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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 2013, 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 website at northern.edu.

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"...Mike (Newman) embarked on a research trip to Europe, following the same trail his grandfather took during the Holocaust."

*to read more about his trip
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GREETINGS FROM NSU,

This is a wonderful time of year here at Northern State University! I'm pleased to say that it has been an absolutely phenomenal semester. We have unveiled spectacular new artwork; welcomed inspiring speakers; and celebrated achievements of students, faculty and the university as a whole. I hope that this issue captures the excitement we're feeling on campus.

That excitement began before classes even started this fall, when we dedicated our new International Sculpture Garden and unveiled five sculptures by Vietnamese artist Tuan Nguyen. Benjamin Victor, one of our most famous alums and our artist in residence, worked tirelessly to get these magnificent pieces to campus, and we thank him for that. I hope you have had a chance to visit the sculpture garden – the statues are truly breathtaking, and they are perfect symbols of Northern State University's commitment to internationalism and the arts.

We are also, of course, committed to overall excellence, and that was once again recognized by U.S. News and World Report. NSU was included in the 2014 edition of Best Colleges for the sixth year in a row – we were even ranked third among public regional colleges in the Midwest. We've seen wonderful progress and celebrated a great deal of success over the last six years, and again, we are extremely proud to have that excellence recognized.

Student Mike Newman certainly added to that excellence. This summer, Mike embarked on a research trip to Europe, following the same trail his grandfather took during the Holocaust. He plans to take the information he gathered on that journey – which was partially funded by an NSU Undergraduate Research Grant – and write an honors thesis. Someday, that may even lead to a novel about his grandfather's life.

Mike wasn't the only student with an amazing thesis idea. We are also very proud of Teresa Edelman, who is spearheading the NSU Cancer Awareness Tree project as her honors thesis. Students and community members alike will be able to remember loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer, and honor those still fighting, by tying a ribbon around the branches of this tree. The Cancer Awareness Tree, located on our campus green, is yet another remarkable feature of our beautiful campus.

That tremendous beauty was mentioned, on several occasions, by Jennifer Pharr Davis, one of the outstanding Common Read speakers who visited us this semester. That is a huge compliment coming from Jennifer, who is definitely an expert on (and lover of) the outdoors. Jennifer, who holds the record for the fastest through hike of the Appalachian Trail, was an inspiration to the approximately 100 people who heard her speak at NSU.

There is so much to be proud of here at NSU. I hope this edition of Northern Today offers each of you, as readers, a glimpse into a world of constant change and improvement on our campus. We look forward to continued success and progress in the coming year, and we wish the best to you and yours.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND GO WOLVES!

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

"I really want this tree to raise awareness and show how prevalent cancer really is," Edelman said. "It affects so many."

CANCER AWARENESS TREE NOW PART OF NSU CAMPUS



The Northern State University campus now includes a Cancer Awareness Tree, which honors people who have fought or are still fighting cancer.

The Cancer Awareness Tree is located on the campus green near Graham and Lincoln halls. NSU senior Teresa Edelman is coordinating this project.

The Cancer Awareness Tree holds special meaning for Edelman. In 2010, she lost her 6-year-old cousin, Danny, to high-risk acute myeloid leukemia. Ever since, it has been Edelman's goal to raise awareness of cancer.

This tree will also hold special meaning to the students of NSU, after one of their own, Bryce Anglin, lost his battle to cancer in spring 2012.

"I really want this tree to raise awareness and show how prevalent cancer really is," Edelman said. "It affects so many."

NSU's Cancer Awareness Tree will be a place where students and community members can come to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have lost the battle with cancer, and those who are still fighting and winning. Those who wish to visit the tree

can tie a ribbon around the branches. These ribbons will be located in a box next to the tree.

Edelman needs to raise more than \$2,000 to erect a plaque explaining the tree, provide ribbons for visitors to tie to the tree and install pavers in the shape of a cancer ribbon around the tree. Right now, about half those funds are raised, and she is aiming to have everything in place this spring.

Edelman has the support of the NSU Honors Program, as well as Dr. Erin Fouberg, the NSU Honors Program adviser. This project also comprises the first part of her thesis for the Honors Program.

