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Swan Song

I found my dream career in just my second job after college. That's why, 45 years later, I'm still editing this magazine ... albeit, for the last time.

It feels like this is what I was always meant to do. As a child, I spent hours pouring over my mother's and grandfather's Cornhusker Yearbooks. NU was where I knew I would go to school and, hopefully, get to edit that yearbook.

I wasn't chosen to edit my high school yearbook, nor the Cornhusker when I came to UNL to major in journalism. But I spent four years working on the Cornhusker and two on the Daily Nebraskan. After graduation, I dutifully accepted a job in my field – and kept looking for that “perfect” career.

And then it happened. The alumni magazine editing position was offered and accepted – and I could do it for much longer than the one-year tenure the high school and collegiate positions offered! Best of all, it meant reporting the interesting research, achievements and activities of faculty, students and alumni of my alma mater.

Thinking back to that first year at the alumni association ... The Nebraska Alumnus was a one-color, 32-page, bi-monthly magazine printed on an inexpensive off-white paper stock. The alumni staff consisted of seven people – an executive secretary (the equivalent of today's executive director), an editor, an office manager and four women who devoted their days to typing alumni updates on 3x5 cards and replacing them in the bank of file drawers that flanked the east wall of our office in the Student Union. The association offered a magazine, homecoming reception, alumni awards program and reunion weekend, a few alumni chapters and bowl tours.

Fast forward 15 years. The association had moved to the new Wick Alumni Center (after four moves in the previous 13 years) and our records were computerized. We had two dozen employees and offered many more programs, including some for students. We did our work on computers, including design of a full-color magazine, although we didn't yet have email or cell phones – just fax machines. We offered foreign tours to alumni and sponsored dozens of alumni chapters.

Another 15 years passed. Cell phones and email were now second nature to us. The renamed Nebraska Magazine became a quarterly, with more pages and content. We added and subtracted other publications – the Alumni Resource Guide, the Palladian, the GoodNUz, a calendar and the eNUz. The association opened the Nebraska Champions Club and launched or enhanced mentoring programs, career counseling, scholarships and programs for young alumni, students and children of alumni. And we embarked on the digital age with Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc.

Which brings me to 2016. It's been a great ride these past 45 years. Along the way, I've acquired a husband, two sons, several cats, several dogs, five grandchildren, many friends ... and a lot of additional duties at work. But the work assignment that has been my greatest joy is editing this magazine and interacting with you, the readers, to fine-tune each issue.

I'll miss it, but it also feels like the right time to hand the reins to another generation. I hope you'll welcome 1989 UNL graduate Kirstin Swanson Wilder and support her, as you have me. She's coming home after 24 years in LA and will be taking over with the fall magazine. (Learn more about her on page 48 of this issue.)

Always a Cornhusker,



Andrea Wood Cranford



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Bradley Shafer

May 31 – I clearly recall being struck by the sheer of number options and opportunities there for the discovering. NSE is still vivid to me.



@NebraskaAlumni tweets and retweets



May 29 – #GBR from Italy! These #Huskers on our Mediterranean Spring Serenade trip are loving cruising together!
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May 25 – Way to rock it all season long, Hannah [UNL class of 2013]! You have made all of Husker Nation proud!
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season 10, you were so much fun!
Hannah Huston @thehannahhuston



May 27 – Val's is coming to the Union!
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May 27 – THIS IS NOT FAIR. I WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL NOW. #UNL
Logan @LogieBera



May 21 – Nebraska Alumni Retweeted Congrats on a great season, @KStokes10 and the whole @HuskerSoftball squad!
Nebraska Alumni @NebraskaAlumni



@HuskerSoftball will always be home! Thank you Nebraska
Kiki Stokes @KStokes10



May 27 – @LogieBera @NebraskaAlumni wow, I can't even imagine how much weight I would've gained, and how broke I would've been!
Jay Saunders @JayinMilwaukee



May 15 – Congrats, #Huskers! #GBR
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UNIVERSITY UPDATE



Chancellor Ronnie Green

CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Green Named UNL Chancellor

Ronnie Green is the 20th chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, succeeding Chancellor Harvey Perlman who stepped down after more than 15 years of leadership of NU's largest campus. The long-awaited announcement was made by University of Nebraska President Hank Bounds on April 6, 2016.

Green – a first-generation college graduate originally from Fincastle, Virginia, who earned his doctorate from UNL – said he is humbled to have the opportunity to lead the institution he has served since 2010.

“Every day the University of Nebraska-Lincoln impacts the lives of students, Nebraskans and people around the world. I'm honored to be a part of that,” Green said in April. “We are in many ways a fundamentally great university. There's no doubt in my mind we can be even greater. UNL has the opportunity to lead the way in addressing key global challenges, to attract many more talented students and serve them more effectively, and to meet the needs of Nebraska's workforce and economy. I'm excited to work with faculty, staff, students and all Nebraskans to build UNL into a globally leading, distinctive Big Ten university.”

Reporting to the NU president, the UNL chancellor is the chief executive

officer for the campus, which serves more than 25,000 students in nine academic colleges, employs more than 6,400 faculty and staff, has an operating budget of more than \$1.2 billion and research expenditures of more than \$275 million, and includes a nationally prominent Division I athletics program.

Since 2010, Green has served as the Harlan Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this role, he also jointly served as the Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska system. Since 2015, Green also has served as UNL's Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, acting as the institution's chief academic officer and its responsible authority in the absence of the chancellor.

The new chancellor will immediately begin national searches for both the IANR and academic affairs leadership positions.

Raised on a mixed beef, dairy and cropping farm in southwestern Virginia, Green received bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from Virginia Tech and Colorado State University, respectively. His doctoral program was completed jointly at the University of Nebraska and the USDA-ARS U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in animal

breeding and genetics in 1988.

Green has served on the animal science faculties of Texas Tech University and Colorado State University, and as the national program leader for animal production research for the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. He also was executive secretary of the White House's interagency working group on animal genomics within the National Science and Technology Council where he was one of the principal leaders in the international bovine, porcine and ovine genome sequencing projects.

Prior to returning to NU, Green served as senior global director of technical services for Pfizer Animal Health's animal genomics business. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The new chancellor and his wife, Jane, are the parents of four children: Justin, a UNL political science student and political journalist in Washington, D.C.; Nate, a UNL business administration graduate and current UNL law student; Kelli, a UNL student majoring in advertising, public relations and global studies; and Regan, a UNL student majoring in pre-inclusive early childhood education.

