

Northwest Passages

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Fresh Starts, Fond Farewells

They say that records are made to be broken, and we've seen that happen many times in my few short years at Northwest.

This past spring, we broke a record for number of graduates at this college, as 285 earned their degrees.

With this many graduates, it's easy for a commencement event itself to set a record for length. Despite our best efforts to keep the program moving, we were closing in on a new record when our good friend Wayne Kraiss stepped up to the podium, turned it into a pulpit, and knocked one out of the park.

His commencement address was only 12 minutes long, which must be a record for the shortest one in 2004, but it was so packed with insight and wisdom and humor that it also has to be a record-setter for the best address of 2004.

The *Sigma Chi Pi* Awards for Alumni were presented this year to Dr. Richard Israel and Vickie Pettis.

The *Delta Tau* Faculty Honor

Award was presented to Dr. Dwaine Braddy.

It was my distinct pleasure to present the President's Award, a formal and public acknowledgment of significant and meritorious service to Northwest College, to Dr. Melvin Ming, the Executive Director for the Division of Pastoral Development and Care for the Northwest Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

If you'd like more numbers on the Class of 2004, here they are:

This was the 68th graduating class. With the 285 in this class, there are now 6809 total grads. This year, there were 176 women and 109 men, and 128 graduates with academic honors.

There were 24 states represented among the 2004 grads, as well as six countries: China, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Zambia.

Commencement is always filled with opposite emotions. Even as graduates are exultant over their

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accomplishments and excited about embarking on the next steps in their life journeys, they are sad about leaving Northwest and the close friendships they have forged with their professors and their fellow students.

For many of these graduates, it may be years before they see each other again.

A Wonderful Summer

As many of you know, my wife Pat and I spend several weeks each summer in the "Holy Land," which is how we refer to the majestic area around Banff, Alberta, Canada.

This is a much-needed time of rest, reflection and restoration. It is also an opportunity to connect with our extended families, many of whom have come to appreciate this area as much as we do.

This year a record number of relatives showed up for a surprise birthday party for me that was, indeed, a surprise. My family has always been extremely important to me, and it was wonderful to see my brother, children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, grand-nieces... and we're going to stop right here, lest I start sounding old.

But it was a thoroughly wonderful day. Thanks, Pat!

A Record Enrollment

I'm not sure what ever happened to the "lazy, hazy" days of summer. They seemed to fly by with almost supersonic speed, and we were soon back in the saddle.

And with all the blessings the Lord is bestowing on Northwest College, that's a good place to be.

With a record number of grad-

uates leaving the college, we knew we needed a strong freshman class.

And that's exactly what we got. Students have come in record numbers, which is a tribute to our enrollment counselors.

But part of our record enrollment is due to returning students. Our retention rate must be a record for Northwest, and is, I'm sure, the envy of many colleges, at well over 90 percent.

This is a tribute to every person on this team who serves students in the classroom, the cafeteria, the residence halls, or in any other way.

The first days of college for incoming students this fall were as emotional as the last days of college were for graduating students last spring.

In many cases, I'm sure, it was even more emotional for the parents, who were seeing their precious charges leave the nest.

Many students study here as part of a family tradition. John Weaver, for example, is the third generation of his family at Northwest. You'll enjoy reading about him and his family on page 10.

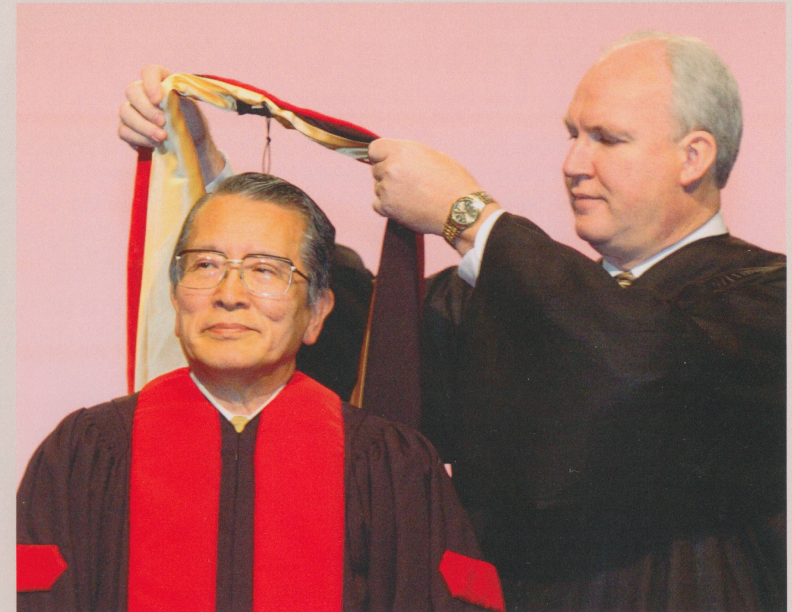
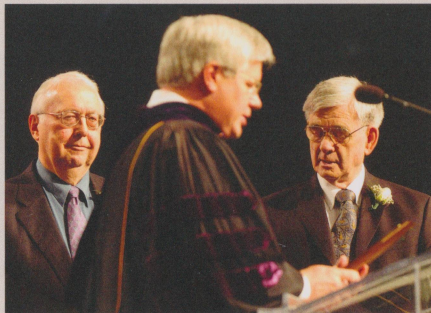
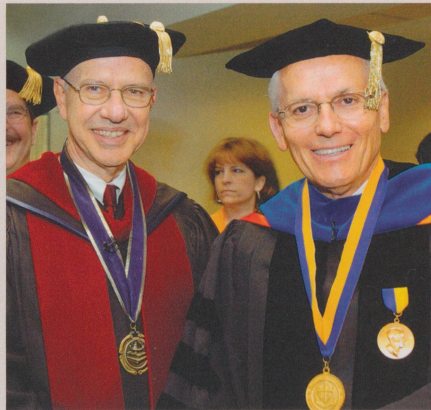
A Final Issue

This will be the final newsletter you'll receive from Northwest College.

Of course, that's only because in January our name officially changes to Northwest University.

This process seems to have been divinely led, as this institution has progressed from Bible Institute, to Bible College, to College, and now to University.

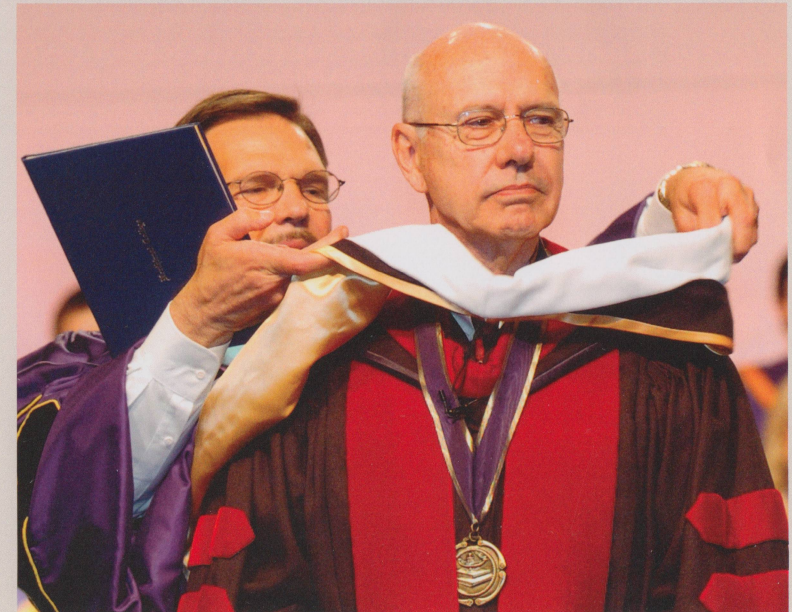
We pray that our Lord will continue to lead us to even greater promised victories!



Ministers Rewarded with Honorary Doctorates

Pastor Kazuo Kikuyama, longtime Superintendent of the Japanese Assemblies of God (above), and Dr. Wayne Kraiss, Chancellor of Vanguard University (below) were awarded honorary doctorates at Commencement.

At left, top to bottom: President Don Argue with Dr. Wayne Kraiss; Christina Reasner gives the student address; Vice Chairman of the Board David Rodli during presentation of *Distinguished Service Awards* to board members Arthur Dickhoff and Clarence Foster; and giving son and graduate Mark Rodli a hug.



Everything Checks Out

Before a long road trip, it is good to have a mechanic check your vehicle. Before running a marathon, you ought to consult with a doctor and get a thorough physical exam. In the case of a college that is transitioning to a university, there are a number of ways to get a thorough check-up. Northwest recently finished three processes that help us prepare for our continued health and growth.

■ **Regional Accreditation:** Northwest is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). After a thorough review that included a team of nine leading academicians, the NWCCU reaffirmed our accreditation. This indicates that Northwest meets the academic standard of the top Universities in our region.

