

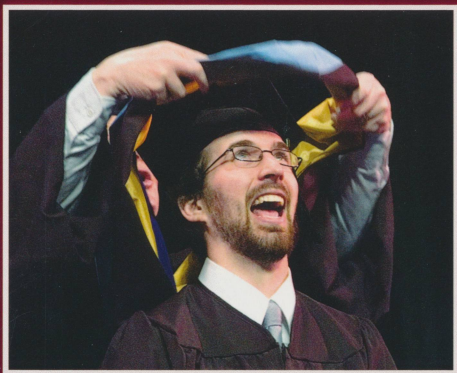
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Northwest Passages

FOR FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY • SUMMER 2007



Alumni Norma Jean and George Reece, flanked by their pastor and family, explain their gift to the Health and Sciences Center.



Masters in Teaching

Daniel Portillo was one of 339 students to receive degrees on May 5. He earned Northwest's newest degree, the Masters in Teaching. See pages 12-13.

A check with two commas

A gift of \$1,000,000 helps fundraising efforts take a big step as construction of the Health and Sciences Center races to be completed for the Fall Semester. See pages 8-9, 10-11.

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THE Transition TAKES

In the last issue of *Northwest Passages*, I discussed my decision to “transition” from my position as president of Northwest University.

(I have been intentional about not using the word “retirement.” I feel the Lord has been leading me forward to new challenges.)

Since then, He has opened two doors of future service.

U.S. Commission On International Religious Freedom

I was recently sworn in as a member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), an independent, non-political and non-partisan federal agency.

It is a high honor to serve my country in this unique way. I am looking forward to being a voice for many of the world’s least, lost and forgotten.

I have often said that you can’t put a fence around conscience. Religious freedoms are basic human rights, and freedom to worship is a key part in solving many of the problems experienced around the world.

A Trip to China in 1998. My involvement with the work of international religious freedom first gained attention back in 1998 when then-President Bill Clinton appointed me, along with Theodore Cardinal McCarrick of

Washington, DC, and Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York City, as the first official (non-partisan/non-political) religious leaders delegation from the U.S. to visit The People’s Republic of China.

We were involved in 50 personal meetings with China’s top leaders, often confronting them on the issues of religious freedom and religious persecution.

The significance of our mission was highlighted when President Jiang Zemin met with our delegation, a meeting that U.S. Embassy staff indicated was unprecedented and historic.

While I was the President of the National Association of Evangelicals, before coming to Northwest

University, President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright invited me to serve on the President’s Advisory Committee on International Religious Freedom.

This work played a role in establishing the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (IRFA), which created the USCIRF.

A Unique Commission. The USCIRF is the first government commission in the world with the sole mission of reviewing and making policy recommendations on the facts and circumstances of violations of religious freedom globally.

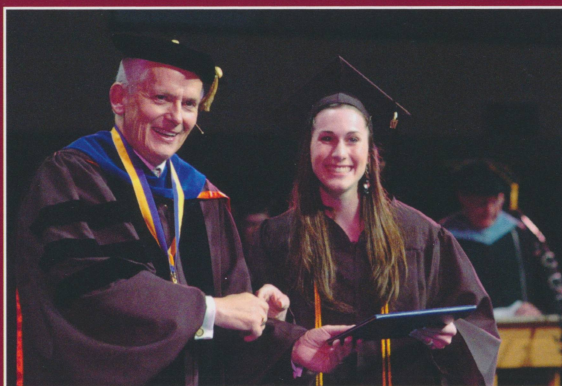
The Commission’s impact is

achieved through its efforts to bring advice and accountability to our nation’s foreign policy in the promotion of religious freedom abroad.

Three Commissioners are selected by the President and six by the Congress. Senator Hillary Clinton recommended my appointment; my term will be for two years.

Northwest Chancellor

A second door opened in just the last few days when Northwest President-elect Joseph Castleberry and Board Chair Les Welk made the announcement that I will continue to serve Northwest University in the newly created



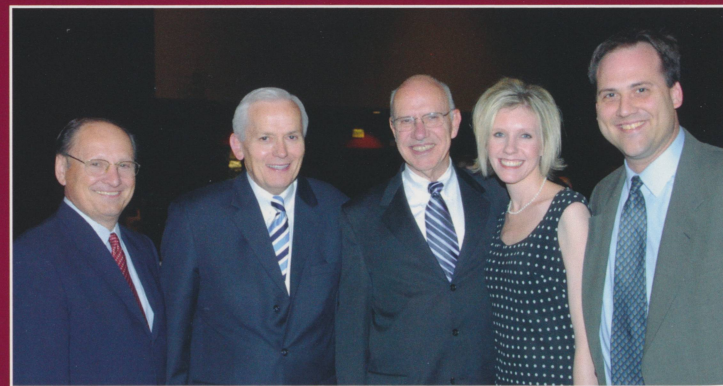
One of 339 Graduates in 2007

Kathryn Stephens was one of 339 students to receive degrees at the 71st Commencement of Northwest University on Saturday, May 5. She graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a B.A. in Business Administration.



Two Honored with Doctoral Degrees

Pat Argue, wife of President Don Argue, and Rev. Wendell Smith, pastor of The City Church, were awarded Doctor of Divinity Degrees. At far right is Rev. Les Welk, Superintendent of the Northwest Ministry Network and Chairman of the Board.



Special Connections

Darin Lenz and his wife Rachel with Don Meyer, Don Argue, and Wayne Kraiss at a special farewell dinner for the outgoing President. Dr. Kraiss performed the Lenz’s marriage ceremony, Dr. Meyer gave them their first job in Christian higher education, and Dr. Argue hired them to their current positions at Northwest.

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position of Chancellor.

I am pleased and excited about this opportunity to continue to serve Northwest University. I believe it will help provide a degree of continuity as we transition to the leadership of a new president.

As chancellor, I will be an ambassador for Northwest University and will serve the President by representing Northwest to donors, government leaders, and other influencers.

Working with Evangelicals

I also will continue to work with evangelicals in the United States.

Northwest University's Board recently established the Center for Evangelical Vision, which will provide a context for continued efforts in shaping the roles and perceptions of evangelicals.

A Relay Race

In many ways, these last few months have felt like a relay race.

I felt the Lord was directing me to stay in the race, but I didn't know precisely the length of the race or the direction of the course. In these past weeks, much has been clarified.

To continue to use the imagery of a relay race, there is also the very important matter of the baton that I hold in my hand – the presidency of Northwest.

