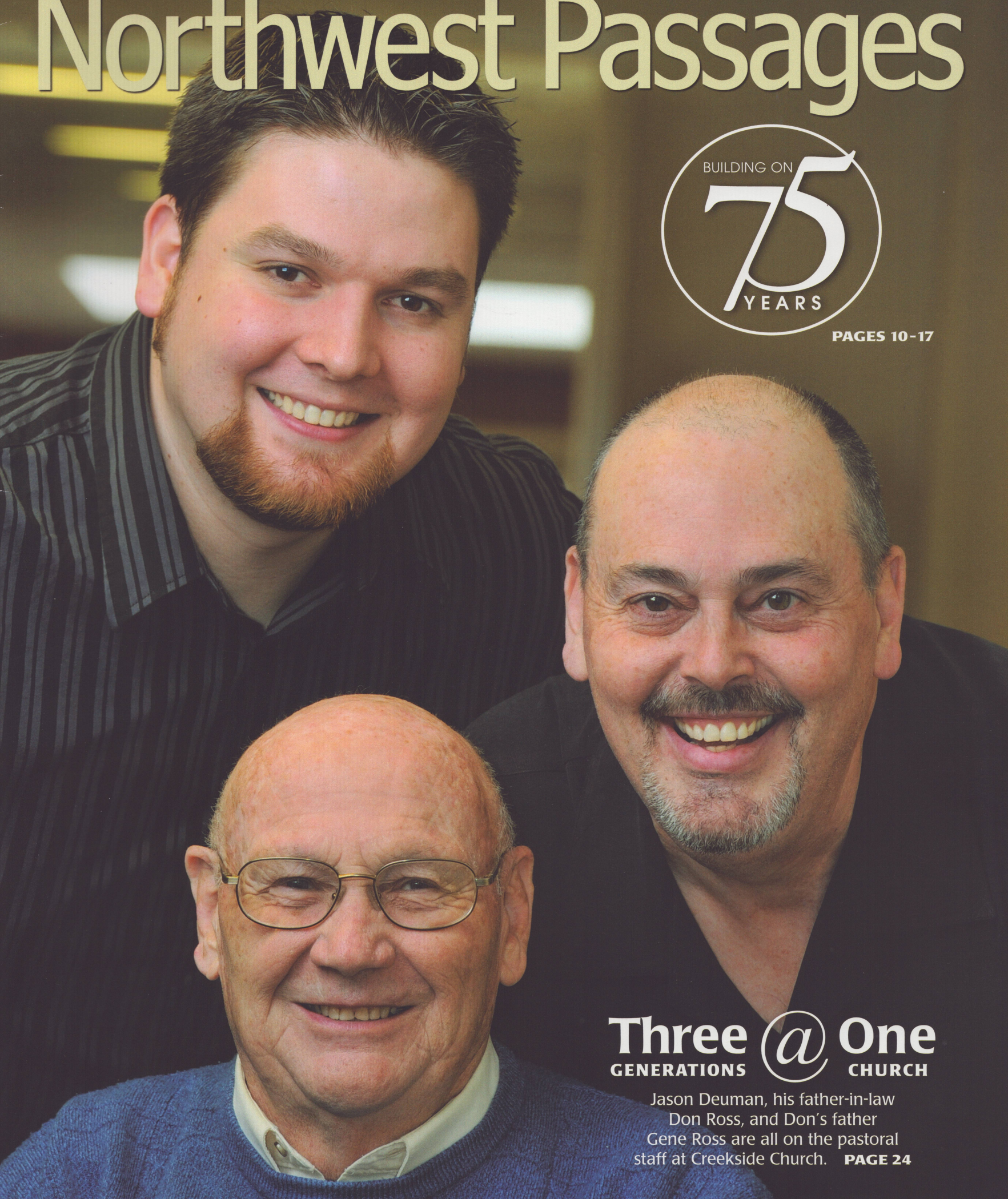


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Three @ One GENERATIONS CHURCH

Jason Deuman, his father-in-law Don Ross, and Don's father Gene Ross are all on the pastoral staff at Creekside Church. **PAGE 24**



Singing in the big room

Northwest Choir at Benaroya Hall

Northwest University's Concert Choir was joined by the Cathedral Choir from University Presbyterian Church and the Rainier Symphony to present *An English Christmas* at Benaroya Hall on Dec. 15.

The concert featured traditional carols—as arranged by Peter Hope for the London Symphony Orchestra—in their first live performance, along with music by John Rutter... and more!

"This was a great opportunity for our students to sing in a world-class venue like Benaroya Hall," stated William Owen, the choirs' conductor and chair of the Music Department at Northwest. "Even more, it was a great chance for the alumni and friends of Northwest University to enjoy a truly wonderful Christmas concert."

More than 2,000 people took advantage of the opportunity, filling the concert hall up to its third tier.

For a photo gallery of the concert, visit www.northwestu.edu



At work... around the clock



The newest building on our campus is probably also the hardest-working. The **Donald H. Argue Health and Sciences Center** is the site, during the day, of classes for traditional students. On evenings and weekends, it hosts classes for adult and graduate students. It is also the home of the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing, and it has the offices for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and for many faculty. Its laboratory facilities are state-of-the-art, as are its classrooms. And its conference rooms, like the one on the upper left, are always in high demand. And somehow, this amalgam of brick and steel becomes, as darkness falls, a bright, welcoming smile at the center of our campus.

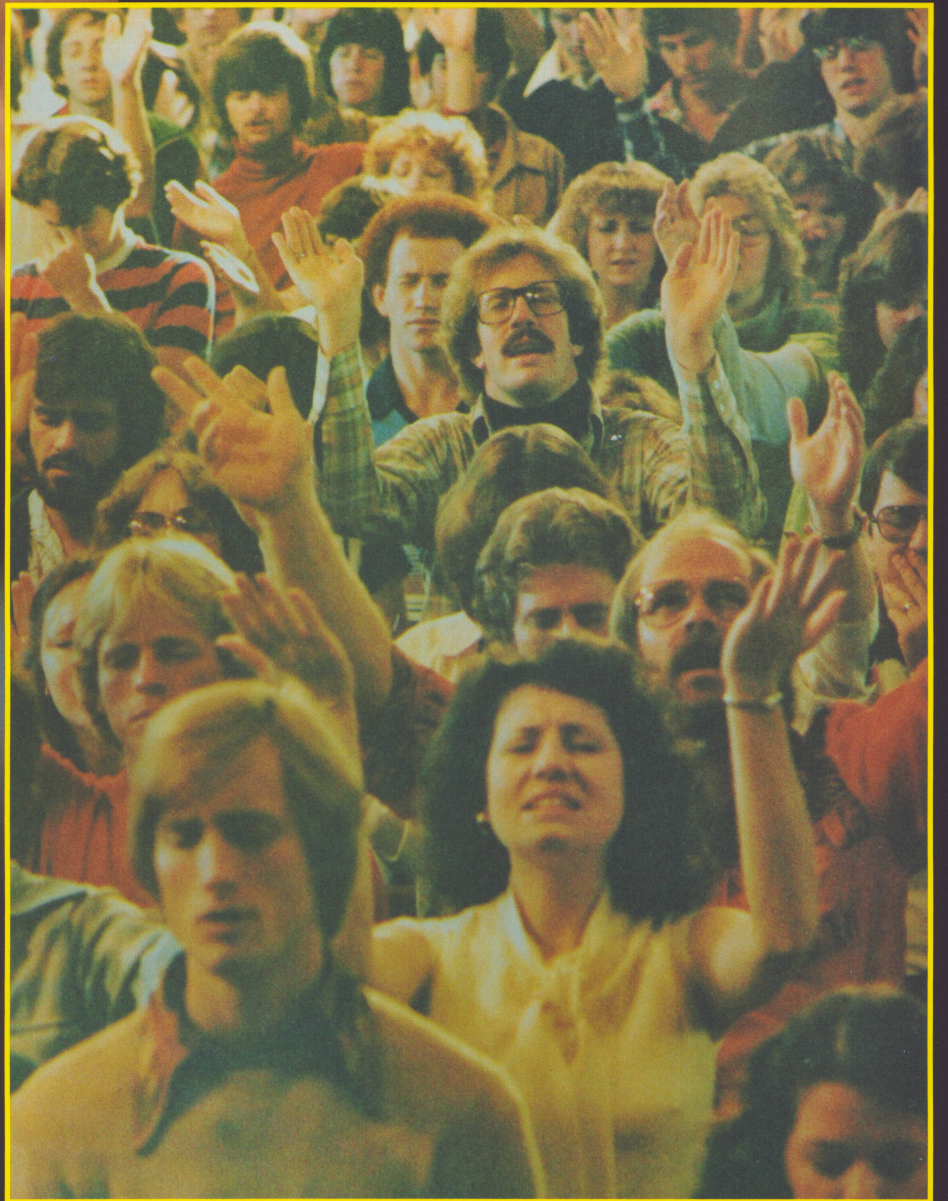


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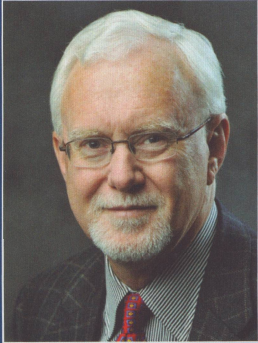


Some things never change

Some things haven't changed at Northwest – like a heart for worship. Student **Rheayn Wade** would feel right at home with the worshippers below (the photo is from a 1980s-era *Karisma* yearbook). Styles have changed, but the underlying reality has not.



Are your friends making you fat?



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I'm of a generation that still reads newspapers. Particularly *The New York Times*, and especially the weighty Sunday edition of that august paper.

After church, after lunch, you will often find me at Starbucks, working my way through all six dollars of it, especially the *Book Review* section, and *The New York Times Magazine*.

(Other newspapers often pick up articles from *The Times*, so I feel like I get a head start on my week. And I get to feel a little smug, days later, when I see an article in a local newspaper that I've already read in *The Times*.)