■ **Denominational Endorsement:** Northwest is endorsed by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education (COCHE), which recently took action to continue Northwest's endorsement. This indicates that Northwest meets the spiritual and ministry standards of our Church.

■ **Self-Study:** Both the regional accreditation and denominational endorsement processes relied heavily on a thorough self-study led by our Faculty. This process guarantees that we know ourselves; every aspect of the institution received a thorough examination.

Each of these three indicators provided recommendations that will help us move into University status with strength.

BRAVELY CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORY

Dr. LeRoy Johnson lectured in his *Modern Middle East History* class recently while a fierce-looking overhead projector seemed ready to take a bite out of him. Dr. Johnson is Northwest's senior faculty member.



Most of my best memories of my father have something to do with him helping people.

My dad demonstrated to me what it means to be a good neighbor, friend and citizen. He seemed to be happiest when he was working hard for others in organizations that supported our church, schools, and community. He didn't just show up... or give at the office. He poured his time, energy and sweat into things that matter.

During my growing-up years, one of the ways my dad worked for the community was his service as a volunteer firefighter. I remember that my community was distinguished as "the most populated, unincorporated square-mile in Indiana." My parents still live there, and they are served by a volunteer fire department that my dad helped to build, although these days they have a full-time chief and a few full-time paramedics that supplement the ranks of the volunteers.

Every little boy should wish that his dad was a volunteer fireman. As a first grader, I got to take my dad's real, smoke-smelling, fire helmet in for show and tell. During fire prevention week, the regular Friday display in the school parking lot included fire trucks manned by my very own dad. On weeknights I would occasionally get to hang out at the station and climb on the trucks... sometimes we would even get to shoot pool. A few Saturdays a year we would get to watch as they practiced fire fighting and automobile extrication on junk cars. And then there were the EMT training manuals.

My dad was with the department from the early years when they started small... just a few trucks. It wasn't long before my dad and his friends were not satisfied with the equipment allotted by the township, so they started raising separate funds. First there was special equipment, then an entire fire truck, and then the first ambulance. All provid-

ed by funds raised directly by the firefighters.

That is where the EMT manuals came in. The guys at the station were growing weary of ambulances showing up long after the volunteer firemen arrived. Precious minutes were wasted after they arrived and called for an ambulance from a

Chicago, Indiana... band and woodshop would do. I'm fairly certain that my dad gladly said goodbye to his last quizzes and tests when he wrapped-up high school. But this calling to serve his community with his band of brothers at the fire station brought him back to the books.

My dad and his friends studied,

Responding to the Community's Call

neighboring community. They couldn't watch another child suffer longer than necessary; they didn't want to see another neighbor leave their home in a hearse when ten minutes could have made the difference... providing the needed care on sight, or in transit, to the ER that could save that life. They committed themselves to raising the money to get the first ambulance... and they committed themselves to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training.

For my dad, raising the money was no big deal. It was basically a matter of boots and bingo... a couple of fill-the-boot drives each year and the firefighters' bingo night that they held on most Wednesdays. But the EMT training, and more importantly the testing and certification, was an entirely different matter.

By my dad's own testimony, his high school diploma was only possible due to the buoying impact of a great deal of band and woodshop in his high school schedule. If he were a student today, he would probably have received specific help that would have led to more success in school. But fifty years ago in East

and took classes, and practiced on dolls, dummies, and each other. They learned how to respond to the horrific scenes of mangled bodies that they had seen over the years before. They learned important skills; they learned not only what to do, but how also to communicate with the doctors that supported their work from the ERs that would be their patient's eventual destination. They learned how to save limbs and lives. It was a difficult course for many, but they worked hard and passed the test. The most populated, unincorporated square-mile in Indiana had ambulance service with a fresh crop of qualified EMTs. For my family, we went from having the closest ambulance being 15 minutes away to being three minutes away.

That was about 30 years ago; as I reflect on those days, a few important points come to mind: ■ These firefighters were well trained and qualified. The State of Indiana certified their training, administered the tests, and licensed these EMTs. Furthermore, it monitored their continuing education and the renewal of their licenses.

■ This was a labor of love. If I remember correctly, the only payment my dad received was about \$100 a year from the township that he could then apply to his own fire-fighting gear, his continuing education, and the blue flashing light he had on his car that he would flip on for his fast trips to the station.

■ All of the firefighters and EMTs had other, non-related jobs. Many were steelworkers, others came from all manner of work; there were even a few white-collar guys.

■ In many cases, these guys were the best certified medical professionals for the job. If I ever need the jaws-of-life, I would prefer an EMT on the scene than an MD. My dad and his friends were highly qualified for the special situations they would face.

Pastoral Parallels

As I think about my own profession, ministry, I realize there are some parallels.

There are all sorts of ministers, all sorts of certifications for ministry, and all sorts of ways to be prepared for ministry. It seems that these days there is a renewed call to embrace this diversity.

And so it is with certified medical professionals. Ranging from the EMT to the highly specialized MD, there are all sorts of medical professions, all sorts of medical certifications, and all sorts of avenues for training and education.

One of the important differences, in my mind, is that there is no call for these certifications in medicine to somehow be contiguous or complementary. But that seems to be the case in ministry.

For example, it is not at all unheard of that an EMT would successfully complete medical school and become an MD. It isn't normative... but it certainly does happen. Maybe we can think of a case where a young person entered the military, for example, became a medic, and found a calling to medicine that

eventually led to medical school. The experience and training, in that case, would be valid and helpful... but the academic enterprise for all doctors starts the same way. No medical school offers transfer credit from an EMT program (or a nursing program, or any other certified medical technician program).

In the simplest terms, this is due to the foundation that needs to be laid for medical school and the depth of study and breadth of knowledge expected from doctors.

The courses my dad took to be an EMT were targeted toward preparing him to respond on the scene. He didn't need a background in chemistry, biology, pharmacology, and anatomy; he needed to know how to stop the bleeding. Doctors, too, need to know how to stop the bleeding, but we demand that they have a thorough understanding of all the systems that interrelate to bring about their diagnosis, and our recovery and ongoing health.

An EMT needs to know how to apply pressure at the scene; an MD needs foundational knowledge in hematology.

I am concerned that our eagerness to "stop the bleeding" in ministry will result in our trying to saddle Emergency Ministry Technicians with the responsibility that should be reserved for the top-levels of certified ministry.

My concerns fall along these lines:

■ Our denomination's process of certification (certified, licensed, or ordained) is designed to be contiguous. Furthermore, sometimes it does not seem to value the importance of foundational education (including history, science, math, writing, theology, and hermeneutics).

■ Church Based Bible Institutes (CBBIs) are calling for recognition by institutions of higher education, but their coursework does not meet

the rigorous standards of our universities and accrediting associations and often mimics junior-level and senior-level coursework that is taught only after prerequisites are mastered. The program, without concern for the foundations, is



Dan Neary (above) and his dad (top).

is pedagogically upside down.

As one wise colleague put it, "They want to eat their dessert first."

■ The lure of cheap prices and a fast track to the front lines entices some students who settle for a path rather than stretching themselves to meet the demands of formal education.

■ The education level of our congregations, and more importantly, our communities, continues to rise, and typically outpaces our ministers.

Poorly educated ministers will have an increasingly difficult time reaching our communities with a message that is perceived to be relevant.

Is There a Place?

Is there a place for Emergency Ministry Technicians? Certainly. But we should not expect these EMTs to lead our churches as pastors... they probably will serve best as highly qualified volunteers in our churches... and we cannot promote these programs as a seamless path into formal education.

In some cases, it seems that the creation of CBBIs is a reaction to a perception that higher education is not adequately connected to the practical ministry that occurs in our churches. The perception may be that, in an eagerness to pursue excellence in the foundations (our equivalent of chemistry, biology, pharmacology, and anatomy), colleges and universities have undervalued the preparation for the practice of ministry.

This is a valid concern, and I am urging our Church (locally, regionally, and nationally) to partner in this work like never before. Like medical schools partner with teaching hospitals, our universities need to partner with teaching churches.

My overarching concern in this discussion is that many of us who have vital interests in ministry preparation endeavors have not valued the place and importance of a variety of paths to a variety of ministries. We err when we assert that there is only one path to ministry; we err when we assert that there is only one valid destination in ministry.

We also need to heed the evidence and listen to the advice of respected ministry veterans who assert, "There is no short-cut to a high-impact life of ministry."

In this case, the cliché is true... you have to do your homework.

In the case of our denomination, the preferred path, at a minimum, to licensed and ordained ministry is a baccalaureate degree in a relevant field.

In the case of the EMT-MD metaphor, we would be shocked if one day we read that our hospitals, in a cost-saving initiative, decided to replace all the MDs with EMTs.

