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The holidays are upon us, and fall semester 2012 is drawing to a close. What a semester it has been! Whether you live in Aberdeen or afar, you have probably already heard about all of the exciting news and success stories that have been taking place at Northern State University. This issue is full of examples of the forward momentum we are experiencing on campus — and forward is definitely the direction we are moving.

This fall, Northern exceeded 3,600 students for the first time in more than 40 years. A large part of that increase is in off-campus students, as we continue to offer more courses and programs online — proving that Northern is meeting the changing needs of students all across the country.

Actually, it’s more accurate to say that we are meeting the needs of students across the globe. NSU has become a “destination location” for international studies. As we attract more and more students from foreign lands, we remain committed to increasing the number of students we send abroad. The cultural experiences these students are exposed to are as valuable and vital, in today’s world, as is traditional classroom learning.

It seems that it’s becoming almost commonplace to say that Northern has again been recognized as one of the top regional public colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. That being said, we are still immensely proud of this prestigious honor – and proud that it has become such a common occurrence. Five years in a row is truly an amazing achievement.

Another tremendous accomplishment I must mention here is the impressive ending of the Northern Impact capital campaign. The campaign — the largest in the university’s history – raised more than $29 million. That is $2 million more than the original goal – meaning quite a few more students will be able to receive our coveted WolfPACT, the highest guaranteed scholarship in South Dakota.

The fantastic financial news continues: NSU will receive $15 million from the estate of Northern graduate Millicent M. Atkins, who earned her teaching degree with us in 1940. That’s the largest donation in the university’s history. The money will be used to enhance the School of Education – that includes student scholarships. Millicent’s amazing gift is humbling, as it shows just how important Northern was in her life. We are deeply grateful, and we hope to demonstrate that by naming the School of Education after her.

With a new year and new semester just weeks away, I want to take this time to let you know what a crucial role you play in the success of our fine university. Collectively, our alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff make Northern an outstanding institution. Happy holidays, and we look forward to sharing more exciting news from NSU in 2013.

Go Wolves!

Northern State University receives $15 million gift

Northern State University will receive $15 million from the estate of a late NSU graduate — the largest donation in the university’s history. The money from Millicent M. Atkins is earmarked and will be used to benefit the NSU School of Education. Atkins received a teaching degree from Northern in 1940. Northern plans to name the School of Education after Atkins, who passed away in July.

Atkins, who attended high school in Columbia, taught school for a few years, but later moved on to tend to her greater passion in life, farming.

The announcement about her gift to NSU was made Sat., Nov. 17.
NORTHERN WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

At a smaller institution, it's easier to make personal connections and see the impact one is having on students' lives – and that's part of what drew DR. CALVIN D. PHILLIPS to Northern State University.

Phillips started in October as Northern's new vice president of student affairs. He was hired following a nationwide search and replaces Rhoda Smith, who left the university for another career opportunity this summer. A native of Mercer, Pa., Phillips brings to Northern vast experience in the field of student affairs. He has worked in higher education in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Iowa. Most recently, he was associate vice president of student affairs/dean of students at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

At NSU, Phillips said, his goals are to get to know the needs of students and staff and to provide quality services to students.

“Sometimes it's just the little things we do,” such as making sure students feel comfortable asking questions, he said.

“I LOVE WHAT I DO,” HE SAID.

Phillips was inspired and encouraged to enter the field of student affairs by a family friend and pastor who served as his adviser during college. This mentor told him he would be good at helping students be successful. He also gave Phillips sound advice.

“Never forget why you’re doing what you’re doing,” he told Phillips. “It’s about the students.”

Phillis said his career provides a chance to see students grow and develop.

“I love what I do,” he said.

Phillips also likes Aberdeen and said it is a place where his kids can grow up. He and his wife, Sharia, moved to Aberdeen with their sons: Keegan, 8; Cole, 7; Caden, 6; and Collin, 5. Phillips also has a daughter, Shania, 16, who lives in Indianapolis.

While he and his wife are both from Pennsylvania, the northern climate is a new adventure for their boys. Only the older two have seen snow, and they can barely remember it.

