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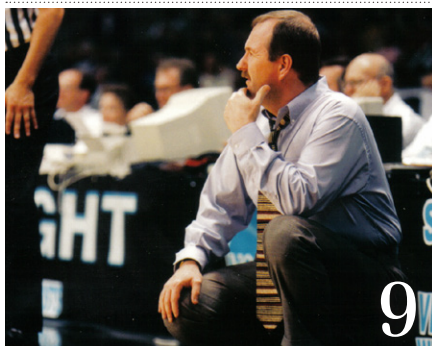
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ABOUT NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Northern State University is a premier residential, liberal arts institution characterized by outstanding instruction, extraordinary community relations, and unparalleled co-curricular opportunities. In August of 2011 NSU was again named by *U.S. 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.

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Letter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

"We had an overall enrollment of 3,580 students, including 408 new freshmen. On campus we are experiencing residence halls that are over capacity."



PRESIDENT
JAMES M. SMITH

"Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we have made our WolfPACT scholarship even better."

AS I LOOK AT THE CALENDAR, I have a hard time believing that our fall semester is almost over – inside this issue you will see just a few of the highlights from the past months. Please let me take a moment to share some of the other successes I have seen from across the campus community.

SEVERAL ISSUES AGO, in "Northern Today," we shared our strategic plan for Northern State University. I am proud to report that thanks to solid execution of this plan, our fall headcount set new records for the university. We had an overall enrollment of 3,580 students this fall, including 408 new freshmen. As an outcome of that enrollment growth, on campus we are living with residence halls that are clearly over capacity. This has created a new set of challenges that must be addressed prior to fall 2012, and we are examining several possible housing solutions.

We have also seen significant growth online here at NSU. Last year we had an online enrollment of 1,008 students, and this year we have 1,426 students taking classes online. This is an area that should continue to grow, as we are developing more online components of our classes and increasing our marketing for those course offerings.

And the good news continues. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we have made our WolfPACT scholarship even stronger. Not only is it the highest guaranteed scholarship offering in our region, it now offers more money

to students when they need it most – during their junior and senior years.

Finally, earlier this month I visited with all faculty and staff, highlighting some of these accomplishments and taking the opportunity to look ahead a bit. We have a great deal of forward momentum right now, in virtually all areas of our campus. Thanks to strong enrollment numbers, we currently have the opportunity to expand some offerings and more aggressively compete for sponsored research dollars. We are also continuing to fulfill our mission for the Center of Excellence in International Business by expanding our full-time international student base through additional student recruitment overseas. As the only institution in the state granting the bachelor's degree in international business, this is a growth pattern that should certainly continue to help us for years to come.

Let me close by publicly thanking our faculty and staff for their tireless hard work and dedication during these difficult state budgetary times. Without their efforts, I would have very little to share with you today.

Go Wolves,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Smith".

WOLVES UPSET BUTLER

Three-pointer at buzzer lifts NSU over Division I team

The Northern State University men's basketball team made history in Hoosierland in a moment straight out of the movies. The Wolves beat the Butler University Bulldogs – a Division I team that has finished second in the last two NCAA championships – in an exhibition game in Indianapolis on Nov. 2. The victory was clinched by a game-winning three-pointer from senior Alex Thomas. It was a triumph that mirrored the win in the 1986 film "Hoosiers" – part of which happened to be filmed in Hinkle Fieldhouse, where the Wolves were playing.

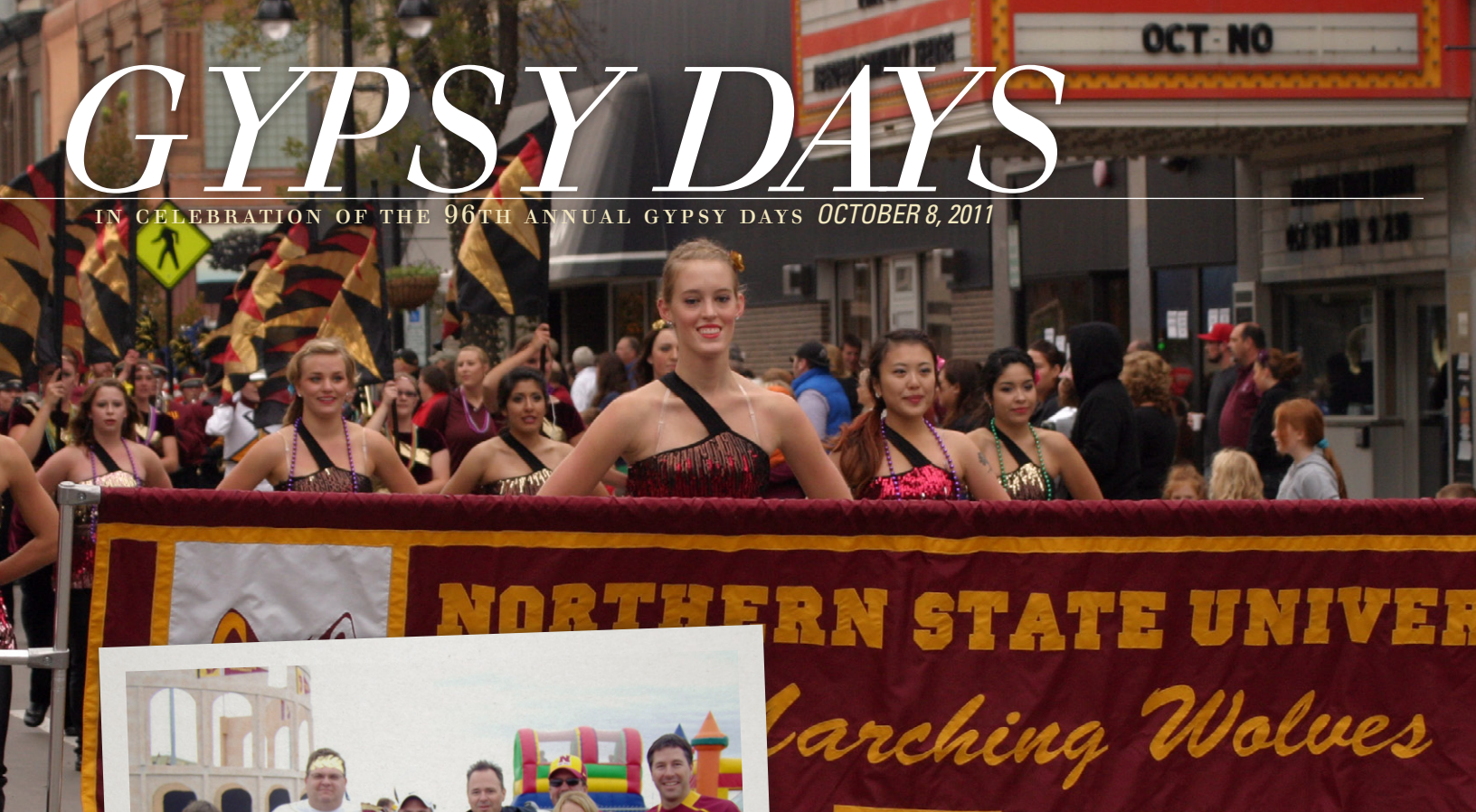
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GYPSEY DAYS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 96TH ANNUAL GYPSEY DAYS OCTOBER 8, 2011



