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### ON THE COVER:

Sue Haaland and Irene Roberts from Wyndham Worldwide get in the Gypsy Day spirit with NSU President Pat Schloss.



**PATRICK SCHLOSS**  
PRESIDENT



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NSU FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The winter holidays are a time for reflection and celebration. At Northern State we are grateful for the wonderful things that have come our way this year.

In August our university was named as one of the best undergraduate institutions in the Midwest according to *U.S. News and World Report*. The magazine's 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" ranked Northern State second in Midwest public baccalaureate colleges.

I credit much of this honor to the now fully implemented and integrated planning and budget process introduced three years ago as the "Margin of Excellence" initiative. This ranking is a confirmation that we have moved forward and met our goal. We are just beginning to experience the results of this effort.

Each year the South Dakota Board of Regents announces enrollment numbers at each of the six public universities. I am pleased to report that the trend, begun on my appointment, is fully intact. We led the system in percentage increase in headcount. We were up nine percent this year. Over the three year period in which "Margin of Excellence" initiatives have been in place, we are up 12 percent.

The increase results from diversification of our instructional mission. In-service teacher preparation, customized training in business and industry, advanced preparation of high school students, and outreach to campus centers in Pierre and Sioux Falls, all contributed to the increase. There has also been also been growth in the number of international and out-of-state students entering NSU.

Consistent with the vision I shared on my appointment, Northern State is becoming an increasingly important resource for the region. The enrollment figures emphasized the scope of our outreach in support of businesses, schools and agencies in Northeast South Dakota. Our approach continues to increase the yield by providing economically sensitive off-campus and non-traditional student opportunities.

I appreciate the friends and colleagues here at Northern State, and I commend the faculty and staff for their innovative and substantial efforts they put forth each day. All of their efforts contribute to the enrollment increase and the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking.

Go Wolves!!

## MESSAGE FROM THE NSU FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Year end giving is right around the corner. This provides some real opportunities for gifts to the NSU Foundation.

The IRA Charitable Rollover is set to expire on December 31, 2007. This legislation allows IRA owners who are at least 70 1/2 years of age to make a tax-free distribution of up to \$100,000 directly to the public charity of your choice. So, now is a great time to support NSU with a gift that has considerable advantages for you.

A special thank you to Jim Koehler, Aberdeen, who recently pledged a gift of \$2.5 million. This is the largest gift in Foundation history! Jim's leadership

and dedication will be very evident in our efforts over the next several years.

We have had the opportunity to receive several unique gifts recently that offer non-typical examples of ways to give without writing a check. Stock transfers, IRAs, gifts of land, privately held stock ...all of which are appreciated assets that make wonderful gifts.

If we may be of assistance in providing examples of how this may work for you, please give us a call. Thank you for all you do for the students, faculty and staff of Northern State University!

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN NAMED AS ONE OF THE BEST UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE MIDWEST ACCORDING TO *U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.*

## NSU Named #2 in Midwest



The magazine's 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" hit newsstands July 2007 and NSU is ranked second in public undergraduate institutions in the Midwest.

"We are pleased that *U.S. News and World Report* has recognized the efforts we have made to make Northern a great place for students to learn, not to mention a great value for them too," said NSU President, Patrick Schloss.

The "Margin of Excellence" initiative was launched on the Northern Campus in 2004 and designed to increase Northern State's presence as a premier undergraduate institution. The ranking demonstrates the impact of these changes and assures continuous improvement in the quality of undergraduate life.

"This might be the most important thing that has happened to Northern in a decade or more," said Schloss. "Three years ago we decided who we wanted to be and put a plan in place called "Margin of Excellence" to help us get there. This ranking is a confirmation that we have moved forward and met our goal. We are just beginning to experience the results of this effort."

Some of the criteria the magazine uses are:

- Percentage of full-time faculty
- Student-faculty ratio
- Percentage of classes with fewer than 20 students
- Percentage of classes with 50 or more students
- Quality of students admitted by the University
- Freshman retention rate
- Reputation, which is based on a survey of other college presidents throughout the country.

### >>> | ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT AT NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN ABERDEEN, S.D. IS UP 10% FOR THE FALL 2007 SEMESTER.

# NSU Enrollment Up Double Digits for Fall Semester

**"The increase results from diversification of our instructional mission," said NSU President Patrick Schloss. "In-service teacher preparation, customized training in business and industry, advanced preparation of high school students, and outreach to campus centers in Pierre and Sioux Falls contributed to the increase."**

Schloss said there has also been an increase in the number of international and out-of-state students entering NSU.

NSU reported a slight reduction in student full time equivalents (FTEs). This reflects the average number of credits taken by each student. The reduction is less than four-tenths of a credit in a typical 15-credit load.

Advisors are recommending students take a manageable course load with a goal of attaining graduation. More students are taking advantage of the area's strong economy by combining course schedules with work. Many of NSU's new programs are designed for full-time employees.

"Consistent with the vision I shared on my appointment, Northern State is becoming an increasingly important resource for the region," said Schloss. "The enrollment figures emphasized the scope of our outreach in support of businesses, schools and agencies in Northeast South Dakota."

"Essential to this vision is a special focus on our

region's challenging demographics," added Schloss. "Our approach continues to increase the yield by providing economically sensitive off-campus and non-traditional student opportunities."

The number of high school graduating seniors in the Northeast region declines about three percent a year. The university also faces increased competition from other institutions.

Schloss commended the faculty and staff at NSU for the innovative and substantial efforts contributing to the enrollment increase.

A major strategy is the development of new programs such as the banking and financial services major, the musical theater major, and a sports marketing and administration major. Other strategies include: the WolfPACT Scholarship, increased recruitment of international students, enhanced out-of-state recruitment and marketing, and unprecedented offerings to businesses, schools and social service agencies.

"This year's enrollment report confirms the effectiveness of our approach. We serve more students in ways that genuinely benefit the learner and the community," said Schloss.