“This is going to be their first experience with snow,” he said. “They’re excited.”

SMITH WAS NAMED the 2012 Living Legend Award winner by the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration. He received the award at the organization’s annual conference on Aug. 7 in Kansas City, Mo.

Established in 1947, the NCPEA is the oldest professional society for educational leadership and policy studies. Since 1999, the group’s Living Legend Award has recognized outstanding contributions to the field of educational administration. Winners exemplify greatness through: living a life that inspires others, providing exemplary service to NCPEA, modeling an ethic of care and professionalism, demonstrating the highest levels of success as a university teacher and researcher, and offering highly significant contributions to the field of educational administration.

Smith has contributed to NCPEA as a former executive board member, yearbook author, yearbook manuscript editor and frequent committee member. His research has spanned a large spectrum of educational policy, but he is best known for scholarship focused on the deleterious effects of standardized testing on low-income and disenfranchised youth.

Smith said he was very honored to receive the designation of Living Legend.

“Those who have received this award before me, like Professor John Hoyle at Texas A&M University, are without question leading minds in the field,” he said.

Hoyle, Smith’s friend and former mentor, was the inaugural speaker for his investiture as president at NSU.

“Because I have been active in the organization since 1988, it is especially nice to have been selected by my friends and colleagues from all around the country,” Smith said. “This is truly a ‘once in a lifetime’ recognition.”

NSU president receives top honor from professional society

THIS SUMMER, Northern State University President James Smith received the highest honor given by a national professional society.

“NEVER FORGET WHY YOU’RE DOING WHAT YOU’RE DOING,” HE TOLD PHILLIPS. “IT’S ABOUT THE STUDENTS.”

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
CALVIN D. PHILLIPS

“Sometimes it’s just the little things we do,” Phillips said.
Northern State University's bookstore has a new look, new hours – and even a new name.

The store, located on the lower floor of the newly remodeled Student Center, is now known as the NSU Wolf Shoppe.

“We have received many compliments on the look of our new store—people really seem to like it,” said Wolf Shoppe Director Beth Asmusson. “Our goal during the remodel was to have a finished product that our campus community could be proud of, and I think we’ve achieved that.”

While the sales floor has shrunk by 28 percent, the look is much more contemporary, Rasmusson said. The glass store front – which she says is the best feature of the remodel – gives the store an open and inviting look as well as access to natural light. The color scheme – maroon, black and gray – ties in well with the rest of the building. New clothing fixtures give the store an updated look.

With an updated look, the decision was made to update the store name. People tend to associate “bookstore” with only textbooks, Rasmusson said, but the store sells many more product lines in addition to textbooks. Students voted on the new store name, and “NSU Wolf Shoppe” won.

The Wolf Shoppe has also expanded its hours and is now open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays during fall and spring semesters.

A new tag line for the store, “Everything You Need to Be Part of the Pack,” was created by Stacey Hepola in the NSU Post Office. Rasmusson said it is very accurate.

“We really do sell everything an NSU fan needs,” she said.

Northern State's bookstore is looking good!
GYPSY DAYS
IN CELEBRATION OF THE 97TH ANNUAL GYPSY DAYS OCT. 6, 2012

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/GOLD/HALL OF FAME/KRETCHMAN COACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Left to right: Amanda [Mikuska] Bain ’00, Jean Kringstad ’00, Gregg Wiitala ’66, Eric Rambow ’04, Kevin Burckhard ’95, Ed May ’34, Chris (Swanhorst) Burckhard ’97, Doug Coughlin ’33, Steven Keszler ’30

50 YEAR CLUB REUNION – INDUCTEES

Back row left to right: Lucille Lindskov ’62, Judith (Serr) Kutch ’62, Paula (Kotila) Robertson ’62, Patricia (Koth) Stiefel ’62, Mary (Jacobson) Palsma ’67, Donald Becht ’61, Bruce Frink ’62, Karen (Knecht) Sletkes ’60, Gary Roth ’62
Front row left to right: Richard Glad ’69, Anita (Cowhick) Veatch ’62, Julie (Strader) Roesch ’58, Kathleen (Brokaw) Kersay ’62
ALL DECADES WOMEN’S BASKETBALL REUNION

