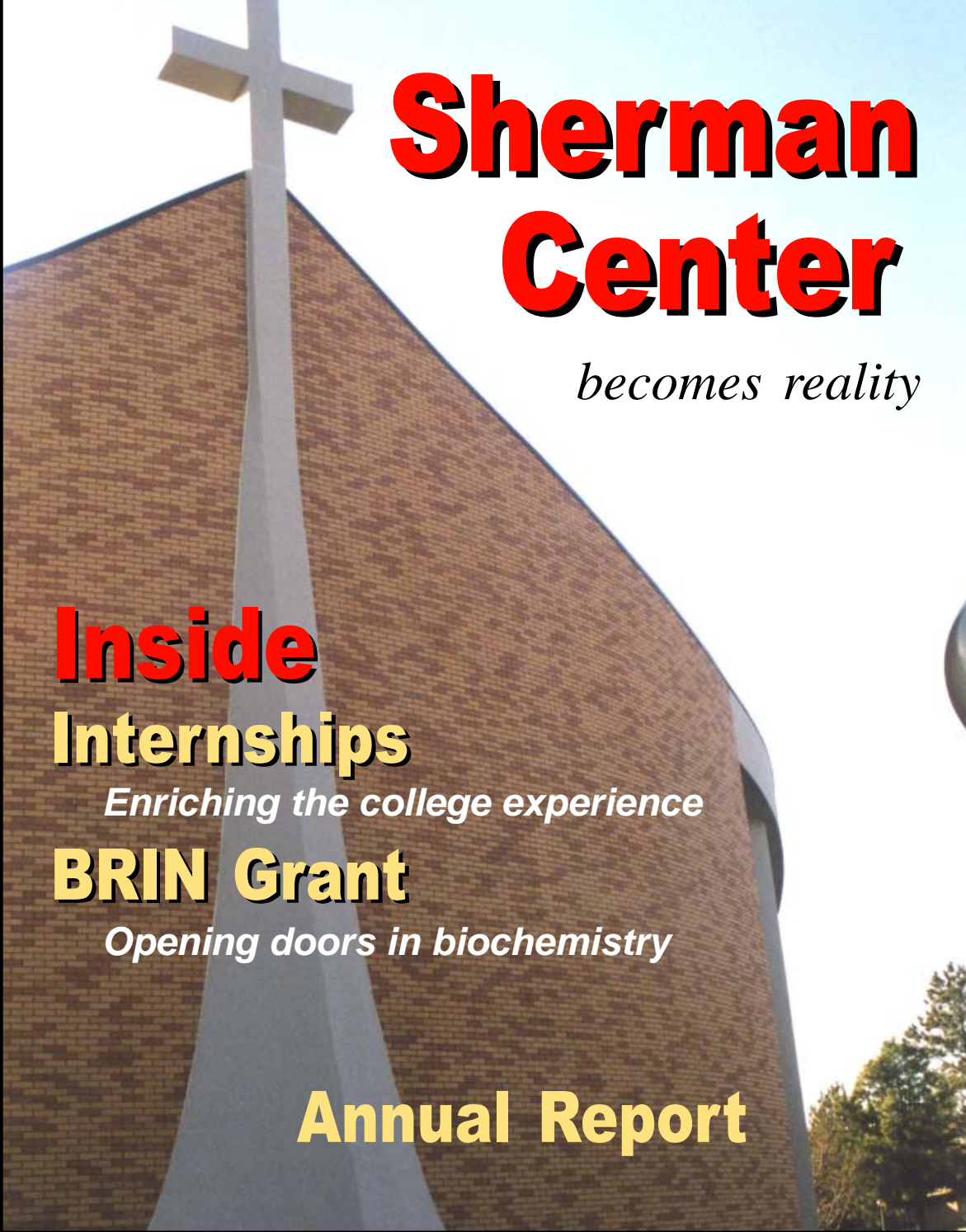


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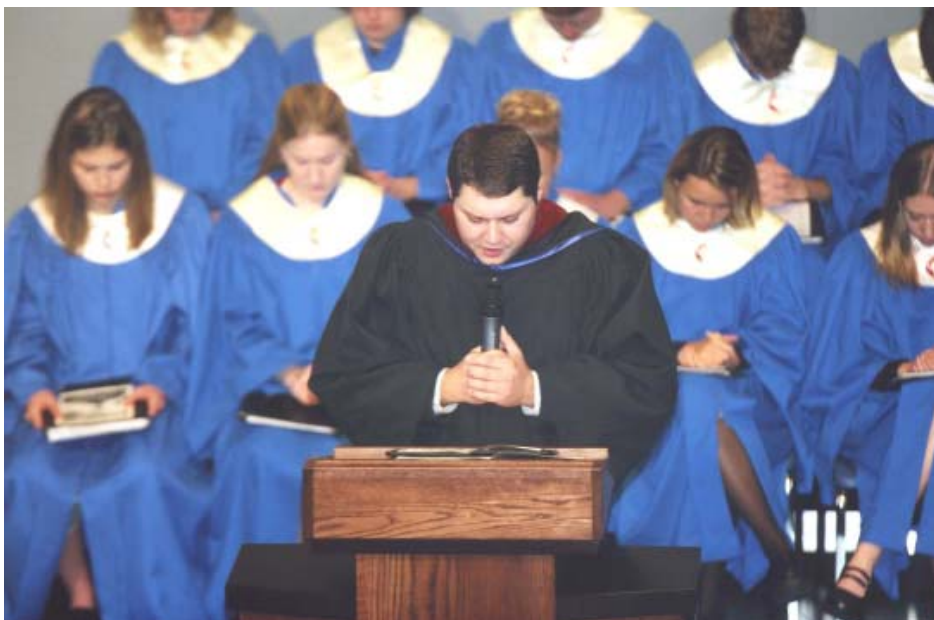
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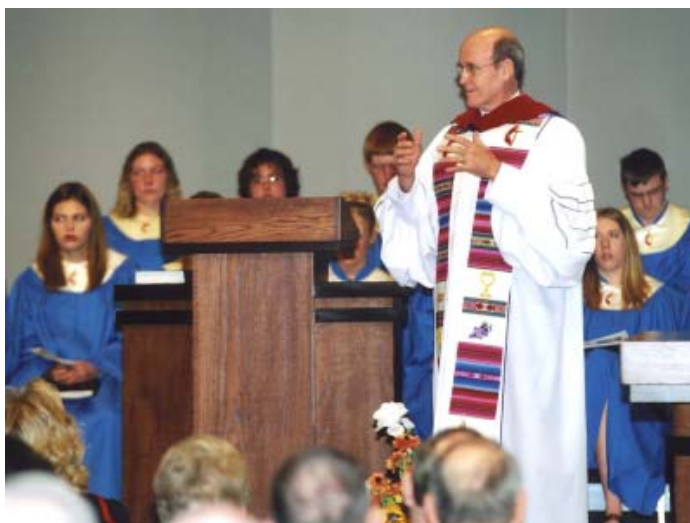
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Nov. 4, 2004



Paul Almjeld, professor of music, directs the Dakota Wesleyan Choir during the dedication ceremony Nov. 4. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



The Rev. Dr. **Kent Millard '63**, senior pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, was the featured speaker at the ceremony. The Sherman Center is named for DWU alumni **Kenneth '31** and **Marian Minty '31 Sherman** who were the university's most generous contributors. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Members of the Mitchell Area Chamber of Commerce were on hand for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sherman Center. Pictured with DWU President **Bob Duffett**, who is cutting the ribbon, are **Greg Christy**, DWU vice president for institutional advancement; **Andrew Priebe '00**, master of ceremonies and member of the Chamber Ambassadors Club; **Dave Brooks**, president-elect of the Chamber; **Jerry Thomsen**, DWU trustee; and **Wayne Puetz**, trustee and owner of Puetz Corporation, project general contractor. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Former DWU president **Don Messer '63**, left, met old friends at the dedication ceremony. Messer is pictured with **Wyonne Kaemingk '76**, assistant professor of nursing. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

Internships

give students a look at career options

Gloria Hanson *University Relations*

Internships give students an opportunity to relate what they've learned in the classroom to the career they will eventually pursue. At Dakota Wesleyan University, not all students are required to complete an internship program, but for some undergrads these professional semesters give an up-close look into the future.

