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### About Northern State University

Northern State University is a premier residential institution characterized by outstanding instruction, extraordinary community relations, and unparalleled extracurricular opportunities. In August of 2007 NSU was named by *US News and World Report* as one of the best undergraduate public institutions in the Midwest. For more information about NSU, visit our Web site at [www.northern.edu](http://www.northern.edu).



*Charlie Jakober*  
NSU FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT

On behalf of the NSU Foundation Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that the Foundation Board and staff are aggressively working to advance Northern, Aberdeen and the Northeast region.

We recently approved increasing our premier scholarship effort (the "Wolf PACT Scholarship Program") at each level. This puts the Wolf PACT as the largest guarantee scholarship program in the State of South Dakota.

This program enables any family whose child has completed taking his or her ACT to immediately access the Wolf PACT program and determine how much scholarship they are eligible for. All departmental or athletic scholarships awards would be in addition to the Wolf PACT awards.

With the recent challenge gift of \$5 million, coupled with aggressive strategies and future goals and programs, we pledge our help in assisting all alumni and friends in supporting the Foundation. Now more than ever we need your support and guidance as we work to enhance and advance Northern State University.

Sincerely,

Charlie Jakober  
President, NSU Foundation



*Patrick Schloss*  
NSU PRESIDENT

We are coming to the end of a very cold winter. As we look forward to the transformation that warmer weather brings, it is fitting to reflect on our role in educating the leaders of tomorrow. By providing superior instruction and diverse experiences we help to shape our students' future. We champion their achievements on campus. More important, we celebrate their achievements as alumni and community leaders.

You will find our proud graduates at the highest levels of South Dakota commerce, education, performing arts, and civic participation. You will know that we had a small role in promoting this success.

One of the strongest factors associated with student success is their ability to compete for academic scholarships. These awards not only provide an incentive for rigorous high school study, they reduce the need for part time employment that distracts from the collegiate experience.

We are very pleased to partner with our friends at the NSU Foundation in making higher education affordable to the most capable students. We appreciate your role in contributing to the Foundation and to our mission.

Great things are happening at Northern State. We owe much of the success to you!

Regards,

Dr. Patrick Schloss, NSU President

**“These major gifts** not only solidify wonderful opportunities for anyone wanting to attend Northern, but strengthen and enhance the Northeast part of our region.”  
Todd Jordre, Executive Director of the NSU Foundation

# NSU Foundation Receives \$5 Million Gift

The Northern State University Foundation has received a \$5 million challenge grant from an anonymous donor. The challenge will match all new endowment gifts or contributions to existing or new endowments up to \$250,000.

“This visionary gift will allow many of the friends and alumni of Northern State University to participate at a higher level than ever before,” said Todd Jordre, Executive Director of the NSU Foundation. “This type of support exemplifies the confidence our many friends have for the current and future progress of NSU.”

What makes this challenge so exciting is a pledge and first payment will allow the NSU Foundation to utilize the entire pledge and get it working.

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Todd Jordre, Executive  
Director of the NSU  
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For example, a pledge of \$25,000 over five years with an initial payment of \$5,000 will allow for \$30,000 to be placed in a new or existing endowment right away.

“The Foundation is dedicated to providing the highest level of scholarship support we possibly can,” added Jordre. “These major gifts not only solidify wonderful opportunities for anyone wanting to attend Northern, but strengthen and enhance the Northeast part of our region.”

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# News...

CAMPUS UPDATES



## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. David Chown, Dean

- Paul Everson is working with students in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to aid NSU faculty, staff, and students in income tax preparation.
- Chris Hauck and Jen Wegleitner are visiting high schools in the region to talk about NSU and programs in the School of Business.
- The Banking and Financial Services is in its third semester and now has 79 students in the major.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Dr. David Grettler, Dean

- The new Certificate in Applied Gerontology offers students practical knowledge of the physical, emotional, and social aspects of growing older in today's society.
- The Geography minor teaches students a spatial perspective they can use to study all aspects of people and places. A Geography minor compliments all of the majors in the social sciences and enhances degrees in business, fine arts, and education.



## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Tom Hawley, Dean

- During the spring semester 2008, 46 education majors are completing their student teaching experience in area PK-12 schools.
- Plans are underway to hold the 2nd Annual Back-to-School Workshop on NSU's campus and the 1st Annual Back-to-School Workshop in Huron, South Dakota in August 2008. Nearly 900 K-12 teachers and administrators attended the 1st Annual Back-to-School Workshop on NSU's campus in August 2007.
- NSU's Health and Physical Education Department hosted the South Dakota American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's convention in November 2007. One-hundred and sixty K-12 teachers and university faculty attended the convention.

## SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Dr. Alan LaFave, Dean

- NSU music students perform/place in Regional MTNA Competition at Iowa State University.
- The South Dakota String Quartet performed a guest recital at NSU which included guest performers; Alan LaFave, clarinet, and Robert Vodnoy, viola.
- Planning for the Northern Fort Summer Playhouse third season is underway. The Northern Fort Summer Playhouse is a collaboration between NSU theatre and Ft. Sisseton and is under the direction of Professor Dan Yurgaitis.



## Dominant 7 on PBS



Northern State University's very own trumpet and rhythm group "The Dominant 7" will soon be featured on South Dakota Public Television.

Dominant 7 will be performing on the popular music performance program titled NO COVER, NO MINIMUM.

The classic early 1980s South Dakota Public Broadcasting local music series NO COVER, NO MINIMUM returned to SDPB Television last year providing viewers a new generation of musical talents who are from or performing in South Dakota.

"Dominant 7 is becoming a well known group for their unique sound and style," said Kevin Patten, Producer, SDPB. "We were very happy when it worked for us to have them on this program and look forward to introducing even more music lovers to this very talented South Dakota group."

The show featuring The Dominant 7 will air this summer. To find out the programming dates check out [www.sdpb.org](http://www.sdpb.org) or [www.northern.edu](http://www.northern.edu).

Dominant 7 is under the direction of Dr. Grant Manhart, and is comprised of, on average, 7 trumpets, rhythm and bass. Current members include Craig Kollasch, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Alex Massa, Rapid City, Nathan Meier, Mandan N.D., Mike Mower, Rapid City, Jared Opp, Roscoe, James Reed, Spearfish, and Julia Wakal, Victoria, B.C.



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Kevin Sackreiter, coach of the Speech and Debate Team

# NSU Speech and Debate Team Captures Back-to-Back Titles

Christensen Qualifies for National Contest

For the second year in a row the Northern State University Speech and Debate team has won both the South Dakota State Championship and the Championship of the Dakotas.



▲ Matt Delzer, Karla Jager, Sea Atwood, Lenaya Kerlin, Bonny Athy, Laura Eidsness, James Ruehle, Kacie Richard, Linse Christensen, Becky Johnson, Kevin Sackreiter

The competition was held on Sat., Feb. 9 at Mayville State University, in Mayville N.D.

“These back-to-back victories at the Dakota Championships the past two years allow Northern State University and the College of Arts and Sciences to proudly claim to be the home to South Dakota and North Dakota’s premiere Intercollegiate Speech and Debate program.” said Kevin Sackreiter, coach of the Speech and Debate Team,

Members of the NSU Speech and Debate Team include: Linse Christensen, James Ruehle, Becky Johnson, Lenaya Kerlin, Matt Delzer, Kacie Richard, Laura Eidsness, Karla Jager, Sea Atwood, and Bonny Athy.

Along with the team championship, Linse Christensen, a junior

elementary education major, qualified for the Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest which is scheduled to be held on April 24 - 26, on the campus of University of Wisconsin, Madison. Only the top two persuasive speakers from each state are invited to compete. Linse’s qualified by finishing in the top two at the South Dakota Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championships in the persuasive speech category.

Interstate Oratorical Association represents the nation’s oldest competitive collegiate speaking association. The orators that have competed in this national contest in the past have included Robert Lafollette, William Jennings Bryan, George McCarthy, Barbara Jordan, and Oprah Winfrey.

# Northern Night

Northern Night 2007,

“Un Festival Italiano,” was a huge success! This ninth annual event raised over \$93,000 and approximately 500 people attended, making it the most

successful Northern Night thus far.

