Agnes Steunenberg,
Alumni Secretary,
Retires
(see story inside)
EDITORIAL

We want to congratulate Don Vander Stoep on his recent appointment as Director of Development. Don will continue to act as Director of Alumni Relations as he seeks someone to fill that position.

In making the announcement of the appointment, President Radandt said:

Don will be responsible for all the fundraising programs of the college and will, as head of the development office, serve on the administrative council. I am grateful to Robert Wallinga, who has served as vice-president for development for several years and under whose leadership the college successfully completed Phase I of the Call to Commitment. We are especially delighted to have his services in the future as he continues on the development staff in the important area of major gifts.

As we go to press, plans are being completed for the launching of Phase II of the Call to Commitment. We shall cover the launching event in our next issue.

TOURS

Schedule for ’83-84 Academic Year

CHORAL READERS  Dr. Keith Allen, Director
Saturday, November 26, 1983  Monroe, SD (Sandham Mem.)
Sunday, November 27, 1983  AM Dell Rapids, SD (Reformed)
PM Mitchell, SD (First Ref.)

A CAPPPELLA CHOIR  Kim Utke Schouten, Director
Monday, January 9, 1984  Morningside Reformed Church, Sioux City, IA
Tuesday, January 10, 1984  First Reformed Church, Pella, IA
Wednesday, January 11, 1984  Crossroads Community Church, Lenexa, KS (tentative)
Thursday, January 12, 1984  Our Lord’s Community Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Sunday, January 15, 1984  Reformed Church of Plano, Plano, TX 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CONCERT BAND  Dr. Ronald Toering, Director
Sunday, March 18, 1984  Glass & Garden Community Church, Scottsdale, AZ
Monday, March 19, 1984  Desert Haven Community Church, Tempe, AZ
Tuesday, March 20, 1984  Church on the Hill, Norco, CA
Wednesday, March 21, 1984  Lake Hills Community Church, Laguna Hills, CA
Thursday, March 22, 1984  Bethany Reformed Church, Redlands, CA
Friday, March 23, 1984  Bethel Reformed Church, Bellflower, CA
Sunday, March 25, 1984  Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA

The Choral Readers will present concerts in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, March 17-25, 1984. (Watch for further announcement.)
Agnes Steunenberg has retired as Alumni Secretary, although she is still working part-time at the College. The CLASSIC interviewed Agnes recently; here are some of the things she told us.

I was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We moved to Orange City in 1958. My husband, Henri, was a professor at the college; he taught religion and sociology. He was the first person who taught sociology when they began the Sociology Department. When we came to Orange City my son, John, was in grade school, my daughter, Ruth, was in Northwestern College, and my other daughter, Phyllis, was at Hope College. I began to work at Northwestern in 1963, the year my husband died. I began doing secretarial work for Rev. Van Engelenhoven; he was the alumni director. I stayed with the Development Office working for Fred Brouwer. I worked with Bob Reynen for a while, then I took over the work of Mabel Mantel, who had been doing public relations work and news releases. I asked Dr. Stegenga whether, if they ever divided the news release work and the alumni work, I could have the alumni work to do. He granted my request, so I was doing mostly alumni work after 1969.

I have learned a lot in the time that I have been here. I had some advantages; we had to keep a file of ministers and, since my husband had been a minister, I was always on top of that. The alumni work just sort of grew. To get all the information I use the local newspapers and word of mouth; other alumni and people who are working on campus tell me about things and I write and ask alumni for information. Just in the past years, if they want something in the CLASSIC concerning themselves they will write a note to the Alumni Office.

Sometimes professors want to know where their students are, and they ask me, so I've tried to keep not only a general file but a cross-file and class file with that information.

At the time of my retirement, I really did not want to stop work altogether, so I asked if I could stay around if I was needed. I am working on an hourly basis. I feel that there are a lot of things in the Alumni Office that I could tell another person that I feel are rather important. I like working with alumni, and whenever I meet people who have gone to Northwestern I say, "Hey, you are an alumnus! Where are you? Are you still living at such and such a place? What are you doing?" I try to make the Alumni News section of the CLASSIC as interesting as possible, and have enough notes so people think that it's worthwhile to look.

Another thing that I've done is to plan tours for the Choral Readers and the A cappella Choir for the past several years. I meet with the director first, then with other people who are involved in church relations. Then the directors generally tell me where they want to go, and we plan the tour accordingly. I write the letters to the places they want to go. I write to the churches, and if we get turned down then I write to another church in the same area. I know many ministers by name, but the time has come that I don't know them all personally. If they are alumni, I write to them first, because I know that then we have an "in." A minister in Dallas called me recently and said, "I remember that name from way back. Are you the same Steunenberg who used to be in New York when I used to live there?" So, you see we had something to talk about, and he accepted the request to have the choir come there for two services on a Sunday morning.

I have been in charge of bulk mailings for quite some time. That is another thing that I have been doing on a part-time basis. When a big mailing comes we usually get the work-study students together, and I supervise it. If they can't get it finished, then I finish it up and see that it gets mailed. I've been doing that for a long time. Another thing that I've been doing for many years is that I have been helping alumni with the Alumni News section of the CLASSIC. I keep the alumni on line, and whenever I meet them I ask them for notes and ideas for the CLASSIC. I know many ministers by name, but the time has come that I don't know them all personally. If they are alumni, I write to them first, because I know that then we have an "in."<br>

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Ask sociology professor Stephen Cobb what he did this past summer and you might get an answer about "ethnographic study." Ask what that is and he might say something about "participant observation." Probe a bit deeper and you discover that ethnography is concerned with knowing what it's like to be 'inside the skin' of someone from a culture different from your own, to find out how other people see themselves and their culture. If this is beginning to sound like Margaret Mead in Samoa, you're on the right track. But Cobb didn't have to go to the South Pacific to find a culture different from that of Orange City.

He and his family set out in their VW van, travelled more than a thousand miles, and came to rest in White Post, a village of about 35 people on the Navajo reservation in northeastern Arizona. White Post is off the main road - down a rock dirt trail. The Cobb's van took it at 3 mph! It consists of a few house trailers and hogans (the traditional Navajo wooden and mud dwelling), clustered around the Full Gospel Church.

Cobb intended to study the church, which was founded by Navajos. He wanted to see how the church functioned for the Indians, what attracted them to it, why they chose it instead of churches belonging to "white" denominations or instead of the traditional Navajo religion. And he felt the best way to learn the answer to these questions was to live among the villagers.

Some sociologists might approach these questions by analyzing statistical information, such as population figures and educational levels. Others might formulate lengthy questionnaires for selected villagers and church members to fill out. But Cobb has chosen to take an ethnographical approach - a sociological method he began specializing in during his sabbatical last year at Northwestern University in Chicago. He made the choice for two reasons. This approach, he believes, can yield more legitimate, valid conclusions than other methods. And secondly, but less important if you're planning to spend your summer vacation in the hot Arizona desert, Cobb finds ethnography "the most enjoyable research."

Although his interest in ethnography was spurred by his sabbatical study, it also grew out of the work he has done in establishing Northwestern's cross-cultural program, in which students make a trip during the winter to the Bahamas to study its culture.

The object of Cobb's study this summer, the Full Gospel Church, was founded in 1969 by Kenneth Begishe, a Navajo with a history of drinking problems who experienced a radical conversion to Christ. It has since grown to 13 congregations scattered throughout the huge reservation. The original church in White Post was built on land owned by Begishe's mother, and the village has grown up around the church.

One of the crucial requirements for good ethnographic work is being accepted by the people who are being studied. "When you do field work," Cobb says, "you have to figure that a lot of your initial time is spent developing trust and rapport." The Indians have many reasons for suspicions. "They have been studied a lot by anthropologists," Cobb explains, "and their attitude could be 'Here's another one come to gawk at us.'" One of the rewards Cobb feels after his experience of the summer is that he and his family were able to gain that all-important trust, and they now have earned access to the villagers. He recalls their arrival by way of example.

They spent the first nights living in a tent. Within a day or so, they had been given a key to the community canteen, and three days later they were offered the use of an empty trailer. "We couldn't have asked for that," Cobb says. He was "pleasantly surprised" they were accepted as easily as they were. He attributes this in part to having his family there; children break down barriers quickly.

Their living arrangements also helped establish good relations. "We didn't pay for housing," Cobb states, "we worked at whatever needed to be done - chopping wood, mending fences and gates, hauling.
wood, water and coal, or repair work." The family also pitched in to help prepare meals for the many revival meetings held during the summer, and Cobb notes that when you’re chopping vegetables with people, it is much easier to get to know them and be accepted by them.

Living in the midst of people of another culture has surprises as well. The family witnessed a traditional wedding feast complete with a fatted sheep. The White Post church supplied the food, and, as is customary, those cooking the food were permitted to keep the head, the intestines and the stomach for themselves. A real treat for the Navajos, but as Cobb admits, "The head got to me."

One obstacle to Cobb’s research was the language barrier. "I tried to learn Navajo," he explains, "but it is a very difficult language." This disadvantage particularly hindered his contact with older Navajos who are not bilingual. He taped some conversations in Navajo and then had them translated, but he says this procedure is not totally satisfactory.

After only one summer doing research that he expects will require several summers, Cobb hasn't reached firm conclusions. But he did return with impressions of the Full Gospel Church which challenged his preconceptions. For example, he was skeptical of claims of faith-healing, speaking in tongues, and others manifestations of what charismatic Christians term the "work of the Holy Spirit." "I’m going to look, but not believe," is the way Cobb describes his approach. But he is no longer as cynical. "They are very genuine," he states, "and they feel very strongly that what has blessed the church has been that they have let the Holy Spirit move. For them, the Full Gospel means not to constrict the Holy Spirit." For this reason, the church is very leery of creeds or attempts to codify religion, since it feels this hinders the work of the Holy Spirit. Cobb interviewed people who claimed faith-healing experiences, and he concedes that some of the stories are very impressive. "I have to go by what they say," he explains, "and there is no reason to dispute it."

A quest for healing, for wholeness, is one major reason Navajos are attracted to the Full Gospel Church, Cobb discovered. Traditionally, Navajos have had an overriding concern for health. For them, health symbolizes unity with the spirits and with nature, whereas illness is caused by disunity. Because of this deep-seated cultural orientation, the emphasis of the Full Gospel Church on healing strikes a responsive chord. Many members have come to the church anticipating healing, some after having tried almost everything else offered. The church has developed a ministry that emphasizes the healing power of the Holy Spirit and singles out Christ’s attribute as the Great Physician, the Great Healer. This attempt to interpret Christianity in terms of Navajo culture is one reason the Full Gospel Church has been successful, Cobb thinks.

By contrast, Cobb recalls that he saw many mainline denomination churches on the reservation that were boarded up. A lot of mission churches failed, he believes, because they demanded that Navajos become anglicized in order to become Christian. "What impressed me about the Full Gospel Church is its teaching that you don't have to give up your Navajo roots to be a Christian," he states. As much as possible, the church ties Navajo legends into the history of God’s working in creation. For instance, it points out the similarities between Navajo heroes and Old Testament heroes, stressing the parallels between Old Testament deliverers such as Moses, David and Samson, and Navajo deliverers.

Despite this attempt at synthesis, the Full Gospel Church is fairly orthodox, Cobb thinks. "Its primary reference is the Bible," he says, "and certain things in the Navajo tradition it rejects." Some things are rejected on religious grounds, such as going to a medicine man for healing or the belief in mountain-dwelling spirits who mediate between the Navajos and God. Others, such as squaw dances, are rejected on social grounds because they are associated with drinking and drugs.