Likewise, we would consider it foolish for a medical school to one day announce that they have determined that all certified medical professionals, other than MDs, are not adequately qualified for their positions: "EMTs, nurses, and medical technicians should get a medical school degree before helping any other patient."

Both cases are absurd.

In the case of ministry preparation, I, for one, do not want to replace our MDs (senior pastors) with EMTs. My church must be led by someone better equipped than an Emergency Ministry Technician.

But there are important roles to be filled by EMTs in our churches, potentially including youth workers, teachers, and deacons.

In cases where Northwest University can serve these EMTs in training, or the leaders of these programs, without reducing any part of our program to the least common denominator, I am enthusiastically supportive.

We can play a role in the lives of these students, and in the process some may clarify that their calling extends beyond that role to a higher level... and the University will be there for those students as well.

Dan Neary, Senior Vice President for Advancement, is starting his seventh year at Northwest. He also serves as Pastor of The Chapel, a branch church of Cedar Park that he pioneered three years ago with his wife Laurie and colleague Christian Lindbeck, Vice President for Student Development at Northwest.

A Missionary in Residence from Africa and a Math Professor from India



Rev. Bill Shaw – MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Shaw served as the lead senior missionary for five years in Chad, Central Africa, pioneering the Assemblies of God in the capital city of N'Djamena. He directed the opening of the first Christian FM radio station and organized a two-year intensive pastoral in-service training program for 40 pastors.

He and his family previously served seven years in Ghana, West Africa. He also served as a Youth Pastor and General Associate at Hillcrest Assembly in Bremerton, Wash.

Bill speaks French and loves to read and travel. He and his wife Sonia have two daughters, Bethany and Gwendolyn.

Dr. Millicent Thomas – MATH PROFESSOR

Dr. Thomas joined Northwest this fall as Associate Professor of Mathematics. She has 25 years of teaching experience at colleges in

India and served as a mathematics certified teacher in Roselle, NJ.

She has seven years of research experience in Functional Analysis and Univalent Functions.

She has also served as Principal at the Vel Sri Ranga Sankya Arts and Sciences Colleges and Vel Tech Engineering College. She has also been published in numerous research journals.

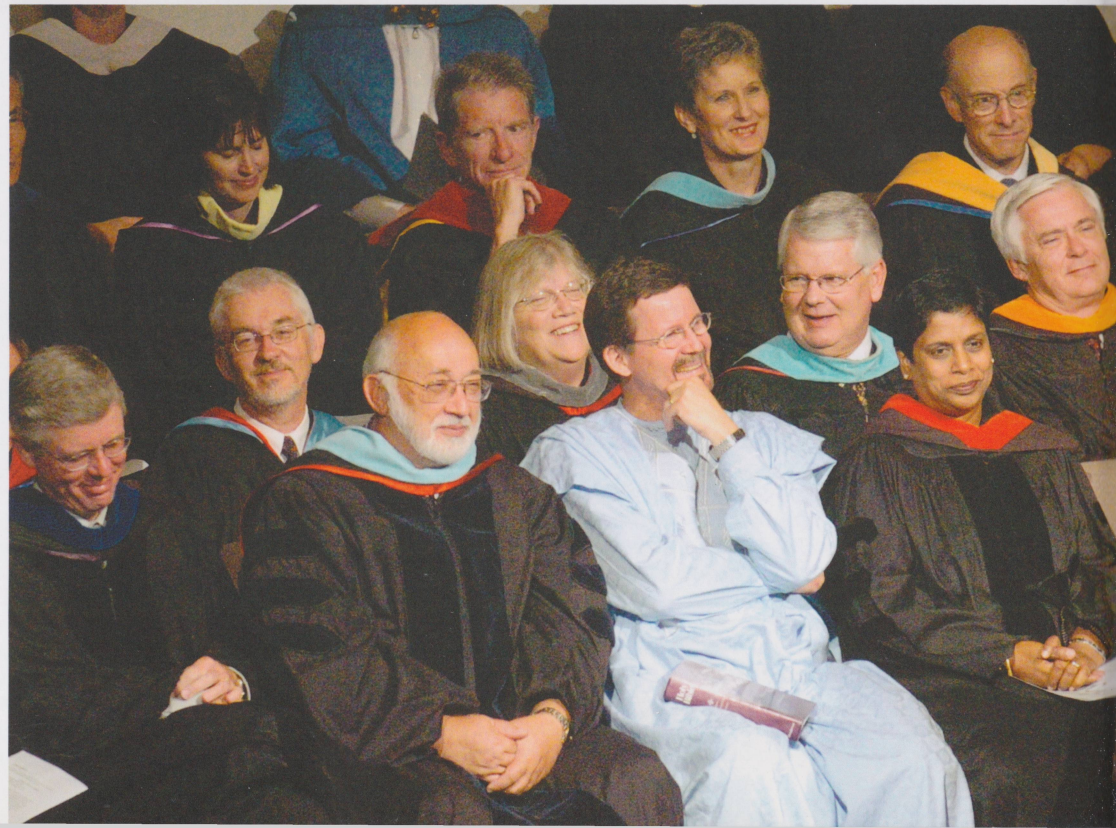
She and her husband have one son, Ben, a sophomore music major at Northwest.

Dr. Kent Ingle – SCHOOL OF MINISTRY DEAN

As this issue of *Passages* went to press, Dr. Kent Ingle was transitioning to his new position as Dean of the School of Ministry at Northwest. He was the Senior Pastor of Highland Fellowship Church in Elgin, Ill.

Dr. Ingle and his wife Karen (nee Kraiss) have three children: Davis, 10, Kaila, 9, and Paxton, 8.

We'll have more about the new Dean in the next issue!



The Bread of Life



Marion and Loretta Sluys in their Poulsbo Bakery with Professor Glenn Settle. The Sluys met Dr. Settle almost 40 years ago, at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo, where he was a member of the church board. Three of the Sluys' children – Diane, Karen, and Lynn – and one granddaughter – Diana – have attended Northwest.

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Eaten Pousbo Bread lately? Sold all over the world, the hearty bread comes from the small Scandinavian town of Poulsbo, across Puget Sound from Seattle.

The bread originated from a scripture verse.

Marion and Loretta Sluys were able to buy the Poulsbo Bakery in 1966 because of a \$1,000 loan from Marion's sister. She mortgaged her life insurance policy and then lay ten \$100 bills on the Sluys' kitchen table.

A few years later, following the financially tight start of their new bakery, Marion and Loretta found themselves talking one day with Nicolene Johnson. She was teaching a nutrition course at Christ Memorial, the Sluys' church.

Nicolene told them about the building blocks of protein. Even vegetarians can get by just fine, Nicolene said, if they eat a balance of grains, nuts, seeds, and beans.

Wondering what the Bible had to say about nutrition, Marion took his concordance off the shelf and looked up "bread." Interestingly, in Ezekiel 4:9, he found a recipe for bread—one containing all the building blocks of protein.

Marion put the recipe together, using sunflower seeds as a local alternative to one of the ingredi-

ents. (Marion was the first baker in America to use sunflower seeds.)

"The first time I baked it," says Marion, "the bread was perfect. I have never changed the recipe."

The bread caught on quickly.

From the start Marion, Loretta, and their six kids were working twelve-hour days, six days per week. And now they were also baking and selling 100 loaves of Pousbo Bread every day, Monday through Thursday, as well as 200

loaves on Fridays and Saturdays.

As business grew, the Sluys realized they needed help baking and distributing their increasingly popular bread. Then in 1987 a major Seattle firm offered to buy rights to bake and distribute the bread. There was only one catch—the Sluys wanted the phrase "Inspired by God's word (Ezek. 4:9)" on the back of every loaf as a thank-you to God, and the firm's officials told the Sluys the phrase

couldn't be included.

The Sluys turned down the firm's lucrative offer.

Only one week later, through a series of coincidences only God could have directed, another Seattle firm, the Lucks Co. (now "Westco"), agreed to the Sluys' request. Soon the bread was being sold in Safeway stores and other major outlets across the country.

The rest, as they say, is history. In addition to their high protein

Pousbo Bread, Marion went on to devise and bake a low-protein bread suitable for kidney patients. Military hospitals around the world purchase this bread.

In subsequent years the Sluys have invested in real estate and even in dietary supplements. (Sarah Lee purchases one of their products.)

But a major focus of their lives is still Pousbo Bread, the Poulsbo Bakery, and a scripture verse.



An Internship @ Benaroya Hall

Johanna Burch, a junior business major with a music minor, got a taste of her dream job this summer as the Marketing and Public Relations Intern at Benaroya Hall, the home of the Seattle Symphony. “This internship allowed me to envision a successful career in which both my interests – business and music – could be merged,” she notes. Johanna wrote press releases, prepared press kits, worked with guest artists’ managers, and helped at concerts (with the added benefit that she got to attend concerts for free).

