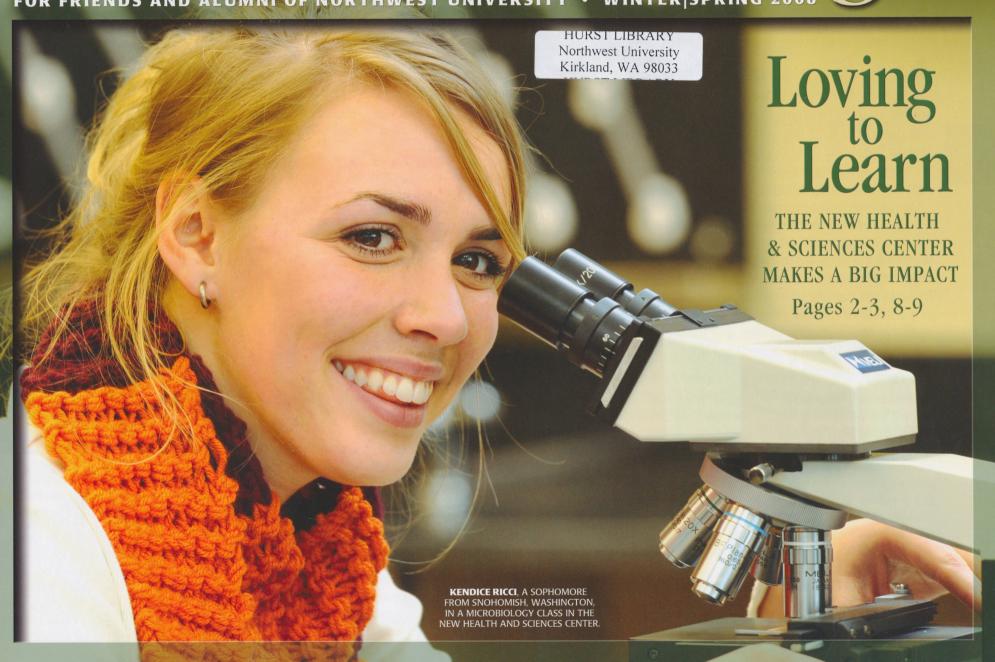
Northwest Passages for friends and alumni of northwest university - Winter spring 2008



Growing larger,

About 74 years ago, the Assemblies of God churches of the Northwest founded us with a distinct ecclesial mission, entrusting us to fill young people with knowledge, skills, and passion to fulfill the mission of God at home and around the world. That original mission is still our reason for being, and the people of Northwest University are still passionate about fulfilling it.

Our growth into a comprehensive baccalaureate university has only expanded our ability to fulfill our original mission. In my inauguration speech, I promised to lead "a vision for the ongoing development of Northwest University into a comprehensive master's-level university dedicated to the training of transformational Christian leaders in a context of spiritual vibrancy, academic excellence, global visibility, ethnic diversity, and societal significance."

Accountable to that promise, I am happy to report the following developments.

New Master's Degrees.

This fall, we are opening four new graduate programs that demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the training of God's people for ministry in churches and in the rest of society. The College of Ministry is offering two new Master of Arts programs: Missional Leadership and Theology and Culture. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is adding a Master of Arts program in International Care and Community Develop-

ment. The School of Education is rolling out a new Master of Education Degree as well as its new Pro-Cert program (a professional certification required for public school teachers by the State of Washington). We are also continuing preparations for the delivery of other degree programs in the years to come.

Spiritual Vibrancy.

Our calling to be a university of Spirit-filled people demands that we be a place where people experience the presence of God. Recently, the mayor and the city manager of Kirkland mentioned to me that they feel something different when they walk onto our campus, that it radiates a sense of peace that is different from the world around it. That is precisely the report that we want to hear, and we will not fulfill our mission unless that

demonstrate for God, and the sacrifices that our people continually offer to God testify to a spiritually vibrant community.

Academic Excellence.

The university continues to advance academically in every way. The completion of our Health and Sciences Center (HSC) has greatly improved the

even finishing doctoral degrees. Others have published books and articles, continued to conduct research, read papers at scholarly conferences, and participated in scholarly societies. Others have written and produced plays and presented art exhibits of their own work on campus. We are growing in academic quality and rejoice in





testimony is true. I am happy to report that our chapel services have been blessed by the presence of God this year, and our communication constantly reflects the work of God among us. Our relationships, our personal lives, our worship together, the level of spiritual commitment in our classrooms. the hunger that students

quality of our science programs, and we will open a new biology and pre-medicine major in the fall. The HSC has also positively impacted the teaching and learning environment for all our programs. Several outstanding new faculty members have joined us this year. Our professors and administrators continue to advance academically,

God's blessing on our work.

Global Visibility.

This February, 32 nursing students headed to Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and India for their international rotations—a crucial part of their intercultural training that is a distinctive characteristic of our program. Other students are preparing for missions trips

growing stronger

to destinations as diverse as Thailand and Turkey. Our alumni are serving God as missionaries in dozens of countries around the world. Alumnus Alan Johnson (Ph.D., Oxford Centre for Mission Studies) has become widely recognized as one of the brightest Pentecostal missiologists in the world. Another of our alumni, Zack Hofs-

Russia, and the crisis in Darfur.

Northwest University is ministering to a hurting world in many ways, and my growing knowledge of founding president Henry Ness suggest to me that we are doing exactly the kinds of things he and his leadership team dreamed that we would do seventy-four years the future population of our country is growing. We are committed to working hard to recruit an ever more diverse student body, faculty, and staff to ensure that our students have rich opportunities to understand and appreciate ethnic and cultural differences and thus enhance their qualifications for future leadership of our society.

students have contributed thousands of dollars to fight the scourge of international slavery and sexual trafficking.

Our student teachers are prized in area public schools and our education graduates are winning awards for outstanding teaching.

Our ministry graduates are effectively serving churches and other non-profit organizations.

Other graduates, including those in Pre-Law, are serving the cause of justice and working for better government, several being elected to public office.

Our nurses are rushing to fill an increasing gap as highly coveted professionals in health care. Musicians are making hearts glad and leading people into worship. The accumulation of our efforts over the years more significant in society than committed to making an ever greater testimony to the Kingdom of God in the world.

means that we have never been we currently are, and we are

Financial Health.

We are happy to report that last year was our most successful

year ever in terms of both budget control and fundraising. The HSC Capital Campaign assisted in a record \$2.8 million in contributions for fiscal year 2006-07, and we are on track to break that record in 2007-2008. We are consistently operating in the black in both operating expenses and total assets, and we are committed to both financial discipline and continued fundraising to enhance our future success.

Still, in the years to come, many new buildings must be planned and constructed in order to ensure future quality, and the costs of providing a high-quality university education are unlikely to decline. More than ever before, we need your prayers, collaboration, and partnership.