Last September, the 13th to be exact, I got to *The Times Magazine* and encountered an orange cover with plump black type asking the question, "Are your friends making you fat?"

Hey, if I can blame someone else for my weight gains, I'm all for it. I turned to the article, and read the headline: *Is Happiness Catching?* It continued: *Nicholas Christakis and James Fowler say your friends – and even your friends' friends – can make you... eat too much or get happy. A look inside the emerging science of social contagion.*

The article was fascinating. It shares the discovery of these two social scientists who, for the first time, have found solid evidence for a "potentially powerful theory in epidemiology: that good behaviors – like staying slender or being happy – pass from friend to friend almost as if they were

contagious viruses. Participants [in the study] influenced one another's health just by socializing. And the same was true of bad behaviors – clusters of friends appeared to 'infect' each other with obesity, unhappiness and smoking. Staying healthy isn't just a matter of your genes and your diet, it seems. Good health is also a product, in part, of your sheer proximity to other healthy people."

The article was so great that I saved that issue of the magazine. And when the book came out – **Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives** – I bought a copy. I recommend it.

It points out, I think, the true purpose and strength of a place like Northwest University. This is a place where students are shaped

by professors and other students whose primary goal in life is to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Northwest is certainly about the transmittal of knowledge. That's why the word "university" is in our name. But even more, I believe, it's about the formation of Christian character.

Our new mission statement puts it this way: *We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.*

Northwest is also about the creation of lifelong friendships, and building and maintaining these networks of friends. Such relationships, *The Times* article points out, have tremendous power in shaping our lives.



Scientists have found solid evidence for a powerful new theory in epidemiology: that good behaviors – like staying slender or being happy – pass from friend to friend almost as if they were contagious viruses.

Thoughts on the emerging science of social contagion

Earlier, I mentioned the date this article appeared: Sept. 13th.

I have a habit (as do many others) of reading the Proverb that corresponds to each day of the month. So I had already read Proverbs 13 when I saw *The Times* article about the “emerging science” of social contagion, and I recalled verse 20 of that Proverb: “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”

So, no real surprise here. Most of us already know the power of community, of social networks. Still, learning how these networks work confirms the vital role that Northwest University plays in the lives of thousands of our students and alumni.

The Next 25 Years

In this issue of *Northwest Passages*, we celebrate 75 years of preparing men and women for ministry and service in Christ’s Kingdom.

Our timeline may inform you, or remind you, of significant events in our history and our world’s history. And President Joseph Castleberry shares his vision for the next 25 years.

There are features on veteran faculty (Dr. LeRoy Johnson) and new faculty (Christina Gard), on current students (Wyatt Boeke) and alumni (the three generations at Creekside Church: Gene Ross, his son Don Ross, and Don’s son-in-law, Jason Deuman).

I hope you enjoy the issue. If you have any suggestions, write to passages@northwestu.edu.

NEW for Fall 2010

Master in Ministry

The Master in Ministry (MIM) is a new degree from the College of Ministry at Northwest University. It is designed to prepare students – intellectually, spiritually, and functionally – for vocational or lay ministry.

16 MONTHS – 30 CREDITS

This 30-credit degree program is designed to be completed in four semesters over 16 months.

HYBRID FORMAT to provide flexibility

The course format combines traditional delivery, (a Friday evening and Saturday weekend once a month (W) along with online classes (O) and live, interactive seminars (S). The program has been structured for the working professional in mind. For maximum flexibility, each semester includes one course in the traditional weekend format and one course online.

COHORT-BASED to encourage community

The Master in Ministry is structured around the cohort, a group of students working together to encourage and learn from one another, in an environment that empowers Christian leadership formation.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Master in Ministry program seeks to equip Christian leaders intellectually, spiritually, and functionally, to successfully:

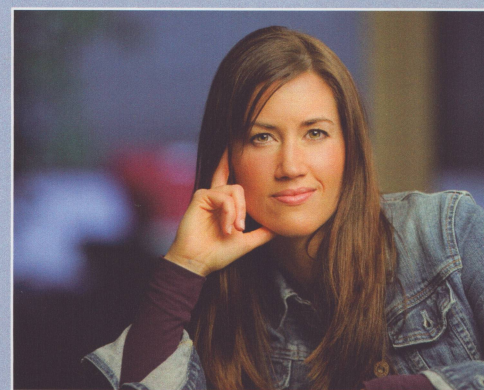
- Serve as leaders in a variety of Christian leadership contexts including both local church and para-church ministries.
- Engage in biblical and theological reflection, especially as it relates to one’s ministry context.
- Provide individuals wishing to transition into ministry from a lay background by providing the academic foundation needed to obtain ministerial credentials.
- Serve as academic foundation for those wishing to pursue further graduate theological training.

Proposed Chronological Sequence of Courses

Semester 1:	Credits: 7
Old Testament Introduction: Background & Theology	W 3
Ministry Leadership and Administration	O 3
Contemporary Issues I: Spiritual Formation	S 1
Semester 2:	Credits: 8
Ministry Essentials	W 3
New Testament Introduction: Background & Theology	O 3
Contemporary Issues II: Special Topic	S 1
Contextual Education I	O 1
Semester 3:	Credits: 7
Reading the Bible: Exegesis and Interpretation	W 3
Christian Theology: An Introduction	O 3
Contextual Education II	O 1
Semester 4:	Credits: 8
Biblical Preaching & Teaching	W 3
Texts in Context	O 3
Contemporary Issues III: Special Topic	S 1
Contextual Education III	O 1

For more information on the Master in Ministry, please contact **Aaron Oosterwyk**, Enrollment Counselor, at **877.453.5327** or aaron.oosterwyk@northwestu.edu.

For information on any of our undergraduate or graduate programs, please visit www.northwestu.edu.



Katie Cvitovich is an employee of *World Vision* and recently completed the MA in International Care and Community Development. To view a video of her comments, visit www.northwestu.edu/video/katie.

Graduate Degrees for those who want to make a difference

MA in Theology and Culture

Develop thinking and practice that is biblically informed and creatively faithful to the historic mission of the Christian faith.

MA in Missional Leadership

Develop a framework to understand motivation and other leadership issues. Learn to live out the gospel so it is experienced in community.

Master in Teaching

If you want to make a contribution to the world around you, become a teacher. There may be no better way to invest in the future.

Master of Education

Reach two goals simultaneously—earn the Master of Education degree and the Washington State Professional Teacher Certificate.

Master of Business Administration

Gain the competence that is necessary to make sound business decisions, as well as the integrity required to make good moral choices.

MA in Social Entrepreneurship

Become a “social entrepreneur” – recognize a social problem and use business principles to organize a venture to create social change.

MA in International Care and Community Development

Prepare for context-sensitive leadership in meeting the needs of the poor and the oppressed, both in the U.S. and overseas.

MA in Counseling Psychology

Prepare to serve your community as a licensed mental health counselor. This program has a unique multicultural focus.

OUR FIRST DOCTORAL DEGREE:

PsyD in Counseling Psychology

This five-year program (a BA is the prerequisite) prepares students to serve in diverse community settings as a counseling psychologist.

The First 25

A TIMELINE – Over the next eight pages, we present some of the highlights of the first 75 years of Northwest Bible Institute/Northwest Bible College/Northwest College/Northwest University. We also include key events in the Seattle area, our region, and our nation. On the final two pages



Northwest Bible Institute is founded by the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God and housed at Hollywood Temple.

Eugene V. Bronson joins the faculty.

DECEMBER 8 Attack on Pearl Harbor.

JUNE 6 D-Day

1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947



Henry Ness becomes the first President of Northwest Bible Institute.

Life magazine publishes its first issue.

The Karisma yearbook is started.

JUNE 5 The Lake Washington Floating Bridge opens, connecting Seattle to Mercer Island and the Eastside.



The Pioneer class includes 39 graduates. First diploma handed to Edith Glew.

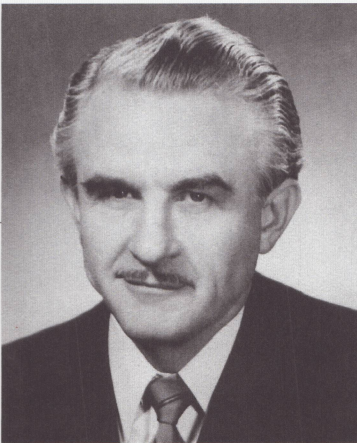
of this timeline, we present a vision for the next 25 years from the President of Northwest University, Dr. Joseph Castleberry. We couldn't list every event, or every important person who contributed to our history, but we hope this serves to inform you, entertain you, and even bring back fond memories.



JULY 9 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport opens.

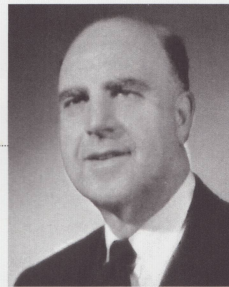


Dorothy Amundsen joins the faculty to teach music.

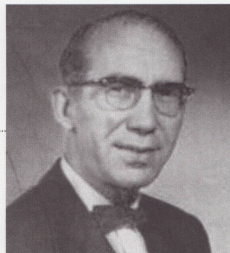


Charles E. Butterfield becomes the second President and the name changes to Northwest Bible College.

Amos Millard joins the faculty as Registrar and Dean of Admissions.



Herbert Crowder joins the college staff as Field Representative.



Donald Fee joins the faculty as the Dean of Men.



Elvis Presley becomes the first rock star.

DECEMBER 1 Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on the bus.

SEPTEMBER 28 Classes begin on the new campus.

Molly J. Perks Women's Dormitory is completed.

The College becomes the residual heir for the late Mrs. Dickey, giving the college between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states in the United States.

1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959

Northwest progresses from a three-year to a four-year curriculum and includes programs in ministry and music.

Accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

College is incorporated in the state of Washington into the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God.