Green Appoints Interim Vice Chancellors

UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green acted quickly to appoint two interim vice chancellors, filling the posts he vacated when he became chancellor May 8. On May 9, Marjorie Kostelnik became interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and Ron Yoder stepped into the interim vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources position.

Kostelnik has been dean of UNL's College of Education and Human Sciences. She has been at the university since 2000, when she was hired as dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences; in 2003, it partnered with Teachers College to become the College of Education and Human Sciences.

The senior vice chancellor for academic affairs is UNL's chief academic officer and is the responsible authority in the absence of the chancellor. The Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor is charged with helping the university achieve excellence across all areas of the academic enterprise through oversight of undergraduate teaching and learning; graduate mentoring; faculty development, promotion and tenure; resource allocation; strategic planning; and the development of innovative academic initiatives that will be recognized as unique signature strengths.

The senior vice chancellor's office also is responsible for the administration, coordination and development of general policies and functions for academic programs.

Kostelnik was on faculty at Michigan State University for 22 years as

program supervisor of the Child Development Laboratories and chair of the Department of Family and Child Ecology. She has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels and her research focuses on early childhood education and community coalition building. Kostelnik was vice president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, chair for the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, a consortium of universities engaged in distance education, and is currently chair of the



Marjorie Kostelnik

Ron Yoder

Educare of Lincoln Partners Board. She recently served on a yearlong Institute of Medicine and National Research Council panel on transforming the workforce for children, birth through age 8.

Beth Doll, associate dean in the College of Education and Human Sciences, will be the college's interim dean during Kostelnik's tenure in academic affairs.

Yoder has been at UNL since 2004 and is currently associate vice chancellor at IANR, the multi-division UNL institute that focuses on agriculture and natural resources. Teaching occurs through the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, research through the Agricultural Research Division and

extension education through Nebraska Extension.

As part of the appointment, Yoder also will serve as interim vice president for agriculture and natural resources with the NU system, where he will oversee the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, the Daugherty Global Water for Food Institute and the Rural Futures Institute.

Yoder's research focus is in the areas of agricultural water management, measurement and estimation of evapotranspiration and land use

impacts on water quality. His more than 30 years of experience in agricultural water management includes extensive field research and work in Brazil, Zambia and China.

He has worked for the University of Wyoming, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service in Colorado and Washington

and for the University of Tennessee. He is a fellow and past president of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and a fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering.

The university has opened an international search for both vice chancellor positions with the intent to have new leaders in place by January 2017.

– Steve Smith | *University Communications*

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the search for the academic affairs position began, the title was changed to executive vice chancellor – in line with what other schools are doing.

Impacting All Things Rural

Regional Forums Scheduled Across State



Successful rural communities have leaders who drive change. Research has shown and practice has proven that leadership matters, thus it remains front and center as the Rural Futures Institute (RFI) at the University of Nebraska plans Regional Forums across Nebraska.

RFI will host three regional forums to help increase community capacity as well as the confidence of rural people to address their challenges and opportunities. Each will: 1) showcase some of the current RFI-funded awards projects that are successfully addressing specific rural concerns, 2) highlight local small business success stories that defy the negative rural narrative, 3) engage local high school students in envisioning the future of their communities, and 4) perhaps most importantly, listen to regional leaders and determine priority areas for RFI research, teaching and program efforts going forward. Forum locations and dates are **West Point – Sept. 22, North Platte – Sept. 27 and Chadron – Sept. 28.**

Each forum will be created by and for local leaders addressing specific areas such as housing, business succession and leadership succession and intergenerational engagement. Discussions will focus on collaborative efforts that are paying off in business growth, downtown redevelopment, expanded opportunities for further education and increasing quality of life for all generations, including youth and young adults.

Registration for the forums will open on August 1 and can be found at ruralfutures.nebraska.edu. This will be the second round of forums; the first forums were held in the fall of 2014 in Scottsbluff, Broken Bow and Nebraska City.

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Connecting Young Nebraskans Network to Gather in York

Young leaders from across the state are invited to gather in York, Nebraska, this fall on **Oct. 27-28** for the Connecting Young Nebraskans Summit. The summit provides dynamic young leaders the opportunity to network and build leadership and other skills that enable them to help shape the future of Nebraska.

Recognizing that intergenerational leadership and engagement must be strengthened in rural areas, the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska established the Connecting Young Nebraskans (CYN) network

focusing on the vital role 20- to 40-year olds play in the future of rural communities. The network is coordinated by Kayla Schnuelle, integrated marketing specialist and young leader coordinator at the RFI. Schnuelle relies on young leader volunteers from across the state to help organize and plan the summit.

Through a competitive selection process, the community of York was selected this year as the host for the summit, which will be held at the Holthus Convention Center. This will



be the fifth CYN Summit with the long-term goal to energize, develop and retain talented individuals in the state's rural communities.

the virus are mistakenly told they do not.

In an effort to overcome these challenges, Adamec said Noviplex cards will soon be distributed to eight South American states throughout the Amazon. The World Health Organization, which has classified Zika as an international public health emergency, is monitoring the project.

The technology is already addressing another health issue within South America's largest country. Because some Brazilian mining operations illegally use mercury to extract gold – afterward dumping the toxic element in local rivers – officials are also using Noviplex cards to prescreen for elevated levels of mercury in marine life and citizens who consume seafood.

And with the Olympic Games set to descend on Rio de Janeiro in August, the Brazilian Olympic Team has adopted the technology to monitor biomarkers that can indicate the onset of fatigue and other physiological stressors.

Modifying the technology, which R&D Magazine named a top-100 invention of 2014, might even allow physicians to eventually detect biomarkers of brain injury in athletes, Adamec said.

"It's difficult to say what impact Noviplex will have in the next five years," he said, "because the possibilities are really endless."

Adamec and his colleagues, who developed their technology through a co-founded company named Novilytic LLC, received research support from the National Institutes of Health.

– *Haley Steinkuhler, IANR*



Jiri Adamec, associate professor of biochemistry. Courtesy photo

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Researcher Develops Device to Test for Zika

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln researcher is partnering with Brazilian officials to distribute a device that could accelerate testing for the Zika virus and monitor contamination of the country's freshwater food sources.