Criminal justice majors, for example, are not required to complete internships, but more than two-thirds of the students looking for careers in the field do so before graduating. Mike McGreevy, professor of criminal justice, says many of his students intern with agencies in the Mitchell community so they can take classes at the same time. Others choose to work over the summer months at agencies near their hometowns.

"We almost always have someone interning with court services and the Mitchell Police Department," McGreevy said. "We have had quite a number of interns get hired by the agency they interned with. In addition to the experience the interns gather, they also make friends in the agency who later help in their job search by writing reference letters or by letting them know about job openings."

Wesleyan students who choose teaching as a profession, or those who want to work in the human services field, are required to complete a professional semester, earning up to 16 hours of credit.

Pam Nielson Boline, associate professor of human services, said that because human services is an applied social science, students are required to demonstrate their mastery of the knowledge, skills and abilities covered in the curriculum.

"It is a generally accepted practice in the human services and social work fields to have students successfully complete practical applications before obtaining their degree," Boline said. "It's important for the students to have the ability to effectively work with client populations, and agencies expect this general competency upon hiring students after graduation."

Boline's students have been placed with the Mitchell Area Safehouse, Family Visitation Center, Mitchell Area Adjustment Training Center and Abbott House, in nursing homes and hospitals, and with social services agencies, including child protection and adult services.

"Many of our site supervisors were themselves interns during their college days and know what an important role professional semesters play in the whole educational experience," she said. "These site supervisors are also mentors and educators for the students during this field placement. In fact, many of the current site supervisors in the Mitchell community are graduates of DWU."

DWU students gain valuable experience

Finding just the right internship can be a difficult task for some undergraduates, especially students who come from other states and may not be familiar with what is available in and around Mitchell. Professors and staff at DWU work with these students to develop internships that match their interests.

Profiled are four students who have completed internship programs.

- **David Faith**, who plans to attend medical school next year, has worked for the past two summers tracking the West Nile Virus.
- **Matt Piper** is a recent graduate whose interest in criminal justice has landed him a job in Washington, D.C.
- **Jennie Day**, a senior and last year's homecoming queen, found the perfect internship that combined her interests in business and sports.
- **Dennis Lewis** decided to pursue art as his major, not knowing that painting designs on custom motorcycles could turn into a career.



David Faith

Faith tracks West Nile Virus

David Faith, a senior biology major from Baltic, spent two summers interning for the South Dakota Department of Health trapping mosquitoes and tracking the West Nile Virus in the state.

"Not only has it been interesting to see how the virus has presented and established itself geographically in the United States, but also to see how our population and our national and local governments have responded to it," Faith said.

As part of his internship he set up mosquito traps, developed and distributed educational materials, helped with presentations, and was the point of contact for questions regarding insect repellents and dead bird reporting.

He also analyzed and reported South Dakota's West Nile Virus surveillance data and entered the information into the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's national database.

"That was neat because I needed special permission to gain access to these databases," he said. "I also updated South Dakota's Web site surveillance data as I received it, and investigated and followed up on a few of the cases we didn't have much information on."

Faith said the experience was invaluable and that he would encourage others considering careers in a health related field to apply for this type of internship.

"Over the last two summers, I have learned a lot about working with the public in relation to its health and that has been very interesting and rewarding," he said.

"In the bigger picture, though, I have a greater understanding of how the areas of epidemiology, prevention and public health relate to the clinical setting in a hospital, our health care system and the general health of our population as a whole."

Internship leads to job with the U.S. Justice Department

An internship program that matches students with jobs in the Washington, D.C., area paid off for Matt Piper, a 2004 graduate of Wesleyan. Piper landed a full-time job with the U.S. Department of Justice and reported for work right after receiving his degree at graduation.

Piper, of Jamestown, N.D., spent the first semester of his senior year in Washington completing an internship with the Capitol Hill Internship Program. He worked as a press assistant for the office of public affairs in the justice department.

"I met the attorney general a few times and FBI Director Mueller, saw the vice president and got within five feet of the president," he said. "It's just unbelievable the exposure I've had."

When Piper was about to return to DWU he was asked about his future plans. After revealing that he wanted to one day work for the FBI or IRS, he was asked to stay.



Matt Piper

Piper studied accounting and criminal justice at DWU, but wanted to "test the waters" in the job market before he graduated. He also interned at the sheriff's department in Mitchell and for the state's division of finance and management.

He learned about CHIP, which is sponsored by the United Methodist College Consortium, from a poster on campus. After interviewing and submitting to a background check, he was given security clearance.

At first, Piper was directing calls, filing mail and newspapers, and escorting press people back and forth. After a while he began going to more press conferences and got to sit in on interviews with Attorney General Ashcroft. He said the people who work in his office are the ones who are quoted in news stories.

"You can read about them in any major newspaper or magazine like *Newsweek* or *The Washington Post*," he said. "Some day that may be what I'm doing. Just kind of, 'Hey, look at me, I'm in *The Washington Post* today!'"

Day interns in Boston

Jennie Day spent last summer in Boston interning as an exercise physiologist for Fitcorp, an organization that provides worksite wellness and fitness services. She worked with the employees of Allmerica Financial.



Jennie Day

Day is a senior from Canton who is on track to graduate in May. Her majors are sports management with fitness and performance emphasis, sports management with club and facility management emphasis, and business administration. This internship was her third.

"I worked at the Best in Virginia Showcase Baseball Camps and at Acceleration here in Mitchell," she said. Day learned about the Boston internship from a friend and then checked it out on the Internet. The Fitcorp internship program provides undergraduates with first-hand experience in corporate fitness and wellness. She earned \$100 a week.

Day said exercise physiologists conduct fitness assessments, assist people who use fitness equipment, create and review exercise prescriptions, and promote fitness and wellness as a product. She also worked with insurance companies and other fitness facilities.

She said that the experience gave her a good look at what to expect in the workforce. She also noted that "doing an internship far from home teaches you to grow up really fast."

Day said all students at Wesleyan would benefit from internships and she recommends they pursue programs that fit with their interests. "Applying what you know is a rewarding thing," she said. "Plus, you learn qualities about yourself that will help you out later in life."



Dennis Lewis

Lewis paints custom choppers

Dennis Lewis put his artistic talents to work while learning a lot about custom choppers. Lewis interned at Klock Werks, a custom motorcycle building business, owned and operated by DWU alumnus Brian Klock '91.

Lewis, an art major, shadows the painter at Klock Werks and helps paint motorcycle parts. He heard about Klock Werks from his art professor, Cheri Ramsdell, who knows Klock.

"This internship has given me some ideas of what I want in a job and also some things that I don't want," Lewis said, adding that he hopes to find a similar job back home. He needs a few credits to graduate and plans to pick those up at a university near his hometown of Boring, Ore.

Klock opened Klock Werks in 1997 and the business has grown into one of the country's most diverse builders of custom motorcycles. The business has been featured in numerous national magazines.

Klock and his crew's most recent endeavor was featured in the Journey Museum display at the Sturgis rally. The bikes Klock Werks builds are identifiable by the fine detail and interpretation of theme.

Lewis said that if he can't find a job at a business similar to Klock Werks, he may entertain the idea of opening his own. Whatever his future holds, one thing is certain.