Northern Night is a yearly fund raising event, held in late fall. The monies raised from the annual affair go to directly serving the scholarship needs of the university.

“With the increased competition for students and Northern’s commitment to those students, events such as Northern Night are vital to meeting the scholarship needs of the university,” said Mike Bockorny, Associate Executive Director of the NSU Foundation. “The university and the Foundation have worked hard to develop the new Wolf PACT scholarship program, and Northern Night is a huge opportunity to meet the growing needs of that program and also to showcase the university to many of our greatest supporters!”

Northern Night 2008 is already scheduled for Nov. 22 at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center. This year will mark the 10th anniversary for the event and will be co-chaired by Toni Knight and Shelley Westra-Heier.

“Both Shelley and I are excited to be a part of Northern Night once again,” said Toni Knight. “It is even more exciting this year due to the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the gala. The entire committee is looking forward to making this year’s event a great one!”

The NSU Foundation is currently seeking donations in the form of items that may be sold during the silent or live auctions that take place each year at the event. If you have an item you would like to donate or any questions regarding the event please contact the NSU Foundation at 605-626-2550.

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Photograph by Doug Dreyer

# Meyer Moves Up

As Second Winningest NCAA Coach

## THE TOP ECHELON OF WINNING

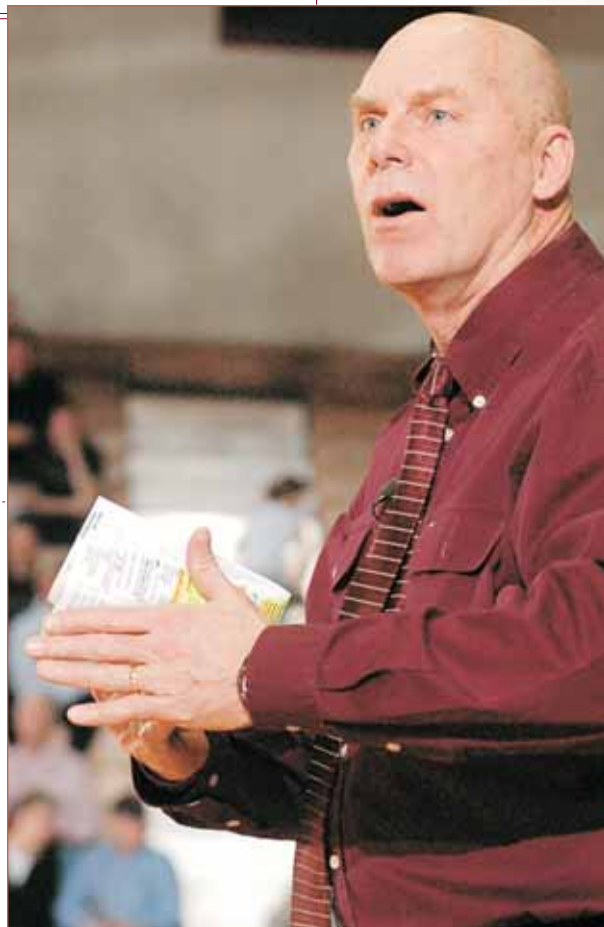
coaches in men's basketball has a new tenant, Northern State University head coach, Don Meyer. Meyer became the second winningest coach in all divisions of NCAA men's basketball, surpassing Adolph Rupp and Dean Smith this season. He continues to chase Bobby Knight, who became the first men's basketball coach in NCAA history to win 900+ games.

Don Meyer tied for second place on the NCAA all-time wins list on Jan. 19, 2008 with his 879th career win. His 880th win came on Sat., Jan. 26, and gave him sole ownership of the position. In his 46th season as a head coach, Meyer has served at the helm of three programs and is currently in his ninth year at Northern State. He spent 24 years at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. and kicked off his career with three seasons at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

To get a glimpse of what Don Meyer is made of, all you have to do is ask him about the records he has broken in his decades of coaching. "Well, when you're as old as I am and have been coaching this long, you're bound to win a game or two," said Meyer.

Meyer's second most common response is more reflective of his serious side, saying that the attention he's received this season for joining the ranks of Knight, Smith and Rupp allows him to reflect on all of the great assistants, staff members, administrators and players that he's had the opportunity to work with over the years.

