wrestling." On his trips with Athletes in Action to Guatemala and Puerto Rico in 1982 and Bolivia in 1986, Paul had opportunities to observe athletes come to Christ in a special way.

He explains, "Athletics is a universal language. I was impressed with the powerful, immediate platform athletics gives for sharing the gospel to people of all walks of life - especially the

youth. We automatically had something in common with the foreign athletes. That was beneficial in establishing rapport and consequently to sharing our faith in Christ."

While he was still at Iowa State, Paul had discovered that working with people and their skills in a way unique to the coaching environment made him happy. He believed that the Lord was leading him toward a teaching career. Although he pursued and earned a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture at Iowa State, the shift in career plans led him to a master's degree in physical education at Drake. Now, he is nearing completion of an Ed.D. in physical education at the University of Arkansas.

Paul still sees that his most effective ministry is in developing rapport with his athletes and being able to work with them on a one-to-one basis. He usually has six to 10 golfers and 20-25 wrestlers. Asked about his goals for his athletes Paul says, "If they don't know Jesus Christ in a personal way, that is the starting point. If they do know Christ, my heart's desire is to help them realize He permeates all aspects of our lives and that they should strive to glorify Him in every area.

"What I find most rewarding in my work is to see growth and accomplishment within these young people. That growth can occur in a lot of different areas. Even seeing an athlete graduate is a very proud moment. And learning that an athlete has committed to Christ is more exciting than coaching an All-American."

Paul should know about that. At Northwestern alone he has coached five All-Americans, a Scholar-Athlete, and 33 national

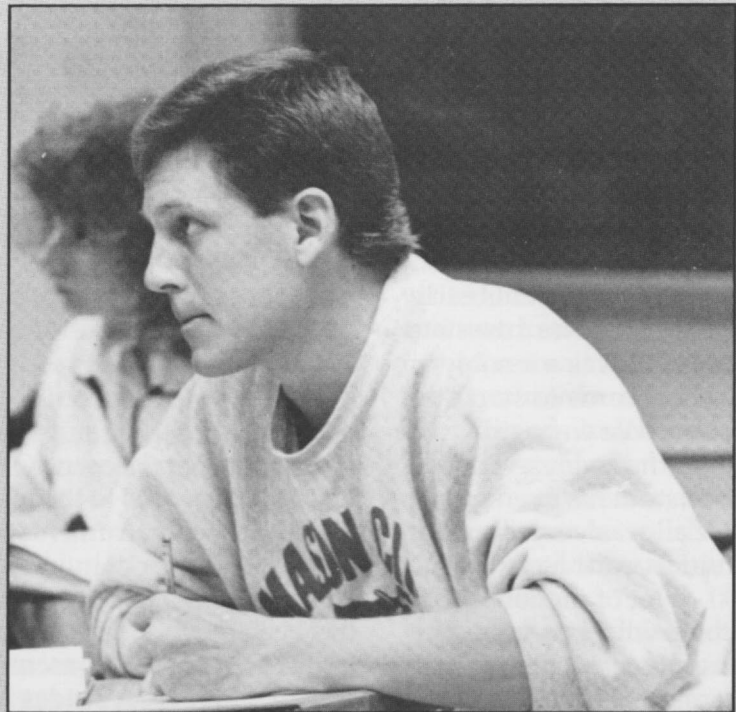
qualifiers. In his recruiting, Paul is concerned about the person each athlete is, in addition to his/her level of talent. He doesn't single out those who are already Christians and says that he isn't afraid of those who are "rough around the edges" because he knows he is bringing them into an environment where those edges can be smoothed and rounded.

For his own part, Paul sets the pace for his student-athletes by taking academics very seriously both as a teacher and as a student himself. He sets an example physically by staying in good form with a variety of activities ranging from racquetball, to golf, to weight

lifting. Within his personal life, he models a quality Christian home life and gives a great deal of credit to his wife, Sharon, whose supportive role enables him to do all the travel his work as a coach and a graduate student entails.

Landscape work still plays a part in Paul's life. Sharon also has a degree in landscape design and works in that field. He manages to do at least one landscape project each year and would love to do more. But overall, Paul has found his niche in teaching and coaching. Instead of designing golf courses, he is building knowledge, skill, character and spiritual sensitivity in his students.

## You Make it Possible



Many students are able to attend Northwestern College because they receive financial aid generated by endowed scholarships.

If you are interested in establishing an endowed scholarship or would like more information about doing so, contact Cornie Wassink, Director of Planned Giving, Northwestern College, 101 7th St. SW, Orange City, IA 51041 (712) 737-4821, Ext. 111.





Dr. Bob Van Citters, far left, installs radio telemetry devices on a giraffe in Kenya. The giraffe was released and his blood pressure and blood flow were tracked by the equipment.

# Matters of the Heart

*Bob Van Citters makes impact  
with cardiovascular research*

by Deborah Menning

If you had seen Bob Van Citters mowing the quad or stoking the furnace at NWJC back in '42 for 35 cents an hour, you might not have given much thought to it. But Bob, who is now professor of medicine/physiology/biophysics and dean emeritus at the University of Washington School of Medicine, feels very strongly about his early days in academia at Northwestern.

Bob relates, "It was a terribly important step for me to start at Northwestern. We were still in the depression in those days. The likelihood of students even going to college at all was very slim. I suppose tuition must have been about \$100 - a lot of money. Arie Vander Stoep, who was more or less the business manager when I was there, made it possible for me to pay off my tuition at that 35-cent an hour job."

As it was, Bob had just gotten a start in academics at NWJC when the call to military service came. In his memory he and his basketball teammates, along with Coach Mert Kraai, all "shipped out at the end

of the season so-to-speak." Bob wound up in the South Pacific for the duration of World War II but picked up his interrupted studies at the University of Kansas in 1946.

By 1953, Bob had earned an M.D. at the University of Kansas Medical Center and was embarked on a long and exciting career as one of the nation's most imaginative and productive cardiovascular physiologists. Bob says that in his own med student days, little of the current technology in heart surgery and health care was known. Open heart surgery was in its infancy. There was no instrumentation to measure heart activity on patients who are up and moving around. It has been during his 30-year career in the field of cardiovascular research that great strides in the treatment of heart disease have led to longer and enhanced lives for thousands of people - and Bob Van Citters has been on the cutting edge of that research.