"I've enjoyed being at Klock Werks because they are relaxed and have a very unorthodox way of work," Lewis said. "Who wouldn't have fun playing with \$50,000 custom choppers?"

DWU Wrestlers

improve under the energetic Ahrar



Darrell Orand
Associate Athletic Director
for External Relations

The Dakota Wesleyan University wrestling program has a new leader whose energy and optimism have rubbed off on the 2004-05 team. Shahram "Sean" Ahrar has been on the job for six months and has brought enthusiasm to the team that has caught the eye of the campus and the Mitchell community.

Ahrar has used his energy on the recruiting trail, signing six new student-athletes to the program. He also gained valuable numbers when he signed two more transfer students who are eligible to compete when they arrive in January. Additionally, he's pulled off a feat no other program has done this year: he signed a current high school senior for the 2005-06 season.

Ahrar's energy seems contagious. Five of his wrestlers have already qualified for the NAIA National Tournament scheduled for March 4-5 in Sioux City, Iowa, which is as many as the team had all last season. (See Fast Facts.)

Ahrar was the head coach at Carleton College, an NCAA Division III school in Northfield, Minn. At Carleton, he built the program into a conference power and was named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach-of-the-Year following the 2003 season.

Unfortunately, because of budget cuts, the wrestling program was discontinued following that season. "I got the news from the athletic director and then I had to tell the team and then call all the recruits and their parents to let them know the news," he said. "It was the hardest few days of my life."

Ahrar said his style of wrestling is to always be on the attack by keeping the pressure on the opponent during a match, a technique he learned in his youth. The differences between wrestling in Iran, his native country, and the United States are easy for him to spot, he said. "In Iran, wrestling is based more on technique, and in the United States, the teaching is based on actual live wrestling and mat time."

Ahrar's venture into wrestling began when he was 8. Wrestling in Iran is a national pastime. In fact, young boys have wrestling classes in school. Ahrar said that Iranians are huge supporters of the sport and a major tournament may draw as many as 20,000 spectators.

As Ahrar entered his mid-teens, the political unrest in Iran caused his family to look toward a future for him in the United States. They saw the freedom and educational opportunities here as a way out of the oppression of his homeland. When Ahrar approached age 16, his family began preparing for his exit from the country.

Iran had been invaded by Iraq, and when boys reached the age of 16, they were drafted into the army and sent to the front lines to fight. The United States had cut off diplomatic ties to Iran in 1980 because of terrorism and the hostage situation, which meant the U.S. Embassy in Iran had been closed. Ahrar's mother took him to Istanbul in neighboring Turkey where he applied for a student visa to come to America.

Ahrar's father, Asghar Ahrar, and his mother, Mehri Talle, continue to live in Iran along with his younger sister, now 22 and a national track and field champion. He is in the legal process of bringing her to the United States. Another sister who was also able to get out of Iran lives in California with her family.

Ahrar has lived in America for 20 years and is an American citizen. He and his wife, Pamela, have been married for six and one-half years. As a Muslim, he is troubled by what is happening in the Middle East.



"The Islamic extremist does not represent the Islamic community around the world," he said. "They are fanatic and their actions do not represent the teachings of Islam, which are love, brotherhood and peace. They use the Jihad, which is an Arabic word for holy war, against those who are believers of different religions. But they are now killing their own brothers of Islam who are believers of the Islam faith."

Ahrar sees a lot of similarities in the governments of Iran and the former government of Iraq. "Iran may not be involved in any wars with the coalition forces, but the form of government is the same as the former government of Iraq, and that is a dictatorship," he said. "That form of government has oppressed the people of both countries and it was good the United States led the coalition into Iraq to liberate those people from the government that was oppressing them."

"The same thing is happening in my homeland, with the government oppressing the people. No one can speak out against the government or they will be punished in some form. There needs to be hard reforms in that country as well, and hopefully the people will see the good things that are beginning to happen in Iraq and will rise up

against the government. There does not need to be any military action on the part of the United States at this time, but they can put a lot of pressure on the Iranian government through support of the Iranian people and through dialogue and political and diplomatic sanctions."

Since the attacks of 9/11, Ahrar says he has had no problems with American prejudice against him.

"I always condemn the actions in that part of the world and of the Iranian government as well, and I absolutely hate the actions being taken by the terrorists. I am glad to be where I am and live a free life in the United States of America with my wife and family."

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Sports

fast facts

Golf

The Dakota Wesleyan women's golf program won its third consecutive Great Plains Athletic Conference Championship last semester. Team members shot a two-day score of 651 and won by 36 strokes over the second-place team.

All five golfers who participated in the GPAC Championship were named to the All-GPAC Team. **Amanda Young**, Mitchell, tied for first and was named the Co-GPAC Golfer-of-the-Year. Others receiving All-GPAC honors were **Abbey DeWolf**, Burke; **Heather Snavelly**, Winner; **Courtney Petersen**, Burke; and **Julie Roberts**, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Several DWU golfers received Golfer-of-the-Week honors from the GPAC office. **Young** was honored the weeks of Aug. 29-Sept. 4 and Oct. 10-16. **DeWolf** and **Ben Irlbeck**, of Wabasha, Minn., received the honor for the week of Sept. 5-11. **Scott Nowak**, Casselton, N.D., was named the Golfer-of-the-Week for Sept. 12-18 and **Roberts** was recognized for her play during the week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2. **Tyler Hockett**, Mitchell, and **Kyle Jensen**, Columbus, Neb., shared the honor for the week of Oct. 3-9.

Volleyball

Molly Culhane, Lincoln, Neb., was named to the all-conference second team for the second time in her career and **Blythe Novotny**, De Smet, received all-conference honorable mention.

Football

Six players received postseason honors in football. **Cody Houska**, Shepherd, Mont., and **Travis Olson**, Wallingford, Iowa, were named all-conference second team. **Andrew Schmalz**, Mission; **Matt Mauszycki**, Mitchell; **Barry Schramm**, Winner; and **Osaro Kyles**, Monroe, La., were named honorable mention.

Wrestling

Under the guidance of first-year coach **Sean Ahrar**, five members of the wrestling program have qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. They are **Scott Halouska**, Alliance, Neb., who qualified in the opening tournament of the season; **Tony Duarte**, Scottsbluff, Neb., qualified at the Holiday Inn/DWU Open; and **A.J. Stensrud**, Bozeman, Mont., **Spencer Novotny**, Winner, and **Steven Wood**, Wells, Minn., all qualified at the Auggie Brute Adidas Open.

Cross Country

Matt Maxon, Chamberlain, qualified for his second NAIA National Championship in cross country. He was named to the NAIA All-Region Team with his fifth-place finish. He finished 32nd at the NAIA National Championship.

Baseball

The DWU baseball team is ranked 29th in the nation in the NAIA preseason poll.

Men's Basketball

Jacqson Collins became the 44th player in men's basketball history to score 1,000 career points.

Track the Tigers!

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BRIN GRANT

funds equipment, staff and fellowships at Wesleyan



Anthony Cole

Contact Anthony Cole, DWU assistant professor of biochemistry, at ancole@dwu.edu for more information. Remember to check out our Web site at www.dwu.edu for the latest news.

Gloria Hanson
University Relations

A grant from the South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network will help fund a new faculty position, buy state-of-the-art equipment and pay for summer research fellowships for Dakota Wesleyan University students.

DWU entered into a partnership with the University of South Dakota's School of Medicine to help encourage students to conduct research in molecular and cell biology. Wesleyan received \$437,000 to be used over the next five years.

"The BRIN program will allow us to upgrade our science equipment to 21st century technology," said Tim Mullican, DWU biology professor, who worked with USD to obtain the grant. "This will help us stay competitive with other private colleges in our region."

