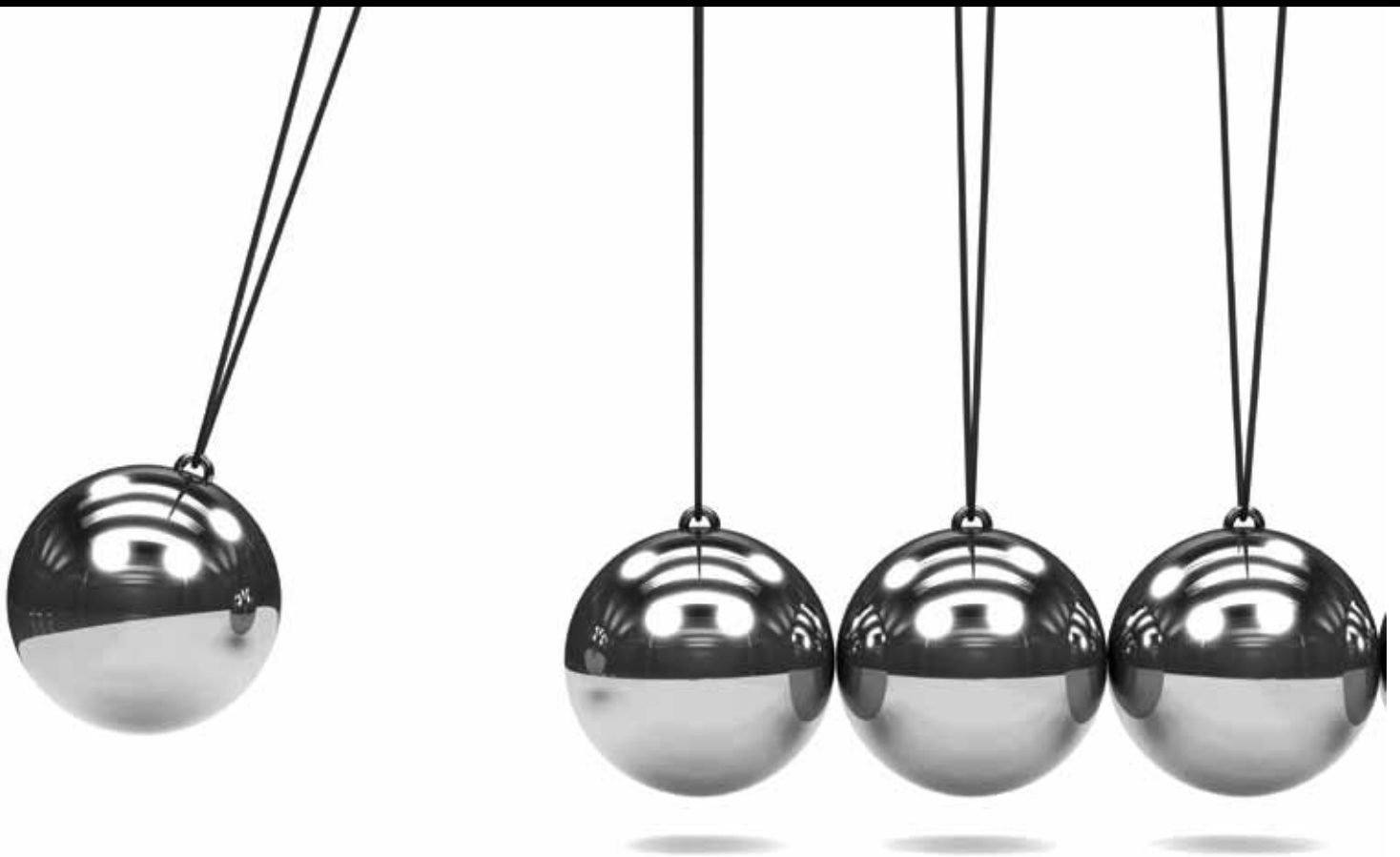


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moving **WESLEYAN** forward



From left: **Bryan Hisel**, executive director, Mitchell Area Development Corporation; **Tom Clark**, CEO, Avera Queen of Peace Hospital; **Ken Tracy**, mayor, Mitchell; **Fritz Corrigan**; **Glenda Corrigan**; **Donna Starr Christen**; **Paul Christen**; **Amy Novak**, president, DWU; Bishop **Bruce Ough**, Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church; **Brad Pratt**, chairman, DWU Board of Trustees; **Nicole Court-Menendez**, DWU junior and track/cross country athlete; **Christian Doyle**, president, DWU Student Association Senate and Tiger baseball player; and **Curt Hart**, athletic director, DWU.

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groundbreaking

Photo by Nick McCutcheon



Officials broke ground during homecoming on the new DWU Avera Sports and Wellness Complex, which is set to open spring 2016 just across Norway Avenue from the current wellness center, renamed the Christen Family Athletic Center. Major donors to the project include **Avera Queen of Peace Hospital** in Mitchell, **Paul '50, HD'70** and **Donna Starr '51, HD'91 Christen**, of Huron, and **Glenda '64 and Fritz Corrigan**, of Edina, Minn.

The new wellness center will be an 85,000-square-foot, one-story facility, including a 200-meter running and walking indoor track, three indoor multipurpose sport courts, locker rooms, 4,000 square feet of wellness space dedicated to cardiovascular equipment, weights and fitness training, a wrestling room, classroom space for seminars and leadership training, and athletic training space.

View the building progress at www.dwu.edu/webcam.

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COVERSTORY

Momentum's the word at DWU. The campus and programs are growing, evolving and creating new opportunities – thanks to donors, alumni and business partnerships. Here are four buildings and programs that have added to the student experience at Dakota Wesleyan. See page 15.



Administration: Amy Novak, president; Theresa Kriese, executive vice president; Rocky Von Eye, provost; Kitty Allen, vice president for institutional advancement; Lori Essig, vice president for university relations.

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from the president

DWU President **Amy Novak** (center front) poses with the other charter members of Presidents United to Solve Hunger at the United Nations on Dec. 9, 2014.

In December, I had the distinct honor of being present at the United Nations in New York City for the ceremonial signing of the Presidents' Commitment to Food and Nutrition Security. This declaration, a product of the international group, Presidents United to Solve Hunger (PUSH), establishes a framework for collaboration and a blueprint for higher education institutions to become the tipping point in waging a winning fight against hunger and malnutrition.

As a member of the PUSH Steering Committee, with colleagues from Mississippi State University, Auburn University, the University of Missouri, Stenden University (Netherlands) and Zamorano University (Honduras), I hope to bring the voice of private, faith-based education to this fight against hunger in our world.

While at the U.N., I could not help but reflect on the work of DWU alumnus Sen. George McGovern '46 and his unwavering commitment to eradicating hunger in our world. His leadership in the Food for Peace Program, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and the McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program laid the groundwork for what today's universities can do in the future.

In this edition of Wesleyan Today, there is other evidence of how momentum is building at Dakota Wesleyan University, how today's opportunities are due to yesterday's decisions, and how tomorrow's successes will spring from today's hard work.

We are proud of our students – past, present and future – the difference they are making in the world, and the ways in which their work is creating momentum for the future.

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McGovern Center Director **Alisha Vincent**, DWU sophomore **Ariana Arampatzis** and DWU President **Amy Novak** were at the United Nations on Dec. 9, 2014, in New York for the ceremonial signing of the Presidents' Commitment to Food and Nutrition Security.

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Snapshots

BLUE & WHITE DAYS 2014



DWU played Northwestern for its Blue & White Days football game this fall – though the game was a loss, the crowd won big for the costumes, face-painting and crazy antics. Tiger fans are the best! So much so, that you can now follow them on Twitter: [#corncribcrazies](#).



Cassie Landgaard, of Worthington, Minn., and **Kyle Gerlach**, of Mount Vernon, were crowned homecoming queen and king this year during coronation. Also pictured are king candidates **Luke Bamberg**, of Corsica, and **Stephen Lee**, of Viborg.



The annual burning of the "W" took place in front of the Christen Family Athletic Center.



The theme for this year's homecoming parade was "The Rise of the Roaring Empire," and the theatre department won "Best Use of Theme."



Ardith Miller '50, of Draper, and her brother **Keith Miller '47**, of Pierre, were both in attendance for this fall's Legacy Banquet, an annual event at which the university acknowledges and thanks donors, alumni and friends.

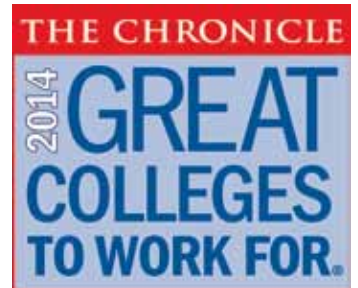



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Dakota Wesleyan University held a youth science camp for STEM last summer on campus for children grades fourth through eighth. This photo shows a group learning minecraft (grades fourth through fifth). There were also sections for robotics, and art and STEM. The camp was offered through a partnership with the PAST Foundation, which is also partnering with DWU for the Master of Education – STEM Instruction degree.

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Dakota Wesleyan University has had a good year.



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April 15, 2015

Powerful panel presentations and hands-on strategy sessions will provide a look at the current status of hunger in South Dakota and propel the audience to get involved in policy and grassroots efforts to combat hunger. The first Hunger Ambassador award will also be presented to a South Dakotan who goes above and beyond to provide food security. This award will be presented during the Empty Bowls event hosted by Mitchell High School.

For more information and to nominate a hunger ambassador, or simply to RSVP for the conference, visit:

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The McGovern Forum



DWU's McGovern Center, in partnership with the Daily Republic newspaper, brought three of the four U.S. Senatorial candidates to campus this fall for the first McGovern Civic Engagement Forum. Shown left to right: former Republican State Sen. **Gordon Howie**, **Rick Weiland** and former Republican U.S. Sen. **Larry Pressler** all made appearances on campus and followed the forum with one-on-one time with DWU students and community members.



The student panel for the McGovern Civic Engagement Forum were: **Jonathon Knight**, **Amy Zeller**, **Beau Byrd** and **Kayla Vanden Hoek**. These students delivered questions that were submitted before and during the forum.



Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change

April 16, 2015 • 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

DWU SHERMAN CENTER

This conference will bring engaging speakers to inspire leadership and innovation for social change in our neighborhoods and around our world. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with one another and speakers in Dialogue for Action sessions. **TO REGISTER:** www.dwu.edu/leadershipconference

FEATURED SPEAKER: PETER GREER

GREER, CEO of Hope International, joined the organization in 2004. He came from the field of microfinance, where he put his strengths to work for such organizations as URWEGO Community Banking in Rwanda, Self-Help Development Foundation in Zimbabwe, and as a microfinance adviser in Cambodia. He speaks and writes on topics of faith and international development, and has co-authored "The Poor Will Be Glad," "The Spiritual Danger of Doing Good" and "Mission Drift."



PETER GREER

SCHEDULE

- 9-9:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. **McGovern Lecture: GARY OPPENHEIMER**, Founder of AmpleHarvest.org
- 10:15-11 a.m. Dialogue for Action
- 11 a.m.-Noon **Stark Lecture: PETER GREER**, CEO of Hope International
- Noon-12:30 p.m. Dialogue for Action
- 12:30-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1-2:30 p.m. Kelley Center Innovatalks



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the seven-letter word

DWU professor named psychological autopsy investigator, discusses **suicide** prevention

By Mari Olson

It's the seven-letter word that gets misunderstood, stereotyped and oftentimes barely spoken above a whisper.