Doctor degree at Regent University, spent last summer working for a member of European Parliament in Ireland and Belgium, doing legal analysis of the European Union's Reform Treaty and public policy analysis on issues such as international family law, Irish mental health law, EU energy policy, relations with

Ethnic Diversity.

Our demographics at the university suggest that we closely mirror the ethnic diversity of Washington state as a whole. This positively suggests that we are fulfilling the requirements of ethnic justice in our admissions and financial aid policies. Our goal, however, is to grow even more ethnically diverse-just as

Societal Significance.

A recent note from the Parks Department of the City of Kirkland thanked us for the wonderful contributions of our student volunteers. A local television news broadcast highlighted our work in Operation Iraq-a program that ships thousands of care packages off to members of our military overseas. Our

A Strong University.

As the new president of NU I can report that the state of the university is stronger than ever, and with your support, we will continue to serve God, the Church, and society with increasing knowledge, anointing, fervor, and efficacy.

New Master's Degrees

To meet the church's current and future needs, ministry must be both biblically authentic and culturally relevant, and preparation for Christian ministry must be as thorough as possible and of the highest caliber possible.

The College of Ministry at Northwest University seeks to meet this need by offering continuing in-service education at the masters level for those who are engaged in ministry - pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, counselors, and lay workers.

Ministry involves the person of God communicating a divine message to people to achieve divine ends. Those who minister for God must know Him intimately, must be able to exegete His Word accurately, must understand and appreciate the context in which they minister, and must comprehend God's eternal purpose and be able to relate it to the church and ministry.

These M.A. programs integrate academic experiences, spiritual formation activities, and skills development to enhance intellectual, spiritual, personal and functional readiness for effective ministry leadership.

Highlights

- Learn from faculty with extensive biblical and theological training and diverse experience in ministry and leadership.
- Complete your Master of Arts Degree at a university with a 75-year history of preparing ministers for service.
- Attend classes with schedules designed to accommodate working ministers and professionals.

■ Study with fellow ministers and scholars who share your passion for biblical and theological study and ministry.

Structure

The graduate courses offered by the College of Ministry at Northwest University are structured to meet the schedules and the learning styles of adults who are already engaged in ministry/careers.

The goal is to provide structure and accountability to ensure progress, while at the same time offering the flexibility for people to study at the pace that works best for them.

Classes will be offered in weeklong intensives that meet during the day (primarily in the Master of Arts in Missional Leadership) and in Friday evening/Saturday sessions that will meet for one weekend a month for three months (primarily in the Master of Arts in Theology and Culture).

Master of Arts Missional Leadership

The M.A. in Missional Leadership develops a theoretical framework for understanding leadership, mission and culture, globalization, ethics, motivation, creativity, vision, strategic planning, teamwork, spirituality, and other leadership issues. This program will emphasize the need for missional leaders to live out the gospel so that it is seen and experienced in community.

You will complete a culminating project during which you will conduct research or perform an organizational intervention that incorporates the course content from the program.

Schedule: This program takes as little as 18 months to complete, with 12 courses scheduled over the duration of that period. Students are organized into cohort groups which meet together in week-long intensives.

Pastoral Endorsement

Dale Oquist (pictured at left), Lead Pastor at Evergreen Christian Community says about the new graduate programs in the College of Ministry at Northwest University:

In my own sermon study and preparation recently, I have been reminded of the importance of the process... the significance of the journey.

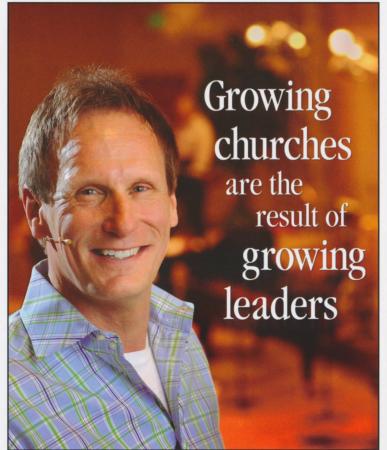
In our results-oriented culture, it's easy to become focused on just our goals, and lose track of the paths we must take, the work we must do, to reach those goals.

I see, more and more, the benefit of structured and disciplined study into the various facets of theology, culture, ministry, and leadership that affect church leaders today.

If it's true that one person can sharpen another, as iron sharpens iron, then I want the opportunity to learn from - and with - those who are fully committed to serving today's church to reach today's world.

That's why I so highly regard these new Master's Degrees from the College of Ministry at Northwest. The faculty and leadership at Northwest University are committed to training today's leaders, and I want to take advantage of that.

I trust that they will lead us on a journey that will be rewarding in itself, as we grow in the image of Christ, and will take us to places of even greater effectiveness as we labor in the whitened harvest fields.



in Ministry

Master of Arts Theology and Culture

The purpose of the M.A. in Theology and Culture is to enable effective witness and service both within the Christian community and to the larger society. Through exploration of the various influences on contemporary culture and theology, you will come to a better understanding of your own assumptions and those of your faith tradition.

The program encourages the development of the necessary understanding and skills for effective engagement with cultural trends, social transformation, and the attendant challenges facing the church. The goal is to develop thinking and practice that is biblically informed and creatively faithful to the historic mission of the Christian faith.

You will develop a distinctive research profile, and by taking the additional Ph.D. component,

can prepare for doctoral work in biblical and theological studies.

Schedule: For a full-time student, this program can take as little as two years, with courses scheduled across three annual terms. Most courses are taught in Friday/Saturday intensives. Three weekends complete one course.

Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor of Arts or Science (or an equivalent degree) from a regionally accredited college or university. Allowances may be made for degrees accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- A minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of application process and acceptance into the program



Lynn Willis Enrollment Counselor

Find Out More

To find out more about these graduate programs, or to download an application, visit our web site at **www.northwestu.edu/ministrygrad/.**

You can also contact **Lynn Willis**, the Enrollment Counselor for the College of Ministry graduate programs, by calling her at **425.889.5217** or e-mailing her at **lynn.willis@northwestu.edu**.

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Northwest Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

Chair,

Northwest University Board of Directors

One of the commitments I have made as a leader is to be a "life-long learner."

This goal has been realized through various avenues in my life, but no more specifically or dramatically than through my pursuit of formal graduate education.

I am on the verge of completing the first phase of my postgraduate studies and will graduate with a master's degree (from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary) this spring.

The learning journey has been life-changing, and I have been able to accomplish it in concert with others who have enhanced the experience and made it even more practical and valuable.

As a minister and a leader of ministers, I am pleased that graduate education in theology and ministry is now available at Northwest University. I strongly encourage others to take advantage of this opportunity to embark on the same journey!





New MA's in Education

Master of Education AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The School of Education at Northwest University now offers the Master of Education (M.Ed.), in addition to the Master in Teaching (M.I.T.). The M.Ed. is a two-year, continuing education program for teachers holding the Washington State Residency Teacher Certificate. Built around the second level of licensure, the thirty-credit curriculum offers preparation for the Washington State Professional Teacher Certificate, as well as advanced coursework on learning theory, educational standards, and research methodology, culminating in a graduate-level action research paper. Classes meet in the evenings, on Saturdays, and during the summer months.

