Dr. Norman Vincent Peale addresses 161 graduates

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the Minister of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York and the author of *The Power of Positive Thinking* and 28 other books, told 161 graduates on May 12 that problems are inherently good, and that God buries pearls of great price at the heart of them.

Dr. Friedhelm Radandt, the president of Northwestern, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities on Dr. Peale.

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Commencement (continued)

Dr. Harold Heie, the Academic Vice President of the college, announced three top academic awards: Mark Muilenburg, Darla Vander Sluis and Martha Shaver were selected by the faculty for outstanding scholarship while students at Northwestern.

The Registrar, Harold Vander Laan, presented each candidate for the BA degree, and Dr. Radandt conferred the degrees. Mr. Donald Van Der Weide, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to the graduates.

Lynn Cheyney, Director of Student Ministries offered a prayer for the graduating class. Dan Kruse, a graduating senior, responded for the Class of '84.

Rev. John R. Boender, Pastor of Hingham Reformed Church in Wisconsin, gave the invocation, and Rev. Cecil Martens, Pastor of the First Reformed Church in Orange City pronounced the benediction. Both ministers are members of the college's Board of Trustees.

"God has given us the means to handle the problems of life"

Here is an edited version of Dr. Peale's Commencement Address:

"This is a wonderful occasion! There is a spirit of love, dedication and enthusiasm in the very atmosphere of this place.

As a minister in the Reformed Church in America, I have the privilege of expressing the pride which we all take in the progress of this great college. We have the satisfaction of knowing that it has remained constant and true to Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. Northwestern believes that any form of education apart from the Christian faith is defective and deficient.

Life can be wonderful

It is an inspiration to look into the faces of this graduating class. Your future is challenging, mysterious, glorious. You know that life is a precious gift from God, and that your life can be, if you believe it so, and if you keep the faith, wonderful! There are many reasons that life is wonderful.

The primary reason is found in the words of Christ: "I have come that ye may have life, and that ye may have it more abundantly." The word abundant actually means to "rise up like waves". God has given you a life that is great and good. He has given us the means to handle the problems of life, and you are graduating into a world full of problems. Most people think problems are inherently bad and should be gotten rid of as fast as possible, but nothing could be farther from the truth, because a problem usually is inherently good!

Does God wrap up the greatest good in life in a sophisticated package? Does He hand it to you on a silver platter? Well, hardly. His method is much more adroit. He takes a great big, magnificent value and buries it at the heart of a big, tough problem. How He must delight in seeing whether you have what it takes to break that problem apart and find at its center the pearl of great price.

People say, "Wouldn't life be simply wonderful if we had fewer problems, or, better still, no problems?" Would you be better off with no problems?

Ask God for problems

There are many people with no problems, but they are all in cemeteries. If you feel you have no problems, as soon as you get out of here go to your room and shut the door and get down on your knees by the bed and pray to the Lord: "What's the matter? Don't you trust me any more? Give me some problems."

I don't like problems any more than anybody else, but I talk myself into liking them because we have problems because God is a great, big, loving God who is also a great, big, strong God, and He created us in His own image, and He sent problems to make us strong, rugged, vital, powerful people. He knew the only way you can make a person strong is to subject that person to trouble, to difficulty, to pain, to sorrow. That's the way you grow them big. That's the way He grows big Christians, with big faith and big love, who can carry on His creative process in this world. He gives us problems to toughen our spiritual and intellectual muscles.

Remember always that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross for our salvation, and that salvation includes the ability to stand up strong under difficulties.

Let Him guide you

Jesus was the wisest, most understanding person who ever walked the Earth. He was the great Savior, the great educator, the great scholar, the great scientist, the great leader, under whose influence you have been trained for four years. You have learned many things at Northwestern College, but the greatest is that your life, precious, fragile, short and fragmentary, can become wonderful if you really let Him put His hand on you and guide you every step of the way from this beautiful campus that you love. This is one of the few most memorable moments of your life. You look down a far road, and the going is hard on that road, but you can handle it, if He's by your side all the way. God bless you every day of your life."
President awards degree to commencement speaker

President Radandt presented Dr. Peale, and said:

“It is my honor to present to you the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale for the honorary degree Doctor of Humanities. He is the long-time senior minister of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City and pastor to a nation; the internationally acclaimed author of thirty widely read books and preacher of the concept of positive thinking. It was that principle which allowed him, when he first arrived in New York City in the Fall of 1932, at the lowest point of that terrible Depression, to talk effectively about the life-changing power of Jesus Christ to people whose lives and minds were deeply scarred by that historic economic collapse. He is a featured lecturer throughout the world to large audiences consisting of church groups, civic organizations, or business and professional gatherings; he is a caring pastoral counselor who uses the time between planes at an airport to place a call to a parishioner in need of help; he is a loving and loved husband, father, and grandfather; he is an honored and respected Christian leader, who was awarded earlier this year The Medal of Freedom, the highest recognition a civilian may receive from the President of the United States; he is a successful Christian leader who has distinguished himself by not investing time and money in building monuments of brick and mortar, but has invested instead funds, time, and ideas in teaching, writing, lecturing, preaching, counseling, training—in short, in making known to people the positive power of Jesus Christ (as the title of one of his recent books appropriately states as his purpose for living).

People who have been under the influence of his ministry are unanimous in their judgment that he has led them to more conscious Christian living. While they admire his oratory, they see as his secret the unabashed love he has for the individual person. When one of his colleagues, asked how he was, responded: “Dr. Peale has outlived all his critics” he was corrected by the questioner: “Dr. Peale has outloved all his critics.” It is that love for people that has produced in him a marvelous sense of humor, directed not infrequently against himself.

Today it is our privilege here at Northwestern, a Reformed Church college, to honor him. We honor him by thanking him for putting the Gospel of Jesus Christ into plain, if sometimes unconventional, language; for using the pulpit of a Manhattan church building to forge a global ministry; and for being a preachers’ preacher, from whom many of his colleagues in the ministry learned the art of preaching, the need for constant re-dedication, and the injunction always to hold up before people (to use the words of his mother), “the heart of the message—faith in Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior!”

With deep respect for him and with thanks to God, our maker, by the authority of the State of Iowa given to the trustees of Northwestern College, and by them to me, I herewith confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa, together with all the appropriate rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

Scholarship fund named for Dr. Peale

After conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities on Dr. Peale, the President said:

“Earlier this year I received from a joint faculty/student committee a recommendation that Northwestern College establish a named scholarship program that would attract to our campus ‘students of superior academic ability, who give evidence of a strong Christian commitment, and who possess school, church and community leadership skills.’ It was a plan which I endorsed gladly, convinced that equipping talented young disciples of Jesus Christ for leadership and service represents a most important investment in people and in God’s kingdom.

Today, I am very pleased to announce that initial funds have been made available which will allow us to invite potential freshmen students to apply for what will be known as the Norman Vincent Peale Scholarship Fund, a fitting tribute to Dr. Peale’s lifelong service to the church of Jesus Christ. A competitive selection procedure that includes on-campus interviews by faculty will determine the first four Norman Vincent Peale Scholars on our campus, each of whom will receive a $3,000 award. The initial funds have been provided by close friends of Dr. Peale who are also friends of Northwestern College, namely by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Surbeck of Atherton, California. Most of all, they are friends of Christ-centered higher education. It should not be forgotten that Northwestern College honored Mr. Surbeck by awarding him an honorary doctor’s degree two years ago.

While initial funds allow us to begin this scholarship program, we will need continued support in future years. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Surbeck for instituting this competitive scholarship program and for honoring Dr. Peale through it.”
These two essays were written for Professor Michael Vander Weele's 'Introduction to Literature' course, in which students not only analyze literature but also write it. These two essays, for example, were written after studying the essay as an art form; they are not analytic, but creative essays. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as the students enjoyed writing them.

They also introduce a theme in the English Department's new curriculum (beginning in '85-'86). The introductory course in that curriculum will be called 'Literature and the Christian Community,' and the final course will be a critical examination of the relationship of literature to society as a whole. In this way, the English Department seeks to show its commitment to literature not only as a study of aesthetics but also as a study of truth and community.

On Going Home

Elsa D. A. Haven

Although I was excited to be going off to college, I realized that I would have some adjusting to do, as I was accustomed to having my six brothers, three sisters and parents near by. I eventually adjusted to college life, slipping it on like a comfortable shoe. After fourteen weeks, I had finally completed the transition, but now it was time to go back home.

Coming out of the Nassau International Airport I found an entourage of people (mostly family) waiting for me. As I went down the line embracing them one by one, I felt as though I were an outsider—a stranger whom they had consented to allow into their family circle.

My youngest brother, Lionel, shouted, "Well muddos, gal you look just like a conkyjoe!" Then, for the first time, I noticed their dark complexions—they all looked darker than before. This heightened the alienation I felt. Maybe it wasn't them. Maybe it was because I had gotten paler from the lack of sun in Iowa. Or maybe even because I had already gotten used to being around white people. Who knows? I do know that it added to my feeling of being a stranger among them.

There were changes around the house to which I had to adjust. My 94-year-old grandmother was no longer with us, but in the Princess Margaret Hospital patiently awaiting death. My sister Joan was avidly preparing for a March wedding and getting everyone caught up in her enthusiastic and optimistic approach to marriage. My brother Philip was already making plans to rearrange Joan's bedroom to make it look less effeminate. His first step would be to repaint the pink walls.

I quickly reverted to speaking Bahamian dialect, since I didn’t have to concern myself with pronouncing my words properly for others to understand. My closest friend, Antoinette, encouraged me in this. Her first words to me were, "Chile, when you reach? You even ain' tell me when you was ga be back!" Whenever I left for Antoinette's house I would call out, "Mom, I ginn by Antoinette." It was amazing how natural it seemed after a while.

Before I left for college, Lionel was my constant companion. Every time he went out with the boys from his soccer club, I would tag along. Before long I was considered "one of the boys." The only time I wore a dress was when I went to church. Now for the first time in my life I was able to associate with my three sisters—who are 6, 8, and 11 years my senior—without feeling naive and tomboyish. Personally, I felt more mature and feminine, and, because I showed it, they treated me as such. This did a lot to boost my ego and gave me the incentive to continue to be feminine.

I got re-attached to my sister's twin girls, who probably enjoyed the novelty of having another person around to manipulate, another person to spoil them further. We developed a close bond as I volunteered on numerous occasions to babysit for them. My sister thought this quite strange, as previously (before I went off to college, that is) I would avoid babysitting them the way one would avoid the plague. I guess I really did miss them.

The longer I was home, the more I dreaded returning to college. The closer it got to the time that I should return to college, the more I panicked, and the better dropping out sounded. But I resolved that I would make the adjustment once again and anticipate the new discoveries when I returned home at the end of a new semester.
New Changes: Who Changes?

by Rachel Kooistra

It was 10:00 p.m. on Christmas eve, and the remnants of our once-large family were sitting in front of the fire. The lights were off, and there was a strange illumination in the room from the blinking Christmas tree lights and the glow from the crackling fire. This added to the strangeness I felt inside. This was the first Christmas in Wisconsin and my first Christmas after leaving home for college.

My sisters and mother were chatting lightly about the presents and wondering what each could be. My dad was in his favorite chair doing his third crossword puzzle of the day—pure ecstasy for him. My mom has learned to tune him out when he gets to mumbling strange words and clues. She has only a seventh-grade education, but he, on the other hand, has completed college and seminary.

As I look at her, however, I see a wisdom that doesn't come from schooling, and also one that I had never noticed before. It is a wisdom that can only come from the experiences of life.

The mumbling of their hushed voices and the mesmerizing effect of the flames in the fireplace as I stared into them brought me into another world. Memories of the past come back, hauntingly. I hate those memories now, just as then I hated my parents, God and, unknowingly, myself.

I was always the rebel of the family. My brothers and sisters obeyed my parents' law and never questioned their authority. They joined the church when they were teenagers and took leading positions in it. I, on the other hand, hated church. I informed my mother and oldest sister, many times, that they were fools to waste their life on some god that didn't exist.

They cried, of course, and tried to show me the truth, but my pride would never let them know that deep down inside I feared the very same God. I was bitter. I saw my dad put his family second, behind God and the mission church he pastored for fourteen years in the inner city of Paterson, New Jersey.

I hardly ever saw my dad except at supper, and that was usually rushed so he could get the church ready for the meeting that night. He was the janitor, bus driver and Bible study leader. He started and ran the girls clubs and boys clubs, along with the countless other clubs and meetings there were. He was the one many turned to when they were in trouble and needed help—even when they didn't come to our church. He would pile the kids up in the old bus and take them roller-skating or out of the city to some park for a picnic every month. During the summer he rented Christian movies and showed them outside in the church parking lot for anyone to see.

These are only a few examples of what he did, and I'm proud of them now. But then I hated the church for taking my mom and dad away from the family. That hatred came out in all areas of my life. I rebelled against everything that my family worked for, and by the time I was a senior in high school I was a wreck. I graduated with a D-minus average, and the next day I packed my bags and moved to New York.

A few months later, God called my dad to an established church in Wisconsin, where all he had to do was preach sermons and visit the sick. My mom wrote me many letters, but I never bothered to write back until, like the Prodigal son, I ran out of money and informed my mom that she should send some for a plane ticket to Wisconsin. I lived at home for a few months and never bothered to get a job. My parents nagged at me constantly, and I knew I had to leave again. I decided that college would be my best chance to get away from home and figure out what to do with the rest of my life.

As I lay there in front of the fire, I realized that it wasn't just the house that was different. Something had changed drastically in the family in those few, short months that I was away at school. I looked at my mom and dad and saw the same dedicated people but now I saw them with love and respect for what they had done. It was I that had changed. I'd become a Christian at school, and even though I didn't tell them, they knew. I no longer showed them hate, but told them that I loved them. I no longer spoke of God in a hateful way but in a positive way. My whole attitude about life had changed, and the tension in the family was gone.