GYPSEY DAYS

Back row left to right: Gaylan Lang, bachelor's 1974; Chad Evans; Rob Fouberg; Shannon Jones, bachelor's 1995; Nathan Reede; Jackie (Guhin) Reede, bachelor's 1997; and Chad Lang. In front: Gus Reede.

2011 QUEEN & MARSHAL

Paul Moneke and Kaili Aiono



NSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Left to right: Sherry (Lusch) Nelson, bachelor's 1983; and Bruce Daughters, bachelor's 1990.



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

Left to right: Nichole (Hall) Wenz, bachelor's 2001; Jay Kusler, bachelor's 1993; Bob Olson, bachelor's 1977, master's 1980; Brent Sheehan bachelor's 1999, master's 2001; Jennifer Seesz-Jones, bachelor's 1995; Matt Daigle, bachelor's 1999; and Robert Beckman, bachelor's 1967.



ALL DECADES MARCHING BAND REUNION - PARTICIPANTS FROM THE 80'S

Back row left to right: Brad Berens, bachelor's 1985; Stephanie (Simon) Raap, bachelor's 1989; Sharon (Buehner) Schwan, bachelor's 1980; Alan LaFave, bachelor's 1985; Scott Geffre; Joy (Raap) Schweitzer, bachelor's 1989; and Lisa (Spear) Berens, bachelor's 1985. Front row left to right: Kari (Laubach) LaFave, bachelor's 1987; Peri Erdmann, bachelor's 1990; and Valynnda (Jensen) Weller, bachelor's 1985.



50 YEAR CLUB REUNION - INDUCTEES

Back row left to right: Ron Morgan, bachelor's 1959; Elmer Eichelberg, bachelor's 1961; James Glover, bachelor's 1961; Terry Jordre, bachelor's 1961; Norman Olson, bachelor's 1960; Mel Klein, bachelor's 1961; Stacy Fischer, bachelor's 1960; Conrad Bicknese, bachelor's 1950, master's 1960; Richard Hanson, bachelor's 1958, master's 1962; and NSU President James Smith. Front row left to right: Ruth (Alinder) Akre, bachelor's 1961; Dorothy (Parkin) Dubs, bachelor's 1961, master's 1972; Colleen (England) Sherer, bachelor's 1961; Judy (Smeins) Voss, bachelor's 1963; and Marilyn (Nelson) Peters, bachelor's 1951.



ALL DECADES MEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION - PLAYERS FROM THE 50'S

Back row left to right: Dennis Hopfinger, bachelor's 1964, master's 1972; Richard Donovan, bachelor's 1963, master's 1971; William Hauck, bachelor's 1958, master's 1965; Rich Hanson, bachelor's 1958, master's 1962; William Zacher, bachelor's 1953, master's 1960; and Bill Jordan, bachelor's 1954, master's 1958. Front row left to right: Jim Cordts, bachelor's 1957; and Roger Pries, bachelor's 1957.



*"NORTHERN HAS HAD SUCH A
TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE ON OUR
ENTIRE FAMILY FOR OVER 100 YEARS."*

The Krueger clan's Northern connection

Family features five generations of NSU students



Annie (Lundquist) Krueger



Evelyn Krueger



Gerald Krueger



Cheryl (Krueger) Kolb



Christopher Kolb

THE KRUEGER FAMILY has a long-standing history with Northern State University that spans more than a century.

Over the years, members of the Krueger clan have attended Northern Normal and Industrial School, Northern State Teachers College and Northern State University. They are now in their fifth generation as students and are proud to say that they have been a part of the Northern community for the last 107 years.

Annie (Lundquist) Krueger was the first member of the family to attend Northern. Annie, whose parents' homestead was near Wetonka, was from a family of three girls and two boys. All three girls in the family became teachers, while one boy worked as an attorney and the other a doctor. Annie received her teaching certificate from Northern Normal and Industrial School in 1904.

Annie's daughter-in-law, Evelyn Krueger, received her bachelor's degree in 1970 and master's degree in 1975 from Northern. She did not begin her college career until age 48. Upon graduating, Evelyn went on to teach third grade in Aberdeen for 20 years.

Evelyn's son, Gerald Krueger of Aberdeen, earned his bachelor's degree in 1957 and master's degree in 1967 from Northern State Teachers College. He taught and coached for five years before spending the rest of his career as an airline pilot for Northwest Airlines.

Gerald's daughter, Cheryl (Krueger) Kolb, also from Aberdeen, was the fourth generation of the family to attend Northern, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1983. She was the first member of the family to graduate with a degree from what Northern is known as today, Northern State University.

Christopher Kolb, Cheryl's son, has just begun his freshman year at Northern. He is the fifth generation of Kruegers to attend Northern.

Kolb, an elementary education major, said his family's history with the university is the reason he is attending NSU.

"Northern has had such a tremendous influence on our entire family for over 100 years," Gerald Krueger said. "The lineage of Kruegers has been so fortunate to have the benefit of the noteworthy learning at such a quality institution. To all of us, Northern is the best."

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Investing in the future

THE MANY POSITIVE THINGS

happening at Northern State University — such as enrollment and construction projects — make it a good time for a capital campaign, said Todd Jordre, president and CEO of the NSU Foundation.

"People are really enthused about Northern," Jordre said.

The goal of the Northern Impact campaign is to raise \$27.2 million by July 1, and fundraising just topped \$26.7 million, he said.

