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Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center
BECOMES REALITY
The inaugural events for Amy Novak, 20th president of Dakota Wesleyan University, began with a dinner for family and friends on Sept. 26, the evening before her installation ceremony. Comments and stories about President Novak were shared by friends, family and colleagues, and the Novak children offered their mom some advice. Most of their advice consisted of things they’ve heard from their mom and dad … just to prove they’ve been listening.

- **Peter**, 18, musician: “Mom, my advice is ‘never be afraid to be creative!’ Solve your problems with creativity … think outside the box or outside the sheet of music … the end result is usually a pretty amazing composition.”
- **Isaac**, 16, debater: “Remember, there are always two sides to every story. Listen before you construct your next argument … and sometimes compromise is possible. If all else fails, diversion is a useful tactic AND no one knows anything about Cyprus, so you can always impress people with random facts about that country.”
- **Luke**, 15, soccer goalie: “My advice is to always have a goalie on your team. You need someone to deflect all the hits that are coming at you. Make sure to invest in your goalie because they will have your back all the time.”
- **Mark**, 13, loves to read, play sports and piano: “Mom, in your new job, you need to keep reading. Our world is changing so quickly that reading is an absolute necessity. Mom, read every day so you can stay on top of it.”
- **Seemela**, 12, enjoys stories about women in history: “Just remember, no matter how hard your job gets, it was never as tough as the women who lost their husbands, had their horses stolen, and then they gave birth on a covered wagon.”
- **Marianna**, 10, wants to be a veterinarian: “Mom, you have to stay organized and make sure you have a plan. Fill out your planner every day. If you don’t, you will forget things and that just makes you look bad. And remember on tough days, we will always be here to give you a hug!”
- **Elijah**, 7, likes to play board games: “Mom, you always have to have a strategy. Watch out for the bad guys and never trade all your food for weapons … it never works out.”
- **Zechariah**, 5: “Eat, sleep, say your prayers and take a good walk.”

On Friday, Sept. 27, DWU past presidents Donald Messer, James Beddow and Robert Duffett, along with DWU trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and students, United Methodist representatives and local dignitaries, joined President Novak and her family for the inauguration ceremony. Speakers praised Novak for her leadership and vision, and brought greetings, gifts and good wishes for her successful future as president of Dakota Wesleyan University.

In her inaugural address, President Novak spoke of how Wesleyan has provided experiences to open students’ minds to personal growth in leadership, faith and service. She also recommitted DWU to partnerships – with the Mitchell community, businesses and organizations. In closing, she invited all present to “become a part of this dynamic spirit and potential for good.” She continued, “I pray that we share a stirring of the soul, to be opened to awakening others to the potential of a world transformed by leaders whose hearts and minds have been shaped by those who long for a better tomorrow.”

To read President Amy Novak’s entire inaugural speech, go to www.dwu.edu/president/speeches. To view additional DWU inauguration photos, go to www.flickr.com/photos/dakotawesleyan/sets.
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As I complete the first seven months of my work as president, I remain humbled by the generosity of our alumni and friends whose belief in the value of a DWU education continues to strengthen our future. I want to personally thank each of you for your support of our vision to create a greater Wesleyan. In the past 129 years, DWU has made great strides, and this year marks another important milestone. In August, we opened the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center, home of the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences, and the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing. This four-story, 48,000-square-foot building and the academic programs housed within demonstrate our resounding commitment to educating future health professionals and scientists for South Dakota and the world.

As I reflect on the excitement generated with the opening of the new building, I was struck by the countless female graduates of DWU who reached out to me and applauded my appointment as the first female president of the university, as well as the recognition of women in the naming of the new building, college and academic department. In thinking about the strong women for whom these buildings are named and the countless alumnae whom I have visited with over the past seven months, I pondered the generational differences between each of them and myself. In 2013, it did not occur to me that a woman could not be a college president, a corporate leader, a chief financial officer or a chief medical officer — or virtually anything else she worked hard to achieve. But I recognized that the generations that came before climbed significant societal and attitudinal barriers to attain professional success.

In my first seven months as your president, I have had the distinct pleasure of meeting, visiting with and reading about women from different eras, and I am humbled when I think of how they paved the way for me and my contemporaries.

- Juanita Kingdon ‘33, featured on page 30-31, is our oldest living DWU graduate at 102. My visit with her struck me with awe! As a student in the ‘30s, Juanita wanted to be a CPA when most women weren’t permitted to think of accounting as a career. She challenged all stereotypes when she joined the American Red Cross and served during World War II and later in Vietnam.
- Ardith Miller ’50, who had a distinguished career in the U.S. Diplomatic Corps, traveled the world and was one of the last four people to leave Baghdad, Iraq, before Desert Storm.
- Dorothy Schwieder ’55, who we honored as our Distinguished Alumna for the College of Leadership and Public Service, broke barriers in academia when she became the first woman to be named a professor in the Iowa State University Department of History.
- Ann Lee ’60, who came to Dakota Wesleyan University in her 30s to earn her teaching degree, taught for more than 50 years in South Dakota schools.
- Carol Lucas ’61 was a pioneer in the sciences and completed her career as the chair of the biomedical engineering program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Karen Lantz ’65 whose trip to Uganda, Africa, in 2006 inspired her to start a nonprofit organization, Helping Women and Orphans, which has given goats to more than 105 impoverished women in Africa.

All of us at DWU treasure the commitment of our alumni and friends. We are grateful for your financial support. But know that we are also grateful for the legacy that you, our alumni, have created here at Wesleyan. Whether you came to DWU as a young woman at a time when women didn’t “need” to go to college, or you were a young man from a poor farming family who worked tirelessly to complete a college education, or if you were an individual who broke gender stereotypes by choosing a field of study outside the norm — you each serve as an inspiration to our entire university.

While this year’s record institutional enrollment and new facilities speak to our progress, we must continue to move ahead to build a state-of-the-art health and wellness complex for our students and community, while simultaneously making conscious efforts to encourage investment in the endowment for the long-term financial, spiritual and academic vitality of this institution. Excellence abounds at Wesleyan. With this momentum, we move boldly forward with your legacy and support to create a greater Wesleyan for generations to come.

Amy C. Novak, President
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Online Reports
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Dakota Wesleyan University welcomed Dr. Alisha Vincent as the director of the McGovern Center for Leadership and Public Service and assistant professor of leadership over the summer, and her energy and enthusiasm for community and civic engagement has already been passed along to her students.

Vincent joined the staff in August and hit the ground running as she endeavors to revitalize the leadership and public service major at DWU with new opportunities to engage students in applying classroom learning to meet real-world needs.
“These experiential learning opportunities involve students in service to local and regional nonprofits,” Vincent said. “They will help students discover ways to develop their own nonprofit organizations, encourage them to speak out about important policy issues, and create innovative events to draw awareness and raise funds for local charities.”

Student groups in her leadership and public service class last semester have learned important leadership lessons by organizing projects, including a golf benefit for a local cancer support group, a hunger banquet, a public relations capacity-building project for the Mitchell Weekend Snack Pack Program, and an art auction for the Abbott House. As Vincent continues at DWU, she hopes to use her own background in nonprofit development to connect students and the community. Two seniors, Kelli Swenson, of Chamberlain, and Chase Kristensen, of Plankinton, are working with Vincent and DWU alumnus Thomas Madut to develop a nonprofit aimed at building a primary school in Madut’s home country, South Sudan.

