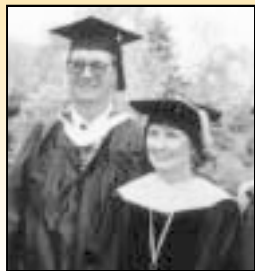


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## Wayne State College Celebrates First Commencement of 2000



Wayne State College commencement exercises featured remarks from U.S. Congressman Doug Bereuter. He spoke to an estimated audience of 3,000 assembled in the Willow Bowl to watch more than 400 students graduate on May 6.

Dr. Sheila Stearns, president of Wayne State College, conferred 357 bachelor's degrees and 46 master's degrees.

Recognition of six retiring faculty members and recipients of awards for alumni achievement and teaching excellence were also part of the day's activities.

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*Left - Dr. Sheila Stearns addresses the graduating class during her first commencement in the Willow Bowl as president of WSC.*

*Below - U.S. Congressman Doug Bereuter watches commencement exercises while seated next to Alumni Achievement Award recipient Daryle Johnson of Irvine, Calif.*

### Six Retiring Faculty Members Honored

"Commencement activities presented an opportunity to honor six colleagues for their dedication to students and to higher education at Wayne State College," said Dr. Sheila Stearns, president of Wayne State College.

Retirees included: Sayre Andersen, professor of English; Robert Foote, professor of geography; Jim Day, professor of piano and music theory; Margaret Hansen, instructor of family and consumer science; Vera Hummel, instructor of business; and Dr. Hilbert Johs, professor of mathematics.

Andersen began teaching English and philosophy at Wayne State College in 1970. His honors include

receiving the State National Bank Teaching Award in 1998, the Model Guest Professor Award from Suzhou University in China in 1994, the Burlington Northern Award for Teaching Excellence in 1988, and the first Balsley-Whitmore Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1999. He served on the Nebraska Humanities Council from 1992-98 and delivered the commencement address at the August 1994 WSC commencement.

Foote came to Wayne State in 1970. During his 30 years at Wayne State he has taught over 6,000

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Dr. Sheila Stearns, Wayne State College president, (center) recognizes retiring faculty members following commencement. They include (from left): Margaret Hansen, Dr. Hilbert Johs, Robert Foote, Vera Hummel, Jim Day and Sayre Andersen.

## Johnson Recipient of Alumni Achievement Award



Daryle Johnson '57 accepts the Alumni Achievement Award for the spring of 2000 from Lea Clausen, vice president and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation, at commencement activities.

Daryle Johnson, a 1957 graduate, is the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award for the spring of 2000. The award was presented at commencement activities.

Johnson is an executive vice president for Pacific Life Insurance Company located in Newport Beach, Calif. Johnson graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in education with a subject endorsement in mathematics and a minor in economics.

*"The four years I spent at Wayne State were wonderful. I have so many great memories of Wayne..."*

"When I was a junior at Wayne State my family moved out here (California) so when I graduated I started to look for a job in the same area," Johnson said. "Pacific Life is the only company that I have worked for since graduating from WSC. I have really enjoyed it here."

Johnson has been active with alumni events since his graduation. In 1991, he served as a member of the alumni committee, a local campaign volunteer in 1993, and a class representative and master of ceremonies for the 1997 Homecoming banquet.

"The four years I spent at Wayne State were wonderful. I have so many great memories of Wayne and the good times and good friends I made there," Johnson said.

Johnson's hobbies include traveling and collecting vintage wristwatches. He lives in Irvine, Calif. with his wife Vivianne. They have two children who also reside in California. Johnson was born in Fremont and graduated from Scribner High School.

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students, served on and chaired numerous committees and prepared L.E.A.D.S. Fellows for their study tours abroad. He has been a long-time sponsor for Pi Gamma Mu, social sciences honorary. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois.

Day received his training at the Conservatory of Music of Kansas City, Mo., the University of Kansas and at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. He studied with Ann St. John, Jan Chiapusso, the famous Madame Rosina Lhevinne, and pursued doctoral work at the University of Southern California and Florida State University. Day began teaching at Wayne State in 1959. For 17 years he conducted the WSC Scandinavian Education Summer Tours. From 1982 through 1997, he was the director of Black and Gold Series.

Hansen began teaching at Wayne State College in 1976 in the applied science

division. She taught the foods and nutrition and child development classes and served as director of the Wayne State College pre-school for 24 years. Hansen implemented the early childhood major and has been the academic advisor for that program. She has been a member of the National and Nebraska Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Hansen served as the advisor of the Wayne State Home Economics Club and the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary. She is a member of Psi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization serving Wayne, Dixon and Dakota counties.

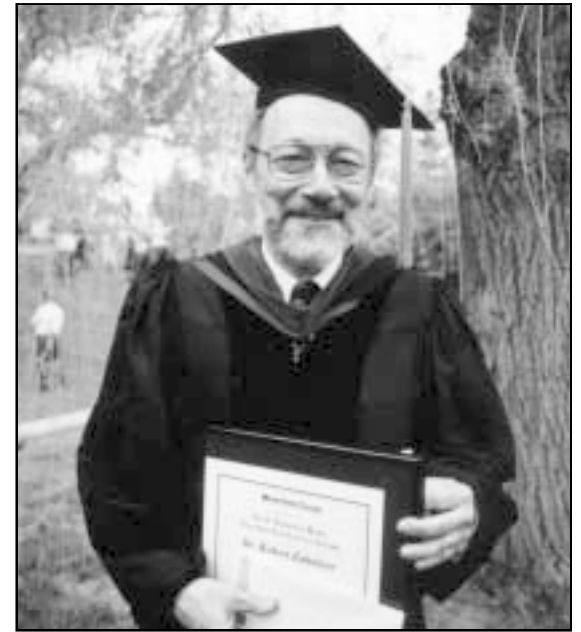
Hummel began teaching in the business division in 1988 after receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State. Hummel has been an integral part of WSC's regional education and distance learning classes as an instructor and advisor. She has presented at many national conferences including a Creative and Critical Thinking Conference at MIT.

Johs began teaching mathematics at Wayne State in 1969. He is one of the faculty members who originated the math contest for high school students in northeast Nebraska. He has coordinated the contest at WSC for 25 years.

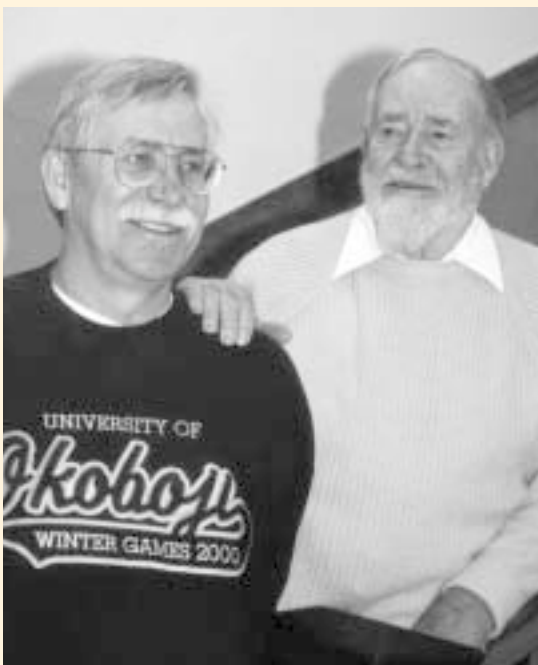
When desktop computers made their appearance in the mid-70s, he offered numerous workshops for teachers in the state. Johs is an active member of NATM/NCTM and has presented numerous programs at state and national meetings. He was awarded the "Melvin Jones Fellowship for Outstanding Service Award" as a Wayne Lion's Club member. He received his Ed.D. degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley in 1974.