A native of Wayne, Neb., Meyer had aspirations of one day becoming a major league baseball player. He attended the University of Northern Colorado, graduating in 1967 after playing four years of both baseball and basketball. On the diamond, Meyer was a standout player from the mound, logging a career record of 22-2. On the hard court, he led UNC to the 1966 NCAA college division playoffs and was named an All-American. In the end,



Meyer discovered that his love was for basketball and he decided to start his career as a coach.

After several assistant coaching stints, Meyer landed his first head position in 1972 at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. In the six seasons prior to Meyer's arrival, the Pipers had an overall record of 30-177. After a 5-20 record in his first season, Meyer turned things around, finishing 16-10 and 16-11 in the next two seasons. Hamline reached the NCAA DIII Elite Eight in Meyer's last year with the institution. From there, he made the move to Lipscomb University, where he posted an unprecedented number of wins faster than anyone thought possible.

Meyer spent 24 years coaching the Bisons at NAIA Division I David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. His Lipscomb teams spent a decade winning more games than any other team in the country, averaging 32 wins per season for ten years before his move to Northern. Meyer's Bisons teams made 13 National Tournament appearances, winning the NAIA National Championship in 1986. Meyer was named NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1990, and was selected to the NAIA Hall of Fame at the age of 47.

"It's always great to be in a community that appreciates basketball, and you can't find that any more than you find it at NSU," says Meyer. "We are happy to give back when we can."



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Meyer Moves Up As Second Winningest NCAA Coach, (cont.)

Meyer made the move back to the NCAA ranks in 1999, accepting his current position at Northern. He transitioned the Wolves to his style of play, and the results illustrate a path to consistent success. Under Meyer, Northern has had seven seasons with 20 or more wins and he has brought the Wolves to four Northern Sun Conference regular season or tournament championships, as well as four NCAA Tournament appearances.

For Meyer, leading his teams and players to success does not mean striving for wins, it means striving for greatness. His athletes are expected, first and foremost, to play as a team and to put the concern for the cause ahead of the concern for themselves. Recruits are hand picked to fit the mold of the program, with coaches searching not necessarily for the best players, but for the right players. “We know we can’t coach every kid, not every athlete is right for us,” said Meyer. “The ones who end up here know what they’re getting into,” said Meyer.

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Meyer and his staff and players live a very self-contained life during the season. Week days are spent preparing for upcoming opponents and weekends are filled with games and other responsibilities. Throughout the year, the squad volunteers at various events in the community. “It’s always great to be in a community that appreciates basketball, and you can’t find that any more than you find it at NSU,” says Meyer. “We are happy to give back when we can.”

With the hectic pace of the school year and working 16-hour days during the summer camp season, having ways of releasing pressure is a necessity. Meyer tries to surround himself with people who make him laugh. His spiritual background also helps to keep more of a balanced life. Don’s wife of 40 years, Carmen, plays an incredible role in his life. Understanding the responsibilities of his job, Carmen carried the brunt of the workload in raising their three children. “I would like to say that you can balance your life and coaching,” says Meyer, “but it seems that the most successful coaches are a little unbalanced.”

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## Bob Courtney Receives SDCPA Distinguished Service Award

Bob Courtney, Director of Residence Life and Student Development at Northern State University, received the “Patrick Merrigan Award” for Distinguished Service at the annual South Dakota College Professionals Association (SDCPA) conference in Brookings on February 6-9, 2008. A life-time achievement award, the “Patrick Merrigan Award” is the highest honor SDCPA bestows upon a member in recognition of dedication to the conference and the enhancement of student life in higher education. Courtney, who was recognized as a dedicated professional and mentor with over 30 years of experience, was nominated by his fellow members, colleagues, staff and supervisor.

“A mentor and counselor, Bob Courtney has helped countless individuals develop and grow in the student affairs field,” according to one of the nomination letters. Another stated “Bob’s commitment to SDCPA and its goals

has simply been stellar over the years. He is a past president and past treasurer...and fully participates in all aspects of the annual conference.” And finally, “The association has an opportunity to recognize a person who has dedicated over thirty years to higher education in South Dakota – a person with a heart of gold who would do anything for another person, the institution and the profession.”