JULY 15 A Boeing 707, the first successful passenger jet, take its first flight.

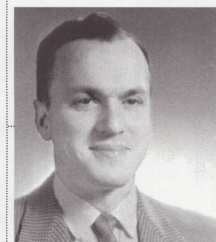
Start of Eagles Basketball, coached by Harry Leid. Eagles don't enter league play until 1958.

Northwest Bible College changes its name to Northwest Bible College and Junior College.

Crowder starts the Living Endowment Fellowship.

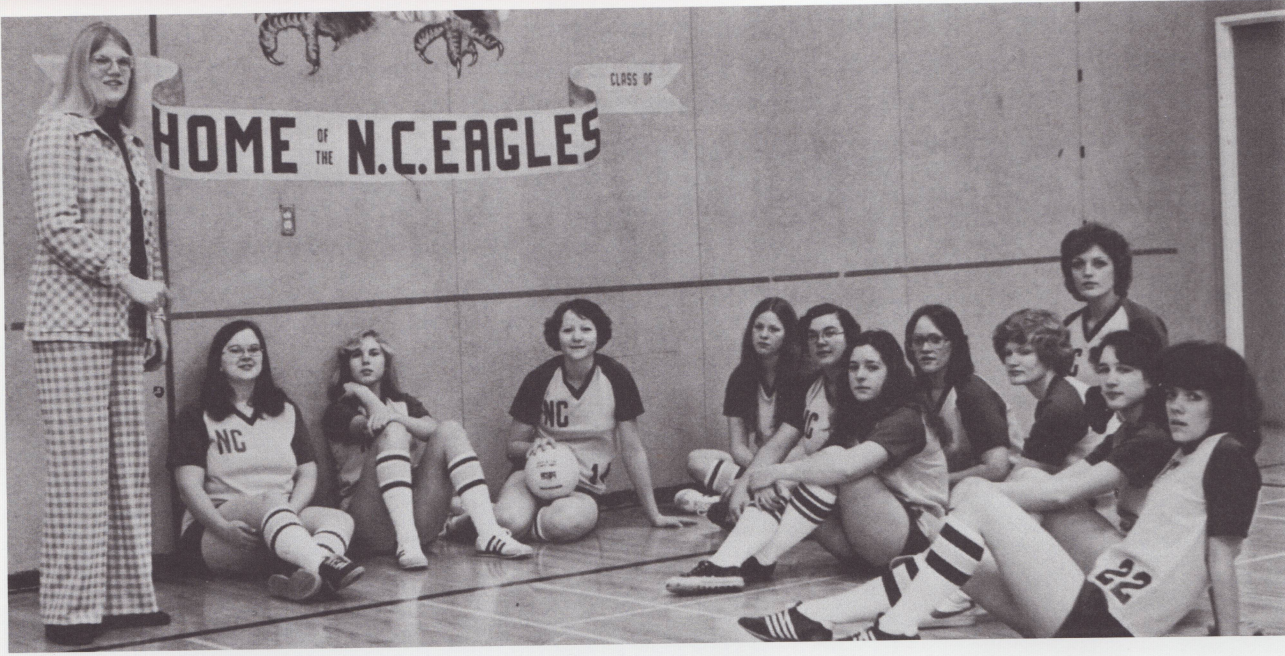
JULY 29 NASA formed.

Northwest Bible College moves to the east side of Lake Washington, to the current location in Kirkland.



Daniel "Doctor Dan" Pecota begins teaching.

The Second 25



Kristi Brodin is hired as the women's PE instructor and forms the women's volleyball team, starting women's inter-collegiate sports at the college.



The Gymnasium, also known as the Pavilion, is built.



LeRoy Johnson begins teaching as Professor in History and assistant basketball coach.

Amos Millard begins taking students to the Bible Lands.



Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Jimi Hendrix performs.

Dorothy Amundsen takes the choir to Europe for the first time.



JULY 20 American astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first human to walk on the moon.



Starbucks opens its first cafe.



OCTOBER 13 The Supersonics plays their first game.



The chapel is built.

CC Beatty Men's Dorm is completed.

Francis Thee begins teaching Bible.

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JANUARY 1 The UW football team wins its first Rose Bowl.



Name changes to Northwest College of the Assemblies of God

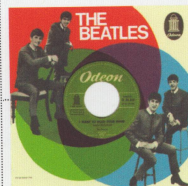
Seattle hosts the World's Fair, which leaves Seattle with the Space Needle, Monorail, and many other Seattle Center buildings.



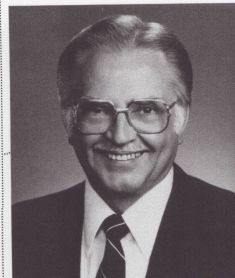
Frank Rice begins to teach as the Professor of English.

JULY 2 Segregation is abolished in the United States.

"Doc" Pecota becomes Dean of Students.



The Beatles' song "I Want to Hold Your Hand" is a sensation and launches the "British Invasion" including other British bands such as Rolling Stones, the Who, and Herman's Hermits.



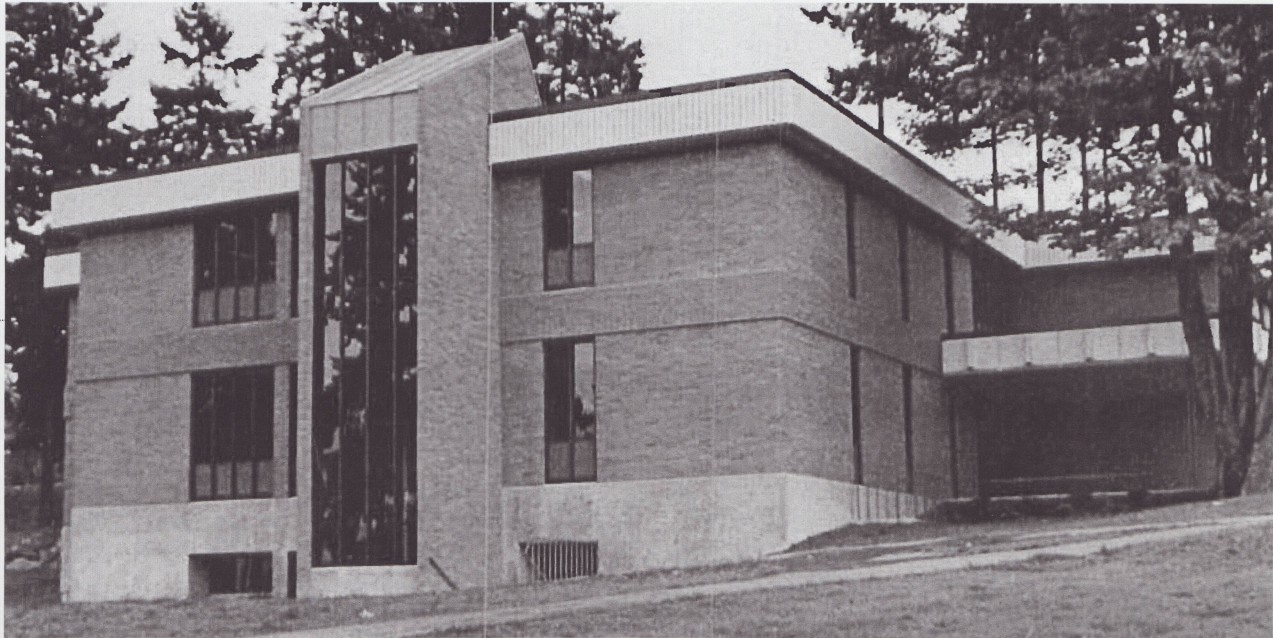
Dr. D.V. Hurst becomes the third President.



William Randolph begins teaching science courses.

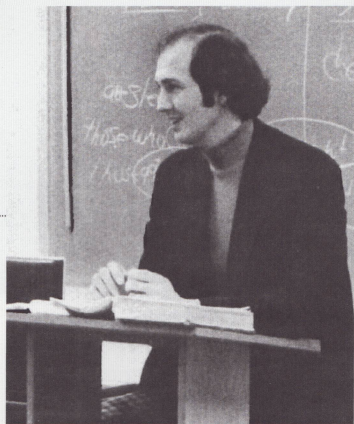


Local sculptor Kenton Pies creates the "Reaching Arms" fountain.



The new campus library is named for D.V. Hurst.

President Hurst is elected to the Kirkland City Council. Later elected Mayor of Kirkland.



Darrell Hobson begins teaching at NC.

The new chapel is dedicated as the C.E. Butterfield Chapel.



MARCH 27 The Kingdome opens.

A competitive sport was offered all three quarters of the school year for both men and women.

Receives regional accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.



SEPTEMBER 12 The Seahawks play their first regular-season game.



Sony introduces the Walkman.

JUNE 1 The Supersonics win the NBA championship.



Michael Jackson releases the album Thriller.

Costco

SEPTEMBER 15 The first Costco opens.

1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984



APRIL 4 Micro-Soft is founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen; doesn't move to Seattle until 1978.

Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools awards Northwest College full accreditation.

Movie Saturday Night Fever popularizes disco music.

Les Welk, current Superintendent of the Northwest Ministry Network and Chairman of Northwest's Board of Directors, graduates from Northwest College.

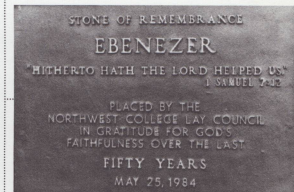


APRIL 6 The Mariners play their first game.

MAY 20 The Seattle Aquarium opens.



MAY 18 Mount St. Helens erupts.



The Ebenezer Stone is presented to NC by the lay council in remembrance of the first 50 years.

Dr. Don Argue speaks at commencement.

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Seattle Seahawks sign a 20-year lease to use twelve undeveloped acres on campus. They install two grass practice fields, an artificial turf practice field under a bubble, and build a 36,000 square foot office complex.

