Don Argue Named Fifth President of Northwest College

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Watch how you fold your hands! When my son was five years old, he was sitting with me one Sunday evening in church. With my hands folded in my lap and my legs crossed, I was listening to the speaker with rapt attention. I looked out of the corner of my eye and noticed that he had folded his hands in his lap (not a bad place for five year old hands) and had crossed his legs as I had. Thinking this merely coincidental, but wanting to be sure, I slowly let my hands fall to my side and crossed my other leg. In just a few seconds, I noticed that my son had dropped his hands to his side and had crossed the same leg as I had. At that moment, I sensed God speaking to me, saying “You had better watch what you are doing because in your home there is a little boy growing up who is going to be exactly like you.”

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I’m not sure he turned out “exactly” like me; hopefully, he is more like his mother, but to the joy of his mother and me, he has turned out to be an honor to God and to us, his parents.

You have undoubtedly read of two American families and the influence two men had on their families. One, Max Jukes, an ungodly man, married a godless young woman. From their union authorities have studied 1,026 descendants among whom 300 died prematurely, 100 went to prison, 190 became public prostitutes, and 100 were confirmed drunkards. The descendants of this family cost the state of New York $1,200,000. The second New York family descended from Jonathan Edwards, the preacher, and his Christian wife. From their union, authorities have discovered 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of worthy literature, three U.S. Congressmen and one U.S. Vice President. Except...
Edwards who married a girl of questionable character, the family has not cost the state of New York one single dollar. Obviously, influence can be negative as well as positive.

I'm not sure any of us realizes the immense power of influence. At our Professional Personnel Retreat prior to the beginning of this academic year, our principal speaker was Dr. Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals (since writing this article, Don Argue has been selected to succeed me as the fifth President of NC). In his first message to us, he asked us to take a three by five index card and write on one side the five sermons that had most impacted our lives. Acknowledging that this was a nearly impossible assignment, he then asked us to turn over the card and list the five people who had most influenced our lives. That was not difficult. In this exercise, he illustrated to us that the potential power of our influence is greatest through our personal lives and character.

I imagine that all of us at that retreat listed at least one teacher/professor on that card. Our lives are a composite of the people who have influenced us, some through genes and family heritage, but many others through the influence of a classroom.

We are all natural imitators, and that is not all bad. I remember when I was in junior high school, I imitated the pigeon-toed walk of the senior high quarterback; I wanted to be just like him. But, we don't have to be football stars to influence others. Sociologists tell us that even the most introverted, quiet person will influence ten thousand people in a lifetime. We all have influence.

I am so pleased that students here at Northwest are being influenced on a daily basis by men and women of God, not only in the classroom, but also throughout all campus activities. It is a challenge to all of us: Some of the students may well want to "be just like us." We want our lasting impressions to be Godly ones. In this issue of the IMPRINT, we feature Dr. Dan Pecota, a man whose legacy includes such a lasting impression, a man who has had profound influence in the lives of hundreds of students who are today influencing thousands of others. Influence multiplies, so we must all strive to have a positive influence for God and good. The Apostle Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ." What a statement. To do as Paul asks; that's my prayer for myself and for you.

**DON ARGUE NAMED FIFTH PRESIDENT OF NORTHWEST COLLEGE**

Dr. Don Argue was elected the fifth president of Northwest College at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors. He will succeed Reverend Dennis Davis who had announced his resignation effective in the summer of 1998, completing eight years of leadership to Northwest College.

Dr. Argue currently holds the position of president of the National Association of Evangelicals in Wheaton, Illinois. The NAE is comprised of approximately 43,000 congregations nationwide from 49 member denominations and individual congregations from an additional 26 denominations, as well as several hundred independent churches. The membership of the association includes 289 parachurch ministries and educational institutions. Through the cooperative ministry of these members, the National Association of Evangelicals directly and indirectly benefits over 27 million people.

Prior to Dr. Argue's office with the NAE, he served as president of North Central Bible College, in Minneapolis, Minnesota for sixteen years. Under his leadership the college grew from an enrollment of 401 students to over 1500 students (1182 on campus and 400 non-traditional) and received the Christianity Today Decade of Growth Award in recognition of its being the fastest growing college of its kind in the nation during the 1980's.

A graduate of Central Bible College, Dr. Argue earned a master's degree at Santa Clara University, California; and a doctorate of education at the University of the Pacific, California. He has also done postgraduate study at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts; and Regent College, Vancouver, Canada.

In prior years he served as dean of students and campus pastor at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. He was also pastor of churches in San Jose and Morgan Hill, California.

Dr. Argue and his wife Pat are looking forward to moving to the Seattle area. During his youth, Dr. Argue lived in Seattle when his father, Reverend Watson Argue Sr. was pastor of Calvary Temple in Seattle. He will assume the office of Northwest College president this coming summer.
NORTHWEST FALL ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH!

by Cal White

Northwest's enrollment reached a record high of 860 students this past semester. The previous record, set in 1994, was 839. Continued growth in the LEAP program (an adult degree completion program begun in May, 1996) helped to ensure a strong overall total of students for this academic year.