DWU has budgeted \$70,000 during the first year of the grant to be used to upgrade equipment and to fund four summer undergraduate research fellowships every year for the next five years. Additionally, some of the funds will be used to pay for a new faculty position in the Natural Sciences Division.

Cole joins faculty

Anthony Cole has been hired as an assistant professor who will work to develop a biochemistry major and set up a molecular and cell biology lab. New courses such as immunology, and molecular and cell biology are being added to the curriculum.

Cole received his doctorate from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 2001. Since then, he has worked as a postdoctoral research assistant in the physiology and biophysics department at the University of Illinois – Chicago and as a research fellow at the Samuel R. Nobel Foundation in Ardmore, Okla.

"The biology department also has plans to expand its course offerings so that a new wildlife management major can be offered," Mullican said. The wildlife management major will be offered with or without a law enforcement emphasis.

Students interested in working in hunting- or fishing-oriented businesses, wildlife management or ecology consulting firms will find this new major useful. A law enforcement emphasis is available for students who want careers as conservation officers.

Largest grant ever awarded in the state

USD received \$16.1 million in funding for its BRIN program through a grant from the National Center for Research Resources under the Institutional Development Award Program of the National Institutes of Health. It is the largest biomedical research grant ever awarded in the state.

In addition to USD and DWU, other colleges and universities in the state that will benefit from the grant include Augustana College, Black Hills State University, Mount Marty College, Oglala Lakota College and Sisseton Wahpeton College.



Andy Cypher, the first DWU student to participate in the BRIN program, works in the University of South Dakota lab. (submitted photo)

SD BRIN officials say this grant will create new opportunities and jobs throughout the state and will continue efforts at making the state a top research center in proteomics and genomics. It is a rare opportunity for the state and one that SD BRIN's director, Barbara Goodman, says will make a huge impact.

"SD BRIN is developing a strong network of scientists from predominantly undergraduate institutions throughout South Dakota in partnership with USD's School of Medicine, to strengthen biomedical science and research," Goodman said during a press conference announcing the award.

Resources provided by SD BRIN to other institutions include online library databases, proteomics, genomics, and DNA sequencing and genotyping core facilities, and bioinformatics education and research support through the partnership.

DWU student completes BRIN fellowship

Andy Cypher, a senior biology major, spent last summer on the USD campus conducting research through the SD BRIN fellowship program. He is the first Wesleyan student to participate in the program.

"If you are thinking about going into the medical profession, I would definitely get involved in the BRIN program. There's nothing to lose," Cypher said. Cypher, of Mitchell, plans to attend dental school after graduating from Wesleyan.

Throughout the fellowship, Cypher lived in a dorm room across the street from the medical building where he worked in Vermillion. He was paid \$3,400 and received an additional \$1,000 for room and board. He said his wages came out to be about \$12 an hour.

Cypher tested the drugs Angiotensin Receptor Blocker and an ACE inhibitor in rats, which lower high blood pressure.

Mullican, who told Cypher about the research opportunity, said not only will the program help Wesleyan students gain the research experience they need to get into graduate school, but allows them to earn money in the process.

"It is just the type of experience that our students need to be competitive at the national level," Mullican said.

NEWS

in short

DWU ranked third in fund raising

Dakota Wesleyan University ranks in the top three among South Dakota universities and colleges in fund raising for the third consecutive year, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

With more than \$2.3 million raised by the university in its last fiscal year, Wesleyan ranks third in the state. South Dakota State University, Brookings, is at the top, raising more than \$13.6 million last year. Augustana College, Sioux Falls, ranks second with \$6.3 million.

These statistics were taken from the Aug. 27 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Donors give to Sherman Center, Stark endowment and library project

Cora Gigax '41, of Wooster, Ohio, has donated \$75,000 for the Sherman Center and Wagner Chapel on campus. Gigax has been a generous supporter of Wesleyan's music program over the years.

Members of the **Franklin C. Stark** family have donated \$30,000 to the endowment that funds the annual Stark Lectures on campus. Stark family members responsible for the donation include **Margaret C. Stark-Roberts**, San Francisco; **Judith (Stark) and Bruce Schreiman**, Morgantown, W. Va.; and **Wallace C. Stark**, Woods Hole, Mass.

Additionally, the university has received several commitments for the McGovern Library project, bringing the total raised to more than \$7.4 million. The university is on track to meet the October 2005 deadline for the challenge grants issued by The Kresge Foundation and The Bush Foundation. About \$1 million is still needed to begin construction.

Hisel named Kelley Center director

The head of the Mitchell Area Development Corporation will bring his skills to Dakota Wesleyan University as director of the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship.

In a partnership among DWU, the Mitchell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mitchell Area Development Corporation, **Bryan Hisel** will provide the management for the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship. Hisel's appointment as director was effective Oct. 1.

The Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship was established in 1999 after **Rollie Kelley '49** donated \$1 million to the university. The donation was to be used to "enhance student preparation to enter the business world." Following Kelley's death later that same year, the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship was launched.

Two prominent Republicans donate to McGovern Library

Two prominent Republicans made financial contributions toward the construction of the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service.

Former President **George H.W. Bush** and Sen. **Robert Dole** have both made donations to the McGovern Library project, bringing fund-raising efforts one step closer to becoming a reality.

"From the very beginning this project has been completely bipartisan," said George McGovern. "These additional contributions by two great Americans underscore the breadth of our support."

South Dakota Community Foundation donates to McGovern Library

The South Dakota Community Foundation donated \$10,000 to the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service project. The grant will be used for new equipment in the proposed 42,000-square-foot library and research center.

The focus is on raising the final funds for the library project to meet a deadline for two challenge grants.

DWU receives \$100,000 from The Hearst Foundation

The Hearst Foundation presented Dakota Wesleyan University with a \$100,000 donation for its teacher education scholarship fund.

This most recent contribution brings the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund for Teacher Education at DWU to \$200,000. The Hearst Foundation granted DWU \$100,000 in November 2001 to establish the fund.

Slaba named vice president

Bryan Slaba has been appointed vice president for business and finance.

"Bryan has served DWU well as controller and twice as acting vice president for business affairs," said Bob Duffett, DWU president. "He has also worked as an accountant, as a business owner and in higher education. I feel he will continue to do a great job here at Wesleyan and I welcome him as part of my executive team."

Slaba, Mitchell, graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He joined the DWU staff in 1997 as the director of accounting. He later served as controller and director of business operations.

Holocaust survivor to deliver Stark Lecture

Holocaust survivor **Ernest Michel**, who spent five-and-a-half years in German concentration camps, will present "The Holocaust – A Personal Memory," for the 2005 Stark Lectures.

Michel will discuss "Promises to Keep – My Experience" at 11 a.m. and "The Holocaust Deniers" at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 in the Sherman Center. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Michel chaired the first World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel and the first Auschwitz Memorial Dinner in the United States, and has held leadership roles in many other Jewish or Holocaust-related organizations. He currently serves as the executive vice president emeritus of the UJA-Federation in New York.

For his significant contributions to Jewish life, Michel was invited by President Jimmy Carter to attend the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty. Michel is author of "Promises to Keep," in which he recounts the trials and tribulations of his early life, as well as the successes of his later years.

Dakota Wesleyan first in the state to use TI Navigator

Dakota Wesleyan University is the first school in South Dakota to try the TI Navigator system, which is designed for instant interaction in the classroom. The new computer system is being used in a statistics and mathematics methods class.

Depending on how well the system performs, it could be used in other classes in the future, said Rocky Von Eye, associate professor of math.

"It allows the instructor to get instant feedback from students and cuts out a lot of paperwork," she said. With the system, instructors can type questions on a computer. The questions then are shown on a video screen. Students answer the questions using the Navigator, a computerized calculator that is connected to a computer keyboard.