In keeping with the church’s emphasis on wholeness, it also preaches reconciliation, a oneness with one’s neighbor. This is borne out by what Cobb observed as an impressive ecumenical spirit that seeks cooperation with other denominations rather than competing for converts. It may also account for a lack of bitterness in the people, he suggests, in the face of the treatment of Indians by the white man.

In future summers, Cobb hopes to broaden his research to look at larger issues facing the Navajos.
Washington Experience Gave Bauer Answers, Confidence

Dick Bauer is a man of action. He teaches government at Sheldon High School; one day he thought, "It sure would be nice to find a lot of answers first hand." So he picked up the phone, called Congressman Berkley Bedell's office and asked if he could be a summer intern. Last summer, he found the answers to a lot of questions as he worked closely with Bedell's staff in Washington, D.C.

"I know what I'm talking about when we discuss the legislative process," he told THE CLASSIC. "I know what people in Washington do. Also, I have a lot more confidence because I was calling anybody and everybody to get the job done. Had I not gone to Washington I probably wouldn't have had the confidence to call Governor Branstad, which is what I did recently. He agreed to come and speak at Sheldon High School."

Describing his internship, Dick says, "Because I was a teacher, they put me to work on educational legislation. Bedell's staff member on education and I went to congressional hearings and took notes for an education newsletter that went to all the teachers in the Sixth Congressional District. It tells how things are progressing in the field of education legislation."

Rep. Bedell says that Dick had more experience than the typical intern. "I'm thankful for having the privilege of working with Dick. He was dedicated, competent and willing to put in whatever time was needed to do the job."

Here are some other things Dick had to say in the interview with THE CLASSIC:

I started college at Augustana. I had some friends who told me about Northwestern; I needed the individual attention they said I would get there, so I transferred as a sophomore. It was a junior college, so I got my Associate in Arts degree after a year there. I went back to Augustana as a junior, but I got married and quit school to go to work full time.

I worked for a few years in insurance. I often went to Orange City as part of my job. One day I just decided to stop and talk to the people at the college. They looked at my transcript and told me I only needed a

Cobb continued

In that regard, he admits to some reservations about the Full Gospel Church's approach to political and social concerns. "The thing that bothers me is that like a lot of Christianity I don't see it directly addressing some issues," he says. "It is still pretty much an individualized faith; it's what the faith can do for you, what it can do for your disease, your depression, your alcoholism." Thus far the church has not considered how its faith should or could influence structural change.

Cobb came back to Orange City with strong feelings about the Indian reservations and the terrible abuses Indians have suffered. He mentions, for example, the piles of uranium tailings that have been dumped by mining companies outside the towns. They are radioactive and uncovered, and Navajo children play in and around them, and their parents use the material to make bricks for their houses. Cobb says the cancer rate among the Navajos is horrendous. "You wouldn't see this sort of thing outside of Chicago or in Sioux County," he comments. He attributes this to an underlying feeling that these people are "just Indians." Policies are imposed on them, and their sensibilities are ignored.

This abuse of the land by commercial interests is particularly tragic since one characteristic of the Navajos that Cobb observed is their respect for nature, their capacity to live with the land, and their stewardship of resources. This stewardship is being compromised by the lure of technology. For example, the means to pump tons of water onto the land is now available, and the dry soil could certainly produce more if adequately irrigated. But the water supply to the reservation is limited, and Cobb can foresee the increased use of water causing long-term problems.

This dilemma is typical of the difficulties the Navajos face - how to survive as a Navajo people with a distinct culture and lifestyle in a modern world. "We're locked into our version of an industrialized society," Cobb says, "and I'm not sure it is possible for them to survive with their lifestyle." He discovered, in fact, that the tribal government is telling its young people that the reservation can only support the older people, and that the young Navajos need to find employment off the reservation.

Cobb hopes that, having established a good rapport with the villagers this past summer, he will be able to examine a number of broader issues next summer. He wants to follow up on the question of the clash of cultures and find out if the tribal government has a grasp of the pros and cons of assimilation.

He is also concerned about the uranium pollution; he would like to see what potential exists for redressing the damage.

And, in continuing his research into the Full Gospel Church, he wants to examine the political ramifications of the church. The church is spreading so quickly, he feels it could have political influence down the road, despite the individualistic emphasis of its present ministry.
few courses and student teaching to get a degree
and qualify to teach, but that I would have to become
a full-time student. I enrolled for a year. I did a
semester of student teaching at Sheldon Junior
High School, and they hired me. I was in the class of
1963.

After a couple of years teaching I started work on a
master’s degree. I have an MA from Middle Ten-
nessee State University.

I loved teaching history. The only books I read
when I was in high school were about World Wars I
and II. I taught history in junior high for sixteen
years, then they asked me to teach at the high
school, and I switched to teaching government and
sociology. I had taught these subjects to adults at
Northwest Iowa Tech. and at Buena Vista, so it
wasn’t new to me, but I did feel a need to learn at
first hand. That’s when I asked Berkley Bedell to take
me on as a legislative intern.

(THE CLASSIC asked Dick to recall his days at North-
western.)

Nelson Nieuwenhuis was my social studies pro-
fessor. I see him often, since we are very interested
in local history and I am the president of the County
Historical Society. I was one of the founders of the
historical museum and Nelson came to the museum
a lot while he was writing the county history. We’re
good friends. Although I never took math, I was a
good friend of Ralph Mouw because he always went
with the football and basketball teams on road trips.
Another good friend is Johnny Draayer; I have driven

Learning Resource Center “‘for Everybody’”

by Kathleen Kennedy

“Students are enthused about it as much as any-
thing we’ve done on campus, I think, even though it’s
much smaller than other projects,” says librarian Ar-
thur Hielkema about the Learning Resource Center
which opened this fall in the area underneath the
chapel. He is the center’s director, a job he has taken
on in addition to his library responsibilities.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) houses the
computer center, the learning assistance center, the
audio-visual department, and the language labs.
They have been brought together, Hielkema ex-
plains, “to create something in the forefront of
technology, to be progressive, and to provide
something everybody can use.”

“We don’t want it to be known as the computer

At left, north entrance to chapel and Learning
Resource Center.
"We don't want just the computer science students to relate to it. What we're trying to do is to create an area where students can go when they need to do any type of computing, any type of word formation or research papers." An additional benefit will be that in the process of using the Center, students will get training on equipment they are likely to encounter later in their lives.

There is also a more mundane benefit to be derived from the Center. "In creating something for everybody, we have pulled a lot of loose ends together," Hielkema notes. Formerly, the various faculty, staff and equipment now housed in the Center were scattered around the campus - in the Library, Zwemer Hall, Dykstra Hall, and in what is now the LRC. Marcia Houtman, director of the Learning Assistance Center, thinks the new facility is good for students. "There are a number of ways students can get extra help - all in one place," she says.

Each component of the Center can boast immediate and potential benefits. The work that the Learning Assistance Center and the language labs do is increasingly computerized, and their proximity to the computer center, though not essential, is convenient. Houtman recently visited Colorado State University to observe a pilot program for computer-assisted writing. This program, which is being evaluated for possible use at Northwestern, analyzes and makes suggestions for improving student papers. It identifies spelling, grammatical and vocabulary mistakes, and makes suggestions about such things as disorganization and vagueness. Such a program could be valuable for those students who must take remedial writing courses, and could also be profitably used by other students and by faculty. As more software programs to aid writing skills are developed, Houtman hopes the Learning Assistance Center will be able to utilize them. The possibilities are exciting, she thinks.

With the opening of the LRC, the audio-visual department can now offer more viewing rooms for faculty wishing to pre-view films or for showings for small groups of students. The A-V department has also gained more space for the production of slides, transparencies and cassettes. Last year, for instance, it made about 1,800 slides for faculty and staff use. "We can do these things now, but we are not set up to do them efficiently," Hielkema explains. The Center can also accommodate films and cassettes previously store in the library, so they are now close to the A-V machines. Hielkema is now working to bring slides, cassettes and transparencies scattered around in faculty offices together in the LRC so they can be accessible to more people. Eventually, the A-V software catalog will be consolidated with the holdings of the library in an online catalog.

If the LRC is to live up to its potential, much depends on the computer center, which fittingly stands near the center of the facility. The computer services department has undergone anumber of changes itself this fall. It has a new director, Robert Robinson, a new programmer/analyst, Curtis Brands, and a new computer, a PDP 11/44 minicomputer manufactured by Digital Equipment Corp. The computer has more main memory than the old one, and the amount of storage capacity for data has increased from 56 million characters to 121 million characters. The result of this upgrading is a vast improvement in the speed with which the machine can handle tasks.

This improvement in processing time will mean, for example, quicker registration for students at the
beginning of the year. Furthermore, students typically use the computer for relatively short jobs, so the less time a student spends waiting for the computer's response, the less time the next student in line will have to wait. This speed is necessary: more than 500 students use the computer every week, and about 300 use it four to five hours weekly for computer science or language courses.

Northwestern's use of the computer in teaching is one of the reasons Robinson was attracted to his new position. "I really liked the direction Northwestern was going in when I applied for the job," he says. "Its interest in computer-aided instruction is ahead of where we were at Arizona State."

This interest in technological support for teaching, and the momentum generated by the opening of the LRC are likely to continue. It is hoped that by next spring, a second computer will be added. It would be exclusively for academic use, leaving the existing one for the administration. This would enable the business department to join other administrative departments already using the computer, and enable departments such as the development office to do more complex projects.

On the academic side, the addition of a second computer would solve one of the problems Robinson now confronts: not enough access to the computer for faculty or students. The existing computer terminals that are earmarked for student use are busy all the time, he says. Faculty members who could use the computer for research and writing often find it overloaded or tied up.

With more terminals and computing power available, it would be possible to offer a computer awareness course, for instance, or to encourage all students taking writing courses to use the word processing program. The development of the on-line library catalog can also proceed once a second computer is installed.

The enthusiasm for the new Center is not only a result of its potential benefits, but also because it has created an appealing physical space on campus. "I don't think people can really appreciate what has been done unless they know what was here before we started," says Hielkema. "It was really a mess; it's hard to believe the change."

The area underneath the chapel has been gutted, and the Center's various rooms, offices and study areas have been constructed on either side of a central hall that runs north to south under an arched ceiling. The color scheme and detail of the LRC show a respect for the style of the existing building, without sacrificing flexibility and adequate accommodation for high technology. The two-story high north lobby has been designed to look out over one of the finest views on campus. Eventually, the view will include the proposed chapel building.

It is impossible to predict whether new places will be accepted and fully utilized, but the Learning Resource Center is a good bet to attract students, and if it can do that its reputation as a lively, stimulating place on campus is assured.
Fourteen new faculty and staff members have become members of the Northwestern family:

Dr. Delmer De Boer, Professor of Mathematics, has a BA from Westmar, an MA from Bowling Green State University and a PhD from George Peabody College in Nashville. He and his wife, Ramona, have five children.

Dr. Frances Ellen Riordan has an AB degree from Marymount College in Salina, Kansas, where she has taught since 1962. She also holds MA and PhD degrees from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She will be teaching French while Professor Kathy Pederson is away on a year's leave of absence.