In 2014, biochemist Jiri Adamec and colleagues introduced the Noviplex card, which separates plasma from a blood sample taken by the simple prick of a finger. After the sample is blotted on a small card, the technology can upload a digital image of the separated plasma to a clinic or laboratory that can analyze it for signs of disease.

If those signs are detected, the sample – which retains its integrity for weeks even in the humidity of a tropical rainforest – can be sent to a medical facility and further tested for a diagnosis.

This unprecedented capability makes the technology especially suited to prescreening for the Zika virus, Adamec said. The virus has been strongly linked with microcephaly: abnormally small heads, and often

underdeveloped brains, among the babies of women who have contracted the virus.

"The current Zika virus outbreak is affecting remote areas such as the Amazonian region of Brazil, and it's extremely difficult to get to those areas to screen residents for the virus," said Adamec, associate professor of biochemistry. "Medical professionals (currently) have to fly in and out by helicopter very quickly to ensure the blood samples remain stable at a low temperature."

This reality has made mapping the prevalence of Zika more difficult, Adamec said. Moreover, he said, an existing test used to screen for Zika has exhibited unacceptably high rates of false positives and false negatives. This means that some uninfected individuals are identified as carrying Zika, even as some who actually have

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

10 Fulbright Winners a UNL Record

A record 10 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have earned Fulbright awards for the 2016-17 academic year, while four more have been chosen as alternates.

The university's previous record for Fulbrights awarded in a single academic year was nine in 2011.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946 and funded by the U.S. Department of State, is designed to foster understanding between the United States and other countries. The U.S. Student Fulbright program gives recent graduates, graduate students and young professionals the opportunity to conduct research, study or teach in one of 160 designated countries. Recipients are awarded the Fulbright on the basis of academic and professional achievement as well as their potential for leadership.

There are two types of the nationally competitive award: the research/study award, which supports students working on a project in a foreign country; and the English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) award, which places recent graduates in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to local English language teachers. The students are also cultural ambassadors for the United States.

Though the 10 students sets a university record, the number of UNL students who earn Fulbrights could continue to grow in the coming weeks because Fulbrights are not awarded all at once. UNL students who have won Fulbright awards as of April 20 are:

- **Katelyn Hemmeke** – From Hamilton, Michigan, Hemmeke graduated this spring with a master's degree in



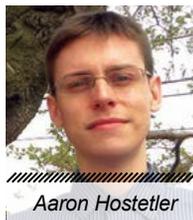
English. She will return to her birth country of South Korea, where she previously had a Fulbright ETA, to conduct research on Korean transnational adoptees searching for their birth families.

- **Annie Himes** – Himes, from Omaha, graduated this spring from the University Honors Program with bachelor's degrees in Russian, history and global studies



and minors in Spanish, English, human rights and humanitarian affairs, women's and gender studies, and political science. She will return to Russia, where she once studied, for her Fulbright ETA.

- **Aaron Hostetler** – A May 2015 graduate of the University Honors Program with bachelor's degrees in English and history, Hostetler resides in South



Korea, where he teaches the English language to native Korean speakers. This fall, the Pleasant Dale native will switch his focus to English language students in Turkey.

- **Ethan Koopman** – Koopman earned bachelor's degrees in physics, mathematics and German in August 2015. A native of Meadow Grove, he will return



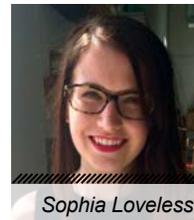
to Germany, where he once studied, for a Fulbright ETA.

- **Bailey Lathrop** – A UNL Honors Program student with majors in geology and anthropology and minors in Spanish and mathematics, Lathrop has been



awarded a study/research grant to Argentina. The Valley native will study rock formations in the Cuyo Group in the Neuquen Basin with other researchers at the National University of La Plata's Geologic Research Center.

- **Sophia Loveless** – A Kearney native, Loveless graduated in May 2015 from the University Honors Program with bachelor's degrees in political science,



global studies and history and minors in ethnic studies, human rights and humanitarian affairs, and African studies. She will return to Rwanda, where she once volunteered as an English language teacher, for her Fulbright ETA.

- **Rachel O'Hanlon** – A 2014 graduate who studied psychology, Japanese and sociology, O'Hanlon will travel to Bulgaria as a Fulbright English



Teaching Assistant. Since graduating, O'Hanlon, of Lincoln, has been teaching the English language in Amakusa, Japan, through the JET Program.

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NU SYSTEM-WIDE AWARDS

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Drone Lab Founder Earns University-wide Honor

- **Helen Pitts** – A graduate student working toward a master's degree in German and foreign language pedagogy, Pitts will return to Germany, where she studied



in 2013, for her Fulbright ETA. Pitts, of Lincoln, graduated from UNL's Honors Program in 2014 with bachelor's degrees in German and mathematics and a minor in European studies.

- **Kevin Thor** – A Stanton native, Thor will return to Vietnam, where he volunteered and taught English in 2014, for his Fulbright ETA. He graduated in May with bachelor's degrees in communication studies and management.



- **Josh Valdez** – An aspiring international human rights lawyer, Valdez will travel to Russia for his Fulbright ETA. Valdez, of Lincoln, graduated in May with bachelor's degrees in French and Russian.



Victoria Chraibi, Emma DeVries, Johnica Morrow and Mariah Wailes, all of Lincoln, have been named alternates. This status indicates that a candidate could be offered an award if additional funding becomes available.

For expanding his academic expertise beyond university classrooms, Matt Waite has received one of the University of Nebraska system's most prestigious awards.

Waite, a professor of practice in UNL's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, has earned NU's Innovation, Development and Engagement Award. The IDEA honor recognizes faculty who extend their area of expertise and enrich the broader Nebraska community.

The IDEA was one of five university system-wide honors announced by NU President Hank Bounds on April 27. The annual awards recognize faculty whose teaching, research and engagement has had a significant impact on students, the university and state.

Waite is founder of UNL's Drone Journalism Lab. The lab, which launched in 2011 and is the first of its kind, is designed to explore how drones could be used for reporting.



Matt Waite, a professor of practice in journalism and mass communications, has earned the IDEA honor from the University of Nebraska. Waite is founder of UNL's Drone Journalism Lab. Photo by Craig Chandler, University Communications

Students and faculty in the lab build drone platforms, using them to research the ethical, legal and regulatory issues involved in using pilotless aircraft to do journalism.

Since he joined the faculty in 2011, Waite and his students have used drones to report news in six countries on three continents.