Schloss added that indicators, such as a one point rise in average ACT scores of entering students, an increase in students from the top fourth of their graduating classes and recognition by *U.S. News and World Report* as second in the Midwest among public undergraduate institutions, emphasize the benefits of NSU's "Margin of Excellence" strategic plan.

&gt;&gt;&gt; | ALUMNI news and events

*A gift of \$2.5 million was announced by the Northern State University Foundation.*

# NSU Foundation Receives Largest Gift In History

**"I WANTED TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON ATHLETICS AS NORTHERN MOVES INTO AN EXPANDED AND MORE COMPETITIVE CONFERENCE..."**

— Koehler

The gift from Mr. James P. Koehler, Aberdeen, is the largest by an individual in foundation history. The gift will support student scholarships in athletics.

"This gift represents the best case scenario in the full circle of higher education," says Dr. Patrick Schloss, President of Northern State University. "A student graduates and achieves success and returns a portion to his alma mater. We couldn't be more pleased with Jim's commitment to Northern in both leadership and giving."

Mr. Koehler, a 1974 graduate of NSU, is a motel and business developer with franchise and business operations throughout the United States. Koehler

owns and manages The Koehler Organization (TKO Incorporated) in Aberdeen.

"I wanted to have a major impact on athletics as Northern moves into an expanded and more competitive conference", said Koehler. "Long term I really want to help build the endowment. Alumni and friends from around the country need to support this school to the best of their abilities."

"Jim has really kicked off what we hope to be major interest and support for this university," said Bob Olson, Athletic Director. "Jim has been a long term supporter and understands what needs to be done to take us to the next level."

*Koehler received the NSU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000.*

## IN MEMORY

...WHOSE PASSION FOR THE UNIVERSITY TOUCHED SO MANY HERE AT NSU.

## NSU honors longtime supporter

A friend of NSU, Neil Reede passed away on Friday March 16, 2007. His funeral was held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. A lunch followed at the Barnett Center.



Reede was a great supporter of Northern State, an ardent fan of Athletics, especially men's

basketball. He was a quiet, self made man, whose passion for the university touched so many here at NSU. He was also extremely passionate about Aberdeen and spent much time encouraging young people to attend Northern, and to stay in the community that he held in such high regard.

## >>> | NEW ENDOWMENTS

- ▶ *James P. Koehler* Athletic Scholarship Endowment
- ▶ *LeRoy Adam* Athletic Endowment
- ▶ *Patrick & Gail Rohl* Scholarship Endowment
- ▶ *Hollis Hurlbert* "The True Gentleman" Business Ethics Endowment
- ▶ *Frank & Mary Dixon* Memorial Endowment
- ▶ *Merle Long* Memorial Endowment
- ▶ *Harley & Darlene Mohr* Endowment
- ▶ *Paul Everson, CPA* Scholarship Endowment

&gt;&gt;&gt; | FACULTY update

## Chown Named Dean of the School of Business

**Dr. Clyde Arnold,**  
**Northern State University**  
**Provost and V.P. of**  
**Academic Affairs, is pleased**  
**to announce that Dr. David**  
**Chown has been appointed**  
**Dean of the School of**  
**Business at NSU.**



"Dr. Chown has a rich history of academic excellence and administrative experience that will be beneficial to Northern and the Aberdeen community," said Arnold. "We look forward to his insight and experience in leading the School of Business in the coming years."

"The NSU community is excited to bring someone of Dr. Chown's caliber to NSU," said NSU President Patrick Schloss. "His experience and leadership will help to direct the university and strengthen its regional impact."

Chown began his duties at NSU on Nov. 1, 2007.

Chown comes to NSU from the MaCamish School of Business at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga., where he has served as dean since 2003. He was also tenured professor at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, Mankato State University, Mankato, Minn., and holds a Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Iowa and has an extensive publication record.

&gt;&gt;&gt; | FACULTY news

## NSU Director receives Distinguished Service Award



Karen Gerety, Director of Disability Services at Northern State University, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Aberdeen Mayor's Advisory Committee for

People with Disabilities at the annual Mayor's Awards Luncheon on Oct. 18. The award was given in recognition of Karen's work with college students with disabilities, and students making the transition from high school to college.

"I encourage NSU students with disabilities to become strong self-advocates, and tries to find opportunities for the students to speak to groups in an effort to raise awareness of disability issues," said Gerety.

Each year, Karen collaborates with the South Dakota Transition Services Project on "Catch the Wave," a one-day transition conference for juniors and seniors with disabilities. In addition, she participates in the Youth Leadership Forum, a weeklong leadership and self-advocacy training for high school students, and Community Transition Forums, which are held to share information and answer questions about academic and employment possibilities beyond high school. The 10th Annual Youth Leadership Forum will be held in Aberdeen on the Northern campus next summer.

Karen is a member of the South Dakota School for the Blind Advisory Board, the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, and the Aberdeen Area Humane Society Board of Directors.

&gt;&gt;&gt; | E-LEARNING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

THE NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR STATEWIDE E-LEARNING ANNOUNCES AN ENROLLMENT OF 909 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM 81 SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE 2007-08 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. BOTH NUMBERS REPRESENT NEW HIGHS FOR THE PROGRAM HOUSED ON THE NSU CAMPUS IN ABERDEEN.

## NSU E-learning High School Program Reports Continued Growth

The student enrollment represents a 6.7 percent increase from last fall's figure of 852 students; the district participation represents a 5.2 percent increase from last fall's 77 districts. Increasing demands for Spanish and mathematics courses drive this year's numbers.

Dr. Tom Hawley, e-learning director, and Mary Cundy, e-learning principal, find the increases particularly noteworthy in the context of declining high school student numbers and recent school consolidations. Both feel it is a distinct honor to be helping schools meet their curriculum and staffing needs.