Some of the money raised will be used for the Barnett Center and other projects. But most will be used for the WolfPACT scholarship program, the largest guaranteed four-year scholarship in the Midwest.

"The need for scholarships is so vital to the vibrancy of your campus," Jordre said.

Donations have come from a wide variety of people, including alumni, friends, faculty, staff and parents. Jordre said 100 percent of the NSU Foundation board and senior staff are contributors, which sends a strong signal to alumni and friends.

Two people who have been key in the fundraising drive, he said, are Campaign Chairman Jim Koehler and NSU President James Smith, who has provided tremendous leadership.

Foundation officials have traveled throughout the United States holding alumni events to raise money. Jordre said more events are planned this winter, including to Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Northern Impact campaign started four and a half years ago. Previously, the foundation's largest fundraising goal was \$7 million, Jordre said.

"So we feel very good about the progress we have made," he said.

Giving Back

*"It was really a God thing because it all just fell into place,"
Carmen Meyer said. "It was obviously meant to be."*



THEY MADE THE DECISION on a Monday in July, Carmen said, and by Wednesday, they had already signed a contract to rent a twin home in Aberdeen. The Meyers are thrilled that their Prairiewood house will benefit NSU, which has been wonderful to them.

"It's been like a second home to us," Carmen said.

And while others commend the generous act, Carmen said it was actually selfish – donating the house made their lives easier.

Her husband has trouble with steps and had recently fallen and hurt his left leg. Don Meyer lost part of his left leg in a serious car accident in September 2008.

The couple's daughter Brooke Napier was visiting from Tennessee and told her mom

they couldn't stay in the house. But Carmen said there was so much she would have had to do to get the house ready for sale. Since her husband's accident, she hadn't been able to keep up with household maintenance such as yard work. They also travel so much that it would have been difficult to have their home on the market.

That's when their daughter suggested giving the house away. The Meyers' other children, Jerry Meyer and Brittney Touchton, who also live in the Nashville area with their families, agreed. The couple decided they would love to give the house to Northern.

The Meyers had lived in the home for 12 years. While they don't miss the house, Carmen said they do miss the wonderful neighbors they had when living there.

But the new home has been a blessing, Carmen said. There are no steps. They don't have to worry about yard work or snow removal.

Along with simplifying their lives, Carmen said, donating the home was also a way for them to give back after receiving so much help from others throughout their lives.

That includes when the couple was living in Utah years ago. They had two babies, and a fire in their apartment building left them temporarily without a home. Friends from church let the Meyers live with them for two weeks until they could get their feet back on the ground, she said.

The Aberdeen community, too, was wonderful after her husband's accident. The donation was another way to say thank you for all that people have done.

Along with donating the house, they also gave away a lot of household items to local organizations such as Safe Harbor, The Salvation Army, New Beginnings and Roncalli Nearly New. They also donated a collection of children's books to O.M. Tiffany Elementary School.

They wanted the house donation to specifically go to the Barnett Center project. The facility houses Don Meyer Court, where Coach Meyer in 2009 became the winningest men's basketball coach in NCAA history.

They have a contract on the house, she said, and a half lot already sold separately from the rest of the property for \$15,000.

Rumors that the donation and renting their new home means they are moving away are untrue, Carmen said. She grew up in Colorado and Don in Nebraska, so living in South Dakota, they are closer to their parents than when they lived in Nashville.

"We have absolutely no plans at all to go anywhere," she said.

*"IT'S GOING VERY WELL," SMITH SAID.
"THEY HAVE BEEN MOVING VERY QUICKLY."*

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

*THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF PROGRESS ABOUND AT
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY THIS FALL IN THE FORM OF
TWO MAJOR CAMPUS RENOVATION PROJECTS.*

The NSU Student Center and Barnett Center projects both started this summer.



WORK ON THE Barnett Center is expected to be finished by the end of February, and the project is on schedule, said NSU Athletic Director Bob Olson.

The \$3.2 million project, funded by private donations, will include a two-story, roughly 24,000-square-foot addition. The first floor will include locker rooms, a wrestling room and offices, and the top floor will include a wellness center.

The extra space is very much needed, Olson said.

"It's going to be a great facility," he said.

Right now, steel and concrete work is being done, he said. Workers hope to get the building enclosed soon to concentrate on

A groundbreaking was held on Wednesday, September 21, for the expansion to the NSU Student Center. The \$6 million expansion is scheduled to be completed in 2012. NSU students approved an increase in student fees to pay for the expansion. Construction began in August.



This fall a group of special friends of Northern State University gathered at the Barnett Center. All pictured have had an impact in naming a part of this building. Pictured front row left to right: Joe Barnett, Salona Wachs, Carmen Meyer and Coach Don Meyer. Back row left to right: Nate Reede, Jim Kretchman, President Jim Smith and Athletic Director Bob Olson.

inside work during winter months, he said.

The project benefits the university and the community, Olson said.

For the Student Center, NSU students wanted a fun, inviting place that had food and coffee, said Rhoda Smith, vice president for student affairs.

"The students really wanted a place that felt like it was theirs," she said.

The new Student Center will bring dining services under one roof and expand dining options. The project includes a two-story Student Center addition and renovation to the facility as well as a second-floor addition on the NSU bookstore. The project is set to be completed in fall 2012.

"It's going very well," Smith said. "They have been moving very quickly."

A new information desk will open spring semester and will include Java City Express, Smith said. This smaller version of Java City will offer brewed coffee and tea; grab and go foods; and bakery goods during construction.

When the project is complete, Java City will be replaced by Einstein Bros. Bagels, which will offer an expanded menu while still offering coffee and espresso drinks, Smith said.

The \$6 million project is funded by student fees. Smith said students understood they were investing in Northern and in the future.

"The students really looked at this as their legacy," she said.