As much as I have been con-

cerned about my future roles in ministry, I have been equally concerned – or even more concerned – about the future leadership of this great University.

With the Lord's blessing, we have built a certain momentum over the past years, and we want to see that pace maintained, or even increased.

The Presidential Search Committee reviewed more than 30 nominations for the position.

At their meeting last May, they presented their recommendation, Dr. Joseph Castleberry, to the Northwest University Board of Directors.

The full Board then elected Dr. Castleberry as the sixth president of Northwest.

You can read more about the process and the new president in the article at right.

I am, as always, grateful to the Lord for the way He brings the right people to the right places.

A Big "Thank You"

This will be my final column as president of Northwest. I would like to express a huge and heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who have supported Northwest over the past years with your prayers, your finances, and most important of all, with the students you have entrusted to us. May God richly bless all of you!

Dr. Joseph Castleberry Named Sixth President of Northwest

The Board of Directors of Northwest University has named Joseph Castleberry, Ed.D., the sixth president of Northwest University.

Dr. Castleberry was serving as the academic dean of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. He will assume the presidency on August 15, 2007.

Northwest's current president, Dr. Don Argue, announced last November his intention to transition from the presidency. When he leaves office in mid-August, he will have served as president for nine years.

"We are excited about Dr. Joseph Castleberry continuing the tradition of strong presidential leadership at Northwest University," stated Rev. Les Welk, the chairman of the University's Board of Directors.

"Dr. Castleberry has impeccable academic and ministry credentials, along with a wide involvement in education, ministry, and leadership around the world."

Dr. Castleberry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude from Evangel University in 1983, a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1988, and a Doctor of Education degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1999. He is an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God, the University's sponsoring denomination. He has lived and served extensively in Central and South America.

Dr. Castleberry has served as academic dean at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary since January 2003. He has wide experience as an educator, missionary, and pastor. He also has written and spoken globally on a wide variety of subjects.

As a missionary, he served as academic dean of the Assemblies of God Biblical Seminary in Quito, Ecuador (1997-2001) while also serving as the pastor of Centro Cristiano del Norte, which planted four "daughter" churches under his leadership.

He is founder of the Freedom Valley Project, a community development ministry among the African-American people of Ecuador's Chota Valley Region. Before his ministry in Ecuador, he served as associate dean for Latin America at Global University, as a mis-

sionary in El Salvador and as the Assemblies of God chaplain at Princeton University.

His most recent publications include articles in Rev. Magazine and The Encyclopedia of Protestantism, book reviews in Pneuma, two New Testament Greek self-study textbooks forthcoming from Global University Press, and a chapter in The Spiritual Gifts in a Postmodern Age. His current research interests include the intersections between globalization and Christian mission, and the relationship between Pentecostal and postmodern thought.

"I believe it is within Northwest University's reach to become a world-class model of academic excellence that is loyal to the faith and spiritual power of our forefathers," stated Dr. Castleberry.

"I can foresee the continued deployment of Northwest University graduates around the world and an ongoing relationship with them that brings the world to the campus and takes the campus to the world. Given the Northwest region's rich heritage of foreign missions, such a vision is deeply consistent with our ethos and tradition."

Dr. Castleberry and his wife Kathleen have three daughters, Jessica, 17, Jodie, 15, and Sophie, 9.

The selection of Dr. Castleberry was the result of a nationwide search over several months. A Presidential Search Committee was formed last December, consisting of faculty and staff, alumni, pastors, and members of the board. This committee received more than 30 nominations.

"We contacted all of the nominees who met the qualifications specified in the University's bylaws," stated Dr. Warren Bullock, an executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God and local pastor who served as the chairman of the Search Committee. "By late March, we had narrowed the search to 11 confirmed applicants. We then presented one candidate to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors."

The Executive Committee interviewed Dr. Castleberry on May 2, and forwarded his candidacy to the full board. He was elected during the board's semi-annual meeting on May 4.



THE ARGUE YEARS in Facts



Groundbreaking for the Health and Sciences Center.



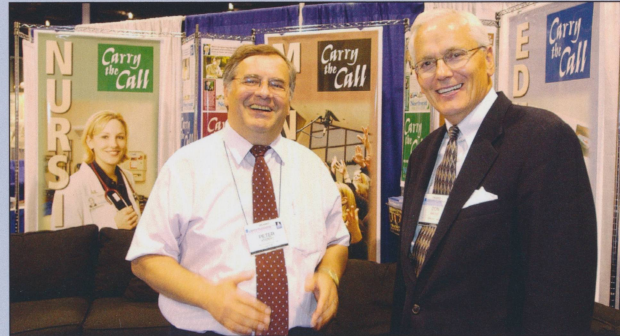
Reviewing HSC construction with board members.



On the HSC construction site.



During construction of the duplexes.



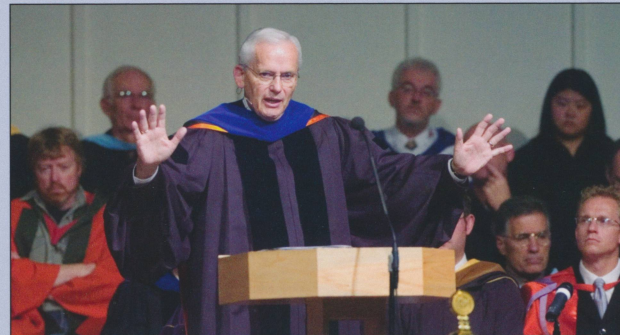
With Peter Kuzmic at General Council in 2003.



Conversing with students outside the Chapel.



With E. Arthur Self outside the newly acquired 6710 building.



Addressing Northwest students during Academic Convocation.



With nursing student Charly Nicholai at district fundraiser.