Community members, businesses and organizations interested in contributing to the NSU Cancer Awareness Tree can send checks in any dollar amount to the NSU Cancer Awareness Tree, NSU Foundation, 620 15th Ave. S.E., Aberdeen, SD 57401. All funds raised will go to the current installation and future maintenance of the NSU Cancer Awareness Tree.

For more information, contact Edelman at 763-381-2447 or Fouberg at 605-228-8137.

NSU international students:

*Number of countries
represented nearly doubles*



THE FABRIC OF STUDENT LIFE is brighter and richer this fall as Northern State University welcomes students from 24 different countries.

That's up from 13 countries represented last semester, said Brendan Carson, director of the English as a Second Language and Intensive English programs. Carson anticipates a beneficial impact on IEP classes.

"Normally, we'd have three or four countries represented and the students would tend to gather in groups and speak their shared language with each other," he said. "Now, in one class, we will have several nationalities - and the only language they can share is English."

NSU President James Smith highlighted the international population during his recent convocation speech. This year, he said, six new places are represented — Bangladesh, Japan, India, Palestine, the Bahamas and the Czech Republic.

Carson credits the increase to different outreach tactics, including word of mouth, social media and online resources. Northern recently began to offer translations on its international student Web pages at northern.edu, and an NSU Japanese student is doing a blog.

Many international students like NSU's tuition rate and the idea of living in middle America, he said.



NSU CELEBRATED

Constitution Day

WITH NUMEROUS EVENTS

Northern State University celebrated Constitution Day on Sept. 17, with free, fun events for the NSU community and the public.

Constitution Day is the federal observance of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. This year, NSU increased its Constitution Day activities, which included a book display and trivia contest in the NSU Wolf Shoppe and Constitution Day-related displays in Williams Library.

In the Student Center, the NSU History Club had a copy of the Constitution on display, and the NSU Student Association had a table with games and information. NSU dining services even offered students

themed food, including Washington (state) apples and a mystery “United States of America” dish.

The featured speaker for Constitution Day was Aberdeen native Kenneth J. Meier. Meier, professor of political science and the Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University, presented “The Politics of Education Reform.” He discussed the role of teachers, contributions of management, and essential role of people in practical education reform, drawing from his 30 years of experience studying education policy in the U.S. and his international research in Denmark, Holland and the United Kingdom.

Meier, a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, also serves as director of the Project on Equity, Representation and Governance and the Carlos H. Cantu Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment at Texas A&M. Meier, an author, has won numerous awards in the field of public administration. His research examines the role that bureaucracy plays in the policymaking process, how public management affects the performance of organizations, the determinants of educational equity, and the interface of race and politics.

GYPSY DAYS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 98TH ANNUAL GYPSY DAYS **OCT. 5, 2013**



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/HALL OF FAME/ KRETCHMAN COACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Left to right: Dr. Connie (Waletich) Westhoff '72,
Dr. Jami Jo (Fiechtner) Peterson '97, Frank Birch '97,
Coach Don Meyer, Shari (Carney) Kvistero '98.
Not Pictured: Ryan Miller '01.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION



LIEN TRANSPORTATION



GYPSY DAYS 2013



50 YEAR CLUB REUNION – INDUCTEES

Back row left to right: Wayne Fischer, Verl Hieb, John Howard, Gary Cutler, Merle Bieber, Diana (Biegler) Lee, MJ Schopp, Jim Glover, Ralph Kusler, Dennis Larson, Robert Hanson, Mel Tuscher

Front row left to right: Maureen (Bohall) Smith, Luther Dappen, Anne (Schmoker) Sieler, Arlen Simonson, John Williamson, Donald Widstrom, Gene Eisenbeisz, Roger Youngman



2013 MARSHAL AND QUEEN

Brandon Sieck and Jennifer Andera



2013 HOMECOMING ROYALTY CANDIDATES

left to right: Jory Kunzman, Jessica Massa, Brandon Sieck, Jennifer Andera, Logan Dosch, Alison Kusler, Michael Newman, Danielle Weisz, Charlie Sersen, Emily Chamberlain

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY Dedicates International Sculpture Garden

About 100 people gathered at Northern State University on Aug. 23, to celebrate the dedication of the university's new International Sculpture Garden.

FIVE SCULPTURES BY RENOWNED VIETNAMESE ARTIST TUAN NGUYEN were unveiled at the dedication, which was attended by members of the university community, the public and the PICTURE Art Foundation. It was the generosity of this California-based organization that made the display of the sculptures – “Four Elements,” “Meditation,” “Reminiscence,” “Rendezvous” and “Triumph” – possible at NSU. The pieces, valued at \$1.2 million, are on 10-year loan at the university.

The new sculpture garden is a visual masterpiece that merges the university's mission of international education and passion for the arts. It continues Northern's rich tradition of creating and displaying amazing artwork while also symbolizing NSU's global reach. Northern State University, which serves as an international hub for the Aberdeen region and the state of South Dakota, is the home of the Center of Excellence in International Business. The university has an increasing number of students studying abroad and is also attracting a growing number of international students from across the globe.

NSU international students unveiled the sculptures at the dedication. They were assisted by acclaimed sculptor and NSU alum Benjamin Victor, Northern's artist in residence, who was instrumental in bringing the Tuan pieces to campus.



International Sculpture Garden dedication

Above: NSU President James Smith pictured with representatives from the PICTURE Art Foundation.



International Sculpture Garden dedication

Above: Three NSU international students who helped unveil the sculptures at the dedication.



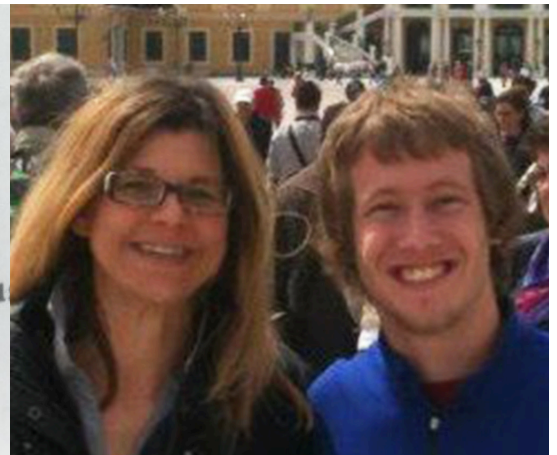
Newman describes the young Henry as an adolescent boy who “... traveled throughout five countries, often illegally; learned four languages; put his life in the hands of complete strangers and lost some of the most important people in his life.”



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Sceau



Mike Newman, right, pictured with family member Manuela Bulla, left, at the Winter Palace in Vienna.

NSU STUDENT RESEARCHES STORY OF

'loss and hope, desperation and determination'

Having grown up next door to his grandfather, Mike Newman thought he knew all about the cheerful, kindly man he called “Opa.”

So when he later learned his grandfather had survived a harrowing journey as a child through Nazi territory during World War II, the Northern State University history major yearned for details. Sadly, his grandfather's Alzheimer's disease had drawn an impenetrable veil over the answers to Newman's many questions.

Newman sought the answers on his own when he traveled to Europe on a research trip partially funded by an NSU Undergraduate Research Grant. From May to June, he followed his grandfather's trail across Europe during the Holocaust. With the information and impressions he gathered, Newman plans to write an honors thesis that may someday lead to a novel based on his grandfather's life.

“He was a huge part of my life,” said Newman. “But until later in his life, I knew nothing about his struggle with the Holocaust. He spoke about it to almost no one.”

THE MAN

The late Henry Newman, born Heinz Najman in Vienna, Austria, arrived in America in 1945 and joined the U.S. Army. While stationed in postwar Germany, Henry began dating and fell in love with a German girl, Newman said.

“I could never marry you,” he told the girl. “You're German, and I'm Jewish.”

“Why does that matter?” she retorted.

Newman said that clinched it – Henry and Gina were married and settled in the U.S. after the war.

Family members knew Henry had suffered through the Holocaust but was reticent on the subject, Newman said. Henry did include a few details in 30

pages of handwritten memoirs, in which he mentions experiencing Krystallnacht, a night of mass anti-Semitic violence in Germany.

“I COULD NEVER MARRY YOU,”

HE TOLD THE GIRL.

“YOU'RE GERMAN, AND I'M JEWISH.”

“(The memoirs) had a very emotional impact on me,” Newman said. “In all of my time with him, I never realized he went through something so traumatic.”

Newman pieced together bits of Henry's journey from his grandfather's memoirs and grandmother's memories. His grandmother, Gina – “Oma” – was Henry's confidante. She helped fill in gaps in the memoirs, Newman said.

'loss and hope, desperation and determination'

THE JOURNEY

Newman describes the young Henry as an adolescent boy who "... traveled throughout five countries, often illegally; learned four languages; put his life in the hands of complete strangers and lost some of the most important people in his life."

After being driven from their home in Vienna, Henry, his parents and siblings went to Brussels, Belgium, hoping to sail to the United States. Before they could do that, Germans invaded Belgium. Henry Newman's father was arrested and interned. Henry and his mother escaped to France just before it, too, was invaded. Ten-year-old Henry was bewildered, Newman said.

"He couldn't understand why Hitler hated him and his mother and father," Newman said. "His family was not devoutly Jewish."

When he was 13, Henry and his mother were sent to a concentration camp

outside Paris, where Henry befriended a French guard who helped him escape. The boy made his way alone across the country to stay with family in the south of France.

The fate of Henry's mother – Newman's great-grandmother – is not recorded, but Newman can surmise.

"WITHOUT THAT GRANT, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FEASIBLE,"
HE SAID.

"I have found the train number with which she was sent to Auschwitz. Eight of 10 people sent there were killed, so it's fairly likely she was killed."

Henry's sisters made it safely to the U.S. Later in life, Henry didn't reveal ill effects from the ordeal, Newman said.

"He wasn't negative about anything in life. He was always a very happy person. He appreciated he had made it out of that and went to where he could lead a happy life."

Newman feels as though Henry's descendants share his positive outlook and tolerant attitude.

"He got this idea out of that: Don't hate people based on who they are, because they can't choose that. I might be idealizing, but that's always the message I got from him: 'Be a caring person.' I can't imagine it wasn't forged by this experience."

THE PROJECT

Newman took a crash course in German from Northern's Dr. Ginny Lewis, and planned to make use of his two years of high-school French.

The grant from Northern, awarded in October 2012, funded about ¾ of the transportation and lodging costs of the trip. Newman planned to stay in hostels and buy his own food.

He's thankful his grant application was successful.

"Without that grant, this wouldn't have been feasible," he said.

To develop a sense of what life may have been like for his grandfather and other Jews in the late 1930s and early 1940s, Newman planned to stop in every major city through which his grandfather traveled: Vienna, Brussels, Paris, Pau, Toulouse and Lyon.

Newman mapped out a route pinpointed with tidbits of information - his grandfather's addresses in Vienna and Brussels; the name of cousins with a shop in Paris; a second cousin on his grandmother's side living just outside Vienna.

Newman also planned to stop in temples and synagogues to search their archives - an invaluable hands-on opportunity, since many genealogical records are not online.

Newman fervently hoped to find one elusive but priceless bit of information: the name of the guard who befriended and saved his grandfather in the Paris camp.

"I would really like to find this guy to find if he has descendants. My entire family owes a lot to this person."



PICTURED LEFT

Five extended family members killed in the Holocaust. Newman's family had no idea these people ever existed. The oldest child, named Lucien Najman, front left, looks remarkably like his father.

'loss and hope, desperation and determination'

THE FAMILY

Newman's family supported his effort.

"I can't talk to Opa, but Oma has assured me he would be very proud of me and my dad and his sisters have done the same. I'm very close with Oma, and that's a big piece in why it's so important. I'd like to tell this story for her as well as for him," Newman said.

"My goal is to write story in a way that I think would make (Opa) proud of it. If do end up publishing it, the vast majority of any profit at all would go to Alzheimer's research, because if not for Alzheimer's, I could have had this discussion with him."

THE TRIP

From May 6 to June 2, Newman journeyed through five countries: The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Belgium and France. The most immediate challenge he faced during his travels was language.

"I have a functional knowledge of French and German ... but it was definitely tested by the material I was reading in the archives," he said.

Fortunately, he got a great deal of help from friendly archivists, who loved that he was taking an interest in history.

He has also struggled to find the words to describe his experience.



Holocaust memorial at Drancy, the main transit camp in France, just north of Paris. Chana Najman was deported from Drancy to Auschwitz.

"It's very hard to share the immense personal aspects of this work," he said.

"INCREDIBLE" IS

HOW NEWMAN DESCRIBES

THE FEELING OF STANDING AT
THE PLACE HIS GRANDFATHER
LIVED IN VIENNA...

"Incredible" is how Newman describes the feeling of standing at the place his grandfather lived in Vienna until, at age 9, he and his family were forced out by the Nazis. Every place he visited that his grandfather had also visited was moving, he said, but the most amazing discovery came in an archive in Paris. There, using the names of his great-great-grandparents (which he had obtained at the Belgian National Archives), he discovered the names of eight family members killed in the Holocaust that his family had never known existed. Even more astounding: he found photographs.

"One, a child, looked remarkably like my own father," he said. "It was one of the most powerful moments

of my life."

PRESENTATION IN FEBRUARY

Newman is now working to turn these amazing experiences into his honors thesis. While a book might be in the distant future, he is currently focused on defending his thesis in December. He will also give a presentation on his European journey and research at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Johnson Fine Arts Center Red Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Before his trip, Newman said, he was unsure what to expect.

"I wanted to see what Europe was like today in the hopes that I could better visualize it in my Opa's time," he said. "I think that that part was successful."

But he came back with much more.

"I learned an incredible amount about my family in particular; Judaism and the Holocaust in general; and, though it seems cliché, about myself," he said. "I was somehow different on June 2 than I was on May 6."

To learn more about Newman's journey, visit his blog:
<http://heinzproject.blogspot.com/>



Located in Paris, these slabs are engraved with the names of Jews deported from France.

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOLLOW THE PACK #NSUWolfNation

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Social media contest promoting pride among NSU community

Have you seen the **#NSUWolfNation** signs around campus this fall?

They are part of a successful new social media contest at Northern State University that has promoted pride among students, alumni and the entire NSU community.

The #NSUWolfNation contest began in August and lasts through the fall semester. People enter by taking a photo of one of the aforementioned signs – which can also be found in malls in cities around the Midwest – and posting it to Facebook or Twitter. People can also post pictures of themselves or friends wearing NSU apparel or making the NSU wolf sign with their hands. They use the hashtag #NSUWolfNation when they post it, the photo is retweeted or shared on the official NSU Facebook or Twitter pages, and they are officially entered.

So far, more than 150 people have entered. That doesn't even include the numerous people who are using the hashtag as part of their regular social media posts outside of contest entries. That's a good indicator that #NSUWolfNation is continuing to gain momentum and unify the NSU community.

Prizes drawings are being held about once a month – prizes that have already been given away include NSU shirts and gift cards to a local restaurant. The grand prize, by student request, is a TV. This was donated by Aberdeen's Target and will be awarded on Dec. 11.

The contest is open to anyone. For more information, visit NSU on Facebook, www.facebook.com/northernstateu, or Twitter, www.twitter.com/northernstateu.



At the time of publication, the NSU volleyball team was on pace for the second-most wins in the history of the program and had already recorded 12 sweeps on the season.



Looking back at 2013-14 **WINTER SPORTS**

The 2013-14 sports season is in full swing for the Wolves as men's and women's cross country, football, soccer and volleyball all had successful seasons.

The NSU women's cross country team finished ninth at the NSIC Cross Country Championships held in Sioux Falls, while the Northern men took 10th as a team. Freshman Sasha Hovind (Stirum, N.D.) took home ninth place in the women's 6K race and earned First Team All-NSIC honors for her performance, with a time of 21:56.07. This set a new career-best in the 6K for Hovind. Hunter Kopff (Monticello, Minn.) led the men with a 28th place finish in the men's 8K with a time of 26:39.66.

The Wolves football squad looked to build upon its 6-5 record from a season ago. Northern got off to a solid start, winning its season opener over Wayne State 29-27 in a triple overtime thriller in front of a capacity crowd at Swisher Field. NSU also

recorded its first shutout since 2011 when the Wolves dominated Bemidji State 27-0 in October.

Senior safety Logan Dosch (Aberdeen) became Northern's all-time leader in career tackles with 237.

Northern soccer had a great season once again under Coach Steve Kehm. NSU opened the season winning its first five matches. The Wolves' eight wins at the time of publication was their most in a season since 2008. Northern also controlled its own destiny to make the NSIC postseason tournament.

Allie Macdonald (Hartford) led the Wolves with six goals on the season. Goalkeeper Brittany Tietz (Aberdeen) recorded six shutouts for Northern in 2013.

The Northern volleyball team had a historic season as the Wolves achieved their first-ever AVCA top 25 ranking as NSU climbed to 23rd in the poll. The team also got off to

the best start in program history as NSU won its first nine matches of 2013. The nine wins are the second-longest winning streak in school history.

At the time of publication, the Wolves were on pace for the second-most wins in the history of the program and had already recorded 12 sweeps on the season. The Wolves had a pair of wins over top 10 opponents in 2013, as they beat No. 10 Wayne State 3-2 and No. 2 Minnesota Duluth 3-1.

Middle hitter Tori Biach (Bradenton, Fla.) for hitting percentage, outside hitter Kelsey Chambers (Jordan, Minn.) for kills, libero Sami Nygaard (Milbank, S.D.) for digs and setter Drew Smith (Ames, Iowa) for assists, were all in the top five statistically in the conference.

Four speakers visit campus as part of NSU Common Read

Empowering, inspiring, powerful – all are words that could describe the individuals who spoke at Northern State University this semester as part of the university's second annual Common Read.



Record-holding hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis presented "A Life of Exploration" on Oct. 15 in an event that was sponsored by the NSU Women's Club and NSU Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

A long-distance hiker from Asheville, N.C., Pharr Davis has hiked as far away as Africa and Australia as well as various locations around the U.S. She holds the record for the fastest through hike of the Appalachian Trail. She is the first woman to hold this honor, breaking the record in 2011. Her books, "Becoming Odyssa" and "Called Again: A Story of Love and Triumph," detail her adventures on the Appalachian Trail, including her record-breaking trek.

Pharr Davis, founder of Blue Ridge Hiking Co., was named National Geographic Adventurer of the Year in 2012. She has also been featured on various national television and radio shows and in numerous national publications.



Myra Dahgaypaw, a human rights activist and former refugee, discussed issues in her homeland of Burma and the new Karen population in South Dakota. Dahgaypaw presented "A Conversation about Burma and the Karen" on Oct. 21 in an event sponsored

by the NSU Center of Excellence in International Business and Entrepreneurship, Office of International Programs and NSU Honors Program. She also spoke Oct. 22 at the Huron Community Campus.

Dahgaypaw spent about 12 years as an internally displaced person and 17 years as a refugee. She has lost many family members and friends to the brutality of Burma's military regime, and she has played a strong role in her community as an organizer and a human rights advocate since age 13. Her goal is to make sure that genocide in Burma is not forgotten, and to bring more attention to such issues in order to help prevent genocide from continuing.

Dahgaypaw is currently the campaigns coordinator for the U.S. Campaign for Burma in Washington, D.C. She has been a member of the Karen Women's Organization, a board member of the Karen American Communities Foundation, a former Burmese human rights advocate at the United Nations and a recipient of the Carl Wilkens Fellowship with Genocide Intervention Network.



Nationally known author Jeannette Walls, whose best-selling memoir "The Glass Castle" has inspired millions, shared her tale of triumph over adversity in the main Common Read lecture on Nov. 20 in an event sponsored by the NSU Honors Program. More than 400 freshmen at

Northern read "The Glass Castle" as part of their first-year seminar.

In "The Glass Castle," Walls describes growing up in the desert of the American Southwest and then in a West Virginia mining town with her three siblings and the brilliant but irresponsible parents who neglect their children but also love them and teach them to face their fears. The story is at times harrowing and at times hilarious as the children go without food and indoor plumbing yet are encouraged to read Shakespeare and dream of the beautiful glass house they will all one day build. Despite all her hardships, Walls develops the determination to leave West Virginia on her own at age 16, move to New York City, enroll in college and eventually become a well-known columnist and television personality. Critics have called this inspirational memoir "spectacular," "extraordinary," "incredible" and "riveting." The story gives hope to those facing challenges and makes them realize anything is possible.

"The Glass Castle" has spent more than four years on the New York Times best-seller list and has been named one of the "Top 10 Books of the Decade" by Amazon. It has sold 3.5 million copies in the U.S. alone, and has been translated into 22 languages. Its numerous awards also include the Christopher Award, the American Library Association's Alex Award and the Books for Better Living Award. In 2012, Lionsgate purchased the rights to The Glass Castle and will be producing the movie, starring Jennifer Lawrence from "The Hunger Games" and "Silver Linings Playbook."



NSU graduate Dr. Darryl Tonemah helped new students envision all that their college experience can be at a Common Read lecture on Aug. 25 in an event hosted by the NSU Honors Program and Native American Student Association. Tonemah, who graduated from

NSU in 1989, has accepted a contractual opportunity to work with NSU Student Affairs to help with recruitment of Native American students from the region.

Tonemah, who is also a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, is of Kiowa, Comanche and Tuscarora heritage. He is an active advocate for American Indian affairs, and he sits on numerous state and national boards addressing disparities in education and health care among the Native community. Tonemah recently joined the Stephen Covey group as a trainer for "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." He is also an actor and award-winning recording artist.

BIRTHS

Tessa (Shultis) Schabot '02, Aberdeen, and husband, Randy, a son, Lander Randall, on Nov. 22, 2012.

BIRTHDAY

Phyllis (Hinckley) Balvin '50, Aberdeen, celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 16, 2013.

Milo Opp '55, Aberdeen, celebrated his 80th birthday on Sept. 26, 2013.

CELEBRATION

Ruth (Beck) Overby '48, Mellette, and husband, Glenn, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 26, 2013.

Lucy Gayman '85, Ellendale, and husband Leland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 2013.

MEMORIAL

Marlene Goldade '56, Groton, on Oct. 6, 2013.

Clifford Maunu '58, Aberdeen, on Sept. 5, 2013.

Jeffrey Hudson '71, Antioch, Ill., on Sept. 20, 2013.

Bebe (Jensen) Wright '88, Spearfish, on Sept. 4, 2013.

Renee (Daly) McKiver '93, Groton, on Aug. 31, 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.
**NSU VS. USF, PRE-GAME
BASKETBALL SOCIAL**
Jan. 4, 2014, 4:30-6 p.m.
TBA

BROOKINGS, S.D.
BAND MASTERS RECEPTION
Feb. 14, 2014, 5-7 p.m.
Days Inn
2500 Sixth St., Brookings, S.D. 57006

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.
**NSU VS. AUGUSTANA PRE-GAME
BASKETBALL SOCIAL**
Feb. 15, 2014, 4:30-6 p.m.
TBA

GLENHAM, S.D.
WOLVES ON THE WATER
May 31, 2014
New Evarts
13467 S.D. Highway 1804,
Glenham, S.D. 57361

ABERDEEN, S.D.
WACHS GOLF CLASSIC
June 29-30, 2014
Moccasin Creek Country Club
4807 130th St., Aberdeen, S.D. 57401

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NSU HAS LOST A GREAT FRIEND



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Salona Wachs passes away on July 21, 2013.

Salona Carolyn Cornett, daughter of Kelly and Bertie Carolyn (Brashears) Cornett, was born Oct. 2, 1926, at Portland, Ore. She grew up and attended school in Arkansas. She received her bachelor of arts degree in 1947 from the University of Arkansas. Salona resided in Arkansas for 21 years and Denver, Colo., for one year.

She was united in marriage to Robert Wachs on Aug. 6, 1949, in Fayetteville, Ark. They resided in Greeley, Colo., one year, Wauneta, Neb., three years, Aberdeen, one year, Kansas City, Kan., one year, and eventually in 1955, settled in Aberdeen. For a number of years, Salona was the office manager at First United Methodist Church. Community and church volunteerism was a large part of her life.

Salona enjoyed gardening and loved to attend her grandchildren's activities. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, past Altar Guild President and a past AAUW President. She was active in Bridge Club and

a member of Moccasin Creek Country Club. She was honored as First Lady of Aberdeen in 1970, Service to Mankind Award in 1974 and SD School Board Member of the Year in 1979. Salona was active in PTA, NSU Faculty Wives, Salvation Army, St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary and served on the first board of the Boys and Girls Club. She had been on the Foster Grandparent Board and, also, for eight years was on the Aberdeen Board of Education.

Salona is survived by two sons: Dr. David (Marilyn) Wachs of Aberdeen and Steven (Debra) Wachs of Dallas, Texas; daughter-in-law, Maureen "Pink" Wachs of Norman, Okla.; "adopted son", Bob (Eileen) Graham of Aberdeen; sister-in-law, Margaret Cornett of Little Rock, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 1993; son, Richard in 1997; two brothers; and one sister.

The family prefers memorials to Robert Wachs Memorial Endowment at NSU.

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