Back row left to right: Julie (Jensen) Rozell ’95, Amie Kiehn ’96, Denise (Ruhland) Clemens ’92, Michele (Lick) DeVries ’93, Coach Curt Fredrickson ’74, Jane (Konz) Hanson ’98, Crystal Bonnichsen ’99, Chris (Swanhorst) Burckhard ’97, Toni Schmidt ’97

Front row left to right: Barb (Johnson) Updinn ’96, Barb (Niederbaumer) Schmidt ’95, Stephanie (Franzen) Campbell ’96, Tanna (Negaard) Zabel ’90, Melissa (Schott) Doughty ’97, Paula (Stolzmark) Krueger ’95, Michele (Krause) Bull ’98

ALL DECADES WOMEN’S BASKETBALL REUNIÓN

Back row left to right: Memory (Johannsen) Eltjes ’01, Natalie Braun ’01, Claire Honer ’07, Krista Rabenberg ’11, Coach Curt Fredrickson ’74, Tia (Michalski) Felberg ’03, Lindsey Utter ’07, Nikki (Jensen) Karst ’00, Noelle (Hall) Bergan ’08, Amanda (Mikuska) Bain ’00

Second row left to right: Jodi Reinschmidt ’11, Miranda Boepple ’09, Jodi (Purath) Knott ’02, Ali Chmielewski ’06, Liza (Sizer) Clark ’05

Front row left to right: Ryanne (Brockhaus) Waage ’08, Sara (Hemquist) Goebel ’02, Holly (Schaunaman) Langa ’03, Kristie (Chmielewski) McKesston ’06, Sara (Jensen) Nelson ’06
northern today

or Larissa Buchholz, the best part of being involved in Northern State University’s production of “Legally Blonde - The Musical” was the challenge of playing the lead role.

Buchholz, a native of Tripp, said she worked very hard to show the audience the true colors of Elle Woods.

“She’s not just a blonde sorority sister, she has so much more to offer,” she said. “She’s a strong woman who believes in herself and doesn’t give up. Playing this part brought out the best in me.”

NSU Theater presented “Legally Blonde - The Musical” in October. The show – and Buchholz– received rave reviews. Though it is based on the hit MGM movie starring Reese Witherspoon, Buchholz said she had actually never seen the movie until after the NSU performances were over.

“I knew there were high expectations, so I hope I did the part justice!” said Buchholz, a senior vocal music education major with a theater minor.

And she had fun doing it.

“I have loved all the shows I’ve been involved with, but this one has definitely been the most fun!” she said. “It’s very fast paced and took a lot of energy! I also loved all the dances!”

She certainly went above and beyond for the part, even dying her dark hair blonde.

“I have never ever wanted to be blonde, but it actually doesn’t look as terrible as I thought,” she said. (But she said she’ll dye it dark again eventually!)

She had some great co-stars, including her little sister, Kaitlin Buchholz, who made her NSU Theater debut as one of Elle’s Delta Nu sorority sisters.

“It was great for her to be in the show too,” Buchholz said. “She played one of my best friends, so that was fun!”

Other costars included some four-legged ones – two dogs had roles.

“I love dogs, so I was very excited,” she said. “The dogs were very well behaved, and everyone loved working with them.”

A long-haired Chihuahua named Fonzie played Elle’s dog, Bruiser. Buchholz said Fonzie was adorable – they even bonded during the Gypsy Day Parade, cuddling with a blanket in the cold.

Buchholz, a resident assistant in Briscoe Hall, is also involved in marching band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Masquers, College Republicans and the National Association for Music Education. She is set to graduate in May 2014 and said she plans to attend graduate school for vocal performance.

Until then, she hopes to be involved with future shows at NSU.

“I have fallen in love with performing and being onstage,” she said. “There’s such a sense of accomplishment after knowing you have given your all to this role and making it the best show it can be. It’s definitely become a passion of mine.”

Photographs courtesy of Joshua John Franchiseur, NSU Assistant Professor of Theater
“It’s the pursuit of the dream that’ll heal you,” his father said.