## Zahniser Receives Award

Dr. Robert Zahniser, professor of English and German, receives the State National Bank Teaching Excellence Award. The award includes a \$1,000 grant and is presented yearly to a faculty member who exemplifies outstanding teaching.



## Robinson Scholarship Established



John David Robinson of Wayne has established the John David Robinson Endowed Scholarship with a gift of \$55,000 to the Wayne State Foundation. This scholarship will benefit WSC students majoring in history and/or geography. Robinson taught history and geography in Iowa Public Schools for 20 years.

"I've always enjoyed history and geography and I still enjoy learning and teaching it every chance I get," said Robinson.

Pictured with Robinson is his son, Dennis, a '72 graduate of WSC of Ottumwa, Iowa. Four of Robinson's five children graduated from WSC. They include Dennis, Eric Robinson '67 of Omaha, Mark Robinson '70 of Peyton, Colo., Nancy Nish '74 of Omaha and Tim Robinson of Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Mr. Robinson's generosity to WSC is very much appreciated. On behalf of the students who will benefit from his generosity, I thank him," said Lea Clausen, vice president for development.



John A. Novotny

## Novotny Earns MBA

John A. Novotny was the first individual to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Wayne State regional education classes at Platte College in Columbus. He received his degree during commencement on May 6.

"Obtaining my MBA is something that I have wanted to do since I received my bachelor's degree. The program was very pragmatic, user friendly, and really it enhanced my working knowledge of today's business environment," Novotny said. "Working through the program gave me an opportunity to meet some very outstanding instructors and fellow students."

Novotny is currently the business manager for the Columbus Otolaryngology Clinic in Columbus and he also has a business consulting service. Novotny and his wife Dr. Nila Novotny, have three children.



'Hello'

'Hi! I want to thank you for making the WSC Phonathon SO successful'

Wayne State College President, Dr. Sheila Stearns, cheers on phonathon callers during the 2000 phonathon held in February and March. Student callers raised \$170,000 in pledges and gifts from alumni, friends, and parents during this year's phonathon. The funds raised during the phonathon support scholarships, building projects, faculty development, alumni publications, athletics and student support services. Thank you to all of those who participated in making this year's drive a success!

Native American Math Education Grant Announced May 18

Cooperation between Winnebago Public School and Wayne State College will benefit Native American and WSC students through a grant to improve mathematics instruction and to enhance college students' pre-career experience. The Native American Math Education grant is valued at \$45,561 and was awarded by the Nebraska Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Daryl Wilcox, professor of education at Wayne State College, wrote the grant, which addresses educational delivery needs. Thirty-six WSC students will gain experience in teaching Native American students. Twenty-one WPS (K-6) educators will benefit from an improved math instruction program, curriculum-based evaluation and assessment.

An experienced educator, Dr. Hap Gilliland, will be helping with the teaching/evaluation process. He is a retired professor from Montana State University-Billings and author of *Teaching the Native American*. As a consultant, Gilliland will be conducting the in-service for educators at Winnebago Public Schools.

"Cooperative learning is very important for Native American students because most native cultures put great emphasis on sharing, cooperation and group effort. Also, the ability to work cooperatively

is very important for success in the community. The competitive classroom inhibits the student who prefers to help and work with his friends and classmates, rather than compete with and thus be separated from them," Gilliland said.

In addition to participating in the in-service sessions, WSC students, will have direct contact with WPS students who have a unique cultural life and learning style, by working directly with their faculty and teaching their students under supervision.

Under the direction of Dr. Robert Sweetland, professor of education at Wayne State, WPS faculty will be creating instructional math manuals and appropriate evaluation instruments for grades K-6. They will also compare their teaching styles with the learning styles of their students

Parental involvement will assist with assessment of the project, as well as a comparison between student math achievement scores at the beginning and end of the project.



On behalf of the Winnebago school board, Nilah Farmer accepts a framed certificate from Dr. Sheila Stearns, president of Wayne State College. The presentation celebrated the cooperative grant between Winnebago schools and WSC on May 18.

Wayne State Welcomes Visitors to Campus

Prospective students, their families and other visitors explored campus during the annual open house event this spring. Faculty and staff were also available to answer questions about living and learning experiences at Wayne State.



Murphy, Fuller Named to Key Positions

VP for Administration and Finance

Carolyn S. Murphy has been named vice president for administration and finance following a nationwide candidate search.

"Carolyn's professional and educational background are an excellent fit with Wayne State. I am confident of her continued leadership in this position and commitment to the campus community," said Dr. Sheila Stearns, president of Wayne State.



Carolyn Murphy

Murphy has served as Wayne State interim vice president for administration and finance since July 1999 and budget manager and grants administrator since 1990.

She will be responsible for the College's budget, finance, accounting, business functions, grants administration process, physical plant and administrative services areas. As Wayne State budget manager for the past 10 years, her experience with the College's department and division heads has provided her with an in-depth knowledge of the budget systems and allowed her to work closely with the Nebraska State College Board Office and other state agencies.

Murphy received her master's degree in business administration and bachelor's degree from Wayne State College in 1994 and 1982 respectively.

VP for Academic Affairs



David Fuller, Ph.D.

David Fuller, Ph.D. has been appointed vice president for academic affairs. In his new position, Fuller will be principal administrator in the areas of academic policy, curriculum, conduct of classroom instruction and research. He will also coordinate long-range planning of instructional programs and evaluate academic programs in relation to accreditation standards.

Fuller and his wife Nancy are native Nebraskans and received their undergraduate degrees from Hastings College.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the next vice president for academic affairs at Wayne State College. The people I met during my interview and during my visit to the community were terrific. It will be a pleasure to join such a fine community of faculty and staff who are dedicated to serving the College, its students, and the region. My wife Nancy and I are looking forward to moving to Wayne and serving the College," Fuller said.

Fuller comes to Wayne State from Northland College in Ashland, Wis., where he has been the vice president and dean of the faculty since 1996. He is also a consultant-evaluator for the North Central Association.

Fuller earned his Ph.D. in English at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and his master's degree in English at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Both appointments will be effective July 1, pending final approval of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges.

## Humanities:



Dick Manley, awards the first scholarship bearing his name to Mike Krings, Albion, on April 11.

Dr. Ed Battistella,  
Division Head, Humanities



### Broadcasting and Theatre Renovations Planned

Next summer the top floor of the Humanities Building will be totally renovated to house the broadcasting studios as well as the *Wayne Stater*. Planning is underway for the renovation and move which is expected to be completed by the fall of 2001. When the move is completed the Mass Communications programs will have a state-of-the-art media center housing digital audio and video editing space, radio and television studios, desktop publishing facilities, online reporting resources, and a meeting space for student managers.

At the same time, Wayne State's Ramsey Theatre will be undergoing a complete renovation and facelift. The renovation, which began in the summer of 2000 and is expected to be completed by spring of 2002, will result in a new and more attractive site for college theatre and music performances and Black and Gold events. The renovation will also include an addition to the Fine Arts building that will provide for additional space for set construction, costume design and stagecraft. The division is very excited about the opportunities that these new facilities will provide for broadcasting and theatre majors and for the opportunities students will have to learn about studio and theatre design during the renovation phase.