Dr. John Peterson, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, holds BA and PhD degrees from the University of Kansas. He and his wife, Mary, have three children.

Dr. George Stickel, Assistant Professor of Education, holds a BA degree from Sterling College and MS and PhD degrees from Southern Illinois University. He and his wife, Karen, have two children.

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Assistant Professor of General Studies, holds a BA degree from Trinity Christian College and MA and PhD degrees from the University of Toronto. He and his wife, Kathleen, have one child.

Marlene Abrahamson, Assistant Professor of Social Work, holds BA and BSW degrees from Baylor University and an MSW degree from Washington University.

Marcia Houtman, Director of the Learning Assistance Center and Instructor in English, has BA and MA degrees from South Dakota State University.

James Mulder, Reference Librarian and instructor in Library Science, has a BA from Northwestern and an MA from the University of Iowa.

William Kennedy, Instructor in Drama, has a BA from Grove City College and an MA from the University of Pittsburgh. He will be teaching for one year while Professor Steve Pederson is on sabbatical leave.

Rob Robinson, Acting Director of the Computer Center, has a BS degree from Colorado State University. He and his wife, Linda, have four children.

Curtis Brands, Computer Programmer/Analyst, has a BA from Northwestern.

Dale Thompson, has been appointed Director of the Rowenhorst Student Center and Director of Intramurals. Dale will also coach the cross-country team.

Ann Roesner has been appointed Resident Director of Fern Smith Hall and International Student Advisor.

Jim Krall has been appointed Administrative Assistant and Resident Director of Heemstra Hall.
Here are some of the comments made by new members of the faculty and staff:

Jim Krall:
I am impressed by the quality of students that are attending Northwestern College. They are sincere in their desire to pursue an education and sincere in their desire to serve God.

John Peterson:
We love it here. It is very friendly and supportive. The administration is really trying to improve the quality of instruction and treatment of students' needs - any way they can. They have some very good ideas.

William Kennedy:
I get a very strong sense of community here, which lends itself well to the liberal arts.

Jacob Ellens:
The better students are as good as any I've taught. Some of the poorer students do not show signs of enough critical and reflective thinking. Overall, the students are more open and less cynical than students I've taught previously - characteristics I am enjoying.

Rob Robinson:
I knew Northwestern was a good Christian college. I was very surprised to find that it also excelled in athletics, teacher education, pre-law, pre-med, music, theatre, art, communications and science.
I am most impressed by the students. They are interested, concerned, alive, aware, and a step above the normal college student. They have fun and are fun.
Linda and I have four children. We had been praying for three years for a job in a small rural community with a good Christian base. By showing us Orange City, with a Christian college and good churches, God not only provided an answer to our prayers, but an abundance of blessings as well. We are all thankful for what He has given us.

George Stickel:
I am impressed by the talent and abilities of faculty, staff and students, and by their friendliness.
The thing that surprised me was the quality. I really expected to find some holes or weaknesses, but find the college to be extremely strong.
My teaching has been, up to now, primarily with graduate students, and I find under-graduates discuss less, but Northwestern students are extremely sharp.
We have been so warmly received by everyone in the community.

Curt Brands:
The people at Northwestern are friendly and helpful; they are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jim Mulder:
Until joining Northwestern's faculty, I never realized how progressive the college was. Computers are being used in various ways all over the campus; even the language department is making extensive use of this technology. In particular, I was surprised and pleased to find that plans have been made to computerize the card catalog in the library.
I am enjoying Orange City greatly. Few communities have the friendly atmosphere found in this town. I was particularly enthused to find churches in the community welcoming new faculty members.
Students Serve in Many Lands

This year, 27 students took part in the Summer Service Project. Locations included:


AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS helping RCA churches minister to youths. Mark Burkitt from Lincoln, Nebraska, served in Winnebago, Nebraska; Dan Kruse from Burt, Iowa, served in Dulce, New Mexico; Amy Spooner from Somerville, New Jersey, served in Apache, Oklahoma; and Phil Stevenson from Polk City, Iowa, served in Macy, Nebraska.

NEW YORK CITY, where Lou Ann Lucas from Tucson, Arizona, and Etta Vande Kamp from Rock Valley, Iowa, reached out to inner-city youths in a ministry sponsored by the First Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, N.Y.

MEXICO, where Laura Schaeffer from Spencer, Iowa, and Arnetta Shelbourn from Clinton, Wisconsin, worked in an orphanage in Reynosa.

KENYA, where a theatre team consisting of Mr. Jefff Taylor, a faculty member, and students Dan Coker from Sycamore, Georgia, Corri Cozine from Iowa City, Iowa, Johan Godwaldt from Ontario, Canada, Susan Gorman from Covina, California, and Pam Mordenti from Olney, Maryland, did evangelistic work in Nairobi, and where Brice Hoyt from Pleasantville, Iowa, and Calvin Ver Mulm from Hull, Iowa, helped construct an air strip and roads to remote villages under the direction of RCA missionary Robert Swarts.

CAMEROON, where Annette Long from West Germany worked with Wycliffe Bible translators, and Mark Ruselink from Cleveland, Wisconsin, worked with RCA missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hoekstra making cassette recordings for Portable Recording Ministries.

COLUMBIA, where Kevin Fischer from Pulaski, Wisconsin, taught English and Bible as well as organizing athletics for youths.

ECUADOR, where Wendy Weyrick from Eagan, Minnesota, worked alongside a missionary in a local church.

THE NETHERLANDS, where Ron Valdez from Norwalk, California, worked with Youth with a Mission among members of the counter-culture in Amsterdam.

ENGLAND, where Bob Bouwer from Oostburg, Wisconsin, and Rob Dixon from Miami, Florida, were part of the outreach ministry of St. Nicholas Church in Durham.

INDIA, where Darla Vander Sluis from Rock Valley, Iowa, worked with RCA missionary Dora Boonstra in a nursing school and medical mission.

NEW GUINEA, where Pam Van Beek from Sioux Center, Iowa, worked in a tribal ministry through World Evangelical Outreach.

Here are some comments from students who participated:

Johan Godwalt, who went to Kenya: I really felt inadequate. I started to question whether I was a strong enough Christian...(but) God wants our availability not our ability. God showed me that I am usable...Northwestern has changed my life by sending me out on Summer Service.

Pam Van Beek, who went to New Guinea: I learned so much from the people and their culture. I admire their simple ways of life, and experienced their contentment even with the little that they had.

Lou Ann Lucas, who went to New York: You will probably never feel totally prepared to help people. Care to do what you can. It may be the hardest experience you have ever LOVED!

Brice Hoyt, who went to Kenya: I had a serious misconception about the skills needed for missionary work. I thought I had to be a scholarly translator or a Bible-packing minister. Instead I found there was a need for a guy with welding, construction and maintenance skills learned on the farm.

Karen Scherb, who went to Mississippi: We are so busy looking at the gifts the Lord gave others that we fail to see our own gifts. Others saw gifts I had and affirmed them. We need to spend more time discovering and developing our gifts, so we can use them as the Lord desires.

Darla Vander Sluis, who went to India: God has a gap for us to fill; it may be abroad, it may be in the next dorm room. Students can make a difference. Our responsibility to the world must begin now! Close the gap for at least one of the three billion who stand apart from Christ.

Wendy Weyrick, who went to Ecuador: When someone in our church becomes a member we give them a handshake and a cake. Why don't we give them the support the Quichua Indians give? When someone comes forward to join the church they all clap and shout "Praise God!" We can learn a lot about brotherhood from other cultures.
Lyle Vander Werf attended the Conference on Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Milwaukee while on sabbatical leave. The conference was sponsored by the Task Force on Christian-Muslim Relations of the National Council of Churches, to which he was appointed by the Reformed Church in America. He also presented lectures and led discussions at the Conference for American Indian Pastors and workers in Colorado Springs. During the summer he visited Mexico, accompanied by his family. For two weeks they visited missionaries, and he then participated in the Conference of Reformed Church Missionaries to Chiapas, Mexico.

Glen Hegstad attended the 34th Annual American Institute of Biological Sciences Conference at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks in August. The theme of the conference was "Prairie Resources: Food, Forage and Fuel." Glen reports that he met scientists from all over the United States and many parts of the world.

Michael Vander Weele presented a paper "Hermeneutics and the Classroom" at the Midwest Conference on Christianity and Literature. He was also one of 60 participants in the National School of Criticism and Theory held at Northwestern University at Evanston last summer and a respondent at a Philosophy and Religion Conference sponsored by the Colleges of Mid America in September, in Yankton, SD.

Charles Canaan conducted a workshop for Northwest Iowa choral conductors on October 11, at LeMars High School, on the topic "Madrigal Literature for High School Students." He also served as clinician and guest choral director at the Tri-County Choral Festival in Adrian, MN, on November 7.

Nella Kennedy read a paper entitled "The Dutch of Orange City" at the fourth biennial conference of the Association for the Advance- ment of Dutch-American Studies at Hope College on September 29.

George W. Stickel, together with Professor Harry Miller of Southern Illinois University, traveled to Bolivia to conduct a series of workshops in October. Participants at the workshops in Santa Cruz were guidance counselors, principals and directors of the American Community Schools in South America of which there are 21 in eight different countries. These schools are primarily for American children whose parents work for the State Department or corporations operating in Latin America. However, many of the students do come from foreign embassies and local families. The workshops were on Management Styles and Problem-solving Techniques. Before coming to Northwestern this year George Stickel established two overseas extension campuses for Southern Illinois University, one in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and one in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has suggested that Northwestern students might do student-teaching in these schools.

Gary Weaver spent the summer doing research at Bucknell University, working on Alternative Analyses of Explanations of Human Action and Alternative Accounts of the Nature of Probabilistic Explanations of the Sciences. He also attended the annual Wheaton College philosophy conference in October.

Bob Zwier, Ian Johnston and Gary Weaver attended a conference on the foundations of Christian liberal arts education at Malone College in Ohio, sponsored by the Christian College Coalition.

Kimberly Utke Schouten conducted the District Iowa All-State Orchestra rehearsal in LeMars on October 1st.

John Kaericher invited Evan Lundquist, a noted printmaker, to hold a three-day workshop in the Bushmer Art Center on wood engraving, copper plate engraving and printing. John and Evan Lundquist were classmates while doing graduate work at the University of Iowa in the 1960's.

Below: Evan Lundquist, printmaker, working with one of John Kaericher's students.
Wayne Norman has received a grant of $1200 from the S & H Foundation to bring to the campus in February Dr. C. Eugene Walker, Chief of Pediatric Psychology and Director of Outpatient Psychology Clinic, Oklahoma Children's Hospital. Dr. Walker will be lecturing on Human Sexuality and Behavior Modification in classes and at a public meeting. He will also speak at a lunch for area school psychologists, guidance counselors and social workers with public and private agencies.

William Herzog organized and moderated a panel discussion “The Third World and Western Media” at the Third World Studies Conference, held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in late October.

Panel members were journalists and academicians who have been closely associated with Third World coverage by the Western press. Both Western and non-Western points of view were represented on the panel, and discussion centered on issues of accuracy, comprehensiveness, and fairness.

Panel members included: Mahfuz Anam, former Bangladeshi journalist now with the UNESCO Liaison Office; Roy Gutman, Washington-based foreign correspondent for Newsday; Dr. William Hachten, journalism professor at the University of Wisconsin and author of The World News Prism; Bob Pearman, managing editor of the Omaha World-Herald; and Ted Roberts, former radio correspondent in Nigeria, now a professor at Howard University.