But he realized he found tranquility in running. He knew he had to have a dream to heal, and he set the goal of winning an Olympic gold medal in the 10,000 meter run. Every day, numerous times a day, he would visualize one moment in time – being on the lead runner’s shoulder, passing him and winning the race.

That day, nearing the end of the race, competitor Ron Clarke of Australia nudged him accidentally, and Mills stumbled into the third lane. Tunisia’s Mohamed Gammoudi took the opportunity to break between them. Mills said he decided to let them get 10-12 meters ahead of him, then he was going to make one final try. One of the lapped runners ahead of him moved over so he could pass. As Mills passed him, he looked over and saw, in the center of his shirt, an eagle.

He remembered his dad’s words: wings of an eagle. He thought, “I can win.” And he did, blazing ahead of the other two in the final meters.

Afterward, he went to find the runner who moved out of his way. When he did, he saw that there was no eagle on his shirt.

“I’ve always said that moment was a gift to me,” he said.
Northern State University’s numerous internship opportunities provide students with job experience – and sometimes, they even lead to full-time employment. Last spring, for example, three of four NSU interns at Eide Bailly LLP had accepted full-time jobs at the Aberdeen office.

One of them was Kelli (Wiedebush) Roberts, a Warner native majoring in professional accounting and banking and financial services. “It’s a good way to get your foot in the door,” Roberts said.

Scott Peterson, Northern’s director of business internships, said the objective of the internship program is to bridge that space between academics and the work world. “We try to help these students lever up to that first full-time job,” Peterson said. “The internship program is a major part of that process.”

Intern Erin Hoesing, an Aberdeen native majoring in professional accounting, said Northern does a great job of setting up internships. She, too, had already accepted a full-time job at Eide Bailly after her internship, so had Cameron Zent, a Watertown native majoring in professional accounting. Zent said a lot of companies come to Northern looking for interns because they know the quality of education the university provides.

At South Dakota Wheat Growers, NSU alum Melissa Propst started as an intern in 2009. The Clear Lake native, who graduated in May with a degree in finance and a minor in economics, has now been hired there full time.

NSU student Amanda Vogel had been working for Wheat Growers prior to seeking internship credit, and an arrangement was reached where her duties and responsibilities were increased for the internship. Now, the Ipswich native, who graduated this spring with an accounting degree, is working full time in accounting.

Peterson said internships are what the student and employer want them to be. “In the end, the academic credit is secondary,” he said. “What’s important is the experience.”
Olson to the air waves

FROM THE SIDELINES TO THE AIR WAVES, NORTHERN STATE’S BOB OLSON IS STILL FINDING A WAY TO STAY CLOSE TO THE ACTION.

THE FORMER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR will be making a return to courtside this season, providing color commentary for NSU men’s and women’s basketball games. Olson will join Gene Reich, play-by-play voice of the Wolves, for home games in 2012-13. Olson concluded a 37-year career at NSU that included roles of student, athlete, professor, coach and administrator last season when he stepped aside from the athletic director’s role after 13 years at that position. He has remained a familiar face at NSU events over the past few months.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the game from another angle,” said Olson. “Northern State has such quality student-athletes and coaches, and I look forward to watching them continue to grow and improve.”

Evans honored by National Hall of Fame

MICHAELEVANS, owner and chief executive officer of Centennial Homes, was inducted into the National RV/Manufactured Housing Hall of Fame earlier this fall.

“This hall of fame induction is very much appreciated as recognition of my 43 years in the industry. I have to thank my family and all the employees of Centennial Homes, who were an integral part in our contributions to the industry over those years,” said Evans, former NSU Foundation chairman.

Evans was honored for the essential role he has played in the manufactured housing industry over his 43-year career. His strong leadership and progressive ideas have pushed the industry forward. He has served on the board of the South Dakota Housing Association and the North Central Manufactured Housing Institute. During that time he has also served several governors committees on issues of manufactured housing taxation, movement and zoning.

Centennial Homes started providing quality, affordable housing in 1969 in Aberdeen, S.D. Over the past 43 years, Centennial Homes has expanded to a total of nine retail locations in three states and has provided affordable housing to more than 12,000 families. Centennial has model home centers in Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston, N.D.; Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Billings, Bozeman and Glendive, Mont.