Suicide.

The very mention of the word, or memory of someone who died, evokes emotional responses ranging from sadness to pity to fear to grief, and a myriad of others.

Dr. Anne Kelly, professor of psychology at Dakota Wesleyan University, is conducting research on suicide with the aim of improving prevention efforts, and she hopes to one day destigmatize suicide, as well as its contributing causes.

Kelly is a psychological autopsy investigator, certified through the American Association of Suicidology (A.A.S.) in Washington, D.C. Kelly's certification was funded by the Mitchell Area Suicide Prevention Taskforce and DWU professional development. The A.A.S. reports that Kelly is the only psychological autopsy investigator certified with them in South Dakota; there are a total of 15 in the U.S. and one in South Korea, making that 16 worldwide – though there are other certification programs.

"The job of a psychological autopsy investigator is to understand the mental state of the victim at the time of the attempt and identify long-term and short-term factors leading up to the attempt, to the extent that either is possible. We also work to clarify the motive of death in cases where the cause isn't clear," Kelly said. "Was it natural causes, an accident, suicide or homicide? Sometimes the cause is ambiguous. We would call that an equivocal death. Psychological autopsy investigators clarify motive, too – how they did it – and work with law enforcement pretty regularly.

"Sometimes it's a matter of proving that a suspected suicide wasn't a suicide, and we do that by looking at behavior, medical records – police reports, toxicology screens – and investigating everything we have available to us up to the point of death."

A psychological autopsy investigator can be brought into a case by law enforcement or by a family member.

"My interest in researching suicide victims is to find psychological indicators that could help identify potential victims. If we know more about what to look for, then we can offer help," Kelly said. "The only way to know more about who might consider suicide is by studying those who have already completed it, which is where my research begins.



Dr. Anne Kelly
DWU Professor of Psychology

"I want to be clear that I do not judge or disparage the victim or the family. I see and treat the victims like the human beings they are," she added. "Through this tragedy, we might find answers. Families and friends of suicide victims are critical to this work. In fact, we very much depend on their help to better understand what is happening at the time of a suicide so that we can strengthen prevention and intervention efforts. Suicide is considered the most preventable public health problem. When families, psychological autopsy investigators, counselors, law enforcement and others in our community work together, we really are in a great position to do something about suicide."

Suicide is a result of mental illness, but having mental illness does not mean a person will even contemplate suicide in his or her lifetime. Some people show signs of depression or anger or self-loathing and never consider it, Kelly points out.

"Some suicide victims are the outward picture of mental health," she said.

Those inconsistencies are what make suicide so difficult to understand, and many who have lost someone to suicide seek to understand motive. Answers are part of the mourning process, but answers also aid in prevention.

"The research I do is about identifying groups most at risk and then identifying what those indicators are so we can look for them in individuals as well as other groups," she said. "The goal is to create a community where we reduce risk factors."

For the full story on Kelly and her work in suicide prevention, visit the news section at www.dwu.edu – or go directly to the article link at www.dwu.edu/blog/DWU-Anne-Kelly-named-psychological-autopsy-investigator.

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DATELINES

July 25: Kitty Allen is named vice president for institutional advancement.

Aug. 24: The DWU Freshman Food Drive brings in 4,629 pounds of food for the Mitchell Food Pantry, a new record.

Sept. 4: The sixth annual Community Plunge is held on campus with 41 organizations (including businesses, churches, nonprofits and student organizations) and 216 registered students in attendance.

Sept. 10: DWU's enrollment reaches a new record of 875.

Oct. 22: Shane Claiborne, founder of The Simple Way, is on campus for the 10th annual Mitchell Area Youth Night.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2: The Highlanders and Wesleyan Bells perform for the South Dakota Music Education Association's annual conference in Sioux Falls.

Nov. 6: DWU's Student Diversity Council sponsors "According to Coyote" on campus through the Mixed Blood Theatre.

November: Preceding the DWU and Mitchell ACT production of "Scrooge, the Musical," the DWU College of Arts and Humanities sponsors three Dickens-inspired nights of "Setting the Stage" that describe religion, literature, social norms, music and theatre of the time.

November: Dr. Sean Flynn, history professor, publishes a chapter, "Bicultural Conservatism: Native American Congressman Ben Reifel and the GOP," in the "The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture, Vol. 2."

November: Dr. Tim Mullican, biology professor, publishes "Population Estimates and Habitat Associations of the Bear Lodge Meadow Jumping Mouse in the Black Hills of South Dakota" in the journal, "Proceedings of the South Dakota Academy of Science, 2014, Vol. 93."

Nov. 18-19: Roger Musick, CEO of Innovative Systems Inc. in Mitchell, and Jeff Logan, president of Logan Luxury Theatres Corporation, come to campus for Global Entrepreneurship Week to discuss their business experiences during a Kelley Center coffee series.

Nov. 20: DWU hosts its third annual campus Thanksgiving dinner.

Dec. 12: Jackie Wentworth and Joel Allen are named the fall professional excellence award winners for staff and faculty. Wentworth is the director of alumni relations, and Allen is an assistant professor of religion.

Duffey earns prestigious Creative Writing Fellowship

Dr. Barbara Duffey, assistant professor of English, is the recipient of the \$25,000 Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

There were 35 awardees, and Duffey is the only person from South Dakota.

To apply, applicants submit a 10-page manuscript of poetry without identification so it can be judged blindly, Duffey said. Also, applicants submit a list of publications that include a published book of poetry, or 20 poems or pages of poetry published in at least five different literary journals. Duffey qualified under the latter.

"I've been trying to get this grant for four years," she said. "And I know many people try for longer than that, so I feel fortunate, and it's definitely the kind of system where it doesn't serve to give up."

Duffey plans to take the grant money and travel – though she hasn't decided on where. Right now it's a toss-up between Cuba and Greece.

She'll also be tackling four projects: revising "Simple Machines," a book of poetry she has written, which is based on the frustration she felt when she received her infertility diagnosis, using the metaphor of the human body as a machine. She's also working on two books of prose; one is a collection of essays about her experiences with infertility treatments, and the other fiction prose is a mystery novel-in-stories.

"I'm also starting a new poetry collection about how frightening my imagination is now that I've had a child – I imagine his death in a million ways, and I'm sure part of that is so I can protect him, but I think my imagination is going farther than that, to the place where it isn't adaptive anymore," she said.



DWU's Shark Tank

Fredel Thomas' entrepreneurship class gave elevator pitches this fall before a panel of professionals in what Thomas has dubbed her version of "Shark Tank." This fall's panel included **Jon Bassett**, **Kyle Herges**, **Carey Miller** and **Michael Mohr**, all evaluating and critiquing the students' business plans.

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a moment in time

Coming back home to Wesleyan

By Leon Washington '72
Wesleyan Today Contributor

"It's not about the length of the stay, but rather the quality of your visit."

Some of my fondest memories of my childhood are the summers spent in South Carolina, working on my grandmother's pig farm. I had a special relationship with her, and she always had her own unique sayings for everything and every situation. Sometimes her meaning was apparent, but often it took time to reveal itself.

"One day you will know that this experience was good for you – it will connect with something else that you are doing, and the great memories and emotions will overwhelm you with so much joy, and you will thank your granny for that!"

I couldn't help but think of my grandmother as I made my way back to Dakota Wesleyan University recently. You see, I was immediately overwhelmed with great emotions and memories, because it had been Grandma who encouraged me to tap into my sense of adventure and seriously consider DWU. I graduated in 1972 and spent a brief period working on campus, but my only trip back since was in 1986.

Although it was late when I arrived in Mitchell, sleep would not come easily. Being so close to campus, I was overcome with restlessness and decided to go explore. Upon arriving, I was hit with the moment of connection that Grandma had vaguely referenced years ago. The true value and quality of my experiences were made immediately apparent to me and, indeed, it had not been about the length of my stay, but about the quality of my visit.

I was struck with this unmistakable familiarity of time and place, against a backdrop of change, growth and development. As I walked around campus, everything felt familiar as if I had just been there yesterday on my way to class or to a meeting. But just as I was losing myself in my memories, I realized I was actually losing my way on campus. Over the years, the small, young campus had grown and matured; it had developed and evolved a number of its facilities, while still retaining the beautiful qualities that had won me over. It was as clean and pristine as ever, with the familiar peaceful sense of calm and hominess that I remembered so well. I knew then and there that my time at DWU had been good, had defined me, and had made me into the man I am, standing on campus this night so many years later.

I immediately connected this reconfirmed sense of belonging to my current life calling in admissions. As I do my job, I always hope that the young women and men I work with find this same feeling on a campus, and when they return as alumni, they encounter emotions similar to mine. In that moment, I was as excited and optimistic as a high school senior seeing the campus for the first time. And, as a newly appointed DWU trustee, this only bolstered my confidence in the bright future that lay ahead of DWU, its alumni, and most importantly, its current and prospective students.

There are common threads that tie every community together, and DWU is no different. I saw old traditions still thriving. The campus center, a relatively new hub of campus activity when I was a student, is now an established building that even boasts an addition. The Sherman Center struck a chord with me – the harmonious blend of tradition and momentum that has allowed DWU to stand the test of time. From the height of the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War of my time on campus, to the War on Terror and the uncertainty of the economic landscape of the present, DWU has always been a place where young people could come together to discuss these issues and unite despite race, class and interests. The ideals of a faith-based education continue to provide the framework to respectfully have these tough discussions. The experience of chapel has even evolved along with the campus and community. Students now have turned it into so much more of a celebration with amazing music, engaging speakers, and a wonderful sense of sharing and community.



Leon Washington, center, with student employees at Lehigh University.

The passion and love for athletics is just as palpable now as when I was a student. And, it's not just about winning, but rather about the unifying nature of competition. It was homecoming weekend when I visited, so I had a chance to see not only the excitement of students, but the overwhelming support and presence of alumni at the game. There was a sea of blue and white. All of the passion and the sense of community I felt during the earlier chapel service were mirrored in the crowds and cheers at the football game. After so many years, it was good to see the respect for these types of traditions. And it wasn't just amongst the university community, but the surrounding community of Mitchell was thriving and supporting DWU as well.

Through all the ebbs and flows in its history, this small university in the middle of the prairie is still growing and thriving. It is continuing the pioneering spirit of the Midwest by turning the great challenges of our day into the great opportunities of the future for students. The huge strides being made in the field of healthcare education on campus is just one of the many ways DWU is positioning itself to excel and continue to grow. It is approaching these opportunities with the same faith-based education rooted in sacrifice and service that has proven steadfast and effective throughout its history. The strong focus on health and wellness, the amazing new facilities, and the focus on strengthening the mind, body and the spirit bode well for the future.