Mike Yoder served as a discussant in a session on “Democracy and Social Protest in Latin America.”

Ian Johnston, Wayne Norman, Harold Hammerstrom and Mary Vander Maten attended a two-day conference at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota, in October. The Nobel Conference is the first formal Nobel lecture conference in the world outside Sweden and Norway. The topic of this year’s conference was “Manipulating Life”. Participants heard lectures, attended a concert and viewed an art exhibit. The principal lecturer was Professor Christian Anfinsen, who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1972. Speakers addressed the issue raised by recently acquired skills in genetic manipulation.

Ron Takalo spent the summer at the University of Texas working on a PhD and in Mexico collecting material for his Spanish classes. He took courses in psycholinguistics, foreign language media and application, as well as English as a second language.

Student Saves Two in Fire

Dave Hansen, a junior, who is a football defensive back, saved the lives of two Rock Valley residents.

Hansen was returning from his home in Rock Valley when he saw flames coming through the roof of the John Hoogendorn house.

His initial reaction was “to just get in there and see if there were people in the house.”

Hearing shouts, he entered the house, found 13-year-old Lori Hoogendorn and led her to safety. Informed that Lori’s brother was still in the house, he re-entered and rescued 16-year-old Dirk.

“It didn’t enter my mind until after the sheriff came that I could’ve been killed,” he says.

While most people view him as a hero, Hansen has a different perspective. “I look at it more like I helped out two people who needed help at the time,” he says.

Former Academy Teacher Dies

Raymond J. Lubbers, 91, of Des Moines, formerly of Orange City, Iowa, passed away recently at a nursing home in Des Moines. Rev. Lubbers, a Hope College graduate, taught at Northwestern Academy in Orange City during the years 1914-1920. He served as pastor of a Reformed Church in Sheboygan Falls, WI from 1920-1954 and the Reformed Church at Archer, IA until 1960 when he retired and moved to Orange City. Following the death of Mrs. Lucy Lubbers, he moved to Sheboygan Falls and then to Des Moines where he passed away.
Parents of the Year

Walter and Mary Ranschau of Inwood, Iowa, were honored as Parents of the Year on October 15. They were guests at a luncheon attended by members of their family and by members of the college faculty and staff, and at a football game. Dr. Friedhelm Radandt presented them with a plaque which read:

For your love and commitment, for showing that laboring for the Lord in a servant's role can be satisfying and enjoyable, and for enabling the love of Christ to be experienced and demonstrated in your service to others, we honor you as parents of the year.

The Ranchaus were nominated by their daughter, Lori, who, together with her twin sister, Lois, is a student at Northwestern.

The Ranchaus have ten children and eleven grandchildren. Their farm is located across from the West Lyon School. They have farmed there for 34 years; they also have driven school buses for the last few years. They are members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Inwood, Iowa.

Committee Plans Chapel Campaign

Over 80 members of the National Leadership Committee from all parts of the United States met in a daylong session August 31st to plan the campaign to raise $4.9 million for the Chapel/Performing Arts Center construction and operational support, as well as for additional financial aid for students.

Rev. Robert Schuller, founding Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, and his wife, Arvella, producer of the TV program "The Hour of Power", are National Honorary Chairpersons.

The National Co-Chairmen are Marvin De Witt of Zeeland, Michigan; Rev. Thurman Rynbrandt, Pastor of the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa; Donald Van Der Weide and Franklin Vogel, both of Orange City.

After attending the opening Convocation, at which Dr. Herman Ridder, former president of New Brunswick and Western Seminaries and now President of the Congregation at the Crystal Cathedral, spoke, the committee attended a luncheon session. They heard reports from Dr. Friedhelm Radandt, the president of Northwestern, Dr. Harold Heie, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ron De Jong, Director of Admissions, Charles Canaan, Chairman of the Music Department, and Rev. Jerry Sittser, Chaplain, as well as from two students, Christine Radandt and Mark Mullenburg.

They then visited the planned site of the Chapel/Performing Arts Center, where Kenneth Bussard of the architectural firm Bussard/Dikis of Des Moines explained the design of the building and how it will fit into the campus, complementing Zwemer Hall and the new Learning Resource Center (which his firm also designed).

At their afternoon meeting, the committee heard members of the Development Department, a consultant and Mr. Bussard discuss organizational and financial aspects of the Call to Commitment Campaign.

Earl Hart, a member of the cabinet of the National Leadership Committee, said, as the committee closed its meeting:

"We are privileged to be a part of a group which the Lord has called to do a great work. I feel the Lord has said, 'Go!' He has put together this team from all parts of the United States. We are 'The Go Team'".

Gordon Spahr of the English Institute in China visited the campus recently to talk with students and faculty about spending a year in China teaching English as a second language at a university or technical college.
New College
Movie Ready

A new movie entitled "Strength for Tomorrow" has been produced for use in the campaign for the Chapel/Performing Arts Center.

(Photo shows cameraman filming Alumni Committee.)

Charles Burkitt, a senior, has had a story published in the Christian magazine Cornerstone. He says the story is in the style of a myth, and is based on two classical myths, but includes elements from his imagination. It has allegorical undertones, he adds, but declares that he didn't try to make it allegorical; rather, he tried to "put it together in a way that would make a good story."

During the month of October, 15 paintings by Dale Johnson, a professor of art at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, were exhibited in the Te Paske Art Gallery of the Rowenhorst Student Center.

A copy of Bradley Te Paske's book "Rape and Ritual: A Psychological Study", which was published last year in Toronto, has been given to the college library by Vera Te Paske of Sioux Center, Bradley's mother. Responding to the gift, Art Hielkema, the librarian, said, "We are pleased when we receive copies of graduate's books. The encouragement you and your family have given Northwestern over many years is much appreciated by the administration, staff and faculty."

Seventeen faculty members and students from Northwestern attended a Philosophy and Religion Conference, sponsored by the Colleges of Mid-America in September in Yankton, SD. The students were members of a senior seminar "Problems in Interpretation", studying the history and problems of interpreting scripture and literature.
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Hoskins Muilenburg

Kent Hoskins and Mark Muilenburg, who are both seniors majoring in biology, have been accepted by the University of Iowa Medical School under their early admissions program for the 1984 academic year. David Tilstra, who graduated in 1983 and is now a graduate student at Iowa State University, has also been accepted by the University of Iowa Medical School.

Nine students are earning academic credit off-campus this semester. Three seniors are at the Chicago Metropolitan Center. John Katsma is an intern in management at St. Joseph's Hospital, researching the use of the emergency room services. Deb Kuiper is at Dynaquest Corporation studying all aspects of a computer business, including research, input, programming and marketing. Lois Kooistra is student-teaching for 15 weeks in Chicago. Six other students are interns under Northwestern's own internship program. Dave Fjeld is at the Worthington Daily Globe as a sports writer, Jason Horstman is at Northwestern State Bank in Orange City, Stewart Mitchell is at KTIV-TV in Sioux City in the news and production department, Pam Mordenti is with Master's Production Company (Campus Crusade) in San Diego, Martha Shaver is with The Other Way Ministries in Grand Rapids and Peter Vander Woude is an intern in the College Computer Center.

Curt Weerheim who earned a B.A. in Sociology and Recreation has joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ International. He completed a summer training session at Colorado State University at Fort Collins. He will work as a field representative for Athletes in Action in Colorado Springs, where he will help to organize college basketball teams to tour foreign countries as a summer mission project. Athletes in Action sends Christian athletes to play against college and other amateur teams and to present the gospel. Curt said, "This offers a unique ministry where I can be trained as well as using my abilities."

Terry Meekma, a graduate of Northwestern, and his family spent a year in Mescalero, New Mexico, working with the Apache Tribe. They were involved in youth work for the Reformed Church on the Indian Reservation. Terry also acted as an assistant basketball coach at a high school 18 miles away and acted as a substitute teacher. He says he was also able to help Indians who were farmers and ranchers on the Reservation. "I was glad to be able to help. I met many people and we developed a mutual trust," he declared.

In their youth work, Terry and his wife, Rachel, worked with students from the third grade to high school. They started a youth group for grades 7 through 12 which grew from 3 at the first meeting to an active group of 20. Their Sunday night Bible study was averaging 12 students when they left. Terry said, "We tried to show them by the way we live that Christians could enjoy life, have fun and still witness for Christ. They gave us more than we were ever able to give them. Without a doubt it was the greatest year of my life. We had little in the way of material things but we were blessed in many ways. As a family venture it was super. We now know that we can depend on each other. It was a real growing experience."

Family Fair

The Family Fair was held on October 15. It featured a variety of booths and a unique display of needlework done by Fern Smith Rowenhorst's mother, Fern's sister, Leona Vander Stoep, described the needlework exhibit. Proceeds from the fair and a dinner held in Fern Smith Hall will be used by the Women's Auxiliary to renovate additional areas of Fern Smith Hall.
Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, a former chief legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, spoke on campus September 28, 29 and 30. In three chapel speeches and in classes and small-group meetings he spoke on the topic “Stewardship and the Created Order”. He also gave a public lecture on “Redeeming the Earth: Threats to God’s Creation and the Church’s Response”.

He explained that the Bible makes it clear that God’s grace extends to all of His Creation, not just to Man. He declared that Western Man has too often interpreted grace too narrowly, as well as misinterpreting the command in Genesis to subdue the Earth. He appealed to his audiences to rethink their interpretations of redemption and reconciliation, so as to include the concept that God was in Christ reconciling the World to Himself, not just reconciling its human inhabitants. When we understand this, he said, we will see all that God created in a different light, and we will treat the Earth as something to be preserved. God intends us to be “earthkeepers” not “earth exploiters”, he declared.

The author of “May’s Boy,” May Lempke, and the subject of that book, her step-son, Leslie, were on campus October 12 and 13 to speak in chapel. The cerebral-palsied boy, who remained totally helpless until he was sixteen, surprised his step-parents in the middle of the night by playing a piano concerto, when he had never previously even touched the instrument. Scientists call the phenomenon “idiot savant syndrome,” but it was May’s faith, love, devotion and persistence that prompted Leslie to use his ability to recall instantly every tune he has heard and to play it. She prayed over and over, she said, and asked God to reveal the talent He had given Leslie, claiming His promise that we all have at least one talent.

May and Leslie also appeared in a concert at Dordt College, sponsored jointly by Northwestern and the agencies of the Christian Service Council.

Rev. Stephen Maccia, Class of ’78, was featured in an article in World Vision magazine in August, which described how he used the Bible Treasure Exploration Program in the Sunday School of Grace Chapel in Lexington, Massachusetts. He said that the children were now more sensitive to the needs of the poor around the world. Their response to the program, he said, was enthusiastic. “And they had fun,” he added.

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Dr. Robert Wise, the pastor of Our Lord’s Community Church in Oklahoma City, spoke in the chapel of Northwestern College on October 19 and 20th on the topic “Creation and the Problem of Suffering”. He also conducted a healing seminar and spoke in classes. He is the author of a number of books, including When There is No Miracle, How Not to Go Crazy and Your Churning Place.
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The widow of Congressman Charles B. Hoeven recently donated a collection of dolls acquired during their journeys around the world. She also gave a number of items from Africa to Northwestern's Permanent Fine Arts Collection, including a rare mask from Zaire. Many of the 71 dolls, which are in the traditional dress of their nations, are on display in the lobby of Ramaker Library. Congressman Hoeven's daughter, Mrs. Pauline Marshall, presented the collection to Art Hielkema, the college's librarian, and said that her parents had a special regard for Northwestern.