“Working in a large organization in a city such as Seattle really opened my eyes to the opportunities out there!” she says. “It’s just another advantage of being a student at Northwest.”

A \$250,000 Gift for \$145 a month

There are all sorts of ways to support the work of Northwest College through giving. From the straight-forward writing of a check, to monthly gifts handled electronically and automatically, to gifts of property, the generosity of donors is demonstrated in a variety of creative ways.

Giving Through Life Insurance

One creative way to give is through funding a life insurance policy.

In an effort to make a significant gift possible, one alumni couple is working to fund a life insurance policy that names Northwest as the beneficiary in a last-to-die policy. In their case, a couple around age 50 can pay a monthly premium of \$145. This permanent, cash value policy has a set premium that does not increase with age. At the passing of both individuals, the policy pays \$250,000.

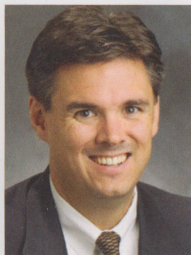
Here is a case where a couple could not dream of making a quarter-of-a-million dollar gift... but now they are on their way.

Many Opportunities

If you would like to discover ways to make a significant gift, like this, over time, we can help.

We can connect you with quality firms that offer these types of plans, and we can acquaint you with other options. We have the resources to best match your goals with your circumstances.

Call any one of us today to find out more!



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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
ADVANCEMENT



JEFF LOCKHART
DIRECTOR,
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



JONI WELK-CAMPBELL
DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT



Jarrott Jackson, Ed Smelser, Jeff Kirkland and Jerry Jackson won despite the best efforts of John Fox and his team.



Playing golf is just one way to contribute to scholarships

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The Sixth Annual Northwest Classic Golf Tournament raised \$33,500 for student scholarships, thanks to the sponsors and golfers, 124 in all, who participated.

The tournament was August 9 at Bear Creek Country Club in Woodinville, Wash. After the tournament, golfers enjoyed a buffet dinner, prizes and a silent auction.

Key sponsors were A/G Financial, the law firm of Ellis, Li, and McKinstry, Korum Automotive Group, and LPL Financial.

Scholarships Helping Northwest Students

With the increasing cost of higher education across the nation, today's students are challenged to find ways to secure tuition dollars. One way that the alumnus or friend can help the Northwest University student meet this challenge is to provide aid through the University's scholarship programs. In 2004, donors contributed over one-half million dollars to the University to assist with current tuition costs.

A scholarship fund can be just the source needed to help a current student remain in college. Scholarship funds are accomplished by contributing outright gifts of cash, stock, land, real or personal property, a deferred gift in a charitable trust, or as a bequest, or any other type of valued asset.

An endowed scholarship with a principal balance of \$20,000 will generate at least a \$1,000 scholarship award each year. The principal remains intact and only the earnings are used for scholarship assistance.

The endowment is managed by a team of professional investment managers whose goal is to ensure that real spendable income is maintained for the future.

Donors receive an income tax deduction for a current gift, and capital gains taxes may be eliminated if highly appreciated stocks, or other tangible assets, are used to create the fund.

A scholarship fund can serve as a way to honor someone who has greatly impacted those around them, or to create a remembrance for a family member. Today, over 55 scholarship funds have been established that assist students enrolled in major areas of study. Some of those funds include the Swaffield Honorary Scholarship, Dawn Michelle Jordshaugen Memorial Scholarship, Arul Daniel International Scholarship, Bessie McMullen Memorial Scholarship, Dennis Davis Family Scholarship, Charles Butterfield Memorial Scholarship, Edith Butterfield Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and many others. Scholarships are awarded to students in perpetuity from these funds.

For honorary or memorial giving that is less than \$20,000, friends and family can create a legacy by contributing to the University's ongoing *UNITED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND* or to the *ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND*. Loved ones are acknowledged at a location on the campus.

For more information on endowment funds or other forms of scholarship giving, contact Joni Welk-Campbell at 425.889.5203, or joni.campbell@northwestu.edu.

The Weaver family has a long history at Northwest. John Sr.'s parents occasionally drove the 20 miles from home to attend week-end services at Hollywood Temple, so the Weavers became acquainted with President Ness and later President Butterfield. Rev. Ray Weaver, Sr. (ret.) was the first family graduate in 1946. His sons Ray, Dave and Vern became NC alumni and pastors. John Sr. graduated in 1955, and his twin Mary (Weaver) Cox also studied here for two years. Mary's daughter Cheryl Cox attended as well.

John Sr. – Generation One

In 1974, John Sr. was recognized as an outstanding alumnus by the American honor society Delta Epsilon Chi. His certificate hangs in his office, signed by Dr. D. V. Hurst and Dr. Frank Rice. He spoke at the Alumni Breakfast in 2004 at the 50th reunion of his class.

John Sr. has stayed in touch with many friends from Northwest, including Don Ostrom and roommate Morris Klein (d. 2003). Don, Morris and John Sr. "challenged each other, held each other accountable for spiritual growth, and had lively discussions about their twin passions, to know God and to preach Christ."

Life was neither smooth nor easy. "You did any work you could find to pay your college bill," says John Sr. His jobs included working in a bakery and a furniture factory, waiting tables, and cleaning windows.

John Sr. played trumpet in the orchestra and in a trumpet trio with Bob Griffen and Lyle Thomson. He traveled for Northwest in the Men's

Quartet and sang in the choir. Erika Munger, choir director and a practical joker herself, found John earnestly looking for something that had rolled under the choir tour bus after everyone else was aboard.

"Can I help you find something?" she asked John.

"I lost my glass eye!" he replied. So Erika stooped and searched alongside John... until she realized that he was joking.

Don Ostrom traveled one sum-

mer as a musician with his uncle, an evangelist. He brought back a picture of a striking young woman from Salmon, Idaho. After their correspondence stopped, Don was about to toss her picture away when John saw it. John rescued Teeny Waterman's photo and tucked it into his billfold. In person. One Sunday night when John Sr. was to preach, Teeny and her mother came to the service. Teeny didn't know who John was, but he immediately recognized her from the picture stashed in his billfold. He made a beeline for her at the back door. Three weeks later he was invited to speak at a youth service in Salmon. Six months later, John Sr. and Teeny were married. John Sr. still carries her picture in his billfold. (Teeny died suddenly of pneumonia this summer.)

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The John Weavers @ Northwest

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After graduation, John Sr. became associate pastor at Idaho Falls, a mere 140 miles south of Teeny's hometown. He began to write her, and decided not to date anyone else until he had met her

For 10 years, John Sr. was senior pastor at Poulson Mont., 50 miles south of Kalispell. He spent 17 years in Bozeman and four in Sidney before joining the pastoral staff at Kalispell Christian Center 17 years ago. He continues in Kalispell as Senior Associate.

He says, "Near the end of Paul's life he wrote, 'Oh that I might know him and the power of his resurrection.' That verse expressed the foundation under all Paul's activity. I was inspired to have the same goal."

John Sr. and Teeny's children are active in ministry and their churches. Middle son John Jr. came to Northwest College to prepare for the pastorate.

"I still encourage young people who want to go into ministry by telling them about Northwest. Because of my own experience and that of my family, I still have a great love for Northwest. I always point young people in that direction," says John Sr.

His granddaughters Stephanie and Melissa attended Northwest, and he is happy to have his grandson John Michael following the family tradition this year as well. However, John M.'s studies mean that the annual father-son-grandson elk-hunting week will be one generation short this year.

John Jr. – Generation Two

From his childhood, John Jr. knew he would be a pastor. He started training early, sitting on the front pew to take notes as his father preached.

"Dad did it right," says John Jr. "When he spoke, it was like God speaking. I really learned the practical aspects of ministry from watching him."

His father had planted several churches while he pastored in Bozeman. When he couldn't get to them on a weekend, teenaged John Jr. would fill in, preaching and leading services. John Jr. transferred from his local high school, where he had excelled in sports, to Bozeman's new church school so he could take courses like Greek and Bible to prepare for ministry. He decided to go to Northwest because its graduation paper "was

a passport to ministry. I knew I couldn't do what God asked me to do until I had that paper."

Winning a \$200 Mr. Montana Scholarship from the Montana District A/G to Northwest confirmed John Jr.'s decision.

He remembers Dr. Amos Millard opening classes with prayer, thanking Jesus for the cross with tears of gratitude.

"The most beneficial classes for me were Pastoral Ministries courses with Professor Braddy," he states.



John Michael with his grandfather John Sr. on a recent elk hunt.

John Jr. even attended Braddy's Pastors' Wives class to learn what women would face in ministry, "but not," he notes, "to get a wife."

The small ministerial book he bought while at Northwest is now filled with notes and personal thoughts for weddings, funerals, baby dedications and other church events. "When I loan my little book out, I ask people to guard it with their life!"

Other Northwest memories include the genuineness of his professors and the time fellow student Rich Smith preached about temptation in chapel.