There were 296 new students, 498 women (57.9%), and the average age was 23.9. Married students totaled 194 (22.6%). The largest B.A. major was Church Ministries (18%), followed by Elementary Education (16.7%). There were 785 students from our six-state region (91.3%), and eighteen international students representing nine countries.

Students interested in applying for the Fall 1998 term should contact the Office of Enrollment Services, 1.800.6nwes1 or admissions@ncag.edu.

Northwest College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic reaffirmation of accreditation by its accrediting agency, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. The College will undergo its regularly scheduled comprehensive evaluation visit April 15-17, 1998, by a team representing the Commission on Colleges. Northwest has been accredited with the Commission since 1973 and has had this accreditation most recently affirmed in June, 1997.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College by March 14, 1998 to the: Commission on Colleges, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, 11130 NE 33rd Place, Suite 120, Bellevue WA 98004. The Commission will acknowledged receipt of all comments and report them to the visiting team and to the College. The College will be allowed to respond to any comments in writing to the Commission if it so chooses. All comments will be retained by the Commission for at least five years.
A Tour of the Holy Land

The Northwest College Flying Seminar will depart from Seattle on May 20, 1998, with an intermediate stop in Copenhagen, and then on to Tel Aviv for an overnight stay on the Mediterranean coast. The following morning, May 22, the journey through the Holy Land will begin.

"Jesus often used the familiar surroundings of the people as a visual aid to his teachings. Standing in those familiar surroundings made many of His teachings so clear and more powerful to me."

Bill Randolph/NC Faculty

This year's seminar will be hosted by President Dennis and Nancy Davis, accompanied by Professor Dwaine Braddy. You are invited to join in this experience of tracing the steps of ancient biblical history in this significant year when Israel celebrates its 50th anniversary of statehood. The tour, led by professional Israeli guides, will include such meaningful places as Joppa, Caesarea, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, the Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee and boat travel across to Capernaum, through the Golan Heights to Caesarea Philippi, Jordan River, Mount of Beatitudes, Cana and Nazareth, Armageddon, Megiddo, Mount of Transfiguration, Jericho, Jerusalem, the Wailing Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, Temple Mount, walk the Via Dolorosa, Pool of Bethesda, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden Tomb, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea area including Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and much more.

On May 28 we will depart for Athens (those who are not going on the Greek Island extension will depart for Copenhagen for shopping/exploring and overnight, leaving the following morning for Seattle and arriving the same day) for a tour of the city including the famous Acropolis with the Parthenon and Mars Hill. The following day you will experience significant historical sites the Apostle Paul visited centuries ago and where the Revelation was received on the beautiful islands of Greece. (The ship will stop on the islands of Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, and the Turkish port of Kuadasi.) An optional shore excursion will take you to Ephesus to witness some of the finest archaeological ruins in the world. The extension ends in Piraeus after which we will travel to the ancient city of Corinth. You will then transfer to the airport for the flight to Munich, Germany, for an overnight stay and depart on June 2, flying from Munich to Copenhagen and on to Seattle.

"It's not only a trip, but also a valuable enhancement in understanding the Bible that lasts a lifetime."

Sharon Gerard/LEAP Student

Our Flying Seminar includes, for local participants and those desiring college credit, four classes taught by Dr. Braddy on Tuesday evenings, April 21, 28, May 5 and 12 at the college. The total cost of the Flying Seminar is $3,750. If you choose to see Israel only without taking the Greek Island extension, the cost is $2,455. This includes round-trip airfare, deluxe accommodations, breakfast and dinner, air-conditioned tour buses, and professional guides.

"The Bible came alive before my very eyes...there were times I found myself on my knees before God because His presence was so overwhelming..."

Jeff Bertains/NC Student

For reservations, a detailed brochure, information, registration... phone the president's office (425)889-4200, or write: Northwest College President Dennis Davis Flying Seminar PO Box 579 Kirkland, WA 98083-0579.
Dr. Dan left his impression all over the Northwest College campus. More important, he has left it all over the lives of those who were privileged to serve in this part of God's Kingdom alongside this accurate representative of Jesus. I shared many experiences with Dan on the campus, in each others' homes, working together at summer jobs in a variety of situations, and in other settings too numerous to mention. I can unequivocally say that I cannot recall Dan acting in a manner inconsistent for a follower of Jesus. Yet, he would have been the first to say that he did not measure up to the high regard in which many of us held him.

One of the lasting impressions for me was his love for God, for his darling wife Esther, for his sons and their families, for his colleagues, for his students, and for neighbors and others whose lives he crossed. He fell in love with Esther and her smile when they were undergrads at Southern California College; he never lost that love and treated her as the object of his love in creative ways. He just loved people and showed it in many ways, most of which were probably known only to God. That is how he wanted it.

Another impression that sticks with me is of Dan's playing. Some who sat in his classes may not have seen this facet of his personality. I played many hours of faculty volleyball with and against this great Russian competitor. He played hard! Student athletes through the years remember Dr. Dan as a good fan and supporter. Although he often questioned the eyesight and judgment of referees, what most players would remember was his call from the top row of the bleachers, "DEFENSE EAGLES!"