Serving in a variety of positions at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle since

1958, Bob has had numerous opportunities to do research both in the U.S. and other countries. In 1962, he was a participant in the joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Scientific Exchange Agreement in which he pursued heart research and was a first-hand observer on the Russian scene as the two nations struggled through the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He worked with the U.S. Department of State to establish a heart hospital in Pakistan. He helped the Saudis create two medical schools and has served as a consultant to the Aga Khan in developing a medical school for his people.

Bob passes all of this off with a humble, "I've taken my laboratory group to a lot of interesting places around the world to do research." The fact of the matter is that his humility covers outstanding contributions in his field. He and his colleagues were among the first to do pioneering work recording blood pressures and blood flows and other vital cardiovascular measurements in unanesthetized animals such as Alaskan sled dogs,

baboons, chimpanzees, and giraffes. This research required a marriage between medicine, physiology and engineering, and did much to clarify the relationship of physiological responses in animals to those in man. His classic studies on the effects of ordinary activities on cardiovascular adjustments are now commonly taught to all medical students. He has trained many investigators who now hold leading positions at other universities.

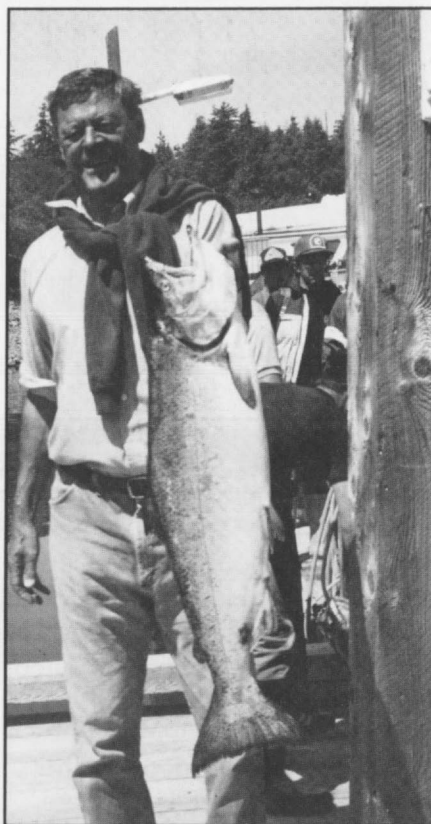
Bob has also been involved for many years in the development of the artificial heart. He says the heart "has a ways to go but it is getting there."

A good-sized man (he stands 6'7" and couldn't play the first basketball game of his NWJC career because his size 14 feet required specially-ordered shoes that didn't arrive in time), Bob has a good-sized capacity for work and output as well. His work at the University of Washington School of Medicine includes 12 years as dean, an overwhelming amount of time spent in seeking grants for the school which receives the largest amount of research dollars of any medical school in the nation, and sitting on numerous task forces and committees.

As dean of the medical school, Bob was an innovative leader who helped to bring the university's program to its present preeminent position in American medicine. During his tenure, the school became involved in a regionalized program of medical education and training called WAMI, an acronym for Washington/Alaska/Montana/Idaho. WAMI made it possible for contiguous states to participate in medical education programs without replicating a traditional medical school within their own borders.

Rob Muilenburg x'64, who is the executive director of the University

of Washington Medical Center, says that Bob's leadership in establishing the WAMI program is the hallmark of his deanship. Rob relates, "At the time, our enrollment was increased from 125 to 175 with 20 of the slots going to students from Idaho, 20 to those from Montana, and 10 to Alaskan students. These students are eligible to compete just as though they were residents of Washington state. Even though we are 20 years into the program it is still



Even in his hobby of fishing Bob Van Citters has been an active researcher.

considered innovative and stands as a model nationally. Because of WAMI, Bob is dearly loved by the physician leadership in every one of the states covered by the program."

On the national scene, Bob has been very active in the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Special Medical Advisory Group of the Veterans Administration, the National Institutes for Health, the American College of Cardiology,

the American Heart Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Because of his distinguished career, he was elected in 1977 to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1978, Northwestern conferred an honorary doctorate on Bob.

He and his wife, Mary, raised four children and are proud to be the grandparents of five. Still a professor today ("the best job in the world" according to Bob), he does his bit for the community by serving on various park boards and the airport commission. In his spare time, he hybridizes rhododendrons in his greenhouse of literally thousands of crossbreeds, or enjoys fishing. Even at this leisure-time sport Bob has not missed the chance to do research. He has studied the phenomenon of the extremely rapid aging which takes place during the migration of salmon and steelhead trout as they enter fresh water from the sea.

Bob's frequent trips to Washington, D.C., for grant and committee work have given him the opportunity to stop now and then in Orange City where he visited his mother until her death and watched Northwestern grow from the small enrollment of 100 in his days to the current substantial campus and student body. A Raider watcher, Bob likes to keep up on Northwestern and is always pleased when he sees NWC alumni receiving national recognition.

Today Bob is doing a bit of what Arie Vander Stoep did for him back in the '40s. As a major contributor to the Expanding the Vision campaign, he is giving back that 35-cent per hour wage multiplied over the years to help other aspiring students who seek out Northwestern to begin their college days.



# For the Love of Students . . .

by Duane Beeson

When it rains on the campus of George Fox College in Newberg, Ore.,—and it rains often—Deb Lacey '76 doesn't carry an umbrella. That's not because she doesn't know where her umbrella is; rather, it's a purposeful decision. "I like finding a student with an umbrella whom I can walk with and get to know," Deb confides.

This story illustrates two overriding themes in Deb's life. First, she loves being with people, especially students. "Deb is sensitive to others' feelings," says her twin brother, Doug '76. "She is very attuned to the needs of hurting people. I think that's her biggest God-given gift." Secondly, she is bold. "Deb is such an intense personality; there's no such thing as a casual conversation with Deb Lacey. She will always cut to the quick of the matter," comments Paul Blezien, Northwestern's dean for student affairs.

Being a bold "people-person" serves Deb well in her role as vice president of student life at George Fox, a Christian liberal arts college of more than 1,400 students. Her job involves supervising a full-time staff of 15; interacting with students in a variety of formal and informal capacities, including discipline; and serving on the president's administrative team. This is Deb's sixth year as vice president and her 10th on the student development staff at George Fox. Earlier, she spent four years as a resident director at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Deb was involved in many activities as a Northwestern student. She co-chaired Parents' Weekend, led student retreats, served as an RA in Prexy House, went on the Chicago semester and



The opportunity to interact with students is one of the things Deb Lacey '76 enjoys most about her job as vice president of student life at George Fox College.

participated in student government. Uppermost in her fond memories of NWC, however, are the many people who impacted her life. She quickly ticks off the names of a dozen students and several faculty/staff members for whom she felt a special closeness.