SDCPA is the 220 member South Dakota chapter consisting of higher education professionals representing 15 institutions across the state. SDCPA is under the auspices of ACPA (American College Professionals Association), the national organization that provides professional development for higher education professionals engaged in Admissions, Student Affairs, Academic Support and other professional activities on college campuses.

# GYPSY DAYS



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# Some Things Are Not Learned in the Classroom

Internships can be a vital part of higher education, allowing students to get a taste of what their chosen career path may involve once they leave the university. Many students at NSU are landing exciting internships that enhance the programs and education that they are currently earning.

While many students across the country are planning for spring breaks in a warmer climate, NSU senior, Joshua Baltzell of Aberdeen, is spending a little more time in the southern U.S. utilizing his experience as a Human Performance and Fitness major at Northern. Joshua is currently in Bradenton, Fla., completing an internship in strength and conditioning with the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball organization.



Joshua Baltzell  
NSU Track and Field

Baltzell, who was planning to complete his internship during the summer, began researching internships in Minneapolis, including the Minnesota Twins organization. As a result of his research he came across the Major League Baseball (MLB) Web site and discovered that the MLB organization was looking for interns with his qualifications so he decided to submit his resume. The Pittsburgh Pirates organization soon called, and Josh headed to Florida.

"We had already set him up for an internship at Avera Acceleration when Josh learned about the opening with the Pirates. Joe Dudley of Avera Acceleration, who supervised Josh when he did his practicum and was going to supervise

his internship, was as thrilled for Josh and encouraged him to accept the internship," said Kathie Courtney, Coordinator, Health and Physical Education at NSU.

Josh is spending his time helping with whatever the players need including biking, working on an elliptical trainer, or swimming and making sure they get in a good work out. He also is working in the weight room insuring that lifts are performed properly, and helping the players with whatever they need.

In the beginning of his internship the majority of the players were major leaguers. The minor league players began training on Mar. 8. Once at training camp, Josh ran their workouts including stretching, playing catch, hitting and any other exercises that the coach requested.

Josh is the son of Sylvia Baltzell of Louisville, Ky., and Pierre Baltzell of Aberdeen. He will graduate from Northern in May and plans to attend graduate school.



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## In Memoriam...

HARRIET ANDERSON LEE

“She often talked about what a good start a Northern education gave young people in their lives, and had a definite love for each and every one of them.”

Mrs. Mary Thompson



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Ann Murray, Harriet Anderson, Norma Baldridge, Mavis Horan

# Harriet Anderson Lee Leaves Endowment

The Northern State University Foundation will receive over one million dollars in honor of former Northern State College employee Harriet Anderson Lee. Anderson Lee worked in the admissions office at Northern in the 1960s.



Harriet Anderson  
Admissions Office, 1961

“I believe the time she worked at Northern was a very happy time in her life,” said her sister Mrs. Mary (Robert) Thompson of Aberdeen. “I am certain that she knew every student by name and got such joy seeing potential students enter the office to gather information about the possibility of obtaining a college education. She often talked about what a good start a Northern education gave young people in their lives, and had a definite love for each and every one of them. She really did enjoy her job, and I think felt she was making a difference in their lives, even if it was in a small way.”

Harriet Lucille Simonson was born on April 13, 1914, in James, S.D., to Theodore and Josephine (Roe) Simonson, the eldest of nine children. She attended school in Groton and graduated with Salutatorian honors in 1931. Following high school, Harriet attended college at River Falls, Wis. She later returned to Groton and worked in the drug store.

“I think she felt she was making a difference in their lives, even if it was in a small way.”

Mrs. Mary Thompson

On Oct. 16, 1947, she united in marriage with Oscar Anderson, and together they made their home in Aberdeen. After his death on May 3, 1960, she worked in the Registrar's office at Northern State University.