There were many things that played into my decision to attend DWU many years ago. But, what really confirmed to me that DWU was the right fit was the feeling I got when I came onto the campus – that same feeling that I got upon my return all these years later. It makes me wish I could go back and thank my grandmother for her wise words. I encourage all my fellow alumni who haven't been back to campus to make the journey and rediscover that feeling – that sense of comfort, peace and belonging; that no matter where you came from, you are welcome, your opinion will be valued and heard, and that you will grow into that person you want to be.

about the author

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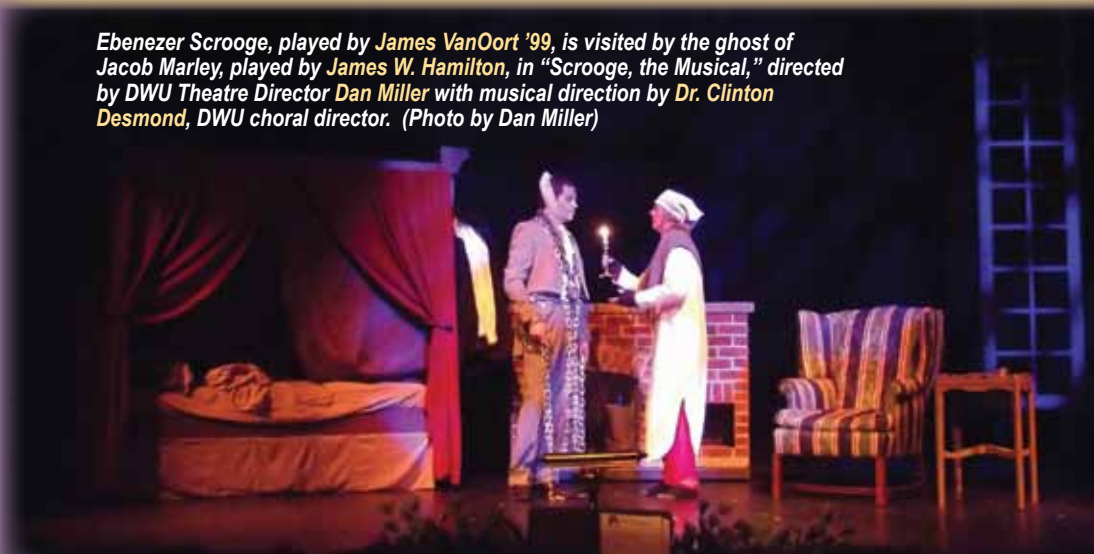
The opening scene of "Scrooge, the Musical" was performed at the Pepsi-Cola Theatre for Performing Arts in Mitchell – a partnership between Dakota Wesleyan University and the Mitchell Area Community Theatre. (Photo by Dan Miller)



SCROOGE

The Musical

Ebenezer Scrooge, played by James VanOort '99, is visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley, played by James W. Hamilton, in "Scrooge, the Musical," directed by DWU Theatre Director Dan Miller with musical direction by Dr. Clinton Desmond, DWU choral director. (Photo by Dan Miller)



Dark and desperate were the times during Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the basis of the musical adaptation of "Scrooge, the Musical," and also the inspiration for DWU's "Setting the Stage" – three sessions of Dickens-inspired topics produced by faculty and staff leading up to the big musical event. Each session was meant to inform people of the lifestyles and social norms of the mid-1800s, as well as discuss the literary, dramatic and musical aspects of the book and musical.

Dakota Wesleyan partnered with the Mitchell Area Community Theatre to produce "Scrooge, the Musical" in December at the Pepsi-Cola Theatre for Performing Arts. The production, along with the ACT, featured DWU theatre and the Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music. The musical ran for eight performances over two weeks to nearly sold-out crowds.

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LET YOUR PASSION BE YOUR GUIDE

Kelli Swenson graduated in 2014 with a degree in leadership and public service and has since put that education to work as the special project coordinator for St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain and as a member of the board of directors for the Esperance Education Institute, founded by Dr. Alisha Vincent, McGovern Center director.



Nonprofit administration field growing, DWU offers new major

By Mari Olson

A profession based on passion has no limits.

At least that is what Kelli Swenson believes, and she has based her entire education, and now career, on her passion for helping people through nonprofit work.

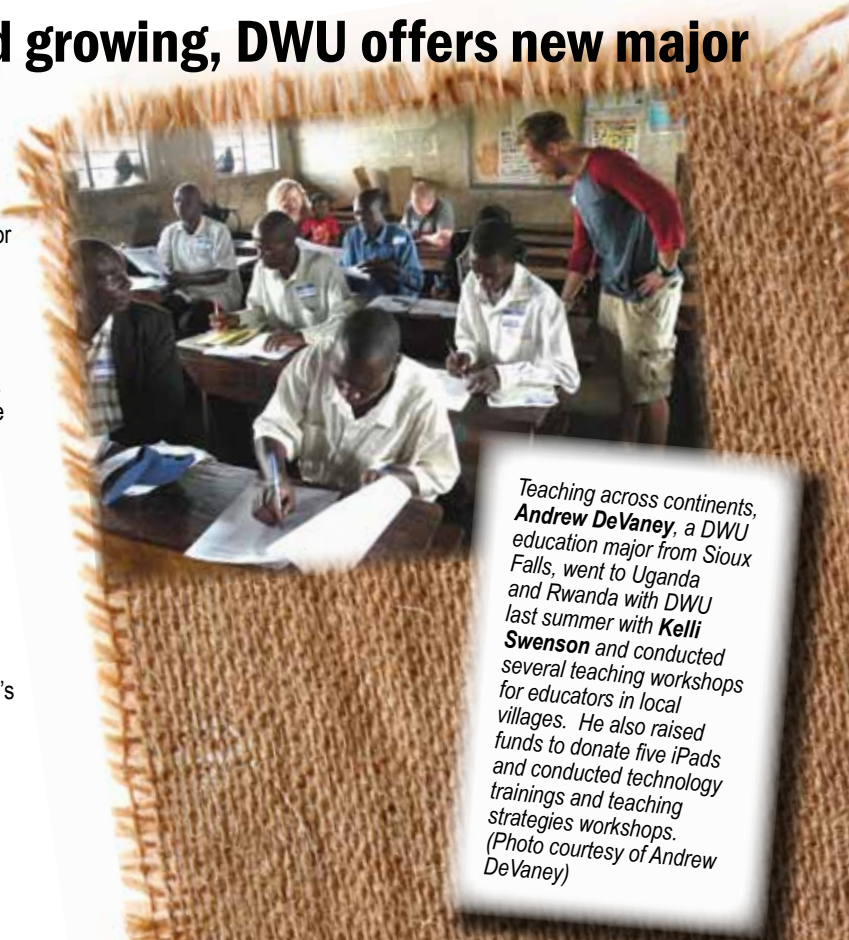
Swenson, from Chamberlain, graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 2014 with a degree in leadership and public service. She tailored her degree toward nonprofit administration before the nonprofit major was even offered at DWU and spent four years building her portfolio through service-learning and mission trips.

"Life in the nonprofit world is challenging, stressful, emotionally exhausting, and in my opinion, the most rewarding work one can ever do," Swenson said.

With a growing trend in career opportunities in the nonprofit sector, DWU professor and McGovern Center Director Dr. Alisha Vincent created the new nonprofit administration major and minor in answer to employer demands.

"The nonprofit field is growing, and it is a good sector for finding a great-paying job, whether that's working for a charity, a healthcare center, educational institution, governmental organization or political organization," Vincent said. "I'm so excited to bring my passion for nonprofit to Dakota Wesleyan and help students find and create rewarding career opportunities."

Swenson currently is the special project coordinator for St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain and also serves on the board of directors for the Esperance Education Institute, founded by Vincent.



Teaching across continents, Andrew DeVaney, a DWU education major from Sioux Falls, went to Uganda and Rwanda with DWU last summer with Kelli Swenson and conducted several teaching workshops for educators in local villages. He also raised funds to donate five iPads and conducted technology trainings and teaching strategies workshops. (Photo courtesy of Andrew DeVaney)

As the special project coordinator for St. Joseph's Indian School, she works directly with donors, as well as being responsible for identifying and securing grants and completing special projects for the major gifts department.

"I serve as the face and voice of St. Joseph's Indian School in communicating the mission, programs and events of St. Joseph's to donors, foundations and companies worldwide," she said.

Swenson was invited to join the board for Esperance Education Institute following a DWU trip to Rwanda and Uganda, Africa, after graduation. As part of the DWU service-learning cultural immersion experience, DWU students met with locals and discussed their needs, assisted in building a church, established a library at a school, conducted sports clinics and a teacher education workshop, gifted livestock funded through McGovern Center fundraising efforts, and took part in worship services.

While in Africa, Swenson worked with local leaders and other nongovernmental organizations to establish partnerships and programs designed to create pathways out of extreme poverty.

When Swenson is in the U.S., she continues to use electronic media to work with people in Africa and creates and manages supplemental educational programs to assist undereducated adults in Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and the U.S.

"Working in the field of nonprofit gives you the unique ability to assist others in reaching their fullest potential and living the best lives possible," she said. "You can help provide clean water to developing countries, provide educational access to the undereducated, teach young people how to become future leaders – the opportunities are truly endless."

Her education at Dakota Wesleyan gave her the tools she needs to write proposals, plan projects and organize evaluations. She took advantage of multiple international travel opportunities that gave her real-world experience, as not only a participant, but also as a trip coordinator.

"My mission work – New Orleans, Mexico, Belize, Rwanda, Uganda and two trips to Peru – has truly made me the person I am today," Swenson said. "As Dieter F. Uchtdorf once said, 'As we lose ourselves in the services of others, we discover our own lives and our own happiness.'"

"I have left a little piece of my heart in each of the areas I've traveled and worked. The experiences I've had, the people I've met and the love I've been shown have molded me into the person I am today – a person who strives to be a servant of God. I have been given the opportunity to grow and share my compassion and love with others, and I've realized that I am the happiest when I am helping others."

Swenson suggests that anyone considering nonprofit work get involved; travel; apply for internships, fellowships and leadership academies; and never get discouraged.

"Find where your passions lie, and then chase those passions to the ends of the earth, across an ocean or even just to your own backyard," she said. "Working in the nonprofit field inspires you to be your best, to assist others with your whole heart, and to see the good in the world."

"Chase your passions. Chase your beliefs. Chase your dreams. When you live a life surrounded by your passions, anything is possible."



ABOVE: Dr. Alisha Vincent, McGovern Center director at DWU, and Kelli Swenson, 2014 DWU graduate, take part in a gifting ceremony at Crimson Academy in Rwanda where 15 goats were given to the neediest families. A dairy cow was also purchased and given to the school so that the children, many of whom do not have access to a school lunch, may have a glass of milk each day. The group also donated 25 goats in Uganda. (Photo courtesy of Kelli Swenson)

BELOW: The Revival Tabernacle Church, in Namayemba, Uganda, was dedicated in memory of the late Brian Anderberg, DWU's former associate director of young adult ministry who died in 2013. Anderberg, who had been on numerous mission trips across the globe, had always wanted to go to Africa and had initially hoped to join the group this spring. His wife, Tonya, went on the trip in her husband's stead. DWU members helped build the church and were part of the dedication ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Alisha Vincent)

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RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

DWU student provides shoes to children on the reservation

By Jerrett Mills
DWU junior

MATTHEW BADER has seen firsthand the amount of effort it takes just to have a pair of shoes in order to find something to eat. Since the eighth grade, Bader has provided donated shoes to the Spirit Lake Indian Nation in Spirit Lake, N.D.