Von Eye said the Navigator system allows teachers to make sure all students understand a concept before moving on.

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McGovern Conference

PHOTO GALLERY



Dale Lamphere, Rapid City, and **George McGovern** stand next to the sculpture Lamphere crafted of McGovern. The sculpture was unveiled during the McGovern Conference. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Al Neuharth, left, founder of "USA Today," was a featured speaker at the conference. He is pictured with **George McGovern**, right, and **Robert Watson**, center, associate professor of political science at Florida Atlantic University. Watson helped to organize the conference and is the editor of "George McGovern: A Political Life, A Political Legacy." (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Panelist **Ahrar Ahmad**, right, professor of political science at Black Hills State University, takes a break during the conference to talk with his wife, **Hasina**. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



George McGovern, left, and **Thomas Knock**, associate professor of history at Southern Methodist University and McGovern biographer, discuss McGovern's life during the evening session. (photo by Lori Essig)

The **2004 McGovern Center Conference**, Nov. 9, focused on the life and legacy of George McGovern. Panelists discussed McGovern's impact on the world ... from war hero to college professor, from grassroots politician to anti-hunger activist, from elected official to elder statesman.

For a copy of "George McGovern: A Political Life, A Political Legacy," contact the DWU Bookstore at 605-995-2805.

Featured Speakers



Jon Schaff, professor and coordinator of political science at Northern State University, gestures as he talks about George McGovern. Schaff and the other panelists contributed chapters to "George McGovern: A Political Life, A Political Legacy." (photo by Gloria Hanson)



The honorable **Richard Marano**, superior court judge in Connecticut, was a panelist at the conference. Marano is the author of "Vote Your Conscience: The Last Campaign of George McGovern." (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Stephen K. Ward, assistant director for academic advising at the University of South Dakota, was one of the panelists at the conference. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

All Rise

court is now in session ...

Lori Essig
University Relations

Dakota Wesleyan University hosted the South Dakota Supreme Court Nov. 15-17 in the Sherman Center.

The five justices, Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Richard W. Sabers, John K. Konenkamp, Steven L. Zinter and Judith Meierhenry convened the November Term of Court with several hundred regional high school students joining DWU faculty, staff and students in the audience.

During the three days on campus, the justices heard nine oral arguments which were open to the public. Information about the oral cases is available on the DWU Web site at www.dwu.edu/info/court. They also considered 22 non-oral cases.

DWU staff, faculty and students worked as court monitors during the sessions, handling details such as filling water glasses for the justices, clerks and attorneys; helping guests find seating; and monitoring the flow of people into and out of the courtroom.



Security was tight during the South Dakota Supreme Court November Term. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Justices of the South Dakota Supreme Court, from left, **Judith Meierhenry**, Sioux Falls; **Richard W. Sabers**, Sioux Falls; Chief Justice **David Gilbertson**, Sisseton; **John K. Konenkamp**, Rapid City; and **Steven L. Zinter**, Pierre, listen to a case at the Sherman Center on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University. The justices heard nine cases in three days at DWU. (submitted photo, Jason Salzman, The Daily Republic)

Mike McGreevy, DWU criminal justice professor, attended many of the oral arguments and encouraged his students to do the same.

"Having the Supreme Court on campus was a great opportunity for students to observe the actual workings of an appellate court," he said. "All of our students are somewhat familiar with the trial courts from movies and television, but the functioning of an appellate court is not nearly as familiar. It certainly made the things that have been discussed in many classes more real."

McGreevy found student attendance to be good and said they seemed to be interested. He said that when the written opinions are issued, it will add to what has already been a highly beneficial experience for our students.

"That is especially so since some students have voiced strong opinions on the merits of some of the cases," he said. "Other students have commented that what seems so clear and easy after one party has argued its case does not seem nearly as clear cut when the other side presents its legal arguments."

The South Dakota Supreme Court will post the written opinions on its Web site at www.sjudicial.com as they become available, usually four to eight weeks after the term of court.

OPPERMAN LECTURER

Gritzner relives days at Wesleyan

Jim Gritzner '69, a U.S. district judge and member of the DWU Board of Trustees presented the 2004 Opperman Lecture in conjunction with the Supreme Court session at DWU.

Gritzner talked about how his time at DWU affected his future, as well as the importance of the relationships he developed in college.

Here are some excerpts from his comments.

"A college is a unique collection of persons from varied backgrounds and hometowns who share the likeness of having been motivated to choose the same school and are brought together in a community that has an established identity and loyalty. From that base they grow together educationally, socially, politically, spiritually, ethically and sometimes romantically. Because of that pivotal time of life, just out of high school, away from home, establishing your own identity, contemplating your future as an adult, focusing on your personal development, getting to know an entirely new community, the interpersonal relationships that occur here profoundly shape and direct the kind of person you will become, whatever the uncertainties and surprises of life dictate that you will do."

"I owe a debt to many faculty members from those days, but mostly it was Mary Wing ... Mary Wing did more than teach subject matter. Mary Wing never ceased warmly encouraging, directing and *expecting* a student to do not just well, but outrageously well. Her inner motivation for you became your own. She expected your best work, so you expected it too."

going for the gold homecoming photo gallery



The bleachers were filled with fans during the homecoming game when the Tigers took on the Vikings of Dana College. The final score: DWU 37, Dana 17. (photo by Lori Essig)



Tristen Schulz, Mount Vernon, and Barry Schramm, Winner, were crowned homecoming queen and king at the Oct. 3 coronation. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



DWU's mascot Tiger takes a break from the action to spend some time with a little friend. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Antonio Duarte, left, a wrestler at DWU, and his friend Jeff Ramirez painted themselves blue and white to show their Tiger spirit. (photo by Lori Essig)



Adel Valdes '96 received the Young Alumnus of the Year award during a luncheon held in his honor. Valdes, Sioux Falls, is an investigator representing indigent defendants in the criminal justice system.

Alumni Reunions
The Classes of 1989 and 1994 celebrated their class reunions during homecoming. The 1990 and 1991 track and field conference championship teams also gathered during the weekend.
Go online at www.dwu.edu/alumni to see all reunion pictures and more Blue & White Days photos.

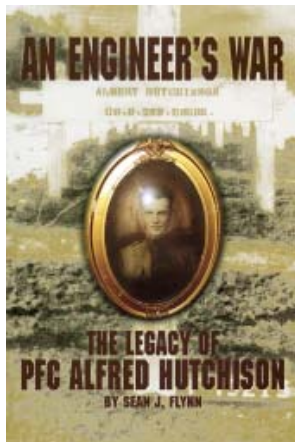


Members of the alumni board served up chili dogs and other treats during the tailgate party before the big game. Pictured are Kenrad Pederson '74, Gwen Rothenberger '69 and Audrey Van Genderen '65. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

2004 King and Queen Royalty
King candidates included Karl Kroger, Sioux Falls; David Faith, Baltic; Craig Evenson, Clear Lake; Barry Schramm, Winner; Jeff Culhane, Mitchell; and Joseph Shepardson, Sturgis. Queen candidates included Jody Veurink, New Holland; Abbey DeWolf, Burke; Tristen Schulz, Mount Vernon; Leah Radway, Milesville; Brittany Nelson, Murdo; and Emily Overgaard, Centerville.

2004 Beanie King and Queen
Marcus Mernaugh, Artesian, and Sara Bainter, Winner, were crowned beanie king and queen.

Book tells story through Gregory soldier's eyes



To order your signed copy of Sean Flynn's book, call the DWU Bookstore at 605-995-2805. The cost of the book is \$10.95, plus tax and shipping.

Contact Sean Flynn, DWU assistant professor of history, at sefflynn@dwu.edu for more information. Remember to check out our Web site at www.dwu.edu for the latest news.