Since the fall of 2001, the NSU Center for Statewide E-learning has served high schools and students across the state, ensuring all young

people of South Dakota have access to a high quality education. The courses are delivered primarily via the Digital Dakota Network (DDN) in an interactive audio/video format. The E-learning Center also offers online high school courses to meet the any-time/anywhere demands of today's connected students. Schools are accepted into the courses based on a Department of Education priority system.

The E-learning Center delivers 41 daily classes and three online courses in 16 subjects and employs 11 full-time equivalent teachers. NSU's E-learning Center is a College Board certified AP® course provider as well as a South Dakota Virtual High School approved course provider.

## &gt;&gt;&gt; | SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

THE NSU FOUNDATION BELIEVES THAT RAISING MONEY FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT ONLY VITAL TO ATTRACTING STUDENTS TO CAMPUS, BUT IS A HUGE BOOST TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ABERDEEN, THE NORTHEASTERN REGION AND ENTIRE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

# Scholarship Luncheon

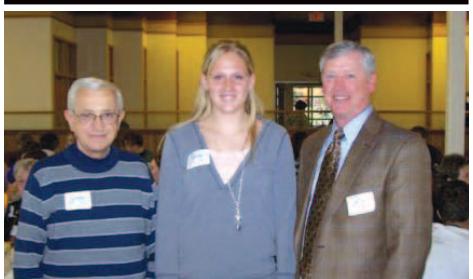
Fiscal Year 2007 was one of the best fundraising years ever for the NSU Foundation. The leadership and dedication of our many donors, the Foundation Board, and the Executive Committee, have made it possible to look to the future. In the past year, new initiatives have enabled the Foundation to award a record of over \$1.5 million in scholarship assistance while the Foundation's total endowment grew to over \$12 million.

The Wolf PACT Scholarship program continues to be one of the most progressive scholarship programs in the nation, attracting students to Northern that would have thought about

enrolling elsewhere, or that would not have been able to afford higher education. With 183 new Wolf PACT recipients attending classes at NSU, there is no doubt that the program is a growing success.

The NSU Foundation's Annual Scholarship Luncheon was held Wednesday, October 24, at the Jerde Dining Hall. Scholarship donors were seated with the students who received their awards. Not only were donors given the opportunity to learn more about the lives of those students they had assisted financially, but students were able to personally thank their benefactors.

Kyle Schwan spoke about the importance of scholarship assistance to students.



Larry Wolff, Kelsey Aden and Ken Wolff



Coach Chris Boden, Turner Johnson, Ethel Hundstad, Eric Schwan, Karen Wieker and Brian Jark



LeRoy Adam, Craig Nelson, Kyle Schwan, Salona Wachs, Paul Everson, Coach Don Meyer, Rianne Brockhaus and Robert Thomas



Durran Schmidt, Brad Moore, Richard Westra, Tyhe Mischke, Kendra Titze, Heather Heupel and Christa Swingler



Alumni Director Rachel Kippley, Eric Bauer, Amber Barten, Sergio Fox, Jim Ragatz, Michael Zerr and Bob Yada.



2007 Honorees ▲

Back row: Terry Small, Jane Konz-Hanson, Amy (Ellis) Scepaniak, Chuck Keeler; front row: Ben Victor, Cary Hornaman and Cindi Walsh

Former and current Distinguished Alumni and Honorees ▶

Paula Carlson, Tom Holman, Gerald Marlente, Ben Victor, Glenna Foubert, Harry Jasinski and Cindi Walsh



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## NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Awards



Former and Current Hall of Fame Honorees ▲

Back row: Arnold Metz, Jane Hanson, Amy Scepaniak, Jack Niesen, Robert Beattie, Jim Stoudt, Chuck Keeler and Scott Kusler; front row: Terry Small, Jim Ketchman, Pat Fors and Milt Silverstein

Gypsy Day Queens ▶

Maureen (Smith) Bohall (1957) and Megan Frewaldt (2007)