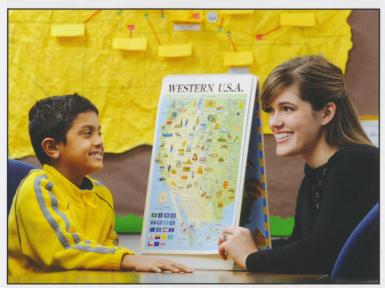
Purpose

Within five to seven years of completing entry level certification, the practicing teacher in Washington State must qualify for the Professional Teacher Certificate. Though a graduate degree is not required for the

second and final certificate, a masters and certification are often pursued simultaneously.

Goal

The M.Ed. and Professional Certification program is designed to serve three practicing teacher populations:



- Bachelors graduates holding the Residency Teacher Certificate who seek the M.Ed. and the Professional Certificate:
- Bachelors graduates holding the Residency Teacher Certificate who seek the Professional Certificate only;
- Master in Teaching or other masters graduates holding the Residency Teacher Certificate who seek only the Professional Certificate.

Admissions

Applicants will need to submit the following documents:

- Letter of interest in the program;
- Program application form;
- Resume or curriculum vitae;
- Three references: personal, professional, academic;
- Official transcripts of postsecondary education (GPA minimum: 3.3).
- Copies of valid Washington State Residency Teacher Certificate and SPI Form 4421

Applicants will be interviewed by a committee of faculty members and administrators.

To find out More about the M.Ed. program, or to apply, visit www.northwestu.edu/med or contact the Graduate and **Professional Studies Enrollment** office at 425.889.7799. You can also send an e-mail to qpse@northwestu.edu.



Alumni Endorsement

For Randall and Amy Imes, Northwest University's School of Education has been a family affair.

Randall graduated in 2005 with a B.A. in Secondary Education with endorsements in Mathematics and Health and Fitness, then returned the following year to finish a B.A. in Mathematics. In 2007 he completed Northwest's Master in Teaching (M.I.T.) program.

Amy also graduated in 2007, with her B.A. in Elementary Education. Both are now teaching in the Issaquah School District. Randall teaches algebra and geometry to 8-12 graders at Liberty High School, and Amy teaches third grade at Discovery Elementary School.

Randall and Amy agree that two distinguishing characteristics of Northwest's School of Education are the Christian perspective and the people-both faculty and students.

"The class sizes were small enough that the faculty really got to know their students, and I could tell that they really cared about each of us," Randall says.

Amy adds about the students, "We have a really good support system. Even now as a graduate, I can call on those other teachers when I need advice, and I know that they care about me."

Amy came to Northwest through the influence of her second and third grade teacher, Karen Newbill. Professor Newbill is an adjunct faculty member at Northwest, and the wife of Dr. Gary Newbill, the Dean of the School of Education.

Amy stayed in touch with Professor Newbill over the years. "Karen saw the teaching talent in me," Amy says, "and encouraged me to come to Northwest. I thought that if she was teaching at Northwest it said a lot about the school. I knew that there would be other great teachers."

Both Randall and Amy see themselves returning to the School of Education in the future. Amy is considering the M.Ed. program.

"I am thrilled that Northwest University offers an M.Ed., because after my experience at Northwest I wouldn't want to go anywhere else," she says.

Randall, who already has his masters through the MIT program, has his eve on the stand-alone Professional Certification program. Randall also hopes to pursue a doctorate in the future. "Maybe by then Northwest University will offer a doctorate program in education!" he says.

and International Care

Master of Arts in International Care & Community Development

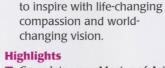
The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences now offers the Master of Arts in International Care and Community Development in addition to the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology. This new program prepares men and women for context-sensitive, strategic leadership in meeting the needs of the poor and oppressed, both in the U.S. and overseas. This degree emphasizes core issues of global-cultural awareness and social justice. Students are equipped to identify, analyze, and understand cultural differences in contexts of need, and to develop holistic responses that are sensitive to the particular constraints and opportunities presented in those settings.

Objectives

The M.A. in International Care and Community Development degree is designed to equip students to become:

Scholars with sensitivity and expertise at observing and interpreting culture;

- Innovators for creating culturally responsive programs for addressing social issues:
- Critical thinkers able to evaluate existing approaches to meeting the needs of the poor and oppressed;



Leaders and managers able

- Complete your Master of Arts Degree in as little as fifteen months.
- Evening and weekend classes accommodate working professionals.
- Study from a distinctly Christian perspective with an emphasis on culture and social justice.
- Practica provide opportunities for cross-cultural experience and international travel.

Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor of Arts or Science (or an equivalent degree) from a regionally accredited college or university. Allowances may be made for degrees accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE):
- A minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale:
- Completion of application process and acceptance into the desired program.

To find out More, or to apply, visit www.northwestu.edu/ social behavioral or contact The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at 425.889.5249. You can also send an e-mail to janet.arthur@northwestu.edu.

Faculty Visit India

Dr. Bill Herkelrath, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Northwest University, and Dr. Forrest Inslee, Director of the School of Global Studies, traveled to India in January to explore possibilities for Northwest University student involvement in India.

On this two-week trip, they visited various ministry sites and engaged in productive dialogue with the key ministry leaders.

Their visit coincided with the annual Founder's Day, a celebration to honor the creators of Calcutta Mercy Ministries,

Rev. Dr. Huldah Buntain and her husband, the late Mark Buntain. This gave Dr. Herkelrath and Dr. Inslee the opportunity to spend time with Mrs. Buntain, her daughter Bonnie Buntain Long and her son-in-law Dr. Jim Long, as well as various key directors and board members.

Dr. Herkelrath and Dr. Inslee were able to learn first-hand about the history and vision for the extensive ministry network that comprises Calcutta Mercy Ministries. The two professors came away with a clear sense of the myriad opportunities available to students in the Graduate Psychology and Global Studies programs. Students' services will be incorporated into their education process via credit-based practica and internships.

Northwest graduate students could, for example, be able to serve Calcutta Mercy Ministries by offering vocational training with their school for the blind, providing counseling and assessment through the hospital and clinics, and designing micro-lending programs as part of larger community development projects.

To read Dr. Inslee's comments and view his photos from the trip, visit www.northwestu.edu/social behavioral.

Brooke Lundquist Gives a Gift to Save a Life

This past holiday season, Brooke Lundquist gave an unusual gift to a complete stranger. It was a potentially lifesaving gift of her bone marrow.