### New Scholarships and Teaching Awards

The Humanities Division awarded the first Dick Manley scholarship on April 11, honoring a long time faculty member and friend of Wayne State College. Dick Manley taught at Wayne State from 1958 to 1986, and served as director of College Relations and Sports Information. Dick's wife Marion Manley and his children Eric, Joe and Meredith were present for the ceremony. *Wayne Stater* editor **Mike Krings, Albion**, received the first Dick Manley Scholarship.

Mass communications major **Elisabeth Mathine, Creighton**, received the Jack Backer Scholarship, recently established to honor alumnus Jack Backer.

The Humanities Division has also established the Andersen-Vaughan Scholarship, honoring emeritus faculty Sayre Andersen and Gilbert Vaughan. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2001.

A bequest from Irol Whitmore Balsley and Howard Balsley also established the Balsley-Whitmore Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to a tenured English faculty member. **Sayre Andersen** was the first recipient of the Balsley-Whitmore Award in 1999. Part of the award involved a public presentation. Andersen's presentation in April of 2000, on "Toni Morrison's use of history," was attended by about 100 faculty, students and alumni.

### Student Awards

**Tim (Rudy) Richter, Omaha**, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Broadcast Education Association's Student Interactive Multimedia Contest for his website "Rudy's Jukebox" ([www.bros.net/jukebox](http://www.bros.net/jukebox)). The award was presented at the Broadcast Education Association convention in Las Vegas in April. The website, which was developed as a project for the Worldwide Web Development course in mass communications, provides a way for radio stations to quickly catalog CD inventories. Richter is a nontraditional student who works for HDR, Inc., in Omaha.

Honors student, **Angie Schaeffer, Springfield**, a senior in mass communications and KWSC Sports Director, was selected to be an intern at the Northern Sun Basketball Tournament in St. Paul in March of 2000. Schaeffer was chosen for the internship because of her service to the Northern Sun Conference in providing videotape to the Midwest Sports Channel. As an intern at the tournament, Schaeffer was in charge of the Press Hospitality room at the tournament. Her experience also provided footage for her senior honors project on women in sports management.



Graduating senior **Aaron Brase, Emerson**, general manager of KWSC-FM, was recently honored for his accomplishments in ROTC. Brase was awarded the Army Superior Cadet Award. This award is presented annually to one member of the Prairie Fire Battalion, which consists of cadets from Mount Marty College, the University of Sioux Falls, the University of South Dakota and Wayne State College. Following the May 2000 commencement, Brase was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



## Social Sciences:



Dr. Jean Karlen,  
Division Head, Social Sciences



Above - Alumni of the social sciences division gathered recently as panelists during a celebration of the recent renovation of Connell Hall. First Row from left are: Amy Mancini-Marshall of Norfolk, Sue Batenhorst of West Point and Laura Heimes-Brown of Yankton, S.D. Second Row from left: Dr. Jim Knotwell of Lincoln, Karin Vaughn of Wayne and Amy Schaeufele Hasse of Omaha. Not pictured is Dan Haase, also of Omaha.

Below - Faculty member Mark Leeper honors WSC student Jason Brozek, Brunswick during a student awards ceremony included in the Connell celebration. Brozek is vice-president of the Wayne Political Union.



### Social Sciences Celebrates Connell Hall Renovation

The campus community, alumni and public celebrated the recent renovation of Connell Hall on April 14.

Activities included alumni career panels, tours and initiations for Alpha Phi Sigma, a national criminal justice honor society; Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honorary; Psi Chi, a national psychology honor society; and Pi Gamma Mu, an international Social Science honorary.

A memory board displayed comments and memorabilia about Connell Hall. Alumni were encouraged to send cards for the permanent alumni board of business cards.

Robert Foote, who retired from WSC after 30 years of service as a geography professor, was honored (see story on page 2).

Connell Hall was built in 1923 as a dormitory for women with a cafeteria on the first floor. In 1938, middle and left sections were added and housed the Student Union at one time.

The Division has changed during the past decade and a half. A division of 13 faculty has grown to 25 full-time faculty members, half a dozen adjunct faculty, two office assistants and four work study students. In addition to new faculty being added, the psychology program moved over in the early 1990s, Dr. Karlen said. After sharing Connell Hall for more than 30 years with the business division, business classes and offices moved into a new building, Gardner Hall in 1995.

A formal dedication ceremony will take place during Homecoming activities.



Connell Hall renovations shine during the social sciences division celebration. The event presented an opportunity for the division to show improvements of the WSC landmark including lighting, windows and other updates.

# Rico Burkett Named Men's Basketball Head Coach

Rico Burkett was named the 22nd head men's basketball coach at Wayne State College in early April. He replaces Greg McDermott, who accepted the head coaching job at North Dakota State University.

Burkett recently completed his fourth year as an assistant coach with the Wildcats. He joined the Wildcat coaching staff prior to the 1994-95 season. Burkett then spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla. before returning to Wayne State.

Burkett takes over a program he has helped turn into one of the nation's best. This past season, Wayne State posted a 26-6 overall record, which is the most wins in school history, and claimed a share of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship. The Wildcats won the NSIC Tournament and made it all the way to the regional championship game in Denver, Colo. The Wildcats were eliminated by eventual national champion Metropolitan State College of Denver by a score of 84-72.

"Coach Rico Burkett has been a vital part of our basketball success at Wayne State in recent years," said Dr. Sheila Stearns, president of Wayne State College. "We are pleased that he has accepted this position as head coach, and we are confident of a continued bright future for Wayne State men's basketball."

According to Burkett, he is excited to take over as the Wildcats' new head coach. "I am excited about the upcoming season," Burkett said. "We have a tremendous group of players coming back, as well as a talented incoming freshman class. I look forward to continuing the success we have enjoyed the past few seasons."

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Burkett was a standout point guard at the University of North Dakota during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons. As a senior, he was named the North Central Conference Defensive Player of the Year. As a junior, he set a Fighting Sioux single-season record with 232 assists. In his two-year playing career, Burkett dished out 401 assists, which at the time was the UND career record. He currently is third on the Fighting Sioux all-time chart.

Burkett was a key figure in the resurgence of the North Dakota program. The Fighting Sioux went 57-11, won two North Central Conference titles and twice advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight during Burkett's career.

Burkett began his coaching career as an assistant coach with the nationally-prominent North Dakota women's basketball team. A 1993 UND graduate, he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education/secondary education.



Rico Burkett

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## Sports Recaps

### Baseball

John Manganaro's team exceeded expectations in 2000 and put itself in position to make another run at a regional tournament appearance in 2001. Ending with a 31-19 record, the season was one of the most successful in school history. The 31 wins are the second-highest single-season win total, just shy of the school record set in 1987.

Anchoring the Wildcat pitching staff was junior Brady Borner of Chaska, Minn. Borner broke four school records en route to earning All-Central Region First Team honors. The NSIC Pitcher of the Year, Borner had a 10-2 record with a 2.07 earned run average. In 14 starts, Borner tossed seven complete games, including three shutouts. Borner also established school records for wins in a season (10), strikeouts in a season (121) and career strikeouts (256).

Borner was joined on the All-NSIC team by juniors Brian Zimmerman of Omaha and Eric Fitch of Blair. Zimmerman led the Wildcats in hitting with a .386 batting average and a .636 slugging percentage. The outfielder also recorded 68 hits, 55 runs and 48 runs batted in, all team highs. He was second on the team in home runs with nine. Fitch, a first baseman, batted .333 with 56 hits, 46 runs

and 45 RBI. He led the squad with 11 home runs, and he tied Zimmerman for the team lead in doubles with 13.