As the result of her many experiences and relationships at NWC, Deb harbored career interests in counseling and working with college students. The graduate program in student development at California's Azusa Pacific University provided the opportunity for her to mesh those interests and enter the field of college student personnel.

Deb says she was painfully shy while growing up on a farm near Battle Creek, Iowa, and often has felt as an outsider. For instance, she came to NWC without a Dutch

or Reformed Church background; at Azusa, she was a rural person in the Los Angeles metroplex. She was one of the first non-Wheaton alums to be on that school's student affairs staff, and she came to George Fox from outside its Quaker tradition. Deb is a rarity as a woman dean; only about 15 of the more than 80 schools in the Christian College Coalition have a woman as dean of students. Most of her college friends have married and are raising a family while Deb remains single.

"The Lord has taken me on a solo journey to become a team person," Deb says. Some of her most enjoyable moments are spent in working with others and brainstorming with them about their futures. "One of the things that I like most about my job is the interchange with students, talking

about where they are coming from and where they are headed, giving them feedback on who they are. I try to make myself as available to students as I can."

Likewise, Deb says she loves dreaming with members of her staff about what student



Deb Lacey's active speaking schedule included keynoting at NWC's Student Leadership Conference last spring.

development can be at George Fox College. "I like the challenge of sharing visions and dreams and seeing how they unfold as the Lord leads," she confides.

One dream of Deb's is to develop a ministry to people she calls "wounded dreamers." These are high profile Christian leaders who have not reconciled with something in their past. As a result, when there is a hurtful manifestation in their lives such as bitterness, unresolved anger, shame or guilt, it gets passed down to the people who are trying to follow them.

"The people that I really have on my heart are those that I've named the 'wounded wounders,'" Deb adds. "They are wounded from past experiences and have never gone into what I call a wilderness

time for the Lord to break their will and to nurture their spirit. They tend to be prophetic in nature and they don't build around them priestly people who will hold them accountable." The "wounded wounders" can't say they're sorry, have the need to wield power over others, don't delegate because they don't trust people, and seek to be in the limelight.

Deb is developing a model of the healing process such people

## Up Close

### Deb LACEY

**POSITION:** Vice president of student life, George Fox College, Newberg, Ore.

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in sociology, Northwestern College, 1976; M.A. in social sciences, Azusa Pacific University, 1978; M.Div., Western Evangelical Seminary, 1992; beginning the D.Min. program, Western Conservative Baptist Seminary.

**HOBBIES:** Traveling, refinishing furniture, reading, enjoying the Pacific Northwest's beauty.

**REFLECTIONS ON NWC:**

"Northwestern played a major part in my life. It laid a solid foundation in building God's call into my life.

Northwestern believed in me and gave me the confidence and the courage to respond to the Lord, to be single and a woman in administration having a big-picture vision of the Kingdom of God."

**SELF-DESCRIPTION:** "I'm a 'what you see is what you get' kind of person. I love play. I'm disarming. I'm a dreamer, but I'm realistic about it."

need to go through, a model she hopes to refine while working on a doctorate degree in ministry from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. She envisions establishing a ministry healing team, utilizing the spiritual gifts of its members, that would go to Christian organizations, churches and businesses to help wounded leaders and their followers.

This fall, Deb is beginning the doctoral program while remaining full-time in her position at George Fox and while continuing a growing speaking ministry. She speaks about five times a year at Christian colleges, high school camps, women's retreats, and the like, challenging audiences about such topics as wounded leadership, grace, and shepherding and discipleship. In April, she was the keynoter for NWC's Student Leadership Conference. Dean Blezien said she was received very well. "She did an excellent job impressing on students that the primary ingredient in achieving your leadership potential is establishing and maintaining a right relationship with God."

Deb, who just completed a two-year term as president of the Association of Christians in Student Development, says society's breakdown in family values is reflected in students at Christian colleges. "Students have a lot more emotional issues distracting them from their studies; many are from dysfunctional families. Today, students have no heroes; they are pretty much directionless as far as having shepherding people in their life. They're afraid to ask, but there's a greater need than ever for people to walk alongside them."

Deb may not carry an umbrella, but she's eager to join students in their journey.

# ... For the Love of God



With the opening of a new academic year come many new faces to Northwestern's campus to replace former faculty and staff members. Following is a list of new full-time employees.

Laura (Dykstra '84) Heitritter comes to a newly-created, additional faculty position in the education department from Area Education Agency IV in Sioux Center where she was a language arts consultant for the last three years. Prior to her consulting work, Heitritter taught Chapter I reading and math in the Boyden-Hull system. In addition to her bachelor's degree from NWC, she also holds a master's degree in reading from Sioux Falls College.

Replacing Craig Zhou, who is now with Microsoft in Seattle, Floyd Johnson joins the computer science faculty as an assistant professor. Johnson has a varied background, having pastored churches in New York and Wisconsin and worked as a computer science professor at Bartlesville Wesleyan College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from California State University-Sacramento, an M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and master's degrees in computer science and counseling from the University of Evansville and the University of Nebraska at Kearney, respectively.

Dr. Carl Saalbach joins the faculty as associate professor of sociology/anthropology. He replaces Mary Van Rheenen '81 and Keith Holmes. He comes to NWC from Florida where he taught at Warner Southern College and Hillsborough Community College. Saalbach holds a doctorate in education and a master's degree in anthropology, both from Temple University, and

# Welcome to the Family!

a bachelor's in sociology from Eastern College.

Filling a faculty vacancy created when Dr. George Stickel took a position at Kennesaw State College in Georgia is Ed Starkenburg. He taught third and fourth grades at Orange City Christian School for the last 10 years. His bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education are from Dordt College and Sioux Falls College, respectively.

Dr. Fred Van Dyke is an assistant professor of biology, replacing retiree Dr. Glen Hegstad. In addition to teaching experience at the AuSable Institute of Environ-

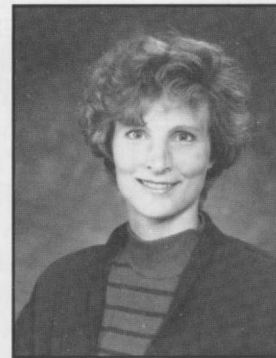
mental Studies and Summit Christian College, Van Dyke worked as a wildlife research biologist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Van Dyke has a long list of publications to his credit in the fields of science, theology and education. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned a Ph.D. in environmental and forest biology at the State University of New York-Syracuse.