Madut, who is a 2010 graduate and earned his M.A. in 2012, immigrated to South Dakota when he was 15 and grew up in Sioux Falls and Chamberlain.

“The school will be for both boys and girls,” Madut said. “However, our first priority is the girls. We will make sure that girls are given the same opportunities to go to school as boys and make specific efforts to recruit girls for the school.”

Swenson has known Madut since she was in middle school.

“In conversation with Dr. Vincent (also originally from Chamberlain), she mentioned to me Thomas’ plans to construct a primary school near his home area in South Sudan,” Swenson said. “I felt drawn immediately and jumped in with both feet!”

Swenson is now a member of the board of directors, assisting with the strategic plan, application for nonprofit status and in other ways. DWU graphic design students will assist with the website and logo and the project will be created under the McGovern Center umbrella.

In addition to teaching and engaging students in local projects, Vincent will also take a group of students to Africa this summer to work on food security and education projects in Rwanda and Uganda, Africa, with Crimson Academy and a nonprofit she founded, Esperance Education Institute.

“George McGovern cared deeply about engaging people in opportunities to make a difference. I am honored to be a part of an institution of faculty, staff, students and community members who are dedicated to carrying out Sen. McGovern’s legacy of service,” Vincent said.

“When we connect the classroom to needs in our local, regional and global communities, I feel that we are honoring his memory as well as giving unique learning experiences to our students. Whether students’ passions lie in being involved with nonprofits, politics, or even for-profit organizations, the experiences we are now offering and will continue to develop in the future will give them valuable tools to navigate life and be servant-leaders as they further their education and take on careers.”

Before joining Dakota Wesleyan, Vincent served in higher education and as a nonprofit consultant. The mission of the Esperance Education Institute is to help undereducated adults acquire occupational skills and career assistance through short-term educational classes. This year programs will be offered in Rwanda, Chile and Ethiopia. During her travels she has also assisted Water Our Thirsty World (www.ourthirstyworld.org) with the implementation of water chlorine devices and helped establish a livestock program to sustain low-income families in rural Rwanda.

“Growing up on a farm south of Chamberlain proved helpful in working with the school headmaster at Crimson Academy to buy 16 goats and a cow and develop a plan to sustain their care,” she said. “The parent-teacher organization and I selected the families in greatest financial need in the school and gave them a goat. They will raise the animal and once the animal has offspring they will give the primary animal back to the school to offer to another family. The best part of the project has been witnessing the pride and ownership taken on by the PTA and community who are now sending reports on whose goat has produced and how the animals are helping feed families, boost incomes and improve the community.”

Vincent is now working with DWU’s Universities Fighting World Hunger group to expand and sustain the livestock project. Students traveling to Africa this summer will spend time working on the project. The donation site, Livestock for Life, can be found via the McGovern Center’s website, www.mcgoverncenter.com, or directly through at https://give.dwu.edu/livestock.

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Tyler Volesky, DWU senior and team leader, works on art projects at the Abbott House in Mitchell with DWU student Mallory Jark. The DWU class hosted a silent auction to raise funds for the Abbott House, bringing in more than $175 on auctioned art that the students and Abbott House clients created. The project was through the Leadership and Public Service course which partnered seniors with underclassmen. Other projects included a hunger banquet to teach students about world hunger, and a cancer fundraiser at the golf course called Swinging for Cancer.
Snapshots

BLUE & WHITE DAYS 2013

The women’s basketball team strikes a pose before the homecoming parade. (Photo by Jason Christensen, head women’s basketball coach)

This year’s homecoming king and queen are Jedd Schlicht, right, of Woonsocket, and Natalie Munger, of Kimball. Homecoming court also included: Kayla Summerville, Platte; Tyler Sarringar, Pierre; Josh Fiedler, Dell Rapids; Amanda Hart, Alexandria; Skyler Eriksen, Presho; Taylor Piper, Mitchell; Chase Kristensen, Plankinton; and Shelby Andersen, Mitchell.

Mike Farney, math professor and department chair, has been teaching at DWU since 1979. To celebrate all things Farney, DWU hosted a Farney Festival during homecoming, which featured Farney’s brand new physics laboratory within the newly opened Glenda K. Corigan Health Sciences Center. Alumni and community members attended to see Farney in action, and there were loads of science projects and experiments for kids.

Sarah Cox Olson ’03 and Megan Mentzel ’07, ’10 met up at the alumni tent before the Blue & White Days Parade.

Former DWU football players Chris Ferera ’12, Marco Mora ’12, and Michael Barnaud ’12 watch from the stands as the DWU Tigers beat Dordt College 45-31.

DWU celebrated the 100th anniversary of Blue & White Days in 2013. “Tigers Through Time: 100 Years of Blue & White Pride” was the theme and here, DWU students from the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing show off nursing uniforms through the ages.

Sarah Cox Olson ’03 and Megan Mentzel ’07, ’10 met up at the alumni tent before the Blue & White Days Parade.
Not every child goes home to a warm meal, and not every parent can provide one.

The Mitchell Weekend Snack Pack Program provides easy-to-prepare-meals for Mitchell elementary students, food they can make for themselves if their parents are working over the weekend.

The program was founded in Mitchell by Cindy Novachich ‘90. For four years she has managed the program from her living room, with stacks of boxes taking over every available surface.

Last summer, in anticipation of vacating Hughes Hall for the new Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center, the DWU student group Enactus, led by Brent Matter, proposed moving the Snack Pack Program into the former Hughes Hall biology lab, providing a rent-free space for the program. The program moved out of Novachich’s home and into Hughes, and now has a steady stream of campus and noncampus volunteers to help with packing, as well as room to grow. Enactus students have also been assisting in marketing, promotions, website design and grant writing.

In mid-November an anonymous local benefactor donated a 2001 SUV to the Snack Pack Program. Novachich had been using her own vehicle for everything from deliveries – about 350 packs each week to local elementary schools – to shopping to speaking events.

“It is truly a special gift for we who operate with recycled bags and boxes and through the generous donations of food drives. It is a blessing that will enable our charity to continue to use 100 percent of the contributions given to buy food for kids,” Novachich said. “We are able, through food, to give hope to children in Mitchell who live in poverty. The donor of the Tahoe heard about our need through her work on other charity groups and felt God was calling her to provide this for us. I am so very thankful.”

The program operates entirely on monetary donations, as well as donations of food. If interested in donating toward the Mitchell Weekend Snack Pack Program or volunteering to pack meals, contact Novachich at weekendsnackpack@gmail.com.
Ever wonder what teachers do in their spare time? Multiple Dakota Wesleyan faculty members have published articles, essays, books and reviews this year. Here are a few and how to find them:


**MIKE CATALANO**, professor of mathematics, will have a review of five books called, “A Sampling of Popular Books for Numeracy Readers,” published in Volume 7, Issue 1 in Numeracy: Advancing Education in Quantitative Literacy in January 2014. It can be found at http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/numeracy. Catalano was named Numeracy’s associate editor for book reviews this past November.