Don Vander Stoep has been appointed Director of Development. He has announced some changes in job titles and assignments. Bob Wallinga becomes Director of Major Gifts and and the Annual Campaign. John De Wild will be Director of Church Relations and Planned Giving. Cornie Wassink will be Director of Capital Fund Raising and is responsible for Phase II of the Call to Commitment Campaign, which will be launched November 10th.

Northwestern enrolled 866 students this fall. Of these, 427 were from Reformed Churches and 546 were from Iowa. There are 21 students attending Northwestern this year from foreign countries. The freshman class total 256 students. There are 220 sophomores, 194 juniors and 156 seniors; the rest are special students.

Harriet Heusinkveld, NWJC Class of '34, has been named Alumna of the Year. Dr. Heusinkveld, a professor at Central College, was unable to be at Homecoming because she was attending a conference outside the United States. She will be honored during the meeting of the Alumni Association National Committee. A report will appear in the next issue of The Classic.

Dr. William Brownson, broadcast minister of Words of Hope, visited the campus in September. He spoke in chapel on the topic "Biblical Foundations of Creation."
Homecoming '83

Homecoming, on October 29, featured a parade, a barbecue, a pep rally and, of course, the football game. After the game a reception was held for alumni and friends. In the evening a dance was held, and the play "A Man for All Seasons" was performed in The Playhouse. Homecoming activities ended with a chapel service on Sunday morning.

Jacque Rypkema, Homecoming queen.

The "N" Club honored Carl Johnson of Villisca High School and Jim Johnson of Sioux Center High School as coaches of the year at a luncheon on October 29, Homecoming Day. They also honored the undefeated 1953 Northwestern Junior College football team, as well as the National Champion team of 1973.

Carl Johnson has been teaching and coaching at Villisca since 1970; he has been Head Football Coach and Head Track Coach, as well as Athletic Director, for the last ten years. Jim Johnson is in his tenth season as Head Football Coach at Sioux Center; his coaching record was 47-28 through 1982.

The Junior College Team of 1953 consisted of eight players who had played in high school; the rest were from schools without football teams! Jim Hoogland, Larry Korver, Chuck Lubbers, Al Netten, D.Q. Storie, Jim Vanden Berg, Bob Vellinga and Jack Ver Steeg had played at Orange City High School; the other team members were Verle Duistermars, Newkirk; Stan Jacobsma, Hospers; Gary Kreykes, Sioux Center; George Meerdink, Hull; Cliff Rouwenhorst, Newkirk; Howard Schutt, Sioux Center; Lee Van Engelenhoven, NW Academy, Orange City; Gary Van Surksum, Hospers; Bob Ver Huel, Newkirk; Willis Voss, Edgerton; Junior Wabake, Sioux Center; and Dave Wolbrink, Edgerton. The manager was Bob Mouw and the coach was Paul Colenbrander.

The 1973 team won the "Superbowl" of the NAIA by defeating Glenville State at Marshall University's stadium in Huntington, West Virginia.

Carl Johnson
Jim Johnson
The Athletic Hall of Fame was established on September 24, when 25 graduates were inducted at a banquet held in Fern Smith Hall. In his welcoming speech, Dr. Friedheim Radandt praised those selected for this honor and congratulated Athletic Director Les Douma for establishing the Hall of Fame. Each inductee was introduced by his or her sponsor and responded briefly after being presented with a plaque (see photograph). The Master of Ceremonies was Bob Hoogeveen. Many former athletes, coaches and friends of Northwestern, as well as members of the inductees' families attended the banquet.

Sports Roundup

Women's Volleyball: Diane Wiese reports that the team was second in the La-Kota Conference with a 7-3 record, and had an over-all record of 24-16-2. Co-captains Pat Kruger and Kay Edler, and two other seniors, Shar Van Wettering and Carolyn Blair, finished their college careers in a season whose highlight was a second place finish in the Iowa Lakes Tournament and third places in the Doane College and Midland College tournaments.

Football: As we go to press the team has a 10-0 record and is ranked Number 1 in the nation in NAIA Division II. They have scored 26 successive victories in regular season play.

Women's Basketball: The team has six returning letter winners and a strong freshman group. They expect to have a fast offense and a hard-nosed defense, their coach, Kelly Kruger, says. Returning are Pat Karels (who averaged 13.2 pts. and 7 rebounds), Jill Anderson (12 pts. and 5 rbs.), Patty Olson (11 pts. and 8 rbs.), Sheri Robinson and Carla De Ruyter (6 pts. and 6 rbs.). Top freshmen are Barb Scaat from Chicago, Ann Walker from Moville, Jackie Simcox from New Hartford, and Trish Lucken from Huxley.

Men's Golf: Brad Vermeer says the team had an 18-16 season and was 4th out of 10 in the District Meet, “a successful year for a young team.” Brian Kuiper, with a 78 average, was voted MVP. Others on the team were Troy Garrison, Brent Thompson, Doug Ayers, Carey Koele, Dick Mulder and John Douglas.

Women's Golf: The 1983 team had trouble finding a team for some meets because of injuries and an eligibility problem. Several players scored in the 40's, and the team “plans to surprise a few teams next year,” says Brad Vermeer.

Wrestling: Coach David Thayer says wrestling is in full swing with 25 out for the sport. Three starters are back, and there are three transfer students who will be eligible in the second semester. Twelve freshmen were recruited; three had placed in the Iowa State Tournament, one as state champion and one as a runner-up. Dave says all weights will be filled this year, and he is optimistic about the future because this is a young squad with only one senior.
'83 Grads' Locations

Albertena Vander Weele, director of the Career Development Center, reports that forty-one of the 1983 graduates are in teaching jobs, 95 are employed in business, industry, social services, medicine and church work. Seventeen are attending graduate school. She says she is happy that well over 90% of the 1983 graduates are employed full time or doing graduate work. She says, "These are great statistics compared to previous years and other colleges."

Where they are

Ryan Achterhoff, Buyer, K-Products, Orange City; Roland Ackerman, Teacher, Bayard, IA; Joyce Andrews, Graduate School, University of Iowa; Steven Beals, Graduate School, Indiana U./Optometry; David Benes, Math teacher, Primghar, IA; Thomas Bilsten, Graduate School, Emporia State U./Clinical Psychology, Emporia, KS; Sherilyn Blom, Teacher assistant/Montessori School, Sacramento, CA; Lonnie Boekhoff, Teacher, Chester, SD; James Boeve, Math teacher, Center, CO; Julie Bogaard, Personal Assistant, Ms. Susan Baker, Washington, DC; Steven Branch, Graduate School, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; Curtis Brands, Programmer-Analyst, Northwestern College, Orange City; Sheryl Bredlow, Physical Therapy Aide, Mercy Medical Center, Coon Rapids, MN; Shari Brink, High School Math teacher, Afton, IA; Kimberly Bristly, Treasurer's Office, Grundy Co. Court House, Grundy Center, IA; Sandra Buffett, Handicamp Village, Sheldon, IA; Lori Burdick, Preschool teacher, Aurora, CO; Joan Burt, Fourth grade teacher, Christian School, Minneapolis, MN; Julia Burt, Teacher, Green Valley Christian School, Waterville, CA; Jody Carlson, Graduate School; Charles Carlson, Nebraska Omaha; Jill Smith Christiansen, Teacher and coach, Parker Public School, Parker, SD; Peggy Christiansen, P.E. and Business Teacher, Warsaw, IL; Charles Contreras, Youth Director, Emmanuel Reformed Church, Paramount, CA; James De Hoog, Christian Education Director, Reformed Church, Sacramento, CA; James De Kruif, Army Guard, United States Army; Nandy Downer White, Bank Examiner, Le Mars, IA; Debra Donat, Kindergarten teacher, Pisgah, IA; Deborah DuBois, Direct Care Worker, group home in Des Moines, IA; Sharon Dykstra, Graduate School, Osteopathic Medicine, Kirkville, MO; Jane George, Graduate School, University of Iowa/Physical Therapy; Edward Gratkan, KVDB, announcer, Sioux Center, IA; Mark Gunderson, Business teacher and coach at Ocheyedan High School, IA; Burlie Hall, Clerk, Passon's Sport Center, Philadelphia, PA; Laura Haverdink, Music teacher, Maurice-Orange City School, Orange City, IA; Takeshi Hayakawa, Art Department, K-Products, Orange City, IA; Jerry Heemstra, Staff accountant, Fox & Co., Omaha, NE; Rita Helms, Christian Opportunity Center for Handicapped in Pella, IA; John Henry, teacher in Okeechobee, FL; Dianne Hinders, Teacher, Odebolt, IA; Michael Hofkamp, Counselor/Community of Hope, Washington, DC; Jeffrey Hofmeyer, Assistant Manager, Pizza Hut, Le Mars, IA; Graduate School in Ocean City, Mary.; Joel Hooven, Supervisor, Harkers, Sioux Center, IA; Barbara Huitink-Huygens, Substitute teacher, Denver, CO; Donna Intveld, Vocational Instructor, Sioux Center, IA; Paul Janssen, Teacher, Sutherland, IA; Lori Jenkins, Elementary teacher, Macy, NE; Anita Johnson, Teacher and Group Home worker, Children's Community, Paterson, NJ; Paula Jorgenson, Teacher, Reformed Church in America, Chicago, IL; Jon Kinsley, Medical Lab technician, Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD; Dean Koele, Partner, Hull Feed & Produce, Hull, IA; Lois Koolstra, Student teaching, Chicago Metro program, Chicago, IL; Steven Koopmans, Graduate School, Forestry Administration, U of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI; Donald Kresse, Department Head/Clerk, Beckys Hallmark, Arion, IA; Mark Kruthoff, Farming, Arion, IA; Ruth Landegent, Secretary, Overland Alliance Church, Orange City, IA; Michael Lockling, Farming, Monomah, IA; Tammy Loy, Kindergarten teacher, Midway, NE; Lori Maassen, Nurse's Aide, Pocahontas, IA; Fannie Menning, Teacher's aide, Central Lyon School, Rock Rapids, IA; James Miller, Jr. Hi Special Education, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD; Jeff Mouw, Math teacher, Greene, IA; Nora Mouw, International Air Academy, St. Louis, MO; Kevin Mullenberg, Computer Operations, Minn. Valley Technical School, Medina; Karl Mulder, High School Math teacher, Orchard, NE; Kent Muyskens, Teacher, Panora-Linden High School, Panora, IA; Rodney Nagel, Computer Management Staff Recruiter, Dallas, TX; Jana Neerhof, Medical Technologist, Marian Health Center, Sioux City, IA; Michael Noteboom, Resident Hall Director, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI; Terri Pickup, Nurse's Aide/Resthaven Nursing Home, Palos Hills, IL; Marlijs Piekema, Personnel and Communications Assistant/Plastics Engineering Co., Sheboygan, WI; Lisa Boonstra-Ples, Assistant Sales Representative, K-Products, Orange City, IA; Janna Quam Winkwitsch, Producer, Cable TV News Channel, Sheldon Publishing Co., Sheldon, IA; Abedona Rael-Evans, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, Plymouth County Work Activity Center, Le Mars, IA; Frederick Reeves, Factory Worker, Los Angeles, CA; Darleen Ringenberg, Resident Hall Director & Graduate Assistant, Phillips University, Enid, OK; Darren Rensink, Assistant Manager, Pizza Ranch, Orange City, IA; Steven Roesner, Research Analyst, K-Products, Orange City, IA; Sheri Roghair, Teacher, Grace Community, Tempe, AZ; Kevin Rohlf, Construction Worker, Kruil Construction, Orange City, IA; David Rozeboom, Construction, Southgate, CA; Yvonne Sampson, Office Manager, Howmedica Ibokaz Associates, Omaha, NE; Kirsten Sanborn, Technical School, Music Instrument Repair, Sioux City, IA; Lori Sass, Elementary Teacher, Sioux Center Elementary, Sioux Center, IA; Judith Schreck, Administrative Assistant/Pharmacy, Mid-Continent Data, Sioux Falls, IA; Karen Schumacher, Director, Center, Grand Rapids, MI; Lisa Waite Muilenburg, Computer Operations, St. Louis, MO; Linda Witte, Nurse, Hull Feed & Produce, Hull, IA; Leonard Wyse, Social Worker, Shawnee, IA; Maria Yost, Teacher, Grand Rapids, MI; Alberta Zediker, Graduate School, Physical Therapy, Iowa City, IA; Jerald Zondervan, Social Worker, Orange City, IA; Jerry Zorn, Director, Iowa State University Museum, Ames, IA; Carl Zwenke, President, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.
MARRIAGES