She remained in Aberdeen and married Clifford Lee on Jan. 6, 1968. He passed away on Oct. 1, 1979. Harriet became a resident of Bethesda Home in October of 1995 and resided there until her death on Wed., Aug. 15, 2007, at Bethesda Home, Aberdeen.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of Harriet to Northern State,” said Todd Jordre, Executive Director NSU Foundation. “Because of her special interest in the admissions area she directed this entire gift to scholarships for new and existing students. This is a great example of the difference NSU makes not only on our students but also on faculty and staff that choose to impact students lives each and every day.”

# In Memoriam...

VIOREL G. STOIA

**Viorel "Vi" G. Stoia**, beloved family man, business partner and community activist passed away on Monday, January 28, 2008 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

Viorel, son of John and Seana Stoia (Biliboca), was born on February 13, 1924 in Aberdeen, S.D. He graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1942, serving as Senior Class President. Vi served in the United States Navy from 1942-1946 in the North and South Pacific as a Chief Petty Officer. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. He was united in marriage to Donna Marie Maurseth in 1949. They made their home in Aberdeen, S.D. where they raised five children.

Vi began his financial services career as a Special Agent for Northwestern Mutual in 1950. He served as District Agent from 1960-1989 and as a Senior Financial Representative from 1989 until his death.

Vi received numerous awards including: Aberdeen Jaycees Boss of the Year in 1973; Distinguished Alumni Award – NSU in 1976; the George Award in 1979 and 1994; Jefferson Award in 1980; Distinguished Service Award – Brown County Fair in 1987; mention in many Who's Who Publications; S.D. Community Volunteer of the Year; Excellence in Economic Development in 2000; and S.D. Medal of Distinguished Excellence in 2008.

Vi's many community associations included the Aberdeen Jaycees; Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce; Aberdeen Convention & Visitors Bureau; Aberdeen Downtown Association and Business Improvement District; Aberdeen Centennial Foundation; Aberdeen Development Corporation; Community Action Resource Team; Aberdeen YMCA; Alexander Mitchell Library; Prairiewood Village and Moccasin Creek Country Club. Most notable, Vi was instrumental in rallying support and/or securing financing for projects including: the Municipal Swimming Pool; Aberdeen Convention Center; NSU Barnett Center; New Aberdeen Central High School; Northeast Regional Health and Fitness Center; North 281 Bypass; Highway 12 Expressway; Moccasin Creek Revitalization; and general water development resources.

Throughout his life, Vi also served on the board of various businesses, health organizations, educational affiliations, and political organizations including: PACE; Tel-Serv; Aberdeen Glass



**Vi will be remembered as a true pioneer and visionary for the community, region and state. He was tireless in his pursuit of knowledge and shared that wisdom with others by clipping articles, facts, and statistics that would move projects, ideas, and initiatives forward.**



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Vi's personal interests included running, hunting and sporting events. A believer in the benefits of physical fitness, he supported the YMCA and was a runner for over 50 years. He officiated regional basketball and football games for over 25 years, and was an avid follower of Northern State University sporting events. He enjoyed pheasant hunting with family and friends.

Grateful for having shared Vi's life are his wife Donna; children, Marsha (Tom) Luzier of Aberdeen, Nancy Stoia of Eden Prairie, Minn., Greg (Rita Sandell) Stoia, Naples, Fla., and James (Florence) Stoia of Atlanta, Ga.; grandchildren, Jonathon Fortner, Morgan Luzier, Jonah (Christina) Luzier, and their daughter, Sophie, Jamie Stoia, Megan Stoia, Matthew Stoia, and Juliette Stoia; brother, Dennis (Peggy) Stoia, Somonauk, Ill.; sister, Lenora Sweet, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mary Jane Hotop, Sandwich, Ill.; sister-in-laws, Virginia Stoia, Tulsa, Okla. and Kitty Stoia, Bartlesville, Okla. His son, Thomas of Minnetonka, Minn. passed away on January 29, 2008. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers, John Stoia; George Stoia; sister, Olivia Javoroski.