**BARBARA DUFFEY**, assistant professor of English, published “The Circus of Forgetting,” through Dancing Girl Press. The book contains 17 poems, all which focus upon the topic of loss. “The Circus of Forgetting” is $7 and may be purchased through this link: http://dulcetshop.ecrater.com/p/18965459/the-circus-of-forgetting-barbara-duffey. The cover art was created by Duffey’s mother, Virginia Duffey, originally of Winner and now of Cedar Crest, N.M.


**BRIAN PATRICK**, assistant professor of biology, published two scientific papers in the Journal of Arachnology, Volume 41, Issue 3. One paper is about the discovery of two new spider species, written with Herbert Levi of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College; the second paper compares two methods for capturing insects and spiders, the ramp trap and the pitfall trap. This research was conducted with Ashton Hansen, who conducted Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) research in South Dakota with Patrick in 2010.

**JESSE WEINS**, assistant professor of criminal justice at DWU, wrote a contributing article, “Victim’s Self-defense,” which was published in the Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence and Abuse last summer.


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**DWU names new positions, switches up offices**

DWU has seen its fair share of change this semester, beginning with the announcement of Amy Novak as the new president of the university last April. Since then, a few campus positions have been created or changed, and offices were moved to accommodate the new administrative team.

Derek Driedger, associate professor of English and department chair, was named the associate dean of digital learning at DWU. Digital DWU went live in August with the university’s RN to Bachelor of Science in nursing and the now M.B.A. in Strategic Leadership.

As Novak assumed presidential duties in June, Rocky Von Eye, math professor and dean of the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences, was named provost. Diane Sandhoff, associate professor of nursing and RN to B.S. program director for the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing, was named the new dean of the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences in December. Theresa Kriese, formerly vice president for finance and development, was named executive vice president.

Offices have also switched up a bit. The president’s office was renovated to accommodate the executive vice president in addition to the president, and the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship moved to the McGovern Library, allowing for more accessible parking for off-campus visitors. The former university relations department across from the president’s office was renovated to accommodate Von Eye and Lori Essig, vice president for university relations, allowing Novak’s administrative team to be in close proximity to one another.
DATELINES

May 31: DWU reaches Wesleyan Fund goal of $705,000, thanks to the generous donations of alumni, employees and friends.

June 18: Digital DWU goes live on campus; new online degrees offered.

June 23-28: Brian Patrick, assistant professor of biology, presents research about spider traps at the 19th International Congress of Arachnology in Kenting, Taiwan.

August: An article on Supreme Court decision-making by Jesse Weins, dean of the College of Leadership and Public Service, is cited by the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Aug. 25: The DWU Freshman Food Drive brings in 4,230 pounds of nonperishables for the Mitchell Area Food Pantry.

September: The DWU Department of Business becomes an Educational Member of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), affirming its commitment to excellence in business education.

September: DWU is ranked among America’s best regional colleges for the Midwest in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges 2014.”

Sept. 17: DWU is named a Military Friendly School in the “Guide to Military Friendly Schools,” by Victory Media.

Oct. 8: Derik Fossum ’12, resident director, is chosen for the NASPA Region IV-West South Dakota Rising Star New Professional Award.

November: Dan Bonte, assistant director of admissions, and Monty Bohrer, associate professor and director of business, are chosen as the staff and faculty Professional Excellence Award winners for the summer semester.

Nov. 11: Jenna Schmaltz, a nursing student at DWU, is awarded one of two Veteran of the Year awards from the Mitchell American Legion, VFW and DAV.

December: DWU is featured on CollegesofDistinction.com for the third year and is the only college from South Dakota listed on the site.

Dec. 9: Diane Sandhoff, associate professor of nursing, director of the RN program, and dean of the College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences, is awarded the faculty Professional Excellence Award for the fall semester. Malik Stewart ‘10, talent adviser, is awarded the staff award for Professional Excellence.

Kelli Swenson, of Chamberlain, is a senior at Dakota Wesleyan University and was one of 50 students worldwide to be chosen for the Hesselbein Global Academy for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement in Pittsburgh last summer. According to the academy’s website, their goal is to inspire promising students to “learn how to be effective, ethical and innovative leaders.”

The students were assigned to small groups which were facilitated by distinguished mentors. Swenson’s group included one student each from Mexico, El Salvador and Iraq; her mentor was Lt. Col. Todd Woodruff of West Point. They listened to speakers and engaged in discussions on the cultural, gender and business differences in each of their countries. Additionally, each group was assigned to a Community Engagement Site where they worked directly with an organization that needed help with some aspect of their work. Swenson’s group was invited to Pittsburg Mayor Luke Ravenstahl’s office where they worked with servePGH. They were tasked with creating strategies for expanding the mayor’s initiative to have city employees dedicate two hours a week to mentoring students in the public schools.

“We had about six hours to work together and present our findings, ideas and suggestions for improvements,” Swenson said. “It was phenomenal to work together for a common purpose.”

Swenson is majoring in leadership and public service and plans to pursue a career in nonprofit management following college. She has already volunteered for numerous projects on campus, as well as mission trips through Dakota Wesleyan, which she also helps to coordinate. She co-coordinated DWU’s mission trip to Peru last May and is helping with the mission trips planned this March to Omaha and Puerto Vallarta. In addition, she will participate in a service trip to Africa in May through DWU’s McGovern Center.

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The essay, “Why Choose a United Methodist-Related College?” by DWU student Kelsey Warns of Madison, was selected by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) to be featured on its website. The opportunity was opened to students at United Methodist colleges across the country.

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The math and science faculty and staff from the Corrigan Health Sciences Center all dressed as dominos for Halloween this year. Pictured, from left: Steve Haier, Mike Farney, Bethany Melroe Lehman, Ashley Digmann ’06, Wyonne Kaemingk ’76, ’77, Paula Mazzer, Becka Schelske ’08, Angela Broughton ’09, ’10, Roxane Hunt, Carena Jarding ’00, Rocky Von Eye and Jeane Krome ’10.

A few Dakota Wesleyan faculty members are serious runners. From left, Barbara Duffey of the English department, Joel Allen of religion and philosophy, Erin Desmond and Clinton Desmond of the music department, and Tim Mullican of biology, ran several races last year. This photo is from the River Rat Marathon in Yankton. Mullican ran the full marathon and the others ran the half marathon. Mullican qualified for a club called the Marathon Maniacs last fall by running two marathons and two 50K ultramarathons in 49 days. The marathons were the Sioux Falls Marathon and the Bemidji Blue Ox Marathon, and the ultramarathons (any race beyond 26.2 miles) were the Sundance 50K trail run and the G.O.A.T. (Greater Omaha Trail Runners) 50K trail run in Omaha. The 50Ks were each 31 miles on dirt trails.

Kent Millard, a 1963 grad and member of the DWU Board of Trustees, was invited to speak to the entrepreneurial leadership course, as well as Christian leadership students and athletes, by Fredel Thomas, entrepreneurship professor and director of the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship. Millard talked about his book, “Lead Like Butler,” which is all about values-based leadership. He put it in a business and personal context and tied in his relationship with God.