Dr. Marc Wooldridge has been hired as an assistant professor to replace Dr. Herb Ritsema in the music department. Wooldridge holds doctorate and master's degrees in music theory and percussion from the State University of New York at Buffalo where he was a teaching assistant. He received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University. Since 1988, he taught at Buffalo State College.

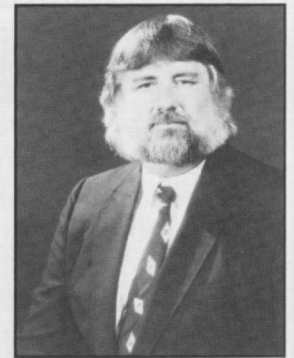
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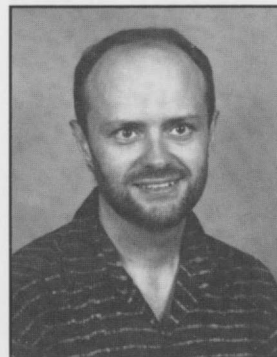
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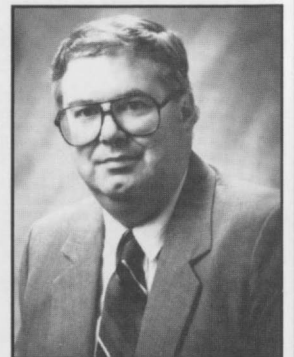
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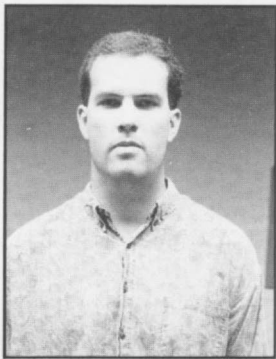
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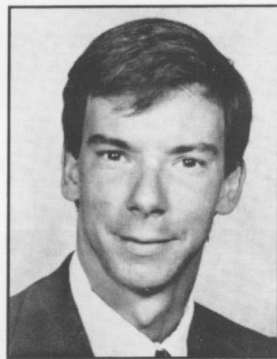
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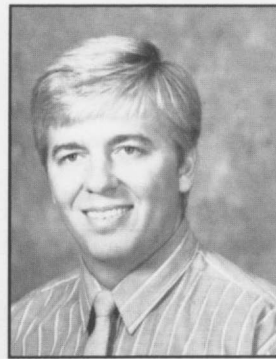
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Harlan Jorgensen



Dave Nonnemacher



Perry Krosschell

Croxtan is a '92 graduate of Taylor University where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. Croxtan was very active in theatre at Taylor, participating in several lead roles. McIntire holds a master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Calvin College. He served as a student activities adviser and a career counselor at two California universities.

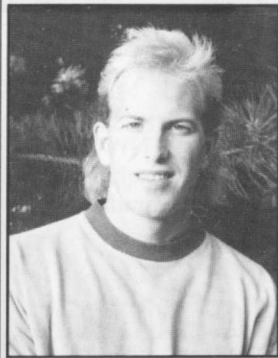
Several NWC '92 grads will be working as admissions counselors this year. Kris Korver was on the Red Raider basketball team and received the 1992 Dunlop Sportsmanship Award. In 1991, Korver was the recipient of the District 15 Liston Award for scholarship, character and playing ability.

Donna Pennings served as president of the Student Activities Council. She was a resident assistant (RA) and a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). She was also active as a Spring Service Project participant.

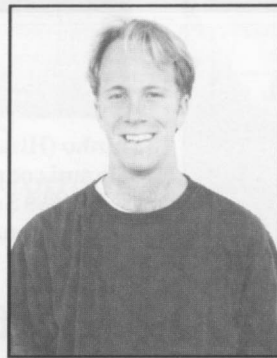
Dan Van Gorp was also an RA and a member of SGA. A Student Ambassador, Van Gorp played on the tennis team.

Rounding out the new admissions counselors is Perry Krosschell '87. He had been resident director of Colenbrander Hall and an assistant football coach since 1989.

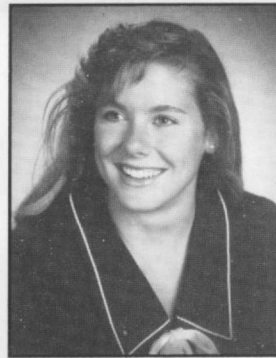
Krosschell, Korver, Pennings and Van Gorp are taking the places of several Northwestern veterans including Tim Zeutenhorst '82 who joined Van Engelenhoven Insurance Agency in Orange City; Jeff Van Der Werff '83 who is with Kingdom Builder's Supply in Philadelphia; Billy Estes '91 who is attending medical school at the University of Iowa; and Amy Schultz '91 who will be getting married and moving to California.



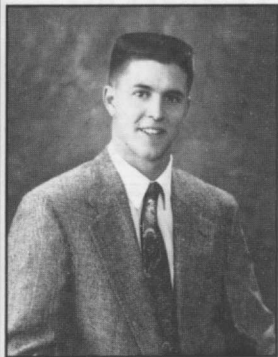
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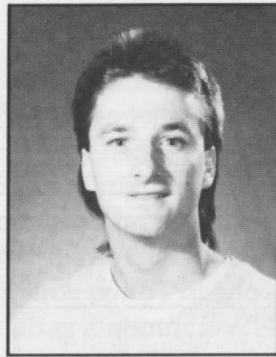
Brooke Henry



Dan Van Gorp



Donna Pennings



Kris Korver

information systems manager. Jorgensen replaces Curt Brands '83 who is now the database/systems administrator at Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative in Renville. Jorgensen is a graduate of Buena Vista College and worked for Decision Systems Inc. in Minneapolis as a programmer.

Dave Nonnemacher will serve as acting director of residence life this year, replacing Steve Beers who accepted a position as director of evangelism at Taylor University. Nonnemacher has been on the student affairs staff for four years.

Janice Knight, who is working on her doctorate at the University of Minnesota, has been replaced as student activities director by Brooke Henry. Henry is a graduate of Biola University where she worked as a resident director, instructor, academic adviser and assistant to the associate dean of residence life. She will also serve as resident director (RD) of West Hall.