The vacation passed away quickly, and as the day drew near for leaving, I felt a sadness inside. For the first time I didn't want to leave home ... yet, I looked forward to school again. As the car pulled away I saw Mom and Dad wave goodbye. I felt the hug we had just given each other. I was silent for the long ride back to school.

I won't be able to go back home again until May. I'm looking forward to that time—it will be interesting to see what living at home will be like from this new point of view.
Internationally-known composer, conductor participates in festival

John Rutter, an internationally-known composer and conductor from England, visited the college for two days in April.

He spoke in Chapel, lectured on English Tudor Music, gave a reading session on his music, and rehearsed and conducted massed choirs from area high schools and the college in a Festival Concert.

This is an edited version of an interview with him:

CLASSIC: When did your music become popular in the United States?
RUTTER: It didn’t happen overnight. My first published pieces were written while I was still a student at Cambridge back in the mid 60’s. Even Gloria, the piece we are doing here, I wrote in ’74, on the occasion of my first visit to the States. Nothing very much happened to it until 1978, then it just suddenly lifted off and all sorts of people started doing it. I really don’t know quite why. It’s a mysterious process really.

CLASSIC: What is your musical style?
RUTTER: I don’t think I am quite in the English or European music mainstream. There is probably too much pop influence and at the same time too much traditional base. I think I’m accidentally, not by design, closer to the American mainstream of music-making.

CLASSIC: Given your background and education, how did that come about?
RUTTER: I always loved American music from very early on. Not only Aaron Copeland and Leonard Bernstein but also blues and rock. And the whole Broadway tradition had a big influence on me: Kern, Rogers, Porter and people like that. I’m sort of a musical magpie; I don’t erect barriers between one sort of music and another. I never visited America until ten years ago, but you’ve got to remember that in Britain we get exposed pretty thoroughly to American culture.

CLASSIC: How would you characterize your music?
RUTTER: I hope it’s both constructive and communicative. By that I mean that I hope it has enough craft and architecture in it to stand out and at the same time says something to people and makes them want to listen.

CLASSIC: Do you get an inkling when you compose something like ‘Shepherd’s Pipe Carol’ that it’s going to be big?
RUTTER: No, none whatever. The funny thing is that I remember playing it to a friend of mine my first year at Cambridge. I’d just written it and he said that it was going to be a winner. I just shrugged. I never know.

CLASSIC: When you’re commissioned to write a piece do they ask for certain texts?
RUTTER: Occasionally, yes. If it’s a good suggestion I’ll fall in with it. But finding a text is for me one of the most important parts of the job. You’re looking for a text that has some kind of poetic resonance, something with beauty and truth in it. You never know what words are going to strike well and set well to music, and a text that one composer thinks is terrific will just leave another one cold. It can often be quite a lengthy hunt. In the sacred area, I love to turn back to the King James Bible or the 1662 Prayer book, because it has such beautiful language. I suppose that is old-fashioned of me, but you’ve got to remember that a composer is not looking for the same things that a theologian or a member of a congregation is looking for. We’re looking for poetry.

CLASSIC: What’s the process you go through when you decide to compose a piece? Are you a person who can only work when you are inspired, or can you sit down and compose what is needed?
RUTTER: I work regular hours. I sit down at 9:30 in the morning and I stay; I take 45 minutes for lunch at one, a cup of tea at five, get back and cook
CLASSIC: Do you sit at a piano?
RUTTER: I do work at the piano sometimes, though not always. Sometimes I find that in the search for ideas, physical contact with something makes the processes stir in a way that sitting at a desk doesn’t. I am an absolutely terrible pianist. My piano teacher told me to go off and become a composer. So it isn’t really the playing of the piano that is the tool. It’s just having contact with something; concrete activity. I do use a keyboard, but not exclusively.

CLASSIC: So what you really do is sit in front of blank music paper?
RUTTER: Yes, and I jot down ideas.

CLASSIC: Can you envisage what it’s going to sound like then when you’re finished?
RUTTER: Some days I do, some days I don’t. If I’m at home and stable and refreshed, I usually find I can rely on my mind. But if I’m doing a lot of traveling or losing sleep I sometimes find that I can’t rely on my mind. So, overall, the answer is “No,” because it is not reliable enough.

CLASSIC: Does an audience make you perform better?
RUTTER: No. Not a bit. I think I do my best work in recording sessions actually. I find a particular discipline in doing it within the time-frame of a three-hour session, not getting flustered if things don’t come out right straight away. That doesn’t bother me. Some conductors are bothered terribly, and the tension starts to mount. On the other hand, I have to say that I always go home from a concert kicking myself for the one thing that went wrong and not rejoicing in the things that went right. I do enjoy an audience. It brings out a certain kind of something.

CLASSIC: What piece would you consider to be your greatest?
RUTTER: I don’t have a favorite. It’s like having favorites among your own children. Some are more loved than others, some are more successful than others, but you really have to write and let them go.

CLASSIC: How long did it take for you to compose the ‘Gloria’?
RUTTER: The Gloria took me about four weeks. Four quite busy weeks. But there is a very good reason for that; four weeks was all I had! It was written for a visitation. It was a certain date and I wasn’t able to work on it before that. I was busy on other pieces. I just had to sit down. I mailed it to my host in bits. It was fairly tight. I am a fairly fast worker. I like to take plenty of time to think about a piece, to plan what sort of a piece it’s going to be, but once I’ve made up my mind, writing the actual notes doesn’t take long.

CLASSIC: Most of your work is mental work?
RUTTER: Yes, very much so. Sometimes I just stretch out flat on my back on the floor of my workroom, and I always have to explain to my wife that I’m really not sleeping. But that is where a lot of the brainwork takes place. You puzzle over alternatives; different ways you can go. I sometimes stretch out with my eyes shut for 20 minutes. I don’t go upstairs to bed; that wouldn’t work. Stretching out flat on the floor of my room, the problem resolves itself.

CLASSIC: Tell me a little about your origins.
RUTTER: I’m from Northwest London. In fact, my parents moved to Hampstead when I was about 10. Before that we lived in Baker Street. When I was just turning 19 I went to Cambridge. I have lived in Cambridge ever since. London is a place I visit. When I was three I used to climb up to the piano and just play and make things up. One of my grandmothers used to teach piano. My mother was an actress, and maybe the art chromosome just mutated a little. But I really don’t know where it all came from.

CLASSIC: Do you play any instruments?
RUTTER: None well. My first was the piano, and I took the organ seriously for two years in my teens. It was worth it, because I found out that at best I would be a rather mediocre organist. On the other hand, I learned to write music.

CLASSIC: Do you have children?
RUTTER: Yes, I’ve got Christopher who is just about to turn three. He’s nuts about music, and he has one of these little cassette players. He’s playing it ceaselessly. His favorites at the moment are organ music and the King’s Singers; I don’t know why. I certainly won’t push him into it, but I think it’s going to be his choice.
“New Directions”
is the theme for the
summer orientation
program this year

For the first time, freshmen and
their families are coming to the
campus for two days of
orientation during the summer.

(Above) Deb Faber helps family register
(Left) Freshmen get to know each other
(Below) Prof. Herzog with advisee

Faculty members announce plans for summer

Chuck Canaan will be studying
choral conducting and choral literature
with Dr. Douglas McEwen at Arizona
State University. He will continue his
studies next year while on leave from
Northwestern.

George De Vries will be doing
research on The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons).

Ian Johnston will be doing research
at the Hawaii Institute of Marine
Biology for three weeks working with
colleagues from the University of
California at Los Angeles and the Univer-
sity of Hawaii. They have been
working on a project entitled “Trans-
plantation Immunity in Tropical
Marine Sponges” since February, 1978.

Ron Takalo will continue work on
his doctorate at the University of Texas
at Austin, studying Foreign Language
Pedagogy, with emphasis on Spanish
and on English as a Second Language.

Gary Weaver will participate in a
special institute studying human action
and the philosophy of psychology at the
University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He
is one of 25 faculty members from
various colleges selected by the Nation-
al Endowment for the Humanities.

Ron Toering will be completing a
paper on the topic “A Performance In-
terpretation of Do Not Go Gentle Into
That Good Night by Elliot Del Borgo.”

Stephen Cobb will continue his
research on the Navajo Nation in
Northeastern Arizona. He centers his
research in White Post, a village in
Shonto Canyon, focusing particular at-
tention on the Full Gospel Church
there, the only Christian church which
is Navajo-initiated and Navajo-led. He
is studying the functions and functional
alternatives the village and the church
provide for the Navajos. During his
third summer of research, he will make
videotapes to supplement the interviews
and observations of previous summers.
The pastor of the church has asked him
to write a history; the pastor founded
the church, which now has twelve con-
gregations throughout the Navajo na-
ton.
Children from 22 area schools came to the college in May for the Young Authors Festival co-sponsored by the Northwest Iowa Reading Association, Area Education Agency #4, the Elementary Principals Association and Northwestern. They shared their creative writing and met Robert Newton Peck, who has written more than 35 books for children.

Robert Newton Peck and writers

Students cross cultural barriers

These thirty-one students will be serving this summer in projects around the world: Steve Hielkema - Japan, James Kennedy - Boston, Dan Vandenber - Jamaica, Linda Terpra - Taiwan, Phil Towne - France, Ivan Helms - Kentucky, Todd Meerdink - South America, Phil Nielsen - England, Brad Olson - Bolivia, Laurie Anderson - Ecuador, Cheryl Honken - New York City, Ron Scholte - Peru, Cathy Eekhoff - New York City, Randy Ehlers - Mississippi, Tami Raak - Mississippi, Bryan Cadwell - Minneapolis, Tammy Brinkhuis - Japan, Carolyn Blair - Kentucky, Joe Kammel - Africa, Jill Sanders - Minneapolis, Cyndi Dyke - Boston, Melony Youngs - Kalimantan, Scott Dixon - Venezuela, Linda Josephson - India, Deb Church - Mississippi, Annette Garcia - Kentucky, Brian Shiroma - New York City, Christa Smidt - to be determined, Glenda Baker - India, Mark Berndt - England, Christine Radandt - Cameroon.

Each year the Summer Service Project selects new members who can relate well to people and are willing to work hard at whatever tasks they are assigned.

The purpose is to prepare students in mind and spirit to be more effective servants. At weekly meetings in the spring pertinent topics are chosen and discussed. In addition, small groups meet weekly for prayer and Bible study. Fund raising activities are also organized to assist in meeting the group's budget.

The students will be serving people and sharing Christ with them in a cross-cultural setting. This means service to missionaries and others in the capacities where they are most needed. They fill many roles, including teaching, evangelism, maintenance and construction, medical work and secretarial duties.

Dr. Keith Hoskins and seven students took a 10-day trip to learn more about native American culture during the month of May. They visited Macy and Winnebago in Nebraska, and Chamberlain, Wall, Rapid City, Mount Rushmore and Custer in South Dakota. Dr. Hoskins said, "This exposure to another culture is designed to create awareness. The students were involved in academic work as well as personal contacts, and spent a lot of time thinking, reflecting and writing, as well as sharing their reactions with each other."
The International Club held a banquet in April with the theme, "Jesus Is Our Common Ground." Guests were served an international menu and enjoyed entertainment, including music and skits, as well as a demonstration of flower-arranging. The Club's purpose was to raise funds for scholarships for foreign students:

The college played host to seventy pastors and their wives at a conference on "Effective Pastoral Care for Emotional and Spiritual Healing" on April 24. The conference speaker was Rev. Robert Nykamp, Chaplain of the Pine Rest Christian Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Dr. C. Eugene Walker, the director of a psychology clinic in Oklahoma, lectured on "Psychological Treatment of Sexual Dysfunction" on February 9.

Dr. Walker is the Director of the Outpatient Psychology Clinic and Chief of Pediatric Psychology at the Oklahoma Children’s Memorial Hospital; he is also on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma Medical School. His lecture was open to the public.

In addition to his lecture, Dr. Walker conducted workshops on “Behavioral Approaches and Behavioral Medicine” and on “Psychotherapy in Cultural Context.”

The college invited area professionals to luncheon on February 10 at which they heard Dr. Walker speak on “Sexual Abuse and Dysfunction in Children.” Dr. Walker also lectured and held discussions in behavioral science classes.

He earned his Ph.D. at Purdue University. He is the editor of Clinical Practice of Psychology: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals, published by Pergamon Press, New York, 1981.

His visit to Northwestern was arranged by Dr. Wayne Norman, and was made possible by a grant from the S&H Foundation.
Public views
Learning Center

The college invited the public to an “Open House” in May in the new Learning Resource Center in Van Peursem Hall. Students and faculty members demonstrated the use of computers and audio-visual equipment; staff members answered questions.

The Learning Resource Center opened last semester and has enabled the college to concentrate facilities in a modern, attractive setting, located in what was formerly the basement of the Chapel.

The center contains two main-frame computers, as well as many microcomputers and word processors. It also houses the Audio-Visual Department and the Learning Assistance Center.

The Arts:

“I express my feelings in metal,” says Sandra Vander Mey.

“I see turquoise crushed velvet as perfect sky,” says Margo Vanderhill.

Sandra exhibited her metalwork and Margo her collages in the Te Paske Art Gallery from February 8 through March 2.

Sandra Vander Mey is a part-time instructor at Dordt College; she is also a designer for the college’s publications. She is a graduate student in the Jewelry and Metalworking program at the University of Iowa.

Margo Vanderhill is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She has taught art for several years in elementary and secondary schools.

Sandra says: “I am intimately involved in various processes of jewelry and metalwork, such as metal casting, simple forming and soldering, and less familiar processes, such as granulation, reticulation, metal lamination and electroforming, which is my favorite technique because it lends itself so beautifully to organic form. My love affair with metalworking grew out of my enthusiasm for astronomy; metalworking allows me to express my feelings about the stars.”