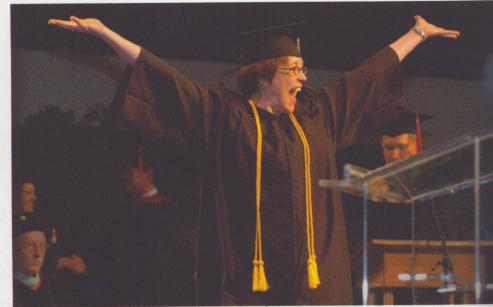


Women's basketball team wins NCCAA Division II national championship.

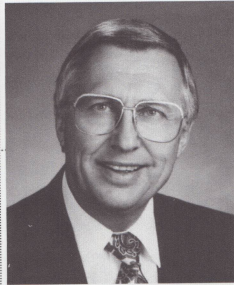
JUNE Seattle hosts the Goodwill Games.



Ichiro Suzuki begins his career playing for Orix Blue Wave; debuts for the Mariners in 2001.



Northwest starts an adult degree completion program, LEAP (Leadership Education for Adult Professionals).



Rev. Dennis A. Davis is named fourth President.

Grunge rock rises in Seattle, includes bands such as Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Metallica.

Northwest starts a Secondary Education program.

Northwest purchases the Davis Administration Building.

Northwest begins a track and field program.

The Counseling and Career Development Center opens.

1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997



Computers start to be used on campus. Waldemar Kowalski is hired to teach Church History and upgrade campus technology.

President Hurst establishes the Pacific Rim Center for Cross-Cultural Studies.

NOVEMBER 9 Fall of the Berlin Wall.

Women's basketball coach, Kristi Brodin, earns Coach of the Year by the NCAA Division II.



Women's basketball team wins NCCAA Division II national championship. Senior Aiyanna Curtis' jersey, number 34, is retired.

Men and Women's basketball teams win the NCCAA Division II national championship. Senior Wes Davis' jersey is retired.

Women's basketball coach, Kristi Brodin, becomes the first woman to be inducted into the NCCAA Hall of Fame.

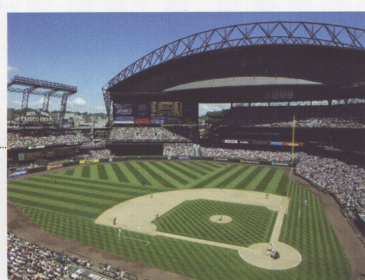
Business Management and Administration are added as a major. John McMillin chairs the program.



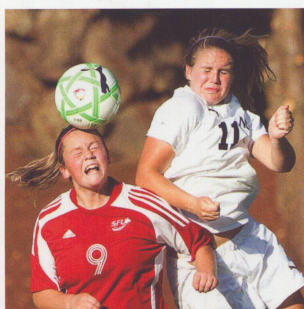
The School of Nursing begins with a \$100,000 grant from the Mission of Mercy, founded by Mark and Huldah Buntain. Dr. Carl Christensen is named dean.



Completion of the Health and Sciences Center, named in 2008 after fifth president, Dr. Don Argue.



JULY 15 Safeco Field opens.



Northwest starts a Women's Soccer Team.



Dr. Joseph Castleberry named sixth President.



MARCH 26 The Kingdome is imploded.

Northwest starts its first graduate program, the M.A. in Counseling Psychology.

MBA program is added.

Apple Computer introduces Apple iTunes Music Store.

Master in Teaching is added.

Northwest adds five graduate programs:

M.A. International Care and Community Development

M.A. Social Entrepreneurship

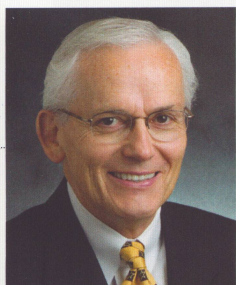
M.A. Missional Leadership

M.A. Theology and Culture

Master of Education

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

Psychology major is added under the direction of Dr. William Herkelrath.



Dr. Don Argue is named fifth President.

First graduating class from the School of Nursing. All 14 that enrolled in 2000 graduate from the program.



Northwest acquires building 6710 108th Ave. NE, less than 1/2 mile from the main campus, as the Center for Graduate and Professional Programs.



Name changes to Northwest University.

Northwest starts its first doctoral program in Counseling Psychology.

Barack Obama is elected as the first African-American president of the United States.

The Next 25

As we face the final 25 years of our first century, **Dr. Joseph Castleberry**, President of Northwest University, explains the symbology of our logo and shares his hopes, dreams, and plans for the future.

Finishing our first century

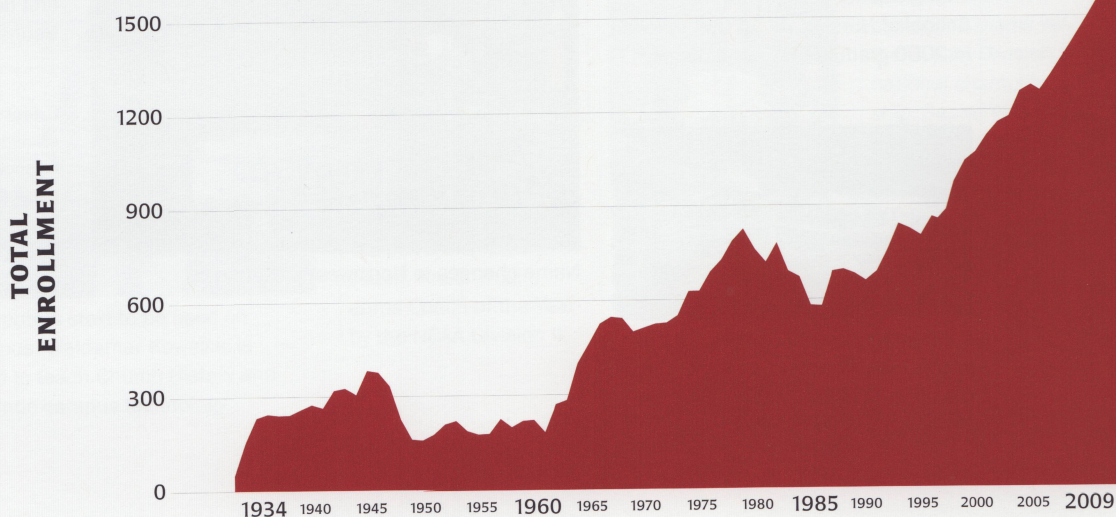
The Northwest University logo can be interpreted in various ways: it's a sail that responds to the winds of opportunity.

It's an evergreen tree that we often dress up with lights at Christmas time, representing our beautiful campus and symbolizing traditions and long life.

But I think most people see it as a steep upward curve indicative of the aggressive growth we have experienced since our founding, and particularly in the last 25 years.

As I survey this steep upward curve, I realize that after 75 years, we are just entering the elbow of the curve.

The next 25 years promise to be the most exciting, challenging, and productive years of our existence. Our potential for fulfilling our historic mission of academic excellence, spiritual vitality, and Spirit-empowered engagement with human need is increasing at a dizzying pace and our prospects are dazzling.





We are building on the foundation established by my predecessors: D. V. Hurst, Denny Davis, and Don Argue.

Northwest UNIVERSITY

A Futurology of Northwest University

There are a number of things that will certainly happen in the near-term future, simply because of the trajectory we are currently following. Historically, we have had about 8,000 graduates in 75 years. That number will double in the next 25 years, even if we do not grow significantly from our current size, which is an unlikely prospect.

With growth to 1200 undergraduates and 500 graduate students, we would likely see the number of graduates triple in the fourth quarter!

That means that we will triple our productivity in terms of the provision of trained Kingdom servants to represent the Gospel and the Church in the world God loves.

It is a certainty that Northwest will be recalibrated in the *U.S. News and World Report* university rankings in the next 25 years. Our growth—to a total of ten graduate programs over the last seven years—guarantees it.

But as our trajectory keeps climbing the steep curve, we will add more master's and doctoral degrees and very likely be classified as a national university before the end of the Northwest Century.

The pace of our growth will propel us to become a Spirit-empowered national university with strategically chosen professional schools turning out world-changing men and women of action.