Dakota Wesleyan University hosted its second annual Campus Thanksgiving Dinner this year with a full house. Students piled into Weston Food Court and East Main Dining Room as DWU faculty and staff served all the holiday fixings. Malik Stewart ’10, talent adviser, was one of the staff who volunteered to serve.

RIGHT: DWU theatre presented “The Woman in Black” in Patten-Wing Theatre in December, an eerie play about a man who is literally and figuratively haunted by events from his past. The play was directed by DWU graduate Chris Ferrara ’13 and performed by Wesleyan students A.J. Miller and Kurt Schwarzenbart, both of Mitchell. DWU student Elizabeth Moore, of Sioux Falls, played the ghost. (Photo by Dan Miller)
By Mari Olson

It was an entirely different atmosphere when Henry Hughes attended Dakota Wesleyan in the ’80s.

“As a young man, I challenged and debated issues regarding politics, religion, sex, even marijuana and alcohol use,” Hughes said. “My teachers were tolerant but also offered solid guidance. Literature, such as works by Henry Thoreau, Herman Melville and Emily Dickinson, which I read deeply at Wesleyan, helped me form an open-minded view of religion and humanity. With DWU’s great teachers and a rich liberal arts curriculum, I really found my way into the world.”

Hughes came back to campus this fall as the Opperman Lecturer, giving an energetic and informal talk, “My Time at DWU – Transition and Transformation,” which covered the bases of the ’80s era with honesty and humor.

Hughes grew up on Long Island, N.Y., coming to DWU in 1983 and graduating in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in biology.

During his years at Dakota Wesleyan, he was one part of “The Birch and Henry Show” on campus, a late-night talk show of sorts that convened in the campus center several times a semester with more than 200 students, faculty and staff to listen and laugh along. Birch Hilton, his co-conspirator and friend, was a psychology major from White Lake who starred on the football team and later completed his master’s degree in counseling and became a teacher and counselor for the developmentally disabled in Denver. The show took one semester off in fall 1985 and resumed in spring 1986, ending that May when Hilton graduated.

“While not professional in the strictest sense of the word, ‘The Birch and Henry Show’ was a rollicking good time, with just the right amount of bawdy jokes and bad talent to make it worthwhile,” according to the 2010 DWU memory book.

Hughes, who went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in poetry writing at Purdue University, where he founded the literacy magazine, Sycamore Review, and later earned his Ph.D. in American literature, describes his younger self as a subpar student, not really interested in studying.

At DWU he met mentors Bob Tatina from the biology department and Joe Ditta from the English department.

“Joe went above and beyond, taking the extra time with me,” Hughes said. “He’d read my poems and some articles I’d written for the Phreno Cosmian ... I wasn’t a great high school student, and I really grew through that mentorship.”

Henry Hughes ’87 and longtime friend and mentor Joe Ditta, former English professor and department chair, catch up following the Opperman Lecture.

Hughes taught English in Niigata, Japan, from 1991 to 1994, through the JET Program and continued to travel around Asia and write and publish on various subjects. In 1994, he moved to China and was a foreign expert in English at Beijing Foreign Studies University. He is now an English and writing professor at Western Oregon University and the author of three books of poems, including “Men Holding Eggs,” which received the 2004 Oregon Book Award. He is the editor of two anthologies, “The Art of Angling: Poems About Fishing” and “Fishing Stories,” both published in the distinguished Everyman Library Series. In addition to teaching, Hughes reviews new poetry and nonfiction regularly for the Harvard Review.

He is married and lives in Oregon.

“I thought I was worldly ... but I didn’t know how to intelligently organize my thoughts,” he said about coming to South Dakota as a freshman. “(At DWU) I learned how to think, how to reason. This place really made me. I had some raw ideas about the world ... Dakota Wesleyan gave me the tools and means to develop those ideas.”

During his visit back to Mitchell, Hughes spent a great deal of time with Ditta and his wife, Joanne. The respect and friendship they fashioned years ago clearly didn’t end with his diploma.
The opening of the Glenda K. Corrigan Health Sciences Center in August began a new era in education at Dakota Wesleyan University. On Aug. 29, nearly 700 people gathered in the Sherman Center for the dedication ceremony of this state-of-the-art facility. Following a litany of dedication and a powerful message by Bishop Bruce Ough, the entire audience formed a procession to the new science center where major donors Paul ’50, HD’70 and Donna Starr ’51, HD’91 Christen and Fritz and Glenda ’64 Corrigan cut the ribbon, officially opening the home to the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences. Despite the heat, the day was celebratory and even cause for dancing, as donor Ron Gates Sr. and his wife, Sheilah (lower right), twirled to the sounds of the orchestra playing on the lawn.

Bishop Bruce Ough, of the Dakotas Conference, gave a rousing sermon during the dedication.

President Amy Novak unveiled a bronze statue, “Dawn,” in the lobby of the Corrigan Health Sciences Center at a donor reception on Wednesday, Aug. 28. The statue was created by Benjamin Victor, of Aberdeen, and donated by Mary and Wayne Puetz, of Mitchell.
Carena Jarding ’00, assistant professor of nursing at DWU, observes and directs students within the Arlene Gates Department of Nursing’s simulation lab. Professors have the ability to not only observe four different simulation labs from monitors within the hall, but they can program the simulators with different symptoms and even respond for the patients, as Jarding is doing here.

Lori Bork ’85, associate professor of nursing at DWU, works with students within the simulation labs in the new Arlene Gates Department of Nursing within the Corrigan Health Sciences Center.

While the ceremony served as the official opening of the science center, classes began a few days prior, and since that time students have reaped the benefits of this facility, the finest undergraduate science center in the region.

- Nursing students began coursework in the building after spring break in March 2013, giving nursing students the first peek at what the new science center would mean to their educational experience. The nursing simulation labs are the stars of the show in the department. Four hospital rooms feature simulation mannequins that can be controlled from a central location outside the rooms. Video cameras are trained on each “patient” and while faculty members control the mannequins, the students determine how to handle medical situations, from a cry of pain to a blood pressure spike to cardiac arrest. Videos are later played back so all students can learn from the realistic experience.

- In addition to the expected antics of professor Mike Farney, students in the physics lab have the benefit of conducting experiments in a specially designed room that was built on a separate slab from the rest of the building. Farney requested the unique construction to prevent all vibration from stairwell, hallway and elevator traffic.

Megan Johnson, of Rapid City, and Colleen Hannum, of Bakersfield, Calif., conduct a simple distillation. This is a way in organic chemistry that you can separate compounds based on differing boiling points.
Junior Hannah Ford, left, of Vermillion, is a biology major planning to become a heart surgeon. She spent the summer of 2013 completing an internship with the South Dakota Biomedical Research and Infrastructure Network (BRIN) which involved 10 weeks at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, Vermillion, assisting with research in hypertension with one of the cardiovascular experts. DWU also hosts BRIN students on campus and has a lab devoted to research within the Corrigan Health Sciences Center. Helping Hannah in the background is Haley Brunke, of Scotland.

Students all use digital microscopes in the microbiology laboratory, allowing them to easily capture digital photomicrographs that they can paste into their electronic laboratory reports. They can also capture video clips of live microorganisms and view their behavior. The microscope software also allows them to click and drag across the length of a microbe in an image and measure it to the nearest micron. This is a task that is much more difficult to do with a standard compound light microscope.