Bader is currently a sophomore and a Christian leadership major and history minor at Dakota Wesleyan. Bader first pitched his idea in an entrepreneurial leadership class taught by Fredel Thomas, director of the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship.

It all began with a conversation with his father a few days before Bader left for a mission trip at the Spirit Lake Indian Nation. Bader was kicking around the idea that if he were able to keep a pair of shoes in good condition for six months, his father would buy him a nice pair of blue and orange Reeboks.

Soon after Bader stepped foot on the reservation, his eyes were opened.

"I'm looking around at all these kids, and this kid has no shoes, and this guy has no shoes," Bader said. "If they don't have shoes, many aren't able to get on the bus to eat lunch throughout the summer. For many that is the only hot meal they get in the summer."

Bader got to work immediately.

"We were all challenged in youth group to make a difference in the world," Bader said. "I wanted to make an impact."

He began to brainstorm ideas on how he could raise money to buy shoes for people on the reservation while in high school in Valley City, N.D. Bader finally came to a conclusion.

"If I go out and run three miles and get someone to sponsor me each mile, I would have enough to buy a pair of shoes," Bader said.

Two hundred fifty miles later, Bader is now able to provide many pairs of shoes and also explained the process in how he purchases them.

"Once I get the money collected at the end of the summer, I will go to Wal-Mart and buy shoes," Bader said. "It's really fun walking through Wal-Mart with carts full of shoes and buying out their entire selection."

In order to receive a pair of shoes, the school has an incentive for the students. The students must finish out the spring semester in good standing, and they will receive shoes.

So far Bader has donated more than 500 pairs of shoes.

When he pitched his idea in an entrepreneurship class, it was an immediate hit.

"His pitch in entrepreneurial leadership had the 'Sharks' talking about the idea long after it was over," Thomas said. "He told a great story about how it all came about and described to us how he had already tried the idea and successfully implemented it."

Now a resident of Pierre, Bader has enjoyed his time at DWU. Bader said attending DWU was "an obvious choice." "My entire family has gone here, and my dad is a graduate," he said.

Bader also said the First United Methodist Church was an instrumental part in his decision to come to Wesleyan.

After college, Bader would like to find a seminary that fits him and pursue ordained ministry.

He also wants to continue his relationship with the Spirit Lake Indian Nation.

"There is really a Third World 'country' two hours from my doorstep," Bader said.



Matthew Bader has been collecting shoes for others for years. This photo, taken circa 2009, shows **Libby Flowers**; Bader; Bader's father, **Dan Bader '82**; and **Mike Flowers**. Mike and Libby Flowers are the directors of the Spirit Lake Ministry Center, where Bader has volunteered for years. The boxes of shoes in this photo were donated to Warwick Elementary in Warwick, N.D. (Photo courtesy of Matthew Bader)

To donate toward Bader's cause, contact him via email.



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bricks and partnerships

a look at the impact of recent years' campus growth

wt feature



By Mari Olson

This spring marks 130 years since the cornerstone was laid for what would become Dakota Wesleyan University.

And how things have changed.

Through the generosity and vision of others, and the amazing partnerships forged with businesses, professionals and other institutions (see page 4 for President Amy Novak's message about the McGovern Center and PUSH), Dakota Wesleyan has grown from a one-building campus to 13; a one-college system to three, with more than 40 majors and programs; and the university that was founded without a single athletic team now sports 15.

More recently, there has been a building boom on campus. In the past 10 years, DWU has added the McGovern Library, Jackson Plaza and the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center, and has broken ground on the Avera Sports and Wellness Complex, set to open in spring 2016.

The momentum is building.

Dakota Wesleyan's recent construction projects are a noticeable change to the campus landscape – but the programs on campus have also been growing, building and excelling. Here is a glimpse at how one building or one program can make an impact on the student experience.



momentum

moving **WESLEYAN** forward

ARTS on the rise

Dakota Wesleyan University's music department has a new name, thanks to benefactors Ron and Sheilah Gates, of Mitchell. Due to this gift, the Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music will be able to hire an additional faculty member, and an endowment will support music for years to come.

"The generous gift from Ron and Sheilah allows us to continue to grow and offer students a high-quality musical experience at DWU, no matter whether they are a major, minor or just an interested student," said Dr. Clinton Desmond, choral director.

The music department has grown in the four years Desmond has been on campus. When he came to campus in 2010, there were 34 students enrolled in the Dakota Wesleyan Choir and the Highlanders, and one student was majoring in



music. Now, there are 75 students active in four different choral groups, plus 12 students in Wesleyan Bells, 20 more students participating in LyricWood and the jazz band, and the department will add a faculty member to teach instrumental music this fall.

The DWU Department of Theatre has also seen some big changes over the years. Dan Miller, theatre director, came onto the scene in 2006 and took a department with only two students majoring in theatre and grew it into what it is today – a robust theatre program with 13 students majoring and several minoring in theatre. He also championed the creation of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree on campus, making DWU the only private university in the state to offer a B.F.A. The growth has led to the expansion of productions, as well. Theatre productions are still held in the Patten-Wing Theatre, but Miller also built the Équitem Theatre-in-the-Round next door to Patten-Wing, and plays and musicals have also been performed in the Sherman Center several times and across town at the Pepsi-Cola Theatre for Performing Arts.

Miller and Desmond have partnered to revitalize musical theatre on campus. They have produced four musicals on campus, and the most recent, "Scrooge, the Musical," was their departments' first Christmas special, done in partnership with the Mitchell Area Community Theatre in downtown Mitchell.

"Partnerships like these are not only how programs grow, but they

also help us stay relevant to our community," Miller said. "And having this musical at the Pepsi-Cola Theatre allowed us to do a bigger show to a wider audience.

"We feel that all liberal arts students should have easy access to a wide selection of music and theatre productions. The support DWU has received from people like Ron and Sheilah, as well as the Mitchell community, which supports our students by filling our seats for performances, these are things that not only show that the arts are important to our community, but that there is also a demand for them. And, we are perfectly happy to keep growing."



Ron and Sheilah Gates

cutting-edge LABS

Few could argue that the opening of the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center has a constant impact on student experiences. The building, which houses the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences and the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing, opened in 2013 and has become home base for DWU math and science classes. It has also provided opportunities for outreach and partnerships in the community.

The nursing simulation labs are four state-of-the-art "hospital rooms" with programmable manikins and the ability to observe cases via video link.

"The simulation labs not only give our students the ability to practice in a realistic setting, but we have been able to invite community members to campus for training, as well," said Carena Jarding, assistant professor of nursing. "Having that ability to partner with our community is invaluable for all of us."

This year, DWU invited the Health Occupations Students of America students from Mitchell High School to take part in a cardiac arrest code simulation as preparation for their national competition. DWU will also

partner with Avera Queen of Peace Hospital and provide a simulation lab on obstetrics for nurses who need to update certification.

"Our students are already getting experience in simulation labs and getting comfortable in that setting, so when they enter their careers and are asked to do sim labs, they automatically will be less intimidated because that is where their education began," Jarding said. "Having this facility has truly impacted our students' educational experience and increased what we, the faculty, can bring to the classroom."



TOP: Becka Schelske, assistant professor of nursing, demonstrates how to check vitals on an infant manikin within the simulation labs in the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing.



LEFT: Hannah Spates, sophomore nursing major from Mitchell, practices on a manikin in the simulation lab.

the hub of **ACTIVITY**

The McGovern Library opened in 2006, incorporating the bookstore, computer labs and a new coffee shop, in addition to the library collections and services, making it a hub of activity, and in many ways, the unofficial student center for campus.

"When we planned the library back in 1998, we purposely considered the library's atmosphere and endeavored to create a strong sense of place," said Kevin Kenkel, director of learning resources. "The library is a central space for campus activity."

"The library materials, study spaces, meeting rooms, Java City, bookstore and classrooms mean that we have students, faculty, staff and community members coming through the doors every day. All year, but especially in the summer, tourists come to see the museum dedicated to the life and political career of George McGovern. Alumni, tourists, prospective students and current students come to shop at the bookstore. We see group study, individual study, peer tutoring facilitated by TRiO, meetings between professors and students – a lot of interaction and collaboration."

Based on the security gate counter, the Layne Library – formerly located within Smith Hall – saw 55,257 people during its last year. The McGovern Library gets well more than 125,000 visitors annually. The current print collection now houses approximately 76,000 volumes and 100 current periodical subscriptions, Kenkel said, with access to more than 200,000 volumes electronically, and more than 50 online databases providing access to more than 43,500 periodicals. The library also houses the Jennewein Western History Library, the Boyajian Civil War Collection, the Margaret Teufel Children's Collection, and the archives for both DWU and the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Jeff Logan ex'75, president of Logan Luxury Theatres Corporation, shared his story on entrepreneurship in front of the McGovern Library fireplace during Global Entrepreneurship Week. This casual lounging area is often used for presentations, informal meetings, and coffee among students, faculty and staff.



Java City,
McGovern Library

by the **NUMBERS**

The DWU Department of Business doesn't exactly have a "home" on campus, but its impact is easy to spot among the students it produces – from entrepreneurial students pitching business proposals to a Shark Tank in class, to sports management students working with professional sports teams, to accounting students setting themselves apart from others in their field.

Two of this year's standout seniors in accounting already have positions secured at firms following graduation. Katie Johnson, of Mead, Neb., will work at Deloitte in Omaha, joining 2011 alumna Carly Hayes. Jared Stearns, of Canton, was hired by McGladrey in Sioux Falls.

Stearns was also awarded the Accounting Program Completion Scholarship from the South Dakota CPA Society for the 2014-15 academic year, and Johnson was one of only five students awarded the Accounting Excellence Scholarship from the South Dakota CPA Society for the 2014-15 academic year.

The department now offers six majors and currently has 122 students who have declared business-related majors. DWU also added the online Master of Business Administration, which currently has 21 enrolled students.

"We can attribute the growth of the business programs, at least in part, to our ongoing relationships with local and



Katie Johnson, of Mead, Neb., and **Jared Stearns**, of Canton, will both graduate this spring from the Dakota Wesleyan University Department of Business with jobs already secured.

area firms, like Trail King, BankWest and many others," said Christine Mauszycki '03, instructor of accounting, who has been teaching at DWU since 2010.

"In the first few days at my internship at Trail King, I was given some pretty in-depth accounting work," Stearns said. "Everything they gave me, I had seen in the classroom. That's when I knew my education had prepared me so well. I knew this is a great education; this is a great place to be."

The DWU accounting program has three CPAs teaching: Mauszycki; Ed Plastow '73, professor and dean of graduate studies and new ventures; and Chris Johnson, tax instructor.

"I believe the passion of our experienced accounting faculty has helped grow the accounting program from eight students in 2010 to 34

accounting majors currently," Mauszycki said. "Bringing real-world experience into the classroom truly resonates with our students. In addition, we have many local internship opportunities for our students in both public and private accounting. This creates an opportunity for students to apply what they learn in the classroom."

The accounting program has also evolved by dropping the requirement of a minor, allowing faculty to add upper-level courses to the program so that every section of the CPA exam is covered in the undergraduate program.

"I'm ready to go," Stearns said. "I know my education at DWU has prepared me, and I look forward to my work at McGladrey."