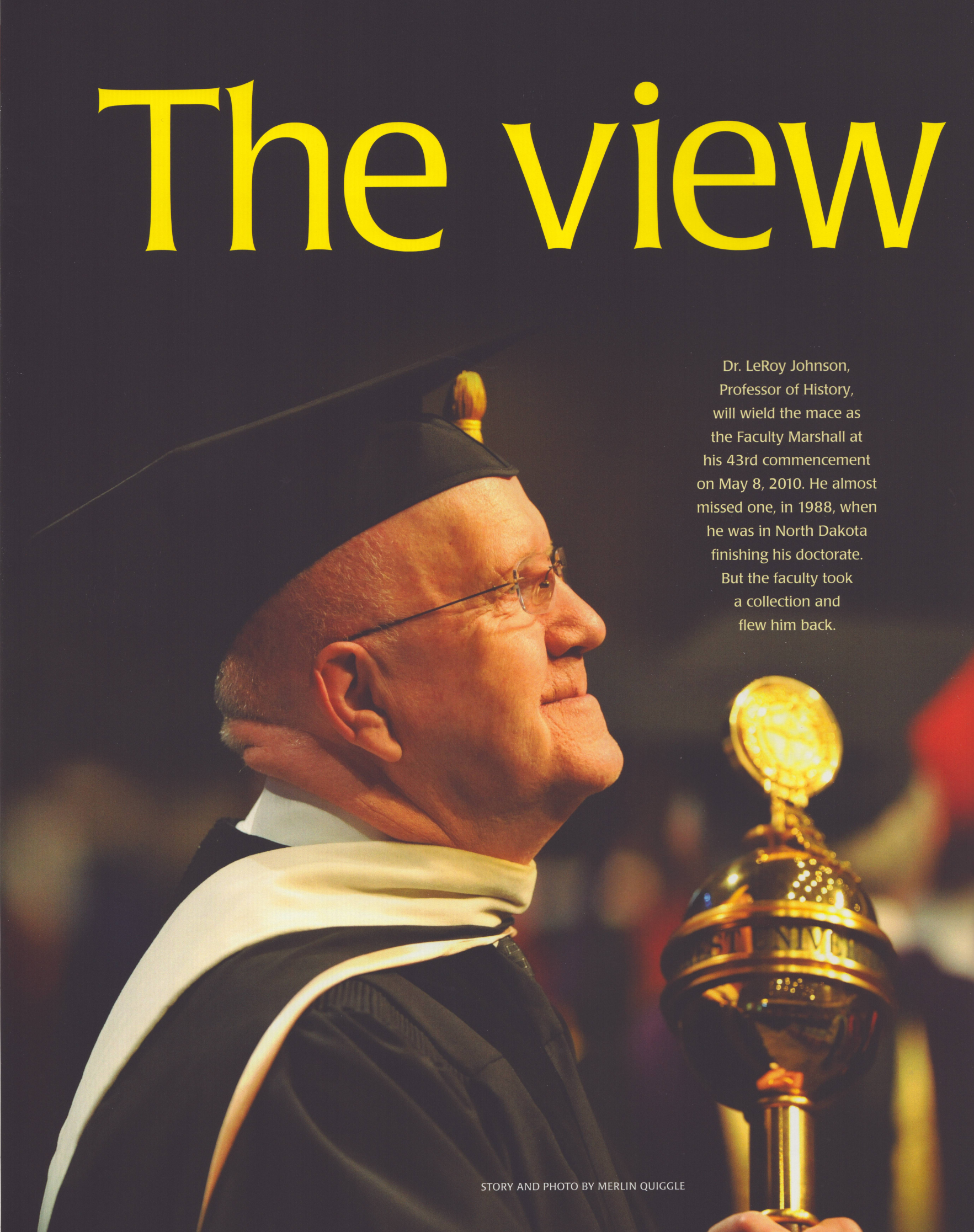
At the end of our first century, I envision Northwest University to be a heavily endowed, permanently funded juggernaut for the Kingdom of God!

My "Bucket List" for Northwest University

(What I ask God to let me see at NU in my lifetime)

1. The completion of a century of faithful allegiance to the person of Jesus Christ and a continuing climate of the Holy Spirit's presence on the Northwest University campus.
2. A national spiritual awakening that radiates from NU and exerts long-term influence in American society.
3. National university status, drawing students from every state.
4. Recognition as the leading pentecostal-charismatic university on the West Coast.
5. A multidenominational reach from an A/G base, with many denominations and churches claiming us and supporting us as their own—a big tent supported by a main mast and many auxiliary ones.
6. Local recognition as the pride of the eastside from area business folk: "They may be evangelical Christians, but man, are they smart and wow, do they make our community better."
7. A university that is "More Elite, but Less Exclusive" with a deep culture of hospitality. Talk to me about that!
8. Deep ethnic diversity, with NU seen as the school of choice for Christian students of all ethnicities in the northwest.
9. Create truly unique, cross-pollinated, integrative and united graduate and professional schools that maintain loyalty to Jesus Christ.
10. Doctoral programs in every school training anointed Christian professionals—including but not limited to such options as nursing practice, business administration, psychology, education, worship studies, and church ministry.
11. A nationally accredited business school offering a wide variety of specialties, especially global and social entrepreneurship and hospitality management.
12. A full-service divinity school, offering all levels of theological and ministerial training.
13. A School of Social Work with a Master of Social Work degree program.
14. The Northwest University School of Law, as an ABA-approved Christian law school.
15. A dynamic college of liberal arts with every major fully staffed.
16. Two thousand undergraduates and a thousand graduate students on our main campus and eastside sites.
17. Zero non-self-amortizing debt. (No lazy debt—we want to keep debt working for us!)
18. The complete rebuilding of our aging campus infrastructure, beginning with a new Student Activities Complex that includes a new gymnasium, fitness center, cafeteria, bookstore, and student center and followed by new and rebuilt dormitories.
19. A new Worship Arts Center combining a state-of-the-art theatre, worship, and concert space with audio and video recording capacities and practice rooms.
20. A new Ness Academic Center, three stories tall on its present footprint, with lavish new class spaces and gorgeous lake views.
21. Extension campuses in all six Northwest states and distance education offerings that extend our offer of solid training for service to the most remote corners of our heartland region.
22. Endowed chairs in every school and college, with faculty and staff salaries increasing to match the local market along with at least a tripling of our overall endowment.
23. Victorious championship-level teams in all our intercollegiate sports, with several new sports added.
24. *Creatio*, a multifaceted performing arts juggernaut, including recording studios; academic programs in worship technology, video production, drama, and music industry; URock (a leadership academy for teens doing business as a music school); and a symphony orchestra on the NU campus.
25. Worldwide recognition as a major provider of worship music and video for the global church in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

The view



Dr. LeRoy Johnson, Professor of History, will wield the mace as the Faculty Marshall at his 43rd commencement on May 8, 2010. He almost missed one, in 1988, when he was in North Dakota finishing his doctorate. But the faculty took a collection and flew him back.

from behind the mace

There have been 72* graduation ceremonies in the entire history of Northwest University, and LeRoy Johnson has been in 42 of them.

For many of the 42, he has been the man behind the mace, leading and directing the parade of new graduates.

We caught up with LeRoy (at Starbucks) and asked him how he got this job, and what he's seen and experienced over the years.

"I was appointed the Faculty Marshall by our previous Academic Dean, Marshall Flowers, about 15 years ago," LeRoy recalls. "When I first came to Northwest, Maxine Williams ran graduation. When she retired, Dan Pecota took over, and I helped back him up. Then, when Dan retired, I took over and was given this fancy title."

What is he thinking when he stands in front of the graduates and watches them march in?

"It's the greatest day of the year," he states. "And the most moving. I still get tears in my eyes, standing on the platform and singing the alma mater. It's an honor to have been in the lives of these people for the previous four years."

Actually, LeRoy admits, the first few minutes are not that much fun.

"As I watch the graduates enter, my main concern is that they get to the right seats in the right rows. It's more complicated now, with the different schools and colleges and degrees that we have. I hand-write a complete seating chart, and our rehearsal the day before is quite a big deal. Once all the graduates are

seated, I can relax and really enjoy the ceremony."

LeRoy came to Northwest in 1967 to teach history. His time here has given him a unique perspective on our history. What has made the greatest impact on him?

"On my life, and on the lives of generations of students, I would have to say, reverently, 'Dr. Dan' Pecota. He was such a commanding presence, and he had such a high regard for the word of God and the work of God," LeRoy says.

"We did a lot of things together, as couples, he and his wife with my wife Marilyn and me. They were mentors to us, and Dan and I shared many lunches and even some summer jobs."

In more than 40 years, there have been some changes. We asked LeRoy what he felt was the greatest change.

"The biggest change was when Northwest moved from a school training exclusively for vocational ministry to a school preparing students for other careers. One of the first non-ministry majors was education. We (I am including Bill Randolph and Phil Gustafson) were thrilled when we started turning out school teachers who were Christians. It made Northwest more of a college, and provided a broader influence for our graduates."

This wasn't the only big change in LeRoy's recollection, though.

"It was a major event when we received regional accreditation. It made the above – adding other majors – possible."

There is a question that LeRoy is often asked, about the spiritual fervor of our students, about the

level of the spiritual life on campus.

"Behind the question, it seems to me, is an assumption that current students couldn't be as spiritual as the students from an earlier era. And I think this assumption is totally false. Students today are different, which is to be expected. They come from backgrounds and homes and churches that are very different. But as I observe our students today, it is clear to me that their hearts are still for God."

As Northwest grew, LeRoy lost one of his greatest pleasures: "I used to teach every student twice, in two different five-credit history classes. I really got to know each one of our students."

"Now with more programs and more faculty, I don't have the chance to have every student in my classroom."

Speaking of faculty, LeRoy, what about the quality of the professors?

"The caliber of the faculty today, academically, is great. I was here when we had the first earned doctorate on the faculty, John Pope. Now, a doctorate is almost always required. I don't think we necessarily have better people, but they are better prepared."

LeRoy could retire. He admits that he has been teaching longer than he thought he would.

"But I'm not 'phoning it in,' as the saying goes," he states. "I'm still growing, still reading, still learning new stuff."

And he's still surprised in the classroom. Like one day, when he recognized the name of a student and asked if a previous student was her father. The answer?

"No, that was my grandfather!"

*Why just 72 commencements, when we're celebrating our 75th anniversary? Well, for the first couple years, there weren't any graduates.



LeRoy Johnson
Northwest District

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a capitol idea

Student **Wyatt Boeke**
reports on his internship
at the Washington State Capitol

My political aspirations started in 2002 when I took a trip to Washington D.C. At that point, I was a lost 20 something, but taking that trip brought much clarity to my life. Visiting the national monuments, the Smithsonian Institute, and taking part in the one year anniversary of 9/11 really fostered the birth of a political passion that never existed before.

From there, I enrolled in Highline Community College and emphasized my education around political science. After two years of studies at the community college level, I wanted to pursue my political studies while also focusing on the study of my faith. My pastor, Troy Jones of New Life Church in Renton, has always said that, "You are who you hang out with and what you read," and I've always taken that to heart. My pastor is an alumnus of Northwest and after researching the merits of their history and political science department, I soon found myself enrolled at our great school.

Over the years, I have worked on Congressional political campaigns for Representative Dave Reichert, I've been employed during the summers by the Republican party as a political organizer, and the study of public policy and political theory has been

a daily part of my life for the last eight years.

Northwest University participates in a national internship program in Washington D.C. that is highly distinguished, but because of my financial situation, the national program wasn't an option for me. After doing some internet research, I found the Legislative Internship Program in Olympia.

Since the program was located in state and the internship was paid, the financial burden was much less, so I applied.