A new type of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy instrument, the picoSpin 45, is based on solid-state magnets, like an MRI machine in medicine. Unlike other NMRs, this one has no moving parts, which makes it cheaper to operate and easier to use. Students get to use it themselves, instead of just submitting samples as they have to do with traditional, easily broken NMR instruments.

"Since the labs were designed with our input, they exactly meet our teaching needs." – Dr. Paula Mazzer, biochemistry

Michael Rohde, of Colome, and Travis Moodie, of Pierre, are running samples on the picoSpin 45 NMR. DWU undergrad students have full access to this NMR.

• In chemistry, a new gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy instrument can be used for two things: first, it separates chemicals that are in a mixture, and then it identifies the chemicals by their mass. This instrument is used both for research and classes – students will especially learn to use it in organic chemistry and analytical chemistry, although it can be used in biology experiments, too.

• The biochemistry research space has an inert gas line set up in the fume hood for manufacturing chemicals that would break down if exposed to normal air.
• For research, the Leica M205C dissecting scope, one of the most powerful research-grade dissecting scopes in the world, allows not only world-class magnification of objects and organisms for research and study, but is integrated with Leica software for imaging and analysis. This dissecting scope enhances a researcher’s ability to adequately see and analyze biological specimens. This has applications in the fields of ecology, evolutionary biology, and organismal biology.

• In the biology teaching labs, gel electrophoresis apparatuses and a PCR thermal cycler allow students to extract DNA from organisms — including themselves — and select a particular gene to study. The techniques used are exactly the same as used in DNA sequencing for the Human Genome Project and for forensic and crime scene analysis.

• A cell biology lab with an incubator, biosafety hood and two microscopes allows students to do research using live mammalian cells (purchased from a cell culture collection; no stem cells are used).

• The new building offers two state-of-the-art chemistry teaching labs, with enough fume hoods that everyone in organic chemistry lab can work in a fume hood, protecting them from potentially harmful — and definitely stinky — organic chemicals.

• Three-dimensional projectors in the Avera Lecture Hall and two biology labs help students visualize biological structures and biochemical molecules.

“The new building has greatly enhanced the science program and offers more possibilities for research and study for students.”
— Leah Wienbar, senior biology major, Iroquois

To view more DWU photos of the Corrigan Health Sciences Center, visit Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/dakotawesleyan.
For the past three seasons, the Dakota Wesleyan University football team started the season by making history.

In 2013, the Tigers didn’t get off to the start they wanted, but made history when it counted: at the end of the season. Dakota Wesleyan put together its best season in more than 20 years and etched its name in the record books with one of the top three finishes in Tiger football history. DWU finished the season 8-3 overall, marking just the third time in Tiger football history a team has won eight or more games. The last time was in 1992, and the only other time was in 1976.

“This year’s team was different than any other team,” second-year head coach Ross Cimpl said. “I think the biggest factor was that we had great leadership, and these players were very focused on obtaining their goals. We have a phenomenal coaching staff, and their teaching and direction gave our players the confidence to compete and beat the best teams in the conference.

“I think another difference in this team that allowed us to be successful was its work ethic. They knew that the work and time invested into the season and offseason would make a difference in games, and they pushed each other to improve.”

Along with eight wins, the Tigers also finished 7-2 and in third place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. They were ranked 20th in the NAIA and won seven of their last eight games. Cimpl was named the league’s coach-of-the-year after guiding DWU to its historic season, and he was named the AFCA NAIA Region 4 Coach-of-the-Year. He coached five GPAC Players-of-the-Week in 2013, and helped the squad set the school record for points (329) and total offense (4,547) in a season.

Dakota Wesleyan also saw several individual records fall this season. Senior receiver Anthony Muilenburg, who sat out the entire 2012 season with an injury, set the school record for receiving yards in a game with 251 against Northwestern College, and he ends his career with the most receptions in school history – 225. He was an AFCA NAIA All-American Second-Team honoree – the second AFCA All-American honor of his career.

Junior running back Francois Barnaud also missed nearly the entire 2012 season with an injury, but he came back stronger than ever in 2013 and shattered the school’s single-season rushing record. Teammate Josh Endres broke the 23-year-old mark in 2012, but just one year later, Barnaud led the nation with 1,893 rushing yards. He also finished second in the NAIA in rushing yards per game (172.1).

“Having the year that I had was great, and I owe a lot of my success to my offensive line blocking well and my receivers blocking down field,” Barnaud said. “It means a lot to be the record holder and to do those kinds of things; however, it’s just going to make me work that much harder for the upcoming season.”

Senior quarterback Jon Bane also wrapped up a stellar career in 2013. The Rogers, Texas, native graduates with the school record for passing yards (9,224) and total offense (9,365) in a career. Bane threw for 2,330 yards and 25 touchdowns this season, and he finished third in the league with 211.8 yards per game. He also graduates with records for pass offense (457) and longest pass (99) in a game and pass offense in a season (2,817). He earned All-GPAC Honorable Mention accolades for the third straight year.

Barnaud and Muilenburg, along with sophomore linebacker Brady Bonte, all earned All-GPAC First-Team honors at the end of the season. Bonte, who led the Tigers with 88 total tackles and finished eighth in the NAIA in tackles for a loss (20) and sacks (9.0), was one of eight underclassmen nominated for a national defensive player-of-the-year award.

“We have some very talented players
on this team,” Cimpl said. “I think when people look at what we have been able to accomplish over the past couple seasons in terms of records, they have to acknowledge the fact that there is something special happening in this program, and it’s happening right now.

“I think for the players to be a part of these records is something that they will remember for a lifetime.”

Dakota Wesleyan’s big finish came after its slowest start in the past four seasons. The Tigers started 1-2 in 2013 with losses to the University of Wisconsin-Stout – an NCAA Division III opponent – and GPAC rival Northwestern. In 2010, DWU started the season 3-0 for the first time in school history before ending the year 5-5. In 2011, the Tigers won five straight games to start the year – another first – but finished 6-4. In 2012, DWU went 3-0 to start before ending the year 6-4 for the second straight season.

In the loss to Northwestern – ranked No. 21 in the NAIA at the time – the Tigers were down 49-28 heading into the final quarter. Dakota Wesleyan put together two scoring drives and, in the final 49 seconds of the game, orchestrated an eight-play, 72-yard drive that ended on the Red Raiders’ 1-yard line as time expired. The Tigers fell inches shy of a game-tying touchdown and, perhaps, an upset of Northwestern. At the end of the season with Dakota Wesleyan sitting just outside the playoff bubble looking in, many speculated about what could have been had the Tigers upset the Red Raiders that day in Orange City, Iowa.

“I was very nervous the day of the selection show, and when the last selection was made and we weren’t picked, I just cried because our team deserved the opportunity to make the playoffs,” Muilenburg said. “It was very difficult to look back at the Northwestern game because just a few less mistakes, and we could have come out of that game with a win. Also, looking back to the last play of that game when we were inches away from the goal line still leaves a bitter taste in my mouth.”