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Olson to retire

following conclusion of 2011-12 year

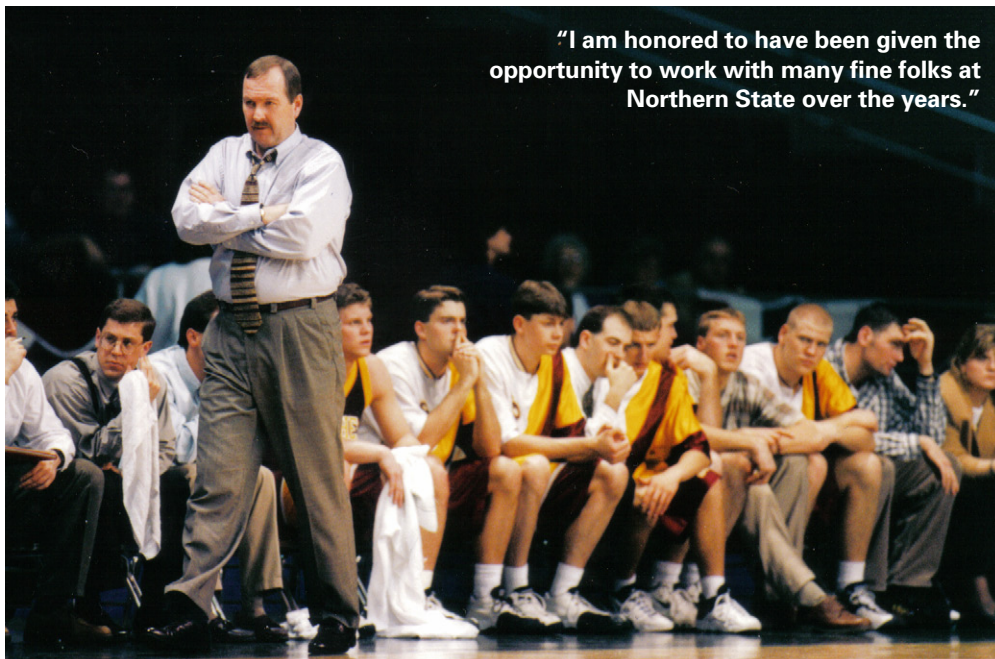
*NORTHERN STATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BOB OLSON WILL RETIRE
AT THE END OF THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR IN MAY.*

OLSON'S RETIREMENT marks the end of a 37-year career at NSU that saw him fill the roles of student, athlete, professor, coach and administrator.

"It's been a privilege to be a part of such a great university," Olson said.

"I am honored to have been given the opportunity to work with many fine folks at Northern State over the years. I feel our athletic department is as strong as it has ever been and the timing is right to turn the reins over to someone new."

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"It has been an absolute pleasure for me to work with Bob Olson in his role as athletic director at NSU," said NSU President Jim Smith. "Bob is student-centered and student-focused. He cares deeply about the student experience and is dedicated to making every athlete as successful as possible. Bob has assembled an outstanding set of coaches, and those coaches, in turn, have stressed athletics and academics simultaneously."

Olson has served the Wolves in the role of athletic director for the past 13 years, taking over the position in 1999 for the retired Jim Kretchman. Prior to that, he coached the NSU men's basketball team for 14 seasons, taking the Wolves to national prominence on both the NAIA and NCAA Division II levels. Olson amassed a career record of 305-129 and coached his players to 27 all-conference, five NAIA All-America, one NCAA II First Team All-

America and eight Academic All-America honors.

Under his direction, the Wolves made five NAIA national tournament appearances, including championship national runner-up runs in 1994 and 1995. The program's success at the NAIA level translated seamlessly to the NCAA Division II stage, as the Wolves earned national tournament berths in each of their first four seasons under the NCAA umbrella. Those post-season runs were highlighted by a North Central Region championship and Elite Eight berth in the 1997-98 season.

An Aberdeen native, Olson attended Northern State from 1973-1977 and played collegiate basketball under the legendary coach Bob Wachs.

Olson was recognized as the recipient of the Kretchman Coaching Award by the NSU Foundation at the 2011 Gypsy Day celebration.

"I wish Bob well in retirement," Smith said. "I know we'll continue to have his support and his commitment to Wolves athletics. Personally, I will miss his insights and his supportive spirit. He has been a tremendous part of NSU as both a coach and athletic director. He will be missed!"

A national search for a replacement will begin immediately.



*“NSU THEATRE GIVES ABERDEEN
AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
ANOTHER THING TO BE PROUD OF.”*

Cory Niles as the “Phantom” and
Michelle Monroe as “Christine”



‘Phantom’ packs theater

Northern State University Theatre brought a world-famous production to Aberdeen in October – and gave a world-class performance.

THE CAST of 43 and orchestra of 27 performed “Phantom of the Opera” to sold out or near sold out crowds Oct. 19-22 at the Johnson Fine Arts Center.

“It’s awesome to see the community supporting the theater department,” said junior Yvonne Freese, one of the two students to play the lead female role. “It really means a lot to us.”

Putting on a show of that magnitude requires a lot of work and a lot of commitment, but the cast and crew rose to the occasion, said Daniel Yurgaitis, director of theatre.

Michelle Monroe, the other student to play “Christine,” said her favorite part of doing the show was getting to work with the rest of the cast and watch the show blossom from broken lines into a great performance.

Freese, 20, a music and musical theater major from Lanesboro, Minn., said being in the play was like a dream.

Senior Cory Niles also said playing the “Phantom” was a dream role.

“I hope I get to do it again,” said Niles, 24, a senior musical theater major from Gettysburg.

“Phantom” was Niles’ final NSU performance.

“It’s kind of bittersweet,” he said.

Next up for NSU Theatre is “[title of show]” Dec. 2-3, followed by “The Liar” Feb. 15-18 and “Xanadu” April 11-14.

Yurgaitis said NSU functions as a regional arts center for the university community and the entire region.

“NSU Theatre gives Aberdeen and the surrounding area another thing to be proud of,” said Monroe, 22, a vocal and instrumental music education major from Pierre. “The caliber of the productions have only improved during my time at NSU, and I am confident that the program will continue to grow and flourish.”



Celebrating diversity

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY promoted acceptance and awareness at a celebration of about 20 cultures that included international cuisine and entertainment.

Culturefest, held Nov. 4 at the Barnett Center, drew people from the community as well as around 400 area high school students.

The event, spearheaded by NSU’s Office of International Programs and Multi-cultural Affairs office, was sponsored by Molded Fiber Glass, Sanford Health and Avera St. Luke’s Hospital.

Also as part of Diversity Week, the annual NSU Fall Powwow was Nov. 5, sponsored by the NSU Native American Student Association.

The hope is to make Culturefest an annual event, said Stacey Schmidt, international student adviser.

Culturefest had two sessions: one for high school students who take foreign language classes through the NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning, and one for the public.