Waite regularly speaks about the legal and ethical complexities of using drones at conferences around the world and is frequently consulted by media organizations about their potential. He also teaches courses in data journalism, web development and the intersection of storytelling and technology.

He created an open learning lab for students called Maker Hours, helped develop an interdisciplinary minor in informatics and serves on the publications board of the Daily Nebraskan.

Waite previously was a hybrid programmer/journalist for the St. Petersburg Times, where he developed PolitiFact, a website that fact checks what politicians say. The site became the first website awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2009.

Before becoming a web developer, Waite was an award-winning investigative reporter.

– *Melissa Lee, NU Central Administration*

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The 2015 December commencement ceremonies begin at Pinnacle Bank Arena. UNL is one of the nation's best four-year institutions in substantially improving graduation rates for African-American students, a newly released national report shows. Photo by Craig Chandler, University Communications

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

UNL a Leader in Improving Black Student Grad Rates

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is one of the nation's best four-year institutions in substantially improving graduation rates for African-American students, a new national report shows.

UNL was No. 11 among four-year public institutions in the report, authored by the national advocacy group The Education Trust. The university is underlined for its 10-point reduction in the achievement gap between white and black students between 2003 and 2013. In that timeframe, UNL saw a 4.5 percent increase in overall graduation rates and a 13.7 percent increase in graduation rates for African-American students.

The report, published March 23, is titled "Rising Tide II: Do Black Students Benefit as Grad Rates Increase?" and is the second comprehensive Education Trust study in recent months to note how UNL has stood out in improving graduation rates

for traditionally underserved and underrepresented minority students.

The first report, published in December 2015, showed that UNL led the nation in narrowing completion gaps between white and underrepresented minority students over the same 10-year timespan.

Amy Goodburn, UNL's associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and interim dean of enrollment management, said the university's gains can be attributed to several factors, including efforts to boost retention of all students, and special programs that focus on mentoring and support for underrepresented minority and first-generation students. For instance, OASIS – the Office of Academic Success and Intercultural Services – and the William H. Thompson Scholars Learning Community both provide academic success classes, peer mentors and program staff, and social, academic and cultural programming for students who receive various scholarships, many of whom are

underrepresented minority students.

In recent years, UNL has created several retention programs and services, including the Office of First Year Experience and Transition Programs, the Military and Veteran Success Center, the First Husker Program for first generation students and the implementation of the MyPLAN advising system.

Initiatives and programs to provide academic and social support for African-American students began with the creation of the Culture Center in the early 1970s. While this program began with support from the Athletic Department, the value and need for this support system was realized by the larger university community, said Jake Kirkland, director of OASIS and the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center. More recent student support programs, such as OASIS and the Gaughan Center, are the beneficiaries of the creation of the Culture Center.

– Steve Smith, *University Communications*

CONNECTION BOX



edtrust.org/resource/risingtideii/

Cather Nephew Leaves \$5.8 Million to UNL



Charles Cather

The nephew of renowned author Willa Cather has bequeathed \$5.8 million to support leading Cather initiatives at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Charles E. Cather left an estate gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation to create endowed funds that will provide annual support for the university's many Cather initiatives. The funds will be used collaboratively by UNL Libraries, the Willa Cather Archive, the Department of English and the Cather Project.

The gift will enable the university to focus on various Cather programs and initiatives, including:

- Support for digital resources that are either scholarly or educational, the Cather special collections and public programs that team with other organizations on Cather events and community outreach;
- Student support in the form of stipends or awards for undergraduate and graduate students studying Willa Cather;
- Support for the Willa Cather Scholarly Edition, the major scholarly publication of Cather's work published in partnership with the Cather Project and the University of Nebraska Press;

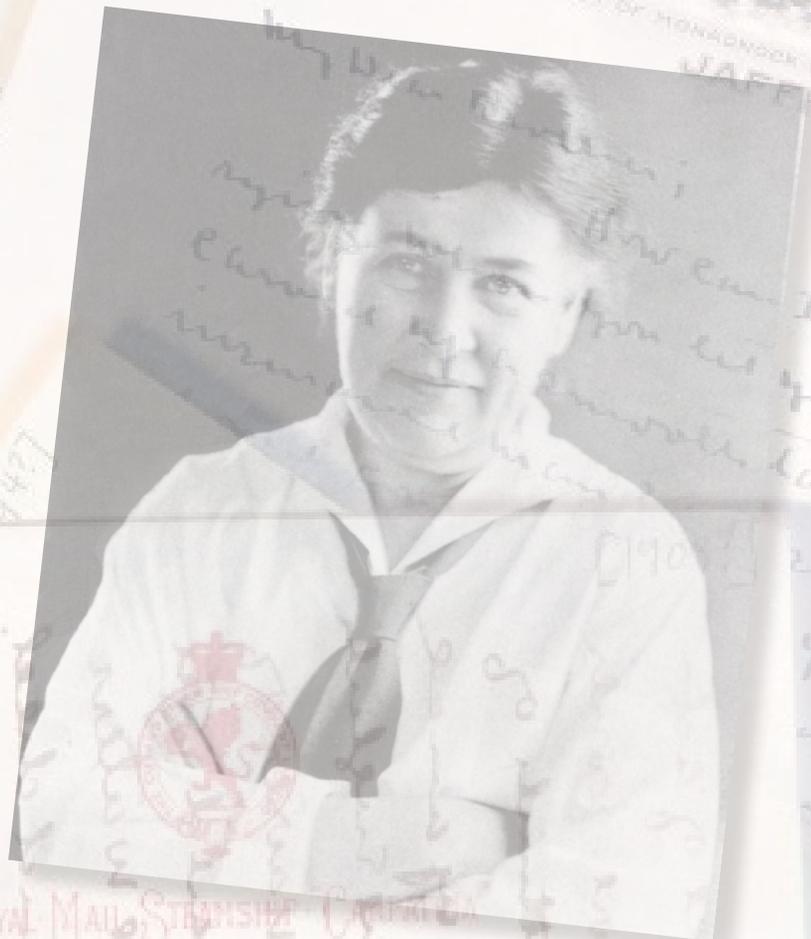
- Support for the university's scholarly programming on Cather, such as conferences and seminars, as well as assistance on Cather-related creative activities, such as collaborations with musicians and other artists.