SCOTT REES ('82) and PATTI SMIT ('83)
ROMA ROWENHORST ('78) and Robert Visser
DWAYNE CAMARIGG ('81) and Elizabeth Palmer
PAUL D. PALMSA ('74) and LISA MULDER ('85)
MARK MUILENBURG ('84) and LISA WAITE ('83)
JUDITH SWEETMAN ('80) and Marvin Van Middendorp
TONY SCHLITTER ('82) and RACHEL WALLINGA ('83)
KIMBERLY KOERSELMAN ('85) and Kevin Ten Haken
ROBERT VANDER PLATS ('85) and DARLA GRANSTRA ('86)
DAREN RENSINK ('83) and LISA GROND ('85)
TERRI ANDERSON ('81) and Dan Tjaden
CONSTANCE BASTEMEYER ('79) and Mark Albers
JERRY HEEMSTRA ('83) and JANET FOLKERS ('84)
JANNA QUAM ('83) and David Winkowski
KELLY KRUGER ('81) and PATRICIA ACKERTHOFF ('84)
BRENDA EKDOM ('77) and Richard Hartig
ELAINE BAKKER ('82) and Barry Lawrensen
BARBARA EMERSON ('83) and CHRISTOPHER SMITH ('83)
KEVIN BAARTMAN ('83) and Leisa Kreykes
BRENDA EKDOM ('77) and Richard Hartig
JAMES ('75) and Mrs. VOGELAAR
KENNETH ('75) and EILEEN (TEN CLAY '76)
JAMES MILLER ('83) and Sandra Ten Haken
RANDY VANDERHOEF ('84) and Paula De Jager

DEATHS

DR. GARY VREEMAN ('59) died recently in Anchorage, Alaska of a heart attack. He was a graduate of Northwestern Junior College and Calvin College. He served as principal of the Christian School in Sheldon and later taught at a Christian School in Holland, Michigan. He received his doctorate in psychology from the University of Michigan and became director of mental health for Muskegon County, Michigan. In 1978, he became director of mental health in Anchorage, Alaska. Gary is survived by his wife, ten children, his mother and a sister JOAN VREEMAN MOUW ('49) of Sioux Center, Iowa.

JOEL DE VRIES ('78), son of Professor and Mrs. GEORGE DE VRIES ('48) of Orange City, died unexpectedly on Friday, July 15, in Nepal, India. Joel began his career as a lawyer in Portland, Oregon and at the time of his death was employed by the Arabian Oil Company. Besides his parents, Joel is survived by his brothers, GEORGE III ('72), of Sioux Center, Iowa, NICHOLAS ('75) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Nathan, at home, and a sister MARY ('81).

IRMA KEMPER GODFREY ('83) of Alton, Iowa, passed away June 14, 1983, at the age of 80. She had been a teacher of organ, piano, and accordion for many years.

BIRTHS

ALAN ('61) and Tylene ZEVENBERGEN
Daughter - Kristi Jo
GLENN ('74) and BARBARA (SWETS '73)
BOUMA
Daughter - Jill Erin
JOHN ('76) and Lisa SCHNEIDER
Son - Jonathan James
KENNETH ('75) and EILEEN (TEN CLAY '76)
DENEKAS
Son - Brian Dale
Gary and SHARON (VAN OORT '73)
Heitbrink
Daughter - Jessica Ruth 11-24-82, joins Michelle, 6, and Jason 3½
CORNELIUS ('70) and Glenda SOMSEN
Son - Jonathan William
THOMAS ('85) and RUTH (SOMSEN '71)
KEIZER
Son - Brandon Jon
JAMES ('69) and Mrs. VOGELAAR
Daughter - Ashley Lauren
Dan and LYNN SMIT ('73) Grooters
Daughter - Lindsey Joy

DANIEL ('72) and BETTY (VANDEN HUL '76)
BOGAARD
Son - John Daniel
RONALD ('77) and Cindy HEIMGARTNER
Son - Dustin Allen
Martin and DELLA (JAHNKE '83) Warpinski
Son - Joshua Adam, joins Kara Lynn
RODNEY ('79) and Mrs. GENANDT
Son - Andrew Gordon, joins sister, Krysta Lynn
VERLYN ('76) and Carla NETTEN
Daughter - Sara Rachae
Robert and PAULA (MUYSKENS '73) Gagne
Daughter - Britt Nicole
DAVID ('77) and RACHEL (VAN MAENEN '78) CLOVER
Son - Joseph Henry
PAUL ('81) and Mrs. HARTMAN
Son - Eric
RODNEY ('89) and Nancy JAHN
Daughter - Emily Marylin
Dann and GLENDRA (HIEMSTRA '79) De Vries
Son - Ryan Jacob
DAVID ('77) and JANE (TE GROENHUIS '77) VAN GORP
Son - Joseph David
DAEL ('73) and RITA (DE BOER '75) DE JONG
Son - Lewis Daniel
Mark and RUTH (EEKHOOF '78) Greving
Daughter - Leslie Ann
WILLARD ('57) and Mary VAN VUGT
Daughter - Sarah Renae
TERRY ('71) and RACHEL (TE BRINK '72)
MEEMKA
Daughter - Ashley Rae, joins Jess and Tara
PAUL ('71) and BARBARA (JACOBS '70)
LUBBERS
Son - David Paul
WAYNE ('74) and LINDA (BUUSEM '75)
VAN REGENMORTER
Son - Ryan Wayne
Dennis and RHONDA (JONES '78) Vobr
Daughter - Michelle Lynn
Richard and LINDA (DOORENBOS '79)
Korthals
Daughter - Christine Kay, joins sister, Wendy
Gary and JANICE (SWART '74) Ten Haken
Daughter - Kathryn Marie
PAUL ('75) and Becky WERNLUND
Son - Jonathan Barrett
DOUGLAS ('78) and MARY (VANDE ZANDE '78)
SCHOLTEN
Son - Derek Andrew
TERRILL ('75) and DEBORAH (DALMAN '74)
DEN HERDER
Daughter - Grace Ann, joins Faith Joy and Matthew Glenn
HAROLD ('88) and Mrs. SCHELLING
Daughter - Ruth Wilette
NOLAN ('77) and Phyllis PALSMA
Son - Ryan Philip
JACK ('75) and Debra SWART
Son - Craig Webber
ELSON ('81) and Deb SCHUT
Daughter - Amber Noelle
WILLIAM ('75) and MARGENE (FIKSE '75)
HALLEY
Son - Landon William (by adoption), joins Keaton Patrick, age 4
Kevin and DIXIE (MULDER '82) Wielenga
Daughter - Abby Jo, joins Erin Marie
Kent and LOIS (PALMSA '81) Van Roekel
Daughter - Rachel Ann
Curtis and ILENE (SIEPS '67) Hokansen
Son - Mark Christopher, joins Steven, 10, and Karen, 2
MARK ('74) and Eva BONNEMA
Son - Lucas John
DOUGLAS ('74) and Jan VAN MEETEREN
Daughter - Katie Marie
KENNETH ('74) and JOYCE (WINTERHOF '75) BAHKE
Daughter - Jana Lynn
RONALD ('73) and JACELON (MIKKELSON '75) BUNGER
Son - Nathan Daniel
DEAN ('80) and Brenda SCHNOES
Daughter - Jennifer Lyn
DAVID ('77) and NOREEN (HAACK '78)
FONKERT
Son - David Peter
G. RICHARD ('77) and Mrs. VAN BEEK
Daughter - DOUG ('74) and Mrs. VAN BRIESEN
Son - Daniel Henry
Calvin and KATHY (KOHL '77) De Jong
Daughter - Amy Caroline
MARVIN ('68) and Mrs. DE JAGER
Daughter - Crystal Dawn
LARRY ('76) and Sherri BOEVE
Daughter - Kate Michelle
Jerry and CHRISTINE (HEGSTAD '79)
Dykstra
Son - John Daniel
RANDAL ('82) and Barbara SIMMELINK
Son - Austin Lee
JAMES ('75) and DELORES (SMITH '80)
SIMMELINK
Son - Ryan James
DONALD DELL (‘35) died recently in a Sioux City Hospital after a brief illness. He was a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls and he received his master’s degree from the University of South Dakota. Mr. Dell served in the Army during World War II. He served as superintendent of schools at Alvord, Iowa for five years and from 1957 until 1980 (when he retired) he had been the superintendent of the Paulina Schools, Paulina, Iowa.

NORMA MOUW Mullenburg (’57) passed away suddenly on Monday, July 25, at a Sioux City Hospital at the age of 45. For the last three years, Norma served as a secretary at Northwestern College in the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices. Prior to that, she had taught for several years at St. Mary’s Elementary School in Alton and worked for Mid-Sioux Opportunity. Norma is survived by her husband, William J., and four sons: MICHAEL (’81) of Sioux Falls, Brian of Omaha, MARK (’84) and BRUCE (’86) of Orange City. A scholarship fund was established at Northwestern College as a memorial for Norma.

Krista Beth Johnson, 16 day old daughter of John and BETH PAEKEL (’78) Johnson of Rock Valley, Iowa, died at a Sioux Falls Hospital on July 13. Besides her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Harold and ELIZABETH COLENBRANDER (’37) Paekel of Orange City and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson of Ames.

CYNTHIA PENNINGS Rozeboom (’15) passed away during September at the Orange City, Iowa hospital at the age of 86. She and her former husband, WILLIAM A. ROZEBOOM, had served as teachers at Orange City and surrounding area. Cal and his wife, ANNA SCHOEP Groen, plan to do some traveling and enjoy a time of relaxation. Cal and his wife live in Lanark, IL where Larry is the manager of the feed division at Carroll Service Company. He is also the manager of a “farrow to finish” hog operation. Cindy is teaching elementary physical education and coaching volleyball and girls’ basketball at Lanark.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

CALIFORNIA

‘81 JOLENE ANDERSON is attending the Graduate School of Music at the University of Southern California in pursuit of her master’s degree in music. She also serves as a high school choir director at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount.