Late last year, Brooke, who is the Internship

Coordinator for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and a 2007 graduate of Northwest University's

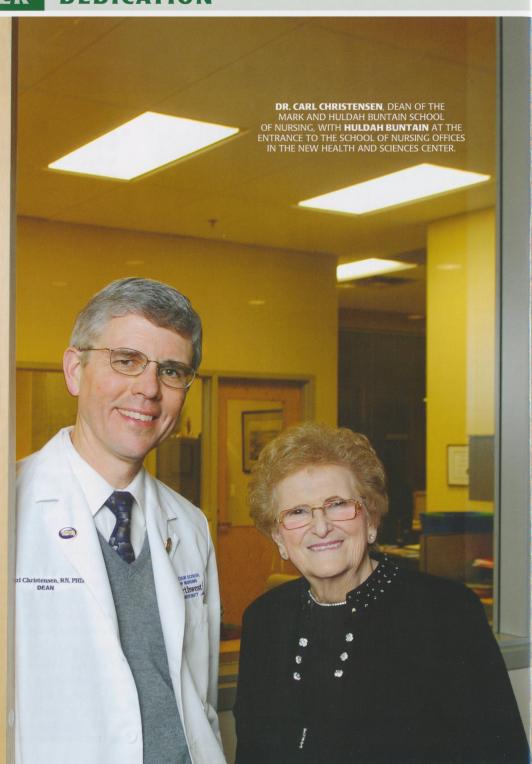


Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program, found out that she was a potential bone marrow match for a woman who is fighting acute leukemia. She didn't hesitate to agree to

proceed. For the rest of the story, visit www.northwestu.edu/news/08/ 080102.php.



THE MARK & HULDAH BUNTAIN Nursing



HSC: Dedicated to Learning

Faculty, staff, students and friends of Northwest University gathered on November 29 to celebrate the completion of the **Health and Sciences Center.**

Those gathered thanked God for his provision and dedicated the building as the new home of the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing and the University's Science Department.

After the service, guests toured the science labs and classrooms and met the faculty.

For more photos from the dedication service, visit www.northwestu.edu/hsc.



Dr. William Randolph, long-time Professor of Life Sciences at Northwest University, celebrated the realization of a 20-year dream at the dedication of the Health and Sciences Center on November 29. He discussed how the building is a tool that makes the work of the faculty possible.



Dr. Huldah Buntain spoke. She and her husband Mark Current nursing students participated in the are the inspiration for the Buntain School of Nursing.



community prayer of dedication.



Dr. Joseph Castleberry, President of Northwest University, spoke on "A Bridge to the Future."



Dr. Huldah Buntain talked with current nursing student Chantel Hardy after the dedication service.

ANNOUNCING: Biology Major & Pre-Med Track

The Health and Sciences Center allows Northwest University to continue to expand the science programs. Northwest will enroll the first **Biology majors** this fall. Students will have the option to prepare for medical school by enrolling in the Pre-Professional Track.

The Biology major will have two tracks:

Pre-professional Track: Designed for students who plan to pursue attendance at medical or dental school, as well as other health care professions such as pharmacy, optometry, medical technology, or podiatry. Students will participate in a one-month international cross-cultural trip that will allow them to gain cross-cultural experience.

General Track: This track will prepare students for pursuing graduate studies in the sciences, such as botany, cellular and molecular biology, ecology, marine biology, physiology, epidemiology or zoology. In addition, students will be able to pursue employment within the science fields.

To find out More about the Biology major and other undergraduate academic programs at Northwest University, visit www.northwestu.edu/programs or contact the Northwest University Undergraduate Admissions Office at 425.889.7799.



n a typical Sunday morning in almost any church, the focus eventually ends up on one person, the preacher.

This is even true in a very large church like Life Center in Tacoma, Washington. There is a worship team, a white-robed choir, a full accompaniment of musicians. But eventually the lights dim, and the focus is on one man, holding a Bible, and bringing a message.

And the message, of course, is, "Don't focus on me, focus on Christ. Don't just follow me, but follow me as I follow Christ."

The man bringing this message now, at the center of Life Center, is Dean Curry.

But as much as he is at the core of Life Center, the church is at his core as well. And as much as he is one man standing alone, he is the result of many other lives intersecting and influencing his life.

Dean's life started nearby.

"I was born and raised in Tacoma," he recounts. He was born four minutes after his twin brother, David. "My mother was pregnant with us when our biological father walked out on us."

Dean's involvement with Life Center began a few years later. "When I was in the fourth

grade, a family invited us to the youth program at Life Center. So my brother and I came, and we loved it. Then my parents (my mom had remarried) also started to come.

"I'm a first-generation Christian, and it all happened at Life Center."

A Change in Plans

In high school, Dean had no plans to become a minister.

"I just wanted to be rich," he recalls. "I had a good buddy, and we were both accepted to Western Washing-

ton University.

We thought we'd

be roommates and

get business degrees."

called to the ministry."

Then Dean went to a

camp at Cedar Springs. During a

service, he had a vision in which

he was preaching to people. At

the same moment, the speaker

said, "I think somebody was just

Back at Life Center, he asked

be a pastor, where does one go?"

his youth pastor, "If I'm going to

told Dean to go to Northwest University. And he did.

A Change in Majors

At Northwest, Dean started out as a Philosophy major. Then he was told, "You'll never get a job as a philosopher," so he changed his major to Youth Ministry.

"But I still loved Philosophy," he states. "Dr. Darrell Hobson (now the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences) was my favorite professor. He taught me

> not what to think but how to think. What

young adults for a few years."

At that point, the top associate pastor left Life Center. The Senior Pastor, Rev. Fulton Buntain, said to Dean: "You're too young for this position, but why don't you help me while I'm looking."

Dean ended up helping him for the next decade, capably assuming the role of senior associate.

When Fulton resigned (after 40 years) Dean was, once again, not the immediate choice. But after a "long and circuitous search" he was named Senior Pastor.

If you've watched many church I learned from him transitions over the years, you've

At the same time, Dean relies on his predecessor.

"Fulton's still here, sitting on the front row. I still have his wisdom. We've been friends for a long time, and I couldn't do it without his friendship."

Under Dean, Life Center has maintained a strong commitment to missions. Dean just returned from India, where he helped celebrate the birthday of Fulton's brother, the late Mark Buntain, who with his wife Huldah founded a hospital and ministry in Calcutta.

"This was a great opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Mark and Huldah Buntain," said Dean.

"It's breathtaking to see what we've helped build, in what is the poorest city in the world."

Life Center is also reaching out to HIV/AIDS victims in Africa.

"We started a coalition with the mayor and other leaders to get Tacoma at the forefront of adopting AIDS orphans," Dean explains.

"Last year, we raised \$400,000 from Tacoma citizens and businesses, outside of our church budget. We're not only reaching our community for Christ, but we're helping our community reach the world with His love."

At the center of Life Center

(and from other professors) has really helped me in my ministry."

Back to Life Center

After Dean graduated in 1990, he returned to Life Center.

"The church had given me a few scholarships, and in exchange I'd done an internship. As a result, they hired me as the Junior High Pastor," Dean recounts.

"I did that for about five years, then I pastored the singles and

probably seen the difficulties experienced by a new pastor when he succeeds a long-time pastor.