Meyer inducted to South Dakota Hall of Fame

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FORMER BASKETBALL COACH DON MEYER WAS INDUCTED INTO THE SOUTH DAKOTA HALL OF FAME IN SEPTEMBER.

The 2012 induction ceremony was held at the Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain-Oacoma.

Since 1974 The SD Hall of Fame has been honoring and recognizing outstanding individuals who have shaped the fabric and culture of South Dakota.

Attending the ceremony with Meyer was his wife Carmen and three children Brooke, Brittney and Jerry Meyer. NSU President Jim and Dr. Connie Ruhl Smith led a delegation from NSU and the Aberdeen community.

Meyer continues at NSU in the role of Regents Distinguished Professor and Assistant to the President.
Mary Ann (Carlson) Grage '53, Clontarf, Minn., coached the 1988 NDSCS Wildcat volleyball team that was inducted into their Hall of Fame this year.

Ted Zahn '63, Aberdeen, has been inducted into the South Dakota Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Noel Hamiel '69, Reliance, was inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Steve Swisher '69, Huron, has been inducted into the Huron High School Hall of Fame for 2012.

Cathleen (Clark) Britton '71, Sioux Falls, has been inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame for 2012.

Kathryn (Carlson) Hinderks '72, Aberdeen, retired as a second grade teacher at May Overby Elementary after 38 years in the district.

Susan (Witham) Jerde '72, Aberdeen, retired as a second grade teacher at O.M. Tiffany Elementary after 31 years in the district.

Steve Pelzl '72, Aberdeen, won the 58th annual USGA Senior Amateur Qualifier.

Michael Evans '72, Aberdeen, was inducted into the National Recreational Vehicle and Manufactured Housing Hall of Fame. He was honored for his 43-year career in the manufactured housing industry.

Theresa (Johns) Cier '73, Aberdeen, retired as a Title I teacher at O.M. Tiffany Elementary after 35 years in the district.

Michael Coyne '73, Hoven, has been inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame for 2012.

Thomas Ivey '74, Aberdeen, received the Going the Distance Award at the South Dakota Chiropractors Association conference. The award honors chiropractors who have “gone the distance” to promote the field of chiropractic medicine.

Curt Fredrickson '74, Aberdeen, has been inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame for 2012.

Frank Mason '74, Hot Springs, retired after teaching 38 years in Aberdeen, Philip and Hot Springs schools. He taught classes from first through 12th grades in his career.

Janet (Ellingson) Palmer '75, Aberdeen, has been named South Dakota Biology Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Biology Teachers. The award is based on criteria such as teaching experience, innovation and initiative.

Bill Winter '76, Aberdeen, retired after 33 years of service at Aberdeen Fire and Rescue, the last eight as chief.

Barbara (Christensen) Aaker '76, Denver, Colo., retired from full-time teaching in August 2010. She is currently adjunct teaching for Metropolitan State University and working on further developing “Mathematics-the Musical.”

Ann (Tschakert) Tuchscherer '74, Milbank, retired after 36 years of teaching, 34 years in Milbank and two years at Roncalli.

Bob Olson '77, Aberdeen, has been inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame for 2012.

Sandy (Koeppe) Cahoy '79, Aberdeen, retired as a math teacher at Aberdeen Central High School after 33 years in the district.

Jeff Sahli '81, Aberdeen, retired as an industrial technology teacher at Holgate Middle School after 31 years in the district.

Monte Troske '82, Turton, has been elected to the South Dakota Bankers Association board of directors. He currently serves as president and CEO of Farmers State Bank in Turton since 1982.

Brad Tennant '83, Aberdeen, currently an associate professor of history at Presentation College, has been selected to be the guest speaker at the Marshall County Historical Society banquet. Tennant is a researcher, writer and presenter on a variety of state and regional topics.

Dana Randall '83, Aberdeen, was one of the South Dakota delegates who attended the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla.

Steve Svendsen '86, Magnolia, Texas has been named head football coach at Watertown High School.