But, I think he was at his best playing with children. He was a soft touch with little children, as my own two granddaughters found out. He would read to little ones and would get down on the floor to talk and play with them. He often gave children's sermons in churches, much to the delight of both children and adults!

Dan in prayer or praying for someone is an impression that will linger long in the minds of the students and faculty at Northwest. He took prayer very seriously and was a leader in the weekly faculty prayer times, kneeling and weeping before God for the needs of his colleagues and students. In evening services in Butterfield Chapel, one would usually find Dr. Dan praying and weeping with students over their personal needs and the needs of their families. When our family experienced loss or difficulty, Dan was always there to pray with us, being deeply moved by our hurts. He was also willing to admit to his own needs and would ask his colleagues to pray with him and help him bear the burdens of his and Esther's declining health.

Most people associated with the College over the last 40 years carry with them the impression of Dr. Dan teaching his classes. Christian Doctrine was "his" class for decades, and there are people all over the world who are living examples of the commitment he had to sound doctrine. His classes were not easy, but they were not "busy work" either. He felt that Bible, doctrine, and biblical languages were vital to the aspiring preachers of the Word, and he expected his students to take their studies seriously.
his classes, Dr. Pecota’s chapel messages left lasting impressions. As I write this, I can recall his series on “When God Laughed, Cried, Winked, Frowned, Whistled,” and so on. Standing behind the lectern, sharing his thoughts and conclusions about God with the campus family, he delivered messages which seemed even more powerful because of his almost patriarchal demeanor.

Hopefully, this brief recollection of my impressions about Dr. Dan will stimulate you to reflect on your own memories of this great man. In so doing, it would be my hope that we all would be challenged to be more accurate representatives of the God in whose Kingdom we share.

Daniel B. Pecota
1928 - 1997
Dr. Matthew Nelson

DEAN OF STUDENTS

B.A. Southern California College, 1982
M.A. Pepperdine University, 1985
Ph.D. University of Southern California, 1995

Dr. Matthew Nelson comes to Northwest College with a professional background that blends the areas of Corporate Consulting, Christian Higher Education, and Counseling Psychology. As a Corporate Consultant, Dr. Nelson spent 11 years working with several fortune 100 corporations addressing issues of leadership development, improving individual and group productivity, and addressing career development issues. Concurrent to his consulting activities, Dr. Nelson spent two and a half years at Southern California College as an Adjunct Professor in the Business/Organizational Leadership and Psychology departments. Finally, over the past 15 years, Dr. Nelson has maintained a counseling practice focused on, among other things, late adolescent issues of identity development and personal problems.

Dr. Robert Hoffman

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR • MUSIC

B.A., University of Southern California, 1981
M.A., San Jose State University, 1990
D.M.A., University of Southern California, 1994

Dr. Robert Hoffman comes to Northwest College after serving three years as Chair of the Music Department at Western Pentecostal Bible College in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Prior to his tenure at the college, he served as a Minister of Music for sixteen years in several large churches in Southern and Northern California, including North Hollywood First Assembly of God Church and South Bay Christian Center in Mountain View, California. Dr. Hoffman has published seven choral octavos and sacred choral collections with Christian music publishing companies. He is a noted worship seminar speaker on the topics of rehearsal techniques, vocal production, and worship dynamics.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes • LANGUAGE

B.A., Northwest College, 1996
M.A., (candidate) Fuller Theological Seminary-Seattle Extension

Mrs. Cindy Hoffman • EDUCATION

B.A., Bethany College, 1981
M.A., San Jose State University, 1990

Mr. Jim Rooney • BIOLOGY

B.A., Western State College, 1970
M.A., Western State College, 1976

Rev. Troy Jones • CHURCH MINISTRIES

B.A., Northwest College, 1989
M.A., (candidate) Northwest Graduate School

Rev. Mark Schaufler • CHURCH MINISTRIES

B.S., Washington State University, 1978
M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 1996

Dr. Gary Snyder • BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

B.A., Seattle Pacific University, 1977
M.A.R., Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1979
M.Div., Fuller Graduate School of Theology, 1983
Ph.D., Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, 1985
Mrs. Sheron Mohan  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR • EDUCATION**  
B.A., University of Washington, 1966  
M.S., Western Washington University, 1975  

Mrs. Sheron Mohan recently completed a thirty-year tenure in the Northshore School District serving in various capacities including Reading Specialist, Vice Principal, Study Skills District Coordinator, Science Coordinator and a first and fourth grade teacher. She brings a wealth of experience and solid credentials to the Teacher Education Program. Also, Sheron and her husband, John, are the owners and directors of the SkiAcres Ski and Snowboard School.