Rich exclaimed, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and pointed behind him on the platform to where "Doc" Pecota was sitting. "Doc" scooted hurriedly down to the side of the bench to the laughter of the crowd.

John recalls Maxine Williams singing, "Keep Me True, Lord Jesus" at the beginning of every class.

He played basketball and soccer, with one highlight being an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Saturday morning flag football, with Doc Pecota holding the chain.

John Jr. started Northwest's drama club and *ACTS*, worked on the yearbook, took part in outreach teams, and sang in the cappella choir. "I tried to attend or join almost every function on campus."

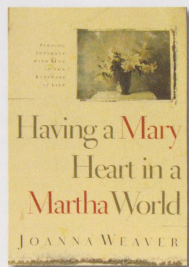


Joanna and John Jr. a few years ago with Jessica and John Michael.

He got engaged to Joanna Gustafson at Northwest halfway through his senior year. (Joanna had first noticed John Jr. when they were 16 and 13, at teen camp in Montana.) Joanna's Northwest family ties include her sister Linda (Gustafson) Brown ('86) and brother Steve Gustafson ('95).

"Joanna has lots of talents and abilities," says John Jr. "Back then at Northwest, every pastor was looking for a woman who could play the piano and sing. But God has given Joanna so many tools. She's a gifted individual as well as a part of my ministry team."

A cherished Northwest memory is when Joanna overslept and missed the van for her ministry team,



Maranatha Sounds. She called John for a ride and hopped in his car without her hair or teeth brushed. John waited with her for the ferry trip to the church.

Joanna still laughs, "I knew John loved me because he saw me without my makeup."

Today, Joanna is a well-known retreat and conference speaker and the author of several humorous children's books, an award-winning gift book, *With This Ring* (1999), and the best-seller *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* (2000).

John and Joanna pastored youth at Libby and Sidney, Mont., and worked with children and music in Grant's Pass, Ore. Their "little gift and big surprise," son Joshua, was born in 2002.

The Weavers' Whitefish congregation broke ground in September 2004 for a new building. Kristen (Weekly) Gilbert ('04), a Whitefish church member, was the first student to sign up for Northwest's nursing program. Her studies confirmed that Whitefish "is a missions-giving church, and God wants to take us further to being a missions-sending church."

John Jr. and Joanna encouraged their son John Michael to become a third generation Northwest student because "Northwest offers a more diverse circle of ministries than a lot of other colleges. We believe that it prepares him better for more areas of ministry." Their daughter Jessica hopes to join her brother at Northwest in two years.

As the years go by, John Jr. crosses paths with many former classmates from his 100 Floor and 600 Floor who are

in the ministry.

"General Council, missions forums, church growth seminars, and vacations give us opportunities to see old friends. The relationships formed at Northwest are eternal."

Taking John Michael to Northwest this year gave the Weavers a chance to walk around campus and see classmates with *their* children.

"It made me wonder how we'll feel when *our* children are bringing *their* children to Northwest University!" says John Jr.



John Michael – Generation Three

"I cut my eye teeth on church pews," says John Michael.

He felt called to pastor when he was 10 years old at Glacier Bible Camp in Montana. John has been active in ministry-related service in church and in the community since he was a youngster. He always wanted to follow his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

"I would love to have a double

portion of what they have," he states.

Years of Junior and Senior Bible Quiz teams honed John's Bible memory. Debate team, speech and choir in high school helped him sharpen his gifts and reaffirmed his call. John set out to get top grades in high school and as many scholarships as necessary to come to Northwest.

Another reason he always wanted to come to Northwest is that his Uncle Steve ('95) lives nearby.

John says his life destination is his calling – full-time ministry – and Northwest University is his push toward that destination. He visited the campus twice during his high school spring breaks and remembers how beautiful and green the college campus was.

He had met Phil and Brenda Rasmussen (Dean of the Chapel and Music Instructor at Northwest) at Glacier Bible Camp and sung tenor with their worship team. John says their heart for worship and love for God resonated with him.

He loves the presence of God in chapel and that the "focus of every class is preparing to follow the call of Christ. It doesn't matter if I'm in English class, Sociology or History; I'm learning about Jesus."

John and his younger sister Jessica have competed for scholarships nationally in Assemblies of God Fine Arts competitions. John earned a variety of scholarships, including Northwest's Gold Academic Scholarship as well as a second generation Mr. Montana from his home district.

"The first week here felt like camp. I was hyped, and it was unreal to have so many opportunities to interact with people and talk about spiritual things."

John says he fights for balance between spiritual life, emotional and social demands, and homework obligations. There were a few surprises when he got here: it has been easier than he had thought to get to know people. There are more reading assignments and essays for classes than he expected, but there is also extra excitement in chapel and in *Pursuit* (the Monday night student-led chapel).

His parents prayed for months that he would find a good roommate. Robert "is an amazing roommate. We have devotions together every morning and pray together at night."

John notes that although there are many different guys on ZOO 200, his floor in the men's residence hall, they "are united under one name, Christ."

John's goal at Northwest?

"To keep my focus on my call and purpose like [the apostle] Paul did. I want to 'live a life worthy of the calling of God.' I want to *Carry the Call.*"

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Rosemarie Kowalski joins Northwest As Director of Alumni Services

Rosemarie Kowalski joined Northwest College August 9, 2004, as Director of Alumni Services.

"Rosemarie is an alum, the wife of an alum, the parent of alums, and the friend of hundreds of alums," said Dan Neary, Senior Vice President for Advancement, "so she seems incredibly well qualified to lead our interaction with alums!"

Her husband, Waldemar Kowalski, Associate Professor of Bible and Theology, has been at Northwest since 1986



Rosemarie grew up in Canada. She earned an ARCT degree in Piano Performance from the University of Toronto Conservatory and a three-year Pastoral Studies Certificate at Western Pentecostal Bible College.

She and Waldemar were married in 1977 "and we spent our first year together as students at Northwest College, living in the Firs!"

She earned her degree in Biblical Literature from Northwest College in 1978.

(Later she would also earn a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.)

After graduating from Northwest, the Kowalskis

went back to Canada and pastored in Chilliwack, BC. Rosemarie taught music at Western Pentecostal Bible College, and also gave music lessons at home and at a music shop.

They moved back to Northwest College in 1986. Rosemarie was President of Northwest's women's group (for faculty) for three years.

She has designed Bible studies, led women's groups, and planned numerous events.

Along the way, Rosemarie and Waldemar became parents – four times.

Their children are Jeremy (a 2002 graduate in Education), Kirsten (a 2003 graduate in Business), Timothy (a senior at Northwest), and Jonathan (15).

The Kowalskis recently spent six months in England, where Waldemar is working to complete a Doctorate.

"Our sabbatical there was lots of work for him, but lots of fun for me!" Rosemarie recalls.

"I spent our time there studying and enjoying all the things I love – people and things of beauty, including art, design and decor, words, and music."

After being involved at Northwest for so many years in so many ways, Rosemarie is now looking forward to meeting alumni in her new role.

She already has a vision for her work.

"My job is threefold: to connect alumni to each other and to current students, to make alumni aware of continuing alumni benefits, and to encourage partnerships between alumni and Northwest," she notes. "We are looking for student mentors and prayer partners, as well as people who can help plan reunions.

"And, of course, scholarship donors are always welcome," she states. "If you want to discuss that, I'll buy the coffee!"

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1940's

Gertrude (McKnight) Israel ('43) lives with her daughter, **Charlotte Day** ('71), in Auburn, Wash. She had a wonderful time at the alumni weekend reunion in May 2003. She thanks **Louise Wood** ('43) and **Dan** and **Betty Maser** ('43) for putting together their class reunion.

Florence (Filan) Neiffer ('44) passed away February 13, 2004. Her husband, **Otto Neiffer** ('44), preceded her in death. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, sewing quilts, and doing bookwork. She was one of the founding members of Bethel Assembly of God in Walla Walla, Wash.

Elisabeth (Dotson) Dickinson's ('47) husband, **Jim (James) Dickinson** ('47), passed away in June, 2003. Since Jim retired from pastoring in 1994 he and Elisabeth have served as interim pastors and as volunteers at Latin American Bible College in San Antonio, Texas. Jim was the Regional Director for Home Missions Churches on the Northern California District World Missions Board. Elisabeth lives in Fresno, Calif., near two of her six children. She attends Northeast Assembly of God where she plays her violin.