Melanie (Martin) Lundquist '88, Aberdeen, has organized the “Sweet Dreams” project to distribute care bags to children in Aberdeen’s Head Start program.

Susan (Swientek) Jelleberg '88, Bismarck, N.D., has two educational activity books for teachers, counselors, parents and social workers. The Jellybean Jamboree has gone e-book. The Best of Individual Counseling is co-written. Both can be viewed online.

Jeff Moench '90, Aberdeen, has been promoted to manager at EideBailly.

Michael Boschee '93, Pella, Iowa, was named the men’s basketball coach at Bemidji State.

Todd Thorson '94, Ipswich, was named girls’ track and field coach of the year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. Todd was also named the South Dakota Track and Field “Coaches Winners Circle” Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track and Field Coach’s Association.

Eric Kline '95, Aberdeen, was inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame.

Kristen (Lyren) Fauth '95, Aberdeen, has been named a risk manager on the Dacotah Bank risk management team.

Chris Birgen '98, Gilbert, Ariz., was recently named principal at Islands Elementary in Gilbert, Ariz.

Brandon Golf Outing
Tim Blotske '98, Boyd Brandsrud '95, Melissa Woidyla '95, Jason Woidyla '95, and Amy Dulaney '98

AUGUSTANA TAILGATE
Randy Knecht '88, Josh Moon–NSU Director of Athletics, Carol (Swenson) Cordts '57
Ryan Miller ’01, Albuquerque, N.M., will be an assistant men’s basketball coach for the University of Missouri.

Rachel (Hansen) Kippley ’01, Aberdeen, was elected the new Brown County Commissioner on Nov. 6.

Greta (Meyer) Thorpe ’03, Groton, has been named South Dakota’s first distinguished disease intervention specialist by the state Department of Health.

Jennifer (Bauer) Wegleitner ’04, Aberdeen, has been named the Department Chair of Business and Technology at Presentation College.

Christopher Jung ’06, Aberdeen, was recently elected to a national position with the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyer’s Division. He will represent District 21 on the Young Lawyers’ policy making council.

Tara Engquist ’06, Aberdeen, has been promoted to manager at Eide Bailly.

Rory Behrens ’07, Hermosa, is currently working as associate producing/artistic director at Tommy O’s Northern Stars Playhouse, a small, not-for-profit theater company in northern Wisconsin. He is also acting as educational coordinator to create a unique and engaging outreach program for the surrounding community. He was recently admitted to the Graduate School of University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. There he will obtain a Master’s of Music in Vocal Performance.

Rocky Burkett M’07, Aberdeen, has been named head wrestling coach at Aberdeen Central High School.

Geraldine Heizer M’07, Aberdeen, retired as a language arts teacher at Aberdeen Central High School after 26 years in the district.

Chris Roettele ’08, Aberdeen, has been promoted to senior associate at Eide Bailly.

Ryanne (Brockhaus) Waage ’08, Aberdeen, certified physician assistant, will be the provider at the Avera Medical Group’s new clinic in Ipswich.

Taryn West ’09, Aberdeen, recently completed training to become a clinical instructor educator through the Commission on Accredited Training Education. This allows her to be responsible for teaching athletic trainers.

Cody Papke ’09, Aberdeen, has been promoted to senior associate at Eide Bailly.

Mike Zerr ’11, Aberdeen, has accepted a position at Brandon Valley teaching sixth-grade science and physical education and will serve as an assistant freshman football and assistant boys’ tennis coach.

Tiffany Thorne ’12, is currently teaching at The International School of Kuwait as a first-grade teacher.

Curt Fredrickson, ’74, M’77, Aberdeen, will be inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes on March 5, 2013.

Don Meyer, Staff, Aberdeen, was inducted to the South Dakota Hall of Fame. He leads all NCAA men’s basketball coaches with 923 career wins.

**ANNIVERSARIES**


Evelyn (Grote) Kaven ’46, Aberdeen, and husband, Lawrence, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 12, 2012.

Delbert Lowe ’50, Aberdeen, and wife, Caroline, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (Nov. 24) and Delbert’s 80th birthday (July 27) on July 22 at First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

Irene (Allbee) Linderman ’51, Bowdle, and husband, Lawrence, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2012.