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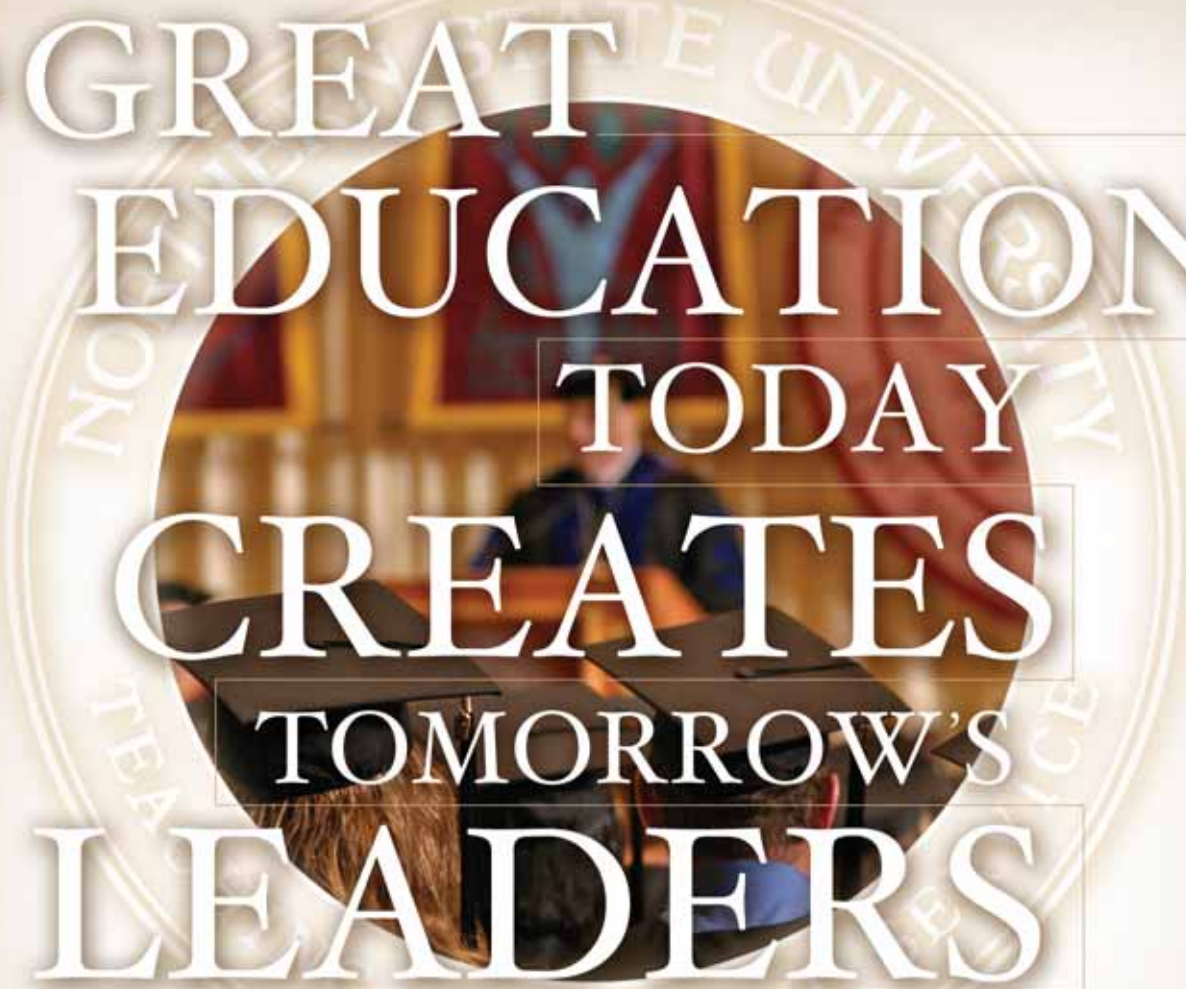
The city is brimming with new recreational opportunities like the new family YMCA and the spectacular Aberdeen Aquatic Center.



A new manufacturing plant for large-scale wind turbine blades is opening in 2008, creating many new jobs.



The new \$6.6 million airport facility provides convenient commercial air travel across the country.

The background of the top half of the page features a large, circular seal of Northern State University. Inside the seal, a student is visible, sitting at a desk in a library or study hall, surrounded by bookshelves. The seal's text includes "NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY", "TEACHING", "RESEARCH", and "SERVICE". Overlaid on this seal is the main headline in a large, white, serif font, with each word on a separate line and enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

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