"Often the problem with the person who comes after a strong leader is that he never had the chance to bloom," Dean explains.

"Over the years, I've had the chance to figure out who I am. I guess that's one of the benefits of being a twin - you have to settle your identity issues. I already have one twin, and it's not Fulton Buntain. I settled all that before I got out of elementary school."













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1930's

Sherman Williams (39) passed away March 6. He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 67 years.

1940's

Louise Wood ('43) just turned 85. Louise participates in jail ministry, missions committee, and visitation to shut-ins.

Roy Chrisman ('45) began helping the American-Indian population in 1975. He is now retired and lives in Tacoma.

Newton Baker ('47) passed away Feb. 29, 2008.

1950's

Eugene Ness ('58) is Associate Pastor at Community Church of Joy in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He is also an Air Force Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol of Palm Springs, Calif.

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Peter Ahlstrom ('59) has written a book, Activating the Forgotten Commandment; Exploring the Biblical meaning of Loving Our Neighbors, available online. E-mail: ahlstrom@vcn.com

1960's

Mary Ballenger ('61) continues to teach at West Africa Advanced School of Theology in Togo, Africa. E-mail: mary.ballenger@agmd.org

Everett ('63) and Evelyn (Keith) ('63) McKinney continue with their ministry overseas. Last year, they were in Thailand, India, and the Philippines. They will go to Manila, Tokyo, and Romania in 2008 to preach and teach.

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Bonnalie (Moehlmann) Payne ('63) and her husband, LeLand, are retired and enjoying some travel and their grandchildren.

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Dan Secrist ('67) will wed Anita (Wheeler) Green ('63-'64) on April 5 in Salem, Ore. Both lost their spouses. They got re-aquainted at a class reunion. They will continue in ministry in Lacey, Wash. where Dan founded Faith Assembly of Lacey and has pastored for 28 years. E-mail: dansecrist@yahoo.com

Janie (**Fowler**) **Downing** ('68, '02) is teaching ESL at a university in China. E-mail: alumni@northwestu.edu

1970's

Robert Philp ('73) is a woodworker. He loves travelling internationally and playing with a symphony orchestra. This started with Northwest District Youth Choir in 1969 and King's Choralons 1970. Robert attends

an A/G church in Port Angeles. He lost Sheri, his wife of twelve years, last March. E-mail: brphilp@hotmail.com

Chad Arnold ('77) is a therapist. He works on Rincon Reservation in San Diego County. He works with youth (and families) with emotional and traumatic problems. E-mail: carnold@indianhealth.com

Clayton Davis ('77) received a master's degree in Counselor Education from Montana State University—Northern. E-mail: clayton.davis@shelby.k12.mt.us

1980's

Paul Edgington ('80) wishes to connect with his friends from 1976-1980. E-mail: edginp@myuw.net

Dr. Joseph Castleberry

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('80) **Kollar** have pastored in the Pocono Mountains, Pa., since 2001. Their sons are both married. Nathan is the worship pastor at their church, and Joshua is preparing for ministry at Zion Bible College. Their daughter Heather will graduate this year with an Elementary Education degree. E-mail: charleskollar@lwpc.net **Lynene (Montgomery) Young** ('80) and

Charles ('80) and Dawn (Sheridan)

Lynene (Montgomery) Young ('80) and her husband Bill have lived in Gold Bar, Wash., for 17 years. They live close to their oldest daughter's family and love being grandparents to Jordan. Their youngest daughter Amanda is a freshman at NU. E-mail: lyoung@prime1.com

Wilhelmina Miller ('81) welcomed a new grandbaby, Aabriella Tina Frazier. E-mail: *kardiacounseling@hotmail.com*

John ('81) and **Christi** (**Payne**) ('82) **Young** just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary!

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Tim McGee ('82) is finishing his master's degree in counseling. His wife Tina works for Head Start and plans to attend college in the spring. Tim's dream is to build a youth center for teens in Redding, Calif. E-mail: *timothymcgee@charter.net*

Steven Shoop ('83) and his wife Amy recently celebrated their son's first birthday and receiving clearance for Engage Ministries to go global.

E-mail: shoopfly@aol.com

Glenn Harris ('84) withdrew from NU in 1985 due to cancer. After recovering, he worked for a decade with Jews for Jesus. He is now the Association Rabbi at Congregation Shema Yisrael in the Detroit, Mich. area. He would love to hear from former classmates!

E-mail: GlennJ4J@aol.com

Vickie Pettis ('84) coordinates a Bible study outreach program with Overseas Radio 8 Television Inc. that attracts more than 450 students each week. In 2006, Vickie started a church to serve those who come to the weekly Bible study. E-mail: vickie@ortv.com

Debby (Stewart) ('84) and husband Plamen **Tzolov** are ministers in Bulgaria. In 2007 they did street ministry, planted an international church in Spain, continued with their national TV ministry, and graduated 20 students from the Bible school. E-mail: flameministry@gmail.com

Christopher Dolan ('85) is the Children's Pastor at Capital City Church, Harrisburg, Pa. He would like to get in touch with his buddies from the 600 "Upper Room" Floor. E-mail: chrisd@quietside.com

Meet NU's President in your area

Dr. Joseph Castleberry, President of Northwest University, would love to meet alumni and friends. Visit **www.northwestu.edu/president** to find out when he'll be visiting your area. Here's a sample of Dr. Castleberry's future engagements:

March 30-April 2 Montana District Council, Kalispell Christian Center,

Kalispell, Mont.

April 9 Southern Idaho district Council, Christian Faith Center,

Nampa, Idaho

April 14 Alumni Reception at The Summit (Oregon Ministry Network Conference),

Portland Christian Center, Portland, Ore.

The Northwest Choralons will lead worship Monday night. After the service, Dr. Castleberry will host a Northwest

University Alumni Reception

April 21-22 Northwest Ministry Network Conference,

LifePoint Church, Vancouver, Wash.

April 23-24 Wyoming District Council, First Assembly of God, Casper, Wyo.

May 16-17 Northwest Ministry Network Men's Conference, Faith Assembly, Pasco, Wash.

May 18 Stone Church, Yakima, Wash.

June 14-15 Kalispell Christian Center, Kalispell, Mont.

July 4-11 Montana Family Camp, Glacier Bible Camp, Kalispell, Mont.

July 13 Cedar Park Church, Bothell, Wash.

July 25-27 1960's Alumni Reunion, Sedro Woolley, Wash.

And in our area, too!

October 24 January 30-31 **Alumni Chapel and 1930's-1950's Reunions**, Northwest University campus **1970's to Present Alumni Homecoming Weekend**, Northwest University campus Dorm reunions featured! Come back to compete with your floor or apartment!

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Great Gifts from Modest Means

THE SWAFFIELDS AND THEIR CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

In the early years of their marriage, Phyllis and Bob Swaffield (better known as "Mom" and "Doc") lived in a garage that had been converted into a house. Now, years later, they live in a lovely home in Kirkland and were able to donate another home to Northwest University.