Geraldine (Rhodes) Eaton ’51, Palo Alto, Calif., and husband, Bob ’52, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2012. They have lived in Palo Alto for 58 years.

Dr. James Kretschman ’56, Aberdeen, and wife, Bonnie (Nelson) ’62, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 10, 2012.

Helengrace (Jesme) Bauer ’63, Maplewood, Minn., and husband, Leo ’61, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19, 2012.

Edward Knutson ’66, Mina, and wife, Jayne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2012.

Gary Job ’69, Aberdeen, and wife, Kathy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30, 2012.

Karen (Bruers) Gonsor ’70, Aberdeen, and husband, Dave, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 27, 2012.

Beverly Dorfschmidt ’71, Groton, and husband, Harvey, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28, 2012.

Robert Fossum ’72, Aberdeen, and wife, Georgia, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2012.

JoAnna (Hoff) Kokales ’72, Aberdeen, and husband, Jim, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2012.

Heidi (Troske) Williams ’72, Brentford, and husband, Max, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2012.

RaVonne Deibert ’77, Aberdeen, and wife, Connie (Mischke) ’78, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2012.

Paula (Karlen) Wellman ’87, Aberdeen, and husband, Kevin, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 25, 2012.

Sharlene Wanttie ’88, Aberdeen, and husband, Doug, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 21, 2012.

Judy (Oban) Uhrich ’88, Custer, and husband, Joseph, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 25, 2012.

Cindy (Zeller) Koerner ’91, Aberdeen, and husband, John, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2012.

BIRTHS
Tammy (Bitz) Rohweder '94, Wishek N.D., and husband, Dave, a daughter, Carys Rae on May 22, 2012.
Rachel (Hansen) Kippley ’01, Aberdeen and husband, Jeff, a son Aaron Asher on June 21, 2012.
Eric Borge ’03, Aberdeen, and wife, Amber, a son, Kannon Brady on May 16, 2012.
Chad Miller ’05, Aberdeen, and wife, Terri, a son, Cohan Isaac on March 16, 2012.
Rose (Coughlin) Kramp ’06, Brentford, and husband, David, a daughter, Theresa Colleen on March 1, 2012.
Jenna (Drey) Bain ’07, Mill Creek, Wash. and husband, Brandon, a daughter, Aleya Marie on March 4, 2012.

BIRTHDAY
Gertie (Joachim) Kahler ’36, Redfield, celebrated her 95th birthday on Oct. 28, 2012.
LaVila (Fuhrman) Wilke ’41, Aberdeen, celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 15, 2012.
June (Ellis) Schliebe ’42, Aberdeen, celebrated her 90th birthday on June 11, 2012.
Ina (Glover) Bruns ’42, Aberdeen, celebrated her 99th birthday on July 1, 2012.

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Kim Fahnhorst, Mike Thorstad, Stephen Hanley, Brenda Hanley, Carol Jastram, Terry Jastram ’83, Zach Flakus ’93–NSU Assistant Athletic Director

Daryl Borchart ’56, Northville, celebrated his 80th birthday on Oct. 19, 2012.
Dean Karlen ’67, Aberdeen was honored for his 70th birthday on May 13, 2012.
Betty (McLaughlin) Beyer ’69, Wentworth, celebrated her 80th birthday on Nov. 4, 2012.
Roy Fauth ’74, Aberdeen, celebrated his 60th birthday on Aug. 4, 2012.
Eunice (Hein) Albers ’80, Groton, celebrated her 80th birthday on Aug. 11, 2012.

WEDDINGS
Peter Pagones ’69, Aberdeen, married Helen Hermanson on July 26, 2012. They reside in their homes in Sioux Falls, Lake Pickeral and Edelweiss Mt. in the Black Hills.
Chad Carlson ’08, Aberdeen, married Katie Rokusek ’08 on Aug. 3, 2012, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Watertown.
John Rawerts ’12, Aberdeen, married Anna deSilva on June 1, 2012, in Bismarck, N.D. The couple is living in Aberdeen.