The Legislative Internship focus directly on public policy, a person interest of mine. As a legislative intern, I work directly in the same office as the member I serve, and I'm doing serious work here in Olympia. I produce Senator Morton's Monday and Thursday radio shows, I track legislation that we are for or against, I write memos and briefs that Senator Morton uses directly in committee or on the Senate floor, and I do extensive research on different legislative issues that are important to Senator Morton's constituents. This internship is a dream come true.

My hope is that my participation in this program will create a bridge between the program and Northwest University. I am the first student from NU to participate in the internship program and I find a great amount of pride and responsibility from that. While I do have political aspirations myself, If I am able to create opportunity for other students from NU, then my time here has been a complete success.

From here, I plan on pursuing a Masters of Public Administration degree. Through this internship, my confidence has soared, and I have hopes of running for office myself one day soon.

This spring, an open house for the interns let them bring their mentors for a day of orientation and interviews. Wyatt Boeke invited Dr. LeRoy Johnson, Professor of History at Northwest University.

Christina (Reasner) Gard

Q What did you study at Northwest as an undergraduate?

A I earned my Associates in General Studies and my Bachelors in Communication – Organizational Management.

Q What extra-curricular activities were you involved in?

A I participated on the NU debate team and NU debate society. I also worked part time in the offices of Trudell, Bowen, and Lingenbrink. I served with the youth ministry at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo. When I returned from England, I got involved with City Church and served there. I volunteered at Children's Hospital with cancer patients. I volunteered at NU with ESL by meeting with Japanese students weekly. I volunteered as a parliamentary debate judge. I also traveled as a student representative to Alaska on a couple of occasions to represent NU at youth conventions.

Q What did you do after graduating from Northwest?

A I served the state of Alaska as the state's official hostess with the title of Miss Alaska and competed at Miss America. I married my husband, Andrew (who I met at NU), and we moved to Frederick, Md., to serve as the youth pastors at Calvary Assembly of God. I worked as a Crisis Intervention Specialist with at-risk youth and families and began my master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. We then moved to Puyallup, Wash., to join the team at Puyallup Foursquare Church. My husband is the College Pastor and Dean of Students for the Ministry Institute Internship Program, and I oversee the Children's Ministry team as the Children's Pastor.

Q How did you get into children's ministry and your church position?

A I grew up in an A/G home with a family in ministry. We spent every summer at Little Beaver Lake Kids Camp in Alaska, doing kids camps together as a family.

My dad was also the Christian Education Director for the state, so I spent a lot of time around children's ministry. He and my mom are the senior pastors at Abundant Life Assembly of God. My dad was

an enormous influence, as he believes children's ministry is essential to the church.

He also taught my sisters and me how to do children's ministry; and as kids we led other kids in worship via music, puppets, drama, ventriloquism, teaching, and singing. These experiences imparted into me a love for children and a belief that we can change the world through children's ministry.

I served in Cambodia, through the A/G, in children's ministry, which showed me the need for children's ministries overseas and fostered a desire to minister to children around the world.

We joined the staff at Puyallup Foursquare Church by way of my husband. He was mentored by the senior pastor and church founder, Roger Archer, and he is from this area originally. Andrew was interviewing for his position when they began to ask what my passions were. It was on this occasion that Roger shared his passion and belief in children's ministry and said that kids come first in his church.

A few weeks later they called to invite me to interview for the Children's Pastor position. I was very hesitant initially even though I knew the Lord was in it; I had great fears in moving forward because I had never envisioned a life in ministry for myself. However, the Lord spoke and we moved forward. When the position was offered to me, I knew that to say "no" would be disobedient to the will of the Lord for my life. It has been a remarkable journey.

Q Explain your pastoral staff position.

A I am the Children's Pastor and sit on the church Resource Pastor team, which means I

am a team leader (department). I also had the privilege of being the first woman to preach during adult weekend services and will have the opportunity to preach again this year.

Q Why did you decide to join the faculty of the College of Ministry at Northwest?

A It is an absolute honor to be able to be a part of the College of Ministry. Some of the professors taught my classes when I was a student at NU and they profoundly shaped my life.

I believe in Children's Ministry and in what the future of the church can look like because of Children's Ministry. I believe in equipping and educating Children's Pastors for their roles in the church, and I believe that NU is a terrific place to do this.

Q What are you excited about in this new position?

A I am thrilled to get to know students who desire to become Children's Pastors and to assist them with the tools and knowledge that is necessary to accomplish the mission. I am also so proud to be a graduate of NU and to join the team there.

Q What are your dreams and goals for the children's ministry program?

A I hope to see the Children's Ministry program continue to grow and develop. I hope to see more students enroll in the major, because it is an incredible opportunity to help advance the Kingdom of God. I hope to teach future Children's Pastors in such a way that they receive both the head knowledge and practical ministry application to accomplish Proverbs 22:6—*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

At left, Christina with her staff in a prop vehicle in the lobby of the children's facility at the Puyallup Foursquare Church Puyallup campus.

At right, with one of the 800 children who typically attend the weekend services.



Northwest grad—a former debater and former Miss Alaska—returns as a professor of Children’s Ministries

PHOTOS BY MERLIN QUIGGLE



Gene Ross

Northwest Bible College, 1954

Gene Ross started it all.

While a student at Northwest Bible College, Gene met a woman named Barbara, whose father was a pastor in Ballard. After graduation, he joined his father-in-law, Ben Nelson, on staff at that church.

After a couple years, Gene and Barb planted a church in Spokane, beginning nearly 50 years of ministry in Spokane, Cheney, Moscow (Idaho), Cathlamet, Mukilteo, Seattle (the Union Gospel Mission), and St. John.

He joined his son Don at Creekside (formerly Northgate Church) as the Seniors Pastor in 1999.

"We prayed about it, because we weren't sure it would work," recalls Gene. "But it's worked out really well. Life starts out with the dad taking care of the son, now the son is taking care of the dad."

Gene attended Northwest just before construction of the new freeway (I-5) forced the college to move to its present campus in Kirkland.

"We couldn't imagine a road wide enough to take the college out," he remembers.

Now 77 years old, Gene clearly recalls the impact of the president and the professors at Northwest.

"Charles Butterfield had a big impact on me—his preaching was very dynamic. Plus, we had great instructors: Dean Aasen, Maxine Williams, Allen Ellis (we called his class the "Brother Ellis Story Hour"), and Amos Millard. It's amazing that Northwest could get this quality of teachers, given the circumstances and lack of funds."

Gene believes in Northwest. Proof? His children attended, as did his grandchildren and their spouses.

Don Ross

Northwest College, 1978

OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Don Ross knew he had a call to ministry while he was in high school. That came as no surprise: "My father and grandfather were both ministers," Don notes. "Going back to Scotland, the Ross family has 200 years of ministers. But I do have to point out, however, that the two most prominent vocations in our family tree are 'pastor' and 'horse thief.'"

Don met his wife, Brenda, at Northwest, ran the gospel teams, and served as the ASB President in 1977-1978.

He remembers professors like Dan Pecota ("That man walked the talk"), Owen Hodges, Orville Clark, and Herb Crowder. He had two of the professors his father did: Donald Fee and Amos Millard, and two his son-in-law did: LeRoy Johnson and Bill Randolph.

Don also made sure he got plenty of real-world ministry experience. "I had a formula," he recalls. "Good grades + no experience = no job." That's why Don served at a different church every summer, and why he helped plant Cedar Park.

He pastored in Lynden, Bellingham, and Vader before joining Creekside Church (then North Seattle Christian Fellowship) in 1995.

"I was 39, and 63% of our congregation was 57 or older, so I asked my dad to join us to serve that generation. A few years later I asked my son-in-law, Jason, to join us to help build bridges to the younger generation," Don explains.

"It works well. We do have one absolute rule, however. We never rehash church business during family lunch on Sunday!"



Jason Deuman

Northwest College, 2003

Jason Deuman felt the call to ministry during a winter camp when he was in the eighth grade. The decision about where to study was straightforward: Northwest. "That's where all my youth pastors (at Cedar Park) had gone to college," Jason recalls.

He met his future wife, Kathy (Ross) during a performance of "The Victor" at Cedar Park. Kathy also chose to attend Northwest, and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 2004.

"I never wanted to work for my father-in-law," Jason recounts. "But when their youth pastor left, Don asked me to submit my resume. He actually recused himself from the process, and the elders hired me. Working with my father-in-law hasn't at all been the issue I thought it would be!"

Jason soon began a long transition from youth pastor to senior associate. He now is responsible for the ministry teams, spiritual growth, and serving (outreaches to the community and the world); he also fills the pulpit 25% of the time on a regular schedule that is determined a year in advance.

Jason's experience at Northwest was positive: "I loved studying here," he states, "and I have the highest regard for the Bible professors."

This regard is evidenced by the fact that he is back at Northwest, studying for a graduate degree, the Master of Arts in Theology and Culture. His long-term goal? To earn a doctorate (like his father-in-law) and become a professor himself.

And he plans to maintain the tradition. "I love Northwest, and I hope all my children go there."

Three GENERATIONS

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One
CHURCH

The pastoral staff at Creekside Church in Mountlake Terrace (Seattle, Wash.)

includes three generations:

Lead Pastor Don Ross

hired his father, Gene Ross,

and his son-in-law, Jason Deuman.

All three are Northwest graduates, and they talk about their time studying here, and what it's like to be part of a ministry family.

For more of their stories, please visit

www.northwestu.edu/passages/creekside

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Welcome, Dustin



Dustin Shirley ('96) joined Northwest University as Director for Alumni Services on March 22, 2010.

For Dustin, Northwest is a family tradition: "My parents and uncle went here, and so did my siblings."

Dustin earned his B.A. from Northwest in Biblical Literature. "If I'm going to have a degree I don't use, I'm glad it's Bib Lit," he laughs. "Actually," he continues in a more serious tone, "My wife and I teach a class at our church for engaged couples, and I use it all the time."