Fang Liu, 23, a graduate student from China, was excited to learn about the other countries at Culturefest. Liu said she has felt accepted by people in Aberdeen.

“They are kind and friendly,” she said.

ALUMNI News

Marilyn (Jones) Olson '53 *Aberdeen*, has retired from 51 years of teaching, most recently at the Rock Creek School on the Standing Rock Reservation. She celebrated on June 25 at Langford's 125th anniversary.

Charles Boulais '66 *Mina*, recently retired after 41 years of service with Indian Health Services.

Duane Alm '67 *Aberdeen*, has been named South Dakota's Outstanding School Board Member of the Year by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

LaVonne (Jones) Helmer '67 *Groton*, recently had a book signing for her book entitled "Faith and John: The Yankee and the Red-Headed School Teacher."

Jim Schlekeway '68 *Mobridge*, has retired after 43 years of coaching and teaching.

David Volk '69 *Sioux Falls*, recently published his fifth book titled "My Grandpa's War," which tells the story of Vietnam through the eyes of Mae, a young girl whose grandpa is still suffering from the effects of that war.

Eugene Brownell '69 *Aberdeen*, has been named Athletic Director of the Year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. This is his second time being honored, he was also recognized in 2004.

Richard Jasmer '69 *Leola*, and wife **Janice (King) '83** retired from the Leola School District in May 2011 after a combined 68 years of service (Richard-40 years and Janice-28 years).

Vicki (Brewster) Helwig '69 *Sioux Falls*, has retired after serving in the South Sioux City, Neb., Elk Point and Sioux Falls school districts. Her most recent position (20 years) was teacher/librarian at Edison Middle School in Sioux Falls.



Victoria (Eissinger) Wilson '70 *Aberdeen*, retired from the Aberdeen School District after 40 years of service. She spent her entire career at O.M. Tiffany Elementary School.

Randy Hermansen '71 *Eureka*, was a finalist for National Girls' Track Coach of the Year. The convention was held in Grand Rapids, Mich., this past June. Hermansen coached girls' track in Eureka, Herreid and Warner for a total of 32 years. He has also coached football, wrestling, volleyball and cross-country.

Sharon (Briscoe) Paranto '71, Faculty *Aberdeen*, was the 2011 recipient of the Service to Mankind Award given by the Aberdeen Sertoma Club.

Richard Engler '72 *Eagan, Minn.* and president/principal of Cretin-Derham Hall High School has been honored with the 2011 Leading With Faith Award. The Award affirms Catholics whose business practices and work habits are guided by their Catholic values and reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ and the church.

James Hess '73 was named 2011-12 Minnesota Association of School Administrators President-Elect.

Lorraine (Jorgensen) Zimney '73 *Ferney*, has recently had a book published, "Teddy," which is about a family dog and farm life in the 1940's.

Mary (Goebel) Quiett '73 *Gettysburg*, was recently inducted into Honored Women Educators of South Dakota at the organization's annual meeting in August 2011. Mary is Gettysburg school's kindergarten-12th grade librarian and also serves as the reading and computer teacher. She began her career in Agar in 1973 and started teaching in Gettysburg in 1984.

GYPSY DAYS

Left to right: Holly Wall, bachelor's 2010; Krysti Mikkonen, bachelor's 1997; Joan Renelt; Tim Renelt, bachelor's 1973; and Bruce Daughters, bachelor's 1990.

Rev. Terry K. Olthoff '73 *Edgerton, Minn.*, was awarded the prestigious John A. Price Excellence in Chaplaincy Award for a volunteer in a small department. Rev. Olthoff currently serves as the volunteer chaplain for the Edgerton, Minn. fire department.

Stan Heffner '74 *Westerville, Ohio* has been named Superintendent of the Ohio Board of Education.

Daniel Mehlbrech '77 *Crooks*, defended his national senior games high jump title in the 55-59 age division by jumping 5'5 3/4" at the National Senior Games in Houston in June 2011. Dan also placed second in the triple jump. He set a new South Dakota State Senior Games high jump record with a leap of 5'8" at the South Dakota Games in September 2011 and ranks third in the U.S.A Track and Field 55-59 Masters Division while his ranking in the triple jump is fifth.

Rev. Ray Pomplun '77 *Aberdeen*, was honored for his 50th anniversary of his ordination into the pastoral ministry in July 2011.

Nancy Jark-Krumm '82 *Columbia*, has been named Executive Director for the Aberdeen Public School Foundation in Aberdeen.

Dana Randall '83 *Aberdeen*, a financial adviser with Raymond James Financial Services, was named a Rising Star in recognition of his accomplishments in 2011.

Jacqueline (Knut) Omland MS '85 *Aberdeen*, was selected to attend the National Alliance of Presidential Awardees Summit on Nov. 18-19, 2011.

Kimberly (Hieb) Gruebele '85 *Eureka*, was recently inducted into Honored Women Educators of South Dakota at the organization's annual meeting in August 2011. Kimberly is the speech language therapist and preschool teacher at Eureka public schools and has taught in Eureka since 1988.

GYPSY DAYS - MEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION PLAYERS FROM THE 90'S WITH COACH OLSON

Standing left to right: Scot Pieper, bachelor's 1992; Chad Boekelheide, bachelor's 1995; Kevin Burckhard, bachelor's 1995; Jeremy Vliem, bachelor's 1997; Scott Boekelheide, bachelor's 1995; and Dustin Undlin, bachelor's 1998. Sitting left to right: Bob Olson, bachelor's 1977, master's 1980; and Paul Sather, bachelor's 1996.



ALUMNI News

Mark Peacock '86 *Dupree* has published a book "The Financially Literate Teacher (or what you can do to get there)."

John Mark Horan MS'92 *Mitchell*, has been named the 2011 South Dakota Outstanding Physical Science Teacher. He is a teacher at Mitchell High School.

Lea Briggs '92 *Aberdeen*, was named Librarian of the Year by the South Dakota Library Association.

Michael Stahl '92 *Arvada, Colo.* took top prize as the best financial services representative in Jeffco, Colo. Stahl also serves on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Susan (Frey) Karels '92 *Big Stone City*, was named the Region 1 ESA Teacher of the Year. She currently teaches MS/HS Band in Milbank.

Jeffery Collins '93 *Rapid City*, lawyer and member of the Business Law and Litigation Practice Groups at Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun, P.C., has been promoted to shareholder with the firm.