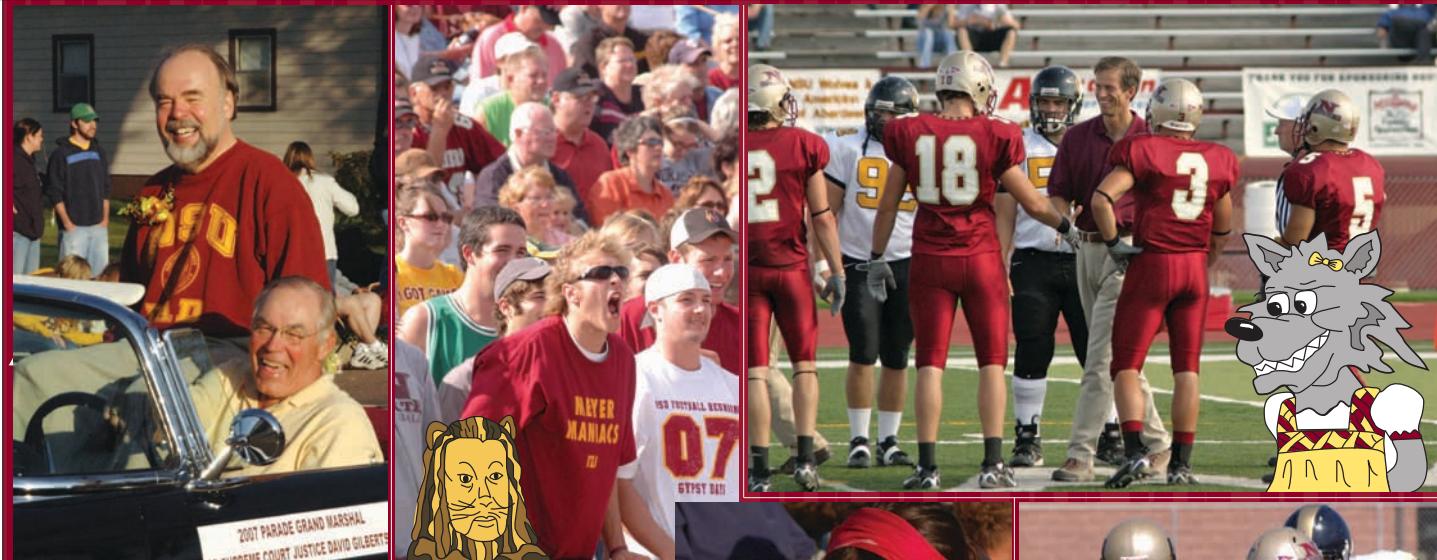


ANNOUNCING

*Gypsy*  
*Days*

2008

October 4, 2008



## Lions & Tigers & WOLVES, Oh my!

Gypsy Days, Oct. 1-6, 2007



## &gt;&gt;&gt; | CROSS COUNTRY



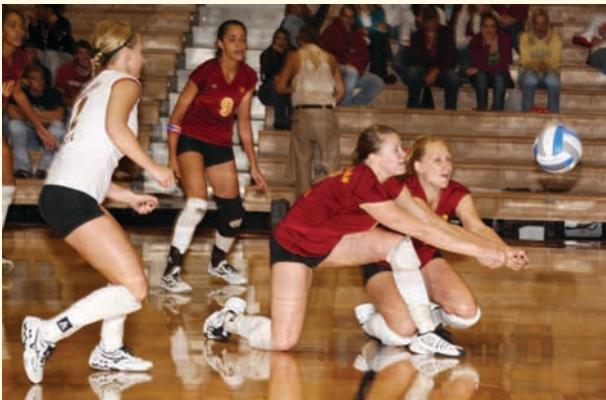
## Cross Country

The Wolf Packs are off and running this fall! The Wolves' cross country teams were

much improved this season and did themselves proud in the 2007 NSIC Championships in Winona, Minn. The men's squad finished in third place while knocking off the University of Mary, who soundly beat them two weeks earlier at the NSU Roe Granger, and was ranked tenth in the North Central Region. The women's squad finished in sixth place and only 15 points out of third place.

*— Shawn Wheelock,  
head coach*

## &gt;&gt;&gt; | VOLLEYBALL



## Volleyball

The Wolves volleyball team continued to be one of the nation's best defensive teams in

**2007.** Senior Emily Knaebel, Andover, Minn., supplied the squad with both kills and digs, while incoming transfer student, junior Stephanie Nygaard, Milbank, led NSU in digs. Junior, Kelsey Aden, St. James, Minn., led the front row in both kills and blocks from the middle hitter position.

Playing in what has become the best region in NCAA volleyball, the Wolves battled every match against top opponents.

"We are looking forward to the future of the program as our young players continue to develop," said NSU head coach Lisa Schriver.

## &gt;&gt;&gt; | SOCCER

## Soccer

The Northern State soccer team had one of their best seasons in program history. They were led by a defensive front that posted one of the best goals against average in the nation, and had a tenacious offense that pulled out goals and wins in close games.

Weston, Fla.), the NSIC Preseason Defender of the Year, was one of the leading forces to a tough defensive line. She made the All-NSIC First Team and was named the 2007 NSIC Defensive Player of the Year.

It didn't take long for freshman Maggie Fedor (MF, Monticello, Minn.) to draw the attention of the league as she put goal after goal past opponent keepers. Fedor quickly emerged as one of the best offensive players in the league and challenged NSU's all-time single season scoring record. She was named the 2007 NSIC Newcomer of the Year and made the All-NSIC First Team.

Both Wannebo and Fedor made the 2007 All-Central Region First Team.



Catherine Grace (Jr., Littleton, Colo.) was the leading keeper in the net and, with six shutouts on the season, kept the Wolves within striking distance in many close games this season.

**"It was a very exciting season and we will look to build upon it this off-season and again in the fall."**

*— NSU head coach Steve Kehm*

## &gt;&gt;&gt; | FOOTBALL



## Football

Sophomore, Eric Ellingson, Riverside, Calif., took over as quarterback for the Wolves in 2007. Northern continued to display a strong passing game and also had one of the NSIC's best defenses.

"This was an exciting year for Wolves Football. We saw the continued development of our young team," said head coach Chris Boden. "I'm proud of the effort and attitude that was displayed throughout the season. Our guys played hard, tough, physical football. We will continue to grow."

HAPPENINGS The new Northern State swim team had their debut performance with a home meet on October 26. All home meets are held at the Aberdeen Family YMCA. The team is affiliated with the North Central Conference for the 2007-08 season.

Wolves' basketball returned to Wachs Arena in early November. The men's team was ranked second in the NSIC Preseason Coaches Poll, while the women were tabbed third.

## NOTES

1936

**Phyllis C. Brixey B'36, M'74** celebrated her 91st birthday on September 28, 2006. She taught for 20 years in rural schools and wrote a small book entitled "The Schoolhouse by the Road."

**Verna Krause** and husband Bill celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on June 30, 2007.

1931

**Ruth Obermeyer** celebrated her 95th birthday on April 12, 2007.

1940

**Mabel (Harms) Meyer** celebrated her 89th birthday on May 20, 2007.

1942

**Royal J. 'Bud' Wood** celebrated his 85th birthday on March 28, 2007.

1943

**James M. Ziegler** celebrated his 85th birthday on February 4, 2007.

**George H. Weber** had two books published in October of 2006. "Some Souls Cry Out" and "Runaway."

1946

**Olga Hynes Grandpre** celebrated her 80th birthday on August 4, 2007.

1948

**Zona Young** celebrated her 80th birthday on January 3, 2007.

1950

**Ron Bean** and wife Alecia "Lisa" celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on April 30, 2007.

1953

**Don Tobin** was named vice president emeritus at the N.D. State College of Science, Wahpeton, N.D. He served 28 years as instructor, assistant basketball coach, dean of students and director of financial aid and vice president of student affairs.