Dr. E. Arthur (Woody) Self  
**PROFESSOR • BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**  
B.A., Olivet Nazarene University, 1971  
M.A., Michigan State University, 1975  
Ph.D., Michigan State University, 1985  

Dr. E. Arthur (Woody) Self comes to Northwest College from a rich experience in Christian Higher Education. Dr. Self left a post as Assistant High School Principal to assume his first faculty position at Northwest Nazarene College in the department of Speech and Communication. After a two year tenure, he accepted an Instructor of Management and Supervision position at Lansing Community College in Michigan. Following a three-year tenure, he became the Associate Professor of Business Administration and Chair of the Department of Business and Economics at Spring Arbor College. Dr. Self became the Vice President for University Relations at Friends University in 1983. He left Higher Education in 1985 to become President and Founder of Sentinel Funds of Wichita Kansas. In 1989, he was elected President of Malone College where he served until 1994. Dr. Self accepted the presidency of Seattle Pacific University in 1994. Since 1995, he has served as a consultant to higher education. He comes to Northwest College to help solidify the faculty team in Business Management and Administration.

Dr. Glenn Settle  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR • ENGLISH**  
B.A., Seattle Pacific University, 1963  
M.S., University of Oregon, 1965  
M.A., Washington State University, 1980  
M.A., Graduate Theological Union, 1990  
Ph.D., Regent University, 1994  

Dr. Glenn Settle returns to Christian Higher Education after having taught English and Drama for twenty years at Bethany College of the Assemblies of God. During the past few years of sabbatical, Glenn has cared for his parents in Poulsbo, Washington. It is our good fortune that he is able to come to Northwest College to fill a key position on the English faculty team.
Zambia Project Follows Two New Biology Majors

by Bill Randolph

We had a fantastic summer. Three students, Roger Rundell, Eric Zetterberg, Chad Kruger, and I left for Zambia the day after Northwest College’s graduation. We arrived after 33 hours of traveling, and were greeted by Maybin Chisebuka, our NC Zambian graduate who is the Project Director for the Zambian Ecointensive Project. I spent two weeks mostly with Maybin getting all the government papers through channels since we had to be registered and approved by the government before we could even have a bank account.

Once we acquired transportation we spent a large majority of our time working with government officials and a lawyer making applications to get the necessary incorporation papers approved. Once the application is accepted, you can function as if approval has been made. We contacted a couple of research stations which are very excited about what we are doing, even asking to do research with us. Some high government officials are also interested and have informed us that we can use their offices any time as they want to help us succeed. We are also seeing a major move of support from the church leadership. It was hard to take time away from physically working the project, but we had to get everything solidly in place for us to be effective.

The Ecointensive Project site is quite a thing to see! There are termite mounds everywhere, mostly twenty to thirty feet high. Chad put together a design that used a mound as the center of a complex. The mound was cut down to about sixteen feet and into two tiers. Then we flattened the mound and cut the sides down below ground level. All the excess dirt was neatly placed in a circle around the base, creating a moat about three feet wide at the bottom and six feet wide at the top. That moat will become our first fish pond. It has been wetted, sealed and left to cure.

Imagine what I have described as the hub, like spokes, of an old wooden wagon wheel. Radiating from the hub are forty one gardens, each five feet by twenty feet. (One hundred sq. feet is our standard size as it makes it easy to keep track of production per plot.) Then the rim of the wheel is a series of narrow gardens in which grapes have been planted, not only providing grapes, but also a windbreak to protect the gardens.

The project is a beautiful sight. The surrounding five acres have been cleared and graded, leaving space for more gardens to be developed. A marvelous sign in a brick planter has been placed at the entrance to the area. It reads: “Zambia Ecointensive Project,” in beautiful royal blue on a corn yellow background. Small pictures show a book, indicating that we learn; a shovel, indicating we work; and then plants and fish indicating we are raising food.

Preceding last summer’s project we were able to announce two new majors at Northwest College. The first, a Biology/Secondary Education major is a joint effort between the Education and Science departments to prepare biology teachers of grades four through twelve. It gives a broad yet comprehensive exposure to the biological sciences as well as preparation in the procedures and technology used by scientists. Each component of the program involves the student in examining the values and responsibilities that scientists must consider when using science to learn about creation, and the implications of applying scientific knowledge to the needs of humankind.

The Ecointensive Biology Major is a specialty major that focuses on using principles of ecological sustainability to care for fellow humans and the creation. Its primary objective is to provide training that will help relieve physical human suffering, especially in the areas of hunger and disease. This training is then applied by students in food raising, health education, and nutritional counseling. Opportunities for local as well as foreign settings are provided, and students are encouraged to choose specific paths of individual research to meet particular needs about which they have learned.
Opportunities for Good Stewardship

by Dick Rose

1. Outright gift- cash, securities, real estate, personal property.

2. Bequest - a gift provided for in a donor’s will. The gift may be a certain item or other described property; it may be for a percentage of the donor’s estate, the residual of the estate, or for a specific dollar amount.

3. Life insurance policy- take out a policy naming Northwest College as the beneficiary. A percentage of an existing or new policy may also list Northwest College as the beneficiary. Donors owning existing policies no longer needed for their initial purposes (i.e. to assure children’s education) may award them as gifts and receive tax deductions equal to their cash/replacement value.

4. Charitable remainder trust- the donor receives a variable income from the gift for the rest of his or her life. The amount to the donor is based on a specified percentage of the trust principal, recalculated each year, reflecting any increases in the value of the trust’s assets. The trust assets become the property of Northwest College upon the donor’s death.