Founded in 2002 by the UNL Department of English, the Cather Project supports research and teaching that focuses on the life and work of Willa Cather. The Willa Cather Archive, sponsored by the UNL Center for Digital Research in the Humanities, aims to create a rich, useful and accessible digital site for the study of Cather's life and writings.

Charles Cather also donated to the University of Nebraska his personal property related to his aunt that contained her manuscripts, including the beginning of her last novel, letters, medals and inscribed first editions of her work. These items were publicly announced by the university in 2011 shortly after Charles Cather's death.

The University of Nebraska has the largest Cather archive in the world. The author graduated from the university in 1895 and died in 1947. Her novels, such as "O Pioneers," "My Antonia" and "Song of the Lark," recognized frontier life on the Great Plains. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1923 for "One of Ours."

– Robb Crouch, NU Foundation



Ankerson Named Architecture Dean

Katherine Ankerson, professor and head of the Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design at Kansas State University, became dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture July 1. Prior to her tenure at K-State, she was a professor and associate dean in the UNL college from 1996 to 2011.

A strong proponent of design education, Ankerson said she believes in the potency of interdisciplinary and



Katherine Ankerson

cross-disciplinary engagement, the value of design and making, and embracing new technologies in addition to strengthening traditional design tools.

She is an award-winning author, and as lead of the 20th Anniversary Nuckolls Lighting

Grant, she worked with nine other educators in architecture, engineering and interior design representing four major universities to initiate and produce the award-winning web-based

resource Lighting Across the [Design] Curriculum. Ankerson just completed a three-year term of elected presidential leadership with the North American organization, Interior Design Educators Council. She is a CIDA site visitor and the education member of the Nuckolls Lighting Fund board of directors.

Ankerson also held academic positions at Radford University and Washington State University after spending many years as a practicing architect and designer. She received her bachelor of science in architecture and bachelor of architecture from Washington State. She also earned a master's degree in architecture from Washington State.

UNL DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY

'UNL Alumni Artists 1974-1978' on Display this Summer

Forty-three alumni from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Art and Art History will show their work this summer in the exhibition titled "UNL Alumni Artists 1974-1978" in the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery at Richards Hall.

The exhibition opened May 16 and continues through Aug. 5 in the gallery, which is located on the first floor of Richards Hall. Visitors can stop by Rm. 120 of Richards Hall Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for access to the gallery.

The Department of Art and Art History solicited alumni who graduated from UNL between 1974-1978 to send artwork for the exhibition. The exhibition will be repeated in future years with different graduation dates included.

The participating alumni this year include: Ron Anderson, Judith (Schweitzer) Andre, Mary E. Bartek, Bill H. Burk, Anne Burkholder, Nancy K. Childs, Sharon Lacy Cech, Rayna D. Collins, Carl Coniglio, Rebecca R. Cooper, Carol Crawford, Karen N. Dienstbier, Gregory J. Eilers, Florence E. Flynn, Mary K. Foree, Mary P. Gubbels, Nancy Heiser, Glenn J. Hild, Kristin A. Hoffman, Karen M. Honaker, Susan G. Horn, Sheila A. Hubbard, Thomas G. Hubbell, Karen S. Kunc, John Kudlacek, Ilona A. Lefler, Nena S. St. Louis, Douglas S. Martin, Lawrence D. McFarland, William J. Opp, Harry Orlyk, William D. Shaffer, Jonathan M. Shepard, Terry L.



Slade, Lawson Smith, Timothy L. Solien, Christine M. Stalder, Douglas R. Stanley, BJ Stych, Melvin M. Tingley, Christina M. Willey, Robert J. Wilson and Sandra P. Zieg.

Admission to the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery is free and open to the public. Richards Hall is located at Stadium Drive and T streets on the UNL city campus.

Thomas G. Hubbell, "Cross Town Traffic," wood-fired porcelain extrusions and slabs, press-molded with coil, 23" x 6", 2015.



(From left) Christopher McCune; Matthew Beio, a UNL graduate student in chemistry; and David Berkowitz are UNL researchers who helped develop a molecule that may inhibit a stroke-related enzyme. Photo by Troy Fedderson, University Communications

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Researchers Design Molecule that Suppresses Stroke-related Enzyme

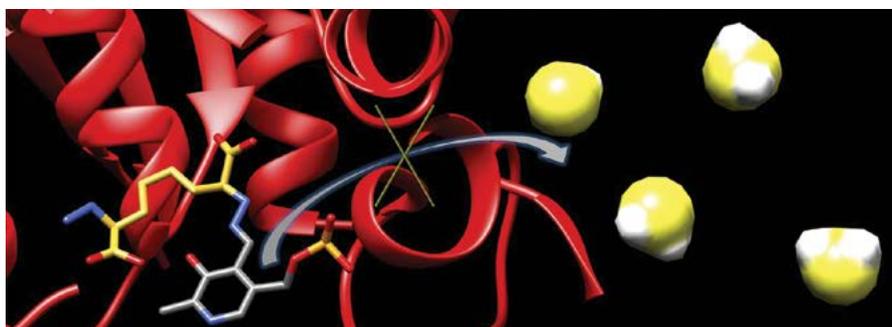
Research teams separated by 14 hours and 9,000 miles have collaborated to develop a molecule that can inhibit an enzyme linked with the onset of stroke. UNL chemists partnered with medical researchers from the National University of Singapore on the work.

Most strokes occur when a disruption of blood flow prevents oxygen and glucose from reaching brain tissue, ultimately killing neurons and other cells. The team found that its molecule, known as 6S, reduced the death of brain tissue by as much as 66 percent when administered to the cerebrum of a rat that had recently suffered a stroke.

It also appeared to reduce the inflammation that typically accompanies stroke, which the World Health Organization has estimated kills more than 6 million people annually.

To test the effectiveness of the 6S molecule in treating stroke, Berkowitz and fellow UNL chemist Christopher McCune reached out to Peter Wong, professor of pharmacology at the National University of Singapore.

“Peter ended up latching onto the chemistry more than we did, and we



This graphic depicts a new inhibitor, 6S, locking up an enzyme (red) to block the production of hydrogen sulfide (yellow and white). Hydrogen sulfide concentrations have been shown to climb after the onset of a stroke, leading to brain damage. Graphic by Matthew Beio, UNL

ended up latching onto the biology,” Berkowitz said. “It’s actually been really fun. These are two kinds of science that are pretty far apart, and that’s probably the most exciting thing about this: the interdisciplinary nature.”