1959

**Janeen Baker** and husband Rexford celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on January 7, 2007.

1960

**'Syd' Mortenson** celebrated his 90th birthday on March 31, 2007.

1969

**Beverly Walberg** celebrated her 60th birthday on April 9, 2007.

1962

**Layle Evans** and wife, Marlyce celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 23, 2006.

**Larry Lovett** celebrated his 70th birthday on March 4, 2007.

**Gary Hietmann** of Groton, S.D. recorded his 1st Hole in One of his career after 36 years of golfing.

1963

**Arvyce (Nelson) Burns** will retire after 20 years as the director of Presentation College's library in August of 2007.

**Everett Schumacher** and wife Virginia celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2006.

1971

**Kathy (Thorstenson) Heinrich** and husband Duane are members of a gospel Choir "Alive" in Kulm, N.D. and they travel to other churches around the area.

**Stacy (Wegner) Levsen B'71, M'82** was the recipient of the 2006 Athena Award which recognizes a person who has enhanced opportunities for women.

**Estella C. Olson** celebrated her 90th birthday on November 5, 2006.

**'Stormin' Norman Brown** celebrated his 80th birthday on July 21, 2007.

1972

**Les Hinds** shot a hole in one on June 27. His wife Julie shot one on July 17. They have been part of 3 hole-in-ones.

1973

**Rev. Gregory Tschakert B'73, M'77**, was honored for the silver jubilee of his ordination on April 29, 2007.

**Kathy (Scherschligt) Bauer** appeared in the Aberdeen American News under the Teacher Feature. Kathy has taught at Ipswich Public School for 33 years.

1974

**Nancy (Dwight) Cutler** earned the National Board Certification in South Dakota.

1977

**Dale Fiedler** appeared in the Aberdeen American News under the Teacher Feature. Dale has taught at Redfield Public School for 30 years.

1979

**Sandy Ullrich** was awarded the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics in Washington, D.C. She was one of 93 teachers nationwide to receive the award in math and science.

## ALUMNI update

"ONE OF THE REASONS I WROTE "DRAFTEE" WAS TO RECORD THE SMALL EVERYDAY MOMENTS, DETAILS AND EXPERIENCES OF MY TWO YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH THE ARMY AND VIETNAM. I WOULD HOPE YOU MIGHT SHARE WITH ME AND OTHER VETS THAT TYPE OF INFORMATION FROM YOUR OWN TOURS OF DUTY." THANKS, DAVID VOLK

*Draftee: A High School Teacher Goes to War*

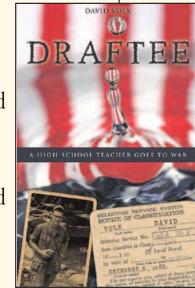
David Volk (NSU Alum 1969) recently had his book *Draftee: A High School Teacher*

*Goes to War*, published. Told with a biting humor, this work shares an altogether original and incredibly vivid account of the Vietnam experience.

At times derisive, yet surprisingly tender the author, a correspondent and combat photographer, introduces a menagerie of crazies, eccentrics, and a few good men. From mutant mutts, to donut dollies, this Midwest draftee learned a little about war and a lot about life.

Volk, a native of South Dakota, was drafted after graduating from Northern State College. He served two years, one of which he spent in Vietnam as a combat photographer with the 101st Airborne

Division. For his service, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, and Bronze Star.



Volk was later elected State Treasurer of South Dakota, making him the youngest person in the state's history to be elected to a statewide office. Re-elected four times, Volk helped to found and serve as the first president of the National Association of State Treasurers. He was also appointed by the Reagan

Administration as Chairman of the Vietnam Veteran's Volunteer Program and was responsible for setting up an outreach program for troubled veterans from the Vietnam era. He is currently a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

For more information or to order your copy of *Draftee: A High School Teacher Goes To War*, visit [www.draffeteegoestowar.com](http://www.draffeteegoestowar.com)

## NOTES

Sonya Kempf of Aberdeen was named a maestro producer by Kindermusik International. She ranks among the top five percent of educators around the world in reaching children with Kindermusik.	1983 <b>Rev. Marty Porter</b> received Masters of Divinity Degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ordained and serving as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Sauk Centre, Minn.	1988 <b>Lisa (Friske) Brandt</b> was selected as Teacher of the Year at Deuel School in Clear Lake, S.D., where she has taught 4th grade for the past eighteen years.
<b>Robin Aldinger</b> and wife <b>Sherri B'81</b> celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 16, 2007.	<b>Brad Tennant</b> has been appointed by Governor Mike Rounds to the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the State Historical Society since 1987.	<b>Michael Polasky '88</b> has joined Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory as of January 1, 2007 as a licensed funeral director and embalmer.
<b>Doug Griffith</b> and wife <b>Tammy Griffith A'79</b> celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 30, 2007.	<b>Rhonda Skaare</b> was featured in the Aberdeen <i>American News</i> under the Teacher Feature.	<b>Joell Rachel</b> was awarded the Arts Educator by the Aberdeen Area Arts Council to honor "Friends of the Arts". She has taught 28 years in the Aberdeen School District.
1980 <b>Don Reshetar</b> and wife Kerman celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on May 29, 2007.	1984 <b>Alan LaFave</b> , Northern State University's Dean of Fine Arts, was inducted into the American Bandmasters Association in March.	1989 <b>Martha (Weller) Mehlhaff A'89, B'93</b> placed first for her photograph titled "Spring Rain" in the South Dakota Health Care Association, Dakota MasterWorks Competition.
<b>Theresa Jung</b> earned her certification in the Surgical Care Division at Avera St. Lukes in Aberdeen.	1985 <b>Bill Hoffman</b> was honored by The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors with three of its highest industry awards.	<b>Judy Ewart</b> was recently hired by Northern Valley Communication as a telephone communications sales representative.
<b>Bruce A. Miller</b> was transferred, after 24 years in Gillette, WY, with the Rio Tinto Energy America's Marketing Dept. to Denver, Colo.	1987 <b>Rick Kline</b> recently accepted the position as the athletic director at Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD.	1990 <b>Mark McNeary</b> resigns as Brown County state's attorney to join Primrose Management of Aberdeen as the company's corporate council.
1981 <b>Marjorie (Gustafson) Kaiser</b> has been named a trustee to the national Board for the American Federation of the Blind.		As an associate professor of biology, <b>Sheldon Cooper</b> was awarded tenure at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.
<b>Scott Sauer's</b> business, Pauer Sound and Music, was awarded the "Friends of the Arts" award by the Aberdeen Area Arts Council.		1991 <b>Rebecca (Hofer) Campbell</b> has joined the staff at Harris Private School in Harrisburg, Ore. as the 1st-2nd grade teacher.