Two other new RD's are Brent Croxtan, replacing Perry Krosschell in Colenbrander Hall, and Phil McIntire, replacing Kevin Poeckes, in Heemstra Hall and the 8-Plexes.



## PACIFIC RIM TRIP



Former Northwestern students join for a reunion picture in Tokyo with the Bultmans and Dr. Lyle Vander Werff.

Since Northwestern's Summer Institute for International Students began in 1985, the campus has experienced a boom in international enrollments. With a record 65 internationals attending NWC last year, President James Bultman and Dr. Lyle Vander Werff, professor of religion and director for international programs, felt the time had come to strengthen long-standing ties and explore other possibilities for international partnerships in Christian education.

With that objective in mind, the two, along with Bultman's wife, Martie, made a trip to the Pacific Rim in late May. For two weeks they visited several Japanese Christian educational institutions (secondary schools, junior colleges, and colleges), solidifying current working relationships and making contacts for the future.

Bultman and Vander Werff

cooperated in chapel presentations at the colleges, gave faculty lectures and preached in church services while in Okinawa. Together, the Bultmans and Vander Werff attended two reunions with alumni - one in Tokyo where 29 former NWC students gathered, and the other in Okinawa which included current and prospective students as well.

After the Bultmans returned home, Vander Werff continued the work in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea during another two weeks of travel. In Korea, he met with officials from five institutions of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, which is now a sister church with the Reformed Church in America.

Vander Werff's hope is that this emphasis on international programs will result in more students studying at sister Christian institutions; faculty exchanges, visits and sabbaticals on



Junko (Hirasawa '70) Nagao, NWC alumni coordinator for eastern Japan, with 1989 Summer Institute graduate Emiko Yamamoto.

## International Partnerships

each others' campuses; expanded opportunities for faculty research; and student service projects by combined institutional teams.

One of the most significant results of the trip was progress on negotiations to establish a Covenant of Cooperation with Osaka JoGakuin Junior College, which has ranked in the top five among Japan's 550 two-year colleges for the last several years. Osaka JoGakuin is a Christian college that requires all of its faculty to be Christians. The Covenant of Cooperation will be finalized between the two institutions later this year.

Reflecting on the trip, Bultman said, "We were received so warmly and with such enthusiasm by all the institutions we visited. Our conversations were an important step in encouraging and affirming all of us in our collective tasks."

# Homecoming '92

## Friday, Oct. 9

5 p.m.	Alumni Recital	Christ Chapel
6:15 p.m.	Alumni Recognition Dinner	Hospers Hall
7 & 9:30 p.m.	Movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes"	Bogaard Theater
8 p.m.	Air Band Competition	RSC Mini-Gym

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## Saturday, Oct. 10

9:30 a.m.-noon Morning on the Green (Bring the kids!)

Clowns/mimes	Music performances
Portrait sketches	Dorm/house displays
Face painting	Mug & Muffin booth
Balloons	

10:30 a.m.	Alumni College	Kresge Education Center DEMCO Business/ Economics Center
11:30 a.m.	Brat & Burger Fry	West end of the campus green
1:30 p.m.	Football vs. Doane	DeValois Field
4:30 p.m.	Fifth Quarter Cider, coffee & cookies N-Club awards Report from fall captains & coaches	Auditorium
6 p.m.	Special Class Dinners (1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, and 1987)	
7 & 9:30 p.m.	Movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes"	Bogaard Theater
9 p.m.	Homecoming Dance	RSC Mini-Gym

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## Sunday, Oct. 11

8-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Fern Smith Hall
11 a.m.	Alumni/Student Worship Service The Rev. Gary Hegstad '82	Christ Chapel



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Howard and Elizabeth Vander Schaaf of Cedar Rapids have co-authored a family history, *Muilenburgs - 1650-1990, Past and Present*. This 650-page book traces the Muilenburg family from the province of Gelderland in the Netherlands to America and Sioux County. All of the 175 copies were sold. Copies are also at NWC's Ramaker Library and the Iowa State Historical Library in Iowa City.

## Deaths

Vera (Kreykes '37) Te Paske died June 2 in a Sioux City hospital after a short illness. She and her family were generous benefactors to Northwestern, whose donations to the college included a gift establishing the Te Paske Art Gallery.

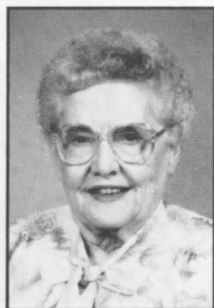
Her husband, Maurice, who died in 1976, was the longtime mayor of Sioux Center, a member of Northwestern's board and legal counsel to the college. Vera had served as the class agent for the Class of 1937.

Survivors include two sons, Derrick '68 and Bradley '73; a daughter, Maureen '74 Evans; a brother, Gary Kreykes '55; and seven grandchildren.

Anna Marie (Lubbers '43) Weltge died May 23 in Nashville, Ill. Following her graduation from NWJC she completed nursing school at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. She married the Rev. Ed Weltge in 1953 and together they served churches in Illinois and Texas. She retired as school nurse in the Nashville school system several years ago.

Survivors include her husband; three sons; and brothers Roy of Connersville, Ind., Willard '39 of Spencer and Gilbert '49 of Spokane, Wash.

Dr. John Sether died unexpectedly June 2 in Le Mars, Iowa. He served on Northwestern's music faculty in 1984-85 and the fall semester of 1988. He was serving as director of music and vocal music instructor for Le Mars Community Schools. He was a frequent tenor soloist and conductor of the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus and other ensembles.



Vera Te Paske

'46

Ronald and Ruby (Barth '53) Korver, who served for 40 years as RCA missionaries in Tokyo, retired in April. Ron taught English and Bible at Higashimurayama High School and founded the school's international exchange program. Ruby Korver taught at Keisen Junior College and continues to give leadership to the national women's program of the United Church of Christ in Japan. The Korvers are continuing to live in Japan.

'47

Dr. Samuel and Lucille (Brunsting) Noordhoff retired in July after serving as Reformed Church in America missionaries in Taiwan since 1959. A reconstructive surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate, Dr. Noordhoff has been head of reconstructive surgery at Taipei's Chang Gung Memorial Hospital for the last 16 years. Lucille was one of the founders of the Christian Women's Club, designed for women who cannot attend church because of family pressure. The Noordhoffs will remain in Taipei as Dr. Noordhoff oversees a foundation he has established for children who need reconstructive surgery.