5. Charitable remainder annuity trust- the donor receives a fixed income from the gift for the rest of his or her life. The amount to the donor is based on the initial value of the trust’s assets. More than one person may receive income and the trust principal becomes the property of Northwest College after the last income beneficiary dies.

For more information about these types of planned giving (or any other type), please contact:

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Hoop it UP! – NC’s student body started a new tradition with “Midnight Madness,” the first ever pre-season kick-off for the men’s and women’s varsity basketball teams. The evening offered half-court shot competitions, a women’s exhibition game and a men’s slam dunk contest. It was a great kick-off to a great season.

Two for One Special – Tambi (Gustafson) Wille, a 92 year old Elementary Education junior, is also a 5’8” shooting guard for the NC Eagle’s basketball team. Tambi averages 12 points and 4.1 rebounds per game while maintaining a 3.65 GPA. At the 1996-1997 Hall of Fame Awards banquet of the Cascade Collegiate Conference, Tambi was awarded the 1996-1997 NAIA Cascade Conference Scholar Athlete of the year award. She has proven her outstanding ability in both athletics and academics.

Senior Block – Leah Mallory, a senior at NC, finished off her 4 year volleyball career with a 15-13, 15-12, 15-2 victory against Eastern Oregon University. She reached her season high in that game with 10 kills, 7 blocks, 5 digs and an ace. With a total of 120 career blocks, Leah was ranked as one of the top five Cascade Conference defensive players. NC will miss her presence on the court.

He Shoots, He scores! – NC Men’s soccer team defeated Pacific Christian College 1-0 in overtime to win the NCCAA Div. 1 Far West Regional Championship in Fullerton, CA. The Eagles were led by freshman goalkeeper Tim Zion of Olympia who made twelve saves while posting the shutout. Aaron Mitchell, a sophomore transfer from Green River Community College and Cascade Collegiate All-Conference selection, scored the game’s only goal seven minutes into overtime. By virtue of this win the Eagles advanced to the NCCAA Div. 1 National Championship Tournament that was held in Longview, TX.

New Faces, New Places – NC Men’s basketball team won the Lewis-Clark State Snake River Shoot-out Classic. The Eagles defeated Lewis-Clark State on opening night, 77-74. Corey Symons hit the winning 3 point shot. In the final, the Eagles mounted a furious comeback to defeat Carroll College 97-94 to win the tournament. Josh White led the Eagles with 20 points and made the all-Tournament team along with Rich D’Agostino.

Across the Country – Brook McLachlan became the first student-athlete in NC history to qualify for a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship event. Brook finished 11th in the Cascade Conference Championships and earned an individual qualification into the NAIA National X-Country Championships in Kenosha, WI.

Music to our Ears – NC’s 70 voice choir, the Master Chorale, and NC’s 15 voice ensemble, His Praise, began their 1997-1998 season of touring. Members of the choir and ensemble are excited as they begin their traveling ministry, singing and touching lives in various churches throughout the Pacific Northwest. The March tour of His Praise and the May tour of the Master Chorale promise to be exciting events.

Lights, Camera, Action – “The Christmas Pageant,” NC’s fall drama production took place November 9th. A humorous and poignant look at an annual Christmas church event, it was directed, co-written and performed by members of the NC community. This seasonal “variety” show featured music, drama, and interpretive reading. There were even cameo performances by talented NC faculty members! A splendid time was had by all.

Faithful Friends – This year NC honored two esteemed faculty members at its annual Faculty and Board Banquet. Dr. Francis Thee was honored for 35 years of service and Dr. Darrell Hobson for 25 years of service. The NC community appreciates these dedicated professors’ lifetime investments into the future of its students.

NC Students in Free Enterprise - On the Move – Students in Free Enterprise’s (SIFE) mission is to provide college students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through principles of free enterprise. Regional competitions between colleges take place each spring; NC students participated in the SIFE program for 3 years. NC’s team came in first runner-up in its division, and won the Success 2000 award and a $1000 prize. Faculty Advisor to the NC SIFE chapter is David L. Stoops, Coordinating Professor for the Business Management and Administration Major.

Who’s the New Author in Town? – Dr. Blaine Charette, NC faculty, was awarded the Pope Grant last spring to enable him to complete a new book that he has been working on. Dr. Charette spent two weeks at Tyndale House in Cambridge, England, a residential library dedicated to biblical research, where he completed his research. The subject of the book is Matthew’s theology of the Holy Spirit. The book will be published by Sheffield Academic Press in the Journal of Pentecostal Theology Supplement Series.

A Little Bit of Culture – NC’s pilot English as a Second Language (ESL) program welcomes two new ESL students from Japan. Yuko Uehara is a junior at Niigata University and is taking a year off to study at NC. She will return to Japan next year where she will resume her studies in piano. Tomoko Nagata decided to take a career break from nursing. Both women have plunged into their studies and are active in college life.

Dean of the Arts and Sciences Division at NC – Professor C. David Elmes is a doctoral candidate in the Doctor of Education program at Seattle University. This program is designed to meet the needs of leaders in education. The cognate portion of Professor Elmes’ degree design focuses on post-secondary and adult education. His dissertation topic is “Faculty, Growth and Development in Higher Education: A Case Study.”