## ALUMNI update



Bidders who won one of the twelve hunting vests had a chance to win a beautiful Browning Citori Lighting.

## Hunt 'n' Howl, a Great Success!

*Hunt & Howl* 2007 was a great success! Held on Friday, October 26, around 200 people attended the event, which was sponsored by the Royal Order of the Gyps and the NSU Foundation. The event provided a great deal of entertainment

including games of cards, bowling, basketball, and darts for prizes, as well as a live auction that gave away a big screen TV and firearms. Participants enjoyed a savory meal and good company throughout the night.

1992 <b>Marie Cleveland B'92</b> was featured in the <i>Aberdeen American News</i> for writing a children's book set in Aberdeen's own Storybook Land.	1995 <b>Jeff Kosters B'95, M'99</b> was elected as new mayor in Selby, SD.
<b>Janet (Michlitsch) Kolb</b> received her masters degree from SDSU in August of 2006, in Curriculum and Instruction with an endorsement in ESL instruction. She was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for her academic performance. She currently teaches computers/business at Sioux Falls Lincoln. In addition to teaching, she is department head for the Applied Arts department.	<b>Thomas E. Black</b> was awarded the Arts Advocate by the Aberdeen Area Arts Council to honor "Friends of the Arts".
	<b>Steve Cogley</b> has accepted the position of head Women's Soccer Coach at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D.

<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007</b> Gyps Pheasant Challenge	<b>NOTES</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007</b> Sioux Falls Alumni Event Reception at Champ's 2101 W 41st St., 4-6 p.m. NSU vs. Augustana, Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.	1996 <b>Barbara (Johnson) Undlin</b> and husband <b>Dustin Undlin</b> '98 celebrated their 10 year anniversary on July 19, 2007. <b>Lisa(Schofield) Jonas</b> became a Certified Fraud Examiner with the State of South Dakota.	2000 <b>Nora Groft</b> was named the Volleyball Coach of the year by the South Dakota Coaches Association. Nora has served as head coach for the North Western Wildcats for 5 years. <b>Jennifer (Klapperich) Kline</b> received the 2006 Gold's Gym Impact Award in January.
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008</b> Bemidji Alumni Event Reception at Brigid's Cross Irish Pub and Restaurant 317 Beltrami Ave., 4-6 p.m. NSU vs. Bemidji State, Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.	1998 <b>Steven King</b> has been accepted into the LLB program at the University of London to pursue an academic law degree. He received the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Professor of the Year award in 2006.	2004 <b>Justin Ohleen</b> moved from his job at the Department of Homeland Security to a position in the White House as a Special Assistant in the Office of the Vice President.
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008</b> Brookings Area Alumni Event Brookings Inn 5-7 p.m. South Dakota Bandmasters	1999 <b>Naney (Schlepp) Kindelspire</b> appeared in the Aberdeen <i>American News</i> under the Teacher Feature. Nancy is a teacher in the Leola School District.	2005 <b>April Coyne</b> is the new woman's volleyball coach at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D.
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008</b> Fargo/Moorhead Alumni Event Reception at The Broken Ax 700 1st Ave N in Moorhead, 4-6 p.m. NSU vs. MSU Moorhead, Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.	<b>Connie Getty B'99</b> appeared in the Aberdeen <i>American News</i> under the Teacher Feature.	<b>Jessica Ringgenberg</b> was featured in the Aberdeen American News for completing her first year as a 3rd grade teacher in Frederick, S.D.
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008</b> Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumni Event Reception at O'Garas 164 Snelling Ave. N., 4-6 p.m. NSU vs. Concordia, Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.	<b>BIRTHS</b>	2007 <b>André Cobbs</b> was cast as "Hoke" in the Aberdeen Community Theater Production, "Driving Miss Daisy".
<b>FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8-9, 2008</b> Phoenix Area Alumni Events Location and Time To Be Determined	1988 <b>Gale Smith</b> and wife, Lisa, a daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, on April 12, 2007.	1991 <b>Greg Scott</b> and Jennifer Thurman, a daughter, Sophia Renee Scott, on November 27, 2006.
<b>FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15-16, 2008</b> I Hate Winter Days	1990 <b>Joan (Strange) Lehr</b> and husband, Delwain, a daughter, Kayle Marie, on January 12, 2007.	<b>James Johnson</b> and wife Rebecca, a daughter, Athena Gabreal, on January 29, 2007.
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008</b> Bismarck/Mandan Alumni Event Reception at the Elks Lodge 900 S. Washington St., 4-6 p.m. NSU vs. Mary, Women 6 p.m./Men 8 p.m.	John Carda and wife, Brenda, a daughter, Kaitlyn Ruth, on November 2, 2006.	1992 <b>Julie (Melius) Dvorak</b> and husband, Willie, a daughter, Annie Susan, on December 18, 2006.
<b>FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 9-10, 2008</b> 50 Year Club Reunion, Aberdeen, SD		
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008</b> Bob Wachs Golf Classic Moccasin Creek Country Club	A dear friend and associate Keith Johnson passed away on May 16, 2007.	 Northern Wolves" and coaches grilled and served Wolf Dogs for the luncheon.
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008</b> Gypsy Day 2008, Aberdeen, S.D.	Keith, and his wife Barbara, have been avid supporters of Northern State for many years, attending nearly every fine arts event, athletic competition, community reception, and Gypsy Day celebration. Their love for NSU continued to his funeral service. Musical selections included "Up	Keith is the son of the late Dr. Lloyd F. and the late Marie A. Johnson. The Johnson Fine Arts Center was named in his honor. Keith's mother, Marie, was the Associate Director of Admissions and Records at NSU.