Over the past nine years, with the leadership of Dr. Don Argue, Northwest University has:

Enhanced | Spiritual Climate

- Chapel services are vibrant and substantive
- Graduates and Ministry Teams are in high demand
- Our Christian Community is a strong witness

Stimulated | Enrollment Growth

- Traditional enrollment is up 51% (848 to 1,281 students)
- School of Ministry enrollment is up 84% (152 to 280 students)

Added | Academic Programs

- Three new graduate programs started (MBA, MACP, and MIT)
- Master's Degrees in Education and Theology are in the works
- Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing founded
- Undergraduate majors added include Ministry Leadership (LEAP) and Communications (traditional)

Established | Shared Governance

- Transformation of Governance Documents
- Empowerment of Board, Faculty, and The Office of the President
- A new sense of trust, teamwork, and collegiality has been built

Solidified | Fiscal Strength

- Total revenue grew from \$10.5 million to over \$25 million
- Annual fundraising increased four-fold
- Reserves are the strongest in Northwest's history

Initiated | Campus Development

- Master plan revised and approved
- 13 new buildings constructed or acquired
- 14th new building, the Health and Sciences Center, is scheduled for completion by mid-August

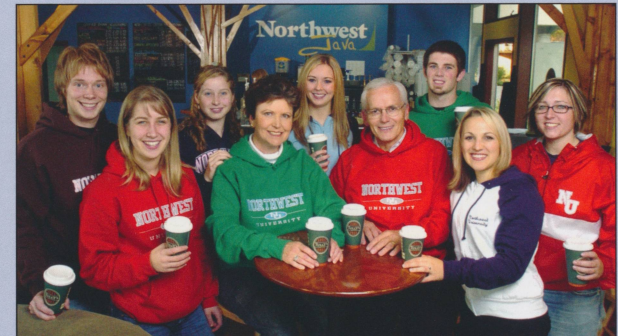
Encouraged | Carry the Call

- This motto defines our students, faculty, staff, and board
- It challenges and inspires prospective students
- It motivates and assures donors

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At the HSC Site Dedication in 2000.



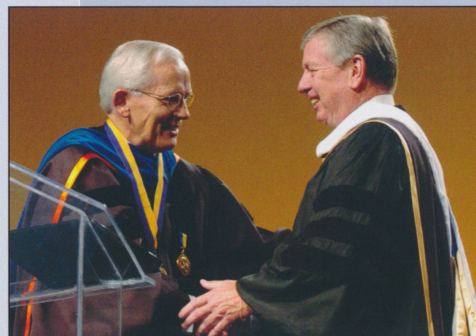
For a Christmas card when Northwest became a University.



With Edith Glew, first graduate.



With his favorite hobby, a 1966 Beetle.



With friend John Ashcroft.



With wife Pat and grandchildren in 2000.

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Ten years ago, Chad Kruger was the student speaker at Northwest's commencement.

In his remarks, he challenged the Class of 1997 to *lead our churches, our government, our schools, and our world... to break the molds of conventional wisdom, and to commit themselves to changing the world.*

"When I made those challenges to my classmates, I honestly never imagined that less than a decade later I would find myself part of cutting-edge efforts to stop climate change and find alternatives to fossil fuels," he recalls.

To do this, Chad completed an M.S. and is a Ph.D. candidate in Land Resources at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He is now a faculty member of Washington State University's Center for Sustaining Agriculture & Natural Resources. He has research and education responsibilities for the BIOAg Program (Biologically Intensive Agriculture

and Organic Farming) and the Climate Friendly Farming Project.

Although he never imagined he would end up in this position, it's not the first time he has been surprised at the direction his life has taken.

He never expected to attend Northwest, for example.

"I had applied to the University of Washington and Washington State University, among others, and I had been accepted by all of them," Chad remembers. "I didn't apply to Northwest (then College) until very late in the game."

For several years, Chad had planned to attend the agriculture program at WSU.

He had grown up working on his family's farm and had even worked for a WSU Research Farm while he was in high school.

"Then, at the last minute, I chose Northwest," Chad states.

"By doing so, I became the 17th member of my family to attend Northwest. Maybe that was in the back of my mind as I headed off to Kirkland."

What was in the front of his mind was a plan

to transfer to WSU. But that transfer never came. He stayed at Northwest, earning his B.A. in Inter-disciplinary Studies, with a concentration in Philosophy and a minor in History.

On graduation day, he found himself at the podium, honored as the student speaker.

"Even as I was challenging my classmates to do great things, I wasn't even really sure that my Northwest education had adequately prepared me to survive graduate school," Chad admits.

"I can say, though, with confidence, that in the first two weeks at the University of Wisconsin, I quickly realized that I was better prepared than most of my fellow grad students who had come from major universities and Ivy League schools."

For this preparation, Chad says, "I'd like to thank my professors, particularly those who provided the core of my undergraduate program: Dr. LeRoy Johnson, Dr. Michael McKenzie, Dr. John Ridge, and Dr. Darrell Hobson. I think I took around 25 classes from just these four professors."

Chad also has special thanks to Bill Randolph (a Science Professor, now retired) "for taking so many chances on me. Right out of the gate, he gave me a job washing lab dishes and grading lab manuals. He dragged me to Africa and

then gave me my first 'real' job teaching labs at Northwest. And finally, he helped place me in a prestigious graduate program under the direction of Cal DeWitt, the leading Christian environmental scientist in the world. At the core, Bill is a man who simply won't stop caring about his students."

A Base in Waterville

Chad and his family now live in Waterville, just a few miles east of the Columbia River and about 30 minutes north of Wenatchee.

This small town is centrally located to the various WSU sites that are involved in Chad's work.

"Essentially, my role at WSU is to be the interface between researchers and stakeholders, that is, between the scientists and farmers, public agencies and political decision-makers."

For instance, Chad currently

represents the agricultural and scientific communities on the Agricultural Technical Working Group of Governor Gregoire's Climate Advisory Team.

"Historically, agricultural fights the ecology of a given place," Chad explains.

"In our work, we're looking to make managed systems work like nature. Our goal is to lower costs and improve sustainability."

Their fight also includes the battle against global warming.

"Another one of our goals is Climate-Friendly Farming," Chad notes. "We're helping to develop agricultural systems and practices that will mitigate global climate change."

Chad and his colleagues know they are playing catch-up.

"In a little more than 100 years, intensive farming in the Pacific Northwest has seriously degraded soil resources – as evidenced by the loss of more than 50% of the native carbon in our soils to the atmosphere, where it contributes to global warming," he states.

Chad's team is developing improved agricultural systems that enable farmers to reverse this trend and return carbon from the atmosphere to the soil.



Washington farmers are encouraged by these efforts as they realize the benefits of enhanced soil health and the potential for carbon credits.

The Mustard Seed Miracle

Potato plants are vulnerable to more than a dozen types of pests and diseases. As a result, this part of the agricultural industry is highly dependent on chemical controls.

The financial cost is huge – more than \$100 million a year in Washington state alone. The tiny mustard seed is a big alternative to toxic chemicals in efforts to fight disease and pests.

Chad's team has shown that growing mustard and turning it into the soil breaks up the cycle of weeds and disease, and it provides other benefits, such as helping soil fertility.

Farmers in Central Washington use this practice on more than 20,000 acres each year, saving at least \$50/acre in reduced chemical use.