Margo writes: “For four years I’ve been working on Iowa and Michigan landscapes. At first I was interested in the sculptural effects; how the hills were cut away for highway ditches. I sketched landscapes, but wanted to use color, so I made collages by gluing cloth, leather, wood, veneer and paper to board. I enjoy the contrasted textures; shiny satin, smooth wood and thick, soft leather.”

Bob Korver exhibited over 75 works in the Te Paske Art Gallery during the month of May; the show was free and open to the public. Many of the works were for sale.

Bob studied with Professors Rein Vanderhill and John Kaericher for four and a half years. He says his “dominant passion” is mixed-medium drawing, although he “works well and is qualified in all mediums.” He asserts that his “main motivation is his need to create” and that he “abhors contrivance,” so he seeks “spontaneity and originality.” Bob holds the ideals of the 1960’s “close to his heart—love, peace, hope, caring, happiness and the freedom to protest anything that might violate those ideals.”

The A cappella Choir included works by Maurice Durufle, Jean Berger, John Rutter and William Mathias in its concert on April 29 in the First Reformed Church of Orange City. Portions of the program were presented during the choir’s 56th Annual Tour of Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in January. The choir is under the direction of Professor Kimberly Utke Schouten.

The Theatre Department presented performances of Jean Giraudoux’s play “The Madwoman of Chaillot” on April 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 in the Playhouse.
Dr. Virgil Cruz, Professor of Biblical Studies at Western Theological Seminary, visited the campus in April. He spoke three times in chapel and gave a public lecture.

In his first chapel talk, he told students and faculty that the Messianic complex can be seen in the reluctance of Americans to admit that other cultures have some positive aspects, and in their conviction that they are superior. He criticized the "superiority—our excessive pride in our culture and traditions."

**Unholy alliances**

In his second talk, his topic was "Unholy Alliances". He cited the "unholy alliance between the Christian Church and the political establishment", noting that Third World delegates to a meeting in Seoul to consider evangelical theology asserted that theology has been used to justify colonialism, oppression and exploitation. He noted that American historian John Mulder has written that "American Protestantism has derived most of its identity from the nation."

Dr. Cruz also declared that the Third World sees an unholy alliance between the Church and materialism. He said that many see the concern of the present administration with school prayer as a cloak "under which they can operate to serve another god, the god of mammon. He cited Acts 5:29 in which Peter and the Apostles said that we must obey God rather than men. "The message of the Kingdom of God, since it deals with the obligation of bringing the whole of life into harmony with God's rule, will have political implications," Dr. Cruz said, and he challenged students, when pressure comes, to say with the Apostles, "We must obey God."

The topic of Dr. Cruz' third talk was "Avenues of Amelioration." He said, "There are three considerations which can lead to amelioration and to responsible improvement: God is working through other people; we should profit from the word from God they may have for us; and we should rejoice in the signs of God's newness which are already breaking into our reality." He emphasized the "major new fact: the growing solidarity of the Church with the poor." He concluded, "I trust that God will continue making all things new in our lives, newness in the qualitative sense of things previously unknown, unrealized, things unprecedented, things which are marvelous."

**Bizarre interpretations**

In an interview, Dr. Cruz spoke of his interest in the Book of Revelation. "Now we are counting down to the end of a millenium, all sorts of bizarre interpretations are flourishing," he said. "I want to help laypersons discern that which is valid interpretation. I want to recover the book for the Church; there is so much in it which brings together in a healthy tension the contemporary life and the life to come." Dr. Cruz also expressed a concern for "bringing off a wedding of the practical and the theoretical in seminary education." He said he was pleased that seminaries are exposing students to the "dynamic of counselling". He noted that students at Western Seminary take training in counselling at Pine Rest Christian Hospital, as well as observing pastors in counselling sessions. He is also pleased by the involvement of the Reformed Church in delivering services to minorities, such as the Hispanic community in Holland, Michigan. This summer he will help Native American ministers in a summer program in New Mexico, which is a joint venture by Western and Calvin Seminaries.

He praised the caliber of the Northwestern College graduates who are studying for the ministry at Western Seminary. "They are very solid. That is not a left-handed compliment. I mean they have a solid basis and understand their tradition. When they reach seminary they have a solid foundation from which to investigate new ideas. They bring critical powers to innovative programs. For example, they can digest the 'liberation theology', think about it, even fight with it, and benefit from it."

**Black theology**

Dr. Cruz also gave a public lecture on "Promises and Problems of Black Theology." His visit to Northwestern was part of the Scholars and Artists in Residence program arranged by the college chaplain, Rev. Jerry Sittser. His host for this visit was Dr. Lyle Vander Werff of the Department of Religion.

Dr. Cruz was born in upstate New York and is a graduate of Houghton College and Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. He has a PhD from the Free University of Amsterdam. His wife was born in the Netherlands; she teaches Spanish. They have two children, Miguel and Isabel.

Dr. Cruz speaks fluent Dutch, but says his wife occasionally criticizes his grammar. He noted that when he is introduced as a speaker who can communicate in English and Dutch, she sometimes asks him after the lecture, "Who is the real Dutch person in our family?"
Dr. Peter Kreeft, a philosophy professor at Boston College, spoke March 28, 29 and 30 in the Chapel on the topics “The Natural Desire for Heaven,” “Sex in Heaven?” and “Can We Experience the Joy of Heaven Now?”

Utopias boring

“Design your own Heaven, then ask yourself if you would eventually become bored with it,” Dr. Kreeft told students and faculty. He declared that all Utopias are ultimately boring, and most of us cannot imagine an eternal Heaven that would not become boring, even if it took a few millennia. “Yet we desire Heaven”, he said, and went on to explain why this is a natural desire. We are dissatisfied until we are perfect, he maintained, and we can only become perfect in Heaven, therefore we desire Heaven. He challenged his audience to take the advice of St. Augustine and to imagine God offering them anything, provided they would agree never to be allowed to see Him. “Most would refuse the offer, so proving they really desire God more than anything else,” he said. He explained how we can come to know that what we desire most is God. “Seek the God-shaped vacuum that nothing else can fill,” he advised. “Our deepest dissatisfaction comes when we have what we THINK we want. To discover our real desires we must plunge into the abyss of self,” he concluded.

In his second Chapel sermon he declared that we are obsessed with sex, but never really think about the nature of sex. He listed four characteristics of sex: it is something you ARE, not something you DO; sexual differences are not differences in value, but differences in nature; sex is spiritual, a matter of the soul as well as the body; and sex is cosmic, with differences in sex increasing as the cosmic ladder is ascended. He argued that all these characteristics are consistent with the belief that there is sex in Heaven. He argued that God is at the top of the cosmic ladder, since He is the Creator, and He is the “consuming fire of love” who has declared in His Word that He is to be our “husband”. “We are married in spirit to God through all eternity,” he said in his closing prayer.

Joy not demonstrated

In his final Chapel sermon, Dr. Kreeft declared that while “faith” is selling well, “The Faith” is not, because it is not joyful. The Church is not attractive because its members don’t demonstrate the joy of Heaven, which is also available on Earth; in order to recover joy Christians must realize that it is not a human feeling but a divine reality, he said. “Christ is our joy. Joy bubbles and brims at the heart of God; we get only a taste of the heavenly joy while on Earth, but we shall eventually drink at the fountain of joy,” he declared. Dr. Kreeft offered two logical “proofs of joy” for those who needed them, but said that most refusals to accept the fact that we have joy are due to reluctance to accept anything so simple. “It is so simple that even a child understands, so maybe it’s too simple for most to accept,” he said. “We believe the Devil’s lie that seeking fun brings joy. God gives us as much joy as we want or can take, regardless of our merit. Joy is present, not future. Dare to ask, ‘Is God less ready to give joy than I am to receive it? Everything He gives is designed to give us joy,” he concluded.

Public lecture

In addition to speaking in Chapel, Dr. Kreeft gave a public lecture and spoke to classes, as well as making himself available to individual faculty members and students during his three-day stay on campus. His schedule was arranged by Dr. Jay Van Hook, Professor of Philosophy.
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Mass Media

Ken Myers, the Executive Editor of Eternity magazine, spoke in Chapel on April 4, 5 and 6 on “The Mass Media in Popular Culture”.

In his opening talk he took Paul’s Letter to the Romans as his text, particularly the tenth chapter, pointing out that Paul has a lot of advice on how Christians should live in relation to popular culture. “We must recognize the needs of others in a world filled with persecution, and we must participate in satisfying those needs,” he said. “Education helps us to acquire the knowledge we need in order to engage in the struggle to make a difference in the world.” He declared that our treasures are not in this world, but are in the next world; however, we must not say, “The world is not my home so I will remain apart from it”. He warned against trying to set up a Christian culture as an alternative to the popular culture. Instead, he said, a Christian must be significantly involved in popular culture.

Nature of Popular Culture

On his second day, he described the nature of popular culture, defining it as “relatively temporary activities, objectives and attitudes”. He declared that we learn about popular culture mainly through the mass media, and Christians can learn about how to relate to that culture from the Bible, citing Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 10: Not everything is beneficial, even if it is permissible; Christians can do ALL things to God’s glory; they should avoid destructive controversy; and they should seek the good of many, not their own ends. Citing Colossians 2:13ff, he told his audience they should not construe the injunction to “set the mind on the things that are above” to mean that the here-and-now should be ignored. However, he warned against becoming so addicted to contemporary culture that “you miss out on the things that are in touch with the transcendent values”. He also listed principles for Christians in their relationships with non-Christians, based on 1 Peter 2:1ff: abstain from sinful desires, particularly sloth, which popular culture encourages; behave in such a way that non-Christians will be impressed; and show respect for authority, which popular culture discourages.

In addition to speaking in Chapel, Ken Myers spoke to a number of classes in Communications, as well as to groups of students and to individuals wishing to meet him. His visit was hosted by Dr. Bill Herzog, Chairman of the Communications Department.

Rainbow Power seen as answer

Rev. Floyd Brown, the pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Sioux City, was the speaker in a chapel service celebrating Black Awareness Week. A musical group, consisting of black students at the college, also participated.

Rev. Brown took as the text for his message the verses in First John, Chapter 2, which say: “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father, but from the world.” He declared “White Power” is an example of “craving,” “Black Power” is an example of “the lust of the eyes,” and “Green Power” is an example of “boasting.” Those in the “White Power” segment of society crave a “lily white” world, those advocating “Black Power” have a vision of a “black and white” world, while those seeking “Green Power” boast of their dollar-worth, he said. All are wrong, he declared. He asserted that “rainbow power” is the answer. We are told that it is not possible to dream in anything but black and white; then we must dream the “impossible dream” in all the colors of the rainbow, he urged.
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Cornhusker coach calls for commitment to Christ

Coach Tom Osborne told students in Chapel on March 7 that commitment to Christ will give their lives stability, meaning and purpose. He then met informally with faculty and students in the Rowenhorst Student Center.

In his Chapel talk, he spoke first about philosophies of athletics, comparing Vince Lombardi’s belief that winning is all with Grantland Rice’s belief that what matters most is how the game is played. The Cornhusker football coach then declared that we must all adopt a philosophy of life. He quoted the Bible, and said it taught that in order to save our lives we must lose them. Commitment to Christ, he said, will bring stability, meaning and purpose to life. “In the Gospel of John we read that ‘In the beginning was the Word’. When you commit yourself to that which is eternal, you will find stability,” he declared.

In conversations after Chapel, Coach Osborne discussed the joys and trials of coaching. One of the biggest problems today, he said, is the professional agent who goes after seniors. Some of the agents are ethical, but some are not, he said. He also shared some of the personal problems a coach faces—the pressure to win and the prospect of getting too old to coach.

Earlier, Coach Osborne met area coaches at a breakfast sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organized by Dave Mulder, a member of the Business Department faculty.

Live by Jesus’ playbook, Rick Nielsen declares

“Make Jesus your ‘coach’ and live by His ‘playbook’,” Rick Nielsen, the Iowa Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, told students in Chapel on March 5.

He recalled sitting next to Bobby Jones of the Philadelphia ’76ers, and asking him what makes a championship team. Jones listed three requirements: loyalty to the coach, belief in his system or “playbook,” and unity among all the players. Nielsen told how he accepted Jesus as his “coach” and promised to be loyal to Him, how he read the Bible because it explains Jesus’ “system” or “playbook”, and how he tried to live by Jesus’ commandment to love our fellow men and to serve them.

Lecturer lists three idols of popular culture

Dr. John Bernbaum delivered the Staley Lectures on February 15, 16 and 17 on the topic “The Idols of Popular Culture.”

In the first of four lectures, he listed three idols: wisdom, strength and wealth. He cited the nuclear weapons program as an example of America’s worship of strength, claiming it is based on three false assumptions: preparation for war is the way to peace, that weapons guarantee security and that the Soviet Union is the primary threat to America’s security. He deplored the expenditure of huge amounts of the nation’s wealth on a defense budget, when so many human needs remain unmet. The nation’s values are “upside down”, he maintained, quoting the Biblical injunction to be “just”. He declared that being just is essential to national security, asserting that there can be no peace without justice. We must trust in God, not the “god of the bomb”, he said.

In the second lecture in the series, Dr. Bernbaum discussed the development of “counterforce” weapons, designed to give a “first strike” capability, which have reduced response time to about six minutes. This puts nuclear warfare on a “hair trigger”, he declared. The answers offered by so-called experts, he said, are education, an appeal to reason and reliance on the fear of self-destruction, all of which he finds inadequate. He said he had been driven to search the scriptures for an adequate solution to the insane nuclear arms race, and that he had discovered new insights into the role of peacemaking; he listed some of these:

- Peace is a gift from God; mankind cannot bring peace to the world.
- God desires peace for His world; He has given us a magnificent vision of it.
- God promises the Holy Spirit will enable Christians to be peacemakers.
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- The biblical concept of peace is linked to justice and righteousness.
- Christians wishing to be peace-makers must first be reconciled with God.
- They must practice peace in their personal relationships.
- They must have a vision for peace that is based on hope for the future.
- They must have a concept of peace that applies to their own lives.