## NOTES

## BIRTHS

Patrick Mikkonen and wife, Carrie, a daughter, Aida Katherine, on March 2, 2007.	Eric Comstock and wife, Kelly, a daughter, Reese Evan, on March 12, 2007.	2003
Mike Severson and wife Amy, a son, Matthew John, on April, 10, 2007.	Michael Munson and wife Rachelle (Marshall) '00, a son, Alexander Michael, on July 20, 2006.	Ryan Schimke and wife, Somer, a daughter, Brynn Sophia, on January 31, 2007.
1994	1998	Molly (Veenhof) Gates and husband, Matt, a daughter, Allyson Marie on January 14, 2007.
Cory Backous and wife, Theresa (Zens) Backous B'90, M'92, a son, Zane Michael, on April 4, 2007.	Michelle (Rabine) Jesz and husband, Shannon, a daughter, Carolyn Emilee, on September 1, 2006.	Angie (Nilssen) Bakeberg and husband Nathan, a son, Drew Allen on January 19, 2007.
Robert Baumgartner and wife Stacy, a daughter, Rylee Olivia, on July 9, 2007.	Stawna (Bowerman) Salas and husband, Norm, a son, Lucas Lee, on February 20, 2007.	Scott Bishop and wife, Cyndi, a son Andrew Scott, on October 5, 2006.
1995	Michelle (Kerher) O'Keefe and husband, Michael, a daughter, McKenna Marie, on January 30, 2007.	Jamie Osborne and husband, Mathew, a daughter, Kennedy Jo, on December 7, 2006.
Brad Hruby and wife Catrina (Crawford) Hruby '94, a son, Keaton Bradley, March 6, 2007.	1999	Eric Borge and wife Amber, a son, Karson Eric, on July 4, 2007.
Teri (Richards) Johnson and husband Brian '97, a daughter, Delaney Rose, on February 7, 2007.	Brad Yerdon and wife, Faythe (Long) Yerdon, a daughter, Stella Glory, on February 5, 2007.	2004
Tony Ingemansen and wife Jeri B'96, a daughter, Taylor Jo, on July 2, 2007.	Nichol (Pownell) Townsend and husband Gaylon, a son, Colton Jay, on February 21, 2007.	Benjamin Victor and wife, Julie, a son, Joshua Joel, on March 19, 2007.
1996	Angie (Weber) Kulesa and husband, Scott, '99, a son, Maxwell James, on February 1, 2007.	2005
Amy (Kooima) Christopherson and husband Scott, a son, Brock Allen, on July 11, 2006.	Christian Kieso and wife, Sheila, a son, Jack Christian, on November 13, 2006.	Ashley (Schmidt) Hanson and husband, Kelly, a daughter, Carrington Marie, on February 1, 2007.
Stephanie (McLaughlin) Weideman and husband, Jade, a son, Zachary Thomas on January 23, 2007.	Brook Fischer and wife, Cristin (Cordts), a son, Brenden Michael, on November 7, 2006.	Meranda Suedmeier and Matthew Leidholdt, a daughter, Ember Rose, on February 5, 2007.
Joel Carda and wife, Kimberly (Spindler) Carda '97, a daughter, Leah Kaitlyn, on May 9, 2007.	2001	2006
1997	Rachel (Hansen) Kippley and husband, Jeff, a son, Noah Jeffrey, on February 12, 2007.	Melissa Huber and Stanton Hundstad, a son, Spencer Paul Hunstad, on January 31, 2007.
Renae (Bush) Hoven and husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Addisyn Rey on January 30, 2007.	Sarah (Fritz) Wear and husband, Jason, a son, Mattson Boyce, on March 16, 2007.	Ashley Twiss and Kevin Bennett, a daughter, Drea Lynne Twiss-Bennett, on April 28, 2007.
Jason Jund and wife Tiffany (Larson) Jund B'99, M'04, a daughter, Jamisyn Belle, on November 22, 2006.	Melissa (Marko) Pinkman and husband, Todd, a daughter, Maya Rae, on May 1, 2007.	NSU Staff
Ryan DeRouchey and wife, Sarah (Kraft) DeRouchey '02, a daughter, Emma Ann, on October 4, 2006.	Kendra (Steinheuser) Huff and husband, Chad, a son, Tate Jacob, on March 17, 2007.	Derik Budig, and wife, Amanda, a daughter, Adelaide Lee, on March 21, 2007.
Jeremy Vliem and wife, Cindy, a son, Max J, on December 14, 2006.	2002	
WEDDINGS	Allison Ann (Walker) Ruoff and husband, Scott, a daughter, Ava Ann, on May 5, 2007.	