"Mustard seeds are incredibly interesting, particularly if you've read about them in the New Testament," Chad notes.

"Each seed is barely over one



The First Regius Award Winner

In February, Chad Kruger was awarded the first Regius Award from the College of Arts and Sciences at Northwest University. Above left, Chad is shown with Professors Bill Randolph and Darrell Hobson. At right, with his family: parents Wendell and LaDonna, wife Tonya, and children Alexis and Zakkary. Daughter Jocelyn is not in the photo. For more about this award and the evening, please visit www.northwestu.edu/news/07/070222.php.

millimeter in length. They are so small, you can hold 3,000 - 4,000 seeds in one hand," he adds. "Yet, 10 pounds of mustard seed per acre will grow into 10,000 pounds of biomass in just 60-70 days."

Now Chad's team is looking at using the mustard plant (and close relatives) as a potential biofuel crop to help offset the use of petroleum.

Mustard oil can be converted into a high-quality diesel fuel substitute known as biodiesel (as well as many other products) – which will help reduce dependence on petroleum for energy and reduce global warming.

Developing new uses and markets for the mustard plant will enable Washington farmers to introduce this desirable plant in many places in the state.

The Nitrogen "Explosion"

In 1900, the world's population was about 1.6 billion. In 2,000, it had grown to six billion.

The main reason for this "explosion" in the world's population was an equal explosion in the production of food.

This, in turn, was made possible by the Haber-Bosch process. Fritz Haber was a professor who won a Nobel Prize in 1918, and Carl

Bosch was an engineer who won a Nobel in 1931. Their process pulls nitrogen from the air to produce ammonia, a key component in artificial fertilizer.

Today, the Haber-Bosch process is used around the world to produce 500 million tons of artificial fertilizer each year.

"I think this process is the most important scientific discovery of the past 500 years," Chad states.

But it is not without cost. The process uses high temperatures and high pressures, which require a huge supply of energy.

"The main energy supply for this process is natural gas. Just

like oil, natural gas production is in rapid decline world-wide," Chad notes.

"Without Haber-Bosch nitrogen, 40% of the world's population would be starving today – and 60% will be by mid-century. Unless we can come up with something else, we're going to have a severely damaged environment and unprecedented starvation."

One of the most exciting solutions to the nitrogen problem that Chad's team is working on is called 'precision agriculture'.

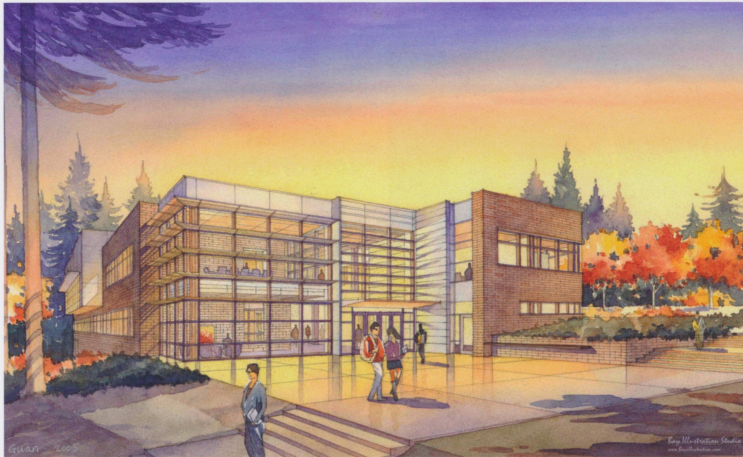
"Thanks to space-age technology, we can now match precisely the amount of nitrogen fertilizer we apply to the amount that the crop can use. In our field trials, we have reduced the total amount of nitrogen needed by 20% without reducing yields. This type of technology will go a long way toward ensuring enough food for everyone in the future," he states.

When Chad was awarded the Regius Award from Northwest University earlier this year, he challenged his listeners, "Take a chance; do something big."

If he continues to heed his own words, will he win a Nobel Prize in, let's say, 2028?



A Future FOR Farming



A new home for the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing

In order to enable continued growth in the *Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing*, we are building the new **Health and Sciences Center**, which will provide dedicated space for nursing skills labs, classrooms, and faculty offices.

In addition, the Science Department of Northwest University needs updated chemistry, biology, environmental sciences, and physics labs to serve the School of Nursing as well as the University's entire academic program.

The **Health and Sciences Center** will provide opportunities for other growing programs and for new programs in the future.

Teams that included Northwest University faculty, board and ad-

ministration have worked with recognized experts to design a quality facility that will meet our needs in this vital area.

The new **Health and Sciences Center** is scheduled for completion in August 2007.

This two-story, 45,000 square-foot project will be in Northwest's main academic hub, between the Ness Academic Center and the Hurst Library, along a newly created pedestrian thoroughfare.

A grand, two-story open space will welcome students, faculty, and guests. The first floor will be entirely day-lighted to the west. The design will provide for easy access, helpful for those students and faculty who need to work on both floors.



To see months of construction in just minutes (our time-lapse video), plus floor



K.C. Cox, Ramona Nakashima, Steve Sankey, and Dr. Carl Christensen review furniture layouts.

Carry the Call

THINGS ARE GETTING SERIOUS... WE'RE PICKING OUT FURNITURE

Much of the exterior work on the new Health and Sciences Center has been completed, and the emphasis now is on the interior. In fact, School of Nursing personnel, including the Dean, Dr. Carl Christensen, met recently with Steve Sankey, Director for Campus Planning and Construction, to discuss final layouts and furnishings for their offices, classrooms, and conference areas.

- Other current work includes:**
- Interior painting, which is nearing completion
 - Installation of light fixtures and electrical trims
 - Installation of lab/classroom casework and cabinets
 - Installation of lab fume hoods
 - Installation of plumbing fixtures
 - Final connections for roof-top equipment
 - Final grading of West parking

- lot and landscape areas
- Completion of the North stairs.
- In the near future:**
- Installation of carpet will begin
 - Installation of lab/classroom casework will be completed
 - Network cable runs will be completed
 - Stair from South Plaza to Dickey Plaza will be completed
 - Landscape irrigation and plantings will be completed.



plans and a video message from Dr. Don Argue, visit www.northwestu.edu/hsc

“It’s a check for one million dollars!”



As his wife Pat looks on, Dr. Don Argue announces the gift from George and Norma Jean Reece.

Alumni and Churches Donate Significant Amounts for Health and Sciences Center

There was a real sense that history was being made on April 5, as Northwest University faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends gathered at the site of the new Health and Sciences Center.