Dr. Bernbaum concluded this lecture with a statement of his personal position, describing himself as a nuclear pacifist, but affirming the right of government to use non-nuclear weapons for defense. "Nuclear weapons violate the concept of a just war," he said, "as well as violating, because of their cost, the concept of stewardship." He also declared that the arms spiral of escalation causes tensions that bar the role of the reconciler which Christians must play.

In his third lecture, Dr. Bernbaum spoke on "Jobs and Careers: A Biblical View of Work." He said too many make sacrifices to the idol of knowledge, struggling to pay college tuition, devoting many years of their lives to formal education and expending huge amounts of energy on studying, all because they believe this will gain them successful careers in well-paying jobs. They seek happiness and fulfillment, as well as monetary rewards in their jobs, he declared. He said Christians should study the Bible for its teaching on work, seeking how his followers could find it. "Christians do not live a life filled with uncertainty; only God can provide certainty, removes the frustrations that arise from seeking fulfillment and happiness in the job itself, rather than seeking it in Christ; and enables the Christian to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and comfort the distressed, as Christ commanded. He challenged students and faculty to practice the biblical concept of work as service to Christ.

In his final lecture, Dr. Bernbaum asked a question: "Why are evangelical Christians like everyone else?" He declared that too many Christians worship the idol of success, seeking money, power and position. He asked whether Christians were trading the Jesus of scripture for the god of success, citing examples of "Christian" organizations which "flex the muscles of evangelical power", using the techniques of the commercial world. He reminded his audience of the biblical injunction to live as a "new creation", citing Ephesians 4, II Corinthians 5 and Colossians 3 as the sources of detailed information on how a Christian should live, as well as reminding them that Jesus had provided a model for them. He closed with an appeal for students and faculty to shun the worship of the idols of national security, careers and success, and to be liberated by living a life of service to Christ and their fellow men and women.

Directs American Studies

Dr. Bernbaum is the Director of the American Studies Program in Washington, D.C., which is under the auspices of the Christian College Coalition; Northwestern is one of the seventy members of the coalition. The program affords opportunities for students from member-colleges to live, work and study in the nation's capital for a semester. The program encourages intensive study of public policy and of the role of the Christian in the world. Students are able to intern in government offices and in the offices of various national organizations.

He reminded his audience that the Bible teaches that work is sacred, no matter what the job, for it brings glory to God and serves the needs of His people. He said that this attitude towards work is truly liberating, for it brings a new sense of worth and dignity; only God can provide certainty, and only Jesus can provide a full life," she said.

She quoted Paul's letter to the Philippians, in which he admonished them to
Christians must cooperate to feed world’s hungry

“Imagine watching your child die of starvation because you didn’t have a quarter to buy food,” John Alexander told students in Chapel on March 8. The co-editor of the magazine The Other Side was speaking as part of a series on Competition in Popular Culture.

The egos and the self-esteem of many in our culture depend on winning, he said. “If we all worked together instead of competing, it would be more Christian,” he declared.

“However,” he continued, “I’m mainly concerned with competition for the world’s food. Did you know that 1,000 children will die of starvation while we sit here for half an hour?” He told the students that what they eat has a lot to do with what others do NOT eat. “While two planes a day were flying fresh produce to Paris and Amsterdam, the people in North Africa where the produce was grown were starving. It’s a question of who can afford the food; there is plenty for everyone, but money is the issue,” he explained.

Many of us eat fruit and vegetables from Mexico, grown in areas where irrigation was intended to make food available for native Mexicans, he declared. Economics governs distribution.

“Money counts; people don’t. That’s wrong. The Bible teaches cooperation, not competition. Our economic system should address human needs,” he concluded.

John Alexander is a former professor of Philosophy at Wheaton College.

Dove Award winner sings gospel music

Sheila Walsh, who won the 1982 “Dove Award” for International Artist of the Year in gospel music sang in Chapel in April.

She was born in Scotland and raised by a mother who loved God and music. “I remember that every Sunday my mother would bring a new classical record for us to listen to; I decided I wanted to be an opera singer,” Sheila says. “When I was about 17 I went to hear a local gospel group and was touched by their message. One of them asked me to join the group.” The group, “Unity,” performed at festivals, in churches and schools and even on TV. Sheila had a chance to go to the Royal Academy of Operatic Art in London, but chose to study theology at the London Bible College instead.

She later joined the Youth for Christ band, “Oasis” which helped evangelists throughout Europe. Sparrow Records offered her a contract.

She recently completed a tour of the United States and Canada, and has sung at a series of festivals in Britain. “God is really doing a new work among his people in Britain,” she says. “I’m looking forward to spending more time in America, sharing some of the things God has shown me.”

Sherrow (continued)

live “a life with due responsibility.” She challenged students to “make things happen in your lives, rather than just watching things happen as you live life vicariously.” Cultural development depends on how a society uses leisure, she declared, citing the “startling and frightening similarities” between the use of leisure in Rome and in the United States. “Christians run around and get busy, because it is easier than quiet contemplation and seeking knowledge of self and God,” she said.

“Jesus said, ‘Come with me by yourself to a quiet place;’ God says, ‘Be still.’ Prune your life of the superfluous. Re-define success as ‘knowing God.’ Leisure is an opportunity to make a life, not just a living,” Dr. Sherrow concluded.

Sheila Walsh
Focus on faculty

Seminars lay foundation for developing new curriculum

By Harold Heie

One of the primary distinctives of Christian liberal arts education at Northwestern College is the development of Christian perspectives on all areas of learning. During May and June of 1984, this distinctive was the focus of four week-long faculty seminars, conducted under the auspices of a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota. Twenty-six of our fifty-seven full-time faculty participated in these seminars. Each seminar was led by a distinguished faculty member from another Christian liberal arts college, and involved a combination of preparatory readings, group discussions, individual study, and individual conferences with the seminar leader. All four seminars were designed to lay a foundation for faculty development of new core curriculum course options under a strengthened General Studies curriculum that the faculty have approved for implementation in the Fall of 1985.

Fine Arts

The first seminar, on the topic “Christianity and the Fine Arts,” was led by Dr. Edgar Boeve from the Art Department of Calvin College. The participants in this seminar consisted of eight faculty members from the Music, Art, and Theatre/Speech Departments at Northwestern. The two major purposes of the seminar were to define a Christian aesthetic in the light of a biblical view of man and to attempt an interpretation of a Christian aesthetic as it applies to the visual arts, music, and theatre. This seminar addressed the following specific objectives for a Fine Arts core curriculum requirement to be initiated for all students in 1985-86: to explore the nature of art and the place of art in society; to examine the nature of the creative process; and to develop a Christian perspective on the arts.

A second faculty seminar was conducted by Dr. Roger Lundin from the English Department of Wheaton College, and dealt with the topic “Christianity and Literature.” All four members of Northwestern’s Literature faculty participated in this seminar, which focused on the problems of hermeneutics, or theory of interpretation, with particular emphasis on recent developments in literary criticism. This seminar was also designed in light of an upcoming change in the General Studies curriculum, namely, the introduction of various course options in Western literature that will be organized around a particular theme (e.g., The Problem of Evil, the Individual and Society) and that will sample works from various historical periods. Two primary objectives for the student under this new literature core requirement call for exploration of the manner in which literary imagination can provide insight into truth and development of a Christian perspective on literature.

Dr. David Wolfe from the Philosophy Department of Gordon College was the leader for concurrent seminars on “Christianity and the Natural Sciences” and “Christianity and the Social Sciences.” These seminars were attended by seven faculty members from the Natural Sciences and six faculty members from the Social Sciences. After a series of joint presentations and discussions on the nature of “truth claims in science” and “scientific progress,” the participants were encouraged to begin developing their own strategies for relating biblical truth with the knowledge of their respective disciplines in the sciences. These seminars also addressed the goals of new

Significant success

In the light of informal responses from participating faculty members, it appears that these four faculty seminars were a significant success. Many of the participants have commented on the impact that the seminars have had on their own thinking and intellectual development. We are confident that this impact will be transmitted to students through the proposed revisions in our General Studies curriculum. These efforts are indications that Northwestern intends to take seriously the mandate to have faculty and students work together in developing Christian perspectives in all areas of learning.

Harold Heie
Jay M. Van Hook took part in a conference on the Philosophy of Religion at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln April 12-14. The research conference, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, featured some of the most prominent philosophers of religion in the nation; Dr. Van Hook served as chairperson at one of the sessions. He has published extensively, including articles on philosopher-theologian Paul Tillich and several articles on religious epistemology. His book, Jacques Ellul: Interpretive Essays (co-edited by C. Christians), was published by the University of Illinois Press in 1981.

**Vander Maten, Hansen**

Professors Mary Vander Maten and Peter Hansen recently attended a two-day symposium on the teaching of Organic Chemistry at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Topics included "Legal Problems and Liabilities of Teaching" and "Product Isolation and Purification." Professor Hansen was a member of the panel which discussed "Organic Chemistry Teaching in Small Colleges."

**Kaericher**

The college has granted a sabbatical leave to Professor John Kaericher of the Art Department for the Fall Semester. He plans to study the intaglio printmaking and drawing theories of S.W. Hayter, to produce drawings and intaglio prints of his own, and to revise the foundational courses in the Art Department. He has taught at Northwestern since 1963 and holds the MFA degree from the University of Iowa. He has exhibited his works extensively in the Midwest and in the Eastern United States, including Chicago and New York.

**Takalo**

Professor Ron Takalo of the Spanish Department attended the Northwest Iowa Foreign Language Teachers Conference in Fort Dodge on April 14 to present a paper on how to identify worthwhile computer assisted instruction programs, and to demonstrate some of those available.

Professor Roy Anker of the English Department is offering a new course entitled "Recent Popular American Films" during the Summer Session. The course examines the last fifteen years of American film-making, viewing the works of such directors as George Lucas ("Star Wars"); Stephen Spielberg ("E.T."); Francis Coppola ("The Godfather") and Sidney Lumet ("The Verdict") as well as the "Superman" movies.

**Pederson**

Dr. Steve Pederson has been chosen as a finalist in an international contest sponsored by the University and College Theatre Association to recognize excellence in research. He submitted his doctoral dissertation entitled "Staging the Castle of Perseverance: A Re-Analysis." The winner will be announced in August.

**Vanderhill**

Professor Rein Vanderhill of the Art Department presented a one-man exhibit at the Sioux City Art Center from April 27 through the end of May. He will conduct a water-color workshop in Grand Haven, Michigan, from June 25 through 29 for the Lakeland painters. In addition, Professor Vanderhill and his wife, Margo, will exhibit his paintings and her collages at Black River Gallery in Holland, Michigan.

**Sittser**

Lynda Sittser, a member of the music faculty, was the soprano soloist in a performance of Carmina Burana by the South Dakota Symphony in the Sioux Falls Coliseum and in a special performance for a meeting of the American Choral Directors Association in March. Lynda has been involved in a wide variety of church choral activities, both as a soloist and as a director. She also has a wealth of experience working with children as a teacher and as a choir director.

Two faculty members joined a group of 300 on a two-week "journey of faith" to the Soviet Union in June, worshipping with Christians in 13 Soviet cities and expressing their common concern for world peace. The seminar was arranged by the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Church Relations Committee.

**Stickel**

Professor George Stickel of the Education Department presented a paper, "Institutional Change and The Role of Higher Education in Society" on April 13 at a conference in Louisville, Kentucky, on "Organizational Policy and Development."

On April 18 he presented a paper at the National University Continuing Education Association's annual meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, entitled "Rural Continuing Education and the Small Private College". He also gave a report on NUCEA Memberships at a regional meeting in Atlanta. He is chairperson for membership for NUCEA Region IV, which includes Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and Michigan.

Professor Stickel also recently attended a meeting of the Iowa Coordinating Committee for Continuing Education in Des Moines. He is a member of a task force concerned with economic development in Iowa. He is developing a proposal for the task force.

Northwestern is offering two computer day camps in July, one for elementary and one for junior high students. Students will learn BASIC language programming and will be introduced to keyboarding, information storage and retrieval, and programming. Dr. George Stickel will direct the camps.
Veldhuis announces project to help high school science teachers

Professor G. Henry Veldhuis has announced that a total of $14,900 has been made available to fund a project in which the college and Area Education Agency 4 will cooperate to provide help for high school science teachers in improving physics and chemistry courses.

The Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota, has made a grant of $9,200; the balance of $5,700 was committed by Mr. Charles Irwin, Superintendent of Area 4. Professor Veldhuis will be the project director. Mr. Jim Ludens, a science teacher at Van Holland, will be the project director. They will design and implement work that will enable the high school teacher to satisfy a need he or she has identified in the course of teaching a science class. For example, a high school physics lab could be equipped with the capacity to use strobe photography to obtain data, or to use a microcomputer in conjunction with analog input to perform experiments in kinematics and dynamics.

Professor Veldhuis prepared the grant application for funds from the Northwest Area Foundation, which received 215 preliminary proposals for grants for “Cooperatives for Quality Teaching”. The foundation invited 40 applicants to submit full proposals. It accepted two of the six received from Iowa. Mr. Charles Irwin, Superintendent of Area 4, after thoroughly reviewing the project proposal, committed Area 4 to funding weekly stipends for area teachers for the summer and fall of 1984. He said, “This project is very realistic and is definitely needed.” The project application noted that many high school science teachers do not have the time or resources to make changes in classrooms or laboratories, nor do they have the opportunity to interact with colleagues at other schools or professors at area colleges.