Lisa (Niernan) Adler '93 *Groton*, was awarded the Marvin Kemp Award at the South Dakota Counseling Association. This is considered the top award given by the counseling organization.

Daniel Haug '94 *Castlewood*, was named Assistant Coach of the Year, Class 9A, by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

Jill (Young) Stephenson MS'94 *Aberdeen*, has been named Professional School Counselor of the Year by the South Dakota School Counselor Association.

Fran Esser MA'95 *Redfield*, was inducted into the 2011 South Dakota High School Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Eric Bauer '96 *Aberdeen*, has been named Great Western Bank of South Dakota's Vice President Credit Manager.

Wade Rausch '96 *Webster*, has been selected as the 2011 Wrestling Coach of the Year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association.

Heather Pennie MA'98 *Morris, Minn.* was inducted into the Minnesota High School Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



GYPSY DAYS

Lynne and Bill Fuhrman, bachelor's 1959.

Carl Pierson '99 *Champlin, Minn.* has published a book titled "The Politics of Coaching: A Survival Guide to Keep Coaches from Getting Burned."

Katherine (Bakke) Brooks '00 *Scotland*, will take over in Madison as head volleyball coach for the Lady Bulldogs.

Derrick Dinger '02 *Aberdeen*, was honored with Northwestern Mutual's Managing Director Top Gun award, recognizing excellence in network office development, productivity, recruitment and retention of financial representatives and excellence in serving clients.

Jennifer (Murphy) Porisch '02 *Huron*, was inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame for Athletics on Sept. 17, 2011.

Tucker Willard '03 *Fort Collins, Colo.* is assistant principal at Fort Lupton Middle School. His school was chosen as National Middle School of the Year.

Alicia Hutchinson '04 *Aberdeen*, was featured in the May edition of Country Living Magazine for her burlap pillows that she creates in her craft shop La Famille at Home.

Chris Hauck '04 *Aberdeen*, was awarded with the Student Services-Support Services Award by NSU's Employee Achievement and Recognition Committee.

Christopher Jung '06 *Aberdeen*, was elected chairman of the Brown County Republicans.

Kerry Konda '07 *Aberdeen*, was named the 2011 Outstanding Young Speech Teacher by the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota.

Jackson Graf '08 *Milbank*, was named Assistant Coach of the Year, Class 9B, by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

Kevin Ratzsch '09 *Australia*, has signed a contract to play with the Sydney Kings in the Australia-based National Basketball League, considered one of the top leagues in the world.

GYPSY DAYS

Left to right: Ken Fiedler; Mike Wilson; Tom Perrizo 1971; Wes Malsom, bachelor's 1976; Jack Clarke, bachelor's 1978; Lee Wilson, bachelor's 1971; Charles Gugel, bachelor's 1976; Dean Marske; and Rich Andrzejewski, bachelor's 1974.

Susan Entzel, Staff *Aberdeen*, was recognized for 40 years of service at NSU.

Suzanne Whitehead, Faculty *Aberdeen*, has been elected South Dakota Counseling Association Education Chairwoman and Ethics Chairwoman. She was also elected South Dakota Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors President.

Jay Ellwein, Friend *Huron*, was selected to the Huron High School Hall of Fame.

Greg Odde, Friend *Westport*, was awarded the Hometown Hero Award at the 2011 Aberdeen Community Champions Luncheon.

Lorna Johnston, Friend *Aberdeen*, was inducted into the Omega Tau Rho honorary fraternity and received the Omega Tau Rho medallion, a lifetime award recognizing exemplary dedication and service awarded by state and local associations of realtors.

Nathan Reede, Friend *Aberdeen*, received the Entrepreneur of the Year award at the 2011 Aberdeen Community Champions Luncheon.

Ron Jacobson, Friend *Aberdeen*, will be retiring from Avera St. Luke's as CEO in January 2012, after being part of the Avera Healthcare System for 22 years.

Tim Bergstrom, Friend *Aberdeen*, has been named partner in charge of EideBailly LLP's Aberdeen office.

ANNIVERSARIES

Earl Redlin '37 *Ellendale, N.D.* and wife Ruth celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 29, 2011.

Dorothy (Nelson) Schwab '40 *Aberdeen*, and husband Leon celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2011.

Lucille (Sime) Palmer '43 *Aberdeen*, and husband Melvin celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2011.

Gladys (Toennies) Gjernes '56 *Cheslea*, and husband Joie celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16, 2011.

Robert G. Webb '56 *Aberdeen*, and wife **Kathleen (Curtice) '80** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10, 2011.

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GYPSY DAYS

Left to right: Junior Pereboom, bachelor's 1958, master's 1963; Ron Morgan, bachelor's 1959; and Richard Glad, bachelor's 1969.

Willis H. Fischer '57 Longmont, Colo. and wife **Ardys (Warkenthien) '56** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 5, 2011. Dr. John Berggren of NSU was the soloist at their wedding, accompanied by his wife, Alyce Berggren.

Dale Fredrickson '58 Aberdeen, and wife **Leann (Jones) '65** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 17, 2011.

Melvin Kessler '60 Leola, and wife Virginia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2011.

Trevor "Terry" Osborne '60 Aberdeen, and wife **Sharon (Benson) '71** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2011.

Joan (Rohwer) Weismantel '61 McKinney, Texas and husband Allan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2011.

Larry Fischbach '61 Warner, and wife Peggy celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 28, 2011.

Bonnell Aman '62 Aberdeen, and wife **Annie (Stern) '65** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1, 2011.

Dennis Larson '62 Groton, and wife **Shirley (Jones) '74** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19, 2011.

Rod Thurn '63 Aberdeen, and wife Jan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2011.

Dean Karlen '67 Aberdeen, and wife Nancy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2011.

Harold Miller '68 Aberdeen, and wife Marlene celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2011.

Louise (Hansmeier) Oakland '70 Bristol, and husband Ralph celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20, 2011.

Robert Luce '72 Aberdeen, and wife Wilma celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Sept. 26, 2011.

Deb (Holm) Fogel '77 Aberdeen, and husband Stan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9, 2011.

Biruta Zvejnieks '78 Aberdeen, and husband Karlis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2011.

Curt Mitchell '82 Aberdeen, and wife **Paula (Kellogg) '82** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 20, 2011.