On this sunny day, alumni George and Norma Jean Reece presented President Don Argue a check for one million dollars – the largest single gift in Northwest’s history – towards the Health and Sciences Center.

“It was indeed a spiritual event,” stated Dan Neary, Northwest’s Executive Vice President. “God was honored as we prayed, celebrated, and worshipped together.

“We were grateful that George and Norma Jean allowed us to share this sacred transaction,” he continued. “It was very clear to all of us that this was an act of worship for George and Norma Jean.

“I know that there are all sorts of motivations for people to give; in this case it was obvious to us all that this gift was motivated by love for God and love for God’s work at Northwest University.”

George serves as a member of the Board of Directors and the Campus Planning Commission. Norma Jean is a Trustee of the Northwest University Foundation.

The Reeces expressed the hope that their gift would encourage others to contribute to the HSC.

Other Alumni Support

The name “Butterfield” is, of course, well known at Northwest. Charles E. Butterfield served as Northwest’s second president.

Charles’ son John, and John’s

wife Jan, were among the first to make a major cash gift to the HSC, even before construction began. They have recently submitted a pledge that is double the amount of their first gift.

At first, John and Jan wanted their gift to be anonymous, but they have since reconsidered, for the same reason as the Reeces – they’d like their gift to encourage others to give.

Together, the Butterfield family, which includes John and his eight siblings, has jointly contributed to the Brick Inscription Project to create a Butterfield Family Legacy.

In fact, John has matched the donations of his siblings, Robert (who died March 23), Grace Langley, David, Charles, Paul, Mary Igo, Bonnie Sheets, and Edith Sparks.

The Butterfields’ total commitment to the HSC is now well over \$300,000.

John and Jan serve on the Giving Committee of the Alumni Board, and John serves on the Campus Planning Commission.

Churches Support HSC

Northwest and the HSC were featured at the Northwest Ministry

Network’s Annual Conference, held this year in Pasco.

Following a video presentation, President Argue introduced senior nursing student (now a graduate) Charly Nicholai. Charly shared what Northwest and the Buntain School of Nursing mean to her.

Les Welk, Board Chair and Superintendent, then introduced the Reeces. George was able to bring a heartfelt challenge to the pastors and other church leaders.

Rev. Welk then introduced a surprise appearance, via telephone, of past president Denny Davis, who shared how his con-

gregation in California is giving more than \$60,000 to the HSC.

Following this, pastors and other leaders presented their gifts and pledges to the project. These gifts and pledges, with funds already received, now total over \$400,000. This is a strong show of support from the Assemblies of God churches in Washington and Northern Idaho.

The other districts that support Northwest are engaged in similar efforts, and the results are also encouraging. Together, we will complete the financing for the new Health and Sciences Center!



You can still help us build the new Health and Sciences Center, brick by brick

Construction is nearing completion on the new **Health and Sciences Center**, but there is still time to reserve your place “on the wall.”

This is a special opportunity to purchase a personalized brick or to have your name added to the “Wall of Honor.”

You may request your specially engraved brick to be located in one of the following areas:

- The Gold and The Eagle Areas are located along the wall on the first floor to the right of the main entryway;
- The Blue Area is located along a wall on the first floor left of the parking lot entryway.

All contributions will be used to assist in the construction of the Health and Sciences Center.

The cost for each area is:

Blue Area: \$200.

(2x7 Brick)

Gold Area: \$500.

(4x8 Brick)

Eagle Area: \$1,000.

(8x8 Brick)

For more information about the Brick Inscription Program, please call Joni Welk-Campbell, Director for Development, at 425.889.5203, or send her an e-mail at joni.campbell@northwestu.edu.

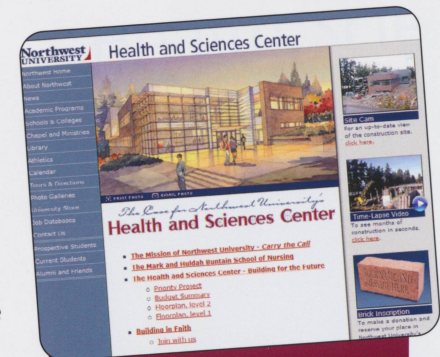
The Wall of Honor

There will also be a Wall of Honor located in a prominent area of the new building, for donations of \$5,000 and above.

(Of course, there are also naming opportunities for gifts that are even larger.)

For more information about the **Health and Sciences Center** or to make a donation for the **Wall of Honor**, please call

Jeff Lockhart, Director for the Capital Campaign, at 425.889.5206. You can also e-mail him at jeff.lockhart@northwestu.edu.

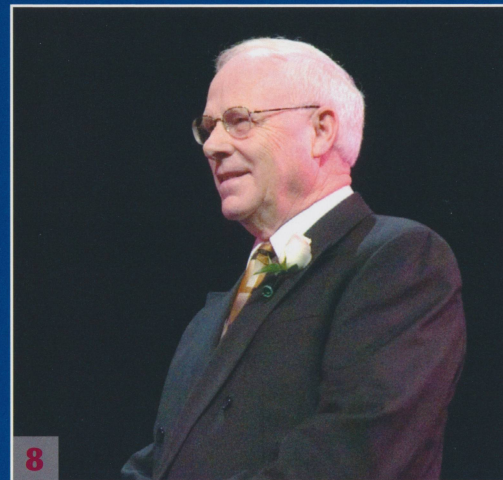


For more information about Northwest University’s **Health and Sciences Center**, including floor plans, an up-to-the-minute “site cam” of the actual construction, a time-lapse video of the construction so far, and a special video message from Dr. Don Argue, please visit our Web site: www.northwestu.edu/hsc

Commencement 339 in '07



A record 339 students received degrees at the 71st Commencement of Northwest University on Saturday, May 5, 2007. [1] The Proctor family celebrated Jesse and Bekah's graduation. [2] Alisa Amundsen was one of the students honored with membership in the Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society. [3] Faculty members Dr. Moses Harris and Debbie Pope applauded (and photographed) graduates during the processional. [4] Caleb Bryant delivered the Student Address. [5] Wesley Cotton, who received his Master of Business Administration, was one of 72 students to receive graduate degrees.



[6] Ross Johnson, award-winning coach, and Steve Jamison, senior pastor of Eastridge Christian Assembly and co-founder of *Jammin' Against the Darkness* crusades, were the Alumni Sigma Chi Pi Honorees. Members of the Board for Directors **[7]** Rev. Paul Goodman and **[8]** Rev. Vernon "Cap" Marks received the Distinguished Service Award.