Fran the Man

mentally tough, battling through

wt feature

By Nick McCutcheon
Sports Information Director

His final campaign may not have gone as scripted, but senior running back **Francois Barnaud** completed his senior season with a proud smile about the Dakota Wesleyan University football team and what it accomplished in his time with the team.

Barnaud, a native of Belle Fourche, came into the 2014 football season with high expectations for himself and the Tigers. After a record-setting junior season, he immediately set his sights even higher for his last go-round with DWU. The expectations are higher for the Tigers these days, and Barnaud is proud of that.

"We went from being happy with a 6-4 season to going 7-4 this season and not being pleased with it," Barnaud said. "It's crazy to see the change in the program like that in our time here."

The 2014 senior class tied the school record for wins with 27 and never suffered a losing season. The Tigers had not seen four consecutive winning seasons since the 1920s before this year's iteration.

"The thing I am most proud of with Fran is the fact that he has matured into a great person along with being a great football player," said DWU Head Coach Ross Cimpl. "Fran was very motivated by statistics and accolades early in his career, and the thing that I have seen him develop into is a person who is more concerned with the team and how we operate on a daily basis."

It was not uncommon to see Barnaud on Twitter during his final offseason sending out messages of "#2500yards" to set the expectation for the 2014 season.

In the second game this season against Briar Cliff University, Barnaud suffered a torn meniscus in his left knee. A painful injury, it hampered his ability to make hard cuts while on the run and limited the breakaway speed he showed as a junior and in the first game of 2014.

"I am not one to make excuses, but the injury did affect me a lot," Barnaud said. "I felt like I was 100 times better coming into



Francois Barnaud



season than even last year. But after the injury, I could not practice all week and basically had to go out there and hope to be able to do things. As an athlete, you never want to come off the field. Not being able to do the things I know I can do to help the team win was tough."

Instead of having a knee operation midseason, which may have cost him as little as a few games or the rest of the schedule, he battled through the pain and put up the second-highest rushing total in school history. Barnaud said he played most of the games this season at 70 percent or below.

Even limited by injury, Barnaud carried the ball 256 times this season for 1,409 yards for an average of 5.5 per carry in 2014. He scored 14 touchdowns and had a long of 75 yards, which came in the season-opening victory over the University of Wisconsin-Stout, when he ran for a season-high 282 yards.

The rushing total for Barnaud is only eclipsed in DWU history by the number he put up in his junior season. In his first full season as the Tigers go-to running back in 2013, Barnaud rushed 285 times for 1,893 yards and 14 scores. He was named a Beyond Sports Network All-American and led the Tigers to an eight-win season for the first time in more than 20 years.

Despite the accolades, records and the ups and downs, Barnaud's proudest moment had nothing to do with scoring touchdowns or racking up yardage.

"I know I broke a bunch of records and that's all great, but my proudest moment

was taking that victory formation against Dordt with all of the seniors on the field," Barnaud said about the final play of his college career. "For guys like Jeff (Maassen) and Josh (Fiedler) to come out with the offense and to have that final play with all the guys I have played with for four years was special."

With time running down and a big lead in the final game of the 2014 season against Dordt, the Tigers called timeouts on defense to make sure the offense got the ball back to give the seniors that special send off in their final game.

"I'm sure at first, people thought it was a dirty thing to call timeouts with the lead like we were trying to blow Dordt out," Barnaud said. "Obviously it was important for us to acknowledge the careers that those players had. It showed how much we care about the players and how much the coaches care."

Barnaud spent four and a half years on campus at DWU, and the impression he has of his time is all positive. He sees the growth in himself from the moment he arrived in Mitchell to the man who is preparing to graduate in December.

After coming to Dakota Wesleyan for his freshman season, Barnaud left the Tigers and transferred to South Dakota State University to play football for the Jackrabbits. His time at SDSU did not go as planned, and he returned to DWU to stay. He said he wanted to come back to Wesleyan to continue playing with his brother, Mike Barnaud.

"It wasn't a good semester at SDSU," Barnaud said. "I felt like I needed a fresh start and my brother was still here, and the rest is history pretty much."

He fought his way up the depth chart for the Tigers, but was sidelined by a back injury in what would have been his junior season in 2012. Barnaud took a medical redshirt and came back stronger.

During his record-setting junior season, Barnaud had the luxury of a senior quarterback who started for four years in Jon Bane, and a receiving corps that included All-American Anthony Muilenburg to take the defense's attention away from the running attack. That was not the case in 2014, as the Tigers started true freshman quarterback Dillon Turner most of the season, along with a relatively inexperienced group of receivers.

"It was different to try and have to be a little more vocal and be that leader," Barnaud said. "Last year, Bane took care of a lot of that stuff, and I was more a leader by example. It was frustrating getting injured because I couldn't lead by example as much, but it made me

better as far as leading vocally."

Going forward, Barnaud is not ready to leave football behind. He has plans to play in an All-Star game, which may be in question after recently having surgery on his knee. He also plans to participate in a few scouting combines and sees playing in the Canadian Football League as his best shot to make it at the next level.

The rise in success for Barnaud has mirrored the rise of the DWU football program from a middle-of-the-pack team in the league to a contender in the Great Plains Athletic Conference striving for an NAIA playoff berth.

"Fran is one of the best overall players to wear a DWU jersey and probably the best running back in the history of DWU," Cimpl said. "He has been a critical piece to raising the level of play and expectations for Tiger football and how players should prepare, train and play at DWU."

Fans will not have the opportunity of seeing Barnaud on the field again for DWU, but the Tiger football program is in a better place going forward thanks to the efforts of Barnaud and the rest of the 2014 senior class.



Contact the DWU head coach for more information about Tiger football.



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DWU FOOTBALL



SHORTS

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Men's Basketball

The DWU men's basketball team is off to one of the best starts in program history under second-year coach Matt Wilber. The Tigers started the season on the outside of the national rankings and have climbed all the way to No. 3 in the polls behind a 19-1 start. The mix of senior forward Jalen Voss on the inside and an arsenal of long-range shooters have propelled DWU to the top of the GPAC at 9-1 at the midway point of the league schedule. The Tigers rank No. 1 in the nation in several offensive categories, including scoring margin as DWU is besting opponents by 22 points per game.

Women's Basketball

With new faces on the court this season, the DWU women's basketball team has experienced highs and lows. The Tigers picked up early season wins over two ranked opponents, No. 7 Jamestown and No. 17 Mayville State, at the Fulton State Bank Classic. DWU is 11-9 overall and 4-6 in the GPAC. Senior guard Celeste Beck leads the Tigers with 13.1 points and 4.1 rebounds per game.

Wrestling

The Tiger wrestling season is underway with first-year coach Boomer Fechko leading the way. DWU has had to deal with a string of injuries and open weight classes early in the 2014-15 season. Senior Trevor DeVestern came into the year

10 wins shy of the DWU record for wins in a career. An injury in a win for DeVestern against Northwestern College has sidelined the DWU All-American, leaving an additional opening in the Tiger lineup.

Men's Cross Country

The DWU men's cross country team saved its best performance of the season for last. The Tigers had several events where the team did not field enough runners to qualify with a team score, but at the GPAC Championships in Mitchell, the Tigers came together to take eighth on their home course. DWU was led by freshman Lane Tibbs with a 21st-place finish in a time of 26:17.55 in the 8K race.

Women's Cross Country

The DWU women's cross country team finished 10th out of 11 teams at the GPAC Championships hosted at the Tigers' home course at Wild Oak. Sophomore Skylar Forgey was the top finisher for DWU at the GPAC event, finishing the 5K race in 64th place with a time of 20:43.76.

Football

The Wesleyan football team came into the 2014 season with high expectations, and while the Tigers missed out on their final goal of an NAIA playoff berth, DWU put together its fourth consecutive winning season. DWU had not seen four straight

winning seasons in football since the 1920s. The Tigers finished 7-4 overall and 5-4 in the GPAC as the team enjoyed a schedule with seven home games, winning six in front of the home fans. Senior running back Francois Barnaud capped off his stellar career with another standout season. He leaves DWU as the school's all-time leading rusher after 1,409 yards this season. Barnaud was one of 13 Tigers to receive All-GPAC honors following the season. The 2014 senior class tied the DWU school record for wins over a four-year span with 27.

Men's Golf

The DWU men's golf team started the season strong in fall 2014, picking up wins in two of its first three events. The Tigers took the Lancer Invite to open the season and won the Palace City Classic in Mitchell. DWU finished seventh in each of the first two GPAC Qualifiers, including the first one hosted at Wild Oak Golf Course, the Tigers' home course. The Tigers sit eighth out of 11 teams in the GPAC Qualifier standings heading into the spring schedule. Thomas Hogg is tied for fifth in the individual standings after carding a 148 over the first two rounds.

Women's Golf

It was business as usual for the DWU women's golf team in the fall season of 2014, with the Tigers winning two of four events and taking both GPAC Qualifiers. The Tigers are looking for a seventh consecutive GPAC title and 12th straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament. DWU leads the GPAC Qualifier standings with a dominating 49-stroke advantage after two rounds. The top of the individual leaderboard is littered with Tigers, as the team holds four of the top six scores heading into the final two GPAC Qualifiers this spring.

Men's Soccer

The DWU men's soccer team battled with injuries throughout the 2014 season, but proved to be a tough matchup for every team on the schedule. DWU picked up an early-season 2-0 win over No. 23 Rocky Mountain

College, the first victory over a ranked opponent in the history of Tiger men's soccer. The Tigers fought their way to an 8-10-1 overall record and 3-6-1 finish in the GPAC. Senior forward Chaz Foss led the Tiger offense with 11 goals and nine assists. He was named to the All-GPAC Second Team, while midfielder Bryce Berletic was named an All-GPAC Honorable Mention.

Women's Soccer

Entering his first season as head coach of the DWU women's soccer team, Clayson Glasgow guided his team well past the expectations of those around the GPAC. The Tigers were picked to finish last in the conference, but finished sixth at 5-5-1 in the league and 9-10-1 overall. DWU made it to the GPAC Postseason Tournament semifinals after upsetting No. 3-seed Midland University on the road in the first round. Senior forward Megan Johnson spent most of the first half of the 2014 season leading the nation in goals scored before a back injury limited her playing time the rest of the season. Johnson, who was named to the All-GPAC First Team, finished her final season with 23 goals and four assists for the Tigers, while fellow senior Thara Ali Said, an All-GPAC Honorable Mention, added 13 goals.

Volleyball

The DWU volleyball team had several new faces on the court and on the sidelines under first-year head coach Lindsay Wilber in 2014. The Tigers started the 2014 season with wins in four of their first five matches, including three at the Corn Palace Classic. After going winless in the GPAC in 2013, the Tigers snapped their conference losing streak with a win on the road against Mount Marty College in four games. The Tigers were led by a pair of sophomore college transfers. Setter Michelle Van Epps finished the season third in the GPAC in assists per game with 9.7, while outside hitter Lauren Tadlock was third in the league in kills per game with 3.5. Both players were named All-GPAC Honorable Mention, as the Tigers finished the season 8-21 overall and 1-15 in the GPAC.