Over the past decade, Dustin's professional life has involved both internal and external stakeholders. His work has combined strategic thinking and organizational skills with interpersonal relationships.

He worked in the mortgage industry as a fee appraiser and commercial loan originator, and has more recently been a technical recruiter and a client services associate.

Dustin met his wife Amy (nee Zimmerman) at their church during her senior year at Northwest. She earned her degree in Business in 2000. They now have three children: Taylor, 9; Josephine, 6; and Brianna, 5.

He is also a founding member of Creme Tangerine, the Beatles Music Experience that started out as the worship band at Redwood Hills Church. He plays bass for this group and also for his church, Eastlake.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve Northwest and its alumni," said Dustin. "I'm looking forward to developing new ways to enhance and enrich the relationships among alumni and between alumni and their alma mater."

Actually, Dustin already has some experience as a representative for Northwest. While he was a student, he served on a Summer Ministry Team (SMT) that was called "ID."

"We were about 95% music and 5% drama," he recalls. "Which was a good thing, since our music was a lot better than our drama! We spent time in Washington, Oregon, and Wyoming, and we even travelled to Japan for two weeks."

You can call Dustin at 425.889.5352 or e-mail him at dustin.shirley@northwestu.edu.

alumni news

1950's

Loretta (Stalnaker) ('59) and **Ronald Almborg** ('60) are semi-retired, living in Vancouver, Wash., and attending Heritage Church. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8, 2010.
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1960's

Duane ('63) and **Marilyn (Moe) Dorsing** ('80) are concluding their 46th year in Asia-Pacific. They have spent the past 14 years in Korea.

Selwyn Larsen ('67) retired from Chevron in 2005. He still has a part-time business in the petroleum industry.
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1970's

John ('73) and **Nancy Le Cossec** are on furlough until October 2010. They spent Christmas with Nancy's mom, Ethel, and celebrated her 90th birthday.
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Jim Pemberton ('76) has assisted approximately 12,000 immigrant families from the former Soviet Union, Middle East, Western Europe, Central and South America, Asia, and Africa.
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Rosemarie (Daher) Kowalski ('78) has enjoyed serving the alumni community. She is now studying full-time at AGTS, pursuing her doctoral degree.
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Henry Lovely ('78) serves at Trinity Church in Tacoma, Wash., as a prayer team leader. He also teaches and recently held a revival in Troy, Mont.
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1980's

Les Laas ('83, '06) is launching a new graphic design company. He is available for print and web design/production needs.
E-mail: leslaas@laasdesign.com

George Mbulo ('84) went on to head a Bible College in Lusaka, Zambia, after NU. He received an MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary and an MBA from Pepperdine University. He pioneered an International Christian Ministry targeting the African Continent in '99 while serving as the Executive Pastor at North Hollywood First A/G Church in Los Angeles. He is now pursuing doctoral studies and continues to expand his African missions work.
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Deborah (Hardwick) Mueller ('84) loves being a stay-at-home mom after years in the workplace. While many in her peer group are becoming empty-nesters, her kids are just entering grade school.
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1990's

Kimberly Chase ('91) was an ESL teacher at Edmonds Community College for six years. She taught English in the Middle East for four years, and studied Islam for more than six years. Her current focus is educating others regarding end-time events, the role of Islam, and how to prepare both spiritually and physically for Christ's return.
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Dean Coffman ('94) is currently volunteering at WEC International, a mission's organization in Fort Washington, Penn.
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Matt ('95) and **Heather (Guerra) Reigel** ('90) and their children have begun their second term as missionaries in Rostock, Germany. Their focus is teaching and training pastors and church workers.
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Andrea Tappero ('96) and **Craig Hulten** ('93) are engaged. Their wedding is scheduled for July 10 in Spokane, Wash. They will live in Redmond, Wash.
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Brett Beaman ('97) and his family recently moved to the East Texas town of Quitman. Their oldest son, Isaac, is getting ready to go to Pre-K. Brett is a probation officer for Wood County CSCD and is preaching at Whispering Hope Baptist Church in Quitman.
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Dr. Michael DeLashmutt ('97) serves as the Director of Studies at Sarum College, Salisbury (U.K.). Sarum College is an ecumenical study and research center based in Salisbury's Cathedral Close in Central Southern England.
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Amy Joy (Munson) Hess ('97) lost her husband of nine years on Sept. 14, 2009, due to complications from injury and illness. Amy Joy is back in school working on a degree in Biochemistry and has great hope for the future.
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Kimberly (Springer) Rockwell ('98) is a stay-at-home mom during the day and a varsity volleyball coach at night.
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Janine (Vrooman) Saul ('98) is a Christian counselor and an instructor/counselor for Grays Harbor College. She loves the people and gets joy in helping them find the right path for their lives.
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2000's

Leah (Lamm) ('01) and Edward Gillette were married on Oct. 10, 2009. Leah received her Master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology in 2007. She has been working for Providence Health & Services in Executive and Leadership Development as a Talent Stewardship Specialist for the past two years and loves her job. Edward received his MBA from the University of Washington and works in Management at Boeing.
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Lisa (McKenney) Wilson ('01) started her Master of Social Work (MSW) at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill. She and her husband bought their first house in June 2008.
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Niina (Peltomaki) Downey ('03) lived in Bangkok, Thailand, for two years working in the slum communities. After she moved back to Oregon, she met Kiel Downey. They married in June 2008 and recently had their first child.
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Sandra (Barr) Warner ('03) recently started a position at Seattle Pacific University.
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Mei (Fang) Sims ('04) became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in 2008. She is currently in her fourth year of private practice with Cedar Park Counseling Network. Her practice focuses on depression, eating disorders, couples communication, and parenting issues. She is also specialized in working with Asian American families and culture awareness. She is frequently invited

to give workshops, teach classes, and speak in international schools, Asian communities, and churches.
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Evan Muxen ('05) is currently in Oklahoma. He and his family are there for Evan's Field Artillery Captains Career Course. With no expected deployment for some time, Evan hopes to finish his work in learning Latin and Arabic, while studying for his GREs and completing an application to teach at West Point.
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Isaac ('06) and **Heidi (Wolyniak) Forslund** ('07) bought their first house on their one-year anniversary. Isaac is working full-time as the associate/music pastor at New View Church in Stanwood, Wash., and Heidi is working as a nanny in Kirkland.
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Alex Johnson ('07) is working as NU's Print Services Manager. His wife, **Stacy (Anderson)** ('07) works in NU's Human Resources department.
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Jeremy Macias ('07) is serving with the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa, as a Community Health Adviser. He teaches a life skills class at a local secondary school. He also works with youth clubs and HIV support groups.
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Emilie (Vallerand) McCormack ('07) recently released her debut EP titled *More Than Me*. It is available on iTunes, Amazon, and in the NU bookstore.
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Michael Mead ('07) proposed to **Lauren Whiting** ('08, '09) on Nov. 29, 2009. They are planning to get married on Whidbey Island in July.
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Future alumni

Danielle (Bleiler) ('94) and **Dave Pappas** welcomed twin sons on March 24, 2009.
Dashon (Dash) Petros and **Destin (Dez) James** joined older brother Drew (4) and sister Devanee (8).
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Gilbert ('95) and **Aimee (Kruger) Lenger** ('96) welcomed their son, **Jedidiah Géza**, on Nov. 10, 2009. After 14 years of marriage, the couple was surprised to learn of Jed's impending arrival, and they are marveling at God's blessing in their lives. Gil is enjoying his career in law enforcement, and Aimee is now a stay-at-home mom and also does secretarial work from home for their church. The family lives in the Seattle area.
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Kelly (Miller) Lambert ('01) and her husband are happy to announce the arrival of their first baby, **Emmaline Elizabeth**, born Dec. 28, 2009.
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Michelle (Veristain) ('03) and **Josh Prim** are excited to announce the birth of **Tyler Jackson**, born on Jan. 7, 2010.
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Dana (Martin) Henry ('05) and husband now have two children. **Anna** was born Oct. 14, 2008. Dana was also recently certified as a chemo nurse.
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Farewell, Rosemarie

Rosemarie Daher Kowalski ('78) said goodbye as Director for Alumni Services on February 4, after five and a half years at the post.

"Over the years, it has been a pleasure to build on the foundation laid by Thora Jean Bulger and others," said Rosemarie. "Those who previously worked with alumni told me how wonderful our graduates are and what they are accomplishing around the globe. They were spot on! I've gotten to know alumni from 1934 onwards, still serving God and supporting Northwest."

"I appreciate each person who attended reunions, read enews and sent in updates, volunteered, and made my job such fun. A special thanks to the Alumni Association board and the outstanding student assistants who have served with me, including the current 'right hand' in Alumni Services, Kristi Bramono ('10)."

Rosemarie is the wife of 25-year veteran professor, Waldemar Kowalski ('78). Their children, Jeremy ('02), Kirsten ('03), Timothy ('06) and daughter-in-law Melissa (Steinert '06) are proud alums. Jonathan ('11) is set to carry on the family tradition next year.

Rosemarie is studying full-time toward a PhD in Intercultural Studies at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. She can be reached on Facebook.



Creatio

In the beginning, God created...

These are the first words written about God in His Book, Genesis 1:1*

Whatever we know about God, whatever we've discovered in our study and experience, we can begin there. God is the creator.

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Entire libraries of books have been written trying to help us mere mortals answer the question, "What does it mean that we are created in the image of God?"

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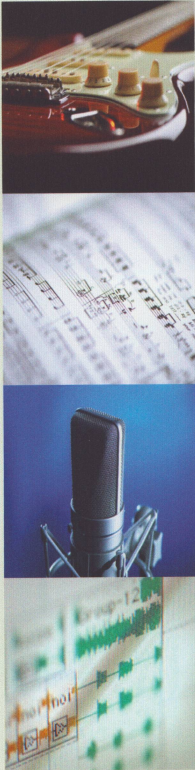
While creativity is expressed in all sorts of ways, music is among the most pervasive and expressive forms of human creativity.