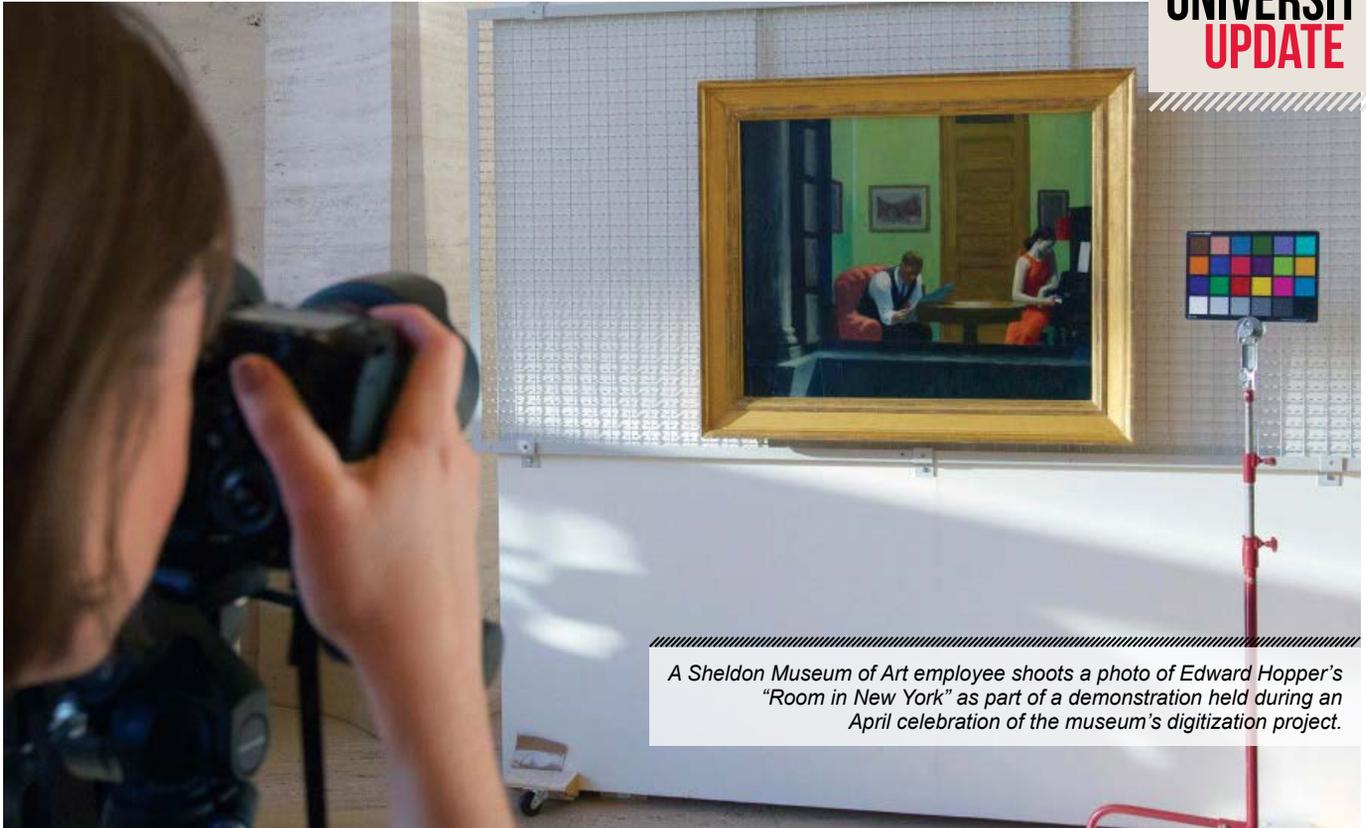
Because the 6S inhibitor has demonstrated its effects in cell cultures and the brain tissue of rats, Berkowitz cautioned that it represents just an initial step toward developing a stroke-treating drug for humans. However, he said the proof-of-principle experiments effectively illustrate the concept’s promise.

Berkowitz also expressed optimism that the synthesis method detailed in

the study could streamline the more general production of enzyme-targeting inhibitors.

“We started out with a very fundamental-science perspective on understanding the chemistry of this whole class of vitamin B6-dependent enzymes,” he said. “We’re in a good place now because that science has allowed us to make these inhibitors and many others. We’re now working on several enzymes that may represent important targets for translation of the basic inhibitor chemistry into truly therapeutic goals.”

– Scott Schrage, *University Communications*



A Sheldon Museum of Art employee shoots a photo of Edward Hopper's "Room in New York" as part of a demonstration held during an April celebration of the museum's digitization project.

SHELDON MUSEUM OF ART

Sheldon Enters Final Phase of Digitization

Sheldon Museum of Art is using pixels rather than bricks and mortar to expand access to its collection.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln museum has launched a digitization initiative that will create an online database featuring images and detailed information about each of the items in its collection. The database – which will expand the museum's limited online collection resource – is scheduled for completion in late fall.

"With 12,866 items in the collection, this museum certainly has a lot to show people," Wally Mason, director of the Sheldon, said. "Unfortunately, we don't have sufficient room in the museum to show

every item in the collection. So, rather than build a \$100

million building somewhere close by, we have decided to spend much less to create an online database that will be available to the world."

The project is budgeted to cost less than \$130,000 – or, about \$10 for every piece of art in the collection.

The digitization process is fairly simple, yet time consuming. High-resolution photos with colors matched precisely to each piece of art are recorded and combined with information – size, medium, purchase price, etc. – the museum has on file for each art piece. The photos and related information will then be entered into a searchable database and made available online. Museum staff are working with University Communications to build the online database.

The digitization project has been

completed in phases through small grants, starting with funds from the Cooper Foundation in 2013 to purchase a collections database. A second grant from the Henry Luce Foundation funded high-resolution photos of approximately 8,200 works on paper. A current grant from the National Endowment for the Arts is enabling the museum to photograph paintings.

Sheldon is seeking public support for the fourth and final phase of the project, which will make the collection accessible to the public via the searchable, online database.

For more information on the project or how to offer support, send email to laura.reznicek@unl.edu or call 402-472-1366.

– Troy Fedderson, *University Communications*

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sheldonartgallery.org/give

Campus Museums Participate in Blue Star Program

The University of Nebraska State Museum-Morrill Hall, International Quilt Study Center and Museum, and Sheldon Museum of Art are three of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense.