The goal of the projects is to provide high school teachers of science with the opportunity to:

- identify and express clearly a classroom teaching need
- carefully review (or learn) the relevant subject matter
- select equipment from the existing inventory in the school
- select supplementary equipment, to be purchased with funds that the state is making available for local schools in a program that provides $25 for each student enrolled in physics or chemistry class
- select and/or design relevant experiments
- implement the experiments and embody them in a teaching unit

The teachers will, with the consultation team, prepare a monograph which will be made available to all schools in Area 4, so projects can be utilized to the widest possible extent.

Yoder completes study of Mennonites

Dr. Michael Yoder of the Sociology Department has completed a three-year study of the Mennonite church. The study shows that Mennonites have become less distinct from their non-Mennonite neighbors, but that most Mennonites live in rural settings and have a more stable family life than members of other denominations.

The study was based on a scientifically selected sample of 270 congregations, and some interesting comparisons can be made with a similar study carried out in 1963. For instance, only 76 percent of adult church members have a Mennonite family background, as compared to 92 percent in 1963; the percentage of college graduates has increased by more than 300 percent in that period; and the number of male members employed in farming has dropped 50 percent in the last twenty years.

Other results show that only 20 percent of the members and regular attenders have experienced divorce or separation; 10 percent attended a Mennonite grade school, 19 percent a Mennonite high school and 20 percent a Mennonite college, bible institute or seminary.

Dr. Yoder had the assistance of the Computer Center in compiling the results of his study; Tom Vander Zouwen, a former programmer, and Keith Westrake, a student, programmed the computer to handle the data. Data analysis was done at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Vander Weele paper

Professor Michael Vander Weele of the English Department presented a paper at the Ninth Annual International Conference of Philosophy and Literature at the University of Iowa on May 3 entitled, “Augustine and Interpretation in On Christian Doctrine and Confessions.”
Spotlight on students

Mexican trip

Four students accompanied by Ronald Takalo, Assistant Professor of Spanish, traveled to Reynosa, Mexico, recently to work at Children's Haven International, an orphanage for abandoned children. The four students, who have studied Spanish, were Ron Scholte, Laura Schaeffer, Kari Anderson, and Ana Patrykus. They were divided into two teams, with Ron Scholte and Professor Takalo on one team and the three women students on the other. Approximately half the time was spent at the orphanage in Mexico, and the rest of the time at the offices of Children's Haven International in Pharr, Texas.

The participants' knowledge of the language was essential, as the time spent at the orphanage required them to speak with the children and their "tias" (housemothers) in Spanish. They also visited the market in Reynosa, where they enjoyed bargain (in Spanish, of course) for their souvenirs. They spent a pleasant day at Padre Island, swimming, sun bathing and relaxing.

Children's Haven International is run by Lee and Shirley Mendoza. It is a non-denominational, Protestant evangelical organization, dedicated to providing a haven for abandoned and homeless children, from newborns to 18-year-olds.

The group traveled non-stop by car for about 26 hours each way. While there, the students also enjoyed visiting with Arnetta Shelborn, a former Northwestern student, who has worked there for the past year full-time, supported by her home church.

Literary magazine

"Aperia" is Latin for "openings"; students "opened up" to produce prose, poetry and works of art for the new issue of the college's Christian literary arts publication, Aperia.

Dr. Michael Vander Weele, Assistant Professor of English, wrote in the introduction to the March issue:

"Aperia is an invitation to young writers and artists to explore, to experiment and to discover...We are more interested in what these writers and artists open up than in how they snap together (bring to a close) a poem, a story, an essay or a tale."

Professor John Timmerman, who is on the faculty of Calvin College and is the editor of Christianity and Literature, and Professor Vander Weele, Professor Verna De Jong, Professor Mike Yoder and Joan Curbow, a student, selected two students for awards: Charles Burkitt for the prose work "Through A Glass Darkly," and Brad Olson for the poem "Nursing-home Grandpa."

Carl Vandermeulen, an Instructor in Journalism, was the Production Advisor for Aperia. Professor John Kaericher of the Art Department was the Art Consultant. Kris Van Etten, a senior from Rapid City, was the Managing Editor.

Playwriting contest

Johann Godwaldt, a 1984 graduate, has been awarded third place in a national play writing contest sponsored by the State University of New York. His play dealt with the mistreatment of patients in mental institutions; it was written as a project in a course taught by Jeff Taylor, an instructor in the theatre department.

Three present papers

Three students, Donna Heerspink of Holland, Michigan; James De Kruif of Sheldon, Iowa; and David Hofmeyer of Orange City, Iowa, presented papers at the annual meeting of the Iowa Sociological Association at the University of Northern Iowa on April 6.

These three, and other students, accompanied Professor Stephen Cobb and Professor Michael Yoder to the meeting. They heard an address by Professor James Coleman of the University of Chicago on "A New Method for the Study of Macro-sociology."

Michael Petersen,
James Kennedy

Two students, Michael Petersen and James Kennedy, read papers at the Nineteenth Student History Conference at the University of South Dakota recently. Petersen's paper was entitled "An Analysis of the Yalta Conference;" Kennedy's was entitled "An Anatomy of Non-Recognition: American Baltic Policy." Victor Menning and David Curbow also attended the conference.

Professor George De Vries accompanied the four students.

Darla Vander Sluis

Darla Vander Sluis, an '84 graduate, has been accepted as a medical student at the University of Iowa. She joins Mark Muilenburg and Kent Hoskins, who were accepted earlier this year.
Spotlight on students

Mission projects
Students in two groups spent their Spring Break on two mission projects: working for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, and for We Care Community Services in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Habitat builds homes for the poor to buy; it offers no-interest, long-term loans in 38 cities in nine countries; it is building homes in Americus for between $11,000 and $16,000, using volunteer labor. The students did construction work.

We Care provides services for the needy; most of the students made house repairs, doing painting and carpentry.

Todd Thompson, one of the students who organized the trips, said: "It's not just blacks who are underprivileged; there are 400,000 underprivileged whites in Mississippi. It was a real cross-cultural experience for the students."

Some of the group stayed in the homes of blacks in Mississippi. "When you live and work with black people you learn more about them," Todd said. Another student said, "God's command was to love your neighbor as yourself; that means providing money, time and yourself to help the poor. By working for the poor you glorify God. He calls us to give out of our principal, not our profits."

Lynn Cheyney, the Director of Student Ministries, said: "The 46 students did a lot of thinking and growing; they thought about what their lifestyles should be."

The spring and summer missions programs are growing rapidly at Northwestern; Todd Thompson said, "We'll need another work site next spring. This shouldn't be limited to students. Your picture of Christ isn't complete until you've gotten your hands dirty for God."

Adventure game
Brent Honeycutt, a junior, presented a paper entitled "Designing an Adventure Game" at a Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science symposium at Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D., on April 12, co-sponsored by the college and the Colleges of Mid-America. Honeycutt is the son of Calvin Honeycutt of Brandon, S.D.

Business conference
Ten members of Phi Beta Lambda, the Business Club, recently attended the annual State Leadership Conference at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. They competed against ten colleges in a two-day contest, including events in business teaching, impromptu speaking, economics, accounting, salesmanship, management, marketing and data processing.

Kevin Fischer took first place in the "Mr. Future Business Teacher" contest and in impromptu speaking. He will be listed in the publication "Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda" because of his performances at the conference.

Scott Dixon took third place in salesmanship; Brian Fischer took fourth place in data processing; and Paula Dykstra took fifth place in marketing.

The club's community service project was awarded fourth place; it involved a birthday party for a resident of a local nursing home.

Special program
Gary Swart, a junior, will spend two months in the bio-chemistry and biophysics departments at Iowa State University in a special program designed to give undergraduates experience in sophisticated laboratory work and help them to make career choices.

Weekend with handicapped
A group of students recently spent a weekend with handicapped adults as part of a course taught by Professor Keith Hoskins of the education department. Dr. Hoskins said, "We tried to help the handicapped see what the city is like. We stayed in the Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls, took a tour of the Northlander restaurant, went bowling, and spent the evening swimming or playing ping-pong. The next day we toured the fire station and went to the mall to do some shopping. It was good for the handicapped and it was good for my students to see how much they take for granted. Many of the students are considering teaching special education classes; this helped them to make the decision. We don't need teachers who aren't aware of what is involved in teaching the handicapped."

Art exhibit winners
The college has announced the winners of the 1984 Art Students League Juried Exhibition, based on works done by students in the last two years and judged by two alumni art graduates:

Drawing: First-Lauri Symens of Kenyon, Minn.; second-Mari Ishihari of Tokyo, Japan.

Sculpture and Ceramics: First and second prizes-Kirk Allen of Orange City.

Printmaking: First-Scott Tensen of Hull; second-Steve Boint of Bismarck, N.D.

Painting: First-Mari Ishihari; second-Deborah Cooper of Beaman.

Photography: First-Steve Boint; second-Kirk Allen.

Other Media: First-Dan Addington of Stanton.

Critics Choice Awards: Dan Addington and Mark Burkitt (Mark is from Lincoln, Neb.).

The exhibition manager was Kirk Allen. Professor John Kaericher is the adviser to the Art Student's League; Professor Rein Vanderhill is the Te Paske Art Gallery Director.

Accepted at AuSable
Stacy Van Egdom, a sophomore, has been accepted as a student in the summer program at the AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies in Michigan, and has been awarded a $1,000 fellowship.

The institute is located on 65 acres of wooded land ten miles southeast of Mancelona, Michigan. Students live in small dormitories and cottages and participate in two five-week sessions; courses are offered in field ecology, field biology, land and water resources, and in other aspects of environmental studies, with emphasis on Christian stewardship of natural resources.

Stacy is the daughter of Don Van Egdom of Hawarden, Iowa.
Spotlight on students

Criminal justice interns

Four students who are studying Criminal Justice in the Sociology Department will intern this summer with the Iowa Department of Public Safety and the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

James De Kruif of Sheldon and David Hofmeyer of Orange City will intern with the Division of Criminal Investigation of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Daniel Stepleton of Mason City will intern with the Iowa State Highway Patrol. David Boote of Orange City will be an intern in the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

De Kruif said that he has always wanted to be a police officer, and that he was a trainee with the Sanborn, Iowa, Police Department for six months. He did not find uniformed police work at his liking, but when he came to Northwestern he talked to Dr. Stephen Dobb, Professor of Sociology, and discovered that he could enter other kinds of police work by participating in the college’s Criminal Justice program, and he now wants to work with the Division of Criminal Investigation. He looks forward to doing research in the Des Moines Headquarters of the division and to accompanying agents on investigations around the state. Eventually, De Kruif says, he would like to join the United States Secret Service. His ambition is to be assigned to guard the President.

Dave Boote has wanted to be in law enforcement as long as he can remember. He says that this summer he “will be doing a little bit of everything” but really wants to work with the correctional officers at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. He believes the internship will increase his prospects for employment. “It’s very important to get on-the-job training,” he says. Dave said that Dr. Cobb knows the warden at the penitentiary, so he was able to arrange the internship. He has been offered the chance to stay on as a part-time employee after the internship’s ten weeks are up. “This may lead to full-time employment,” he says.

Exciting experiences

“It is a wonderful learning experience to be DOING...you begin to realize your potential...when working with children,” says Melanie McCue, one of five Social Work majors who were “in the field” at area social agencies this semester.

Professor Ben Wiese says the five had exciting experiences as they spent four days a week working alongside professional social workers. They returned to the campus each Friday to share their experiences and to integrate them with their academic preparation for entering the field of social work.

Melanie McCue was working with Randy Christiansen, a staff member at Lutheran Social Services in Sioux Falls. Glen Bruxvoort, worked with Sue Bakker, a staff member at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute. “I had an excellent opportunity to work with teenagers...enabling them to see how they are responsible for their own behavior has been very challenging,” he said.

Saw many needed help

Lisa Rensink worked with Dan Harrison and Pat Huxsol at the Woodbury County Department of Human Services. “I was exposed to a wide variety of services...it has shown me that many people have a great need for help,” she said.

Bobbi Bloemendaal, who worked with Barb Sneve at the Sioux Vocational School in Sioux Falls, said, “The biggest lesson I learned was to accept handicapped people. We need to see their smiles and realize their eagerness to love...then reach back to them with smiles and love.”

“I really had my eyes opened to see that people can be organized and trained to become advocates in key issues, such as high utility rates, school closings and crime,” said Ted Gray, who worked with Hugh Espey at the Coalition for Community Reform in Sioux City.

On April 3, students who had not yet participated in this program had an opportunity to meet representatives from agencies which provide seniors with opportunities to obtain actual experience.

Chicago interns

Five students were in Chicago during the Spring Semester working as interns as part of their preparation for careers in their chosen fields.

Richard Craven, of Calumet, Iowa, worked in the TV studio of the “Back to God Hour” learning TV production methods.

Jerome Ferrar, of Wexford, Pennsylvania, was a counselor at the Catholic Youth Ministries, helping youths with drug and alcohol problems.

Dee Raquet, of South Holland, Illinois, worked at the “drop-in” center, run by Center Incorporated, in uptown Chicago counseling teenagers, tutoring, helping with fund-raising and working on developing programs.

Sandy Stone, of Marathon, Iowa, was with one of the largest corporate lenders, Associates Commercial Corp., working with computers on research into corporate loan procedures.

Christian business group

Jerry Vander Lee, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, was with Chicago Research and Trading, a Christian organization associated with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

These students participated in the Chicago Metropolitan Center program, which provided them with orientation and helped them find housing. Classes were held at the center one day a week; the rest of the week was devoted to internships. The program is designed to strengthen the students’ commitment to their career goals, to help them understand the city and its effect on them, and to develop their self-confidence and ability to relate to many different kinds of people while practicing their Christian values. Classes include seminars in ethics, fine arts and metropolitan studies. Juniors and seniors can transfer a semester of credit to Northwestern upon completion of the program, which is supervised by Trinity Christian College.
Mark Muilenburg

Muilenburg honored

Mark Muilenburg, an '84 grad, has been awarded the 1984 NAIA Football Coaches Association Award.