Another Presidential Choice

ELECTION OF THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

It is time to elect the alumni president to represent you on the Alumni Association Board and Northwest University Board of Directors. For a job description, check out our by-laws online at www.northwestu.edu/alumni/bylaws.pdf.

- **NOMINATE** candidates **until July 29** at www.northwestu.edu/alumni/vote or call the Alumni Services Office at **425.889.5352**.
- **VOTE** on the top three nominees from **Aug. 1-30** at www.northwestu.edu/alumni. We will announce the election results in September.

John Fox ('83), who has served with distinction for several terms, is willing to let his name stand for reelection.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Alumni Ice Cream Social will be held after the Evening Service (approximately 9:00 p.m.) at Regency Ballroom A at the Hyatt Hotel. Spouses are welcome.

ALUMNI CHAPEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Monty Hipp ('84) will speak at 10:00 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. at a chapel service dedicated to alumni. The Alumni of the Year Award recipients will be honored.

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1930's

Mildred Gerhardt ('39) has 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her children took her on an Alaskan cruise recently. She will turn 93 in September. She is a member of Evergreen Community Church in Olympia. She would like to get in touch with her alumni friends. To reconnect with Mildred, call her at 360.357.3277.

1940's

Ben Birkeland ('47) passed away on Feb. 26. Services were held at Shoreline Community Church on Monday, March 12.

Alli (Salonen) Mattson ('47) and her husband Leonard escort cruises.
 E-mail: lenalli@comcast.net

Lawrence Oberg ('47) passed away on Dec. 10, 2006.
 E-mail: nloberg@comcast.net

1950's

Dale Montgomery ('58) is active in short-term missions. He has gone to Kazakhstan twice, and will be going again on Sept. 7, 2007. He mentors a pastor there by e-mail.
 E-mail: dalsecure@msn.com

Peter Ahlstrom ('59) has written a book, *Activating the Forgotten Commandment*, which is a Bible study on what it means

to love our neighbor. A copy is free on the internet until he finds a publisher.
 E-mail: ahlstrom@vcn.com

Don ('59) and **Lorene** ('59) **Gould** will return to Paraguay this year to continue developing the ministerial training school and to teach two cycles there.
 E-mail: donrene2000@yahoo.com

1960's

Bill ('60) and **Merrilee** ('88) **Aho** live near Leavenworth after serving in China from 1991 to 2006. They are getting acclimated to American culture and making themselves available to churches.
 E-mail: billaho@hotmail.com

Mary Ballenger ('61) is a missionary in Togo, Africa. Several churches have sent teams to help build a dormitory for the West Africa Advanced School of Theology. The school now has a three-story dormitory which will house 48 students.
 E-mail: mary.ballenger@agmd.org

Paul Taylor ('61) and his wife Dawn completed 46 years of ministry on April 29. They have ministered in Lyman, Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Yelm, Gig Harbor, Ephrata, The Falls Retreat Center, and finally at Port Ludlow.
 E-mail: pastorpaul@olympus.net

Everett ('63) and **Evelyn (Keith)** ('63) **McKinney** have been involved in Ministry overseas for 38 years. They've focused on preparing people for ministry by teaching at Bible schools. They recently taught at Eastern European Bible College in Romania.
 E-mail: everett.mckinney@agmd.org

Dr. Warren Bullock ('64) has been pastor, dean, and district superintendent. He is back in the pulpit with some observations on the lasting value of Northwest University to her alumni and the Church.
 E-mail: seniorpastor@nwfamilychurch.com

1970's

Shirley (Jorgensen) Morris ('72) is a wife, mom, employee, and church worker, and is involved with music.
 E-mail: 52morris@msn.com

Rod ('77) and **Sherry (Alsop)** ('76) **Boyd** traveled to Costa Rica, where they conducted two seminars for those who work with Latin American ChildCare. They also travelled to Panama to participate in a dialogue hosted by the Bible School Resource and Advisory Center. Their granddaughter Tate turned one on April 17.
 E-mail: Rod@Boyd.org

Larry "Bones" ('78) and **Connie (Ferdner)** ('74) **Anderson** are anticipating the birth of their third grandchild to their son John-Michael and his wife Mara. Their daughter Emily, 16, is home schooling, while Lauren, 13, is attending their church's Christian school. "Bones" travelled to Cambodia in February, then went to India in March to teach two DTS's.
 E-mail: bonesfamily@yahoo.com

Dennis ('78) and **Anne (Mednis)** ('89) **Leggett** live in El Cajon, Calif. Anne teaches fourth grade at Madison Elementary and serves on the school district's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) staff. Dennis is the Foster Youth Education Liaison

for child welfare services of San Diego County. He is an adjunct faculty member for Bethel Seminary and Point Loma Nazarene University's Graduate School of Education. They enjoy being grandparents.
 E-mail: legged@cox.net

Dr. Valerie (Gruver) Witt ('78) received her Ph.D. in 2005. She and her husband **Daniel** ('79) adopted five children in 1995.
 E-mail: vwittphd@localaccess.com

Cheryl (Ross) Zorko ('78) has been married for 18 years to a Montana man, Mike Zorko. They have four boys and one girl. They have attended Westgate Chapel in Edmonds for 25 years and work full time in the Regional Missions office.
 E-mail: czorko@westgatechapel.com

Keith ('79) and **Mary (Leel)** ('79) **Kidwell** have worked overseas for 21 years. They now serve in Hong Kong, where they have helped start a one-year English program at the Jiangxi Agricultural University, where the new student center will be.
 E-mail: kkidwell@netbox.com

1980's

Daniel Johnson ('80) is a missionary in Spain. His heart is to train Latinos in missions.
 E-mail: danyjohnson2000@yahoo.com

John ('82) and **Christi (Payne)** ('82) **Young** are doing well and enjoying life.
 E-mail: jcyoung1983@comcast.net

Dan Belles ('83) is no longer on staff at Westside Church in Bend, Ore. Their son, Andy, returned from a missions outreach

and is taking online courses at Grand Canyon University. He helps with the youth at Westside and works. His wife Nita is working toward her Masters in Theology at Bakke Graduate University.
 E-mail: dbelles@bendbroadband.com

Vickie Pettis ('84) is a teacher and missionary to Taiwan. She uses radio and television to reach youth. She is preparing to plant and pastor a church.
 E-mail: vickiepettis@yahoo.com

Rev. **Steve Blanchard** ('84) has been a youth pastor in Scio, Ore., since Nov. 2000.
 E-mail: pastorsb@smt-net.com