'51

Duane Bittenob has retired as a teacher and coach after a total of 35 years at Quimby and Aurelia High Schools. He racked up a 471-260 career record in basketball.

'65

The Rev. Duane Moret is an assistant pastor in Long Beach, Calif., where he serves on a city task force to provide a comprehensive plan for HIV/AIDS care.

'68

Beverly (Gaalswyk) De Vries received a Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University in May. She majored in curriculum and instruction and taught as a graduate assistant in that department. Her dissertation was entitled "Comparing the Self-Esteem of Early Adolescents in a Traditional Classroom with the Self-Esteem of Early Adolescents in a Whole Language Classroom." Her husband, Merlyn, is the chief financial

officer of Fife Holdings Corp., Oklahoma City.

'69

Lea (Kroeze) Meylink has been named loan officer at the Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, branch of Sioux Valley Credit Union.

'70

Jay Jackson of B & J Photography in Zion, Ill., has been recognized as a certified professional photographer by Professional Photographers of America Inc.



Jay Jackson

'71

Dan Boonstra has been promoted to vice president of national marketing for Bankers United and PFL Life in Cedar Rapids. Since 1989, he has been assistant vice president/marketing director at Life Investors' National Old Line Division in Little Rock, Ark.

'72

Connie (Van Peurse) Aberson received a master's degree in educational curriculum and instruction from South Dakota State University in May.

'73

Carol (Hector) and Randall Braaksma have been appointed as Reformed Church in America world mission program associates in China. Carol will teach English as a Second Language at the Beijing Foreign Studies University and Randall will do editorial work for a Chinese book publisher. The Braaksmas served as English teachers in China from 1987-1990.

'74

Andrea Van Beek of Orange City has been named chairperson of the Reformed Church in America's 98 by '98 fund drive committee. The 98 by '98 campaign will seek to raise \$9.8 million for Church Building Fund loans to new congregations and for strengthening urban and small

congregations.

**Harlin Vermeer** is currently working as vice president of finance at Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center in Sioux City. He was previously the branch manager of Jack Henry & Associates Midwest in Rock Valley. He and his wife, **Elaine (Daum '75)**, live in Hull where they have enjoyed renovating their older home. They have two children, **Julie (17)** and **Brent (14)**.

## '77

**Alysa (Hettinga) Stinson** and her husband, the Rev. Rod Stinson, are moving to Bern, Switzerland, and will be ministering in Switzerland and in what used to be the Soviet Union.

## '78

**Jerry Cumberland** has been named the 1992 2A North Central Track Coach of the Year. Head coach of Cactus Shadow High School in Cave Creek, Ariz., Cumberland guided his team to the 2A North Central Division championship. This was the third time Cumberland has been selected for this honor, having also received the 1988 and 1990 awards.

**Kim Donat** is employed by Iowa Lakes Community College as assistant director of admissions. He is pursuing a master's degree in higher education at Iowa State University. His wife, **Deb (Nance '83)**, is at home with their two children.

## '79

**Carol (Postma) Bydlon**, who formerly taught elementary special education in Little Falls, Minn., has accepted a position to teach in the same field at Clark Elementary in Evanston, Wyo. Her husband, **Jim Bydlon**, will also be teaching special education at the Evanston Middle School.

## '82

**Cheryl (Pokracki) and Ric Druse** live in Hazel Crest, Ill. Cheryl works as a lab technologist in the environmental health laboratory of CNA Insurance in Chicago. She also is a volunteer firefighter/paramedic. Ric teaches sixth grade and serves on the fire department.

The Rev. **Gary and Julie (Van Hove) Hegstad** now live in Aplington, Iowa, where he pastors the First Reformed Church. He previously served Grandview Reformed Church in Armour, S.D., for nearly five years.

## Births

**Tim '76 and Debra (Vande Berg '79) Poppen**, son, Daniel Timothy, joins Zachary (6).

**Dan '77 and Linda (De Roon '78) Gould**, daughter, Mallory Ruth, joins Rachel (11) and Laura (9).

The Rev. Rod and **Alysa (Hettinga '77) Stinson**, son, Stephen Thewis, joins Rein Carter (8) and John-Pieter (6).

**Kim '78 and Deb (Nance '83) Donat**, daughter, Bethany Lynn, joins Micah (2).

**Bradley '79 and Jana De Jong**, daughter, Elizabeth Tait, joins Kley (4).

**Kevin '80 and Janet (Rognstad '82) Boote**, son, Dallas Donald, joins Jenna (6).

**Paul and Sara (Cordes '80) Martin**, son, Kyle James, joins Jill (3).

**Dick and Dianne (Lacey '80) Quayle**, son, Levi Owen, joins Megan (10), Kit (8) and Jesse (2).

Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Sorensen '80**, son, Michael John, joins Tara (6) and Jill (3).