Entering her final campaign with the Tigers, **Megan Johnson** surged out of the gate to lead the nation in goals for much of the first half of the season for the Tigers, with 22 through the first 10 games of 2014. Johnson came into her senior year with 10 career goals in her first three seasons. After moving to the forward position in 2014, Johnson thrived, setting a new school record with 23 goals. Her season was cut short after an injury midway through the season which limited Johnson's playing time down the stretch. DWU was picked to finish last in the Great Plains Athletic Conference under first-year coach Clayson Glasgow, but the team gelled to end the season at 5-5-1 in the league and earned a berth in the GPAC Postseason Tournament. (Photo by Nick McCutcheon)



class notes.

We welcome alumni news for the **Class Notes** section of *Wesleyan Today*.

Please note that we edit Class Notes for length, with priority given to news specifically about alumni of Dakota Wesleyan. Go to the "alumni and visitors" link at www.dwu.edu and click on "update alumni information" to tell us what's new with you.

1960s

Jerry Miller '63 received the Keeper of the Game award from the South Dakota Football Coaches Association during the 2014 State High School Football Championships in Vermillion. Jerry was recognized for his leadership in the development of the State High School Football Championship Program which debuted in the early 1980s.

1970s

George Bittner '71 was elected president of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association at the annual state convention held in May. He will serve on the Executive Board of SDFDA as state president for the 2014-15 year.

Paul Slocum '71 is semiretired after 41 years of practicing physical therapy.

Elaine Kurtenbach Behrend '72 still misses teaching after more than 30 years, 12 in the same classroom as a first-grade teacher. Now she is able to travel to Albuquerque, San Diego and Evansville more often to see her sons, their wives and eight grandchildren.

Leon Washington '72 joined the DWU Board of Trustees in fall 2014. He is the vice provost for admissions and financial aid at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (See page 10 to read "Coming Back to Wesleyan.")

Raleigh Voas '73 lost his wife, Cynthia, to cancer in April.

Ron Martin '74, of Tyler, Texas, was recently appointed to his second term as a DWU trustee. He previously served on the board from 2001 to 2013. Martin is currently principal/loan officer for Avenue Mortgage LLC in Tyler.



Class of 1964 Reunion

Back row, from left: **Lew Massey**, Council Bluffs, Iowa; **Clem Lagala**, Port Saint Lucie, Fla.; **Larry Herzog**, Munnsville, N.Y.; **Wayne Thue**, Hayti; **Myron Fuerst**, Sioux Falls; **Ken Haines**, Charlotte, N.C.; **James Strickland**, Eugene, Ore.; **Ron Parks**, Mitchell; **Mel Ammon**, Creston, Iowa; and **Ron Williamson**, Peachtree City, Ga. Middle row: **Terry Tucker Ammon**, Creston, Iowa; **Maurice Cady**, Fort Collins, Colo.; **Dan Rice**, Fargo, N.D.; **Don Gatzke**, Hooper Bay, Ark.; **Jeff Daniels**, Fairfax, Minn.; **Charlotte Lehman Daniels**, Fairfax, Minn.; **Page Burdette**, Martinsburg, W.V.; **Sandy Karrels Williamson**, Peachtree City, Ga.; **Gretchen Hovda Quayle**, Huron, Ohio; and **Bill Thayer**, McCook Lake. Front row: **Ted Safranski**, Mitchell; **Dee Dee Britton Karabetsos**, Rapid City; **Georgiann Crum Crouse**, Casper, Wyo.; **Donna Miller Strickland**, Eugene, Ore.; **Denna Cleland Massey**, Council Bluffs, Iowa; **Stu Crouse**, Casper, Wyo.; and **Mike Quayle**, Huron, Ohio.



Class of 1964 DWU Campus Tour

In August, several members of the Class of 1964 toured campus, including a stop at the Glenda K. Corrigan (also from the Class of 1964) Health Sciences Center. Left to right: **Shari Dartt Ochs '64** and **Ron Ochs**, Crosslake, Minn.; and **Judy Mayer Meserve '64** and **Herb Meserve '64**, Shoreham, N.Y.

Be sure to stop by the beautiful Dakota Wesleyan campus for a visit when you are on your travels. DWU staff will give you a tour of campus, including stops at many of our new buildings. Wesleyan alumni and friends can take pride in the momentum that has been generated in recent years.



Classes of 1971-74 Reunion

Back row, from left: **Jim Schwartz '74**, Woodland, Mich.; **Ron Martin '74**, Tyler, Texas; **Deb Ecker Kuhler '74**, Huron; **George Kuhler '73**, Huron; **Bruce Heimback '73**, Guernsey, Wyo.; **Leon Washington '72**, Bethlehem, Pa.; **Ed Plastow '73**, Mitchell; **Kathy Yates Dey '74**, Gillette, Wyo.; **Kitty Tyler '74**, Cape Coral, Fla.; and **Judy McCarthy**, Rapid City. Front row: **Stan Mack**, Mobridge; **LeAnn Stevenson Mack '74**, Mobridge; **Pam Martin '73**, Tyler, Texas; **Roxann Foster '72**, Sugarland, Texas; **Wendy Lamont '73**, Sioux Falls; **Gail Hoe Heimback '74**, Guernsey, Wyo.; **Maria Washington**, Bethlehem, Pa.; and **Jeanne Schoenfelder Lorenz ex'74**, Mitchell. (Not pictured: **Dave McCarthy '73**, Rapid City)



Classes of '80s and '90s Reunion

Back row, from left: **Julie Hart Schutte '89**, Mitchell; **Michaela Goodrich Erickson '92**, Salem; **John and Jodi Metter Landgaard '89**, Worthington, Minn.; **Renee Lester Haliburton '90**, Cottage Grove, Minn.; **Troy Magnuson '89**, Mitchell; **Lori Clendening Wehlander '92**, Iroquois; and **Julie Burbidge Swenson '90**, Lennox. Seated: **Brett Schutte '91**, Mitchell; **Boyd Erickson '91**, Salem; **Jeff Clendening '90**, Ethan; **Troy Eilts '89**, Mitchell; and **Curt Wehlander '89**, Iroquois.

1980s

Dale Benard '87 has been selected as a finalist for the 2014-15 Montana Superintendent of the Year award. Dale lives in Geyser, Mont., with his wife, Dodi.

Linda Harris '86 was appointed Gateway Regional District Superintendent for the Missouri Conference in June.

1990s

Lori Clendening Wehlander '92 started as director of special services at the Huron School District in July 2014.

Beth Kroger '96 joined the DWU Board of Trustees in the fall. She is currently the chief of operations of the JILA research institute at the University of Colorado-Boulder in partnership with the university and the National Institute of Science and Technology.

2000s

Amy Dimond McClaine '01 graduated in May 2014 from the University of Kansas with an M.S.W.

Mike Molitor '08 is the freshman/sophomore English and creative writing teacher at Hot Springs School District. He is also the head middle school football coach and assists with the varsity football program.

Friends

Jack J. Early HD'69, former president of Dakota Wesleyan University, was elected governor of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. He is the chaplain general for the General Society of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Roger Musick HD'07 began his second term on the DWU Board of Trustees recently. He previously served on the board from 1995 to 2007. Musick founded and is the CEO of Innovative Systems, a telecommunications software development company in Mitchell.

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Jacquelyn Johnson joined the DWU Board of Trustees in fall 2014. She is a financial adviser and stockholder for Dice Financial Services Group in Mitchell.

Weddings

Marco Mora '12 and **Sara Long '11** married on July 10, 2014.

Ray Rickenbach '12 married Tess Grebner on Dec. 27, 2014, in Rapid City. He is currently attending flight school at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

Births

Jeremy '01 and **Christie Hallum Gunkel '08** welcomed a son, Casen, on June 20, 2014. Casen joined his brothers, Jalen, Gavin and Graeson.

Brent and **Sarah Viedt Taggart '04** welcomed Briggs Victor on June 1, 2014. He joins his sister, Chloe, 6, and his brother, Evan, 3.

Adam and **Kristen Windle Bertsch '03** welcomed Penelope Rose on April 26, 2014.

Deaths

Juanita Kingdon '33, of Mitchell, died on Sept. 26, 2014, three months short of her 103rd birthday.

Esther Henning '36, of Glendale, Calif., died on June 29, 2014, one month before her 100th birthday.

Margaret Findley '39 died on Aug. 27, 2014, one month before her 101st birthday in Des Moines, Wash.

Robert Hutchinson ex'39, of Galveston, Texas, died on June 28, 2014.

Laurence Lesser ex'41 died on Aug. 22, 2014, in Norwalk, Conn.

Loren Mussler '42, of Portland, Ore., died on June 28, 2014.

THE TROPHY



by Felice Lesser

DEBATE AND ORATORY DEBATE TEAMS



Top row: Crater, Buchanan, Walter Schmidt, Alice Ness, Arthur Langland, Ollie Emery, George Cannon.
Second row: Dan Grigg, Helen Hamilton, Bill Rector, Marguerite Houshatter, Laurence Lesser, Carl Hays.
Third row: Phyllis Hain, Vernon Stadel, Mr. Robbins, Marion Little, Phyllis Swan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last summer, Felice Lesser, daughter of **Laurence Lesser '41**, wrote to DWU to request information about a forensics trophy her father had won while he was a student in the late 1930s. She and Laurie Langland, university archivist, worked together to compile information about the award, and Felice wrote the following account after an interview with her father. Just two days after she read him the piece, he passed away in Connecticut.

"I was planning on becoming a lawyer and was told that I should study extemporaneous speech, as that would serve me well in my future career," remembered Laurence Lesser '41, who attended Dakota Wesleyan in the late 1930s. "I enrolled in Buren Robbins' Extemporaneous Speech and Debate class. When Professor Robbins saw I had difficulties with memorization, he gave me some advice: 'The best thing you can do is organize the points you want to make by number.'"

Coach Robbins' DWU team was invited to the 1939 regional debate competition in Aberdeen. The Extemporaneous Speech Competition gave each of eight speakers eight minutes to answer an assigned question.

"They began by putting each of us into what looked like telephone booths. A person came around with a slip of paper in an envelope, and said, 'When we blow a whistle, you can open up the envelope, and that will mark the start of the competition.' So when I opened up that envelope, I found the number '8,' which meant I would be the last to speak. Also in the envelope was our topic: 'Do you think President Franklin D. Roosevelt had been wise in appointing a woman, Frances Perkins, as Secretary of Labor?' Shortly before the competition, I had picked up a discarded copy of the previous day's newspaper, and there happened to be an article about Frances Perkins in it. And I also knew about her part in the strike at the River Rouge plant in

Detroit. And oddly enough, I had once heard her speak in person and was very impressed, so I was able to bring those recollections into the presentation. But how would I organize all of what I wanted to say? I remembered then what Professor Robbins had told me about just assigning a number to each of the points I wanted to make. I managed to come up with five reasons I thought that President Roosevelt was wise in appointing Frances Perkins – numbered one to five, just as Professor Robbins had instructed.

When my turn came, I went through my five points. When I finished, the previous speakers got a chance to ask me questions. One said, 'What makes you think that a woman is equal to a man?' I replied, 'Our Declaration of Independence states very clearly that all men are created equal. And that includes women. And in South Dakota, where I'm from, women go out with their husbands to plow the fields. They work side-by-side getting the job done. If that's not equality, I don't know what is.' At the end, the chief judge came over and handed me the Winner's Cup. Professor Robbins couldn't believe his eyes. Here we were from this little cow college with 640 students, and we had just won the tournament against these large universities with upwards of 10,000 students. I turned to him and said, 'Here. This really belongs to you. I won because you taught me everything I needed to know to win it.'"