Following the close loss, DWU rattled off three straight wins and jumped into the receiving votes section of the poll following a 31-20 upset of No. 20 Doane. A home loss to No. 1 Morningside College, however, bumped the Tigers right back out of the polls, and they knew they would likely have to win their last four games of the season to even have a shot at the playoffs. They did, including a 27-0 shutout – their first and only of the year – against Dordt College to end the season, but their No. 20 ranking wasn’t enough to earn a spot in the playoffs.

“We can’t control where we are ranked; all we can control is winning games,” Barnaud said. “Obviously we felt like we were one of the better teams in the nation, so I don’t think we really had an underdog mentality. We just knew if we did what we practice and what our coaches told us, then we could compete with anybody, and that’s what we did.”

Despite missing the playoffs, the 2013 season was one to remember. This year’s senior class collectively had an impressive career, and graduates as the most successful senior class in recent memory. The 2013 seniors put together a career record of 25-16, and are the first senior class since the early days of DWU football to have three straight winning seasons. Together, they helped set two team records and saw seven individual game, four individual season and four individual career records fall.

“It has been great to be part of all the record setting throughout my five seasons here,” senior defensive back Matt McManus said. “I have seen both the receiving and rushing records fall twice, the interception record get tied and countless passing records. That says a lot about the talent that was on the teams we were a part of.

“You ask all of the guys about those records, and they’ll talk about how their teammates helped them accomplish those records and how, without them, they wouldn’t have been possible. After Endres broke the season rushing record, he took all the linemen out to eat and paid for their dinner. If you know how offensive linemen eat, you know that he had a pretty big bill.”

Missing the playoffs by a game – or maybe an inch – left DWU hungry for more in 2014, but Cimpl said the Tigers’ goals are still the same: win a GPAC title and compete for a national title.

“Our expectations haven’t changed,” he said. “We have a lot of things that we can build off from this season, but there was a great deal of time and effort dedicated to this season, and we still came up short.

“I think the players and coaches are more motivated than ever to get over the hump and make our goals a reality.”

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No. 10 Anthony Muilenburg
(WR, 6-2, 200, Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D.)

No. 21 Francois Barnaud
(RB, 5-9, 200, Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D.)

Coach Ross Cimpl (GPAC Coach-of-the-Year)
Men’s Basketball
Matt Wilber was hired to take over as the Tiger men’s head coach, and he has guided Dakota Wesleyan to a 10-8 mark so far this season. The Tigers picked up signature wins on Nov. 13 when they upset No. 18 Dakota State University 85-76 at the Corn Palace and another on Jan. 4 when they upset No. 6 Hastings College 98-84. Sophomore guard Tate Bergh tied the school record for 3-pointers in a game in the team’s first game of the year against Trinity Bible College with 10. He scored 43 points that game. Junior Jalen Voss leads the team in scoring at 20 points per game, and Celeste Beck is fourth in the NAIA in 3-point percentage (.464).

Cross Country
A pair of underclassmen paced the DWU cross country team in 2013. The Tigers had just two seniors on their men’s and women’s rosters combined. Freshman Kellan Willet finished 26th at the GPAC Championships to lead the Tiger men, and sophomore Haley Brunke paced the DWU women with her second straight top 40 finish. She finished 35th in her second season with the team.

Football
The DWU football team made history in 2013 and finished the season as one of the top three teams in Tiger football history. DWU went 8-3, marking just the third time in school history a team has won eight or more games. The Tigers made it to No. 20 in the NAIA polls, and narrowly missed a spot in the playoffs. Head coach Ross Cimpl was named the GPAC Coach-of-the-Year in just his second year at the helm. DWU had several key wins, including a 31-20 win over No. 20 Doane College and a 31-17 win against receiving-votes Nebraska Wesleyan. Junior running back Francois Barnaud set the single-season rushing mark with 1,893 yards, and senior receiver Anthony Mullenburg set a career mark with 225 receptions throughout his DWU career. Sophomore linebacker Brady Bonte was one of eight underclassmen nominated for a national defensive player-of-the-year award. Barnaud, Mullenburg and Bonte earned All-GPAC First-Team honors, and Jake Verry, Kyle Henke, Eric Cruis and Matt McManus earned second-team accolades. Jon Bane, Eric Witte, Anthony Cervantes, Tanner Munk, Matt Tuttle, Skyler Eriksen, Jeff Maassen and Mullenburg were named honorable mention.

Women’s Basketball
Dakota Wesleyan is 11-6 so far this season and is receiving votes in the NAIA. The Tigers won 10 of their first 12 games to start the season, and they upset No. 10 Midland University 85-74 on Dec. 7. Freshman Erica Herrold was named the GPAC Player-of-the-Week after scoring 20 points against Nebraska Wesleyan. Katie Johnson and Amanda Hart lead the team in scoring (11.9), but two others - Kim Johnson (10.5) and Celeste Beck (10.3) – also average double digits. Katie Johnson leads the team with 5.7 rebounds per game, and Celeste Beck is fourth in the NAIA in 3-point percentage (.464).

Women’s Golf
Dakota Wesleyan continued its GPAC dominance this fall and leads the field by 37 strokes after two qualifiers. The Tigers have a two-round total of 647, and Northwestern is in second with a 684. Senior Chelsea Burback leads the individual race with a 157, but sophomore teammate Lauren Flit is one stroke behind and in second with a 158. Juniors Jenna Winckler and Tali Peters are fifth and sixth with a 166 and 167, respectively. Freshman April Barnett is also tied for 11th. Dakota Wesleyan won three events this fall and took fourth twice. Flit earned GPAC Golfer-of-the-Week honors twice, and Burback earned the honor once.

Volleyball
The DWU wrestling team was ranked 10th in the NAIA in the preseason poll and was still at No. 11 when the first poll of 2014 came out. Junior Trever DeVestern leads the team at 20-1 and won the 165-pound title at the DWU Open and the Gold Division of the Auggie-Brute Adidas Open. Tyler Sarringar won the 197-pound title at the DWU Open, and both Richard Rios (133) and Kyle Gerlach (157) took second.

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Men’s Golf
The Tiger men’s golf team is in seventh in the GPAC standings after two qualifiers so far this season. Mac Young leads the Tigers individually as he is tied for 15th in the league’s individual standings with a 161. Tyler Burr is tied for 25th with a 163. DWU’s top finish this fall was a fourth-place finish at its annual DWU Palace City Classic.

Women’s Soccer
The Tiger women finished 4-12-2 overall and 1-8-1 in the GPAC in 2013. Senior setter Bri Jung and sophomore outside hitter Sarah Kruse earned All-GPAC Honorable Mention accolades. Ali Said set the school record for goals in a game with four against Presentation, and senior goalie Erika Carpenter set the record for saves in a season with 142. Ali Said also earned CoSIDA Academic All-District 3 honors.

Men’s Soccer
The Tigers went 7-28 overall and 0-16 in the GPAC in 2013. Junior setter Bri Jung and sophomore outside hitter Sarah Kruse earned All-GPAC Honorable Mention status. Kruse led the team with 226 kills, and Jung had a team-high 632 assists. Freshman Taylor Spence also had 219 kills and 312 digs, and sophomore Maggie Stehly led the team with 339 digs. Redshirt freshman Mallory Jark had a team-high 43 total blocks. After three seasons with the team, Jung moved up to fourth on DWU’s all-time assists list with 2,237 and 14th on the all-time digs chart with 731.