Debby (Stewart) Tzolov ('84) and her husband Plamen are missionaries in Bulgaria. They recently started a half-hour television program called "In Pursuit of Truth" that airs three times weekly. They also started a new church in Plovdiv. They plan to plant an international church in Almaria, Spain.
 E-mail: flameministry@gmail.com

Jack Yates ('84) is a chaplain in Texas.
 E-mail: yates.jack@spcglobal.net

Ben ('85) and **Elaine (Bowe)** ('85) **Tolson** have been lead pastors of Mountainview Christian Fellowship since 1996. In 2003, Ben was elected Mayor of the city. Elaine has her own business and volunteers with the Chamber of Commerce. Their son **Andrew** is a sophomore at Northwest. Their daughter Lauren is working and dreams of going to Thailand as a missionary. Their youngest, Elizabeth, will be entering high school in the fall.
 E-mail: pbent@integrity.com

Russel Michaels ('86) obtained a M.A. in Christian Ministries from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.
 E-mail: russm@central-assembly.com

Nancy Valnes ('84) has been responding to the AIDS pandemic through mobilization and training with the African Church. Since 1980, most of her life's energy has been focused on Africa. She served in Zaire in 1994, then transferred to Burkina Faso in 1998. As of Sept. 1, 2006, she has transferred into the International Service Ministries (ISM) department.
 E-mail: nancy.valnes@gmail.com

Lalonda (Musil) Hansen ('88), her husband Darrin, and their two boys Tyler, 10, and Micah, 8, live on the Olympic Peninsula. Lalonda is working part time in the Education Department at Harrison Medical Center and is the PTA President at her sons' school. Darrin builds boats for a private company. They attend Harbor Christian Center where **Gino Grunberg** ('79) and **Rick Enloe** ('78) are pastors.
 E-mail: ss.hansen@juno.com

Plan Ahead for Reunions Next Fall

Next year's reunions, planned for **October 24-25, 2008**, on the Northwest University campus, will feature:

- **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**, including Associated Student Body (ASB) Officers and Residence Life leaders
- **GRADUATION YEARS** '38, '39; '48, '49; '58, '59; '68, '69; '78, '79; '88, '89; and '98, '99.

Planners needed! If you graduated in one of the years listed above, or served on ASB or as a Residence Life leader, and would like to help plan these events, please contact the Alumni Services Office by e-mail at alumni@northwestu.edu or by phone at **425.889.5352**.

Kelly McCormick ('88) graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary on May 5, 2007.

Michele Scott ('89) is a nurse. She is married to Christopher and they have two children, Rebekah and Daniel. E-mail: sctfamily@comcast.net

1990's

Phil ('90) and **Robin Whitehead** ('90) returned to Lomé in December and met with leaders of the Togo Assemblies of God. They are now able to develop children's ministries throughout the entire region. They have been busy repairing their house, which was an unforeseen expense. E-mail: malcolmsinafrica@hotmail.com

Scott Nazarino ('90) has been married to Jennifer for over 16 years. They have three children: a daughter, 9, and identical twin boys, 7. Scott has been in the financial services business for 15 years. He is running for the Sammamish City Council. E-mail: snazarino@hotmail.com

Tim Buckley ('91) is disabled with Parkinson's disease. He is the creator of the cartoon "A Sap's Fables." E-mail: tbuck13@aol.com

Chris Ness ('91) and his wife Heidi will leave Zambia on May 3, 2007, after being there since 1999. Their next term will be in Sudan. E-mail: chris.ness@agmd.org

Sally Barrett ('92) is an English Language Fellow (ELF) in St. Petersburg, Russia. ELF's are connected with the U.S. Department of State. Sally has focused in teacher training. She will return to the Seattle area this summer.

Lani (Kaliikane-Bak) Curby ('94) and her husband Christian have two boys, Joshua, 6, and Jacob, 2. Their daughter Grayce was born May 22, 2007. In September they will move to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, as missionaries for the Foursquare Church. E-mail: gracie1004@hotmail.com

Andrew ('94) and **Kimberly (Davis) Geer** ('98) have lived in Monroe for seven years. They recently planted The Everyday Church. They welcomed their third child, Zoe Elisabeth, in Sept. of 2006. E-mail: andygeer@verizon.net

Jill (Llafet) ('94) and **Kyle** ('96) Riley live in Billings with their four kids. Jill focused on kids and Christian education at the churches where she worked as a staff pastor. She now offers workshops and consulting for pastors on leadership development, small-group communication, team dynamics, teacher skill development

and children's ministry development. E-mail: sixrileys@imt.net

Steve Silberman ('95) flew to Houston, Texas in January to be the guest speaker for a youth retreat. His ministry in Mexico is growing. They have once-a-week and once-a-month small group meetings. E-mail: steve@alternativemissions.com

Melinda (Allerdings) Langrehr ('96) and her husband Matt welcomed their second daughter Macy Joy on Jan. 25, 2007. She joins her sister Malia, 3. Melinda teaches at Kettle Falls High School. Matt is a Power Generation Control Operator for Avista Utilities. They attend Addy New Life Christian Center, where **Danny Stone** ('80) pastors. E-mail: mattmelinda@centurytel.net

Heidi Zweifel ('96) and her husband Mark will be venturing into full-time evangelism this summer. Mark will be speaking at several summer camps, and this fall, Heidi will teach and serve as campus pastor at the International Christian Academy. E-mail: zweifelgirls@cox.net

Josh Downs ('97) has started his own graphic 3D digital broadcast company called Lavalobe with two friends. He won an Emmy for graphic arts for his company's work for the Seattle Seahawks. **Charis (Marquis)** ('97) is transitioning into her new position with Wachovia Bank. They have a daughter. They would love to hear from friends! E-mail: charis.downs@wachovia.com

Jefferson Ledgerwood ('97) and his wife Heidi moved to Virginia Beach where he attends Regent University School of Global Leadership. E-mail: jefferson@movewest.com

Jennifer (Belgarde) ('97) and Mickey Tuter are expecting a baby in October 2007. E-mail: evrykd@hotmail.com

Jordan Copeland ('99) has accepted a tenure-track position in religion at La Salle University in Philadelphia. He will begin in the fall of 2007. E-mail: jordan-copeland@uiowa.edu

Jack ('99) and **Lorri (Trimborn)** ('99) Downs recently traveled to New York, where Jack presented a paper at the Conference on College Composition and Communication. Jack, Lorri, and their two-year-old daughter Ella live in Fort Worth, Texas while Jack finishes his Ph.D. in English at Texas Christian University. E-mail: j.m.downs@tcu.edu