The three museums will offer free admission to active duty military personnel including the National Guard and Reserve and their families through Labor Day as part of the Blue Star Museums program.

The free admission program is available to anyone with a

Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID) or DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard – as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and NOAA Commissioned Corps – and up to five family members. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in the free-admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, contact the museum directly.

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 arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums

WALT WHITMAN ARCHIVE

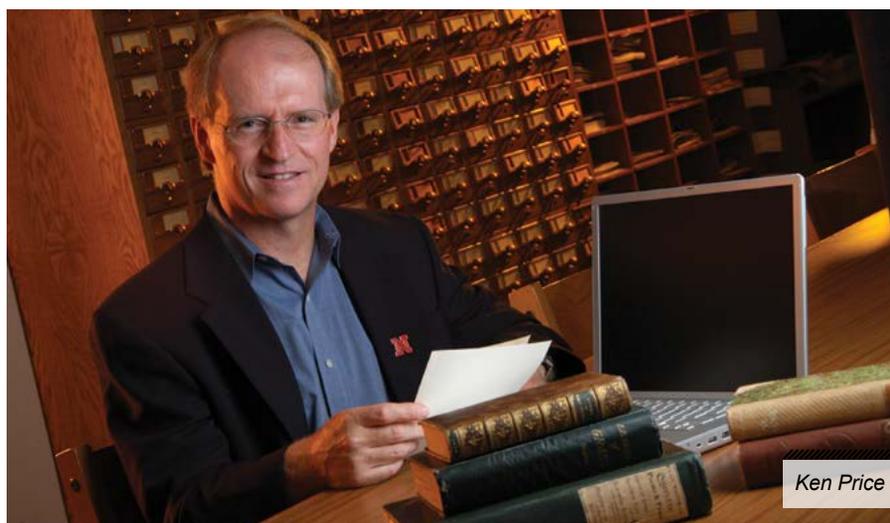
Price Key in IDing Rare Whitman Letter

As one of the world's foremost Walt Whitman scholars, UNL professor Ken Price can easily identify the handwriting of the famous 19th-century poet, essayist and journalist – from his unusual upstroke on the letter “d” to the peculiar way he made the letter “x” to a host of other signs that, taken together, clearly show evidence of Whitman’s pen.

“It’s something that, both holistically and specifically, you recognize when you see it,” said Price, the Hillegass University Professor of American literature at UNL.

So when the head of the National Archives contacted him on a recent Sunday evening asking Price for his opinion on a newly discovered “soldier letter” suspected to be in Whitman’s hand, it didn’t take long for Price to deliver a definitive verdict.

Price was able to swiftly authenticate the letter, which Whitman penned on behalf of a New Hampshire



infantryman dying of tuberculosis in a Washington, D.C., hospital shortly after the Civil War. The letter, and Price’s role in assisting in its authentication, made national headlines.

The January 1866 note, found last winter in the archives by a research librarian, was written neatly in ink and is among only three Whitman-scribed “soldier letters” known to exist. It will now be housed in a vault at the National Archives with other valuable documents.

The discovery is important because of its rarity as well as its touching nature, said Price, who is also the co-director of the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities at UNL.

“His work in the hospitals was extraordinary,” Price said. “Hospitals were very dangerous places in the Civil War, so his time spent visiting soldiers was courageous and generous. Few writers would have sacrificed such an enormous amount of time at the height of a literary career.”

In addition to being protected at the National Archives, the letter will be digitized and entered into the digital Walt Whitman Archive, a long-term effort to edit Whitman’s work on the web. Price co-directs the Whitman Archive with Ed Folsom of the University of Iowa.

– Steve Smith, *University Communications*



Taikoproject's "Interlocking Rhythms"

HIXSON-LIED COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

2016-17 Lied Center Season Announced

The Lied Center for Performing Arts' 2016-17 season will feature country star Clint Black, blues legend Buddy Guy, violinist Itzhak Perlman, the political satire group The Capitol Steps and holiday concerts by Canadian Brass and Mannheim Steamroller.

The season will open Sept. 30 with Broadway, film and television star Idina Menzel and close with a six-show run of Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical," May 31 to June 3.

The Glenn Korff Broadway Series also will bring in top musicals "Once," Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," "Into The Woods," "Mamma Mia" and "Defying Gravity."

The Lied Center's full 2016-17 season is:

- Sept. 28: Sounds of China (special event)
- Sept. 30: "An Evening with Idina Menzel"
- Oct. 7-8: "Once"
- Oct. 12: Travis Wall's "Shaping Sound"
- Oct. 21: The Capitol Steps
- Oct. 23: Clint Black
- Oct. 25: "Twyla Tharp: 50th Anniversary Tour"
- Oct. 28: Sandy Hackett's "Rat Pack Show"
- Nov. 13: Ingrid Fliter, piano
- Nov. 30: Sara Watkins
- Dec. 5: "Rhapsody in Black"
- Dec. 9: Brian Regan
- Dec. 10: "Canadian Brass Christmas"
- Dec. 20: "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas" by Chip Davis
- Jan. 27-29: Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"
- Feb. 7: Lucas Debargue, piano
- Feb. 8-12: "Late Night Catechism"
- Feb. 16-17: "Into The Woods"
- Feb. 22: Elephant and Piggie's "We Are in a Play"
- Feb. 23-24: Gabriel Kahane
- March 3-5: "Mamma Mia!"
- March 9: Heather Henson's "Crane: On Earth, In Sky"
- March 17: Trinity Irish Dance Company
- March 18: "An Evening with Buddy Guy"
- March 24: Riders in the Sky
- March 26: Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra
- March 31: Taikoproject's "Interlocking Rhythms"
- April 2: Richard Goode, piano
- April 4: Momix's "Opus Cactus"
- April 7: The Midtown Men
- April 20: "Defying Gravity," starring Stephen Schwartz
- April 22: Itzhak Perlman, violin
- April 30: Russian National Ballet Theatre's "Sleeping Beauty"
- May 18: Joey Alexander Trio
- May 31-June 3: Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical"

Season ticket packages (four or more events with varying discounts), except for the Menzel concert, went on sale May 12. Any remaining tickets will be available for single-event purchase starting Aug. 16. Season ticket orders can be placed online, by phone at 402-472-4747 or at the Lied Center box office, 301 N. 12th St.