1960's

Eugene ('67) and **Mary (Raybuck)** ('70) **Casper** celebrate the birth of their granddaughter Cassidy Elaine. She was born to **Andrew** ('00) and **Cindy (Ours) Casper** on May 5, 2004.
E-mail: elcasper@msn.com

Howard Thompson ('69) has ministered for the past 21 years at Bunker Hill Assembly of God, in Coos Bay, Ore. He and his wife Carolyn have six children and six grandchildren.
E-mail: howardthompson@charter.net

1970's

Jim ('72) and **Sallee** ('72) **Conn** work with Missionary Renewal, Asia Pacific (MRAP) helping to enhance the life quality, ministry effectiveness and longevity of missionaries serving the Asia Pacific region. Their previous missionary assignment took them to the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific for nearly 10 years.
E-mail: james.conn@agmd.org

Steve ('72) and **Linda (Anderson)** ('70) **Long** spent 20 years in the Philippines as Assemblies of God Missionaries. They are now assigned to Global University in Springfield, Mo. They continue as appointed foreign missionaries and will travel, teaching in many different countries, over the next few years.
E-mail: steveandlindalong@compuserve.com

Rick and **Audrey McAninch** ('72) are missionaries with the Into Africa Foundation in Kisumu, Kenya. Please pray that God would provide the funds needed to purchase a five acre hillside property that is available at a huge discount.
E-mail: intoafricaffoundation@hotmail.com

Bruce ('72) and **Bonita** ('72) **Thomas** celebrate the birth of their third grandchild, Abigail Hope, born to **Danita** ('96) and **Dan** ('96) **Taylor** on April 14, 2004. Their ministry in Mexico continues as they teach at several Bible Schools.
E-mail: Bruce.Thomas@agmd.org

Jerry Cassell ('77) is the Assistant to the Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God. His responsibilities include assisting their district and ethnic churches, serving as the district mission's director, and overseeing the men's ministries for their district.
E-mail: jcassell@rmdcdo.org

Nancy (Northup) Fomasi ('77) was ordained an Assemblies of God Minister on April 19, 2004, at the District Council in Sacramento, Calif.
E-mail: fomasi@juno.com

Dave ('77) and **Diane Greg** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past December. Dave serves as the Vice President of Ministry Development for Church Extension Plan (CEP) in Salem, Ore. Their son, Caleb, is a senior at NC and serves as the ASB Intramural Coordinator.
E-mail: drgeri40@comcast.net

Darrell F. Wood ('77) received his Master of Arts in Biblical Literature on May 1, 2004 from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo.

Darrel ('79) and **Gail** ('79) **Johnson** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and moved into their new 1500 seat auditorium at Faith Assembly Christian Center the same week! They are serving as Senior Pastors in the Tri Cities, Wash., where they have been for the past seven years. There son Brent graduated last spring, and Brittany is a senior at NC. E-mail: djohnsen@facc-ag.org

1980's

Terry Callis ('80) served as a Brigade chaplain in the Army Reserves during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was stationed for several months at Babyon, Iraq. He is currently a pastor in Canyon, Texas and continues to serve with the Army Reserve as a chaplain. His current rank is Major. E-mail: tcall952@yahoo.com

Debbie (Smith) Irish ('80) went to Paraguay on the Mission Field for two years. Debbie is married to Brian, who retired from the Navy three years ago in Pensacola. They now reside in Jacksonville, Fla., with their two daughters, Michelle, 10, and Michaela, 7. Debbie works at First Assembly of God, Callahan. Her two girls attend Sonshine Christian Academy. E-mail: debrish@bellsouth.net

Pamela Pulley ('80) completed her Masters Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix on April 7, 2004. E-mail: pspulley@msn.com

Bruce Cole ('81) and his wife Marcia live in Mesa, Ariz. where Bruce works for MDS Communications as an Account Executive. Marcia teaches music at Bethany Christian School. Bruce is completing his Master's Degree in Organization Development from Central Washington University. E-mail: bruce@nrwnet.com

Nick ('82) and Janice (Peterson) **Buhler** just celebrated their 10th Year Anniversary pastoring Citrus Heights Assembly of God in Citrus Heights, Calif. They have two daughters, Vanessa, a senior in high school and Ashley, an eighth grader. E-mail: talktonjb@comcast.net

Brian Pierson ('82) is the new Ministry Director of Teen Challenge in British Columbia. Brian has five children: Owen, 21, Brock, 19, Preston, 17, Olivia, 15, and Sophia, 13. E-mail: bpieron@bcteenchallenge.com

Bob ('82) and **Kathy (Davids)** ('74) **Pruitt** have been married for 29 years and they have three grown kids: Stacy, Greg, and Erik. Bob has been teaching for the past 12 years at White River Middle School in Buckley, Wash. He would love to hear from any of his old classmates! E-mail: bpkpep@msn.com

Mike ('82) and **Roxanne (Gaither)** ('83) **Rima** serve as the Lead Pastors at Lake City Community Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a church they helped plant in June 2001. Their oldest child, Courtney, 18, is studying Early Childhood Education at North Idaho College. They have two boys, Andrew, 11, and Alec, 8. E-mail: miker@lakecitycc.org

Josephine Kok ('83) has been a pastor at the Toronto Chinese Pentecostal Church (PAOC) in Toronto, Canada since 1993. E-mail: kokjosephine@hotmail.com

Steven Shoop ('83) and his wife Amy are missionaries in Mexico with A/G World Missions. They work with *Earn the Right to Be Heard*, a ministry of sharing the Gospel by meeting felt needs before sharing Christ. They are also developing an Ultimate AIM program. E-mail: steven.shoop@agmd.org

Paul ('84) and **Lisa Putnam** have been pastors for a number of years. Recently, Paul has joined the Funeral Ministry at the Chapel of the Resurrection where Paul is an Apprentice Funeral Director. The ministry is part of Cedar Park A/G in Bothell, Wash. Paul and Lisa have four children: Chloe, 15, Keegan, 12, Karlton, 9, and Hadley, 3. E-mail: putnam@integrity.com

Tony ('84) and **Trish (Blackman)** ('86) **Salisbury** are missionaries to Japan. They live in Joetsu City on the west coast of Japan. They have three children. Becca, 16, wants to be a medical missionary to Zambia. Josh, 13, enjoys basketball and karate. Jon, 7, is in the third grade. E-mail: tonyandtrish@hotmail.com

Stewart Miller ('85) works doing direct sales and marketing from the comfort of his home in Spokane, Wash. He would love to hear from any of his old colleagues. E-mail: sbmvermont@yahoo.com

Nancy Valnes ('86) is a missionary in Burkina Faso, Africa. She responds to the AIDS Epidemic through mobilization and training with the African Church. She uses an illustrated flipchart to teach people about HIV/AIDS. These flipcharts help people to understand the medical facts about HIV/AIDS, while providing hope for the future with Christ. Please pray for an increase in funding for this ministry

and for strength and wisdom for Nancy. E-mail: nvalnes@cenatrin.bf

Dareld ('87) and **Brenda (Lentz)** ('89) **Chittim** are excited about planting the North Ridge Church the fall of 2004 in the Marysville/Lake Stevens area. They have two children, Christine, 8, and Caleb, 6. E-mail: dareldc@whidbey.com

Rick ('87) and Sara **Rudquist** are Chi Alpha missionaries at Minnesota State University. Please continue to keep the ministry of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Minnesota State University and the Rudquist family in your prayers. E-mail: msuxa@aol.com

Dale ('88) and Aimee **King** live in Bremerton, Wash. with their children Adiel, 8, Makayla, 7, Lydia, 4, and Ben, 2. They attend the New Life Church where they serve thru leading Bible studies, Home Groups and men's ministries. Aimee home schools their children. Dale started a business called the SilverCity Group, serving businesses in Event and Association Management. E-mail: dking@silvercitygroup.com

Sue (Hogan) Ryan ('88) lives in Juneau, Ala. with her husband Thor and their three children. She is a stay-at-home mom and hopes to begin home schooling this Fall. She would love to hear from any of her former classmates. E-mail: thorman@mac.com

Mark Hollis ('89) was recently approved by the Assemblies of God World Missions Board for missionary service.

Lorilyn (Funk) Kinder ('89) lives in Wichita, Kan. with her family. She and her husband recently celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. They have three children Chantel, 13, Levi, 12, and Jordan, 10. Lorilyn works with mentally disabled children through her position as a teacher's aid at a behavior school. E-mail: lkinder@tekconnex.com

1990's

Clifford F. Neuman Jr. ('91) received his Master of Divinity on May 1, 2004 from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo.

Brandon Caves ('93) has been in the Air Force for 10 years and is serving overseas. He and his wife, **Darcy (Greeley)** ('94), have two children, Max, 4, and Mason, 1. E-mail: airforcefamily4life@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

CONCERTS

Jazz Concert with the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

Christmas Concert with the Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Northwest Choralons
7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 4

Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 15

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

Fall Drama Production "Theatrical Review"
7:30 p.m., Nov. 17-20

Spring Drama Production
7:30 p.m. April 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

SPORTING EVENTS

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ALUMNI REUNIONS

Nursing Reunion 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25
Alumni Weekend with reunions by decade.