1998 Alumni Weekend

(SEPTEMBER 24 - 26, 1998)

Mark these dates on your calendar to return to the NC campus for Alumni Weekend

Watch for further information in the mail!
Alumna of The Year Award

Nancy Valnes ('84), an Assemblies of God missionary and registered nurse, served under special appointment to Zaire, Central Africa from May, 1994, until her missionary team was evacuated in December, 1996. Nancy worked with the Rwandan refugee crisis which gave her many ministry opportunities. She has developed an AIDS awareness and prevention education program for the church and the communities. AIDS is ravishing the continent of Africa and people are fearful about their future. This education is on the cutting edge of demonstrating Christ's compassion and gives a wide open door for the Gospel to enter new areas in Africa. Nancy's next mission's appointment will be in Burkina Faso where she will continue with the same teaching program.

Didaskalos (Teacher) Award

Dr. Daniel B. Pecota came to Northwest College in 1958 and became a Professor of Bible, Greek and Theology. Through the years he wrote college level courses for the International Correspondence Institute, several articles for Assemblies of God publications and was a frequent speaker and teacher at retreats, seminars, camps and churches. Doc was a consistent friend and mentor to students, faculty and staff at Northwest College. Esther, his wife of forty-six years, was his steady companion and in her own right has been a friend to NC students during their visits to the college bookstore.

In 1991, Northwest College named the Pecota Student Center in honor of Dan and Esther Pecota. Dr. Pecota retired from full time teaching in 1995, but continued to teach two classes until the end of the '97 Spring Semester. He received many awards during his teaching career, one being an Honorary Doctorate awarded at Commencement in 1995.

Dr. Pecota did many things for education. In 1995, he bicycled to San Francisco with his two sons, Steve and Jim and student Sam Carrigan. He did this to raise donations for the scholarship fund set up in memory of his grandson, Tyler Pecota, who went to be with the Lord at the age of ten years.

Dan Pecota knew early in 1997 that he had been selected to receive the Didaskalos award. He responded to Alumni Association President, Sallee Conn, with "WHAT AN HONOR!! THANK YOU ALL!! Doc”

He passed away on July 1, 1997. The Didaskalos award was given posthumously to Dr. Pecota during a presentation to the Pecota family at the memorial chapel held during Alumni Weekend, 1997.

Reflections of Alumni Weekend

Sallee (Schroeder) Conn ('72) was re-elected Alumni Association President for a three year term (1997-2000). As president, she will continue to serve on the NC Board of Directors and chair the alumni executive committee. Thank you, Sallee, for your continued leadership of the Alumni Association.

Alumni participating in the alumni chapel were Ms. Joyce ('81) Bender, Rev. Myron ('76) Ness, Rev. Dave ('63) Pearson, Rev. Sallee Conn and Mrs. Chris ('74) (Jacobsen) Crabtree-Hageman (speaker).

A Memorial Chapel was held in tribute and loving memory of Dr. Daniel B. Pecota. Program participants were Mrs. Ernestine Rice, Dr. Robert Swaffield, Dr. Darrell ('70) Hobson, Ms. Kristi Brodin, Ms. Kari ('82) Brodin, Dr. William ('62) Randolph, Dr. LeRoy Johnson, Rev. James ('83) Pecota, Rev. Sallee Conn and President Dennis ('56) Davis.

A NorthWESTERN Family Barbecue Program included the "Brother's Keeper Band" with the flavor of a little country and a lot of Gospel, plus reunion recognition, alumni awards and the election of an executive.

Presidents Dennis Davis and Sallee Conn lead the Prayer Breakfast. Program participants were Dr. Frank Rice, Dr. Amos ('48) Millard, Rev. Myron ('76) Ness, Rev. Alan ('85) Bulger, Mrs. Joanne ('86) (Hursh) Bulger, Ms. Neely ('96) Trudeau and Rev. James ('83) Pecota (speaker).

The 1947 HARVESTERS Class, celebrating 50 years, had the greatest number of classmates present.

Tresa ('41) (Cunningham) Knights of Oakland, California went to be with the Lord on March 31, 1997. She was a retired nurse.

Bob ('49) Mims, Sr., known as NBI's (Northwest Bible Institute) banjo player during his college days, continues to play for concerts and festivals with his Gospel Banjo Ministry. Some who have heard his music have responded with, "Your songs stirred something inside...I've got to get back to church." Bob and his wife Katherine have pastored six churches and raised a daughter and a son. They live in Spokane, Washington.

Ruby ('43) (Steffensrud) Moe of Seattle, Washington, passed away on July 8, 1997. She was a retired nurse.

Bob ('42) Mims, Jr., is traveling full-time in revival ministry among the districts and churches of the Assemblies of God; he co-authored the book, Back to the Altar: A Call to Spiritual Awakening (GPH, 1994). With General Superintendent Thomas E. Trask, he also wrote the chapter on revival for the new book The Pentecostal Pastor (GPH, 1997). He and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in Springfield, Missouri. David says, "As I began to preach revival, I started seeing more supernatural results."

Everett ('63) and Evelyn McKinney have been teaching courses at the Bible college in Singapore.