This, then, is a story of faithfulness. The Swaffields'. And God's.

Doc was teaching high school in Canada in the 1960s when then-president D.V. Hurst told them about Northwest.

"He actually came to Calgary and asked us to move to Northwest and teach music," recalls Doc.

It was not an easy move. To afford it, they sold their second car. And as musicians, they made an even greater sacrifice. They sold their piano.

Living in a Converted Garage

"When we arrived in the Seattle area, Bessie Guy found us a little house," Doc recounts. "It was actually a garage that had been converted to a home. And the rent was \$100 a month."

Which doesn't seem like much now, but at the time, to the Swaffields, it was real money.

"In Canada, in the late 1950s, we heard a sermon on tithing by Bob Tattinger, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God/Canada," explains Doc.

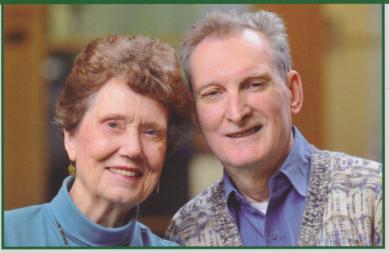
"At the time, we were living on \$100 a month. But after that sermon, we decided to tithe 20%. So our monthly budget became \$50 for rent, \$20 for a tithe, and \$30 to live on, including \$9 for the payment on our television!"

It was only one day after the Swaffields' arrival in the Seattle area, and their rent was already \$100 a month. That used to be their entire monthly budget.

But it wasn't long before God honored their faithfulness.

"In 1969, there was a downturn in Seattle's economy," Doc recalls. "We were able to buy that little house, and our payment actually dropped, from rent of \$100 a month to a mortgage payment of \$80 a month."

In the coming years, the Swaffields would sell that home, buy another, and then buy a third home, keeping the second as a rental property.



A Music Education

Doc had earned an M.A. from the University of Montana before they moved to Northwest. After the move, he earned a Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of Washington.

"As I was finishing my doctoral work, President Hurst asked me, 'What are you going to do?' recalls Doc. "I said, 'I'm going to get the best job I can find.' And Dr. Hurst responded, 'I'm going to pray that you stay here!"

As Doc finished his Ph.D. work, his advisor at UW went on a sabbatical, and Doc substituted for him, just two afternoons a week.

"The UW paid well," notes Phyllis, "and with that extra income, we were able to buy all our furniture!"

And they were able to stay at Northwest. Doc became the head of the music department, teaching theory and other music classes, as well as directing the *King's Choralons* and the college choir.

At the same time, Phyllis was busy helping in various areas on campus. In 1999, she received the *President's Award* for her volunteer work in arranging choir tours and raising money for student scholarships.

But they didn't just serve students when they were on campus, they also did that at home.

"We nursed a lot of students back to health," recalls Phyllis. "If they weren't feeling well, we'd have them come over to our home. And every fall, we'd host all the *Chargions*"

A Charitable Remainder Trust

The Swaffields retired in 1999, but they realized that they wanted to continue their investment in Northwest University.

"We believe in Northwest," states Phyllis. "That's why we devoted 30 years of our lives to preparing students for life and ministry. Many of our students went into ministry, including Les Welk, who is now Superintendent of the Northwest Ministry Network. He had a wonderful tenor voice, and was in the Choralons."

The Swaffields were able to continue their investment through a Charitable Remainder Trust. Their second house had been an investment prop-

erty. They donated the property to this trust, which sold it and invested the money in a fund that provided loans to build churches. The Swaffields receive interest on the principle ("Which is better than the rent," states Phyllis). At their death, the principle will be given to Northwest.

"It's a wonderful opportunity all around," states Phyllis. "We were able to avoid capital gains tax and actually increase our monthly income."

"Our gift has encouraged former students to give," notes Doc. "Former members of the *Choralons* helped establish a scholarship (the *William R. Swaffield Scholarship* for music students). And when we pass on, this fund will get a big boost from the Charitable Remainder Trust!"

Nearly four decades ago, the Swaffields began tithing 20% of their income, and they sold their piano to move to Northwest. Today, they have a grand piano, a lovely home, and a legacy of generosity to the Kingdom of God.

"You just give what you have," states Doc. "And you can't outgive the Lord," Phyllis concludes.



To find out more about Charitable Remainder Trusts and other estate-planning tools, please contact Joni Welk-Campbell, Director, Development, at 425.889.5203 or e-mail joni.campbell@northwestu.edu

ALUMNI NEWS

Michael ('86) and Joani (Brothers) Teixeira ('87) are the Senior Pastors of Harvest Church of South Las Vegas. a church they planted 14 years ago. They have two boys, Tyler, 13, and Joshua. 11. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September by going on a cruise to the Mexican Riveria. E-mail: mtex@lvcoxmail.com

Ruth Petty ('88) passed away on Nov. 20.

John M. ('88) and Carolyn Stewart are missionaries in West Papua, Indonesia. They have been missionaries since 1995. E-mail: incstew@amail.com

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Phil ('90) and Robin (Whitehead) ('90) Malcolm have been serving in Togo for the past year. They have built six Sunday school classrooms for churches. They have also trained Sunday school teachers in four nations. In November, Phil presented a Children's Ministry Training Seminar for nearly 100 Sunday school teachers. E-mail: malcolmsinafrica@hotmail.com

Paul Rovang, who taught English at NU in the early 1990's, lost his daughter Jennifer on Dec. 13 in an automobile accident. She was a 22-year-old senior in English at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, where Paul is serving as a professor. Our sincere condolences to Paul, his wife Candy, and their two children Angelle and Benjamin.

Jeffrey Brown ('91) produces the global content for Focus on the Family. E-mail: brownjm@fotf.org

Rebecca (Settle) Manderscheid ('91) married John, a civil engineer with the U.S. Forest Service, in the fall. They live in Athena, Ore. (near Pendleton). She commutes to the Portland area to work with Medical Teams International. She'd love to hear from any old friends! E-mail: pdx.becky@hotmail.com

Chris ('91) and Heidi Ness are adjusting to life in the U.S. after serving in Sudan. They returned last May for a year of deputation. Their goal in ministry is reaching Sudanese children for Christ.