“This is to recognize the outstanding student who is also an outstanding football player,” Charles Morris, associate executive director of the NAJA said.

Only one selection is made annually. “This is a very prestigious award. To qualify a person must show the highest ideals of athletics.”

Candidates are nominated by a football coach, and they must be seniors who are seeking a graduate degree and have at least a 3.25 GPA. They must submit four letters of recommendation and evidence they have been accepted at a graduate school.

Mark was a unanimous selection from seven finalists. He will use the $500 scholarship as a medical student at the University of Iowa.

All-District picks

Dave Dunkelberger and Kent McDonough were named to the NAIA All-District Basketball Team. This was the second year Dunkelberger was selected unanimously.

Basketball captains

The basketball team has named the captains for next year’s team. In an election, those named were Todd Meerdink, Scott Sieperda and Doug Brunsting.

Meerdink was the team’s third leading scorer this year, playing a wing position. He averaged 15.03. Brunsting was an inside player, averaging 14.6 points per game. Sieperda, a guard, was an injury redshirt this year after undergoing a knee operation.

Io-Kota picks two

Patty Olson and Sheri Robinson were named to the Io-Kota Basketball Conference first team, and Olson was named “All-District 15.” Olson had been a second team all-conference selection last year.

Olson, a junior, averaged 14 points and 9.6 rebounds per game, setting a season rebounding record. Robinson, a sophomore, averaged 10 points a game. The Raiders were the only team with two players on the five-woman conference first team.

All-Americans

Nine athletes were named “All-Americans” this year.

Named to the NAIA Academic All-American teams were: Kent McDonough, David Dunkelberger, Scott Guthmiller, Mark Muilenburg, Bonnie Tjeerdsmma and Pat Achterhof Kruger. (Dave and Mark were also named to the College Sports Information Directors of America’s first team as Academic All-Americans.)

Picked as All-American athletes by the NAIA were Lee McKinstry, Steve De Vries and Sheri Robinson.

Baseball team overcomes cancellations

Kelly Kruger reports that the 1984 Red Raider Baseball Team had a difficult season because of the weather. He says it was tough to develop consistency because of games being cancelled. Despite having 32 games cancelled, the Raiders still managed to finish over .500 with a 11-9 overall record. They qualified for the Bi-District 15 playoffs, being seeded second.

The highlights of the '84 season were doubleheader wins over the University of South Dakota and Briar Cliff College, as well as an opportunity to play nationally-rated University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Shortstop Jason Horstman and freshman third baseman James Blake consistently led the Raiders this season.

Women top conference

The women’s softball team finished their regular season with an 18-8 record and a first place finish with an 8-2 record in the six-team Io-Kota Conference. Four seniors finished their careers at Northwestern, including Captain Shar Van Wettering, Kay Edler, Jill Anderson, and Deb Kuiper. Van Wettering was voted by her teammates the Most Valuable Player, and Robinson was voted the Most Inspirational Player. Sophomore Linda Brundeen was chosen the Most Improved Player. The leading hitter for the season was freshman Barb Schaaf with a .397 average; freshman pitcher Cindy Clark posted an 11-4 record.

1984 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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The college honored Aldine Van Roekel at a banquet on May 5th; she is retiring after 15 years as the secretary to the Education Department. At the same banquet, the college gave a chair decorated with the college seal to Professor Sylvia Scorza for 25 years of service, as well as plaques to professors Gordon Brumels and Rodney Jiskoot for 20 years of service and to professors Ronald Nelson, Rein Vanderhill and Jay Van Hook for 10 years of service.

Ron Juffer wrote this appreciation of Aldine:

Aldine has assumed a variety of responsibilities in the Education Department, including the coordination of the teacher education placement services, student teaching administrative work, accumulating data for re-accreditation reports, and a vast amount of typing for four full-time faculty members.

I believe Aldine’s primary contribution was her effectiveness in our placement services for graduating students and alumni in teacher education. Our high rate of placement can in a large degree be attributed to her efforts. Area superintendents and principals frequently called her inquiring about our students, including graduates, that might fill one of their vacancies. She would then immediately contact the student or graduate and, if they expressed an interest, she would get the credentials out on that same day. During the summer she would get hold of them at their home or place of employment. Graduates often sent her thank-you notes and flowers to express their appreciation.

Our Department did not view Aldine as a secretary; instead, we included her in all of our meetings and sought her advice on numerous issues.

We often said that even though we would be sad to see a faculty member leave our department, we hoped that Aldine would never resign! However, we knew this was inevitable, so we wish her the best as she spends more time with her family, especially her grandchildren.
Concert Band:
The Concert Band recently completed a tour of Arizona and California

Benefits make tour worthwhile

The Concert Band gave a concert in the Chapel upon their return from their tour. Professor Rodney Jiskoot, who accompanied the band on the tour, said during the intermission:

How can anyone assess the benefits of a tour such as the one the band just completed? I am sure it is well worth the time, energy and money spent on it. If you doubt that, I wish you could have the experience I have just had, because it convinced me you cannot place a price tag on a band tour.

The most easily discerned and the most lasting benefit is the musical experience gained by the band members. Many, many months of practice and rehearsal finally come to fruition. This level of musicianship could never have been achieved while preparing for only one concert; I could hear the level of achievement increase at each successive concert.

Another blessing is the building of close relationships between students, as well as between band members and their hosts and the members of churches in which they play. Those relationships between students are what bring alumni back to the campus in the greatest numbers; statistics show that former members of music and drama groups are most likely to return for reunions.

Another benefit is in the area of admissions. We made many contacts with prospective students; many expressed strong interest after hearing the band and meeting members of the band. We must tell our constituents who we are and what we stand for; one good way to do this is by sending groups on tour.

A tour is also a religious experience: I drove one of the vans, and students volunteered to lead informal worship services while we travelled.

I’d like to share an experience with a host who had a group with her family overnight. She drove up as we were getting ready to board the bus.

"Are you a chaperone?" she asked.

When I said I was, she declared, “The night was far too short. These young people are wonderful—so wonderful, I don’t want to return them to you.”

Another experience made me feel good. I sat in the Crystal Cathedral with Ida Hettinga...some of you know her. We listened to what was the finest performance I had heard. We looked at each other, and she said, “Oh, I’m so proud, so proud!”

I thank all the band members and my colleague, Dr. Toering, for making this such a memorable experience for me.

Played in Crystal Cathedral

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A teacher of mathematics in the role as an alumni director? Perhaps a bit unusual one might say. As I sit and reflect upon how this all has come about, I am sure years ago when I was elected to the Alumni Board this was the furthest thought from my mind. Those were years of struggling without much guidance from the college. It took the arrival of Don Vander Stoep on campus to really get things rolling; he had the vision to expand to a National Alumni Board. With the changes in the Development Office the responsibility was shifted. Cornie Wassink picked up the ball and added his vision for alumni work to what was already there.

Both of these men were handicapped by the limited amount of time they could spend on the job. They, of course, are still active in development work, and both have a real love for Northwestern. If this is a criterion for the job, I can assure you that I can meet it. Both my wife, Linda, and I have enjoyed having Northwestern as an important part of our lives while I have been teaching in Sheldon.

I am excited to see Northwestern playing such an important role in today’s society. The new things happening on campus are thrilling. To see young people’s lives molded is indeed cause for rejoicing.

While I was serving on the Alumni Board there would be comments after every annual meeting from board members like: “If only everyone could be on campus and see what is happening” and “Talking with students and finding out what Christ is doing in their lives is exciting.”

In the coming months I will share more with you on the maturation of the Alumni Association. For now, let me say that one of my top priorities will be to get the new, up-to-date message of what is happening on campus out to all alumni.

As a 1962 graduate of Northwestern, I am getting to the age where I really enjoy conversing with those who have some of the same philosophies and background that I have. To be able to reminisce and do the Lord’s work by promoting Northwestern is my idea of a really good time.

I am looking forward to communicating with and meeting many of you during the next year.
Iranians praise college

by Kathleen Kennedy

More than 10 years ago three students from Iran came to Northwestern College. Their recollections of the college, the town and the people paint a very positive picture.

Fereidoon “Fred” Delfanian and Kaveh Sotoudeh arrived in Orange City in late summer 1972, and Mojtaba “Mo” Haji Ardebili came a year later. These three Muslims had no idea that their first experience of life in the United States would be at a Christian college located in a small town. Each admits that his main reason for choosing Northwestern was that the college accepted him without demanding the higher proficiency in English that larger schools required.

Mo Ardebili recalls, “Northwestern gave me the opportunity to start with little English.” Fred Delfanian remembers that he received two college acceptances, and that he chose Northwestern because it responded to his application first.

He, like the other two, spent several months studying English at university summer schools in the U.S. before enrolling at Northwestern, and he could have changed his mind about attending the college, but he didn’t. He has not regretted his decision, although one of his first cultural shocks was finding out that Orange City was not named for orange groves, nor did it have a suitable climate for growing oranges. The climate was a far cry from that on his family’s farm in northern Iran, where oranges and rice are grown.

The three encountered their initial surprises of life in the United States during the intensive English-language courses. Delfanian, who studied in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, remembers that one of the most difficult adjustments was learning to eat foreign food. He bought some frozen ravioli; not realizing it needed to be cooked, he tried to eat it straight from the package. The experience put him off American food for a couple of weeks, during which he recalls surviving on pistachio nuts he’d brought from home.

But all three made it through their language courses and landed in Orange City, where they were met with friendliness and a concern for their welfare that was impressive enough to remain their most abiding memory of life at Northwestern.

“I don’t think I have any bad memories. All the friends I have found in the U.S. were from Orange City. At Iowa State I was just a number and was so isolated I got depressed.” He remembers especially the kindness of chemistry professor Peter Hansen and then-chaplain Raymond Weiss. The school cafeteria also comes in for praise, not only for its high quality but also for preparing special food for Delfanian, who, as a Muslim, does not eat pork.

Of course there were moments when East met West in amusing ways. Delfanian thought freshman initiation was rather strange, especially when he was forced to sing Persian songs to a cheerleader in the cafeteria. In response to this she was prodded to kiss him, but at this point East backed down and respectfully declined to participate in such Western frivolity.

Kaveh Sotoudeh’s memories of Northwestern are similar to Delfanian’s. “I remember the people of Orange City,” he says. “They all tried to do what was right...at least what they thought was right. I admired them for that, even though we didn’t always agree. Certain people went out of their way to be helpful.” He also mentioned Professors Hansen and Weiss, as well as those in charge of the library and the cafeteria.

Weiss helped Delfanian and Sotoudeh with their English when they first arrived. “He was genuinely concerned for our well-being, how we would do. One of the reasons I am so successful is that everyone told me I was wasting my time in chemistry. Prof. Hansen asked, ‘Why not go into theater?’ But this just encouraged me to find out if I had it in me to stick with chemistry.”

He considers it remarkable that he is still in touch with his Northwestern friends 12 years later. “The majority of friends I keep in touch with are related to Orange City,” he says.

His time at Northwestern was not without difficulties however. He was surprised, as was Delfanian, that chapel attendance was required and that there were restrictions on social life. “I was an active person,” he relates, “and I liked to date. But coming from a foreign land and different religion made things kind of tough since people weren’t ready to accept my dating their daughters. It became easier when we realized there were other ethnic minorities there, and somehow we worked it out.”

Something that he still remembers with pleasure after a decade is a buffalo farm east of Orange City, perhaps the closest he got to the prairies he had seen in Hollywood movies.
Although the third Iranian, Mo Ardebili, stayed at Northwestern only a year, he also has fond memories of his contacts with people. “People were more friendly than I thought they would be. Right now I think I moved to Iowa State too fast; I should have stayed at least another year, but I was afraid my courses wouldn’t transfer to a large university. At Northwestern teachers took time to talk to you; life was slow-paced. I never made as many friends at Iowa State as I did at Northwestern,” he said.

Like the others, he was surprised that chapel attendance was required. “It is more acceptable to me now than it was then, and it was nice to see people accept me even though we had different religions,” he said.

From feeling strange because of differences in culture and language, all three have moved on to feeling comfortable in successful careers in this country; they have put down roots and started families.

Ardebili received his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University in 1977 and went to work for a consulting firm in Kansas City, specializing in designing heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems. A year ago he entered a partnership with an electrical engineer and started a consulting business on the side; he hopes it will support them fully within two years.

He married his wife, Jacque, whom he met at Iowa State, eight years ago, and they have two children, a daughter Halleh, seven, and a son, Ali, four. Although he became an American citizen several years ago, he admits that his heart and mind harbor the possibility of returning to Iran. He talks by telephone regularly with his parents in Iran and he hopes they will be able to visit him soon. He points out that he learns more from the media in this country about the current political situation in Iran and about its war with Iraq than he does from his family.

Delfanian also transferred to Iowa State from Northwestern. He then transferred to South Dakota State University at Brookings, where he received a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering in 1977. He not only says that people were friendlier at Northwestern than at the larger universities, but he rates the Northwestern math department higher than Iowa State’s.

After earning his degree, he returned to Iran, but the political situation was deteriorating, and he was urged to return to graduate school in the U.S. He left Iran in the fall of 1978, the day before the revolution closed the Teheran airport. He received his Master’s degree in 1980 at SDSU, and has been working there since the fall of 1980, first as an instructor and now as an assistant professor. He hopes to begin a Ph.D. program in 1986.