‘74 WAYNE and LINDA (BUSEMAN) ’75 VAN REGENMORTER are living in Lakewood, California where Wayne serves as pastor of the Mayfair Community Reformed Church. He formerly was the associate pastor of the Calvary Reformed Church in Ripon, CA. Wayne and Linda are the parents of a 2 year old daughter, Rachel.

‘82 SCOTT and PATMI (SMIT) ’83 REES are living in Paramount, California where Patmi is temporarily employed as a secretary. Scott attends Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

COLORADO

‘74 MARLIN MEENDERING serves as pastor of the Christ Community Church in Denver, a church formerly pastored by HAROLD COLENBRANDER (’39). Marlin formerly served as pastor of the South Blended Reformed Church in Michigan.

‘75 ALAN and BRENDA (KOK) ’77 TE BRINK are now living in Denver, Colorado after 4½ years in Telluride, Colorado. Alan is in the Colorado State Patrol and has been transferred to the Colorado Law Enforcement Academy at Golden as an instructor. Their children are Chad, 6, and Stacy, 3.

‘79 STEVEN and NANNETTE (BENSON) ’81 BRANCH moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Steve is attending graduate school.

‘79 CONSTANCE BASTEMEYER and Mark Albers of Aurora, CO, were recently married at the American Reformed Church of Orange City, IA. Connie works for Western Federal Savings and Loan and Mark is employed with Warren Sewell Clothing in Aurora. Connie is the daughter of NORMAN (’51) and CAROL VEENCAMP (’56) BASTEMEYER of Orange City, Iowa.

HAWAII

‘50 JAMES FONG would be pleased to hear from some of his friends. His address is 1080 Waialolo St., Honolulu, Hawaii, 96821.

‘68 WILLIAM J. VERDOORN (Major), an air operations officer and navigator with the 18th Air Base Wing, is assigned to duty at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. He previously was stationed at Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

‘66 CLARENCE KRYGSHEL is employed by the Chicago Board of Education. He earned an M.A. degree in Urban Studies at Northwestern Illinois University in 1971, and an M.A. degree in Secondary Counseling from the same university in 1978. Clarence and his wife, Faye, live in Bolingbrook and are the parents of Jason and Kristina.

‘76 LAUREL WIERSEMA of Fulton, IL, earned the M.S. degree in nursing at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, recently.

‘66 ELAINE MAASSEN Sherman, Lombard, Illinois, is a music teacher in Lombard School, District 44. She serves as a church organist in churches in Elmhurst and Glenview, IL. Elaine earned her B.A. degree in Music at Central College and her M.A. in music at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. She is a member of the board of the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

‘77 LARRY and LUCINDA ’80 TIGGES live in Lanark, IL, where Larry is the manager of the feed division at Carroll Service Company. He is also the manager of a “farrow to finish” hog operation. Cindy is teaching elementary physical education and coaching volleyball and girls’ basketball at Lanark.

INDIANA

‘20 SIMON and Mrs. HEEMSTRA are living in the Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne, Indiana. In their retirement years they are doing some traveling and serve as leaders of a weekly Bible Study at Swiss Village. After graduation from Northwestern Academy, Simon entered Hope College and graduated in 1924. This was followed by study at the University of Michigan. Following a brief career in teaching, he entered the business world and served in management with Mobil Oil and Central Soya Co., Inc. Upon retirement, he served with the Indiana Commission on Aging as a Deputy Commissioner. He then served the non-profit homes in the State of Indiana as their first executive director.

IOWA

‘16 EDWARD and ANNA (Mouw) RUISCH celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last September 12 at the home of their son, Dudley, in East Troy, Wisconsin. Edward graduated from Northwestern Academy with a concentration in math and physics and later earned his B.S. degree in Engineering at Iowa State University in 1920. He served as vice president for the Iowa Public Service Company until his retirement in 1920. He and his wife live in Sioux City, Iowa.

‘40 CALVIN GROEN has sold his plumbing and heating business in Orange City after 47 years of serving the people of Orange City and surrounding area. Cal and his wife, ANNA SCHOEP Groen, plan to do some traveling and enjoy a time of relaxation. Three of their four children are graduates of Northwestern; DOUGLAS (’82) of San Antonio, Texas, CALVIN LOWELL (’89) of Olympia, Washington, and REBECA (GROEN) Noteboom (’72) of Orange City.

‘46 ALMA (OORDT) Ford and her husband, Don Ford, have moved back to Orange City where they are owner-managers of Ford’s Dry Cleaning.
'55 PHYLLIS STEUNENBERG, elementary teacher in the Sheldon Community Schools, was invited by the Education Services Division of the AEA (Area Education Agency) in Sioux Center and the Chapter I Division of the Department of Public Instruction in Des Moines, to make two presentations at the 11th Plains Regional Reading Conference in Wichita, Kansas on October 20, 1983. The presentations entitled “Parent Involvement Material,” were the result of three summers of work on Chapter I Reallocation Projects. The reallocation funds are used to develop materials helpful to students with difficulties in reading and math.

'49 FRANKLIN VOGEL, president of Diamond-Vogel Paint Company in Orange City, was elected district vice-chairman on the board of directors of Iowa Manufacturers Association during their annual convention held last June. Frank has been president of Diamond-Vogel Paint Company since 1968. He also serves as vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern College and is a member of the board of directors for the Northwestern State Bank in Orange City.

'55 MARLIN VANDER WILT has become the pastor of the American Reformed Church in Orange City. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hope College and earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degree in Christian Education at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He served as pastor of the Ontario Reformed Church in New York, associate pastor of Central Reformed, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and First Reformed Church of Albany, New York and for the past 12 years, served as pastor of the Hope Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. Marlin and his wife, Judith, are the parents of four children.

'58 NORMAN BELTMAN was named mayor of Alton, Iowa, in August, 1983. He has been a member of the Alton Council for 14 years. Norm is a self employed mason, a member of the fire department and of the Alton Reformed Church. He and his wife, Karel, have two daughters, Sheila and Shari.

'65 GARY DE GEEST, Story City, Iowa, was awarded a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) Theological Seminary on May 14. De Geest, who is under the care of the Iowa Methodist Conference, was ordained a deacon by the presiding bishop of the State of Iowa United Methodist Conference in Des Moines on June 5. For the past two years he has been assisting at the Soderstrum-Larson Funeral Home in Story City and has taken training in chaplaincy work at Bethany Manor. He was assigned a three point charge as pastor at Hornick, Iowa.

'66 CAROL PLATT is a real estate agent in Paullina, Iowa. Her husband, David, '65, is an employee of the First National Bank in Paullina.

'67 NORMAN NIEUWENHUIS, corporate credit manager, K-Products, Inc., Orange City, was elected president of the National Association of Credit Management - Interstate Division.

ROBERT WOODARD of Minburn, Iowa, was awarded a Master of Science degree in secondary guidance and counseling through Drake University’s continuous graduation program. Woodard, a teacher-counselor for Central Dallas Community School, received an A.A. degree from Eagle Grove Junior College and a B.A. degree from Northwestern.

'68 ERNA KOOistra, former school teacher in Sheldon, is a volunteer serving as Volunteer Coordinator in her church, St. Paul Lutheran in Sheldon. She also volunteers at Handicap Village at the Village Market, as well as in the cottages, giving village staff the opportunity to attend staff meetings. She also transports residents of the Village to church services on Sundays.

'69 JAMES and JEAN (BOOGERD) NORDGAARD are living in Sheldon, Iowa, where Jean serves as a counselor for Handicap Village. Jim is employed at Sanborn Pit and Lagoon. The Nordgaards are the parents of two sons, Lee and Jessie.

CAROL VAN WYK Schemer is teaching music part time on the elementary level at the George Public School.

'74 WARREN GREVING returned to the United States in August after a term of missionary service in Taiwan. Presently Warren and his wife are living in the Missionary Home in Orange City.

MARK BRUGGOM was one of a class of 96 who received diplomas and mercy pins from St. Joseph School of Nursing - Marian Health Center last June.

EARL HULST’s Sheldon High School baseball team qualified for the State Tournament this year in Class 3A. The team also won the Lakes Conference with a 13-1 record and finished 20-4 overall. Earl took his Sheldon team to State once before in 1979. Earl teaches 8th grade English and Government in the Sheldon Junior High School.

JOANNE KENNEDY Engelhardt and her family recently moved to Clarinda, Iowa, where her husband, Marcus, serves as chaplain at the Clarinda Treatment Center. He works half time for the Mental Health Institute and half time at the men’s minimum security prison. Joanne and her husband both completed a course in sign language this past summer. Joanne also reports that she and Marcus participated in Ragbrai X and XI (bicycle trip across Iowa). The Engelhardts are the parents of two sons, Luke and Matthew.

'75 STEVEN PALS received a juris doctor degree on May 14 at the University of Iowa where he was one of 2,500 graduates.

GAYLORD SCHELLING recently moved from Dallas, Texas, to Neola, Iowa, where he is a teacher at the Tri-Center Community Schools. He teaches life science and physical education and serves as basketball coach for the Junior High School, and he is the head football coach and the assistant track coach in the high school.

'76 DARYL HIBMA earned a master of business administration degree at the University of South Dakota last July.

'77 ALAN KRULL is co-owner of a construction firm with his brother in Orange City. Alan’s wife, Rachel, is a beautician in Orange City.

'78 RODNEY VELDHUIZEN was installed as pastor of Faith Community Church in Eddyville, Iowa, on July 19. He formerly served as assistant pastor at the Trinity Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

PAMELA BONNEMA Thornton, along with LAURI BRUGGOM Pruiksm (’71), has opened the Eagles Pre-School and Marcus in Archer, Iowa with an enrollment of 11 students. Two other Northwestern graduates are assisting, LINDA HAMMERSTROM Porter (’77), and CAROL CLEVERINGA McDowell (’71).

'78 LYLE KORVER was named general manager of the Sioux Electric Cooperative in Orange City, effective January 1, 1984. Formerly office manager for Sioux Electric, Lyle has been employed by the cooperative since 1978.

'79 CAROL TJEERSDMA is currently employed at the Maurice Orange City School district.

CARLA BOOTE is owner and manager of "Just for Looks" beauty salon in Sheldon.

DAN VAN GORP of Sheldon, is presently the head of the feed department at Farmer’s Coop Elevator Association in Sheldon.

BRADLEY K. DE JONG, a graduate of the Law School at Creighton University, has joined the Klay, Bastemeyer, Veldhuizen Law Firm in Orange City. He is involved in general law practice.

'80 SUE INVTELD Siemonsma serves as part time bookkeeper for her husband MARK (’80), in LeMars at Arnold Motors. Sue spent the last three years as an art teacher at the Spalding School in Granville, Iowa, and also served as volleyball and softball coach during those years.

'81 KELLY KRUGER was recently named baseball coach at Northwestern College. He has been assistant football, women's basketball and track coach for the past two years. He will continue as football and basketball coach and replace Dennis Olson in baseball.
'81 MARIA DE VRIES is attending Law School at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She spent the past year teaching in Japan.

LYLE LUNDEGREN is teaching elementary physical education at the public school in Sibley, Iowa. He also coaches 9th grade football and assists with the wrestling and track programs.

DUANE MUEKE, accountant at Cain, Ellsworth and Co. in Sheldon, Iowa, passed the May, 1983 Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination. Duane has been with the firm since graduation from Northwestern.