**Larry '81 and Luann (Freese '80) Alderks**, son, Karl Ryan, joins Blaine (3) and Derek (2).

**Mark '81 and Holly Ketelsen**, son, Ethan Donnell.

**Patty (Greenfield '81) and Bruce Whitaker**, daughter, Amanda Grace, joins Abigail (4).

**Susan (Evans '82) and Takeshi Hayakawa '83**, daughter, Amy Kate.

**Randy and Glenda (Hulshof '82) Van Wyhe**, son, Austin Lee.

**Jeff and Rose (Gross '82) Wignall**, son, Zachariah Paul, joins Timothy (2).

**Dr. Steven '83 and Mari (Jordan '85) Beals**, daughter, Carly Jordan, joins Eric Steven (3).

**Randy '83 and Karen De Jong**, son Joshua Thomas, joins Kaitlin (5) and David (2).

**Lee '83 and Connie (Viksten '84) Van Wyhe**, daughter, Kiersten Alonna, joins Whitney Ann (4).

**Ryan '84 and Kim (Bristley '83)**

**Corbin**, son by adoption, Ethan James.

**Craig and Donna (Heerspink '84) Bunce**, son, Jacob Nathaniel.

**Steve '84 and Kim (Roos '85) Rhode**, son, Kristopher William, joins Kylee (3).

**Doug and Rhonda (Blair '84) Lockin**, daughter, Meredith Ann, joins Charles.

**Dave and Pamela (Mordenti '84) Richardson**, daughter, Serenity Lynn.

**Dr. Mark '84 and Lisa (Waite '83) Muilenburg**, daughter, Rachel Ann, joins Sarah (5) and Emily (3).

**Taryl and Susan (Schmid '85) Jasper**, daughter, Eryn Marie.

**Dave '85 and Leigh (Schlitter '85) Van Doornik**, daughter, Devin Paige.

**Darcy '85 and Diane (Van Maanen '85) Van Gorp**, daughter, Abby Lynn.

**David '86 and Nancy (Nelson '86) Hughes**, son, Cody James, joins Courtney (2).

**James and Penny (Carlstedt '86) McDaniel**, son, Jamie Paul.

**Steve and Lisa (Brink x'86) McMullen**, daughter, Alyssa Renae, joins Seth (3).

**Ron '86 and Melony (Youngs '86) Scholte**, daughter, MacKenzie Dawn.

**Dan '87 and Cheryl (Schoppers '88) Hansen**, daughter, Brianna Ruth.

**Ron '87 and Jodi Prostrollo**, daughter, Alison Marie.

**James and Marcia (Berndt '87) Schultz**, daughter, Allison Avery.

**Steve and Marla (Kuipers '87) Viland**, daughter, Megan Ashley.

**Lee and Karen (De Krey '88) De Lange**, son, Alexander Michael.

**Karla (Bouwman '88) and the Rev. Brad Langstraat '88**, daughter, Tricia Joy.

**Robert and Brenda (Pool '88) Keene**, daughter, Brittany Marie.

**Bill '89 and Chris (Barnes '85) Dixon**, son, Zachariah Seth, joins Jesiah (5) and Danielle (3).

**Linda Morgan** of Elizabethtown, Ky., received a master's degree in library media education from Western Kentucky University in May. She is currently the elementary librarian at Magnolia Elementary School in LaRue County.

## '83

**Takeshi and Susan (Evans '82) Hayakawa** are living in Old Bridge, N.J. Takeshi works in New York City as a marketing director for H. Stern Jewellers. Susan manages an all-suite hotel in

Princeton.

**Mike and Becky (Tuinstra '81) Hofkamp** are continuing a four-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in the Philippines that they started last fall. They are co-country representatives for MCC. The Hofkamps previously served with MCC in Denver, Minneapolis and Miami.

**Steve Roesner** has been named marketing manager for #1 Apparel, a wholly owned company of K-Products Inc. He most recently served as product manager for K-Products' complete line. #1



Apparel is a retail sporting goods company manufacturing a full range of team-licensed headwear and outerwear.

## '84

**Donna (Heerspink) Bunce** lives in Holland, Mich., where she is a part-time bereavement coordinator at Hospice of Holland. She is also an aerobics instructor.

**Greg Patton** recently was named volunteer person of the year by the Alliance, Neb., YMCA. Greg manages the Alco store in Alliance. His community involvement, in addition to the YMCA, includes holding an office in the Rotary Club, serving as a trustee of the United Methodist Church, working with the Cub Scouts and participating in community theater. Greg has two children, Christopher (9) and Gentina (6).

**Marti (Shaver) Devadatta** lives in Grapevine, Texas, and is an ad representative for the *Southlake Journal*. She and her husband, Dan, are developing a new, contemporary church in the Southlake area. Marti is responsible for the music ministry.

## '85

**The Rev. Donovan Drake** was ordained and installed at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton, N.C., in July. He recently graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with an

award in preaching. His wife, **Beth (Beran)**, is enjoying life at home after directing a YMCA daycare center in New Jersey.

**David '85 and Linda (Josephson '84) McCleery** have been accepted as career missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship. They will depart for service as a pilot/mechanic family in Ecuador in late December.

**Mike Wesselink** is taking a leave of absence from teaching high school math and computer science to be a full-time graduate student at the University of North Dakota. Mike will also work as a graduate assistant. Mike was chosen as Climax, Minn., Teacher of the Year and is currently in the running for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

## '86

**Steve De Zeeuw** has accepted a position as a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service. He is assigned to the Kansas City, Mo., field office.

**Connie (Stewart) Hadley** received her M.A.R. in Christian education from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., last year. She is presently a teacher at Tots' Landing Daycare in Lexington, Ky.

**David Hughes** is employed by Sioux County State Bank in Orange City as assistant vice president.

**Ron and Melony (Youngs) Scholte** reside in Paw Paw, Mich. Melony is at home with daughter MacKenzie Dawn

after six years of teaching kindergarten. Ron works in the forestry department for Consumers Power Company.

## '87

**Lori Runkle x'87** will be teaching in Vilnius, Lithuania, for the 1992-93 academic year. She accepted a high school English as a Second Language position with the SOROS Foundation.

## '88

**Karen (De Krey) De Lange** is working in human resources for Citicorp Credit Services in Kansas City.

**Brenda (Schipper) Folken** is teaching Chapter I at Aplington Community School.

**The Rev. Brad Langstraat** is now pastor of the Carmel, Iowa, Reformed Church. He graduated in May from New Brunswick Theological Seminary with an M.Div. degree.

## Bed and Breakfast Network to expand

We have a problem, albeit a delightful problem. Our Northwestern Bed and Breakfast Network, with about 30 brave pioneers, is about to take on a huge increase. From our alumni directory questionnaire, we have had around 250 additional people who have shown strong interest in being a part of the program.

Quite obviously to list all of these bed and breakfast providers in this publication would be impossible. Many of this new group still need correspondence to firm up the details. However, our plan is by late fall to have available for you, free of charge, our Northwestern Bed and Breakfast booklet. We'll continue to list phone numbers, price, availability, etc.

In the past many Northwestern alumni and friends have used the network to acquire a good night of rest, a great breakfast and the enjoyment of reflecting on our common bond—Northwestern College.

If you would like to be part of the network by opening your home, or for your free booklet, write: Alumni Office, Northwestern College, 101 7th St. SW, Orange City, IA 51041.

### ALUMNI—What's New With You?

Let us know so we can tell your friends and classmates. Send to: Office of Information Services, Northwestern College, 101 7th St. SW, Orange City, IA 51041

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'89

**Melissa Vickery-Bareford** has entered a Ph.D. program in theatre history and literature at the University of Missouri. She and her husband, **David Bareford '90**, have been certified as actor/combatants by the Society of American Fight Directors and, as a result, served as stunt doubles in a movie featuring Christian Slater and Marisa Tomei that was filmed in the Twin Cities. The movie, *The Baboon Heart*, will be released at Christmas. Melissa and David have been active in theatre work in the Minneapolis area—she as a stage manager and director and he as an actor, electrician and stagehand. Because of his work at the University of Minnesota's Sexual Violence Program and theatrical commitments, David will remain in Minneapolis until early November when he will join Melissa in Columbia, Mo.