UPCOMING EVENTS
ST. PAUL, MINN.
PRE-GAME SOCIAL
O’Gara’s Bar & Grill
Jan. 12, 2013, 2-4 p.m.
NSU Wolves vs. Concordia, St.Paul women’s and men’s basketball

ABERDEEN
I HATE WINTER
PRE-GAME SOCIAL
Feb. 9, 2013, 3-5 p.m.
Lager’s Inn

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.
ALUMNI GATHERING
Feb. 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Mike and Barb Evans home
27703 N 88th Place
Scottsdale, Ariz. 85266

SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.
ALUMNI GATHERING
March 1, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
Hillcrest Golf Club
20002 N. Star Ridge Drive,
Sun City West, Ariz. 85375

LITTLETON, COLO.
ALUMNI GATHERING
April 27, 2013, 5 p.m.
Bernie and Judy Dyila home
7713 S Nevada Dr.
Littleton, Colo. 80120

For more information or to RSVP to these events, please call the NSU Foundation at 605-626-2550 or email nsualumni@northern.edu.

FORT WORTH
Josh Moon – NSU Director of Athletics, Jim Dongog, Beth Rabine ’80, Tamra (Kuehl) Zumbaurm ’81; Darrell Zumbaurm ’84 and Mike Birgen ’92 MS ’11–Vice President Athletic Major Gifts and Alumni Relations
Kari (Tonne) Frederick ’34, Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 18, 2012.
Luella (Hong) Holden ’36, Webster, on Aug. 5, 2012.
Wilbur E. Wockenfuss ’37, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., on March 11, 2012.
Emma (Rieger) Olson ’40, Richland, Wash., on April 17, 2012.
Millicent M. Atkins ’40, Ipswich, on July 25, 2012.
Alice (Little) Johnson ’40, Aberdeen, on Sept. 20, 2012.
Robert McCaughey ’41, Madison, on July 19, 2012.
Ambrosia ‘Amy’ (Mastel) Sporer ’43, Ipswich, on May 18, 2012.
LaVonne (Goodspeed) Woodlock ’44, Lakewood, Calif. on Feb. 25, 2012.
Sylvia (Culp) Antonacci ’49, Madison, Ohio, on March 12, 2012.
Duane Kindschi ’51, Morris, Minn., on May 23, 2012.
Dr. Wayne Kelley ’51, Huron, on Oct. 18, 2012.
Maurice Webb ’55, Aberdeen, on Sept. 6, 2012.
Dr. Delbert Hillen ’56, Sarasota, Fla., on April 25, 2012.
Larry Haas ’56, Sun City, Ariz., on April 15, 2012.
Barbara (Ronshaugen) Hagen ’56, Webster, on July 23, 2012.
Elizabeth (Nee) Weigel ’56, Aberdeen, on Sept. 21, 2012.
Bonnie Mary (Cordell) Aberle ’58, Lakewood, Colo., on April 25, 2012.
Norbert Hearnen ’58, Conde, on July 31, 2012.
Larry Wattier ’59, Langford, on June 10, 2012.
Stanley Boik ’60, Webster, on April 4, 2012.
Donald Nordling ’60, Aberdeen, on Oct. 19, 2012.
Charles Sanders ’61, Chandler, Ariz. on May 15, 2012.
Esther (Schmidt) Decker ’62, Aberdeen, on March 26, 2012.
Donald Carlson ’64, Aberdeen, on April 6, 2012.
David Lane ’66, Aberdeen, on July 8, 2012.
Geneva Volk ’69, Aberdeen, on May 17, 2012.
Bob Bohlander ’69, Mobridge on July 12, 2012.
Steve Serr ’70, Leola on May 5, 2012.
June Johnson ’70, Langford, on June 16, 2012.
Linda (Fiala) LaMont ’71, Glenham, on May 21, 2012.
Randall Smith ’72, Aberdeen, on Sept. 1, 2012.
Nancy (Joachim) Vostad ’87, Watertown, on May 29, 2012.
Florence (Koenig) Walker ’88, Selby, on July 9, 2012.
Cheryl (Meisel) Klebsch ’96, Frankfort, on June 16, 2012.
Dennis Lyke Staff Aberdeen, on May 15, 2012.