Two Wildcats, Joel Tremblay of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Aaron Hyde of Hastings, received All-NSIC recognition. Tremblay, a junior shortstop, had a .345 batting average with 36 runs scored and 41 RBI. Hyde, a sophomore pitcher, posted a 7-1 record with a 4.18 earned run average and 41 strikeouts.



School records fell as junior Brady Borner took the mound for the Wildcats.

### Softball

The Wildcat softball team continued its rebuilding process in 2000. Despite an 18-35 overall record, the Wildcats were a competitive squad. The 18 wins were the most in one season since the 1992 team won 23 games.

Wayne State, which played 10 home games all season, had its share of close games. Seven times the Cats were forced to play extra innings, with the team posting a 2-5

mark in those games. In addition, 15 of WSC's losses were by two runs or less.

The Wildcats went 9-9 against conference opponents. At the NSIC tournament, Wayne State gave defending tournament champion Winona State all it could handle. The game was scoreless after seven innings. Winona State finally pulled out a 1-0 victory with a run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Three players were recognized as all-conference performers. Sophomores Michelle Lewis of North Platte and Sarah Herrick of Elkhorn were named to the All-NSIC team, while sophomore Codi Drieling of Fort Calhoun received honorable mention accolades.

At the plate, Lewis had a .331 batting average to go along with 25 runs scored and 21 RBI. On the mound, Lewis posted an 8-15 record with a team-best 2.34 earned run average. Herrick led the team with a .368 batting average. She scored 21 times to go along with 18 RBI and 15 stolen bases. Drieling was second on the squad with a .367 batting average. She also drove in a team-high 31 runs and she led the team with a .475 slugging percentage.



Michelle Lewis of North Platte was one of three players honored as all-conference performers.

### Track and Field

The Wayne State College men's and women's track and field teams wrapped up another successful season in 2000.

For the men, junior Matt Kneifl of Newcastle won both the 110-meter high hurdle and 400-meter intermediate hurdle races at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Outdoor Championships. These were the first conference titles for Kneifl. He also broke the school record for the 400-meter hurdles at the Morningside Open, which had stood since 1968. The record now stands at 54.05 seconds.

Also earning all-conference honors was sophomore Andy Tucknott of Lincoln, who placed second in the 10,000-meter run. Sophomore Jason Kneifl of Newcastle placed third in the high jump to earn all-conference honorable mention honors.

The men's team placed fifth overall, with 55.5 points.

The University of Minnesota-Duluth won with 223 points.

The women's team had three athletes earn all-conference honors, led by junior Darr Nickerson's, Minnatare, victory in the 5,000-meter run. This was only Nickerson's second attempt at the distance on the track, but won by nearly 15 seconds in very poor weather.

Senior Marsha Krienke of Pierce wrapped up her Wayne State career by placing second in the 800-meter run. This was Krienke's fourth All-NSIC award in track and field, and fifth overall.

Also earning all-conference honors was freshman Traci Bernecker of Plainview, who placed second in the 100-meter dash. Bernecker also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash.

As a team, the women placed fourth with 52 points. The University of Minnesota-Duluth easily won the conference crown by scoring 222 points.



Eric Henderson



Krista Bernadt



Justin Sanny



Rayna Nelsen

## Athletes/Freshmen of the Year

The Wayne State College Athletic Department recognized its Athletes/Freshmen of the Year at its annual spring banquet.

Men's basketball standout Eric Henderson was named the Male Athlete of the Year, while women's basketball player Krista Bernadt was selected as the Female Athlete of the Year. The Male Freshman of the Year award went to Justin Sanny of the men's basketball team, and Female Freshman of the Year was awarded to volleyball player Rayna Nelsen.

Henderson, a senior forward from Coggon, Iowa, recorded 12 double-doubles this season, finished his career third on the school's career rebounding chart with 876 and second on the career steals list with 160. Named to the All-NSIC First Team, Henderson finished among the top 15 in six categories. His all-around play helped him earn a spot on the All-NSIC Tournament Team, as well as the North Central Regional All-Tournament Team.

Bernadt, a junior guard from Hebron, Neb., enjoyed a break out season for the Wildcat women's basketball team. She led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.5 points per game. She also led the nation in 3-point field goal percentage, connecting on 55.3 percent of her attempts. In addition, Bernadt averaged 4.1 rebounds per game and handed out 80 assists. An All-NSIC First Team selection, Bernadt was third in the league in scoring (15.1 ppg) and was the NSIC's top free throw shooter at 92.6 percent (50-for-54).

Sanny, a redshirt freshman guard from Bondurant, Iowa, appeared in 29 of the Wildcats' 32 games this season. The reserve point guard, Sanny averaged 2.6 points and 1.8 assists per game, while playing an average of 10.5 minutes per contest.

Sanny's best game of the season came when he tallied a career-high 13 points and six assists against Minnesota-Crookston.

Nelsen, a middle hitter from Hubbard, Neb., made an immediate impact on the volleyball court. She was a full-time starter and led the Wildcats in blocks with 127. She was also second on the team in attack percentage at .235 and third in kills per game at 2.24.

An All-NSIC First Team pick, Nelsen was second in the conference in blocking at 1.29 blocks per game and eighth in attack percentage at .275.

# Alumni Notes

(Towns and cities listed on these pages are in Nebraska unless noted or generally understood. All events occurred in 2000 unless indicated otherwise. Efforts are made to keep our news current.)

1950

**Jim Yunek**, Lake City Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa High School Officials' Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Boys' Basketball tournament on March 17.

1958

**Darlene (Israelson) Peatrowsky and Russell Peatrowsky '59**, Waverly, Darlene retired Feb 13, 1998 as volunteer coordinator for Bremer-Butler Hospice. Russell retired from Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools where he taught mathematics for 40 years.

1961

**LeRoy Ernst (MSE '81)**, Utica, is the principal at Palmyra-Bennet School in Palmyra.

**Arleen (Heiman) Hultman**, Cherokee, Iowa. Arleen retired after teaching for 36 years in the Cherokee Community School District. She is an adjunct instructor of computer courses at the Western Iowa Tech Cherokee Campus.

1962

**Dwayne Stasheim**, Hastings, previously Academic Dean of Hastings College, will teach in the English Department during the 2000-2001 academic year.

**Jim Puetz and Gary Puetz '65**, Columbus, may hold the longevity record for brothers teaching in the same school. Jim & Gary have taught at Scotus Catholic School for a combined 58 years.

1963

**Fred Wacha**, Clarkson, and his wife Pat, were honored with the Clarkson Community Commercial Club's "Outstanding Service Award."

**Raymond Newman**, Homer, retired from Homer Public School. Raymond was a chemistry teacher and guidance counselor.

1964

**Richard W. Frey**, Springfield, Mo., retired from the IRS after 30 years of service.

**Arlen Biehle**, Austin, Texas, retired from an Air Force career followed by 15 years in the financial planning field. He and his wife, Gretchen, stay busy with church work, landscaping a large home site, substitute teaching, and traveling.

1965

**Janet (Carlson) Heidebrecht**, Reeds Spring, Mo., retired from Via Christi Health Care Systems in Wichita, Kan. after spending 25 years as either a high school or medical librarian.

1966

**Richard Moody**, Siletz, Ore., retired after teaching for 31 years at Newport High School. Richard taught German and English. He is spending his retirement traveling and working at Huske's Travel Service.

1968

**Gerald Greger**, Pompano Beach, Fla., is an insurance broker and manages an office in Ft. Lauderdale for Ringler Associates Inc.



1970

**Sue Ellen Badberg**, Nebraska City, is the executive director of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce. Sue Ellen also has a custom framing business.