Holly (Hopf) Rogers '82 Aberdeen, and husband **Bob '85** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2011.

Jean (Fransen) Oberfoell '82 Ashton, and husband Bob celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2011.

Christine (Goebel) Dick '84 Aberdeen, and husband Mike celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 7, 2011.

Dan Gooding '86 Mina, and wife **Amy '86** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2011.

Brent Fischer '87 Aberdeen, and wife Robin celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 7, 2011.

George Rausch, Friend Aberdeen, and wife Shirley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2011.

Paul R. Leon, Friend Aberdeen, and wife Therese celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4, 2011.

Jodi (Berheim) Leeper '97 Olathe, Kan. and husband B.J., a daughter, Emery Rose, on May 19, 2011.

Amy (Warne) Dougherty '98 Aberdeen, and husband Jeremiah, a daughter, Violet Elise, on May 7, 2011.

Mark Jastram '98 Sioux Falls, and wife **Elisha (Appletoft) '00**, a son, Maxwell Otto, on May 27, 2011.

Stacy Andersen-Mjourn '01 Watertown, and husband Kamal, a daughter, Kamelia Kenza, on Sept. 29, 2010.

Andrea (Snoozy) Bahr '01 Groton, and husband Brian, a son, Nolan Everett, on April 15, 2011.

Aaron Tvinneheim '02 Aberdeen, and wife Alison, a son, Dalton Aaron, on June 25, 2011.

Marcia (Jacobson) Manhart '02 Aberdeen, and husband **Grant, Faculty** a daughter, Claire Lucille, on June 3, 2011.

Rachel (Guthmiller) Duvall '03 Aberdeen, and husband **Darin '96**, a son, Isaiah Dean, on July 15, 2011.

Sara (Hopfinger) Weischedel '03 Aberdeen, and husband Wayne, a son, Daniel Drake, on Aug. 23, 2011.

Jesse Fauth '05 Sioux Falls, and wife **Amanda '04**, a daughter, Bailey Katie-Jean, on June 23, 2011.

Kayla (Hewitt) Suther '05 Groton, and husband Adam, a son, Max Hewitt, on April 24, 2011.

Dana Dargatz '06 Aberdeen, and wife Tanya, a son, Jackson Darrell, on April 1, 2011.

Desiree (Kolb) Thorson '06 Watertown, and husband Brad, a son, Samuel Evan, on Jan. 21, 2011.

BIRTHS

Todd Telin '88 Minot, N.D. and wife Tesha, a daughter, Palmer Evon, on Aug. 19, 2011.

MOBRIDGE ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

Back row left to right: Rick Weisbeck; Jordan Weisbeck, bachelor's 2011; Justin Weisbeck; Paul Jordre, bachelor's 1959 master's 1967; Eric Schley, bachelor's 2004; Roger Hoffman; Quintin Schlomer; Levi Duncan; Marion Schlomer; Robyn Zimmer; Corey Fiedler; Dick Deacon, bachelor's 1975; and Marvin Schlomer. Front row left to right: Jackie (Weishaar) Witlock, 1991; Bob Schuetzle, bachelor's 1972; Peggy (Schultz) Bircherm, 1975; Dorothea Engeldorf; Larry Bircherm, bachelor's 1974, master's 1986; and Jim Rissky.



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Andre Cobbs '07 *Aberdeen*, and wife Jill, a daughter, Eritrea Marie, on Jan. 8, 2010, and a daughter, Josephine Sojourner, on May 5, 2011.

Heidi Haskell-Appel '07 *Redfield*, and husband Simon, a daughter, Ainsley Victoria, on June 10, 2011.

Jordan Casanova '07 *Aberdeen*, and wife Natalie (Westby), a son, Trey Thomas, on April 8, 2011.

BIRTHDAYS

Alice (Kluck) Rystrom '41 *Columbia*, celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 18, 2011.

Irene (Satrang) Berger '41 *Aberdeen*, celebrated her 90th birthday on Oct. 15, 2011.

Avis (Hausvik) Hansen '45 *Redfield*, celebrated her 85th birthday on Aug. 4, 2011.

Rose (Elsen) Moerke '45 *Hecla*, celebrated her 85th birthday on May 28, 2011.

Jerome Rossow '48 *Herreid*, celebrated his 80th birthday on Aug. 14, 2011.

Quentin Miles '49 *Watertown*, celebrated his 90th birthday on Aug. 28, 2011. He has 11 children, 6 of them attended Northern and 4 graduated from Northern.

Marjorie Peckham '56 *Webster*, celebrated her 90th birthday on May 28, 2011.

Esther (Hoeft) Smith '58 *Aberdeen*, celebrated her 90th birthday on May 24, 2011.



GYPSY DAYS

Left to right: Todd Jordre, bachelor's 1985, master's 1987; Matt Hammer, bachelor's 2007, master's 2010; Thunder; Rob Fouberg; and Adam Grant, bachelor's 2006.

Gary Cutler '58 *Aberdeen*, celebrated his 75th birthday on April 23, 2011.

Donna (Krause) Hoellein '72 *Mansfield*, celebrated her 70th birthday on Aug. 7, 2011.

Ina (Glover) Bruns '72 *Hecla*, celebrated her 98th birthday on July 1, 2011.

Jerry Ochsner '72 *Aberdeen*, celebrated his 60th birthday on April 28, 2011.

Viola Seidel, Friend *Aberdeen*, celebrated her 90th birthday on May 18, 2011.

WEDDINGS

Jill Swier '02 *Sioux Falls*, married Matt Blasé on June 4, 2011 in Sioux Falls.

Jenna Drey '07 *Mills Creek, Wash.* married Brandon Bain on July 10, 2010 in Burke.

Victoria Linderman '07 *Timber Lake*, married Bill McComsey on May 27, 2011, in Aberdeen. The couple is living in Aberdeen.

Marcie Kvia '09 *Billings, Mont.* married **Travis Netzer '10** on May 21, 2011. The couple is living in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Angel Lorenz '10 *Aberdeen*, married Bill Feiok on May 26, 2011, in Falmouth, Jamaica.

Caitlin Oelke '11 *Chanhassen, Minn.* and **Justin Sudlow '11**, were married on July 30, 2011.