Seth Tupper

The Daily Republic; Nov. 30, 2004

About 35,000 South Dakotans served in World War I, but nearly all their stories have faded into America's hazy recollection of the pre-television era.

Now, with the publication of a new book by a Mitchell author, the story of their war is being told through the eyes of one volunteer soldier from Gregory.

The book, titled "An Engineer's War: The Legacy of PFC Alfred Hutchison," was written by Sean Flynn, an assistant professor of history at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Flynn had dual motivations for writing the book. One was a professional fear, shared by many colleagues, that World War I is slipping from the nation's collective memory.

"We are a TV-oriented culture," Flynn said. "If we haven't viewed the war on television or in the movies, that war doesn't exist in our social consciousness."

The second motivation was personal: the subject of the book, Alfred Hutchison, is a great-uncle of Flynn's wife, Deborah. Her family still retains letters and mementos from Hutchison's war experience.



Sean Flynn, assistant history professor, signs a copy of "An Engineer's War: The Legacy of PFC Alfred Hutchison." This is Flynn's second book. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

What came of those two motivations is a book that recounts Hutchison's journey – and thus the journeys of thousands like him – from life on the farm to death on the battlefield.

"Through stories of relatively unknown soldiers, we gain a better understanding of the larger conflict," Flynn said. "I have a saying: Generals are the subject of history, but privates make history."

PFC Hutchison helped make history at the 1918 Battle of Belleau Wood in France, which is viewed by historians as one of the most important engagements of the war. With the aid of many historical sources, Flynn reconstructed Hutchison's conduct in battle:

"When he was not sniping or repelling enemy attacks, PFC Hutchison lugged rations to Marines and fellow engineers hunkered down in their foxholes," Flynn wrote. "On at least two occasions, he carried wounded men from the front lines to dressing stations in the rear.

"... Alfred repeatedly exposed himself to sniper and machine gun fire as he dashed from foxhole to foxhole and back to the ration stores on his mission to relieve the hungry men fighting for survival in what one Marine referred to as 'the dark, sullen mystery of Belleau Wood.'"

Hutchison, 22, was killed during the battle by enemy mortar fire. He was awarded a decoration for valor.

Five weeks passed before word of his death made it back to his family's homestead. His body was eventually retrieved and buried near Gregory, and local veterans named their American Legion post after him.

Hutchison wrote at least 20 letters to his family. Excerpts from those letters are woven into Flynn's narrative. Few of the original letters exist, but all of them were printed and preserved in weekly editions of the *Gregory Times-Advocate*.

Flynn already has attended a book-signing in Gregory, an area that also was prominently featured in his first book, "Chief-Marine Corps Warrior: The Life of John P. 'Pat' Flynn Jr." The subject of that book is Flynn's father.

Flynn hopes his new book will spark consideration of the historic significance of World War I. He said the war marked the first time that other nations saw the United States' "almost missionary zeal" to spread its democratic principles across the globe.

"That, I believe, is now part of our permanent cultural makeup," Flynn said. "We believe in our democratic experiment and we want to export it to the rest of the world. And that mindset was born in World War I."

Randalls donate

\$500,000

to DWU scholarship fund

Gloria Hanson
University Relations

Ron and Charlys Randall, owners of the former Randall Foods in Mitchell, have donated \$500,000 to a scholarship fund earmarked for the best and brightest students who enroll at Dakota Wesleyan University.

The donation will be added to the Randall Scholarship Endowment Fund. Each year incoming students compete for five scholarships, ranging from \$7,000 per academic year to full tuition. To receive a Randall Scholarship, high school seniors must have a

28 or higher ACT score and a grade point average of 3.8 or better.

"We are very pleased by the quality of students receiving Randall Scholarships at DWU," said Ron Randall. "This scholarship fund is educating students for positions of leadership just as we intended."

The Randalls established the Randall Scholars program in memory of Ron Randall's father, F. Dwain "Doc" Randall, in the early 1980s. Doc Randall served on the DWU Board of Trustees from 1975 until his death in October 1981. Ron Randall was the CEO of the Randall grocery store chain and Charlys Randall, like her father-in-law, was a trustee at the university.

Since the establishment of the Randall Scholars program, about 100 students have benefited from the Randalls' generosity. The first Randall Scholar graduated in 1986.

Eighteen current students are Randall Scholars. They include seniors Amy Atkins, Madison; David Faith, Baltic; Dan Hines, Martin; Julie Roberts, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Cathy VerSteeg, Mitchell; and Jody Veurink, New Holland; juniors Andrea Toman,

Bismarck, N.D.; Nickolas Gianou, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Lindsey Reandeau, Fremont, Neb.; Ashley Schoenfelder, Ethan; and Kristina Wattier, Dell Rapids; sophomores April Geffre, Watertown; Keri Nebelsick, Canistota; Amy Price, Marquette, N.D.; and Lisa Spors, Big Stone City; and freshmen Trenna Haak, Canova; Erin Haber, Sioux Falls; and Victoria Swanson, Winner.

Bob Duffett, DWU president, said the Randalls' commitment to DWU is a wonderful addition to the university's endowed scholarship fund.

"These scholarships are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our Randall Scholars. We are so grateful for the friendship and generous support of Ron and Charlys Randall," he said.



Charlys and Ron Randall, center, visited with some of the Randall Scholars at a special reception in November. Pictured are Victoria Swanson, front row left, Trenna Haak, Ashley Schoenfelder, Keri Nebelsick, the Randalls, Lindsey Reandeau, Andrea Toman and Erin Haber. In the back row are Dan Hines, David Faith, Nickolas Gianou, Lisa Spors, Amy Price, Cathy VerSteeg, Amy Atkins and Julie Roberts. Kristina Wattier, April Geffre and Jody Veurink are not pictured. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

Visit www.dwu.edu/admissions/sa.htm to determine if there are scholarships available to you.

scholarships

recently started teaching art in his hometown, O'Neill, Neb. He previously taught in Ainsworth for 16 years. Kevin, his wife, Jenny, and their children live in Atkinson, Neb.

Gloria Smith-Rockhold ex'84 is the acting director for the office of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education. She is also the secretary of the National Association of Career and Technical Education Information and president of the Pierre/Fort Pierre branch of American Association of University Women. Gloria and her husband, George, live in Pierre.

Grant Street '85 and his wife, Shari, are farming in the Revillo area. Grant helps coach the basketball and baseball teams of their three children.

Ben Janis '86 has been a wildlife manager for 12 years. If you are interested in hunting, go to www.lbst.org. Ben and his wife, Laurelei, live in Lower Brule.

Henry Hughes '87 recently won the Oregon Book Award for poetry. He has written a collection of poems called "Men Holding Eggs." Henry is a professor of literature and creative writing at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore.

1990s

Rose King Reinhart ex'90 completed her doctorate in educational administration at the University of South Dakota. She is the associate provost and university registrar at California University of Pennsylvania. Rose, her husband, Corrie, and their children live in Pittsburgh.

Donald Johnson '91 earned a master's degree in counseling and is a counterdrug administration officer for the state of South Dakota. Donald, his wife,

Joni Peskey Johnson ex'93, and their children live in Brandon.

Alisa Voorhis Englert '94 has returned from an 18-month deployment with the Colorado National Guard. Alisa and her husband, Tim, are expecting their second child in April. They live in Parker, Colo.

Paul Kern '95 has spent six years teaching in Mission, Wall and Viborg. He has now started his own Web design business and earned a master's degree. Paul, his wife, Tracy, and their daughter, Olivia Catherine, live in Brandon.

Leslie Kerr '97 is an ASCP certified histotechnologist. She works at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where she lives.