**Gary Beard**, Uehling, has successfully won 200 basketball and 200 volleyball games. His 200<sup>th</sup> basketball win came Feb. 8.

**Nancy (Dodge) Carley**, Long Pine, is a child care resource specialist at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in Ainsworth. Nancy was named the "1999 Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Employee of the Year." and honored at a ceremony in the capitol rotunda. Nancy and her husband, Jim, are the owners and operators of the Pine Valley Resort.

**Claudia (Thomas) Niles**, Des Moines, Iowa, was appointed director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development by Gov. Tom Vilsack and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson.

1972

**Sheryl (Wilbeck) Peterson** and Tom Mortimer, St. Paul, Minn., married May 29, 1999. Sheryl is an elementary teacher at Silver Lake Public School.

**Jack Zimmerer** and his wife Kristi, Sioux City, Iowa, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsie Grace, born Feb. 22.

1973

**Linda Rounds-Nichols**, Gallup, N.M., serves as the chaplain of the Order of St. Luke and officiates at monthly services. Linda is also the principal at Tohatchi Elementary School and teaches part-time at the University of New Mexico-Gallup Branch.

Rev. Mother  
Linda  
Rounds-  
Nichols  
pictured  
with  
Archbishop  
Richard  
Gundrey.



1977

**Brad Hahn**, Fort Worth, Texas, is a regional sales manager for Tate and Lyle North American Sugars.

1978

**Celeste (Atherton) Rogers**, Halsey, was installed as Nebraska State Business Education Association President at its spring conference March 17-18 in Grand Island.

1980

**Lisa (Anderson) Guenther** and her husband, Jerry, Norfolk, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Paul, born Dec. 18, 1999. Lisa teaches first grade reading at Westside Elementary and reading recovery at Lincoln Elementary.

**David Lessmann**, Singapore, is the senior vice president of the information technology department of AXA Life Insurance Singapore Pte. Ltd. David is also the company's chief information officer.

1982

**Cindy (Raasch) Horn**, Norfolk, has been promoted to vice president of the retail banking division of Norwest Bank. In her new position, she is responsible for managing retail sales functions and service efforts at the bank.

1983

**Kelly Neustrom**, Merville, Iowa, is a business education teacher at North

High School in Sioux City. Kelly also is the head baseball coach and assistant girls' basketball coach.

1984

**James and Susan (Blatchford) '88 Larson**, Vancouver, Wa., competed as members of Team Nike for the 1999 Hood to Coast Relay, a 30 hour, 196 mile relay run. James is a logistics manager for the US Army and Susan is a senior HR manager. James and Susan are both pursuing masters degrees.

1985

**Jeri (Glesinger) Sherer**, Wakefield, was elected captain of the Wakefield Fire and Rescue Department. Jeri completed her EMT training in May 1995. Jeri's husband, Joedy, is employed at the Milton G. Waldbaum Company.

**Deann (Clyde) Sterner (MSE '89)** and her husband, Jeff, Omaha, announce the birth of their twins, Lauren and Jared, born Aug. 16, 1999. Deann is the director of admissions at Nebraska Methodist College.

**Ed Salem**, is the art director-creative services for Swanson Russell Associates.

**Todd Weyhrich**, Omaha, has been promoted to senior vice president of finance and logistics for Pamida, a division of Shopko. Todd has been with Pamida since 1995.

**Mary J. Waits** and Henry J. Beel, Ainsworth, married June 19, 1999. Mary is the technology trainer of Educational Service Unit #17 in Ainsworth.

1986

**Sharon Bogner** and Todd Anderson, St. Paul, Minn., married Feb. 12. Sharon is an accountant and computer administrator at Groups, Meetings, Incentives, Inc. in Minneapolis.

**Todd Nott** and wife JoAnn, Plattsmouth, announce the birth of their daughter, Tatum Amber, born Jan. 19.

**Susan (Kander) Savage** and husband Timothy, Glen Cove, N.Y., announce the birth of their son Matthew Sean, born Nov. 13, 1999. Susan is the art teacher at Martin Luther High School.

**Wade Waterbury**, Wichita, Kan., received his MBA Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from Wichita State University. Wade is a senior assistant branch manager at Associates Finance. Wade's wife, **Melissa (Brachle) '88** is the manager at Brauns Fashions.

1987

**Alan and Jane '85 (Schade) Lindsay**, O'Neill, announce the birth of their son, Alex Harrison, born Feb. 25.

**Mike Nissen** and Kathy Mohlfeld, Omaha, married Sept. 19, 1999. Mike is the owner/operator of Nissen Grain, Inc. and Kathy is employed by Methodist Health System Employee Assistance Program.

**Jill (Miller) Novicki** and husband Mike, Columbus, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Timothy, born Dec. 27, 1999.

1988

**Dana Altman**, Papillion, and his production company, North Sea Films, produced the film *The Dean's Boys*. The premiere of the film was Jan. 22 at the Rose Theater in Omaha.

**Cathy (Albracht) Keller** and her husband Steve, Omaha, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret "Maggie," born Nov. 30, 1999. Cathy is a self-employed licensed day care provider.

**Mark Carlson** and his wife Donnette, Central City, announce the birth of their son, Noah Conrad, born March 7.

**Robert Hanzlik**, Stuart; has been named superintendent of Stuart Public Schools. He has been principal of grades 7-12 in Stuart since 1995. Robert's wife, **Patty (Mlady) '88**, is the counselor at Stuart Public schools.

**Michelle (McManaman) Sohler** and her husband, Larry, Norfolk, announce the birth of their son, Brent Jonathan, born March 26. Michelle is employed at the Liberty Centre in Norfolk as a case manager-community support worker.

**Capt. Clyde Stuhr** and Connie Johnson, Petersburg, N.C., married May 22, 1999. Clyde is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C.

**Denise Whipple** and Gale Bender, Stanton, married July 24, 1999. Denise is employed by Norfolk Public Schools and Northeast Community College as a music instructor. She also plays french horn with "A Touch of Brass" Quintet.

1989

**Kevin and Sally '90 (Ahlers) Baldrige**, York, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Noelle, born Dec. 22, 1999.

**Rev. Michael Erickson** and Jerri Thompson, Lubbock, Texas, married June 12, 1999. Michael is pastor at Grace Lutheran Church at Hobbs, N.M.

**Chris Graves**, and his wife Melanie, South Sioux City, announce the birth of their son, Jack Gregory, born Sept. 28, 1999.

**Garry Peppmuller**, Ft. Hood, Texas, serving as CPT in the U.S. Army assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> cavalry division. He commands a 220 soldier headquarters and Headquarters battery (HHB) in a 155mm self-propelled howitzer paladin equipped field artillery BN.

**Bradley and Sara '91 (Hendensiefken) Stueve**, Bellevue, announce the birth of their daughter, Elaine Ashley, born May 16, 1999.

**Sue (Spenner) and Tad Edwards**, Omaha, announce the birth of their son, Zachary Zane, born Oct. 19, 1999. Sue is a management representative for First National Bank of Omaha and Tad is employed in Family Centered Services for Visinet of Iowa.

**Dave Whitt**, Lincoln, received the "Distinguished Service Award" at the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association's State Tournament. This is the first time this award was given to an active coach. Dave has been Director of Forensics at Nebraska Wesleyan University for nine years.

1990

**Lisa (Schieffer) Albers** and husband, Ryan, West Des Moines Iowa, announce the birth of their son, Mark Timothy, born Nov. 1, 1999. Lisa is an educational telecommunications consultant with Iowa Public Television.