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Tiger Schedules
Trever DeVestern, a junior on the Dakota Wesleyan University wrestling team, takes on teammate Ryan Roach during the Tigers’ annual Blue and White Dual on Nov. 6 at the Christen Family Athletic Center on the DWU campus. DeVestern, a Pearblossom, Calif., native, currently leads the Tigers in individual wins and is 20-1 in 2013-14. The 165-pounder won his weight class at the DWU Open on Nov. 16, and he also won the 165-pound Gold Division title at the Auggie-Brute Adidas Open on Nov. 23 in Minneapolis. DeVestern is looking for his third straight trip to the NAIA National Championships this spring, and he is looking for a second straight All-American honor after finishing seventh at 157 pounds and being named All-American as a sophomore in 2013. He is currently ranked sixth in the NAIA at 165 pounds.
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/friends” link at www.dwu.edu and click on “update your information” to tell us what's new with you.

1930s
Edna Peirce Minger ex'37 recently celebrated her 98th birthday. She lives in a retirement home where she plays the piano for Wednesday Vespers and cares for the roses and potted plants.

1950s
Russell Peirce '51 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 7, 2013.

Delbert Black ex'56 has retired after 37 years as an official scorer for major league baseball. He is looking forward to watching his grandchildren play sports in San Diego; Tucson, Ariz.; Arlington, Va.; and Kansas City, Mo.

Howard Powers '56 is semi-retired. He still teaches junior high art and will complete 58 years of teaching this year.

1960s
Nancy Fink Lower '60, a former nurse practitioner, was paralyzed while serving as a medical director for the Peace Corps in Africa. She lives with her husband, George, in Springville, Utah.

Karol Davis Eichelberg ex'61 has retired from being a full-time volunteer. She and her husband, Elmer, have plans to attend many of their grandchildren’s events, one of which is their granddaughter’s graduation from the Air Force Academy.

Sam Muyskens '63 is the president and founder of Global Faith in Action, a nonprofit organization that fosters interfaith understanding. Based in Kansas, the organization is active in the U.S. and Haiti where they have a 20-year-old project called ASAP Haiti.

Larry Herzog ex'64 retired after 48 years in construction installing traffic signals, airfield lighting and prison security systems.

Charlotte Nold '64 continues as a full-time pastor at St. John UCC in Chicago. She is in her 25th year serving as a pastor.

Larry and Evalyn Sougstad Beasley '65 were named 2012 Volunteers of the Year for District II of the Florida State Park system. There are 5,500 volunteers for the 161 state parks in Florida. For the past four years, Evalyn has worked for the events staff, and Larry has been manager of the maintenance shop at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, Fla.

Jim Kenton '67 remains active in retirement. He and his wife, Carol, travel extensively. He visited the DWU campus in September 2013 and was very impressed. He says he has “always been proud of my affiliation with DWU.”
Daniel Weber ’69 has retired after 42 years of private and federal employment. He and his wife, Beth, live in Sioux Falls.

1970s

Harold Reese ’70 retired this year after 43 years of teaching and coaching in Midland. He currently lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Brenda, who also retired. They look forward to new wonders and challenges in the next chapter of life.

Karen Riley Sievers ’70 received the Citizen of the Year award for Panora, Iowa.

Elaine Kurtenbach Behrend ’72 has lived in Scottsdale, Ariz., with her husband, Jim, since 1984. She retired from teaching in 2001 and continues to be active in church, Marriage Encounter, reading and cooking. She enjoys family time with her three sons and eight grandchildren.

Barbara Stein Holquist ’73 continues to serve as administrator for the preschool she operated for more than 25 years. Her husband, Robert, DWU choral and vocal director from 1971 to 1979, retired from Western Carolina University in 2011 and continues to serve as minister of music at First Baptist Church in Sylva, N.C.

Sylvia Peebles Fulmer ex’73 is a freelance writer and lives in the Temecula Valley in Southern California.

Carolyn Shearer ’74 has retired after 39 years of teaching. She taught in Salem for 34 years.

1980s

Karla Mees ’81 teaches nursing full time for Minnesota School of Business and part time for the College of Saint Scholastica. She also works as a PRN at Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester, Minn.
2000s

Alan King ’03, of Billings, Mont., was featured in the September 2013 edition of Runner’s World magazine. King was called “The Rule Breaker” because he runs an average of 85 miles per week, but doesn’t stretch or strength-train. He ran the 2013 Boston Marathon in 2:32.

Brock Seim ’07 was named an associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Kristi Anderson Smith ’08 graduated last May from Southwest Minnesota State University with her Master of Science in education.

2010s

Allison Hofer Ness ’10 is finishing her third year teaching in the Brookings School District. She and her husband, Joseph, have two children, Ashlynn and Josie.

Births

Darin and Leah Radway Ries ’05 welcomed a daughter, Ainsley Marie, on Aug. 27, 2012.


Tim and Alli Clarke Muienburg ’11 welcomed their first child, Molly Kathleen, on July 4, 2013.

Deaths

Marjorie Voas Mayer ’33, of White Bear Lake, Minn., died Oct. 9, 2013. She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Mayer Lucas ’69.


Dorothy Erickson McMeen ’35, of Gregory, died Feb. 8, 2012.


Albin Lindblad ’41, of Fort Myers, Fla., died April 7, 2013. He is survived by his sisters, Flossie Lindblad Stechman ’47, Mabel Lindblad McEntee ’34 and Bernice Lindblad McKillip ’41.

Paul Kvick ’42, of Carmichael, Calif., died June 13, 2013. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Kvick Kassel c’51, and his brother, Robert ex’48.


Helen Obr ’45, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Nov. 5, 2007.

Stan Johnson ex’47, of Mitchell, died June 15, 2013.

Sylvia Hansen Callison ’48, of Sioux Falls, died Aug. 6, 2013. She is survived by her daughter, Jill Callison ’77.


Dwight Opperman ex’50, HD’06, of Los Angeles, died June 13, 2013.


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Simple, loving, faithful, caring, mischievous, charismatic and compassionate are just a few words that DWU students use to describe Brian Anderberg, 41, of Mitchell, who served as DWU associate director of young adult ministry throughout the last year and a half. Anderberg died early in the morning on Oct. 31, 2013, in his home under hospice care after a long battle with cancer. He shared ministry duties on campus for weekly worship and Fusion, as well as leading one of the 2013 mission teams to Peru. His campus memorial service was held that same day, and those who knew him like to think he was chuckling in Heaven at some of the Halloween costumes. He is survived by his wife, Tonya, and his sons, Nathanial and Nahum.

Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change
April 10, 2014 • 8:30 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. Information: www.dwu.edu/leadershipconference

FEATURED SPEAKERS

• Bob Goff
Bob inspires current and future influencers to get to the “do” part of life.