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Darren ('92) and Cheryl Davenport's daughter Angelina is one year old. After Darren received his M.Div. at Regent College, they started a church in their home. E-mail: DarrenDavenport@gmail.com

Rev. Lisa (Dye) ('93) and Thomas ('93) **Clifton** are seeking the Lord about where they should serve next. E-mail: ptomandlisa@hotmail.com

Tricia (Knight) Croom ('94) and her husband Brent were missionary houseparents

for a teen maternity home in Pennsylvania. Tricia is now the Director of Children's Ministries at Grace Church in West Seattle. Brent is working on his MBA and works at Photoworks in Seattle. They homeschool their boys, Ben, 8, and Micah, 6. E-mail: bdcroom@juno.com

Annette (Rodriguez) Jurecki ('95) and her husband Pablo are adopting a daughter, Hannah. They have a son, Andrew. Annette is an Educational Specialist working with homeschool families in Monterey County. E-mail: ajurecki@sbcglobal.net

Steve Silberman ('95) and his family returned to the U.S. from Mexico for two-anda-half months to visit family and friends. E-mail: steve@alternativemissions.com

Kyle ('96) and Jill (Llafet) ('94) Riley are staying busy. Jill is administrator for Montana Network Ministries. They have four children. Emily, 12, plays cello and

sings with a choir. Alex. 10, does Tae Kwon Do. Brittany, 8, dances ballet, Tarvn is busy being six!

Stephen ('91, '96) and Valerie Seely are expecting their first child. E-mail: sseely@elic.org

Tim ('97) and Lauri Inman welcomed their fourth child, Jane Grace, on Sept. 8, 2007. They are missionaries in Ireland. Their team teaches Bible stories using drama and games at primary schools. They lead the weekly kids program at their church and help put on Kid's Week each summer, which drew 700 children each day last summer. They also coordinated Ireland's first ever A/G national conference for Children's Ministries. E-mail: tim.inman@hamail.aamd.ora

Jefferson Ledgerwood ('97) recently

started a new business venture and became Regent University SIFE Business Development Officer. He was awarded the Pace Scholarship and Long Award. E-mail: jefferson.ledgerwood@gmail.com

Rob ('97) and Jaime (Bell) ('98) Mitton have three children: Noah Matthew, 2, and twins Micah Joel and Caleb Cade, born March 26, 2007. Rob is a financial advisor with Lighthouse Financial Group in Sumner. E-mail: rimitton@msn.com

Char-El (Lundvall) Montana ('97) is a psychotherapist in Montana. E-mail: lifecoach@ronan.net

Scott ('97) and Jennifer (Carlson) ('98) Vantrease, along with their daughter Rachael, moved from Healy, Alaska, to Gustavus, Alaska, in Sept. 2007 to pastor Gustavus Chapel, Scott is also Facilities Specialist at Glacier Bay National Park, which is seven miles from the church. E-mail: svantrease@hotmail.com

John ('98) and Ellen (Jackson) ('98) Menaker live in Gresham, Oregon. Ellen teaches piano and is a stay-at-home mom to Marissa and Benjamin. She is also the church choir director and bookkeeper. John obtained his A/G ministerial license and is Associate Pastor at their church, focusing on young adult ministry, multimedia, and supporting their senior pastor. They would love to hear from college friends! E-mail: johnmenaker@hotmail.com

Mako (Horinouchi) Minegishi ('98) was the Japanese interpreter for the Billy Graham Crusade recently held in Pasadena, Calif. After graduating from Northwest, she completed her M.A. at the Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation at the Monterrey Institute of International Studies. E-mail: pani627@yahoo.co.jp

Emily (Notter) Randall ('98) and Todd have been married for four years. They live in their hometown of West Linn. Ore. E-mail: emilyrandall5@vahoo.com

Collin "Mike" Roberts ('98) lives in Mesa, Ariz., with his wife Janelle and three boys: Collin, 4, Judson, 3, and Ephraim, 7 months. He is an IT Manager for DHL. He would love to hear from old friends. E-mail: cmikeroberts@gmail.com

Larra (Gonzales) ('99) and Joel Olson Bay on Oct. 26, 2007. Fellow alumni present were Mindy (Coombs) D'Agostino ('97) and Robyn (Coombs) Lorenz ('00).

Douglas Worner ('99) has received his degree in Computer Science from City University in Bellevue, Wash. E-mail: dougworner@hotmail.com

were married overlooking the San Francisco E-mail: lavenderlarra@gmail.com

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Nguyen Long ('00) manages an accounting company and has started a business. E-mail: longvietnam@amail.com

Jennifer Smith ('00) resides in Marysville, Wash. She and her sister have an online baby boutique called Naturally Hip. Jennifer would love to hear from fellow alumni. E-mail: jssmith@katewwdb.com

Andrew ('01) and Shawna (Hudspeth) ('01) **Huson** have two boys and are expecting their third. They live in Elk Grove and work in the youth department for their district. E-mail: AndrewHuson@aol.com

Lisa (McKenney) Wilson ('01) married Brian on March 31, 2007, in Tacoma, Wash. They live in Palatine, III, a Chicago suburb. E-mail: Ihwilson07@yahoo.com

Sarah Gadd ('02) is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Children's Hospital. She



At least two fathers attended a Northwest University basketball game with their daughters on February 8. At left, Rev. James Duncan, who graduated in 1981, brought his daughter Danielle, who graduated in 2007. At right, Dr. Joseph Castleberry, the president of Northwest, brought his daughter Sophie. Rev. Duncan was the student body president in his senior year at Northwest, and he now pastors Peninsula Christian Center in Soldatna, Alaska.

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spent the last couple years in upstate N.Y. She would love to catch up with friends. E-mail: saritachat@hotmail.com

Michelle (Raimo) Newell ('02) launched her photography business in Monroe, Wash. E-mail: newell081305@yahoo.com

Vicki Stearns ('02) is changing careers after six years as a Technical Support Engineer at Microsoft. She is applying for a Master's degree in Elementary Education. E-mail: *vmstearns@comcast.net*

Rachel (Hopkins) Visser ('03) and husband Joe are expecting twin boys in June. E-mail: pinkstarqirl@yahoo.com

Kristin (Jolk) Fink ('04) and her husband Brian are expecting a boy on April 2, 2008. E-mail: kristinleigh14@hotmail.com

Denise (Jordan) Krober ('04) married Tim on Dec. 15, 2007. They live in Moses Lake, Wash. Denise teaches music at two elementary schools, and Tim works at Walmart. E-mail: musiciordan20@hotmail.com

Rachel Nettleton ('00) plays basketball with fellow NU girls: sister-in-law Brianna, Coach Lori Napier, and **Kristin Boyd** ('05)

Summer Stewart ('04) is a teacher in Kalispell, Montana.

E-mail: sunny_sunshine@hotmail.com

David Grieve ('05) and his family moved to Marion, Ind., in Sept. 2006 to become the Senior Pastors of New Life Community Church, after nearly eight years as Youth Pastors in Las Vegas. He had his wife Shami have two girls, Bayley, 5, and Savanah, 2. E-mail: pdavid@newlifecc.us

Amy (Ellingson) Skuza ('05) and her husband Nate live in Pullman. They are expecting their first child. Amy continues to take classes and teach music. Nate is working on his Ph.D. in economics. E-mail: psychokermie@hotmail.com

Timothy Kowalski ('06) and **Melissa Steinert** ('06) will marry April 5. E-mail: timothy.kowalski@gmail.com or melissa.steinert@gmail.com

Steven Potorke ('06) spent six months in Santiago, Chile, teaching English and working with a missionary organization building churches and planting home groups. He now living in California.