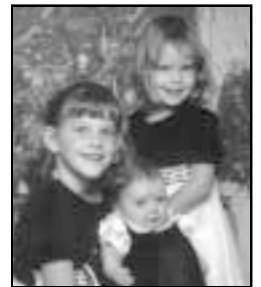
**Monica (Schmit) Fabian** and her husband, Michael, Palmdale, Calif.,

announce the birth of their son, Paul Leo, born March 11.

**Candace (Broedemeier) and Greg Jareske '95**, announce the birth of their twin sons, Ethan William and Trey Dylan, born Sept. 28, 1999.

**Kerri (Leighton) Jones** and her husband, Jeff, Columbus, announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Jo, born Sept. 9, 1999. Kerri is a K-12 vocal and instrumental music teacher in the Silver Creek Public School system. Jeff is employed at Becton-Dickinson.

Regan-6,  
Rylee-3 1/2  
and  
Kennedy  
Jo- 3 mo.  
Jones.



**Debra (Switzer) Rugg** and her husband, Brett, Norfolk, announce the birth of their son, Garrison Asa, born March 25, 1999. Debra is an accountant for Auten, Sehi, Pruss and Beckmann, PC and Brett is employed at Vishay.

1991

**Sheila (Meiergerd) Sindelar**, Wisner, is a secretary at Bellar Feed Lots near Wisner. She has three children. Her husband, Glenn, is the owner/operator of Sindelar Trucking and is engaged in farming.

**Kim Volkmer**, Schuyler, is an advertising representative for the David City *Banner-Press*. Kim is also the newspaper's liaison with the Chamber of Commerce and works on special publications.

1992

**Michael Boulton** and Sondra Hughes, Columbus, married June 4, 1999. Michael is an operator-in-training at the ethanol department at Minnesota Corn Processors.

**Nancy S. Gillis-Crump**, Walthill, is Director of the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft. Nancy was named to the Nebraska Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau and the newly established Scholars in Residence program.

**Melissa (Myers) Fehrs** and her husband, Steve, Omaha, announce the birth of their daughter, Amber Faith, born Nov. 11, 1999. Melissa is a vocational coordinator at Uta Halee Girls Village.

**Tiffany (Harder) Heese** and husband Larry, Pender, announce the birth of their son, Layne Edward, born Aug. 30, 1999. Tiffany is employed by the Winnebago Public School, where she teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Michael Miller**, Parker, Colo., Michael completed his masters internship at O'Neill Valley Hope. Michael is now employed for Valley Hope in Parker, Colo.

**Denise (Komesand) and Steve '93 Spieler**, Le Mars, Iowa, announce the birth of their son, Zachary James, born Dec. 7, 1999.

1993

**Marti Hunt** and Scott Stracke, Omaha, married Sept. 11, 1999. Marti is an accounting administrator for Weddingpages, Inc. and Scott is employed by Sunderlund Bros.

# Denver Reunion

*Pictured at right - over 50 alumni and friends gathered at Herb and Sherry Mignery's studio in Loveland, Colo., March 18. Dr. Sheila Stearns gave a "tour of the campus" using alumni as markers for the campus. Herb also spoke about the sculpting and creative process.*

*Below: Lea Clausen, vice president of development, Byron Chamberlain '94 and Inga Dyer enjoyed lunch at P.F. Changs in Denver.*



**Joan Arkfeld** and Randal Moore, Denver, married Feb. 4. Joan is a preschool teacher at St. James Catholic School and Randal is a computer engineer for Media One in Englewood.

**Kathy (Kinning) Baker**, Pender, is employed at Behavioral Health Specialists in Norfolk. She will provide counseling services to clients of all ages in Norfolk and the West Point satellite clinic.

**Brenda (Kuhlman) and Scott Carhart '84**, Norfolk, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Michelle, born Nov. 11, 1999. Scott is the president of Carhart Lumber in Wayne and Brenda works in the accounting department at Norfolk Iron and Metal.

**Corey Hafer** and Rachelle Kamrath, Lincoln, married Sept. 25, 1999. Corey is an information technology specialist at Pinnacle Bank in Gretna.

**Shawn Mulligan** and wife Stephanie, Hastings, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace, born Nov. 26, 1999.

**Matthew Nelson**, Ft. Stewart, Ga., is a systems analyst for the United States Army. Matt recently won the "Soldier of the Month" for his battalion.

**Brenda Noll**, Sioux City, Iowa, is the director of Holy Family Catholic Preschool and Daycare.

announce the birth of their son, Eli Josiah, born November 17, 1999.

**Michael Divis** and Kathy Huffman, Fremont, married June 19, 1999. Michael is employed at Walgreens in Fremont.

**Roberta Johnson**, Stapleton, is the program coordinator for Chadron State College's newly developed North Platte program.

**Max Kant**, Winside, has joined Producers Livestock Marketing Association as the new beef-marketing agent in Northeast Nebraska. Producers Livestock Marketing Association is a user-owner cooperative providing marketing, commodity and financial services.

**Renee Novak**, Omaha, is a first grade teacher at Omaha Public Schools.

**Beth (Farley) Raymond** and her husband, Darin, Akron, announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Ann, born Feb. 22. Beth works at Akron-Westfield.

**Michelle (Hansen) Rule** and her husband, Michael, Omaha, announce the birth of their son, Justin, born Nov. 1, 1999. Michelle is a VMI analyst for ConAgra Grocery Products.

**Erin Miller and Tim Schultze**, Wayne, married Feb. 12. Erin is a supervisor assistant at Region IV/

**Jay Petsche** and Denise Black, Maplewood, Minn., married June 5, 1999. Jay is an insurance representative with Penncorp Financial.

**Heidi Reeg** and Kevin Armstrong, Omaha, married Aug. 7, 1999. Heidi is employed at First National Bank of Omaha.

**Jerry Wordekemper**, Omaha, was named administrator at Heritage of Bridgeport.

**1996**  
**Melissa Curet**, Korea, currently stationed in Korea will return stateside July 2000. Melissa is in the intelligence field.

**Travis Kirsch** and Sheila Dau, Omaha, married Dec. 11, 1999. Travis is employed at Digital Visions: Viscospital, as a graphic artist.

**Kelly Knust** and Mitch Becker, Lincoln, married Aug. 21, 1999. Kelly is employed at Solutions For Your Office.

**Jennifer Butler** and Miguelito Mitchell, Pasadena, Calif., married Nov. 27, 1999. Jennifer is a project coordinator with Herbalife International and Miguelito is a coach and teacher's aide with Optimist Youth Home.

**Lora Grant** and Scott Vokoun, Elkhorn, married July 10, 1999. Lora

Shawn is a police officer with the South Sioux City police department.

**Holly Vogltance-Ortmeier** and Tom Christian, Sac City, Iowa, married in August of 1999. Holly is a business teacher at Sac Community Schools and coaches varsity volleyball and junior high girls' track.

**Joe Shinstock**, Sacramento, Calif., graduated from the University of Arizona with his MBA in May 1999 and is employed by the California Department of Finance as a finance budget analyst for the Governor's budget.

**1997**  
**William Canham**, Norfolk, is an assistant sports editor for the *Norfolk Daily News*.

**Meredith Cain** and Theodore Gray, Omaha, married Aug. 6, 1999. Meredith is a teacher with the Omaha School District.

**Samantha Davis** and Christopher Beutler, Bancroft, married Dec. 11, 1999. Samantha is a legal assistant for Curtiss Law Office in Emerson.

**Sarah Johns**, Rochester, Minn., is employed at Mayo Clinic in the central clinical lab.

**Kelly Krambeck**, Gretna, is the director of the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center south of Gretna.