• Darin Duty and Molly Hough
From Generation Alive, an organization that works in collaboration with other compassion-based organizations to offer young people tangible opportunities to act compassionately by actively helping other young people who are living in the pain caused by extreme poverty or injustice

SCHEDULE
8:30-9:45 a.m. Featuring Generation Alive (www.generationalive.org)
9:45-10:45 a.m. Dialogue for Action
11 a.m.-Noon Bob Goff (www.bobgoff.com)
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch and Dialogue for Action
1-2:30 p.m. Mini Sessions featuring innovators, change agents and idea enthusiasts
class notes.

Ruth Tschetter Hanssen ’71, of Emery, died July 31, 2013.

Mary McGrath Minahan Peterson ex’72, of Tripp, died July 18, 2013.

Thomas Judy ’72, of Wheeling, Ill., died Aug. 27, 2013.

Bob Kumbalek ’73, of North Bend, Wash., died Aug. 10, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Rothenberger Kumbalek ’75.

Ilith Heinrich Saukerson ’76, of Chamberlain, died Aug. 23, 2013.


Gabi Schwanke Anderson ’85, of Nuremberg, Germany, died Sept. 25, 2011.


Cora Flying Hawk ’90, of Lake Andes, died July 7, 2013.

Kathie Aired Neal ex’90, of Parkston, died May 8, 2013.

Jessica Dooley ’12, of Kimball, died Oct. 18, 2013.

Friends

Jim Borsheim, of Senatobia, Miss., died July 2, 2013. He came to DWU in 1956 as head basketball coach and athletic director. He was inducted into the DWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. According to Gordie Fosness ’57, his best team was in 1959-60 with Elton Byre ’60, Harvey Schaefer ’61, Don Bentien ’61, Harold Koch ex’60 and Don Screes ’60. Jim loved Dakota Wesleyan and often said “leaving was the biggest mistake I made in my entire life.”

2014 Date Book

- March 8-16 – Spring Break
- April 10 – Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change
- April 25 – Honors Banquet
- April 26 – Athletic Awards Banquet
- April 27 – Honors Sunday
- April 29 – DWU Service Day
- May 2 – Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- May 3 – Baccalaureate and Commencement
- Sept. 19 – Legacy Banquet
- Sept. 20 – Blue & White Days
- Sept. 20 – 30 Years of Randall Scholars (a reunion of students who received DWU’s most prestigious scholarship); Class of 1964 (50th Golden Reunion)

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Dakota Wesleyan University has 128 years of commendable alumni to celebrate. This year, DWU honored the following with Distinguished Alumni Awards: Dorothy Hubbard Schwieder ’55, Jill Callison ’77 and Myles Tieszen ’84.

Dorothy Hubbard Schwieder received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Leadership and Public Service. Schwieder, originally of Presho, came to Dakota Wesleyan University in 1951 and took her first course from then-history professor George McGovern. He sparked her love of history, and she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and history from Dakota Wesleyan in 1955. Her passion for learning, teaching and research have extended throughout her life and career. She began teaching in 1960 as a part-time instructor at Dakota Wesleyan, and in 1966 she became a part-time instructor at Iowa State University. She received her Master of Arts degree in history in 1968 from Iowa State University and her Ph.D. in 1981 from the University of Iowa. Her primary research was on the history of Iowa, including Iowa’s Amish communities.

During the 1970s, she revived scholarly work on Iowa history and developed a popular course on the same topic, the first of its kind at Iowa State University. In 1981, she became an assistant professor in the Iowa State Department of History, was promoted to full professor in 1988 and retired from ISU in 2001. She was the first woman appointed as a professor in the Iowa State History Department and also the department’s only full-time female faculty member for almost 20 years. She accumulated multiple honors over her teaching career, including the designation as a University Professor 2001, an honor bestowed on ISU faculty members recognized for making outstanding contributions to the university.

Jill Callison received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Humanities. Callison’s curious mind and ability to see the story in everyday life took her from being the young Phreno Cosmian reporter during her days at Dakota Wesleyan, to becoming an award-winning journalist for the largest newspaper in the state, the Argus Leader in Sioux Falls.

A 1977 graduate of DWU, she majored in journalism, and upon graduation she worked at a radio station in Winona, Minn., then returned to newspaper with positions at the Lyon County Reporter in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and the Daily Globe in Worthington, Minn. In 1994, she accepted a position with Argus Leader Media of Sioux Falls, working as a reporter and assistant editor for the Life section, and she reported for both the news and opinion sections. Callison’s feature and column writing have won several awards from the South Dakota Newspaper Association. Her journalistic prowess has been honored by the Iowa Press Women, Minnesota News Association, South Dakota News Association, Great Plains Journalism, and both the Thomson Company and Gannett Company.

Myles Tieszen received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Donna Starr Christen College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences. Tieszen grew up on a farm in rural Marion and graduated cum laude from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1984 with majors in biology and chemistry. He graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine at Vermillion and completed his surgery residency with Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals in Saginaw, Mich.

While completing his residency in Michigan, he served as clinical director of student health services at Delta College in University Center. He was also a clinical instructor of surgery at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine at Lansing. After five years in Michigan, he returned to Yankton, where he served as a clinical assistant professor in the surgery department at the USD School of Medicine, was the CEO at Yankton Surgical Associates, and also was chief of surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital.

He was named Dakota Wesleyan University’s Young Alumnus of the Year in 1995.

As lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, Tieszen was assigned to a special forces team that infiltrated Iraq on the second night of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002. The following year he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Iraq. He was honorably discharged from the military, and later shared his experience with DWU students as the Distinguished Opperman Lecturer.

Tieszen spent three years in Stevens Point, Wis., with Ministry Medical Group and in 2009 he and his spouse, Valary, moved to Omaha, Neb., where he is associate medical director for Alegent Creighton Clinic in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He also serves as assistant clinical professor for the department of surgery at Creighton University School of Medicine.
meet JUANITA KINGDON

AGE: 102  RESIDENCE: Mitchell  HOMETOWN: Hitchcock

DWU GRADUATION YEAR: Juanita graduated in 1933 with degrees in history and economics. She said she wanted to be a CPA, but it wasn’t a field for women in that era.

Extracurricular: Juanita played basketball in high school and at DWU. She also played tennis and volleyball as well as participating in student government. She was very active on campus because “I didn’t want to miss anything.”

DWU memories: Pulling the fire alarm in Graham Hall because she didn’t know what it was; no dancing was allowed on campus; using sheets to climb out the first floor windows of Graham Hall ... multiple times!

Life after DWU: Juanita went to work for a grocery company in Sioux Falls doing payroll and other accounting work. She chose to work the overnight shift because she could make 50 cents more per hour, plus “it was more fun to work at night.”

By Lori Essig

In 1944, Juanita went to Germany with the Red Cross to support war efforts. She arrived on a troop ship at Omaha Beach. Once she received her orders, she primarily did hospital work in various locations, including Rouen and Paris, France, and Stuttgart and Munich, Germany. She came home from Europe in 1949.

In 1968 at the age of 57, Juanita joined the war effort in Vietnam, working in field offices.

What’s the secret to a long life? Juanita doesn’t offer any specific advice, but this forward-thinking, fun-loving woman recommends, “Just enjoy life!”

From the 1933 Tumbleweed: “She’s a live wire too, though never shocking.”

This photo was taken when President Amy Novak went to visit Juanita Kingdon, DWU’s oldest living alum, in 2013.
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