GYPSY DAYS

Left to right: South Dakota Board of Regents Executive Director Jack Warner, Celeste Warner, Connie Ruhl-Smith and Northern State University President James Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. PAUL, MINN.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

at O'Gara's Bar & Grill

Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, 4-6 p.m., prior to NSU vs. Concordia-St. Paul basketball games

SIOUX FALLS

ALUMNI RECEPTION

at Champps

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, 4-6 p.m., prior to NSU vs. Augustana basketball games

ABERDEEN

I HATE WINTER NIGHT/ ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES

ALUMNI RECEPTION

at Lager's Inn

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, 4-6 p.m., prior to NSU vs. Concordia-St. Paul basketball games

WACHS GOLF CLASSIC

Sunday, July 8-Monday, July 9, 2012

ALL DECADES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION

Friday, Oct. 5, 2012

GYPSY DAY

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012

DENVER

ALUMNI RECEPTION

TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

INDIAN WELLS, CALIF.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES

ALUMNI RECEPTION

TBA
Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, 7-9 p.m.

SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

at Hillcrest Golf Club

Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, 5-7 p.m.

CHANDLER, ARIZ.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

at Dave and Jane Harvey home

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, 5-7 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO

ALUMNI RECEPTION

TBA
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, 4-6 p.m.

For more information or to R.S.V.P. to these events, please call the NSU Foundation at 605-626-2550 or e-mail nsualumni@northern.edu.



Meva (Mueller) Gottschalk '22 March 3, 2011

Marjorie (Bymers) Wright '30 Aug. 4, 2011

Marjorie (Thompson) Katus '32 Feb. 25, 2011

Louise (Patton) Johnson '32 July 17, 2011

Eileen (Gutz) Anderson '36 May 17, 2011

Sylvia (Betz) Van Gerpen '37 Feb. 26, 2011

Eva (Lacy) Markve '37 Feb. 26, 2011

Judith (McLaughlin) Winjum '37 July 31, 2011

Ethel (Arneson) Larson '40 Aug. 20, 2011

Fern (Ellerton) Johnson '41 Feb. 24, 2011

Robert Thompson '41 June 2, 2011

Laverne Swenson '42 April 26, 2011

Dayle Meyer '42 June 25, 2011

Audra (Long) Johnson '42 Aug. 17, 2011

LaVern "Sarge" Kary '43 April 18, 2011

Lucille (Jensen) Delap '45 June 22, 2011

Robert Pearson '48 Jan. 14, 2011

Wayne Cleveland '48 April 16, 2011

Vera Masters '48 June 19, 2011

Jack Hargrove '49 May 13, 2011

Marcella (Longen) Artz '49 Sept. 24, 2011

Joseph Shelley '50 Jan. 27, 2011

Robert Priest '51 June 11, 2011

Benjamin Bauer '52 Jan. 4, 2011

Laverne (Baker) Balster '52 Feb. 20, 2011

Gwendolyn (Likness) Dains '53 March 23, 2011

Leslie Peterson '53 Sept. 8, 2011

Emma (Stewart) Peterson '54 Jan. 9, 2011

Beverly (Ruth) Engelhart '54 Aug. 12, 2011

Hugh Hay '55 Aug. 6, 2011

Janice (Wilstrom) Tschritter '57 June 19, 2011

Betty (Carr) Cashman '57 June 30, 2011

Robert Keeler '57 July 2, 2011

Irene (Tobin) Stevens '58 April 27, 2011

Frances (Howarth) Cutler '58 May 21, 2011

Lois (Hazelton) Widvey '58 July 9, 2011

Vernon Jensen '58 July 12, 2011

LeRoy Dosch '59 Nov. 6, 2010

Orson Gray '59 March 17, 2011

Katherine (Rylance) Brick '60 April 11, 2011

Emma (Stanley) Kingsley '60 May 13, 2011

Marlene (Jaspers) Kohlhaas '60 July 15, 2011

Mabel Marzahn '60 Aug. 26, 2011

Ted Kunz '60 Sept. 2, 2011

Lillian (Haas) Heupel '61 May 2, 2011

Lee Christianson '62 May 4, 2011

Richard Morris '62 Sept. 5, 2011

James Loseth '63 May 25, 2011

Harvey Van Beek '63 June 22, 2011

Michael Glover '63 Aug. 19, 2011

Norbert Brandner '63 Sept. 20, 2011

Dorothy (Suelzt) Toelle '64 March 28, 2011

Ronald Ronshaugen '65 June 19, 2011

Seymour Easthouse '65 Aug. 9, 2011

Adeline (Morrison) Grabowska '66 Sept. 20, 2011

Elsie (Schuetzle) Miller '68 April 2, 2011

Roger Daschle '68 May 29, 2011

Arthur Lorenzen '68 June 4, 2011

Darla (Wollman) Guisinger '69 Feb. 1, 2011

Hazel (Spencer) Green '69 June 11, 2011

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Jim Rappe '70 Aug. 14, 2011

Sally (Evans) Webb '70 Sept. 24, 2011

Anna (Lanning) Reede '71 April 25, 2011

Bonita (Miller) Ehly '71 April 30, 2011

Dorothy (Kaup) Seurer '71 July 9, 2011

Evelyn Venner '71 Aug. 18, 2011

Paula (Hatch) Feller '71 Aug. 24, 2011

Diane (Schultz) Eberhart '72 Nov. 23, 2010

Virgil Geary '72 Sept. 1, 2011

Dorothy (Harr) Schlomer '72 Sept. 11, 2011

Rosalie (Dickerson) Aas '73 April 16, 2011

Lorraine Buechler '74 Sept. 13, 2010

Dennis Bauer '74 July 14, 2011

Kathleen (Lovering) Sanderson '75 May 1, 2011

Eileen (Boke) Worth '78 May 28, 2011

Michael Szczepaniak '81 Oct. 6, 2011

Joyce (Day) Lucas '85 May 2, 2011

Brian Fawcett '87 Oct. 9, 2011

Brenda Neuharth '90 Oct. 4, 2011

Shannon Schaffer '92 Sept. 17, 2011

Guyla Gunville '00 July 5, 2011

Elva Buntin, Friend April 20, 2011

Bill Gohn, Friend April 29, 2011

Lowell Styles, Friend May 11, 2011

Erna Ellingson, Friend May 14, 2011

Glorena Schnabel, Friend May 23, 2011

Donna Duch, Friend June 14, 2011

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