He too has put down roots here. He married in 1979. He and his wife, Chris, have one son, Neemah, who is one year old. He is still an Iranian citizen, but he doesn’t feel he’d be welcome in Iran at present. “I’ve been here more than 12 years. I’ve adapted to this society, and I don’t think I could survive there in the present situation. When you’re here for a while, you can’t fit back home,” he explains. He admits he would like to see his parents and his large family (eight sisters and two brothers). He talks to his parents frequently and has asked them to visit him, but it is not easy for them to get a visa.

Sotoudeh stayed at Northwestern longer than Ardebili and Delfanian. He was one semester away from graduation, but had never taken some required religion courses. He decided to transfer to the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and received his B.Sc. in chemistry in 1977. By transferring he lost credit for some courses, including Western Man. He didn’t lose credit for Western Man because the credits were “useless”, as some alumni would like to believe; he admits it was because his grades were not good enough!

He has just received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the American University in Washington, D.C. He admits that he wasn’t a good student when he first came to Northwestern. “I just wasn’t interested; I think many would be surprised that I got my Ph.D. in chemistry,” he says. He may work for the U.S. Navy now that he has his degree, or he may go into private industry. The Navy sponsored much of his Ph.D. research work on aluminum corrosion; he has published two articles in this field.

He has applied for U.S. citizenship. He and his wife, Fatima, are expecting their first child. Although he has not returned to Iran since he left USD, he misses it, and says he is constantly reminded of his background. “I wish Iran could be seen in a more favorable light,” he adds. During the hostage crisis he was checked by the FBI, and he admits that it was tough to keep his scholarship.

But he realizes that he will probably stay in the U.S. “I have spent too much time here,” he says. He also realizes that his field of research is too advanced and specialized to be of much use in Iran.

All three have adapted to life in the United States in ways that might surprise those who were their fellow-students. They have overcome the cultural and language barriers, thanks in part to Northwestern.

Ardebili sums it up well: “If I had a brother I would recommend Northwestern College to him.”
Dora Gleysteen

Oldest grad celebrates 100th
Dora Gleysteen, the oldest Northwestern graduate, celebrated her 100th birthday on February 14. Many family members and friends gathered to help her celebrate at the American Reformed Church in Orange City. Dora has now taken up residence in the Heritage House.

Mrs. Heemstra celebrates 90th
Mrs. Jacob Heemstra, wife of former college president, Jacob Heemstra, celebrated her 90th birthday a few weeks ago. Her family had an “open house” honoring her. A number of persons from the college attended, and the college sent her flowers. She thanks everyone at the college for remembering her with flowers, cards and visits. She has a deep interest in the college and is very well informed about the activities here.

James Heemstra, ’72, recalls Ansel Adams
The following article about James Heemstra, Class of ’72, appeared in the Des Moines Register on April 24, 1984.

Des Moines man recalls Ansel Adams
A humble man, a man totally absorbed in his work and a man completely in control of the techniques of photography are the images Ansel Adams etched in the memory of James Heemstra.

Heemstra, manager of the Ivy Camera Shop in Des Moines, clambered across rocky landscapes with Adams and other students in one of Adams’ workshops five years ago.

Marvin Hoff, ’56, appointed president of Western Seminary
Rev. Marvin D. Hoff, who graduated from the Classical Academy in 1954 and from the Junior College in 1956, has been appointed President of Western Theological Seminary; he will take up this position at the end of the 1984-85 academic year. He is currently the senior minister of the Reformed Church of Palos heights in Illinois. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees. In May he attended the reunion of the Class of ’54, which was honored at the Heritage Day luncheon and which attended Commencement Exercises.

“...he photographed with him; he went out on day-long excursions with us,” said Heemstra. Adams would spot a situation—maybe just a pile of rocks—and become absorbed to the point that he was oblivious to everything else while he spent up to an hour setting up a shot, Heemstra recalled.

Then he would sit down and explain exactly what he had been doing, what he had envisioned.

An Adams photograph began with a concept, a “previsualization,” said Heemstra. That led to meticulous preparation and painstaking darkroom work to produce a piece of art in keeping with the original concept.

One of Adams’ “natural” pictures could be the result of a week’s worth of work in the darkroom—printing, rejecting, adjusting and reprinting until just the right effect was achieved, Heemstra said.

Adams was forced to shred the rejected versions of his prints because collectors rummaged through the garbage outside his Carmel, Calif., studios in search of them, Adams told Heemstra and other class members.

Heemstra also lunched with Adams while watching a sunset from the porch of Adams’ Yosemite Valley home. “It’s something I’ll never forget,” Heemstra said. “I got to meet somebody who is a legend.”

Joyce Oatey has joined the staff of the Development Department as Office Manager. She was the Executive Secretary to the General Manager of the Crow Wing Cooperative Power Co. in Brainerd, Minnesota. Joyce is originally from George, Iowa. She has a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota.

John De Wild has retired from his position as a member of the staff of the Development Department. He has been on the staff since 1973 with major responsibilities in the area of church relations and estate planning.

Curtis Brands, who is a programmer in the Computer Center, attended a seminar in Chicago in May. He spent two days studying the UNIX operating system and the C programming language.
BIRTHS

MITCHEL ('75) and Barbara BENGARD
Son - Brandon
PERRY ('73) and JOYCE (EASON '73) DE GROOT
Daughter - Sara Elizabeth, joins Rebecca and Rachel
DANIEL ('77) and LINDA (DE ROON '78) GOULD
Daughter - Laura Jean, joins Rachel Lynn
Kevin and ANN (DOORNINK '79) Van Otterloo
Son - Timothy Kevin
JAMES ('76) and Sandra ROWENHORST
Son - Christopher James
LEON ('72) and MARLENE (VAN AALSBURG '78) PANNKUK
Son - Matthew Evan
Lyndon and JERI (HIMES '80) Hass
Daughter - Rebecca Lynn
Jan and BEVERLY (VERMEER '71) Schuiteman
Son - Jonathan Mark
CURTISS ('77) and JANET (DE BOER '75) RICHARDS
Daughter - Michelle Elizabeth
DAN ('73) and Mrs. ROOZING
Daughter
GALEN ('81) and JoANN (VAN CLEAVE '82) BARTA
Son - Joshua Aaron
KIM ('80) and DAWN (TE BRINK '80) WIEKING
Son - Brett Daniel
DUANE ('78) and MARILYN (TJEERDSMA '78) FEEKES
Daughter - Amanda Joy
Fred and DEBRA (BOGAARD '76) De Haan
Son - Jeffrey Taylor
ROBERT ('73) and NATALIE (FROLKEY '73) HOFFMAN
Sons - Twins - Benjamin Robert and Daniel Thomas, join Jacob, Deborah and Rachel
GARY ('81) and KATHY (BOERSMA '81) BRUVOORT
Son - Allan Jean By adoption from Korea
Roger and MAUREEN (TE PASKE '64) Evans
Son - Matthew Anthony
MARLO ('69) and Carol VAN KLOMPENBURG
Son - Matthew John
Stephen and JANE (VER STEEG '76) Phinney
Daughter - Jessica Louise
Greg and LAURA (VAN OMMEREN '83) Haverdink
Son - Aaron Matthew
Raymond and JOYCE (VAN BEEK '69) Roghair
Daughter - Elizabeth Joy
Gary and ROSETTA (HARMELINK '70) Lauterbach
Daughter - Brenda Jean
Garrett and CARLA (HETTINGA '78) De Vries
Daughter - Allison Lee 12/4/81, Evelyn Marie 6/17/83
Rod and ALYSA (HETTINGA '78) Stinson
Son - Rein Carter
John and MARCIA (FICK '72) Smith
Daughter - Jillian Rose, joins Molly Marchelle
Arlan and RUTH (VERMEER '78) Moss
Son - Craig Irwin, joins Adam Jay
Gray
Daughter - Jennifer Pearl
Henry and ELAINE (STUIT '69) Roghair
Son - Paul James, joins Donna Jean
EDWARD ('80) and Tami SCHREUR
Daughter - Rebekah Joy
SCOTT ('79) and LaVONNE (MEYER '78) WITTE
Son - Seth Edward
Randall and MARY ANN (ANKER '77) Pals
Son - Michael James
DAN ('71) and CONNIE (VAN PEURSEM '72) ABERSON
Son - Joshua Jon, joins Daniel and Micah
Rick and PAM (YUNGBLUTH '73) Aschenbrenner
Daughter - Gretel Kerstin, joins Heidi Megan
PHIL ('78) and JULIE (GREVING '80) MOSS
Son - Zachary Philip
WAYNE ('72) and Marlene SLOTHOUBER
Daughter - Megan Marie, joins brother Jason
Cory and DENISE (HEEMSTRA '77) Doden
Son - Jeremy John

DEATHS

'17 RALPH VAN ZYL died March 1, 1984, at a convalescent home in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the age of 91. Born near Alton, Iowa, in 1893, Ralph attended the Northwestern Classical Academy in Orange City. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I. In 1922, he married Anne Bonnecroy of Orange City who died in 1962. Ralph was employed by the Farmers Mutual Cooperative in Alton, serving as manager for 26 years. In 1962 he moved to Port Charlotte, Florida, where he lived until his death.

'12 Dr. HENRY BELTMAN of Anaheim, California, passed away on April 1, 1984. He was born in Orange City, Iowa, on December 1, 1893. He was a graduate of Northwestern Classical Academy in 1912, Hope College 1916, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as a missionary to Amoy, China, from 1920-1928. He served pastorates in Michigan and California and served as a missionary in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. Most recently he served as an assistant pastor at the Garden Grove Church in California. During his lifetime he also served in various offices of the Reformed Church in America.

MARRIAGES

BARBARA EKEMA ('84) and Verlyn Mol
JOY VANDER SCHAAF ('82) and Steven R. Parker
TARYN SUE BRINK ('81) and Mark Breuer
NANUET SCHENCK ('83) and James O’Halloran
TIM VOOGD ('83) and KATHLEEN FIKSE ('86)
KENNETH KROON ('81) and Edie Witt
BRENT L. VANDER SCHAAF ('84) and DEBORAH GIBSON ('84)
JANA BRUMELS ('82) and Jim Muir
ARIZONA

'82 RICK BRINK has accepted a position as minister to youth at the Desert Haven Community Church in Tempe, Arizona. PERRY RAAK (70) serves as senior pastor of the Tempe Church. Rick taught for one year at Primghar, Iowa, after graduation from Northwestern and spent the following year touring with the Continentals, a gospel singing group.

CALIFORNIA

'83 DAVID M. ROZEBOOM graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy in California on May 4, 1984, and began his position as police officer with the West Covina Police Department on May 8.

FLORIDA

'67 BERNICE VAN ENGEN Justamante lives with her husband and family in Hialeah, Florida. Ramon and Bernice are serving two Spanish speaking churches in Hialeah.

HAWAII

'68 WILLIAM J. VERDOORN, Air Force Major, has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Hickman Air Force Base in Hawaii. Verdoorn is an air operations officer and navigator with the Pacific Air Combat Operations staff. He holds the M.A. degree from Webster University in St. Louis.

IOWA

'30 ALYS ERINGA Beltman and her husband, William, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 21. They are residents of Alton, Iowa.

'35 MARIE WANDSCHER Lancaster of Orange City, retired this past year from her duties as librarian at the Maurice-Orange City Schools. She began serving the Maurice-Orange City School district in 1966.

'38 HELEN DE JAGER of Orange City ended her teaching career of 46 years in May, 1984. She began in Nassau Township in 1938 and since that time has taught in Sherman Township, Sutherland, and LeMars, and for the last 26 years in Orange City.

'47 DALE HUBERS of Orange City, was elected to a three-year term as a director of the LeMars Mutual Insurance Company.

'54 LYLE VANDER WERFF, Ph.D., professor of religion at Northwestern College, has accepted an invitation to present four lectures on “Cross-cultural Witness” to the Fellowship of Christian Missionaries at their annual conference at Lake Ojiri, Japan, from July 26-28. Vander Werff’s research and writing in missiology has taken him to several mission fields, following service in Kuwait and doctoral studies at the University of Edinburgh. While in Japan, he also plans to visit Baiko Jo Gakuin College in Shimonoseki. He will also observe the life and witness of the church as part of his ongoing work in missiology.

'56 HAROLD VAN DER WEIDE recently joined the Development Staff at Northwestern College as Director of Church Relations. He formerly served as manager with Job Service of Iowa with offices located in Sioux City. He is an active member of the Reformed Church in America, having served as an elder in the Morningside Reformed Church of Sioux City. In 1980 he served as president of the West Sioux Classis. Harold and his wife, Rose, are the parents of four children.

'58 DICK VAN HOLLAND, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics at Northwestern, plans to continue work on his doctorate at the University of South Dakota this summer. His degree will be in education with emphasis on business education.

'62 ELEANOR BLANKERS of Sheldon, was recently elected district director of the Business and Professional Women at a district meeting held in Sheldon. The district represents eleven areas in northwest Iowa.

'65 JOEL SYBESMA has opened an auctioneering firm in Orange City. Sybesma, who has been in the livestock business for over 10 years, also has five years experience in conducting farm, livestock and household sales in Nebraska.

'66 GARY DE KOTER of LeMars, received a promotion to the office of President of Harker’s in LeMars. De Koter began working for Harker’s ten years ago as comptroller, later was promoted to Vice President of Finance, then Senior Vice President for Finance. Harker’s has 600 employees.