**Mark Leonard and Deana Aschoff '98**, Howells, married June 26, 1999. Mark is a business teacher and coach at Elgin Public Schools and Deana is currently a teacher at District 5-R rural Clarkson.

**Amy Monroe and Chad McCormick '94**, Sioux City, Iowa, married Aug. 21, 1999. Amy is a chemist for IBP Inc. and Chad is a correctional officer for the Woodbury County Jail.

**Ann McGowan and James Milliken '82**, Wayne, married Feb. 19. Ann is employed at Wayne State College and Jim is owner of the White Dog Pub.

**1998**  
**Heather Babel** and Ryan Martindale, Columbus, married Aug 7, 1999. Heather is employed by Commercial Investment Properties-Home Realty in Lincoln.

**Andrew Bratten** and Holly Pellam, Neligh, married Oct. 16, 1999. Andrew is employed at Oasis Counseling as a family support worker.

**Amy Burmood and Steve Lutt '96**, Wayne, married June 19, 1999. Amy and Steve live in Oregon.

**Nancy Bousquet** and Paul Dvorak, Ponca, married July 3, 1999. Nancy is employed at Danko Emergency Equipment in Snyder.

**Jessica Eucker**, Norfolk, was appointed enhanced victim advocate for Bright Horizons in Norfolk. The agency provides resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Kristine Fusby** and Verl Wurtz, Columbus, married June 26, 1999. Kristine is the marketing teacher at Columbus High School.

**Kristen (Brown) Harms**, and her husband, Matt, Fremont, announce the birth of their son, Riley Matthew, born Dec. 13, 1999.

**Bryce Kastrup** and his wife, Joey, Blair, announce the birth of their daughter, Kynlee, born January 18. Bryce is employed with Custom Edge Inc. of Omaha.

**Julie Heine and Adam Kuhl**, Omaha, married Aug. 14, 1999. Julie is an office manager at Aureus Medical Group and Adam is a high school English teacher at St. Albert High School in Council Bluffs.

**Valerie Hoffman and Dustin Ankeny '99**, Dixon, married Aug. 24, 1999. Valerie is employed by Management Recruiters of Siouxland and Dustin is employed by Heritage Industries as a network administrator.

**Danelle Hoppe** and Eric Miller, Bloomfield, married Oct. 2, 1999. Danelle is employed in the patient account department at Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C.

**Kellie (Spiehs) O'Neill** and her husband Ryan, Grand Island, announce the birth of their son, Braeden Ryan, born Oct. 25, 1999.

**Melissa Otto** and Shown Grovijohn, Clarkson, married Aug. 7, 1999. Melissa is employed at Pinnacle Bank in Schuyler.

**Brian Schram** and Amy Herbolsheimer, Bourbonnais, Ill; married June 5, 1999. Brian is employed as a financial analyst.

**Jon Small** and Jayme Brown, Blair, married Nov. 17, 1999. Jon and Jayme teach in the Blair School district. Jon coaches soccer and his girls' high school soccer team won state in 1999.

**Chris Tworek**, Omaha, is a human resource administrator at Mail-Well Envelope.

**Karin (Bullis) Vaughn**, Wayne, was appointed Executive Director of the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce. Karin's husband, **Jamie '97** is an Admissions Specialist at Wayne State College.



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**Cindy (Swaim) Gruis**, and her husband, Marty, Sioux City, Iowa, announce the birth of daughter, Ashley Rae, born December 8, 1999.

### 1994

**Brandon Andersen**, Omaha, is a market analyst in the Agricultural Products- Feed & Grain Division with Union Pacific Railroad.

**Jason Bangs** and Kristina Kreifels, Papillion, married Aug. 14, 1999. Jason is employed as a senior purchasing agent at Physicians Mutual Insurance Company- Omaha.

**Amy Cooper** and Justin Beckner, Ft. Collins, Colo., married Nov. 11, 1999. Amy is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher for Poudre School District in Colorado.

**Stacey (Awtry) DeRoos** and her husband, Derrick, Rock Valley, Iowa,

Northstar and Tim is employed by D.V. Frye Tech.

### 1995

**Michelle Chase**, Bentonville, Ark., is employed by the state, placing and working with adoptive children and prospective parents.

**Michael and Angela (Kuhnes) '97 Dowden**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, announce the birth of their son, Ezri Chase, born April 19, 1999. Michael is employed at the Joslyn Art Museum. Angela is the assistant manager and designer at The Costume Shop at Heartland Scenic Studio in Omaha.

**Keri Goette** and Joaquin Rodriguez, Omaha, married Oct. 16, 1999. Keri is a recruiting manager for Celebrity Services. Joaquin is employed by Physicians Mutual and attends UNO.

is a third grade teacher in the Coalinga Public School System.

**Kendra (West) Larson** and husband David, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born Oct. 11, 1999.

**Monte McIntyre** and Michelle Caspar, Wisner, married Oct. 1, 1999. Monte is a loan officer at Citizens National Bank of Wisner and Michelle is a teller at the First National Bank in West Point.

**Mistan Moser** and Russell Marking, Columbus, married Aug 28, 1999. Mistan is a service coordinator for Nebraska Health and Human Services.

**Traci Vogel and Shawn Jensen '92**, South Sioux City, married Sept. 18, 1999. Traci is employed as a senior accountant with Huisenga, Henjes, Conner, Williams & Grimsley and

# Alumni Gather in Kansas City



A Kansas City area alumni reunion was held at Union Station on April 29. Ted Tow made the local arrangements for the reunion. A little BBQ (KC Masterpiece), a little history (Union Station), and a new vision for Wayne State College was shared by WSC President, Dr. Sheila Stearns. Attending were: Julie '90 and Wade '90 Lanphear, Jed and Ann Reeg, Doug '81 and Lori Hutchinson, Greg and Pam '79 Olson, Paul Lane '70, Fred and Carolyn '74 Madaus, Alice and Dale '48 Putnam, Lisa Daberkow-Stalp and Dan '86 Stalp, Lori Meisgeier '93, Sandra and Ed Elliot, Denis and Julie '90 Bowman, Dave '95 and Lea '94 Clausen, Hal and Sheila Stearns, Ted Tow '57, and John Durrie '47.

## 1999

**Travis and Angie (Wattier) Baumann**, Norfolk. Travis is a salesman and driver for Budweiser and Angie teaches fifth grade at Norfolk Public Schools.

**Mandy Broecker** and Tyler Shaw, Kearney, married July 31, 1999. Mandy is a student at the University Medical Center in Omaha.

**Makayla (Swanson) Hille**, Norfolk, is a special education instructor for Envisions-GMR Inc. of Norfolk. The firm provides educational services to developmentally disabled individuals.

**Amy Klenschmit**, Norfolk, is the shelter and case manager for Bright Horizons Services.

**Jennifer Lane** and Michael Osweiler, Norfolk, married June 19, 1999. Jennifer is employed by Bomgaar's Supply in Norfolk.

**Jill Austin** and Jason Lowe, Sac City Iowa, married June 25, 1999. Jill is a teacher at Sac Elementary School and Jason is employed by the City of Sac City.

**Andrea Ohlrich**, Lincoln, is an exercise leader for Alegent Health in Omaha.

**Amy (Schroeder) Ostrand**, Omaha, Amy is a contractor for Level 3 Communications in Omaha.

**Kylee Sailor** and Adam Hohbein, Lincoln, married Sept. 18, 1999. Kylee is a student teacher at Fredstrom Elementary School.