Aaron Hunter ('99) married Francis on Oct. 28, 2006 in Honduras. He has been working in Honduras for more than three years with the Foursquare Church. E-mail: missionaryaaronhunter@hotmail.com

2000's

Kathryn McDaniel ('00) is looking for 1999 and 2000 LEAP alumni. E-mail: mcdaniel1593@charter.net

Connie Rush ('00) served in the Peace Corps, then returned to Oregon and enrolled in a masters degree program. She has been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. She would appreciate prayer for healing, strength, and provision. She will not be able to work for a several months. Cards and donations can be sent to *Connie Rush Benevolence Fund*, C/O Development, Northwest University, P.O. Box 579, Kirkland, WA 98083. E-mail: bamboo7000@hotmail.com

Ashley (Huebner) Hansen ('01) and her husband Jeremiah moved from Boston to the Seattle area in May 2006. Jeremiah is web developer in Fremont and Ashley stays home with their five kids. E-mail: ashley@jhansenfamily.com

Autumn (Donnell) Witt ('01) is finishing her M.A. in English Language Linguistics at the University of Arizona. She has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in Second Language and Teaching. **Jacob** ('99) is finishing his M.A. in Communications and will begin a second M.A. in English Language Linguistics at the U of A. E-mail: autumsong@hotmail.com

Jeremy Kowalski ('02) is a computer technician in the Renton School District. E-mail: jkowalski@renton.wednet.edu

Lee Pugsley ('02) finished his undergraduate degree in Theatre Arts at Vanguard University in Dec. 2006. He is pursuing a career in New York in stage management. E-mail: titanicfreak88@yahoo.com

Josh Davey ('03) begins a one-year clerkship with Judge Dennis Shedd on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Columbia, South Carolina, this fall. E-mail: jdavey@gmail.com

Kristen Kowalski ('03) lives in Phoenix and works as the representative for two furniture factories. She would love to hear from fellow alumni. E-mail: kristen.kowalski@gmail.com

Emily McBlair ('03) works at Evergreen Manor, a residential chemical dependency center for pregnant and parenting women. She encourages alumni to donate clothing and shoes.

Ray Misomali ('03) graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Public Administration in 2006. In June, he and his wife Jennifer led a humanitarian medical mission trip to Malawi. They live in Miami. Ray accepted a position with URS Corporation as an Emergency Management

Coordinator. He passed his exam and was sworn in as a United States Citizen. E-mail: rayandjenm@hotmail.com

Amanda Peterson ('03) is the Assistant Dean of Women at Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas. She lives on campus in an apartment. E-mail: apeterson@cfni.org

JoAnne (Wolff) ('03) and **Tom Howell** welcomed daughter Grace Frances, born Jan. 2, 2007. This was an unexpected blessing, as their boys are 18 and 20 years old. They celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. E-mail: jwolff-howell@comcast.net

Jonathan ('04) and **Ruth (Page)** ('04) King are finishing three years in Japan in July and are expecting their first child in September. They will be living in the Seattle area this fall. E-mail: jonathanandruth@hotmail.com

Tracia (Lofgreen) Clark ('05) and her husband Tyler have been married for two years. They have a daughter, Amy-Lynn Rose, born Aug. 18, 2006. Tracia continues to work part time in Mental Health research at the America Lake VA. Their web-based business keeps them both busy. E-mail: traysh@gmail.com

Brian Steen ('05) accepted a position with the Archdiocese of Seattle with Drexil House, a transitional housing for homeless men and women in Thurston county. He is also on staff at North Thurston Life Center. E-mail: rev.brian.steen@gmail.com

Gideon Copple ('06) has been accepted into the United Nations Association internship program. E-mail: gideoncopple@lycos.com

William Henderson ('06) is a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center in Kirkland, Wash. He serves on the hospital's Trauma Staff Committee and has completed the Trauma Nursing Core Course. He is a member of the International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education and is working on an independent research project related to the improvement of community disaster response, the results of which he will present to the Washington State Department of Health. E-mail: swampfox612@comcast.net

Steven Knemeyer ('05) and **Desiree (Westenberg)** ('06) Knemeyer run the Wenatchee Teen Outreach Center and Solomon's Porch as home missionaries. They would love to help anyone plan a short-term missions trip with a youth group. E-mail: dknemeyer@hotmail.com

Timothy Kowalski ('06) works part-time as a youth pastor at Cedar Park Chapel

and is a realtor with Remax in Kirkland. E-mail: timothy.kowalski@gmail.com

Alex Little ('06) married Carissa Miller on June 9. The couple lives in Pullman. E-mail: alex.little@northwestu.edu

Justin McKinney ('06) is engaged to Amy Duchaine. E-mail: justinmc_glass@hotmail.com

Laura Stahlberg ('06) is expecting a baby girl on Jan. 18, named Emily Christine. E-mail: mrs.stahlberg@gmail.com

Future Alumni

Grayce Rose Noelani, born May 22, 2007, to **Lani (Kaliikane-Bak)** ('94) and **Christian Curby**. E-mail: gracie1004@hotmail.com

Zoe Elisabeth, born Sept. 2006, to **Andrew** ('94) and **Kimberly (Davis) Geer** ('98). E-mail: andygeer@verizon.net

Macy Joy, born Jan. 25, 2007, to **Melinda (Allerdings)** ('96) and **Matt Langrehr**. E-mail: mattmelinda@centurytel.net

Meizy Nicole, born March 20, 2007, to **Jason** ('96, '01) and **Mary** ('97) Streubel. E-mail: revstrube@aol.com

Joshua Timothy, born March 27, 2007, to **Brian Reeder** ('97). E-mail: reederfam@verizon.net

Micah Patrick, born March 26, 2007, to **Ashley (Huebner)** ('01) and **Jeremiah Hansen**. E-mail: ashley@jhansenfamily.com

Brynlee Corinne, born April 20, 2007, to **Aaron** ('03) and **Lori** ('04) James. E-mail: alajames@hotmail.com

Grace Frances, born Jan. 2, 2007, to **JoAnne (Wolff)** ('03) and **Tom Howell**. E-mail: jwolff-howell@comcast.net

Abigaile Josephine, born June 23, 2007, to **Michael** ('04) and **Angela** ('03) (Strommer) Inman. E-mail: inmanmichael@hotmail.com

Amy-Lynn Rose, born Aug. 18, 2006, to **Tracia (Lofgreen)** ('05) and **Tyler Clark**. E-mail: traysh@gmail.com

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