2000s

Shea Gunkel '01 is an

assistant superintendent at Kissing Camels Golf Club in Colorado. Shea, his wife, **Kary Brooks Gunkel '01**, and their son live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jane Hall ex'02 is the head cross country coach at Griswold High School in Griswold, Iowa, where she lives.

The nursing Class of 2002 met June 19. Alumni who attended include: **Jodi Dufek Semmler**, Armour; **Julie Baier Hartmann** and her husband, Maurice, Armour; **Lisa Emmett Kunkel**, Mitchell; **Randy Reider**, Mitchell; **Jessica Engel**, Elkton; **Clyde Griffin** and his wife, **Lelia Brenner Griffin '82**, Armour; and **Deb Fuerst High**, Plankinton.

Joel Bailey '04 is teaching fourth grade in the Tea Area School District. He is the head junior high football coach and the assistant varsity basketball coach. Joel lives in Sioux Falls.

Jennifer Nebelsick '04 will graduate with her master's degree in educational psychology in August. She plans to marry Brian Lowery in June. Jennifer lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Births

Doris Hoy Brekhus AA'86 and her husband, Mark, announce the adoption of Alanna Rose on March 25, 2004. Alanna joins her sister, Alyssa, at home in Oakhurst, Calif.

Michael Duffek '87 and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of a daughter, Jenna Marie, born July 12, 2004. Jenna joins a sister, Emily, at home in Tabor.

Nancy Ditter Bulson '88 and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of a son, Grant Thomas, born Nov. 29, 2003. The Bulsons live in St. Paul, Minn.

Priscilla Nelson Stevenson '89 announces the birth of a daughter, Maria Anne, born Oct. 7. The family lives in Mitchell.

Kevin Kalsbeck '94 and his wife, Jacalyn, announce the birth of a daughter, Maci Rae, born May 14, 2004. The Kalsbecks live in Kearney, Neb.

Bob '94 and **Traci Mitchell '95 Zimmerman** announce the birth of a son, Brayden, born April 19, 2004. Brayden joins a brother, Taylor, at home in Elk River, Minn.

Teresa Geissinger McGowan ex'98 and her husband, James, announce the birth of a son, Thomas James, born June 16, 2004. Thomas joins two brothers at home in El Paso, Texas.

Jerrad '99 and **Angie Schley '98 Fast** announce the birth of daughter, Jeralyn Marie, born Aug. 19, 2004. Jeralyn joins sisters, Gracelyn and Kerstyn, at home in Iroquois.

Penni Uhl Chesmore AA'99 and her husband, Kip, announce the birth of twins, a boy and a girl. Jack and Genesis were born Jan. 5, 2004. The Chesmores live in Rapid City.

Lisa Gould Schroeder '99 and her husband, Lee, announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Jane, born March 24, 2004. The Schroeders live in Alexandria.

Tressa Koch Wede '99 and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a daughter, Keatyn Gwenda, born Oct. 7, 2004. The Wedes live in Mitchell.



Now is the time!

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., and The Bush Foundation of St. Paul, Minn., have awarded challenge grants to DWU totaling \$1,125,000 to complete the final phase of fund raising for the construction of the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service.

- DWU has a deadline of Oct. 1, 2005, to raise the remaining dollars for the library project. If we do not raise the final funds in time, we will lose these challenge grants!
- DWU will receive \$700,000 from The Kresge Foundation and \$425,000 from The Bush Foundation when we reach our goal of \$8.5 million for construction of the library. All capital gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations will help move us to our goal.

"There is no better way to honor the McGovern than through a library."

Stephen Ambrose, historian and author, 1936-2002

Please consider a gift to the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service.

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Ryan '00 and **Kris Van Nurdan '00 Mutzenberger** announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Lynn, born Aug. 17, 2004. The Mutzenbergers live in Claremont.

Sandra Oechsle Chasing Hawk '01 and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of a daughter, Shandi LaRae, born May 18, 2004. The Chasing Hawks live in Bonesteel.

Robert '02 and **Janette Tyrrell Parks '02** announce the birth of a son, Jason Robert, born June 3, 2004. Jason joins a sister and brother at home in Searcy, Ark.

Jason '03 and **Stephanie Miller AA'98 Myers** announce the birth of a son, Aiden James, born Aug. 28, 2004. The family lives in Mitchell.

Njus on Dec. 27, 2003. The couple lives in Decorah, Iowa. **Cleo Anderson '95** married Christopher Howard on June 26, 2004. The couple lives in Vivian.

Jill Woolverton '99 married Steven Westendorf on May 29, 2004. The couple lives in Geddes.

Connie Henson '00 married Scott Fergen on May 14, 2004. The couple lives in Mitchell.

Charity Schneider '01 married Chris Zaiger on Dec. 31, 2004. Their daughter, Hannah Rae, was born May 20, 2004. They live in Brownsville, Minn.

Becky Gregg '02 married Tyler McGregor on Aug. 14, 2004. The couple lives near Salem.

Dan Nelson '02 married Heather Bender on July 31, 2004. The couple lives in Sioux Falls.

Melissa Newbrough '03 married Josh Stange on May 28, 2004. The couple lives in Mitchell.

Weddings

Rita Voas '74 married Mike DeZurik on Jan. 2, 2005. The couple lives in Mahtomedi, Minn.

Steve Bamberg '80 married Tammy Schoenrock on Sept. 18, 2004. The couple lives in Corsica. **Kristy Gould '92** married David

In Remembrance



Holly Rotert

Freshman **Holly Rotert** died in a car accident on Oct. 19, 2004. She was on her way to Mitchell from her home in Salem when the accident occurred.

Holly had just begun college and was a member of the golf team. She was majoring in sports management and business with hopes of operating a sports store or managing a basketball team after graduation.

Holly made many new friends during her short time on campus. Her golf teammates reflected on Holly's life in a recent edition of the *Phreno Cosmian*, DWU's student newspaper.

Candise Yusten AA'03 married Ryan Jarding on June 18, 2004. They live in Alexandria.
Amber Losing '04 married Matt Wenzel on June 12, 2004. The couple lives in Wessington Springs.

Deaths

Dave Evans '35 died Nov. 5, 2004, in Valentine, Neb.
Donald Schnaidt '36 died Sept. 19, 2004, in Kalispell, Mont.
Gerald Farnham '38 died in January 2004. He lived in Springport, Mich.
Junebelle Robley Beckwith c'40 died Oct. 16, 2004, in Abilene, Texas.
Millie Rands c'45 died Nov. 21, 2004, in Mitchell.
LaVern Hughes '48 died Nov. 10, 2004, in Armour. Survivors include his wife, **Ethel Johnson Hughes '48**, of Stickney.
Bill Marutani '50 died Nov. 15, 2004, at his home in Lambertson, N.J.
Robert Vallery ex'51 died Nov. 6, 2004, in Nisland. Survivors include his wife, **Gwenn Earles Vallery ex'51**, of Nisland.
Frances Haugum ex'58 died Oct. 17, 2004. She lived in Mitchell.
Alvin Strand ex'58 died Sept. 12, 2004, in Minot, N.D.
Vi Mayer '58 died Sept. 14, 2004, in Hutchinson, Minn.
Milo Dailey '61 died Aug. 15, 2004, at his home in Belle Fourche. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Belmont Dailey ex'63**.
Lynne Lawrence Fisk '64 died in July 2004. Survivors include her husband, **Tim Fisk '64**, of Louisville, Ky.
Monica Moody Cross '71 died July 16, 2004, in Pierre.
Judith Anderson Treib Lee '71 died Aug. 21, 2004, in Mitchell.
Douglas "Mutt" Drey '74 died Sept. 28, 2004, in Houston, Texas.
Louis Toth Jr. '76 died Dec. 19, 2003. Louis lived in Williamsville, N.Y.
Lynelle Duquette Hayden AA'80 died Aug. 2, 2004.
Mary Lu Orton Gran Tapken AA'89 died Sept. 20, 2004, in Wessington Springs.