'82 KIRK and STARLA (VAN RAVENSWAAY) TE GROOTENHUIS are living and working in Orange City where Kirk is employed by Sioux Feed and Starla works at K-Products.

VIRGINIA VANDER PLOEG is a teacher's aide, K through 4, in the Floyd Valley School system at Hospers.

DAN KRUSE teaches in the Twin Rivers Community School at Bode, Iowa.

GARY and JULIE (VAN HOVE) HEGSTAD are living in Odebolt, Iowa, where Gary is working part time for the United Methodist Church of Odebolt. He also works for BiltMar Foods at Storm lake. Julie is in her second year of teaching first grade at the Odebolt-Arthur Elementary School. In the fall of 1984, Gary and Julie plan to move to Holland, Michigan where Gary will enroll at Western Theological Seminary as a second year student.

BILL and JILLIE (HEEMSTRA '81) LANGFITT are both employed at Handicap Village in Sheldon, IA. Bill is manager of the supervised apartments and Julie is the communications secretary. The Langfitts are the parents of a daughter, Sarah.

'83 ROBERT VAN PEURSEM, senior in the college of design at Iowa State University, was among those honored at scholarship dinners in May. He was among the top two percent of his class.

BRAD HEEMSTRA was awarded a $1,100 Master Builders of Iowa Scholarship at Iowa State University, where he is a senior in construction engineering. Sponsored by the Master Builders of Iowa, the award is based on high scholastic standing and is for the '83-'84 academic year. Brad is a member of the student chapter of the Associated General Contractors of Iowa. He also holds membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Lambda Chi.

'79 JOHN JINDRICH serves as men's housing coordinator at the University of Dubuque in Iowa. He also serves as offensive backfield coach for the UD football team. John earned his master's degree in physical education at Northern State College from 1982-1983, and also served as assistant football coach. From 1979-1982, he taught social studies and physical education and was chairperson of the physical education department at Notre Dame High School in Burlington, Iowa. He also served as head football coach there for two years.

'85 KIMBERLY KOERSELMAN became Mrs. Kevin Ten Haken on September 3. She and her husband are living in Mankato, Minnesota, where Kim is employed at Brett's Department Store. Kevin is a student at Mankato State University.

KIM and DAWN (TE BRINK) WIEKING are living in Orange City where Kim is employed as a physical therapist in the Orange City Hospital. Dawn has a position as elementary and junior high librarian in the Floyd Valley Schools in Alton. For the past three years she served as K-12 librarian and media person for the Shellsburg, Iowa School.

'84 RANDY DEAN VANDE HOEF is the manager of World on Wheels Skating Rink in LeMars, IA.

GUAM - ELAINE BAKER (82) Lawrensen and her husband, Barry, are working for Trans World Radio in Guam. Trans World Radio is an inter-denominational Protestant mission organization which uses broadcasting as a medium for evangelism. As well as broadcasting over four short-wave transmitters, Barry will work in the English language AM station and Elaine will do clerical work, answer listeners' letters and send out Bibles and other literature. Elaine taught for one year at the Morningside Christian School in Sioux City, IA.

BELGIUM - JOHN (59) and MARY (VANDER BROEK '80) MULLENBURG of St. Paul, MN moved back to Brussel, Belgium, where John serves as Director of Human Resources, Europe, with the 3M Company for a three to five year assignment. Their address there is Avenue du Val au Bois, 21, 1950 Kraainem, Belgium.

ARABIA - RUTH KAMPEN ('77) has been employed for the past year by ARAMCO, the Arabian American Oil Company in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia as a librarian for the Dhahran Central Elementary School.

AFRICA - PAUL LEMKUIL (68), his wife, Marcia, and their two children, Tomar and Nathan, arrived in Nairobi, Kenya last March to begin their work for the Africa Inland Mission. They are living in an area called Titilia, which at first sight seemed very sparsely populated, but upon further investigation, they found that the bush was rather dense with huts from which approximately 600 children emerged on the first day for immunizations. Paul reports that the people in that area are mainly Arabs. Marcia is a nurse and is taking orientation in Public Health before her nursing license can be granted. In May, the Leemkuils began a course in Swahili, the national language of Kenya. Their address is P.O. Box 21028, Nairobi, Kenya. They plan to build a permanent home after a suitable site is found.

AFRICA - JAC K ('75) and Deb SWART, RCA missionaries at Piibor, Sudan, have been commissioned to build medical centers at Piibor and three surrounding villages. They lead the Murle people in their worship and are now working with the Murle Christians in the production of a song book.

KANSAS

'70 STEPHEN BOVENDAM of Dodge City, Kansas, was recently promoted to the position of Director of Fine Arts at St. Mary of the Plains College. In addition, he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor. Steve became the Director of Bands at St. Mary's in August of 1982. Steve and his wife, Lyn, have one daughter, Erin, age 5.

'82 JEFF and LUANN (BLYSMA) THIBODEAU, graduate students at Emporia State University in Kansas, are serving as group home parents at the Methodist Youthville Boys Home.

JIM and CHERRI (GUNTER) PARKS, graduate students at Emporia State University, are serving as graduate assistants; Jim, an intern at the Mental Health Center in Emporia, and Cherri, a special assistantship due to academic excellence in her graduate studies.

MARYLAND

'57 JERRY TE PASKE of Oxon Hill, MD, was elected president of the Maryland State Veterinary Association at its recent annual meeting held at Ocean City, MD. Dr. Te Paske has a veterinary clinic at Camp Springs, MD.

'82 JAMES and PATRICE (JONGERIUS) UNEXIS live in Baltimore where Jim works for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in computer work and Patrice works for a computer consulting firm. Jim also attends classes in computer science part time.

MICHIGAN

'56 JEAN ALBERS Vander Laan received her M.A. degree in Education in May, 1983, from Grand Valley State College in Allendale, MI. She is teaching 3rd grade in Kentwood, MI, beginning her fourth year at this grade level, after having taught kindergarten for 12 years. Her husband, Karl, has his own computer hardware and software business in Grand Rapids. The Vander Laans have two sons and a daughter. Jean reports that she and Karl thoroughly enjoyed the choir reunion at Northwestern's Centennial in 1982.

CAMILLE BELLING is teaching at Menomine, Michigan.
'58 MARILYN ROZEBOOM Vander Esch recently earned a Ph.D. degree in Social and Educational Change, with a nursing concentration. She teaches nursing at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Michigan.


'78 ARVIN and NANCY ('80) SCHOEPE are now living in Holland, Michigan where Arvin is enrolled at Western Theological Seminary. NANCY SCHOEPE graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and has begun her position as an attorney with the law firm of Dalman, Murphy, Bidol and Couwens, P.C. in Holland.

'80 DOUGLAS and DEBRA (BROMMER '79) TENSEN moved to Holland this past summer. Doug entered Western Theological Seminary as a first year student in September. He served as an Admissions Counselor at Northwestern College for the past three years.

'81 RICHARD NAVIS is currently the Director of Christian Education at the Beverly Reformed Church of Grand Rapids. Richard is married to the former Karen Gonder.

'69 MARY J. WHITE successfully and happily completed the 26.2 mile Detroit Free Press Marathon on October 9, 1983. Mary J., when not running, is a Methods and Standards Engineer at Ex-Cell-O Corporation, Aerospace Division, Zeeland, Michigan.

MISSOURI

'83 YOSHI SATO and his wife JOSEPHINE (CALABRO '84) SATO are living in Kansas City, MO and are affiliated with the new Cross Roads Reformed Church of which the Rev. DONLEY HUITINK '70 is the pastor. The Sato's are the parents of a son, Nathaniel.

NEBRASKA

'75 LEON KORTE of Blair, NE began a new position as visiting instructor of accounting at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in August, 1983. Leon and his wife, Solveig, are the parents of two daughters, Kendra and Kristin.

'79 DIRK LINDNER lives in Ralston, NE where he serves as accompanist for the vocal music department of the Ralston, Nebraska High School.

NEW JERSEY

'54 J. DAVID and Mrs. Donna MUYSKENS were named "Mr. and Mrs. Alumni" at Central College's Homecoming in Pella, IA on October 15, 1983. Rev. Muyskens was the speaker for Central's Alumni Worship Service on October 16. Dave, who is the son of JANETTA DEN HARTOG ('32) Muyksens of Orange City, Iowa, is the pastor of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, NJ.

'77 NOLAN PALMA (Rev.) and his wife, the Rev. Phyllis Palma, are co-pastors of Pequannock Reformed Church in Wayne, New Jersey. In August of 1981, Nolan studied for four weeks in Rome, and he recently toured the Holy Land for 10 days.

SOUTH CAROLINA

'75 DAVID A. BALT received the Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree last June at the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirkville, MO. He was among 130 physicians graduated this year by the oldest college of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Balt received his premedical education at Worthington Junior College, Northwestern College, and the Sioux Valley School of Medical Technology. Dave is married to the former LORI STERLER and they are the parents of Matthew David. Dr. Balt is interning at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Charleston, SC.

SOUTH DAKOTA

'77 CLYDE RENSINK, a graduate of Western Theological Seminary, was ordained to the gospel ministry and installed as pastor of the Reformed Church in Valley Springs, SD last July. After graduation from Northwestern, Clyde attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia as well as Western Seminary in Holland, MI. Two summers were spent in inner city ministry at West New York, NJ and Jersey City, NJ. He spent two years as a volunteer at Koahsuing, Taiwan, teaching English and ministering to Taiwanese students. Mrs. Rensink is the former DEBRA SINKEY.

'82 MARLIN VAN PEURSEM serves as a staff accountant for Charles Bailey Co., a CPA firm in Sioux Falls, SD.

TEXAS

'64 EVART VROONLAND is an engineer for an oil company in Richardson, Texas. He formerly lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'80 GALEN KAEMINGK is now living at Cisco, Texas and teaching math and coaching football at the Cisco High School.

VIRGINIA

'80 HANI AWAD earned a master of science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University last June 11. He participated in graduation ceremonies with 5,200 other students at the Institute in Blacksburg, VA.

WISCONSIN

'68 FIRMAN SCHIEBOUT of La Crosse, WI, was recently promoted to marketing manager, heavy refrigeration products, refrigeration systems division in the commercial systems group of The Trane Company. Schiebout received a B.S. degree in aeronautical engineering in '69, and the M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering in '71 from Iowa State University. He joined Trane in 1971 as sales engineer in boiler sales, and was promoted to manager, absorption sales in 1974. He transferred to manager of CenTravac sales in 1977 and was promoted to marketing manager heavy refrigeration products in 1979. Firman's wife is CHERYL SLINGERLAND '70 Schiebout.

'81 KATHLEEN VERVERS is involved in a graduate assistantship at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, WI. She serves as resident director of a residence hall and is taking graduate classes toward a master's degree in Guidance/Counseling.

'72 GARY HOFMEYER was installed as minister of the Hope Reformed Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on June 5, 1983. He is a 1976 graduate of Western Theological Seminary. His previous pastorates were at the New Life Community Church of Milwaukee, and the Southgate Community Church of Southgate, MI. Last year he studied Advanced Biblical Studies at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Gary and his wife, Marilyn, are the parents of Erik and Mark.

'74 JAMES D. WOUDSTRA was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1983. Nominations were received from national, state and local leaders, along with civic groups for inclusion in the list. Jim teaches math and is a basketball coach at the Waupun High School, Waupun, WI.
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