1978	1999	2004
Jim Brenden and Kim Garry were married July 7, 2007. The couple is living in Sioux Falls.	Angela Corcoran and Eric Sieh were married on September 29, 2006. The couple is living in Ipswich, S.D.	Sara Uckert and Jeff Olson were married on July 1, 2006. They live and teach in Kimball, S.D.
1996	2000	Leigh Shillington and Andrew Neys were married on January 27, 2007.
Jon Russell and Debbie Schafer were married August 5, 2006. The couple is living in Portland, Ore.	Jennifer Stange and Michael Acree were married on August 5, 2006.	Stacey LeDuc and Steven Lust were married on July 15, 2007. The couple is living in Aberdeen, S.D.
Lisa Schofield and Steve Jonas were married September 30, 2006.	Cory Rath and Kelly Stierwalt were married on August 12, 2006. The couple is living in Hudson, WI.	2005
1997	2002	Kristi Moser and Joel Vetter were married on September 9, 2006. The couple is living in Aberdeen, S.D.
Chad Lundberg and Amanda Bitz '02 were married on September 16, 2006. The couple is living in Bruce, S.D.	Amy Folk and Andy Scarborough were married on November 18, 2006. The couple is living in Mansfield, S.D.	Marni Jo Agnitsch and Christopher Lamont were married on November 4, 2006. The couple is living in Fort Collins, Colo.

## MEMORIALS

1920 Helen Schmitz, Mitchell, S.D. died on March 29, 2007.	1954 Frances (Sawinsky) Maier B'54, M'64, Selby, S.D. and longtime McLaughlin teacher, died January 11, 2007.	Dallas Hinrichs, Stewartville, Minn. died May 1, 2007.
1928 Alvina P. Angerhofer, Aberdeen, S.D. died on March 18, 2007.	1958 Bert W. Leidholt, Minot, N.D. died April 1, 2007.	1970 Edith (Doll) Van Orman, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 3, 2007.
1931 Lila (Foster) Machmiller, Bristol, S.D. died on May 5, 2007.	1959 Dean H. Russman, died in April of 2007.	Ron Heyd, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 6, 2007.
1932 Laura Mae Holty, Aberdeen, S.D. died December 6, 2006.	1961 John LaRoy Bobzien, Medford, Ore. died March 8, 2007.	Evelyn Krueger, B'70, M'75, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 28, 2007.
1937 Vera (Haven) Stuck, Brentford, S.D. died March 4, 2007.	1962 John A. Mack, Omaha, Neb. died February 14, 2007.	1972 Helen (Hammond) Todd, Aztec, N.M. died January 15, 2007.
Aurelia (Funk) Riedy, Lemmon, S.D. died October 29, 2006.	1963 Keith F. Johnson, Aberdeen, S.D. died May 15, 2007.	Patricia E. Hupke, Sioux Falls, S.D. died May 13, 2007.
1939 Marjorie(Ames) Flint, Sioux Falls formerly Doland, S.D. died January 18, 2007.	1966 Helen M. Weifenbach Travland, Aberdeen, S.D. died October 8, 2006.	1975 Alan Joseph Allery, Grand Forks, N.D. died July 14, 2007.
1941 Lucillia Abby, Miller, S.D. died January 13, 2007.	1967 Ruth Irene (Knecht) Johnson, Columbia, S.D. died March 14, 2007.	1976 Mike Pelzl, Aberdeen, S.D. died September 10, 2007.
Reuben Berreth Aberdeen, S.D. died December 27, 2006.	1968 Gladys Klaudt-Bakker, Sioux Falls, S.D. died December 26, 2006.	1980 Kim (Wells) Rausch, Aberdeen, S.D. died May 24, 2007.
1944 Mabel Irene Kub, Ipswich, S.D. died in 2006.	1969 Malcolm K. Stuart, Bath, S.D. died May 3, 2007.	Donna Mae (Evans) Baker, Billings, MT died May 24, 2007. She was an alumnus of NSU.
Arvilla Schultz, Rockham, S.D. died May 11, 2007.	Laura I. Roso B'68, M'75, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 22, 2007.	Friends
1945 Lucille (Close) Graf, Aberdeen, S.D. died January 14, 2007.	Harriette Akin (Stoner) Walter, Redfield, S.D. died May 1, 2007.	W.M. 'Billy' Richardson, Mobridge, S.D. died May 31, 2007.
1947 I.F. 'Iggy' Hartung, Aberdeen, S.D. died May 7, 2007.	Fulton Joseph 'Jeff' Lickfelt, Aberdeen, S.D. died December 29, 2006.	Neil Victor Reede, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 16, 2007.
Ardis Bellikka, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 17, 2007.		Lenette D. Kramer, Aberdeen, S.D. died October 24, 2006.
1948 Vernon Gerharter, Aberdeen, S.D. died February 23, 2007.		Addie Dorsey, Granbrae, Calif. died May 29, 2007.
1950 Ruth Joan (Parrott) Rapp, Weslaco, Texas died April 9, 2007.		Donald L. Langer, Aberdeen, S.D. died January 8, 2007.
George Dunn, Phoenix, Ariz. died May 12, 2007.		
1952 Dawn B. Nerison, Aberdeen, S.D. died March 9, 2007.		
1953 Carlon C. Van Wagner III, Aberdeen, S.D. died November 7, 2006.		
Maureen Claire Farmen Holler, Aberdeen, S.D. died December 30, 2006.		

## IN MEMORY

"ORIS CARED DEEPLY FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE..."

## Longtime friend of Northern passes



Oris Olson, 90, longtime resident of Aberdeen passed away Fri., Sept. 21, 2007, at Manor Care Health Services. Oris served on the NSU Foundation Board of Directors from 1993-1998 and was regular attendee at Northern fine arts functions and foundation events.

"Ole was a very generous man and included NSU and several other charities in his estate planning through trusts and investments," stated

Todd Jordre, Executive Director of the NSU Foundation. "Oris cared deeply for students and young people, and always enjoyed the campus and all the activities associated with Northern."

Mr. Olson is survived by a daughter, Darlys (Jim) Curnow of Woodbury, Minn.; granddaughter, Kristin (Lee) Davis of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; grandson, Steve (Amy) Curnow of Plymouth, Minn. and special friend, Vi Johnson, of Pierpont.

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