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80	8.0	80/85	7.3
85	9.5	85/90	8.4
90	11.3	90/90	9.3

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Alumni Days

June 23-25, 2005

Patrons' Banquet (Thursday, June 23)
Weekend Activities (Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25)

- Alumni board meeting
- Alumni barbecue
- Nine-hole best ball golf outing
- Reunion class dinners
- Alumni College sessions
- President's luncheon
- State of the College by President Bob Duffett
- Alumni reception at the president's home
- Alumni Awards Banquet – 2005 award recipients will be selected on March 5
- Reunion classes: graduating classes ending in "0" and "5"
- Special guests
 - 1955 – celebrating their 50th reunion
 - 1980 – celebrating their 25th reunion
 - Class of 1963 to Class of 1967 – "Friday Night Study Club"

Help!

Do you know someone who could benefit from a Dakota Wesleyan education?

DWU admissions staff will be attending college fairs throughout South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado in the coming months. If you want to know when they'll be visiting your neck of the woods, call 1-800-333-8506, or check our Web site at www.dwu.edu.

We always appreciate it when our alumni and friends recommend students to DWU!

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Alumni and Friends Gathering at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, Colo., on Sept. 25, 2004: (left) Bob Benson '67, Ree Benson, Larry Lienemann '60, Mildred Cork Thorp '41, Jeff Wetjen '66, Jean Heitmann Wetjen '67, Ken Pesicka '72, Martin Barber, Tom Long '51, Mary Long and Arkley Barber '63.



Golfers Reunite: Jerry Anderson '71, Dave Elthoff '72, George Bittner '71 and Jim Martin '72.

“The best part is the friendships and the hugs you get. It’s good to know you’re helping.”

— Carol Weiss

Carol Weiss stands next to the Salvation Army Angel Tree at Kmart in Mitchell. Weiss regularly donates her time to the Salvation Army and its programs. (photo by Gloria Hanson)



Carol Weiss

a Christmas angel

Andrea Toman
Student Contributor

The Christmas season is a busy time for Carol Weiss. Setting up the angel trees, preparing food baskets, ringing bells and distributing Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army keep her going during December.



Some of the DWU volleyball team and women golfers helped Carol Weiss shop for Christmas presents for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Pictured are Emily Overgaard, left, Heather Snavelly, Becki Nelson, Jill Viedt, Blythe Novotny, Erika Klabenes, Tracey Chytka, Kalie Whealy, Brittany Kirkey, Beth Kopfman, Jenn Hotchkiss, Holly Schramm and Leslie Nebelsick. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

“It’s about helping,” said Weiss. “I do it for the kids, for the smiles at Christmas and to help fulfill needs for families and the elderly.”

For the past 15 years Weiss has worked with the Salvation Army. She has served on the board for the past seven years and has been chairman of the angel tree project for the past six years. In the fall, she helps with the Salvation Army’s Harvest Festival, a program that provides services to community kids.

“Serving on the board is rewarding,” she said. “We brainstorm ideas to help families better, such as providing gas for their cars or heat for their houses. We provide daily things most people take for granted.”

Weiss was first hired by Dakota Wesleyan University 18 years ago. She worked in the alumni office for two years before moving to the business office where she is an accounts receivable accountant.

Students think highly of Weiss and many consider her a second mom. She says she’s pretty proud of her Wesleyan family and continually volunteers at sporting events and chaperones at the dances on campus. “I have a lot of kids to take care of here,” she said.

Her volunteer services were recently acknowledged when she received the Bishop Armstrong Peace and Justice Award at the baccalaureate service in May.

Weiss became involved with the Salvation Army through her friendship with Jean Beddow, wife of former DWU President Jim Beddow. “The best part is the friendships and the hugs you get. It’s good to know you’re helping,” she said.

Wesleyan tomorrow

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 3 Spring Semester classes begin
- 13 2005 Hughes Grant-in-Aid Colloquium, students presenting include David Faith, Heather Winnan and Andy Cypher
- 16 Alumni and Friends Gathering, reception at Raddison Hotel, Rapid City

FEBRUARY

- 5 Alumni and Friends Gathering, reception at DWU baseball game vs. Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.
- 11-12 Board of Trustees Retreat
- 12 Alumni and Friends Gathering, reception at Sioux Falls Stampede hockey game, Sioux Falls
- 17-19 DWU theater and music present "Quilters," written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, 7 p.m., Sherman Center
- 20 Scholarship Day
- 24-26 Nursing Student Association of South Dakota Convention, Holiday Inn, Mitchell
- 25 Spring Break begins
- 25 Highlanders Spring Tour begins

MARCH

- 3 Highlanders Spring Tour ends
- 5 Alumni and Friends Gathering, reception at home of Walter '52 and Suzanne Nupen, Palm Springs, Calif.
- 7 Spring Break ends, classes resume
- 7 CBH Academic Festival, 8 a.m.
- 15 Stark Lectures, Ernest Michel, Holocaust survivor, 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Sherman Center
- 22 South Central South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair, Christen Family Recreation/Wellness Center
- 24 Easter Break begins
- 25 Offices closed for Good Friday
- 28 Easter Break ends, classes resume

APRIL

- 14-16 DWU theater presents, "An Evening of Student Works," 7 p.m., Patten-Wing Theatre
- 22-23 Spring Board of Trustees Meeting
- 22-23 Spring music concerts, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Center
- 24 Honors Convocation
- 30 DWU Nursing Class of 2005 Pinning Ceremony, 7 p.m.

MAY

- 1 Baccalaureate and Commencement
- 12 Mitchell Concert Series, Synergy Brass Quintet, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Center
- 17 Mitchell Concert Series, Diane Sundstrom piano solo, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Center

For more information on these events, contact university relations at 605-995-2620 or check online at www.dwu.edu/calendar.

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COVER PHOTO: The Sherman Center is the newest building on Dakota Wesleyan's campus. (photo by Gloria Hanson)

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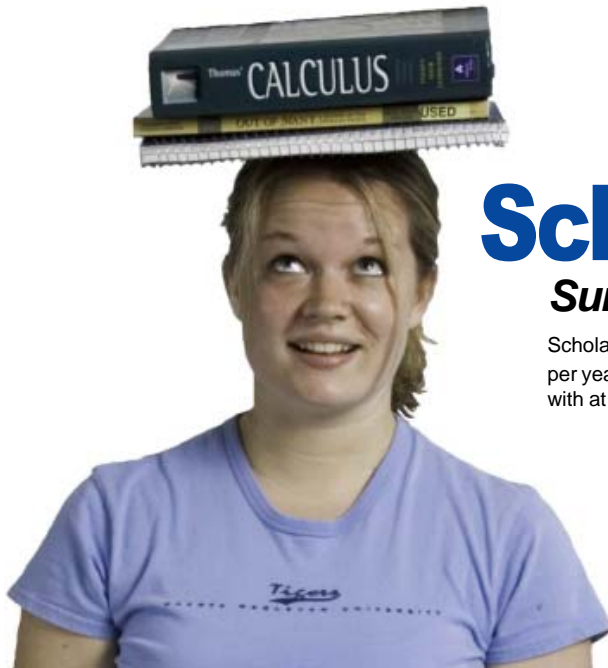
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Scholarship Day

Sunday, Feb. 20

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Academic performance, leadership, extracurricular activities and community service will be considered during the scholarship interview.

Requirements

- Complete the following requirements before Scholarship Day:
- Apply for admission to DWU online at www.dwu.edu and be accepted.
 - Complete the online Scholarship Application form, which includes three short essays and a resume.

All materials must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 14.

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