Tom C. ('68) Crabtree lives in Everson, Washington, where he owns his own business and is involved in ministry in his local church. He is interested in and praying about opening a ranch or recreational retreat center for families and youth.

Midori ('69) (Rikimaru) Takahashi and her husband are in full time ministry at Matsumoto Bible Gospel Church in Nagano, Japan. They have two adopted children, ages 14 and 12 years.

This year Weldon ('72) and Barb ('72) (Warneke) Houghton serve as Missionaries-in-Residence at Trinity Bible College.

Keith ('73) Hixson is the senior pastor of First Assembly of God in Ellensburg, Washington. He and his wife, Susan, have two adult children and one grandchild.

Ross ('75) Tegart is the pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Church in Kamloops, BC. He and his wife, Marilyn, have two children, Rosilyn and Maymee.

Mark ('75) and Diana ('72) (Savage) Kruger celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They were married on July 9, 1972, live in Renton, Washington, and have raised one daughter, Aimee ('96) who is married to Gil ('95) Lenger.

Verna Sue ('78) Elias of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is working toward an M.A. in Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Randy ('79) and Dana ('79) (Nimmons) Rowe moved to San Jose, CA. Randy is the Executive Director for Teen Challenge South Bay/East Bay, consisting of three ministries in the San Francisco Bay area.

Oran ('80) Denton graduated with a Masters of Divinity Degree from The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri.

Steve ('80) Emerson serves as Senior Vice President of Ministry Development for the Church Extension Plan in Salem, Oregon. Previously, he served as the Dean of Students at Northwest College from 1989 to 1997.

Stephen ('81) and Jolynn ('82) (Kroft) Brown have just celebrated the dedication of their new 10,500 sq. ft. addition to Kenai New Life Assembly of God which they have pastored since 1988. Their two sons are Scott, 13, and Bradley, 9. They would love to hear from any classmates. E-mail address is: sbrown@juno.com.

Dean and Janine ('82) (Peterson) Ridings live in Snohomish, WA. Dean serves as an elder at Calvary Chapel in Bothell, and Janine serves in Women's Ministry. Their two children are Brittany, 7 and Brian, 5. Janine says, "It was a real privilege to be able to attend NC and be influenced by such tremendous (godly) men and women. May God bless all the professors at NC for their willingness to be used of God!"


Alyssa Elizabeth, born May 2, 1997, to Troy ('95) and Val ('94) (Watson) Baxter of Omaha, Nebraska.

Jonathan Raymond-Richard, born June 56, 1997, to Tony ('84) and Trish Salisbury.

Mattaniah Edward, born July 9, 1997, to Carl ('83) and Kathryn Vanderford of Fall City, Washington.

Nkumba and Alianni, born July 98, 1997, to Maybin ('94) and Judy Chisebuka of Renton, Washington. The twins have one brother and two sisters.

Grace Elizabeth, born August 21, 1997, to Philip ('90) and Robyn Malcolm of North Bend, Oregon. Grace joins an older brother, Jacob, 3. Phil is the Children's Pastor at Family Worship Center in North Bend. Happy grandparents are Larry (NC professor) and Mary Malcolm (NC staff).


Tony (’84) and Trish Salisbury have been appointed missionaries to Japan.

Jack (’84) and Brenda Yates reside in Hondo, Texas, where Jack is the chaplain at Joe Ney Treatment Facility. He leads Bible studies, counsels and conducts an interdenominational service at the minimum security treatment facility. He influences the prisoners in a positive way, and they respect and value the message he brings. Jack and Brenda have a daughter and two sons. Jack says, “I’m doing what the Lord wants me to do, and I’m enjoying it immensely.”

Leslie (’85) Pitman Engleson recently graduated from the University of Washington with her Master of Library and Information Science degree. She works at the D.V. Hurst Library as the Cataloging Supervisor and really enjoys being back at Northwest College.

Cheri (’85) Schoenrock teaches fifth grade at Benton Christian School and is completing a principal internship. She has written the second grade portion of the elementary Bible curriculum for the Association of Christian Schools International and has been listed in Who’s Who in the West.

Jerry (’88) McCann, his wife Kathy, and their three children Andrea, 9; Chad, 7; and Melissa, 4, live in Sunnyvale, California. Jerry is pastoring the single adults and is a teaching pastor at Bethel Church of San Jose. He is also teaching at Bethany College. He has finished his M.Div. at Western Seminary and is beginning his Ph.D. at Goldencote Theological Union.

J. Richard (’88) Tetley is the pastor of Living Word Christian Assembly, Castle Rock, Colorado, a church that he and his wife Jodi pioneered three years ago. Their four children are Ryan, 9; Amber, 7; Jeremy, 5; and Nicole Joy, born June 11, 1997.

Joshua (’89) and Gladys (’89) Banda are living in Zambia where Joshua is the senior pastor of Northmead Assembly in the capital city. They report, “We acknowledge His (God’s) faithfulness for taking us to Northwest College and taking such good care of us as we studied and ministered and His faithfulness for bringing us back to serve at PAOG Bible College (now Trans-Africa Theological). Our children are Linda Victoria, Ryan Joshua and Nathan Chipu. As we look back, we reaffirm the words of the chorus, ‘The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases—His mercies never come to an end—they are new every morning—great is His faithfulness.’”