For more information, or to help plan a reunion, call Rosemarie Kowalski at 425.889.5352 or e-mail Rosemarie.Kowalski@northwestu.edu



The Jazz Band will be one of the groups featured in the Jazz Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

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Karyn (Haskins) Holinaty ('94) and her husband, Jason Holinaty, have returned to British Columbia, Canada, after five years in the Cayman Islands, where their two boys, Samuel and Liam were born. In November 2003 their daughter, Teigan, was born. They live in the Okanagan. E-mail: jkholinaty@shaw.ca

James 'Jim' Heuvel ('95) married Janis E. Meek at Hockinson Community Church of Brush Prairie, Wash., on Feb. 7, 2004. They now live in Vancouver, Wash., where James ministers as a funeral director and Janis is an insurance agent. E-mail: jlheuvel@webtv.net

Melinda Ridley ('95) is a courier for FedEx. She lives in Montana, and has a four-year-old daughter, Hannah. E-mail: scrapr4hire30@msn.com

Steven ('95) and **Efigenia Silberman** are missionaries in Mexico. They are back in Cofradia after a stay in the U.S. and are excited that the church there has been growing. Please pray for their ministry, the pastors and the Christians in Mexico. E-mail: srsilberman@yahoo.com

Jeff Smith ('95) and his family recently moved to Olympia, Wash., after living in Alaska for nine years. Jeff and his wife Beth are expecting their second child in January. E-mail: jeff@rustyhinges.com

Shelley Trachta ('95) will graduate with her MA in Special Education from National University in December 2004. She and her husband Chris welcomed their first daughter, Aislee Gail, in March. Shelley teaches at Heber Elementary School. They both help with children's ministries at Holtville First Assembly of God. E-mail: ctrachta@aol.com

Peter ('96) and **Genevive (Langsea)** ('97) **Dibley** moved to Berkeley, Calif., in 2002 after receiving their MA degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Genevive is enrolled in a joint Ph.D. program with GTU and UC Berkeley in the Near Eastern Religions program. Peter is the pastor of Adult Ministries at First Covenant church in Oakland, Calif. E-mail: crazyspoonhead@msn.com

Sarah R. Fulkes ('96) has completed a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from George Fox University. She lives in Nampa, Idaho while studying for a Master of Science degree in Psychology. E-mail: janeitesarah@msn.com

Jennifer (Ihrke) ('96) married Adam **Lubanski** on June 24, 2000. She lives in Bothell with her husband and their two-year-old daughter Madison. She coordinates children's ministries at Lake Sammamish Foursquare church. She would love to reconnect with her classmates. E-mail: jen@L42.com

Jeff ('96) and **Geri (Marvin)** ('96) **Reetz** reside in Juneau, Alaska. They have been married for almost eight years. Jeff works for U.S.I.S. conducting investigative work for Federal Government agencies and Geri works for N.O.A.A. Fisheries. They hope that all of their classmates and former roommates are doing well! E-mail: gerireetz@hotmail.com

Heidi (Franco) Zweifel ('96) and her husband Mark live in Las Vegas, Nev. where they pastor the Student ministries (junior high through college) at the International Church of Las Vegas. They have three girls. E-mail: heidiz@iclv.com

Andrew ('97) and **Mindy (Alden)** ('00) **Culver** live in Renton, Wash. They help

pastor two churches, one in Woodinville and one in Kent. Andrew works at Wells Fargo, and Mindy prepares taxes and deals with mortgages at Tax Center Plus in Kent. They have a son named Caleb. E-mail: mindy@culverfamily.com

Tim ('97) and **Lauri Inman** have three children: Madeline, 6, Claire, 5, and Max, 3. The Inmans are preparing to become missionaries in Ireland and have raised almost half of their pledge budget. Please pray that they will raise the second half quickly and leave before the end of 2004. E-mail: tim.inman@hqqmail.agmd.org

Jennifer (Belgarde) ('97) married Mickey **Tuter** on July 31, 2004. They now serve as youth pastors in Spokane, Wash. at Living Hope Church. Jen would love to reconnect with old friends! E-mail: evrykd@hotmail.com

Christie (Weston) Kearley ('98) is married to David, her high school sweetheart. They have a one-year-old son named Mason and a daughter, Madison, 6. Christie works as a social worker for Children's Welfare Services in Tacoma, Wash. She would love to hear from her friends from Northwest! E-mail: thekearleys@yahoo.com

Sharna (Gregg) Marsh ('98) works at an insurance brokerage and attends Ashmead College to become a massage therapist. She will graduate in February 2005. E-mail: bobandsharna@isomedia.com

Troy Phifer ('98) is a stay-at-home dad. He lives in Bellevue with his wife Andrea and son Tyler Jacob. Tyler was born Nov. 7, 2003. E-mail: troy.phifer@comcast.net

Lisa (Knotts) Shaul ('98) and her husband Thomas have moved to Sonora, Calif., where Lisa will be the children's pastor at Christian Heights Assembly of God. Thomas graduated from Electrical College this June. They have a foster daughter, Jasmin. E-mail: lonemountain@cox.net

Hilary (Wright) Bachelder ('99) and her husband Brian live in Bellingham, Wash. They have adopted two children, Samuel Ian, 3, and Hallie Caitlin, 1, and are in the process of buying their first house. Hilary would love to hear from old friends! E-mail: bachelder98@comcast.net

Peter ('99) and **Heather (King)** ('01) **Blue** live in Pouslbo, Wash., where Peter is the Music Pastor at Christ Memorial Church. Heather is a second grade teacher at Seabeck Elementary in the Central Kitsap School District. They recently purchased their first home. E-mail: peter.blue@christmemorial.net

Cyndi (Celestino) Bodnar ('99) and her husband Jason live in Gig Harbor, Wash. and are in the process of building a house. Their son, Justin Andrew, was born on April 19, 2004. After teaching fifth grade for three years, Cyndi will be staying at home to raise Justin. E-mail: cyndibodnar@hotmail.com

Jack Downs ('99) recently completed his MA in English at Gonzaga University. He has received a full-ride scholarship and assistantship from Texas Christian University for his Ph.D. studies. Jack and his wife **Lorri (Trimborn)** ('99) moved to Texas in July.

Alicia Duchemin ('99) married Marshall Starckenburg on June 4, 2004. She is on staff at New Life Church in Silverdale, Wash., along with other NC grads: **Wes Davis** ('93), **Del Chittim** ('93), **Aaron Welk** ('00), **Scott Langhans** ('01), and **Dan Serdahl** ('76). E-mail: alicia@newlifekitsap.com

Erin Harple ('99) is in her fourth year of teaching classroom music at Tudor Elementary. She is planning to start a master's program in the fall in Creative Arts and Learning. She would love to reconnect with her friends from NC! E-mail: erinharples@hotmail.com

Becky Hoppins ('99) will graduate from Bastyr University as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine next year. She would love to reconnect with friends! E-mail: beckhoppins@hotmail.com

Zach ('99) and **Kristi (Guenter)** ('98) **Lucas** are in their sixth year of youth ministry in The Dalles, Ore. at Life in Christ Center. Kristi also works as a nurse for a local doctor's office. Their daughter Kali Lauren was born on Dec. 14, 2003. They would love to hear from friends and classmates. E-mail: zach_kristi@yahoo.com

Cara (Moormeier) ('99) and **Ryan** ('01) **Michalisin** live in Everett, Wash. Ryan has finished graduate studies at Old Dominion University. Cara worked as a Unix Systems Administrator for T-Mobile until the birth of their daughter Hanna Marie last July. E-mail: cmichalisin@hotmail.com

Leo O. ('99) **Deborah Reed**'s second child, Grant Owen, was born on May 24, 2004. He joins big sister Katrina, 2 1/2. Deborah is a stay-at-home mom and Leo is a seventh and ninth grade English teacher at Bolivar-Richburg Central School. E-mail: reedleo@aol.com

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Nathan ('00) and **Valerie (Kiessler)** ('99) **Geer** are attending Wheaton College

Natalie Grant ministered in a special Alumni and Friends Chapel, alone and then with her sisters: Allison Sankey, Bethenee Engelsvold, and Jennifer Shaub. Bethenee is the Resident Dean for the Extended Community. To read an interview with Natalie originally published in *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*, please visit our web site: www.northwestu.edu.

in Illinois. After serving two years in China with the ELIC, they will complete their MA programs this coming semester.

Robert Jackson ('00) currently teaches ninth grade Bible and Geography at Cedar Park Christian School. His wife, **Liz (DeVore)** ('99), gave birth to their second child, Logan Robert, in February 2004. Liz is staying at home with Logan and Katy, 3. They would love to hear from old friends.
E-mail: roblizjackson@yahoo.com

James Stewart ('00) is an Assistant Professor at Bethany College in Scotts Valley, Calif. He is teaching communication courses and serving as the debate coach. Stewart graduated with a Master's Degree in English from Western Washington University this past May.