E-mail: spotorke@yahoo.com

Laura (Gadbois) Stahlberg ('06) teaches P.E. part time at a Christian elementary school and spends time with her daughter Emily. Her husband Jason ('04) is finishing his degree in Theology and Philosophy and working as a personal trainer. They live in Laura's hometown, Sioux Falls, S.D. E-mail: mrs.stahlberg@gmail.com

Jon Hamar, adjunct faculty member in the Music department at Northwest University,

was recently presented the 2007 Golden Ear Emerging Artist of the Year award. E-mail: jon.hamar@northwestu.edu

Elizabeth Harris ('07) will marry Timothy Zwicker, a software engineer at Boeing, on May 24. It will be a double wedding with her sister Katherine, and her fiance, Dave. Elizabeth and Tim are building a house. E-mail: *linquisticnurse@gmail.com*

Deborah (Culver) Maund ('07) was accepted into the Army's Chaplain Candidate Program. She is in the First Armored Division Chaplain's Office as a chaplain's assistant.

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Christianna Woods ('07) works for Advantage Point Learning. She tutors underprivileged middle school students in reading and math.

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Future Alumni

Gordon Jerald, born Aug. 10, 2007, to Randy ('89) and Heidi (Smith) ('98) Hunt. E-mail: heidilouisehunt@hotmail.com

Elisabeth Corrine, born Oct. 15, 2007, to **Beth (Magelssen)** ('93) and Ryan **Farstad**. E-mail: bearf98@hotmail.com

Jane Grace, born Sept. 8, 2007, to Tim ('97) and Lauri Inman.
E-mail: tim.inman@hamail.aamd.ora

Micah Joel and Caleb Cade, born March 26, 2007, to Rob ('97) and Jaime (Bell) ('98) Mitton.

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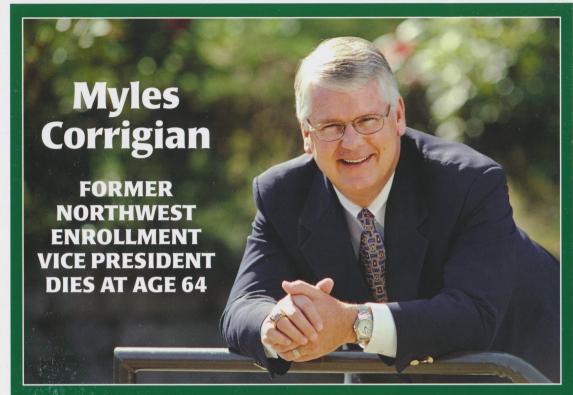
Josslyn Ann, born Nov. 10, 2007, to Justin ('02) and Jana Farley. E-mail: farley.iustin@amail.com

Tyler Charles, born Jan. 23, 2008, to **Ray** ('03) and Jen **Misomali**. E-mail: rayandjenm@hotmail.com

Tanner, born Jan. 3, 2007, Kelly and **Dana** (**Martin**) **Henry** ('05).

Lillie Elouise, born Nov. 22, 2007, to **Justin** ('06) and Heidi **Monuteaux**. E-mail: monuteaux@gmail.com

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Myles Corrigan, the former Northwest University Vice President for Enrollment Services, died Feb. 24 after a week-long struggle with heart and kidney problems. He was 64.

Myles began at Northwest University in 1999 as the Executive Director for Enrollment. A year later he was promoted to Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services, and in 2005 to Vice President.

He left Northwest in 2006 to work with Dean Curry, his pastor, former student, and long-time friend, at Life Center in Tacoma. He served there as Director of Men's Ministries, Leadership and Stewardship.

Myles made an immediate impact at Northwest. Dr. Don Argue, the president when Myles joined Northwest, commented in 2000: "Myles has been an incredible force on our campus. His skills as a [former] coach are very much evident as he trains and builds his management team."

Dan Neary, the Northwest Executive Vice President to whom Myles reported, stated: "Myles' contribution as a leader and friend made a lasting impact on our campus. In the years that Myles served in charge of Enrollment, Northwest grew by nearly 50%. But it was more than just numbers. Myles helped us attract and serve students who 'fit' Northwest University. He un-

derstood all that we mean by *Carry the Call*, helping students pursue God's best for their lives, all the while demonstrating how a devoted follower of Jesus works out that calling in one's own life."

Myles came to Northwest after 14 years with the University of Washington Huskies football team in three different positions – as a graduate assistant, tight ends coach, and director of football operations. The 1991 UW team, which Myles served as tight ends coach, defeated Michigan in the Rose Bowl, 34-14, to claim the National Championship.

In 1993, Myles suffered an aortic aneurism during a game against California in Berkeley. Medical experts judge the chances of survival in such a situation at one to three percent, "but they wouldn't have taken into account that God's hand was on my life," Myles stated later. He survived but no longer worked as a coach at UW, serving as the team's director of football operations.

Myles is survived by his wife Suzanne (Southard), sons Brent and Todd, and daughter-in-law Katie (Prickett). Both Todd and Katie are alumni of Northwest.

You may contribute to Myles Corrigan's Memorial at: Life Christian School Scholarship & Endowment Fund, 1717 South Union Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405.



English Professor's b

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on Shakespeare is published

Dr. Martha Kalnin Diede, Associate Professor of English at Northwest University, comments on her recently published book, Shakespeare's Knowledgeable Body:

Why write this book?

This book grew partly from necessity—significant parts of the work are from my dissertation—and partly from a desire on my part to explore how the arts—literature and theater specifically—contribute to our ways of knowing. Proverbially, people have the easiest time remembering what they do, but people also remember stories that they hear and/or see. I wanted to think about how the stories that we tell also help construct us, particularly as members of a society. Culturally, the U.S. does not prioritize the arts; but we should. In the arts, we explore possibilities of what might be and of the people we might become.

Why is this topic interesting to you?

My students often wonder why anyone would specialize in Shakespearean studies; however. Shakespeare makes sense to me on a profound level. His plays are fascinating studies of how people behave in different environments and how one choice ripples into many outcomes. I also do not believe that the mind can be separated from the body. In fact, I think of the body as central to knowledge—that all the parts and all the senses work together to create knowing. Paul borrows this idea from the Greek philosophers and uses it in I Corinthians 12. Significantly, he chooses sensory parts to represent the ways in which the body works together. Through these parts, human beings structure knowledge. My topic unites these two threads of thinking.

How did this book come to be published?

In January of 2007, I received an e-mail from the acquisitions editor at Peter Lang Publishing. She asked if I were interested in revising and publishing my dissertation. lagreed; we met at the Conference for College Composition and Communication to discuss the project and the timeline. I submitted a formal proposal which the reviewer accepted. At that point, I began writing the final chapter and revising the previous five. My summer—the one that college professors "have off"—consisted of research, writing, and revision. I submitted the final copy December 20, 2007.

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