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Creatio Institute – Academic programs to prepare students as creators in careers that include performers, producers, writers, and engineers.

Creatio Studios – High quality recording facilities that will not only serve for recording, editing, and production, but will also serve as laboratories for students.

URock – Outreach program to teens connecting the University's students and personnel with the youth in our surrounding geographic area.



THE Creatio PROJECT



Creatio Records, Publications, and Promotions – The label that will support and promote the work created by those associated with *Creatio*.

Creatio Ex Materia

When God creates, He creates out of nothing; philosophers and theologians use the Latin phrase *creatio ex nihilo* (creation out of nothing). We mortals are left with *creatio ex materia*. While Northwest's *Creatio* Project is a fresh new initiative, we are starting with a great deal to build upon.

History and Culture – Now celebrating our 75th year, creating music has been with Northwest from day one. In addition to the excellence produced through the University's choirs, bands, and other music groups, our alums have distinguished themselves throughout the industry as performers, producers, and innovators.

Making music together is in the fabric of Northwest; currently nearly 25% of our traditional students participate in at least one University-sponsored music program. Many are featured in recording projects performing original material.

Campus and the Surrounding Area

– Northwest is situated on 56 of the most beautiful acres in Washington, overlooking Lake Washington and the Seattle skyline and surrounded by mountains. With neighbors such as Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Starbucks, and Boeing, Northwest University is in the middle of an international wellspring of creativity.

Northwest University is making room for *Creatio*, which will include everything from *Creatio*'s headquarters and small studios, all the way to our chapel, which can be configured as a 5,200 square foot soundstage.

Proven Leadership and Infrastructure – Northwest University has experienced dramatic growth and

expansion over the past several years as it emerges as an innovative leader, continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need. Northwest's leadership has demonstrated an ability to identify opportunities, gather resources and talent, and implement programs that work, making a difference in the lives of students and those our students encounter.

For this new project, *Creatio* has assembled a leadership team that is remarkably well suited to make this dream a reality.

Lead Gift of Equipment – With the gift of a fully functional, commercial studio that is being relocated to the University's campus from Imperative Studios, *Creatio Studios* has a running start and will begin to tackle recording projects in spring 2010. The replacement value of the donated studio exceeds \$350,000.

Lead Financial Gifts – In addition to the University's commitment to launch the *Creatio* project, donors have already stepped up with more than \$50,000 in gifts and pledges.

Creatio Programs

Creatio Institute – The lead program in *Creatio* will leverage Northwest's proven strength in developing



*The Holy Bible: Today's New International Version. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2005.)

academic programs that support graduates in productive careers.

Beginning with an undergraduate degree program (BFA) already established in Contemporary Music Industry, *Creatio* will work with the University's College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Management, and School of Ministry to further develop degree programs in audio engineering, music industry business, and church media.

In addition to degree programs, *Creatio* Institute will offer training in seminar and certificate programs focused on developing and sharpening the skills of practitioners. From one-day seminars to week-long boot camps and even the potential of on-line classes, *Creatio* Institute will be positioned to serve both professionals and volunteers throughout the music industry and the church world.

When *Creatio* Institute is fully developed, Northwest will be the only accredited university offering recording arts, music industry business, and church media degree programs in the Pacific Northwest, as well as the only program of its kind at an Evangelical Christian university on the west coast.

Creatio Studios

There are, already, many ongoing recording projects produced by the University; *Creatio* Studios will begin by bringing these projects in house now that a first-rate studio is being assembled. *Creatio* Studios will be busy producing University projects, as well as student projects.

Creatio Studios will also exist to serve other commercial and nonprofit customers, including church-based recording projects, motion picture and video game soundtracks, and recording artists' projects.

Creatio Studios will stand as a colleague among the Seattle area studios in terms of equipment and access to top-rate engineers, and it will offer unique opportunities due to the resources of the University campus.

URock

Excitement is building as *Creatio* prepares to launch URock. This youth rock/pop music program, focused on serving students 11-18 years old, will leverage the resources of *Creatio* and the University to teach more than just music. In a very real sense, URock is a leadership academy for teens doing business as a music school.

Teens are naturally drawn to contemporary music, but the contemporary music "scene" is often far from wholesome. Parents will know that this program is not only "safe" but backed by university-level quality. Students will have opportunity to be

mentored in writing, playing, creating, and performing in a live rock band as they build self esteem, discipline, and cognitive and teamwork skills.

Creatio Records and Productions

Creatio is already serving as a co-sponsor and concert promoter. This work will expand to include artist development, career support, booking, business management, and tour management.

Opportunities To Invest

Contributors are already being assembled to serve on *Creatio's* advisory board. In addition to financial contributions, these advisors are bringing enthusiasm, expertise, and influence.

Fundraising is underway for a variety of projects, including:

- Building out the first studios,
- Retrofitting of the University's chapel so that it can also be used as a sound stage,
- Underwriting of personnel needed to launch *Creatio* programs,
- Marketing and market-research support,
- Academic programming and development support.

Opportunities To Study

There are two majors in place for university students: *Contemporary Music/Recording Arts Technology* and *Music Industry Business*.

Contemporary Music / Recording Arts Technology

There are lots of different types of recording programs around the country, so why consider Northwest University?

We offer an effective curriculum that combines three primary areas of study: general education, music, and recording technology. Why is this so important? Because in spite of your



interest in becoming a recording engineer, you really don't know what you'll end up doing in 5, 10, even 20 years down the road.

An investment in a broad-based education that is grounded in real-life will do more for you than other technically-oriented programs. In addition to a significant general education experience, you will primarily study traditional music courses which include theory, history, conducting, private lessons, and performance.

On top of all this is a comprehensive range of courses in various aspects of recording and music technology. You will learn the fundamentals of analog and digital audio recording systems with extensive hands-on experiences in our three major studios.

Our internships in Seattle and Los Angeles, focusing on music technology and business, and hands-on experience, provide lots of additional opportunities to learn about and participate in the industry.

Music Industry Business

The music business program is in our School of Business and Management, with an emphasis in all aspects of the music industry business.

Music Industry Business majors study not only the components of the music industry, but also study to understand and perform music in an exciting and hands-on learning environment.

The entertainment industry is one of the largest industries worldwide. Next to the film industry, the music industry represents the largest component of the entertainment industry.

Publishing, marketing, musical instrument sales, record companies, copyrights, management, music production, evolving internet opportunities, and other components of the music industry are explored in the new program. Wherever music is created or heard, there exists employment opportunities.

The Northwest University music business program is a true interdisciplinary venture designed to create motivated individuals who understand the creation and marketing components of the music industry.

Classes in music, business, and economics, combined with internship experience, and the natural synergy with the music recording program result in a unique and effective educational experience focusing on the music industry.

There are also two minors: Church Media Production and Audio-Video Production.



Find Out More

For information about opportunities to **invest**, please call Jeff Lockhart at 425.889.5206 or e-mail jeff.lockhart@northwestu.edu.

For information about opportunities to **study**, call 800.669.3781 or visit www.northwestu.edu.

Far left: Travis Lindseth at a live recording session of the *Relentless* CD.

Middle left: Steve Smith, noted recording engineer and Creative Director of the *Creatio* Project.

Left: Jeff Lockhart, drummer and founder of *Creme Tangerine* and Executive Director of the *Creatio* Project.

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of our
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THE PRESIDENT'S *Circle*

"We understand that these are challenging days economically, and that the needs of our students and their families has risen compared to past years. I have formed the President's Circle because I am aware that our alumni and friends are strategically minded people who value the things to which I have committed my life and career. At Northwest University, we are preparing disciples who will live out the Kingdom around the world. Our goal this year is to raise \$500,000 for student financial aid. Please join me today and become a member of the President's Circle in support of our Northwest University students."

— **Joseph Castleberry**, Ed.D., President





This year, more than 90% of the students at Northwest University are receiving financial aid. With this help, they are pursuing their dreams, preparing to become the pastors in your pulpits, the teachers in your classrooms, the nurses in your hospitals, and the managers in your organizations.

Unfortunately, there are many young men and women for whom the cost of college is putting their dreams out of reach. That's why your support is so important. Your gifts to the Northwest Fund each year help make it possible for our students to prepare to *Carry the Call* and advance the Kingdom of God around the world.

We invite you to join the President's Circle, joining the committed core who contribute to the Northwest Fund each year.

You can contribute at a level that is appropriate for you, starting at just \$25 per month:

President's Circle Levels:

- **300 Challengers** – \$25 per month / \$300 per year
- **600 Achievers** – \$50 per month / \$600 per year
- **Builders** – \$1,200 - \$2,499 per year
- **Servant Leaders** – \$2,500 - \$4,999 per year
- **President's Council** – \$5,000 to \$9,999 per year
- **President's Visionary Council** – \$10,000 or more per year

A Two-Way Street

We want the relationship between Northwest and the members of the President's Circle to be a two-way street. As you contribute to the University, we in turn offer you resources and benefits that increase your understanding of our mission and vision. (To find the specific benefits for each giving level, please visit our web site: www.northwestu.edu.)

The most important benefit we can offer, of course, is the opportunity to invest in the lives of young men and women who will shape the future of our world, and to see, in person, how your contributions are making a difference.

To join the President's Circle:

- Make a donation online at www.northwestu.edu.
- Call the Office of the President at 425.889.5203 and speak with the Northwest Fund Director, or
- Send an email to giving@northwestu.edu.

All donors also regularly receive University publications, such as *Northwest Passages*, and all donors are invited to attend the University's May Commencement Celebration.

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A Physical Education Class at Today's Northwest University

Martha (Mardie) Stensland and Mallory MacDonald prepared for their first SCUBA dive in the Puget Sound late this winter. They had already spent hours in an indoor pool, but now they were going to dive where the whales and the octopi play. To see more photos of this class – and to find out more about the programs that Northwest University offers as we enter our 76th year – please visit our web site: www.northwestu.edu.