Laurence Lesser received his J.D. from the University of South Dakota and served in Europe in World War II. He settled in Connecticut and married Ethel Gruss in 1951. Their marriage lasted 62 years, until her death in 2014, and they had two children. Lesser died in August 2014.

Lesser's trophy remains at DWU today, on display in the McGovern Library.

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Randall Scholar Reunion

At the 2014 Blue & White Days, Randall Scholars gathered to celebrate 30 years of Randall Scholarships and to thank **Ron and Charlys Randall** for their long tradition of supporting students at DWU. More than 60 people attended the event. Some of the current and past scholars included, back row, from left: sophomore **Kellan Willet**; sophomore **Dyrani Clark**; **Curt Wehlender '89**, Iroquois; **Boyd Erickson '91**, Salem; **Julie Burbidge Swenson '90**, Lennox; **Jodi McDonnell Parsons '92**, Milesville; **Erin Haber Radway '08**, Sioux Falls; **Donella Headlee '03**, Sioux Falls; and **John Cawley '04**, Fort Collins, Colo. Center: **Jennifer Nebelsick Lowery '04**, Tea; **Renee Harms Van Der Werff '90**, Armour; **Vicky Peterson Vetter '03**, Mitchell; junior **Lynze Wobig**; sophomore **Ann Thury**; **Michaela Goodrich Erickson '92**, Salem; **Renee Lester Haliburton '90**, Cottage Grove, Minn.; **Jackie Hajek Davis '91**, Orange City, Iowa; **Kristy Gould '92**, Decorah, Iowa; **Sherri McDonnell Bruinsma '95**, Stickney; **Annika Russell '96**, Mitchell; **Kim Eggers '96**, Clear Lake; **Tammy Shippy Bruna '94**, Brookings; and **Ann Schroyer Schwartz '99**, Pierre. Seated: **Breanna Clark '14**, Mitchell; **Genia Addison Donley '87**, Benton, Ky.; **Ron and Charlys Randall**, Mitchell; **Missy Herr-Valburg '94**, Draper; **Ashley Schoenfelder Digmann '06**, Mitchell; and **Alison Gantvoort Tendler '97**, Sioux Falls.



Bobbie Broski Davis '01 (center) and her son, of Santa Clara, Calif., were back in Mitchell in mid-November visiting her mother, **Rhonda Broski**. They all enjoyed a tour of the new Corrigan Health Sciences Center.

Ruth Lindstrom Leggett '43, of Santa Barbara, Calif., died on June 29, 2014. She is survived by her husband, **Veryl Leggett ex'50**.

Garold Faber ex'45, of Ventura, Calif., died on May 29, 2014.

Barbara Bridenbaugh Obert MH'46, of Edina, Minn., died on June 15, 2014.

Georgia Tyler Buehler MH'47, of Rapid City, died on Aug. 27, 2014.

Helen Swanson Cluts ex'47, of Sioux Falls, died on May 21, 2014.

Carroll Crouch '48, of Fergus Falls, Minn., died on Oct. 10, 2014.

Dorothy Peterson Segar '48, of Los Gatos, Calif., died on May 12, 2014.

Verda Scofield Carey '49, of Shoreline, Wash., died on July 4, 2014.

Jack Mitchell '50, of Conway, S.C., died on June 17, 2014.

Herb Eschliman '51, of Warrensburg, Mo., died on Aug. 4, 2014.

Naomi Kaye Hull '52, of Lincoln, Neb., died on July 5, 2014. She is survived by her husband, **Ron Hull '52, HD'90**, and her brother, **Phil Kaye '42, HD'95**.

Maitland McNamara Jr. '53, of Old Lyme, Conn., died on Aug. 15, 2014. He is survived by his wife, **Ramona Watkins McNamara '50**.

Lionel Stacey '53, of Berrin Springs, Mich., died on Aug. 17, 2014.

Dorothy Hubbard Schwieder '55, of Ames, Iowa, died on Aug. 13, 2014.

Carolyn Hullinger Smith ex'55, of Vivian, died on June 20, 2014.

Phyllis Ediger Sutton MH'55, of Watertown, died on June 9, 2014.

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Javier Nicasio Saenz '56, of Salt Lake City, died on Jan. 6, 2015. In 2003, he was recognized as the DWU Alumnus of the Year.

June Feistner Brewick MH'58, of Mitchell, died on Aug. 31, 2014.

Merlyn Swyter ex'58, of Emery, died on Sept. 8, 2014.

Harold Powers '59, of Glendale, Ariz., died on May 31, 2014.

Jerry Schmitz '59, of Aberdeen, died on July 1, 2014.

Roger Allen '60, of Mitchell, died on Oct. 24, 2014.

Dean Hanlon ex'60, of Emery, died on Sept. 12, 2014.

Gerald One Feather ex'60, of Oglala, died on Aug. 21, 2014.

Gerald Bohnhoff '64, of Sioux City, Iowa, died on June 1, 2014.

James Woods ex'64, of Festus, Mo., died on Oct. 5, 2014.

Mary Blum Klein '65, of Mitchell, died on July 8, 2014. She is survived by her daughters, **Sheryl Klein Miller '70** and **Deb Klein Isakson '72**.

Tom Wintemute '66, of Rapid City, died on May 15, 2014.

Barry Kusel '69, of Manning, Iowa, died on Nov. 21, 2014. He is survived by his brother, **Doug Kusel '70**.

Karen Davis Novotny '70, of Rosholt, died on May 8, 2014. She is survived by her brother, **Craig Davis '74**.

Roselyn Mitchell Fiala '71, of Harlingen, Texas, died on May 7, 2014.

Helen Tronek '74, of Mitchell, died on July 23, 2014.



Hilton Tree Dedication

The Hilton family gathered in May to dedicate a maple tree planted on campus in memory of the late **Earl Hilton '51**, a former DWU Athletic Hall of Fame inductee. Back row, from left: **Bob Hilton '73**, **Don Hilton '79**, **Steve Hilton**, **Lisa Webb Hilton** and **Jon Hilton '75**. Front row: **Kathy Wiley Hilton MH'74**, **Claire Hilton**, **Meredith Hilton McLeod '75**, **Blanche Haehner Hilton MH'48**, **Natalie Hilton**, **Elaine Martin Hilton '78** and the Rev. **Boyd Blumer**.

DOUG MARTIN, DWU men's basketball coach from 1988 to 2005 and athletic director from 1990 to 1999, died in La Crosse, Wis., on Dec. 14, 2014.

Martin led the Tigers to four conference titles and a national tournament berth in 1995. He was named conference coach of the year three times while at DWU, and he compiled a record of 252-256 before his retirement in 2005.

Martin was inducted into the DWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 and the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

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Proud to Stay Home Scholarship

The Proud to Stay Home Scholarship was presented by **Jeff Larson '89** to **Brent Havlik**, DWU sophomore from Mitchell. The scholarship, in memory of **Marlene Larson**, mother to alumni **Jeff, Scott Larson '91** and **Chad Larson '94**, was presented on Sept. 22, 2014 – what would have been Marlene's 71st birthday. The DWU scholarship is given to a Mitchell baseball and/or football recruit.



Honored for Service

Jerry Anderson '71 recently received his 40 years of service pin and plaque for service to the U.S. federal government. His service includes two years of active duty on the USS Mount Vernon; 26 years of civil service for the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C.; and 12 years with the TSA at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. He plans to retire in September to pursue a career in life coaching and public speaking.

Margie Styles Boyle '75, of Murdo, died on Oct. 5, 2014.

Thomas Peterson '75, of Great Falls, Mont., died on April 13, 2011.

Don Yungbluth '75, of Mitchell, died on Aug. 16, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, **Barb Frager Yungbluth '74**.

Joann Hauner Whitacre '83, of Bellevue, Neb., died on June 29, 2014.

Merlin Rieck '85, of Mitchell, died on Sept. 25, 2014. He is survived by a stepdaughter, **Tricia Kamps Gerlach '06**, and his sister, **Eileen Rieck Persons '71**.

Carole Miller Fall '88, of Rapid City, died on Oct. 14, 2014.

Melody Olson Munger '90, of Kimball, died on May 7, 2014.

Brandon Weaver '01, of Dawsonville, Ga., died on Nov. 22, 2014.

Friends

Wayne Hoogestraat, of Pierre, died on July 10, 2014. He was head of the speech department at DWU from 1956 to 1960.

Betty Soward Lunsford, of Amarillo, Texas, died on May 14, 2014. She was the dean of women at DWU from 1965 to 1974.

John Wilson died in December in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the English department faculty from 1989 to 2001.

2015 Date Book

- **March 6-15** – Spring Break
- **April 15** – McGovern Hunger Summit
- **April 16** – Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change
- **April 24** – Honors and Convocation Banquet
- **April 25** – Athletic Awards Banquet
- **May 2** – Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- **May 3** – Baccalaureate and Commencement
- **Sept. 25-26** – Blue & White Days

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HALI STROM, 18, of Crofton, Neb., daughter of Todd and Jill Strom, passed away on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. She was a freshman at DWU majoring in elementary education.

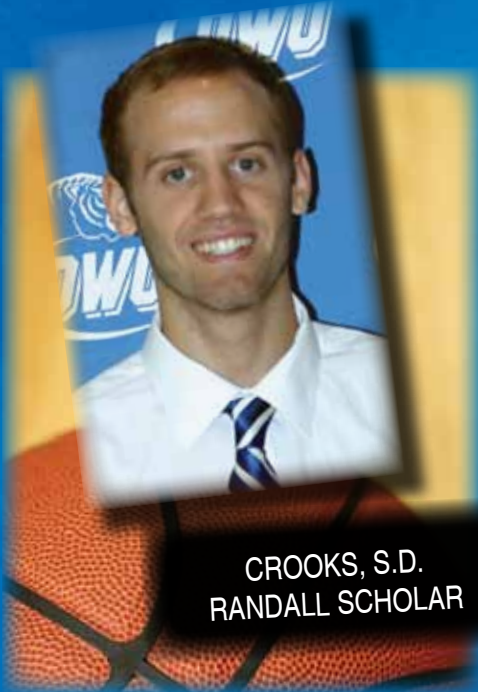
She was active in campus ministry, music, participated in "Scrooge, the Musical," was a Beanie Queen candidate for homecoming and was a member of the Yankton First United Methodist Church.



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TRAE BERGH

named Emil S. Liston Award winner



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RANDALL SCHOLAR

Trae Bergh, a member of the Dakota Wesleyan University men's basketball team, was named the 2014 recipient of the Emil S. Liston Award in September 2014.

The honor is given annually to student-athletes in their junior year and has been presented each year since 1950 to one men's and one women's NAIA basketball player. The award, which is presented by Daktronics, recognizes academic and athletic excellence and includes a \$1,000 scholarship to each winner. The award is named in honor of the NAIA's first executive secretary and a prime mover behind the NAIA Men's Basketball Tournament.