'69 BARRY BRANDT of Glidden, Iowa, was named head track and assistant football coach at Northwestern College, a position formerly held by Mel Tjeerdsma. Tjeerdsma resigned to take the head football coaching position at Austin College, Sherman, TX. Brandt, head football and track coach at Glidden-Ralston High School, holds an impressive record at Glidden with a 12-0 record and the state I-A championship in 1975. In 1980, his team was 9-0 and was ranked second in the final state poll. The team won seven conference championships in his 13 seasons there. Brandt compiled an 86-32 coaching record, won the 1976 Northwestern N-Club coaching award, the 1975-76 Omaha World-Herald High School Coach of the Year honor, and the 1981 Iowa Football Coaches Association coaching award. In 1981, he was an assistant coach in the Shrine football game. After graduation from NW, he taught and coached at George for one year. He spent the next school year at NW as head baseball and assistant football coach while Ron Juffer was on sabbatical. Since then, he has been at Glidden-Ralston. Barry and his wife, Lora, have three children; Cory, Jenny and Jill.
'69 JAMES VOGELAAR, news directors at KIOA-KMGK radio in Des Moines, received the Jack Shelley Award as Iowa's top broadcaster at the Iowa Broadcast News Association convention in Des Moines on May 5. Vogelaar has been with the radio stations since 1972, and has been news director since 1975.

'71 DAN E. BOONSTRA of Grand Junction, Iowa, has been promoted to Agency Director of the Life Investors of Iowa office at Ames. Dan was a former teacher with the East Greene Community School system and has been with Life Investors for the past seven years. He has been a member of Life Investors Fortunaires Sales Club for six years, VIP Sales Club for three years, and last year was a member of the Life Investors President's Cabinet Club which took an eight day trip to the Netherlands. Dan is also president of the East Greene Community School Board. Dan's wife, Patricia Fahey Boonstra, is a learning disabilities instructor in the Gowrie School system. They have a seven year old son, Nathan. Dan is the son of NORMAN '44 and VELMA (VAN DRIEL '47) BOONSTRA of Orange City.

'71 JEFF ZWAGERMAN, who has taught English and speech at the Sibley High School for the past thirteen years, has accepted a position as assistant principal in the Carroll School System, Carroll, Iowa.

'74 CINDY RUNGER of Sheldon, was recently elected to the office of secretary-treasurer of the Business and Professional Women of northwest Iowa.

'75 DOUG RITSEMA of Orange City, a Republican State Senator in the State of Iowa, was one of a six member delegation to travel to India last April. The trip was sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, the American Council of Young Political Leaders and the India Youth Congress associated with prime minister Indira Gandhi's political party. The three Republicans and three Democrats on the tour represented Washington, D.C., Vermont, Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa. Four main areas of the country of India were visited—New Delhi, Bhopal, Bombay and Trivandrum. The main purpose of the trip was to encourage better relations between the governments of India and the U.S.

'76 ED DE LEEUW recently opened a new business in Orange City called "Marketing Plus". He will deal in commodities, managed accounts, farm marketing and farm management.

'76 TONY WEILER of Winterset, teaches 6th grade math and serves as head high school baseball coach. He also coaches junior high girls' volleyball and basketball. Tony and his wife, Sharon (Schreck) have a 2½ year old son, Adam Anthony.

'77 DAVID DE YOUNGE is associated with the Ashton Insurance Agency of Ashton, Iowa.

'77 DANIEL GOULD of Sutherland, recently earned the Master of Science degree in Education (Elementary School Administration and Supervision) at Drake University in Des Moines.

'77 DEBRA HEYMAN Mastbergen is a teacher at the River Valley School in Rock Valley. Deb's husband, Brian, is a farmer.

'78 BRAD ROOS, Sanborn city administrator for the past seven years, has become the new manager for Denison Municipal Utilities at Denison, Iowa.

'78 CATHARINE WEISS, M.D., spent six weeks this past year working in the Sudan Interior Mission Hospital at Monrovia, Africa. She has returned to Iowa City where she is in her second year residency in pediatrics.

'81 BRYAN DEN HARTOG, a senior at the University of Iowa Medical School, spent two weeks in Haiti last January. With a team of other medical personnel, he treated as many as 250 to 300 people every day at a makeshift clinic. Bryan and his wife, Nancy, plan to return to Haiti in the near future to work at one of the more established hospitals in that country.

'82 LISA OOLMAN, after spending a year as a missionary teacher in New Guinea, has accepted a position as a kindergarten teacher at Odebolt, Iowa.

'82 MARLYS BOOTE, a student at the University of Iowa, presented her Master's Organ recital on April 1, 1984, at the American Reformed Church in Orange City. Her professors at the University commented on Marlys' excellent undergraduate preparation at Northwestern College.

'83 NORA MOUW graduated from the International Air Academy in St. Louis, MO. recently. She is employed by American Central Airline in Dubuque, Iowa.

'83 SHARLA VANDER WILT graduated as a certified physical therapist from the University of Iowa College of Medicine on May 5. She has accepted a position in the cardiopulmonary division of the physical therapy department of the university hospitals. She was also selected to present her research project, "The Effects of Tendon Pressure on Alpha Motor-neuron Excitability" at the national convention of the American Physical Therapy Association at Las Vegas in June, 1984.

'83 RACHEL WALLINGA Schlitter earned her bachelor of music degree at the University of Iowa last December. She was among 1259 who were awarded degrees.

'83 BRADLEY HEEMSTRA is a 1984 graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in constructural engineering. He is employed by the Story Construction Company of Ames. He will spend the next few months as a field engineer for a new waste water treatment plant in Newton, Iowa. Brad and his wife, Lynn, will live in Cambridge, Iowa.

'84 STEPHEN SCHWANDER of Ireton, is an '84 graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan.
KENTUCKY

'74 BARBARA (WIESE) De Graaf of Owensboro, KY, recently won an award from the Kentucky Educational TV for her "Teaching with Television". She won the award for teaching science and social studies to sixth and seventh graders, using TV to overcome the problems her students have with reading. One winner is selected from each of six regions in Kentucky and this is the second year the award has been given. Barb is in her first year as a teacher at Owensboro Middle School. Her award, a 25 inch color TV, was presented at a banquet in Lexington, KY.

LOUISIANA

'66 RONALD VAN ENGEN is living in Slidell, Louisiana, where he is employed by the Martin Marietta Corporation in computer services. Ronald and his wife are the parents of one son.

MINNESOTA

'78 VERLYN BOONE, a 1984 graduate of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, has become the new pastor at the Bethel Reformed Church of Leota, Minnesota. Verlyn's wife is SUSAN MOL ('79).

'81 WENDELL BRENNEMAN is the new pastor of the American Reformed Church of Woodstock, Minnesota. He is a 1984 graduate of Western Theological Seminary.

MISSOURI

'72 KIM WILEY SPRADLING earned the doctorate in Education last December at the University of Iowa. He has accepted a position as Director of Art Education at Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville, MO. Kim and CAROL (BLOM '72) Spradling are the parents of two children, Ian and Sarah.

NEBRASKA

'82 SCOTT KIEL serves as a professional medical representative for Syntex Laboratories, Inc. in the Grand Island, Nebraska area. The Syntex Laboratories home base is in Palo Alto, California.

NEW JERSEY

'76 EVELYN HOOYER Vander Meer of Manahawkin, New Jersey, has been appointed to a part time position in Christian Education and Faith Development by a regional assembly of the Reformed Church in America. She will assist congregations in maintaining and developing programs in Christian Education and Christian Nurture. She will represent the Synod to the Reformed Church's Council for Christian Education and will continue her involvement in State ecumenical agencies such as Christian Education Associates of New Jersey. Her office will be established in Manahawkin. Evelyn was born and raised in Northwest Iowa, and after graduation from Northwestern, she moved to Hackensack, New Jersey, for a year of voluntary service at the Third Reformed Church. Following her marriage to MARK VANDER MEER ('77) of Hackensack, she moved to New Brunswick Theological Seminary to work on an M.A. degree in theology while Mark prepared for ordination in the Reformed Church. Since 1980 they have lived in Manahawkin where they have worked on developing a new congregation. They have two sons, Joshua and Aaron.

'84 NANCY LUDENS Wise graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ with a B.A. degree in Psychology. Nancy's husband, Todd Wise, is a student at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

NEW YORK

'73 ROBERT and NATALIE (FROLKEY) HOFFMAN are living in Berne, New York, where Bob serves as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Berne. Natalie is coaching track and volleyball at the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School. The Hoffmans are parents of five children—Jacob, Deborah, Rachel, and twins Benjamin Robert and Daniel Thomas, born last November 3, 1983.

'80 EDWARD SCHREUR, a 1984 graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, has become the new pastor of the Queens Reformed Church in Queens Village, New York. Edward and Tami are the parents of two children.

OKLAHOMA

'64 PAUL HARTOG has been promoted to audit partner in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office of Seidman & Seidman, a national accounting firm. Hartog, a certified public accountant, is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. He attended Northwestern from 1960-1963. Seidman & Seidman has office in 38 cities in the U.S.A. and in a number of other countries through the international firm of Binder, Dijker, Otte & Co.

'67 ROBERT D. FOREMAN, Ph.D., of Edmond, Oklahoma, an associate professor of physiology and biophysics at the University of Oklahoma, was one of two recipients of the Provost's Research Awards last spring. The unrestricted cash prize of $2,000 recognizes personal achievement of original research at the Health Sciences Center. Foreman, whose research deals with the origin, nature and pathways of visceral pain, has been a faculty member in physiology since 1977. He is also an adjunct assistant professor in the Oklahoma University College of Dentistry. Foreman currently is the holder of three federal research grants, totaling more than $800,000, from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. He has written chapters in five books and is the author of more than 100 scientific articles and abstracts. Robert began his college education at Northwestern and continued at Central College where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology. He obtained his doctorate in physiology in 1973 from Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, IL. He was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Upon completion of the two-year fellowship, Foreman joined the faculty at the University of Texas Medical Branch and remained there until 1977 when he accepted his present position at the University of Oklahoma.

'83 REBECCA KOERSELMAN is currently employed by Pergamon Press, a publishing firm in Elmsford, New York. Rebecca's home is in Yonkers, New York.
'73 LEON ROGGEN, Jr., presently serving as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Tampa, Florida, has accepted a call to begin a new Reformed Church in Edmond, OK., a suburb of Oklahoma City. He plans to begin his new ministry about August 1.

'SOUTH DAKOTA

'72 JOHN LARSON of Lake Norden, SD, is a Farmland Insurance District Manager for South Dakota and southwest Minnesota. He has qualified for Farmland Insurance's 1983 President's Circle Conference which was held in Williamsburg, Virginia, April 28 to May 2, 1984. Membership in the President's Circle honors outstanding agents and managers who have demonstrated excellence in multiple line sales. Also of note is the fact that his agency was ranked number one in the company for 1983.

'77 ROBERT and NANCY (NOTEBOOM '76) KROESE recently moved to Madison, South Dakota, where Bob has become administrator of the Madison Community Hospital. Nancy is a part time teacher at Dakota State College.

'79 TIM MASON is serving as pastor of the Tyndall United Methodist Church in Tyndall, SD, while attending North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls. Tim is working towards a Master of Divinity and Counseling degree.

'81 BILL KOSTER is serving as an intern in ministry at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship at Custer, South Dakota, as part of a seminary assignment at Western Theological Seminary. He plans to return to the seminary in Holland, Michigan, for further study in the fall of 1984.

'79 CAROL TJEERDSMA, elementary learning disabilities teacher at the Maurice-Orange City Schools, has resigned her position. She will be moving with her family to join her husband, Mel Tjeerdsm, who has accepted a position as head football coach at Austin College, Sherman, TX.

'WASHINGTON

'80 LOREN PEMBERTON, formerly associated with the Admissions Office at Northwester, has been named an Admissions Counselor at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

'82 JOY VANDER SCHAAF Parker and her husband, Steve, are attending Northwestern Baptist Seminary in Tacoma, Washington. Joy is working on her master's degree in Biblical Studies, and Steve is working toward his M.Div. degree. Joy formerly served as a youth director at the First Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington.

'KENYA

'75 JACK and Deborah SWART have been assigned to a cassette ministry in Kenya because they have been unable to return to the Sudan. They left for Nairobi in April. Jack’s primary responsibility will be to set up a studio for the recording of Scripture and other materials in the languages of East Africa. He will also train a Kenyan to operate the studio. This new mission outreach is a cooperative venture of the Reformed Church in America, Portable Recording Ministries, and the United Bible Society. The Swarts' financial support will be underwritten by the Reformed Church in America. Jack and Deborah went to the Sudan in 1980, where Jack constructed mission clinics and homes, and where Deb was active in Bible study groups and reading classes. After a furlough in May, 1983, political tension made it inadvisable for them to return to the Sudan. The Swarts have two sons, Justin and Craig.

'83 PAULA JORGENSEN is living in Yajalon, Chiapas, Mexico, serving as a volunteer teacher to children of American missionaries. She also prepares meals and cleans for the family with whom she lives. After another year in Mexico, Paula plans to do volunteer service in India. Eventually she plans to work toward a master's degree in Christian Education.

'TEKSAS

'73 DUANE TE GROTHENHUIS, formerly of Orange City, IA, is presently employed by a facility for the mentally handicapped in San Marcos, TX.

'76 DALE DE WILD of Tampa, Florida, with his wife, Lillian, and two children will spend the next three years in Kodaikanal, India. Dale, who has the Ph.D. in Sociology, and his wife will serve in the school in Kodaikanal. He is currently a professor at the University of Tampa.

'80 LOREN PEMBERTON, formerly associated with the Admissions Office at Northwester, has been named an Admissions Counselor at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

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Homecoming
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REUNIONS
Scheduled for the
Classes of '59, '64, '69, '74, '79

Schedule:

Morning: Parade and Coffee Hour for Alumni and Friends

Noon: Special Interest Groups Lunches:
      N-Club, Choir-Band, Choral Readers

Afternoon: NW vs. Peru State
           Social Hour

Evening: Alumni Banquet:
         -Recognition of Alumnus of the Year
         -Inductions into Athletic Hall of Fame
         -Responses from reunion classes
         -Special Music
         Movie: "Four Seasons"

You will receive details and reservation forms for the banquet in the mail.

Special invitations will be mailed
to members of reunion classes and Hall of Fame members.