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Lee (’91) and Tanya Coate reside in Las Vegas, Nevada, and are serving as Student Ministry Pastors at Calvary Community Assembly of God. They have one daughter, Ashlee.

Kimberly (’91) Chase is teaching Business English to United Arab Emirates National Women, employed by Higher College of Technology in Dubai, UAE. Previously she taught English as a Second Language at Edmonds Community College. She feels that she is serving as a missionary in Dubai and is involved in a wonderful church. Kim says, “Having TESL certification is necessary for teaching and ministry in closed countries.”

Michael and Kimberly (’91) Zellers Lapham reside in Reading, Pennsylvania, and serve as Youth and C.E. Directors at Spring Valley Church of God.

Brandon (’93) Beals is associate and youth/college pastor at Bethany Christian Assembly in Everett, Washington. “God has blessed us with an average attendance of 250 youth.”

Shawna (’93) Beers has been employed as a secretary at her church and coaches the youth drama team, H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity). She has recently accepted to Youth With A Mission ministry in Vienna, Austria.

Dena (’93) Cambra works at Baptist Bible College in Clare’s Summit, Pennsylvania. She is in the public relations department and is also serving as assistant coach for the women’s basketball team.

Tim (’93) Ohai is a fourth and fifth grade teacher at a private school in Korea, Hawaii.

Melinda (’93) Ridley and Garry Keener married in Bozeman, Montana, on January 4, 1997. They make their home in Bozeman, and Melinda is a student at Montana State University.

Joel (’93) Simonson is the Program Director at Halcyon in Bellevue, Washington, where he is serving people with developmental disabilities.

Jenny (’94) and Tiffany (’94) Bergquist and their one year old daughter, Hannah, live in Burlington, Washington. Jerry is the Youth Pastor at Central Valley Assembly.

Colby (’94) and Robyn (’93) Powell Richards reside in Lincoln, Nebraska. Colby works for State Farm Insurance. Robyn graduated from Boise State University and has completed two and a half years of her doctoral program in biophysical chemistry at the University of Nebraska.


Byron (’95) Gerard is the principal of the Eastside Urban Academy of Bellevue, WA. This is a CRISTA Ministries High School for “at-risk” students. Mark (’95) Schimpfpenig serves as Student Care Coordinator at the same school.

Ed (’95) Owen is the associate pastor at Ellensburg First Assembly of God. He is married to Aimee and has three children, Timothy, 6; Christian, 5; and Josee, 2.

Dana (’95) Pohman and Thad Huff were married on April 19, 1997, at Shoreline Community Church. They are residing in Spokane, Washington. Thad currently serves as the youth pastor at Valley Assembly of God in Spokane, Washington.

Steve (’96) Clark and Veronica (’94) Rhinehart were married at Shoreline Community Church in Seattle, Washington, on September 6, 1997. They are making their home in Ephrata, Washington, where they serve as youth pastors at Bethlehem Chapel.

Jon (’96) and Daphyne (’95) Carter, Shimeall are living in Bakersfield, California, where John is teaching with the Bakersfield City School District.

Kirsten (’96) Erickson is attending the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Manhattan. She resides in New York, New York.


Jeremy (’96) Stambakk and Kerrie (’95) Daniels were married on June 28, 1997 at Valley Christian Center in Lewiston, Idaho. Jeremy is Youth Pastor at Lake Stevens Assembly of God, Lake Stevens, Washington and Kerrie is the Director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Everett, Washington.

Cassie (’96) Swant married Jon (’97) Warneke on July 12, 1997 at Lake McDonald Lodge in Glacier Park, Montana. Both serve as elementary school teachers in Saipan.

Lydia (’97) Abbott is working for the Residential Treatment Center in Kodiak, Alaska.

Jen (’97) Beilgerde serves on the staff of Snoqualmie Valley Young Life at Issaquah, Washington. The ministry is involved in Bible studies, camps and reaching out to unchurched youth.

Andrew (’97) Culver is the Youth Pastor at Grace Fellowship in Kent, Washington.

Recinda (’97) Gerard is the School Age Program Supervisor for the Bellevue, Washington YMCA.

Ross (’97) Johnson married Holly (’96) Hornbacher on June 14, 1997. Ross was the NC volleyball coach for several years and is the son of Dr. LeRoy (NC history professor) and Marilyn Johnson.

Chad (’97) Kruger married Tonya McGrath on August 1, 1997, at The Neighborhood Church in Bellevue. Chad serves as the assistant of the Agricultural Program at Northwest College.


Dave (’97) Needham is the Youth Pastor at Westminster Assembly of God in Seattle.


Rob Johnson (NC student) and Nyla Reel married on June 14, 1997, at Valley Christian Center in Lewiston, Idaho.

The Alumni Office would like to hear from you. Send news about your family, ministry, higher education and work experiences to: Northwest College Alumni Office, P.O. Box 579, Kirkland, WA 98083-0579. Fax: 425-827-0148 Email: alumni@ncag.edu
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