"It's nice to receive an award like this because it's not about just basketball," Bergh said. "Something my parents preached since I was a foot tall, is when you live in a small town you are not just seen on the basketball court and it's important to work hard and set an example in the community. It's great to get noticed for all the hard work."

In the classroom, Bergh holds a 4.0 grade point average and is studying athletic training. He assisted with the DWU women's soccer training staff in 2014. On the court this season, Bergh has been a key member of the Tigers, helping the team climb to No. 3 in the national poll.



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Distinguished Alumni Awards

Jon Kreamelemeyer, Karen Erickson Lantz and Gale Kleven received **Distinguished Alumni Awards** at the 2014 Legacy Banquet in September.

Jon Kreamelemeyer '70 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Leadership and Public Service and served as this year's Opperman Distinguished Alumni Lecturer.

Kreamelemeyer's passion for skiing took him from the slopes of Colorado to guiding a visually impaired skier who won a bronze medal in the Paralympics in Norway.

He grew up skiing in Colorado but transferred to Dakota Wesleyan University as a wrestler, graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, education and psychology.

During the Opperman Lecture, Kreamelemeyer talked about his time at Dakota Wesleyan as a young wrestler who didn't quite have college figured out yet, but through hard work and the mentorship of his coach, Joe Lopour, things changed.

"The difference between my experience here and my experience at (another college) is that someone took an interest in me, someone cared," he said. "And that was the experience I received at Dakota Wesleyan, not just from Coach Lopour but also from the student body. When I arrived, I was accepted, no question whatsoever. ... You guys are amazing, this is a very strong, caring community, and that's what Dakota Wesleyan is all about. My heart is so with you guys because that tradition carries on today."

After graduation, he turned to coaching – coaching in life and coaching in sports. Kreamelemeyer was a life coach before the term was coined; he spent three decades coaching, teaching and working with at-risk youth in Colorado's Summit County High School, retiring in 1999.

He took the job as the U.S. Ski Team's disabled cross-country skiing head coach in 1999, although he had been part of the staff since the early '90s, serving as a guide for blind athletes.

He originally joined the U.S. Disabled Ski Team as a guide for Michele Drolet, the first American woman to earn a Paralympic cross-country ski medal (bronze, '94 in Lillehammer, Norway). Kreamelemeyer shifted positions in 2009 to cross-country development coach and retired from the U.S. Ski Team in 2011. He continues to serve as a technical classifier for the International Paralympic Committee.

He was selected Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee in 2000, and in 2014 he was inducted into the Visa International Paralympic Hall of Fame during the Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

In addition to teaching and coaching, he served from 1996 to 2003 on the Frisco, Colo., town council, and he served on the Summit School District Board of Education from 2003 to 2011.

He continues to teach skiing and is a volunteer coach with the local youth ski club, drawing encouragement and strength from his athletes.

He closed his lecture with a quote from Maya Angelo:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," and I think that comes back full circle for how I felt when I arrived at Dakota Wesleyan and the kindness I received not only from Coach Lopour but all the athletes and roommates and the student body."

He and his wife, Claudia, have three adult children.



Karen Erickson Lantz '65, of Rapid City, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Humanities. Lantz has been a music teacher, businesswoman and family advocate in Africa.

Lantz, originally of Reliance, majored in music and minored in Spanish and education at DWU. She began her career teaching music lessons in Reliance, Presho and New Underwood, and she later took classes at Black Hills State University and pursued a successful career in business.

Lantz began her business ventures as an owner and broker at Flack-Hoffman Realtors Inc. from 1978 to 1987. She organized stock market investment clubs with 50 friends in 1995 and 1999, and has been the president and CEO of United Methodist First Choice Federal Credit Union, serving United Methodists in South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota since 1987. She also became a commercial loan officer in order to transact church real estate loans for the credit union. She began the nonprofit Help Orphans and Widows (HOW) in 2006 with the help of two friends after she traveled to Uganda, Africa, to visit her son who is a missionary for the Independent Baptist Church in Uganda.

Through HOW, 105 widowed families have received Anglo-Nubian dairy goats. The goats offer a source of milk and economic stability to these families because tradition in Uganda dictates that when a husband dies, his wife is not allowed to inherit his property, leaving widows and children in dire straits.

When not volunteering for HOW, Lantz serves as church choir director and musician for several churches, currently the Rapid City UMC. She has composed sacred choral music with 24 registered copyrights, and she authored and composed a full-length Christmas musical. She has also mentored a handicapped adult since 2013.

She has two adult married sons and seven grandchildren.



Gale Kleven '98, of Dayton, Ohio, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences.

Kleven majored in psychology at Dakota Wesleyan and received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 2005 after study in UI's Laboratory of Comparative Ethogenesis. Her published work from her dissertation, "Patterns of Early Behavioral Development After Exposure to a Prototypical Neurotoxin Methylazoxymethanol (MAM)," was the first experimental demonstration of the sensitivity of behavioral measures to detect low-dose toxin exposure in the developing fetus.

She received a prestigious Pathway to Independence Award from the National Institute of Nursing Research for her current work studying the bio-behavioral pathways in the fetal basis of adult disease.

She became an assistant professor at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, in the behavioral neuroscience area of the psychology department in 2009, where she is currently involved in an active program of research and teaching.

She has presented at 10 national and international conferences, and 10 institutional and regional research symposiums. She has also won numerous awards, authored and co-authored nine published pieces in scientific journals and has several in review. She won two dissertation awards, two research awards and five NIH conference travel awards.

Kleven has four children.



FACEvalue

meet the **FACES** behind the **FACE** of DWU

Louie Schoenfelder '06, director of physical plant; Kevin Adams '94, maintenance technician/custodian; Larry Cap, groundskeeper; Steve Haier, maintenance technician/custodian; Brian Hoffman, custodian; Elwin Hohn, McGovern Library custodian; Allen Jenks, maintenance technician; Rick Johnson, supervisor of custodial services; Bev Rumbolz, custodian; Joe Weiland ex'79, custodian

They're responsible for the FACE of DWU – the physical plant staff builds, maintains, cleans, mows, plows and everything else the campus calls for. They are electricians, plumbers, carpenters and they take physical responsibility for the entire university, and the pride they take is evident in the beauty of the campus. We asked the campus community to reflect on the impact of the physical plant crew. In addition to expressing great gratitude, here are excerpts from the comments.

I have witnessed firsthand the physical plant going out of their way to help keep us working without delay. Not only are they ready to help during work hours, but they come to the rescue after work hours, too. There was a day that I had six kids in the van and a flat tire. It didn't take long at all for them to come and help even though they were already off work. — **FREDEL THOMAS**, Kelley Center of Entrepreneurship director

The physical plant staff are the foremost persons who hold DWU together, keep it operating and remarkably beautiful! — **MERCEDES J. FABRIZIUS**, sophomore

They keep the place clean, heated, safe and looking spectacular. — **DR. MICHAEL CATALANO**, mathematics professor

Our physical plant staff is second to none. Rick is intuitive ... He is everywhere, all the time, and no event goes on without him being a key part of the behind-the-scenes work, as well as a friendly, visible face for guests and all of us, alike. — **DIANA GOLDAMMER**, director of student life

The jacks-of-all-trades are also some of the nicest folks on campus – who else can be elbow-deep in a sprinkler faucet but still ask the various passerby how his/her day is going?

I love that no matter what the weather is doing, what hard job they're working on or how many hours they've worked that week, I always get a smile and a kind greeting. — **TRACI PATRICK**, accounts payable accountant

The physical plant is indeed the backbone of DWU and much of the beauty of its face as well! Those inside each building give it the spit and polish we need to be proud of our place, and those same folks greet us and enjoy a brief conversation each time we meet. Those outside and in the "fix-it" mode are equally smiley and equally efficient as well. — **GRETCHEN G. RICH**, assistant professor of English

Elwin is always a bright spot in my day. It doesn't matter what's going on, on campus or at home, his optimistic spirit and genuinely great attitude always rubs off on me. — **DR. ALISHA VINCENT**, McGovern Center director

Whatever you ask the physical plant crew to do, they respond as quickly as possible, with a smile and with courtesy. They climb up to the roofs, walk in the water, they mostly definitely do windows, floors and toilets, pick up after students, and they probably crawl into spaces the rest of us would not want to go into. Need a plumber, a landscaper, an electrician, a furniture mover, a "rug doctor?" They are every bit of that and more. — **THE NURSING DEPARTMENT**

Our physical plant does it all: tree-cutting, laying cement or seeing to the needs of various camps, conferences and events.

Rick in Rollins is an incredible employee. In fact, I don't know if he ever stops working. I see him here late in the evening and even when I'm here early to get a head start on my busy days. He has a tireless work ethic, and I have never seen him without a smile. — **RENÉ CARDONA III**, talent adviser

Our office could not complete the countless number of "festivities" that we roll out of the office without the hardworking physical plant staff. They all work together to make our crazy ideas a reality. — **ASHLEY HOBBS**, development officer

I am always so proud when I hear visitors comment on the beauty of the DWU campus. When I hear this, I say a prayer of thanks to each and every member of the physical plant because it is a combined effort of each of them to make our campus so inviting. — **DR. ROCKY VON EYE**, provost

The physical plant staff at Dakota Wesleyan has been nothing short of amazing in developing and keeping up the beauty we get to see on our campus each and every day. Lou and the crew are around every corner at all hours of the day making sure things are running smoothly to give our students the best experience possible while they are here at DWU. — **AMANDA HART '14**, assistant women's basketball coach, graduate assistant for sports information

The physical plant staff is a huge help to the archives. Elwin keeps things ship-shape and watches for any problems that arise so that they are dealt with immediately. Louie and Allen monitor and maintain the archives environment to ensure it is in good condition for preserving our unique historical collections. Rick and Brian have moved lots of boxes of archival material from other buildings to the archives. And they let me know when they find things that need a good home in the archives. — **LAURIE LANGLAND**, university archivist/Dakotas UM Conference archivist

No other department affects so many people. They're out there plowing snow in the early hours, showing up on weekends to take out fallen branches after rain storms, installing doors or remodeling offices. And quite honestly, there's no better table to sit at during work functions – they're a quiet bunch, but they're honest-to-goodness funny. — **MARI OLSON**, university relations

The physical plant staff at DWU doesn't just respond to problems; they work proactively, always trying to make campus better and brighter – not just because it's their job, but because they care deeply about DWU. — **THE REV. ERIC VAN METER**, campus pastor

Over the course of the 20-plus years I've been at DWU, I've worked with several different physical plant teams. This group is one of the best. With their efforts, events run smoothly and the campus looks wonderful and is always inviting. — **DEB CAP**, administrative assistant to advancement



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PHYSICAL PLANT



The full physical plant crew is pictured, from left to right: **Joe Weiland** ex'79, **Steve Haiar**, **Larry Cap**, **Louie Schoenfelder** '06, **Brian Hoffman**, **Allen Jenks**, **Elwin Hohn**, **Bev Rumbolz**, **Kevin Adams** '94 and **Rick Johnson**.



Kevin Adams and **Allen Jenks** finish cutting up a fallen tree that came down during a weekend storm.



Rick Johnson snaps a photo with his two clones. **Dawn Olsen** and **Kelly Sullivan** of Aramark Food Services decided to dress up as him for Halloween.



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