Josh Tracy ('00) and his wife Lucie are living in Salem, Ore. They are serving at Peoples Church as the Middle School Youth Directors. They are expecting a baby girl. Her name is Emily Elizabeth.
E-mail: josh.tracy@peopleschurch.com

Andrew ('01) and Shawna (Hudspeth) **Huson** are youth pastors in Oakdale, Calif. and love their work! They have a son named Judah, almost two years old.
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Christine Joo ('01) completed her Master's degree in Counseling and will be moving to Southern California to pursue a Doctorate degree in Counseling Psychology.
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Matt ('01) and **Melissa (Hostetler)** ('02) **Kolbo** moved to Seoul, Korea last October to work at Seoul Foreign School. Matt works as the Network Engineer. Melissa is teaching part time and working on her

MA. She is two months pregnant.
E-mail: melissa@mountainwav.com

Rebekah Lukers ('01) is graduating through the LEAP program after working and traveling abroad. She lives in Olympia and works in the A/G office. LEAP has been an intense but fun program for her.
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Jenifer Ramm ('01) has been working as a clerk at the county courthouse in Wilbur, Wash. She has been awarded an assistantship for the MA in English at Central Washington University.

Alicia Rea ('01) is now a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God and serves as the youth/music pastor at Coquille First Assembly of God. She would love to hear from everyone!
E-mail: husrcalice@hotmail.com

Gianluca ('01) and **Carli (Bundy)** ('00) **Ronchi** work as missionaries at a Christian center in Southern Italy. Carli has been counseling at many local churches. Gianluca has co-founded a non-profit organization focused on mobilizing missions in the Italian church. They are expecting their first child, a boy, this October. They would love to hear from their NC friends.
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Matt Cuellar ('02) is a Sales Representative at the Art Unica Digital Media LLC in Lynnwood, Wash. He will attend the University of Washington next fall to get his Masters in Communication. From there he will pursue a teaching career. He is involved in the worship department at The Northgate Church in Seattle.
E-mail: callysurfer23@hotmail.com

Josh ('02) and **Holly (Pomeroy)** ('02) **Gifford** are doing great! Josh is a general contractor. Holly is a stay-at-home mom for their two kids Hailey, 2½, and Tristan, 1½. They are in the process of building their first home in Duvall, Wash. They attend the City Church in Kirkland.
E-mail: joshnholly@aol.com

Danielle (Colegrove) Kolesnikov ('02) is a nurse at Overlake Hospital Medical Center in Bellevue, Wash. She and two other nurses spent time volunteering in the Dominican Republic in November 2003.

Todd Fast ('03) will be attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary this fall to gain a Master of Divinity degree.
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Kasea Hamar ('03) has spent the last year working with AmeriCorps and will start her graduate studies at the Huber H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, this August.

Emily McBlair ('03) spent the past two summers working with a Christian ministry to the national parks in Estes Park, Colo. She is working on an MA in Marriage and Family Counseling at Seattle Pacific University.

Carissa Berg ('04) is the youth pastor at BrookRidge Community Church in Havehill, Mass. She is attending graduate school at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
E-mail: pastor_carissa@hotmail.com

Johathan ('04) and **Ruth (Page)** ('04) **King** are living in Japan. They are working as assistant English teachers. Jonathan is trying his hand at Kendo (Japanese fencing), while Ruth is working as Music Director for a musical (this year it's *Annie*) that the JETs in their area put on.
E-mail: jonathanandruth@hotmail.com

Raymond Misomali ('04) has been accepted into the Masters in Public Administration program at the University of North Texas.

Kimber Powell ('04) currently lives in Bethel, Alaska, and is working as a nurse in the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Please pray for her as she continues this exciting adventure.

Christina Reasner ('04) was crowned Miss Alaska 2004 on June 12. She was awarded top interview and top preliminary talent on that night, as well. She competed in the Miss America Pageant in September.
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Jennifer Tacy ('04) is enjoying her new job as the Youth and Children's Pastor at River of Life Christian Center in Payette, Idaho. She says hello and God bless to all of her friends!
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Future Alumni

Parker, born June 10, 2004, to **Lorne** ('92) and **Jessica (Blazier)** ('96) **Green**.
E-mail: lorneg@aciteam.com

Klara Grace, born April 22, 2004, to **Wes** ('93) and **Kari (Smith)** ('93) **Davis**.
E-mail: wes@newlifekitsap.com

Mark Edward, born March 9, 2004, to **Rachel (Caines)** ('94) and Jeff **Snyder**.
E-mail: jrjlsnyder@hotmail.com

Abigail Hope, born April 14, 2004, to **Dan** ('96) and **Danita** ('96) **Taylor**.
E-mail: Bruce.Thomas@agmd.org

Rozalynn Joy, born Sept. 20, 2004, to **Jerry** ('97) and **Kari-Ann (Jensen)** ('97) **Casper**.
E-mail: jerrylcasper@hotmail.com

Alyssa Arquette, born Oct. 22, 2003, to **Kimberly (Springer)** ('98) and Clayton **Rockwell**.
E-mail: claykimr@juno.com

Chase Philip, born Nov. 28, 2003, to **Andy** ('98) and **Mindy (Coombs)** ('98) **D'Agostino**.
E-mail: amldagostino@comcast.net

Luke Elliot, born to **Adam** ('98) and **Nicole E. (Sarver)** ('98) **Martin**.
E-mail: Lonemountain@cox.net

Tyler Jacob, born Nov. 7, 2003, to **Troy** ('98) and Andrea **Phifer**.
E-mail: troy.phifer@comcast.net

Grant Owen, born May 24, 2004, to **Leo** ('99) and **Deborah** ('98) **Reed**.
E-mail: reedleo@aol.com

Justin Andrew, born April 19, 2004, to **Cyndi (Celestino)** ('99) and Jason **Bodnar**.
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Kali Lauren, born Dec. 14, 2003, to **Zach** ('99) and **Kristi (Guenter)** ('98) **Lucas**.
E-mail: zach_kristi@yahoo.com

Cassidy Elaine, born May 5, 2004, to **Andrew** ('00) and Cindy (Ours) **Casper**.
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Carter Jon, born March 9, 2004, to **DJ** ('02) and Angela **Hagebusch**.
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Randy Cole III, born July 20, 2004, to **Randy** ('03) and **Noelle (Congleton) Bonds**.
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Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Dick Strum, his wife, Merleen, and her mother, Edith Glew, pose for a photo. Edith was the first registered Northwest College student and the first graduate.



Class of 1944 – Front: Evelyn Peck, Don Peck, Phyllis Buck, Lewis LuMance, and Eva Wanger; Middle: Winnifred Peterson, Madeline Kuykendall, Lucille Wells, Kathryn Nicodemus, Zoa Ropp, Marjorie Brown, and Doris Hammett; Back: Ray Graffe, Monrad Elde, Fernella Strauss, and Lois Hughes.



Dr. Dick Strum and Phyllis and Dale Larson were honored with Alumni of the Year awards at Baccalaureate during Alumni Weekend in May.

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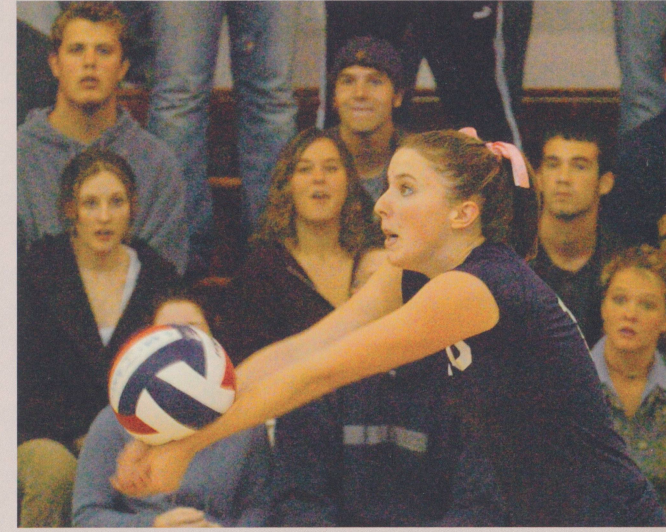
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John Weaver is one of hundreds of Northwest students who gather at the chapel Monday evenings for *Pursuit*, a time of prayer and worship that is led by students. (For more about John, please see page 10.)



Katherine King got a chance to bask in the light of the sun on a recent fall afternoon, even as she was soaking in the light of the Son (by reading her Bible). Katherine is a junior who transferred to Northwest. She plans to major in Education.



Allison Simmons is a Freshman from Woodinville, Wash., who plays "striker" for the volleyball team. Under the leadership of Coach Shaun Kupferberg, the Eagles are enjoying a great season. For more info on all our sports teams, please visit www.northwestu.edu.

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