**Brian and Geselle Steenhoek** moved in June to Park City, Ill., after Brian's completion of an 18-month internship at a New York City church. Brian will be finishing his seminary education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Geselle will be teaching elementary music.

**David Wensink** has recently become part-owner of Wensink-Stecker Heating Services, a heating and air conditioning contractor business in Oostburg, Wis.

**Ruth (Vande Hoef) Duin** is a teacher's aide in Hospers.

'90

**Greg and Pat (Anker '89) Heemstra** are living in Rock Valley where Greg will be teaching 7-12 health and P.E., and coaching high school boys' basketball, and junior high football and track in the public schools.

## Business, industry aid Annual Fund

Co-chairmen Dwayne Plender and Lyle Korver mustered a gallant crew of business leaders and faculty/staff at a breakfast on June 11 and challenged them to make their calls on behalf of the Annual Fund. That morning 30 pairs solicited businesses and professional people in Orange City and the surrounding area. Their results were significant with \$50,175 in cash and pledges collected.

**Margo (Orris) Howland** is one of four guest registrars at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colo. Her husband is head chef at the camp. Margo has had many of her poems published in various anthologies.

**Kelvin Kaemingk**, a salesman with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Ft. Collins, Colo., was the only first-year agent to be selected to attend the company's annual general agency recognition dinner. He was named Rookie of the Year at the dinner. He was recognized by the company in an advertisement which appeared in an April issue of *U.S. News and World Report*. Kelvin is also the youth director for Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church of Ft. Collins.

**Dawn (Knipple '90) Huizinga** began a new job June 1 as offset press operator in the printing office of NWC.

**Chad Kruse** is a crop specialist for Smidt Crop Management, a crop consultant and soil sampling service in Greene, Iowa.

'91

**Deb Falkena** is the assistant director of First Covenant Preschool at First Covenant Church in Fort Dodge.

## Marriages

**Carol Postma '79** and James Bydlon, Evanston, Wyo.

**Rick Brink '82** and Robin Lynne Holland, Phoenix, Ariz.

**Cheryl Pokracki '82** and Ric Druse, Hazel Crest, Ill.

**Mark Westenberg '82** and Terri Scott, North Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Connie Stewart '86** and Matthew Hadley, Wilmore, Ky.

**Brenda Schipper '88** and Daryl Folken, Aplington, Iowa.

**Tim Tjernagel '89** and Paula Ehrenberg, Ames.

**Ruth Vande Hoef '89** and Keylon Duin, Orange City.

**Mary Lynnette Hensley '90** and Kenneth D. Koster II, Byron Center, Mich.

**Margo Orris '90** and Craig Howland, Estes Park, Colo.

**Ken Ven Huizen '90** and Karla De Boer '92, Sigourney, Iowa.

**Marty Van Dusen '91** and Mark VanderMeulen '91, DeKalb, Ill.

**Kris Korver '92** and Ann Sybesma '93, Orange City.

**Craig Douma '94** and Jennifer Schuller '95, Orange City.

**Amy Jeltema '95** and Bruce Schutt, Orange City.

*The couples reside in the city listed.*

# Gala Auction

## Friday, Feb. 5, 1993

Make plans now to attend the 10th annual Alumni Gala Auction. Profits go toward endowed Alumni Scholarships, the \$1,000 Northwestern Teaching Excellence Award, and the \$1,500 Faculty Development Workshop.

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# Calendar of Events

## September

### ACTIVITIES

- 18-19 Movie, "Memphis Belle," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
25-26 Movie, "Europa Europa," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

### FINE ARTS

September Art Exhibit, works by Jay Olson, Sioux Falls, Te Paske Gallery

### GUEST LECTURES

- 21-22 Dr. C. Stephen Evans, professor of philosophy at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

## October

### ACTIVITIES

- 2-3 Movie, "Oscar," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
9 Homecoming Alumni Recognition Dinner, Hospers Hall, 6:15 p.m.  
9-10 Movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
10 Morning on the Green, 9:30 a.m.  
Brat and Burger Fry, 11:30 a.m., Jaycee's Park  
Homecoming Class Reunions, 6 p.m.  
Homecoming Dance, Rowenhorst Student Center Mini-Gym, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
11 Homecoming Worship Service, 11 a.m., Christ Chapel  
23-24 Movie, "Not Without My Daughter," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
30-31 Movie, "Father of the Bride," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
31 Parents' Day Women's Auxiliary Bazaar, Rowenhorst Student Center, 9:30 a.m.

### FINE ARTS

October Art Exhibit, paintings by Bill Welu, professor of art at Briar Cliff College, Sioux

- City, Te Paske Gallery  
2,3,7-10 Fall Play, "Museum," The Playhouse, 8 p.m.  
9 Homecoming Alumni Recital, Christ Chapel, 5 p.m.  
31 Parents' Day Concert, Christ Chapel, 7 p.m.

### GUEST LECTURES

- 7-9 Dr. Calvin Seerveld, senior member in philosophical aesthetics at the Institute of Christian Studies in Toronto  
21-22 Dr. Robin Kendrick Klay, associate professor of economics at Hope College

## November

### ACTIVITIES

- 13-14 Movie, "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
16 FIPSE: Recovery Productions, "Life on the Rocks," Bogaard Theater, 8 p.m.  
20-21 Movie, "Hook," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
20 Michael Kelly Blanchard Concert, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

### FINE ARTS

- November Art Exhibit, NWC Art Student Gallery Installation, Te Paske Gallery  
6-7 Senior Student Production, by Kimberly Wilson, Bogaard Theater, 8 p.m.  
7 Multi-Piano Festival, DeWitt Music Hall and Christ Chapel, all day  
13 Symphonic Band Concert, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m.  
21 Children's Play, "Jack 'n' the Beanstalk," presented to the general public, Rowenhorst Student Center Mini-Gym, 7 p.m.

### GUEST LECTURES

- 9-11 Dr. Haddon Robinson, Harold John Ockenga Distinguished Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass.