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## Homecoming 2003:

### History in the Making

It was a homecoming for the history books. For the first time since Wayne State was founded in 1910, a tie vote resulted in the coronation of two WSC seniors as homecoming queen: Molly Muir of Wayne and Anna Stubblefield of Shelton. Both secondary education majors, Muir and Stubblefield shared the throne with homecoming king Chibawanye Ene, a senior biology major from Benin City, Nigeria. Jacob Petersen, a senior finance and economics major from Manley, was first runner-up.

Others in the homecoming court were queen candidates Kristina Classen, Humphrey; Ludmila Gorbik, Moscow, Russia; Angela Hartman, Doniphan; and Kristy Kounovsky, Norfolk. King candidates included Pat Checketts, Eagle; Brett Forsman, Aurora; Eric Kjar, Wayne; and Afolabiyi Okubanjo, Wayne.

The twelve candidates, all juniors or seniors, were selected as homecoming royalty by an interview process followed by campus-wide voting. Coronation ceremonies were held on Sept. 29 in Ramsey Theatre.

This year's homecoming theme, "Wild with Pride!" was in evidence throughout the weekend. Events began on Friday morning with the annual

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*The 2003 WSC Homecoming court pictured (l-r): Angela Hartman, Brett Forsman, Kristina Classen, Pat Checketts, queen Molly Muir, king Chibawanye Ene, queen Anna Stubblefield, first attendant Jacob Petersen, Ludmila Gorbik, Kristy Kounovsky, and Afolabiyi Okubanjo.*

## Irv Hoffbauer Recipient of Alumni Service Award



*It was a busy weekend for Irv Hoffbauer and his daughter Becky Hoffbauer, shown above at the Homecoming/Hall of Fame Banquet.*

Irv Hoffbauer received the Alumni Service Award for his dedicated service, promotion, and financial support of Wayne State College. Hoffbauer has been an avid supporter of Wayne State, and instrumental in many campus beautification projects. His fond memories of the Willow Bowl prompted him to become involved in its renovation. Through Irv's generosity, three decayed willow trees were removed and replaced with six new willows and irrigation was installed in the Willow Bowl.

Irv has also been a vital part of the Hoffbauer Plaza project. "The Hoffbauer Plaza will provide a welcoming doorway to the campus for prospective and current students alike," said Deb Lundahl, director of development and alumni relations. "We are grateful to Mr. Hoffbauer for his generosity that will provide an appealing place for students to gather and enjoy our beautiful campus."

Hoffbauer was born in Butler County Nebraska and graduated from Dwight High School in May 1944. He entered the U.S. Navy after high school graduation, served in the Pacific Theater and was discharged as Yeoman 1st Class in Dec. 1947.

After one semester at Midland College, he transferred to Wayne State. He graduated in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree with majors in education and business administration. After one term teaching at Craig, Neb., he moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and joined the international accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. While in Des Moines, he received a degree in advanced accounting studies from Drake University. He also took advanced taxation classes from the University of Chicago and University of Southern California.

After 35 years with the firm as managing partner, he took early retirement to establish the firm of Hoffbauer and Company, CPA, specializing in taxation and management services in West Des Moines, with branch offices in Washington, D.C., and Sarasota, FL. He closed those branches in the early 1990's.

Hoffbauer has served on numerous professional and civic boards over the years. He has six adult children, five daughters and one son. On November 1, he will have been a CPA for 50 years and is still practicing.

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# 2003 Wildcat Homecoming



The Greek Olympics, a long-time tradition at Wayne State College, were held on Friday afternoon in the Willow Bowl.



These alums returned to Wayne State for their 50-year class reunion. Seated, from left: Duane Luebe and Carl Johnson. Standing: Phyllis (Oblander) Noblitt, Ruth (Texley) Grone, and Elaine (Peterson) Stewart. Absent at the time of the photo were Ron Breyne, Don Holmstedt and Ron Hunter.



The WSC marching band participated in the Homecoming parade and performed during half-time of the football game.

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trustee workshop and luncheon, followed by the Wayne State Foundation board of trustees annual meeting.

The recipients of this year's "Outstanding Alumni" awards were honored at a reception and dinner on Friday evening. The recipients included Eugene Bechen '86, School of Arts and Humanities; Mark Waddington '86, School of Business and Technology; Rae (Johnson) Brown '72, MSE '91, School of Education and Counseling; and Ed Brogie '75, MSE '90, School of Natural and Social Sciences.

Other activities on Friday included the dedication of the Irv Hoffbauer Plaza, Greek Olympics, a volleyball game with Concordia-St. Paul, and the bonfire and pep rally.

Saturday's activities began with the Women-Helping-Women Walkathon and the WSC North Central Pre-Regional cross country meet. Following the homecoming parade, Presidents Society brunch and a reunion brunch for honored classes, the action moved to the football field for the tailgate party and pre-game show.

During the pre-game show and half-time, this year's WSC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were honored. They include Jim Morrison (posthumous award), Merle McGee (1956-59), Steve Heying (1970-73), Grady Hansen (1979-1983), and Tim and Leslie (Gardner) Bebee. The track and the Tim and Leslie Bebee Plaza were dedicated at half-time. And, while the final outcome of the football game against Northern State didn't end the way Wildcat fans hoped, it was a beautiful day to enjoy the festivities, including a spirited performance by the Wayne State marching band and Aristocats. Coach Sharon Vanis's volleyball team ended the weekend on a winning note defeating Winona State Saturday evening.

The Homecoming/Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday evening honored Irv Hoffbauer as the recipient of the Alumni Service Award as well as the WSC Athletic Hall of Fame recipients.

The picture-perfect weather continued on Sunday afternoon as the Wildcat baseball team took on the alumni, officially bringing Homecoming 2003 to a close.

Photography by Angie Nordhues, Amy Franco, and Nicole Rabe.



Wayne State alum Larry Manning '36 rode in the parade with Lynda Edsall, daughter of 1938 alum Ash Edsall, and Ina Mae Burke. Ash Edsall traditionally rode with Manning in the parade and, since his death, his daughter has continued the tradition. The driver is Paula (Kuhl) Schwarten '79.



Wildcat cheerleaders' parade entry, complete with a motorized juke box, built on the parade theme of "Blast from the Past."



A full house was on hand as the Wildcat football team took on Northern State on Saturday.



A popular character at the football game was Willy, shown here greeting young Wildcat fans.



*Deb Lundahl  
Director of Development  
and Alumni Relations*

## ***From the Director:***

I always look forward to the beginning of a new academic year, and this year was no different, as our student body returned in force and the campus became alive with their energy. The energy level was compounded at Homecoming when many of you visited campus to renew acquaintances and witness the improvements, many of which were made possible through your generosity.

As you and our "resident alumni," as we like to refer to our current students, came back this fall, there were some changes that have taken place on campus. Students and alums alike, were able to gather and relax in the new Irv Hoffbauer Plaza located between Bowen Hall and the Student Center, and when they and you attended football games you both saw the renovated track and new Tim and Leslie Bebee Entry Plaza to Bob Cunningham Memorial Stadium. These changes have enhanced the beauty of our campus while retaining the charm you all remember.

In the alumni office, we do our best to provide you with accurate and interesting information about the college and your fellow alumni. I am looking forward to meeting many of you and renewing acquaintances with others as we organize alumni gatherings and reunions. Please call me at 402-375-7209, e-mail me at delunda1@wsc.edu, or contact me through our Web site at www.wc.edu/alumni with news of your family, career or locations changes. We enjoy hearing from you.

## **Curt Frye Named Interim President of Wayne State**

Curt Frye, vice president and dean of students at Wayne State College, has been selected to serve as interim president of the college. Dr. Sheila Stearns, former WSC president, resigned to accept the position of Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System effective Sept. 1.



*Curt Frye*

"Curt has been an integral part of Wayne State College for more than 18 years," said Stan Carpenter, executive director of the Nebraska State College System. "His leadership and background made him the top choice to serve as interim president. He understands the mission of the Nebraska State Colleges, and specifically, Wayne State, from the inside out, and will serve the college well during the search for a new president."

Frye has been at Wayne State since 1985, serving as associate dean of students and dean of students. In 1993, he was named vice president and dean of students. A native of Elk City, Frye holds a bachelor of science in education from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont and a master of science in education from Chadron State College. Prior to coming to Wayne State, he was a teacher and coach at Cody/Kilgore and a guidance counselor in Neligh and Wayne. He and his wife, Dianne, are the parents of two children and two grandchildren.

"I am very much looking forward to the rewards and challenges of working with students, faculty and staff in this new position," Frye said. "Wayne State has been and will continue to be an excellent place to attend school. Our intention and hope is that we can move the agenda forward in this interim period."



*Irv Hoffbauer addresses the crowd during the Hoffbauer Plaza dedication.*



*From left: Phyllis Conner, vice president of development and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation; Irv Hoffbauer; and Curt Frye, WSC interim president.*



*The Hoffbauer Plaza, located between the Student Center and Bowen Hall, promises to be a popular gathering spot for the entire campus. Above, individuals gather for the plaza dedication on Oct. 3.*

## ***Hoffbauer Plaza Dedicated***

A new gathering place on campus has come to reality this fall. The Irv Hoffbauer Plaza, located immediately south of the Wayne State Student Center, is already becoming one of the favorite places for the campus community to pause for conversation, contemplation, or just a place to rest for a bit.

The plaza, part of the Wayne State master landscape plan adopted in 2001, was one of the first project assignments that Patrick Meehan, WSC arboretum/landscape manager, received after coming to campus in July 2002. Meehan worked with a campus advisory committee including Curt Frye, then vice president and dean of students; Jeff Carstens, assistant dean of students; Frank Teach, director of the student center; Derek Anderson, assistant director of the student center; Ruth Smith, facilities technician; and Marlene Mueller, art professor, and developed the plan that was approved last fall. From that point, things progressed quickly.

Irv Hoffbauer '51 of West Des Moines, Iowa, was instrumental in getting the project started with a generous gift. Other funding included a \$10,000 grant from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Green Space Stewardship Initiative; donations that were given to the campus beautification portion of the "All About Students" campaign; individual and group donations to the project; and revenue bond funds. The industrial technology class under the leadership of assistant professor Greg Vander Weil built the pavilion, and a number of campus groups and individuals volunteered time and expertise to help with the plantings at the plaza. The total project allocation is \$161,000.

The plaza encompasses approximately 10,000 square feet, and includes several areas. The inner plaza, approximately 3,000 square feet, includes a pavilion with a raised area including a stage and outlets for speakers, microphones, etc., that can be set up in either or both directions. The outer area includes both benches and walls for informal gatherings.

"One of the main functions of the plaza is to facilitate movement from all of the residence halls to the student center and beyond," said Meehan. "With the tables that are there, it's a great place to enjoy lunch or to meet informally. With the wiring and lighting in place, dances and small concerts can be held in the plaza, as well as other programs or events. Some are already being scheduled there."

## Outstanding Alumni Honored during WSC Homecoming

Outstanding alumni, one from each of the four academic schools at Wayne State, were recognized on Friday, Oct. 3 with a reception and dinner in the WSC student center. Award recipients include:

**School of Arts and Humanities:** Eugene Bechen '86, director of bands at Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Prior to his appointment at Lakeland College, he was assistant professor of music education at Indiana State University, where he taught courses in instrumental music education and conducted the ISU concert band. Dr. Bechen received a bachelor of fine arts degree in education from Wayne State College a master of arts degree and a doctor of music degree in education from the University of Iowa.

**School of Business and Technology:** Mark Waddington '86, president of First National Technology Solutions, Inc., a national provider of



Outstanding alumni from each of the academic schools at Wayne State were recognized on Friday, Oct. 3. Award recipients and deans from each school included from left: Dr. James O'Donnell, **School of Arts and Humanities:** Eugene Bechen '86; Dr. Paul Theobald, **School of Education and Counseling:** Rae (Johnson) Brown '72, MSE '91; Dr. Robert McCue, **School of Natural and Social Sciences:** Ed Brogie '75, MSE '90; Dr. Vaughn Benson, **School of Business and Technology:** and Mark Waddington '86.

technology infrastructure services, in Omaha. Waddington has been involved in world class data center design, implementation and operations. He spent several years working for EDS, one of the world's largest technology infrastructure providers, and spent the last 15 years working for two First National companies, including having responsibility for First National Bank of Omaha's data center and technology infrastructure environment.

**School of Education and Counseling:** Rae (Johnson) Brown '72, MSE '91, a fourth grade teacher at Pender Public Schools in Pender. In 2001, she was honored by the Nebraska Department of

Education as one of five Award of Excellence teachers and was a finalist for Nebraska Teacher of the Year - 2001. Brown is currently president of the Northeast Nebraska Reading Association and serves as committee chair on the state level of the Nebraska Reading Council. She is an adjunct professor at Wayne State, where she teaches a summer outdoor education course called "Lewis and Clark: Voyage of Rediscovery."

**School of Natural and Social Sciences:** Ed Brogie '75, MSE '90, high school science teacher at Laurel-Concord Public School in Laurel, where he teaches biology, chemistry, anatomy, physics and

independent science research. Brogie is past-president of both the Nebraska Academy of Science and the Nebraska Association of the Teachers of Science. Currently the president-elect of the National Association of the Academies of Science, Brogie has received the Sigma Xi Science Teaching Award, the Tandy Technology Scholars National Award, the H. Dudley Wright Prize for Innovative Science Teaching from Tufts University, two Woodrow Wilson Fellowships to Princeton, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, and the NABT Outstanding Biology Teacher Award.

## President's Lecture Series Established

The Dr. Sheila Stearns President's Lecture Series on Public Affairs has been established in honor and recognition of her service as president of Wayne State College from 1999 to 2003. In August, Dr. Stearns left Wayne State to become Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System in Helena, Montana.

"The Stearns President's Lecture Series on Public Affairs will serve to acknowledge the successful presidency of Dr. Stearns and will become a part of her enduring legacy at Wayne State College," said Phyllis Conner, vice president of development and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation.

The lecture series will provide resources to bring to campus speakers of national and international distinction who have the ability to inspire students to think broadly about global issues and motivate them to become engaged in civic and public affairs. Past speakers have included Dr. Martin E. Marty, internationally-known theologian and historian; Dr. Alexander MacDonald, director of the Forecast Systems Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Boulder, Colorado; and Thomas Gouttierre, University of Nebraska - Omaha Dean of International Studies and Programs and an international expert on Afghanistan.

This annual lecture series will be open to the community of Wayne and the general public. It will, through the high profile and quality of the speakers, enhance the academic reputation of Wayne State College and will be a source of pride to the community, employees, students, alumni and friends. "This endowment will exist in perpetuity and will accept contributions on an ongoing basis," said Conner.

For more information please contact the Wayne State Foundation at 402-375-7510.

### Alumni Achievement Award

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes Wayne State alumni who have outstanding achievements in their career, and/or civic involvement and provided support of WSC. Please use the form below to nominate someone you think deserves this award.

**Nomination Form** - Please fill out the following information.

*Please print*

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Business \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet of paper please state the nominee's career accomplishments (cite specific achievements), and civic contributions (community, charitable organizations, schools, etc.).**

*Nominated by*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Business \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Send nomination and supporting information to: Alumni Office, Wayne State College, 1111 Main St., Wayne, NE 68787, or e-mail delunda1@wsc.edu. Thank you.



Dr. Gretchen Ronnow is pictured with noted Paiute flutist and educational director Gary Tom during his campus visit in September.

## Gretchen Ronnow Receives Balsley Whitmore Award

Gretchen Ronnow, professor of English at Wayne State College, is the recipient of the Balsley Whitmore Excellence in Teaching Award presented annually to a tenured member of the WSC English faculty who exemplifies the teaching mission of the college by engaging in innovative and challenging classroom teaching; enhancing critical thinking; promoting independent learning; and contributing to the intellectual life of the campus community.

The award is funded by the Balsley Whitmore Endowment, honoring the late Howard and Irol (Whitmore) Balsley. Mrs. Balsley was a 1933 WSC graduate. Both of the Balsleys were educators and authors. Mrs. Balsley died in 1989 and her husband died in 1996.

Ronnow, who has been at Wayne State College since 1992, earned her bachelor and master of arts degrees from Utah State University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. She spent 1996 as a Fulbright Professor in Siberia, where she taught English at Barnaul State Pedagogical University. She has been involved with the Neihardt/Black Elk Young Writers Workshop for Native American high school students held at Wayne State each June since 1999. She has also been active in the Nebraska Literature Festival, and has presented papers at national and international conferences.

Ronnow directed a portion of her award to bringing noted Paiute flutist and educational director Gary Tom to campus in September. Tom, the Paiute Tribe of Utah representative for the 2002 Winter Olympics, was one of five Native American flute players to perform at the opening ceremonies.

# Hall of Fame Inductees Honored at Homecoming

This year's WSC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were recognized at Homecoming during the Wayne State vs. Northern State football game in Memorial Stadium, and at the Homecoming and Hall of Fame Banquet on October 4. Hall of Fame inductees include:

**Jim Morrison** (posthumous recognition of 1997 Hall of Fame inductee), a standout coach at Wayne State from 1938-1947, where he coached the football, men's basketball, and men's track and field teams. A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Morrison's WSC teams won first or second in all three sports from 1938-1943, and his basketball teams qualified twice for the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City. He was also the secretary of the Midwest Physical Education and Recreation Association which included all the Big Ten and Big Six schools. He died in 1951.

**Merle McGee**, Huntington Beach, Calif., an outstanding track athlete at Wayne State from 1956 to 1959. Two of his records still stand in the mile run and the distance medley relay. He was the 1956 Freshman Athlete of the Year and served as president of the "W" Club. He coached the 800-meter Olympian Johnny Gray.

**Steve Heying**, San Antonio, Texas, second-team All American baseball player at Wayne State from 1970 to 1973. In 1973, he was selected by the team as the most valuable player (the team record was 26-3). He is currently in ninth place in slugging percentage for a season (.718) and is tied for fifth place in home runs in a season, with 11.

**Grady Hansen**, Papillion, 1979 to 1983, the WSC career-leading scorer in basketball with 1,942 points. He was twice the leading scorer in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference (CSIC). He averaged 19.3 points per game during his sophomore season, and 19.2 points per game as a junior.

**Tim and Leslie (Gardner) Bebee**, Wakefield, generous supporters of the Wayne State College athletic program. Their gifts include the lead gift for the track-stadium project as well as contributions each year to support WSC athletic scholarships. They served as co-chairs of the "All About Students" campaign which has raised \$7.7 million for Wayne State. They also served on the Anchor Committee which spearheaded fund-raising efforts for the track-stadium project. Leslie Bebee is a trustee of the Wayne State Foundation.



Merle McGee



Steve Heying



Grady Hansen



Jim and Bill Morrison, sons of Jim Morrison, accept the posthumous recognition honoring their father.



Leslie (Gardner) and Tim Bebee

## Bebee Plaza Dedicated During Homecoming Festivities

The plaza is named in honor of Tim and Leslie (Gardner) Bebee of Wakefield, long-time, generous supporters of Wayne State College. The Bebees served as co-chairs of the "All About Students" campaign which has raised \$7,700,000 for Wayne State students and programs.

One of the most welcomed renovation and expansion projects on campus is the completion of the Tim and Leslie Bebee Plaza and the resurfacing of the Wayne State track. Dedicated at Homecoming in October, the projects brought the "All About Students" campaign to a successful conclusion.

The Bebee Plaza provides a warm welcome to those coming to Memorial Stadium to attend a Wildcat or Wayne High School home football or track event. The plaza includes a benched seating area; three ticketing stations; rest rooms that are accessible; cement stairs, ramps and entrance to the stadium. A donor plaque will be installed on a wall in the plaza. In addition, the new entry plaza is paved with bricks engraved with the names of donors who have supported the track/plaza project.

Engraved bricks are still available for a limited time. For a gift of \$600, donors can have a brick personalized with the name of their choice. The brick will be added to those in the entrance plaza leading up to the stadium and field. Please contact the Wayne State Foundation

at 402-375-7510 if you are interested or if you have questions.

The new track has eight lanes with a polyurethane surface, making it possible to once again host home track meets, something not possible for the past five years. The track project also includes a high jump apron, long jump/triple jump runway, pole vault runway, steeple chase pit, and handicap accessible seating in the stadium. The total amount of the track/entrance plaza project was \$1,400,000.

The plaza is named in honor of Tim and Leslie (Gardner) Bebee of Wakefield, long-time, generous supporters of Wayne State College. The Bebees served as co-chairs of the "All About Students" campaign which has raised \$7.7 million for Wayne State students and programs.

"This new campus facelift would not have been possible without the Bebees' generous financial gift and leadership as co-chairpersons," said Curt Frye, WSC interim president. "We are very appreciative of their commitment and support, as well as that of the Anchor Committee and other individuals and groups who worked hard over the past few years to make this project a reality."



WSC Director of Athletics Todd Barry congratulates Leslie and Tim Bebee on their induction into the Wayne State College Athletic Hall of Fame and on the dedication of the Bebee Plaza.



The Tim and Leslie Bebee Plaza provides a welcoming, accessible entrance to Memorial Stadium.

## Alumni Notes

(Towns and cities listed on these pages are in Nebraska unless noted or generally understood. All events occurred in 2003 unless indicated otherwise. Efforts are made to keep our news current.)

### 1952

**Howard Borchard**, Hartley, Iowa, retired after 20 years in education and 30 years in business. He taught English and served as high school principal and superintendent at Hartley, for 20 years, followed by 30 years in the electrical contracting business. He received the D.A.R. Community Service Award for his participation on many boards of community organizations including service as president of the trustees of Northwest Iowa Community College. He is writing *The 125 Year History of Hartley*.

### 1963

**Jerilynn (Spielman) Kirkman**, Summersville, Mo., after 40 years of service to schools in Kingsley, Iowa, Fremont, Neb., and Summersville, Mo. She now works part-time as a parent educator for the Parents as Teachers program.



### 1964

**Catherine (Katie Berg) Putensen**, Dubuque, Iowa, retired following 39 years of teaching. She taught first- second-third-grades in Sioux Rapids for two years and 37 years in Irving School, Dubuque. Her husband, **William "Bill"** served as a school administrator for 26 years and a financial consultant for four years prior to his death in 1994.

### 1965

**Sheryl (Cole) Griffith**, Fort Dodge, Iowa, is a professor of mathematics at Iowa Central Community College and was the recipient of a Fulbright GPA to Botswana, Swaziland, and South Africa. She is also the proud grandmother of triplet girls, Isabella, Emma and Ellie.



### 1968

**Wendell McConnaha**, Toledo, Ohio, has accepted the position of executive director of field placement and partnerships for the University of Toledo. Dr. McConnaha has spent the past two years as director/associate professor at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

**Dale Abbey**, Lyford, Texas, retired after serving as a business and computer instructor for the past 35 years. He taught 21 years at New Market Community School, New Market, Iowa and the past 14 years in the San Perlita Schools, San Perlita, Texas.

### 1973

**Doris (Baker) Meyer**, Wayne, received a master of science degree in mathematics from WSC in December, 2002. She teaches at Wayne Community Schools.

**Marie (Wunderlich) Gambon**, Louisville, Colo., owns a consulting company focusing on Human Resource. She serves as chair, Workforce Boulder County, and is on the board of directors of the Colorado Workforce Council, the

Boulder Chamber of Commerce and the Emergency Family Assistance Association.

### 1979

**Susan (Hochstein) Hupp** resides in Spearfish, S.D. with her husband, Terry, and their three daughters: Shawna (17), Erin (15), Amanda (8). Both Susan and Terry are employed at Black Hills State University, Spearfish; she is the director of student support services.

### 1982

**Dave Shively**, Lincoln, has been reappointed by Gov Mike Johanns to a four-year term as Lancaster County election commissioner.

### 1984

**Bryce Lambley** and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of Emily May, born Feb. 17. She joins Hayley (2) at home in Fremont. Bryce is journalism teacher and head girls track coach at Fremont High School and Mary teaches elementary special education.



**Dr. Glenda Gallisath** has accepted the position of CEO and Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc.

### 1985

**Pat O'Malley** and his wife Colleen announce the birth of daughter Nora Kelley, born July 16 and welcomed at home by Kieran (8), Seamus (7), Rory (5), Shannon (4) and Malloy (18 months). Pat works for the U.S. Postal Service and serves as the postmaster in Centerville, S.D. where the family resides.

### 1986

**Betty (Miller) and John Gebhardt**, Quincy, Ill., celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 12. They both have retired from John Wood Community College, he as director of instructional technology and telecommunication, and she as an associate in the business faculty. John served as an instructor at WSC from 1985-87.

### 1989

**Brad and Sara (Henkensiefken '91) Stueve**, Bellevue, announce the birth of daughter, Ciara Noelle, born Feb. 17 and welcomed home by Elaine (4). Brad is the middle school band director at Bellevue Public Schools and Sara is a stay-at-home mom.



**Jodi (Benton) Kupper**, Decatur, Ill., was appointed director of the School of Education at Millikin University, Decatur. As the director of this newly-created school, she will oversee the over 500 students completing one of 13 teacher education programs offered by Milliken. She has published research on middle-level concepts and teaching portfolios in national and regional journals, including the *Journal of Research and Development in Education*. She has served as a presenter at numerous professional conferences, sharing research with teachers, educators and other researchers.

**LiChelle (Krause) Youngberg** and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of daughter, Dani LiChelle, on July 23 and welcomed home by brother Noah (3).

They reside in Sioux City, Iowa, where LiChelle is a stay-at-home mom and an instructor for the Greater Sioux City Board of Realtors, Sioux City.



### 1990

**Sharon (Kander) Wandrey** and her husband, Phil, Omaha, announce the birth of second daughter, Nicole Jasmine, born January 28 and welcomed home by Kirsten (2).



### 1991

**Lonnie Abbott**, and his wife Melissa, Oxford, announce the birth of daughter Teagan Mae born July 8 and welcomed home by sister Kirsten (4). He serves as PE teacher/coach at Southern Valley Schools, Oxford.

**Sheila (Meiergerd) Sindelar** and her husband Glenn, Wisner, announce the birth of Brandon Joseph on May 11, 2002 and welcomed home by Justin (10), Jarett (8) and Christina (5).



### 1992

**Thomas and Rhonda King**, Tilden, announce the birth of third son, Carter Wade, born June 9 and welcomed home by Grant (5) and Mason (4). Thomas is a third grade teacher at Elkhorn Valley Schools, Tilden.



**Shawn and Traci (Vogel '96) Jensen**, South Sioux City, announce the birth of Cael Alexander on Nov. 30, 2002. Traci is employed at Henjes, Conner, Williams, & Grimsley, LLP, Sioux City, Iowa as a CPA. Shawn is a police officer with the South Sioux City Police Dept.

**Lisa (Steffen) Doyle**, Cosby, Mo. owns and operates Addiction Awareness Education Services of Neb. She holds MIP and DWI classes in Pender, Wayne, Neligh and Tecumseh.

### 1993

**Shawn Mulligan** and his wife Stephanie, Grand Island, announce the birth of Elijah Dale, born May 12. Shawn serves as a teacher/football coach at Silver Lake Public School, Roseland.

**Kelli (Smith) Koepsell** is employed at Sioux Valley Hospital & Health Systems, Sioux Falls, S.D. She resides in Canova, S.D. with her husband, Chad, and their daughters: Ceri, Carolyn, and Cayla.

**Tamara (Pronske) Counti** resides in Kansas City, Mo., with her husband, Carl. They both are employed by the Kansas City Police Dept., where she serves as a sergeant.

**Stacie (Plummer) and Bill Fleck**, Omaha, announce the birth of second child, Alyssa Claire, born Jan 16 and welcomed home by brother, Austin (2). Stacie is employed at Profitstar as a senior support analyst.

**DaVarryl Williamson**, a 1996 USA Olympic Boxing Team member squared off against 'Baby' Joe Mesi on Sept. 27 in New York.

### 1994

**Adriene (Hanzel) and Dan Blaser**, Columbus, announce the birth of son, Reed Nicholas, born April 3 and welcomed home by Jarrod (4) and Brittany (6). Adrienne is a social studies teacher at Lakeview High School, Columbus.

**Anne (Cruikshank) and Steve Hughes**, Columbus, announce the birth of daughter, Jacey Anne, born July 17. Anne is a sixth-grade math teacher at Columbus Public School.

**Thomas and Amy (Volcheck) Schmadeke**, Madison, Minn., announce the birth of Cael August on March 14.

Tom graduated from the University of Nebr. College of Medicine physician assistant program and is employed by Madison Hospital/LQP Clinic. Amy is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom.



**Polly (Miller) and Ben Wilson**, have relocated to Sherman Oaks, Calif. She is in asset management at Goldman Sachs. He is employed as an actor, and has a speaking role in "Pirates of the Caribbean."

**Jody (Bauermeister) Maas** and her husband, Chad, reside in Norfolk, where she is a sixth-grade teacher at Norfolk Catholic Schools.

### 1995

**Blaine and Lisa (Casey'96) Bockelman** reside in Bancroft where he serves as vice president of First National Bank. Lisa is the manager of Subway, West Point.

**Lisa (Pilger) Thoene**, Blair, is a social service worker and has been named the employee of the year for the central service area of the Neb. Health and Human Services System. She and her husband, Dean, are the parents of Jordan (3) and Emma Rose (1).

### 1996

**Stacy Carlson** and Mark McKain were married June 28 and reside in Lincoln. She is pursuing a master's degree in history and works as a claims dept. supervisor at Rain and Hail, LLC., Omaha.

**Travis and Robyn (Dallegge '95) Sass**, Omaha, are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Abigail Grace born Feb. 13. Robyn is the library media specialist at Hillrise Elementary School, Elkhorn, and Travis is a programmer at CSG Systems, Omaha.

**Jim Reese**, Lincoln, is a writer, photographer and co-founder of and imagining editor for *Logan House Press*. His poetry and fiction have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. His most recent collections are *Wedding Cake and Funeral Ham* and *The Jive*.



## Alumni Notes

**Cyndi (Hagerbaumer) and Jack Biggs**, West Des Moines, Iowa announce the birth of Carson Michael born June 18. Cyndi is an assistant vice president/financial planning officer with Bankers Trust Co., Des Moines.



### 1997

**Paul Hagen** was united in marriage to Jennifer Thede on June 7. The couple resides in Atkinson where he is a trooper for the Nebr. State Patrol and she is a school teacher.

**Charlie and Misty (Svitak) Janssen** announce the birth of son, Charles Earl Janssen Jr. born May 30. They have relocated to Fremont where Misty is a physician at Fremont Family Practice and Charlie is a self-employed consultant.

**Howard Holmstrom** resides in Perry, Iowa, with his wife, Dawn, and their children: Ashley (7), Morgan (5), Aidan (6 months). Howard is employed by Allied Insurance as a personal lines underwriter.

**Father Al Salanitro** is the pastor at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Blair, and serves as an oral interpretation instructor at Dana College, Blair. He is directing the musical "Painting the Fence" which will be presented at Otte Middle School, Blair, in March 2004.

**Mark and Deana (Aschoff '99) Leonard**, Pawnee City, announce the birth of McKenna Jean, born April 12 and welcomed home by Jayden (2). Mark is a business teacher/coach at Pawnee City Public Schools; last season he coached the boys' basketball team to the state semifinals and recorded a 23-3 season. Deana is a self-employed daycare provider.



### 1998

**Dawn (Smedra) and Jason Holoubek**, Omaha, announce the birth of Logan Thomas, born April 14 and joined at home

by brother Hunter (3). Dawn is a second-grade teacher at Jackson Elementary and Jason is a correctional officer for Douglas County Corrections.



**Andrew and Holly (Pellan '99) Bratten**, Omaha, announce the birth of first child Lacey Ann, born May 25. He is a probation officer for the State of Nebraska and she is branch manager at US Bank.

**Kellie (Spiels) and Ryan O'Neill** reside in Grand Island with their children: Alicyn Elaine born Jan. 3 and Braeden (3).



**Michael and Angie (Carlson '97) Rittershaus**, Omaha, announce the birth of Calista Reese born June 13 and welcomed home by Joelle (3). Michael is a communications administrator and a registered representative for Ameritrade. Angie is employed at National Equity, Inc. as an HR/office manager.

**Lowell and Amy (Schroeder '99) Ostrand** reside in Omaha with their daughters: Ashley Jean born Sept 9, 2002 and Lexi (6). Lowell is an accountant at ConAgra and Amy is an executive assistant at "i" Structure.



**Brian and Jeanne (Reiman) Tagel**, Omaha, announce the birth of Sydney Marie, on March 30. Brian is self-employed as a painter and Jeanne is a second-grade teacher at St. Vincent DePaul Elementary School, Omaha.



**Laurie (Hiatt) Kouma** and her husband, Randy, Columbus, announce

the of birth of Cassie Anne born on March 7. Laurie is a chiropractic assistant at Hinze Chiropractic, Columbus.



### 1999

**Anne Flesner** and Jeremy McKeown were married July 12. They reside with their son Alex in Pierce. Anne is a Head Start teacher for Goldenrod Hills, Stanton.

**Reagan and Darcy (Wilson '99) Wiebelhaus**, Ainsworth, announce the birth of daughter, Hunter Rose, born Feb. 26 and welcomed home by sister Miah Elizabeth (2). Darcy is a receptionist at the First National Bank of Ainsworth, and Reagan is a trooper for the Neb. State Patrol.

**Bruce Copeland** and his wife, Elizabeth, have relocated to Leavenworth, Kan., following his appointment as director of residence life at University of St. Mary, Leavenworth. He serves as the Grand Province Advisor for the Iowa-Neb. province of Tau Kappa Epsilon, providing aid to chapters in an advisory capacity. He was chosen as *TKE International Volunteer* for the month of August.

### 2000

**Christina Lund** and Ross Schaap were united in marriage April 19. They reside in Sioux Falls, S.D., where she is a fitness specialist/personal trainer at Avera McKenna Fitness Center.

**Roger Howard** and his wife, Catherine, are residents of Des Moines, Iowa. He is a police officer for the Des Moines Police Dept. and they are the parents of 15-month-old Caitlyn Faith.



**Alicia Jensen and Lee Klein '01** were united in marriage May 31. They reside in Sioux Falls, S.D., where she is employed at Siouxland Libraries in the

circulation dept. and he is the fitness director at Wood Lake Athletics.



**Kelly (Humphrey) Johnson** and her husband, Ryan, reside in O'Neill where she is a housewife and he is a self-employed farmer and serves as assistant wrestling coach at O'Neill High School.

**Curtis and Kristin (Klasna '00) Loosvelt**, Columbus, announce the birth of son, Andrew Curtis, born May 30 and welcomed home by Lillian (1). Curtis is a manager trainee at Mead Lumber Co., Columbus and Kristin is employed at United Nebraska Bank.

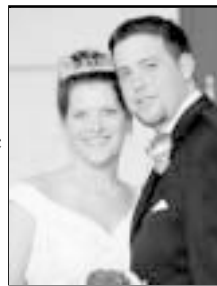
**Angeline Strong** and Rodney Boykin were married April 26 in O'Neill. The couple resides in Durham, N.C., where she is employed at Reichhold, Inc. as a logistics specialist and he is the football coach at Leesville High School.



**Stephanie Lorenz**, Dubuque, Iowa, is a senior at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. She will be ordained a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during the summer of 2004.

### 2001

**Matthew Dowling and Courtney Stabnow '02** were married May 31 and reside in Omaha where she is a special ed teacher for the Millard Public School Dist. and he is a water resource tech employed by HDR Inc.



**Kevin Halle** and Kim Billings were united in marriage on May 31 and reside in Wayne. He is an admissions specialist at WSC and she is employed by ESU 1, Wakefield, as a communication teacher.



## Omaha Wildcat Golf Classic Tournament

The 15th Annual Wildcat Golf Classic Scramble was held at Tregaron Golf Course in Bellevue on July 19. One hundred sixteen golfers teed off at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. The afternoon of golf was followed by a social/buffet at 6 p.m. where Wayne State alumni and area companies who sponsored golf holes and donated door prizes and auction items for the tournament were recognized.

New this year was a trophy crafted by Jim Cotter '67, artist and owner of J. Cotter Gallery The Gold and Silversmith of Vail,

for the winning team. This year's winning team was John Lang, Jon Misfeldt and Rich Symonds, pictured below.

This year's committee members were: Jerry Vogel '73, Tim Abts '79, Charlies Wendt '73, Linda Boles '66, Jim Fletcher '70, Bob Gaeta '67, Mike Lighthart '82, Dennis Gilbert '73, Paul Hartnett '51, Barry Dahlkoetter '85, Lynn Cisar-Birney '75, Don Birney '70, Kathy Hinrichs '97. The proceeds from this tournament have been used to endow a WSC golf scholarship. Check our website at [www.wsc.edu/alumni](http://www.wsc.edu/alumni) for photos of the day.



This year's winning team (l-r) John Lang '68; Jon Misfeldt, WSC head softball and women's golf coach; and Rich Symonds '68 hold the trophy crafted by Jim Cotter '67.



Pictured above (l-r) Tom Sullivan '75, Pat Hughes '73, Mike Minarick '75, and Dan Albrecht '74.



## Seattle Reunion

Alumni and friends of Wayne State experienced breathtaking views, fine cuisine and conversation aboard the Seattle Royal Argosy Luncheon Cruise on Sept. 20. Attending were (l-r) Gary Meisner '56; Glen Henrickson '50; Marcia Meisner; Marilyn Henrickson; Phyllis Conner, vice president of development; Jim Casey '92; Collete Borg Johnson '64; Duane Johnson, and Deb Lundahl, director of development and alumni relations.

**Shawn Ippensen** and his wife, Heidi, are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Sydney Le, born May 17. They reside in Omaha where Shawn works at First National Bank as a programmer analyst.



Ryan is attending Mid-American Baptist Theological Seminary in Tennessee.



**Patrick Coghlan and Heather Conley '02** were married and have relocated to Austin, Texas, where she is the assistant softball coach at St. Edward's University.

**Jeff Manka and Elizabeth "Lisa" Lackey ('03)** were married August 2. The couple reside in Fremont; he is a secondary math teacher at Arlington Public School, Arlington, and she is a substitute teacher for the Fremont Public Schools.

### 2002

**Troy Niehus** and Nichole Ruhland were married in December 2002 and reside in Remsen, Iowa where he serves as a substitute teacher for area schools.

### 2003

**Justin Brodersen and Katie Irlmeier** were married July 19. They relocated to Omaha where she works for Trans-Mid America as a permitting agent and he works for West Corp., as AT&T director.

**Cory Lindsay** has accepted an offer to attend the University of Florida, Gainesville, College of Medicine's Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences, to pursue his doctoral degree.

**Martin Primus** joined the staff of Cruise & Associates, Columbus, as an accountant.

**Samantha Volquardsen** and Brian Wolfe were married in June and reside in Norfolk. She is a graduate assistant at WSC while working towards a master's degree in education/communications arts.

**David Shabram** resides in Sioux Falls, S.D., and is the technology education teacher at Patrick Henry Middle School, Sioux Falls.

**Ryan Johnston and Deborah Rauscher ('03)** met at WSC Campus Crusade for Christ and were married Dec. 21, 2002.

**Cody Hobza** is the independent living skills coordinator at Behavioral Health Specialists, Norfolk and resides in Norfolk with aspirations of going to grad school at CSU.

## IN MEMORY OF

**Ruby (Randol) Curry '25**, (96), Colorado Springs, Colo.; June 5.

**Melvina (Nelson) Thompson '31**, (93), Neligh; May 29.

**Alyce (Malone) Werthman '31**, (92), Sunnyvale, Calif.; March 8.

**Erma (Gray) Weyer '36**, (97), Norfolk; May 9.

**Virginia (Lecron) Johnson '37**, (88), Newman Grove; Aug. 3.

**Lucile (Wright) Amen '37**, Bartlesville, Okla.; July 1.

**Juanita (Butler) Smith '41**, (82), Aten; June 17.

**Frances (Blezek) Kitchen '43**, Norwalk, Calif.; Feb. 28.

**Louise (Bowers) Coover '45**, (78), Pasadena, Calif.; April 27.

**Lois (Lindsay) Mayhew '48**, (75), Schenectady, N.Y.; June 7.

**Marlene (McManigal) Layton '51**, (71), Long Beach, Calif.; July 25.

**John Thiel '51**, (76), Wayne; May 27.

**Barbara Lee Brunckhorst '53**, (71), Norfolk; May 9.

**Alan E.E. Benson '57**, (63), Morris, Minn.; Jan. 1998.

**Prudence (Cropley) Thiel '58**, (70), Wayne; May 27.

**Duane F. Hughes '59**, (70), Sioux City, Iowa; July 8.

**Rodney D. Smith '60**, (64), Holdrege; June 16.

**Eunice (Rossenbach) Behrens '65**, (86), Emerson; July 11.

**Eleanor (Feelhaber) Evans '65**, (93), Hartington; July 15.

**Bill Roy Gries '66**, (59), Elkhorn; May 13.

**Agnes (Kasal) Kucera '69**, (84), Clarkson; July 31.

**Shirley (Hartman) Hamer '69**, (63), Wayne; Aug. 31.

**Marge (Pickering) Meier '73**, (80), Coleridge; June 6

**Eleanor (Jones) Jones '74**, (83), Wayne; May 26.

**Timothy W. Denham '75**, (51), Atlantic, Iowa; July 3.

## Friends We Will Miss

**Angelene "Angie" Ellis**, (72), Wayne; Sept. 8. She served as a secretary at WSC from 1971-2001 working in the school of education and in the graduate studies office.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 5, 6 & 7, 2003**  
Madrigal Dinners

**December 14, 2003**  
President's Holiday Gala

**December 19, 2003**  
Commencement

**January 2004**  
WSC Phonathon

**January 18, 2004**  
Phoenix Reunion

**February 23, 2004**  
Black & Gold Event  
Pirates of Penzance

## Send us your news & photos, too!

We encourage you to send photos with your alumni notes - wedding, new baby, promotion, informal gathering with other alumni, etc. Be sure to identify people in the photos. *Digital photos with fewer than five megapixels cannot be accepted.*

You can send your news via email - [delundal@wsc.edu](mailto:delundal@wsc.edu) - Please remember to update your address!

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