**Brian Silhacek**, Pierce, teaches social studies at Lindsay Holy Family in Lindsay.

**Rustin Slaughter**, Topeka, Kan., is employed by the Johnson County Juvenile Correction Center as a math instructor. He also tutors over the internet and teaches college math.

**Kelly (Oman) Steward**, and her husband Jason, Cherokee, Iowa, were recognized in their local paper for a *Meet Your Neighbor* segment. Kelly plans to open her own daycare.

**Sara Truitt** and Jon Fredrickson, Wayne, married July 3, 1999.

**Sommer Wilson** and Shawn Wiedeman, Pierce, married June 26, 1999. Sommer is employed by Norwest Bank.

**IN MEMORY OF Belle (Morgan) Culbertson '20** (99), South Sioux City; Dec. 30, 1999. Beth taught school in Ponca, Homer, South Sioux City and Lincoln.

**Nell (Nagel) Noe '24** (95), Scottsbluff; Dec. 24, 1999. Nell taught school for several years.

**Sophia Moravec '27** (99), Lindsay; March 3. Sophia taught school in city and county schools for more than 42 years.

**Rose (Prazak) Brabec, '29** (93), Clarkson; Feb. 27. Rose taught at the Catholic school in Clarkson until she retired.

**Mildred Adams '30** (96), Lincoln; Jan. 6. Mildred was a math teacher for 42 years until her retirement in 1966.

**Margaret E. (Dutton) Wickstrom '30** (94), Sioux City, Iowa; March 8. Margaret taught elementary school for 44 years in northwest Iowa at Everett, Emerson, Riverview and Woodbury Central. She retired in 1970.

**Hazel Quigley '32** (95), Fremont; Jan. 25. Hazel taught high school business and commercial classes at North Bend and Elm Creek, and Iowa.

**Marjorie (Driskell) Dover '34** (86), Valentine; Jan. 23. Marjorie and her husband, Ray, owned and published the *Valentine Newspaper* for a total of fifty years.

**Gertrude (Schmid) Rosburg '37** (84), Riverton, Wyo.; March 12. Gertrude began teaching in 1958 in Wyoming until her retirement in 1977. She launched the Riverton chapter of the Chautauqua Club as its president.

**Jeanne (Wright) Straub '37** (82), Monticello, Iowa; Sept. 12, 1999. Jeanne was an accomplished pianist and music teacher. She taught in Vila, Martelle, Cascade and Holy Cross schools.

**Georgiann (Brosh) Rynearson '37** (81), Omaha; Jan. 31. Georgiann taught school at District 15 in Madison and at Allen.

**Ethlyn (Scott) Kolbe '38** (81), Lake View, Iowa; March 5. Ethlyn taught at Wall Lake Community School and Lake View Community Schools until she retired in 1983.

**Olga Leona (Carlson) Johnson '40**, Wausa; Feb. 26. Olga taught full time in Nebraska for several years, and was a long-time substitute in Sioux City, Iowa.

**Margaret (Suhr) Weddingfeld '40** (78), Pender; Jan. 4. Margaret taught school at Bancroft and during World War II, worked in a defense plant in Omaha. She was also employed by the State of Nebraska as a social

worker on the Omaha Indian Reservation for 18 years.

**Martha J. Davenport '41** (80), Sioux City, Iowa; Feb. 3. Martha taught at Holly Springs, Sioux City and Norfolk.

**Doris (Anderson) Mingus '41**, Westminster, Colo.; July 29, 1999. Doris taught elementary school.

**Clara (Johnson) Malander '49** (99), Colorado Springs; Dec 9, 1999. Clara taught elementary school in Genoa and Newman Grove.

**Audrey Hansen '51 (86)**, Fremont; Feb. 29. Before her retirement in 1979, Audrey taught at rural schools in Burt County, Uehling and North Platte, and became the principal at McKinley School and Washington Elementary School.

**Ramona L. (Moss) Withee '54** (67), Nebraska City; Jan 16. Ramona was a substitute teacher for the Nebraska City schools until she retired in 1995.

**Gerhard Eaves '56**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jan 29. Gery was a pilot for the U.S. Navy and Mohawk Airlines until he retired in 1989.

**Clarence Carson '58** (63), Yankton, SD; Feb. 2. Clarence was the director of Community Projects Unlimited, now renamed the Yankton Area

Adjustment Training Center, from 1978 until Jan. of this year. Prior to becoming director, Clarence was a band and vocal instructor and counselor in Bloomfield, Neb.

**Lowell Dodd '60**, Crete; Sept. 25, 1999. Lowell was an instructor at Doane College. He was honored several times for his approach to teacher education.

**Cecelia M. (Nellis) Thomas '62**, Tecumseh, Mich.; March 2. Cecelia taught in Boulder City, Nev. for 30 years.

**Frieda Schram '63** (87), Emerson; Jan 13. Frieda taught in the Emerson school system for 18 years.

**Daniel O'Gorman '64** (57), Norfolk; June 29, 1999. Daniel served in the Air Force from 1964 to 1970 and achieved the rank of Captain. He most recently owned and operated Hammerlun-O'Gorman Hearing Aid Center. He served on the board of directors for the Nebraska Hearing Society and was president of the Norfalcon Radio Control Club.

**Arlene (Wegner) Asch, '65** (87), Pilger, Feb. 26. Arlene was a teacher at Stanton Junior High School until her retirement.

**Talmah (Burriss) Kosch '65** (100), Columbus; Jan. 3. Talmah taught for 30 years.

**Kathy Burnight, '68** (52), Hawarden, Iowa; Jan. 26. Kathy taught school in Sioux Center, Iowa until she retired in 1999.

**Claudia (Paulson) Shepherd '73** (47), Stuart, Iowa; Nov. 30, 1999. Claudia owned and operated Shepherd Realty. Claudia was the first female graduate assistant in the history of Wayne State College. She achieved All-State, All-District, and All-Regional honors in basketball. Claudia's husband, Everett '77 farms.

**Lorraine (Muhle) Heitzman (MSE) '73** (71), Schuyler; Dec. 1, 1999. Lorraine taught school at Schuyler Central High School.

**Edward Paul Larsen '74** (48), Exira, Jan. 19. Ed was employed by the State of Nebraska in the Labor Department in Lincoln. He returned to Exira and was employed at Larson Ford-Mercury, where he eventually became part owner.

**Debra (Behrens) Smith-Waddle '93** (43), Norfolk; Dec. 6, 1999. Debra was a counselor for the Nebraska Department of Social Services.

## FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

**Richard R. Frey, (57)**, Pittsburg, Kan.; April 7, 1999. Richard was a radio announcer at WJAG-AM 780 in Norfolk, Neb., served in the Vietnam War, co-founded Cottonwood Productions, a documentary film company and taught at Pittsburg State University. Richard was the son of Harold '38 and Mae (Langmack) Frey '37, long-time supporters of WSC.

**Antony Garlick (72)**, professor emeritus of music. During his almost 40 years in Wayne, Tony taught many courses to hundreds of students, many of whom will remember him for his infectious enthusiasm for his subject.

**Suzanne (Pankonin) Lindahl, (76)** March 10. Suzanne was a member of the initial Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. She was married to Joe Lindahl '41 Wayne State's first Hall of Fame inductee in 1978. Joe and Suzanne were long-time supporters of WSC.

**Florence Pankratz**, Kearney; Jan. 29. Florence was a nurse at WSC from Jan. '67 through her retirement in June of '87. Her husband, Harland, was a professor of biology at WSC.

**Clifford V. Wait**, Wayne; Feb. 9. Clifford was a professor in education at WSC until retiring in 1974.

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