Tickets for Menzel's concert became available in early June as part of a Broadway Fan Club season ticket order, and any remaining tickets will be available for purchase individually starting in July.

– Carrie Christensen, Lied Center for Performing Arts

ALUMNI AWARDS

Nebraska Alumni Association Awards Nominations

Nebraska Alumni Association Awards Program

The alumni awards program is designed to recognize outstanding alumni, students and former faculty from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in several categories.

Alumni Achievement Award

Established in 1974, the Alumni Achievement Award honors alumni who have a record of outstanding achievements in a career and/or civic involvement. The association seeks to recognize alumni at all stages of their lives and careers, including young alumni.

Outstanding International Alumnus Award

Established in 2006, this award honors alumni who were non-U.S. citizens during their attendance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and who have attained national/international prominence through their efforts in education, sciences, technology, agriculture, the arts, business, humanities, government or other world endeavors.

Alumni Family Tree Award

Established in 1995, the Alumni Family Tree Award honors one family per year that has at least three generations of University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduates and at least two family members with a record of outstanding service to the university, the alumni association, their community and/or their profession.

Distinguished Service Award

Established in 1940, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes alumni who have a record of distinguished service to the Nebraska Alumni Association and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Shane Osborn Student Leadership Award/Scholarship

Established in 2002, this award honors Lieutenant Shane J. Osborn, a UNL Naval ROTC graduate who on April 1, 2001 courageously piloted a U.S. reconnaissance plane to a safe crash landing after it was hit by two Chinese fighters. Subsequently, Lt. Osborn endured an aggressive interrogation and, along with the rest of his crew, eleven days of captivity by the Chinese government. The award is not limited to students with ROTC involvement. The winner of the award will also receive a scholarship stipend.

Howard and Judy Vann Student Leadership Award/Scholarship

Established in 1998, the Howard and Judy Vann Student Leadership Award recognizes undergraduate students who have shown exceptional leadership capabilities through energetic participation in student activities, commendable classroom performance, and the personal integrity, perseverance and sense of honor demonstrated by those who successfully lead their peers. The winner of this award will also receive a scholarship stipend.

Doc Elliott Award

Established in 1986 to honor a retired University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty or staff member who has exhibited a record of exemplary service, whose caring has made a difference in the lives of students and alumni and who has gone beyond traditional expectations. Recipients must be former faculty or staff members of UNL who have been retired at least five years.

RULES:

1. Recipients MUST attend the awards ceremony to receive an award. If a recipient is unable to attend during the year in which they were selected, they may defer to the following year.
2. The fact that an individual has previously received an alumni association award in another category does not preclude him/her from receiving another award.
3. The awards committee will accept nominations from any alumnus, friend or alumni affiliate organization of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
4. The awards committee retains and considers nominations for three years or until selected.
5. If a recipient is deceased, a representative of the family may accept the award.
6. **The deadline for submitting nominations is November 1 of each year.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the award nomination form. Be sure to indicate for which award you are placing this nomination.
2. Submit a letter of nomination describing the nominee's accomplishments and why you believe he/she is deserving of the award.
3. Send the completed form and the letter of nomination to: Alumni Awards, Nebraska Alumni Association, 1520 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1651.

Nominations may also be placed online at huskeralum.org.

Nominators will be notified of their candidate's status whether or not they are selected for the award. This notification generally happens in December. Only nominees who are chosen to receive an award will be notified of their selection/nomination.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CAMPUS BRIEFS

APPOINTMENTS



Sonia Feigenbaum

■ **Sonia Feigenbaum**, associate provost for global engagement at Brown University, has been named UNL's new associate vice chancellor for international engagement and global strategies, beginning Aug. 15. Feigenbaum succeeds David Wilson, who returned to the faculty in late 2015. ■ **Peter McCornick**, deputy director general for research at the International Water Management Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka, has been named the next executive director of the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska. He will assume his new role Sept. 1, succeeding WFI's founding executive director, Roberto Lenton. ■ **Robert Ladislav Derr**, associate professor of art, undergraduate chair and photography area coordinator at Ohio State University, is the new chair of UNL's Department of Art and Art History. He replaces Pete Pinnell, who has served as chair since 2011.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **The Barkley Memorial Center** on East Campus celebrated **40 years of service** this spring. The Barkley Center houses the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders in the College of

Education and Human Sciences. Programs hosted there include audiology, speech-language pathology and special education. The center is also home to the Barkley Speech Language Hearing Clinic, HearU Nebraska and the Lion's Club and Sertoma Club hearing aid banks. ■ **Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park** opened for its **25th-anniversary** season May 3. The 360-acre park near Royal is home to skeletons of prehistoric animals, including rhinos, camels, three-toed horses and birds – preserved in the area where volcanic ash killed them 12 million years ago. The paleontology treasure is a joint project of the University of Nebraska State Museum and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

■ **The National Drought Mitigation Center** celebrated its **20th anniversary** April 22. The center was established in 1995 to develop and implement measures to reduce drought vulnerability across the United States. Among some of the tools the center has played a role in or developed over the years are: the U.S. Drought Monitor, U.S. Drought Impact Reporter, Drought Risk Atlas, VegDRI and a suite of web-based drought management decision-making tools.

KUDOS

■ **William G. Thomas III**, John and Catherine Angle Professor in the Humanities at UNL, has earned a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. Thomas has been a pioneer in digital history with such projects as the History Harvest and the Virginia Center for Digital History at the University of Virginia, and as a co-editor of the award-winning digital project Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War.



William G. Thomas III

■ **Prem Paul**, vice chancellor for research and economic development, received the lifetime achievement award from the University Industry Demonstration Partnership. ■

David von Kampen, a lecturer of composition in the Glenn Korff School of Music, has been selected as the 2015 Music Teachers National Association Distinguished Composer of the Year. ■ **Yvonne Lai**, assistant professor of mathematics, and **Joe Louis**, assistant professor of entomology, were presented with the Harold and Esther Edgerton Junior Faculty Award during Spring Honors Convocation at UNL. ■ **Maureen Honey**, professor of English, received the Annis Chaikin Sorensen Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Humanities.

■ Willa Cather/Charles Bessey professorships have been awarded to **Gwendolyn Foster**, Willa Cather Professor of English; **Rodney Moxley**, Charles Bessey Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; **Melanie Simpson**, Willa Cather Professor of Biochemistry; and **Kimberly Tyler**, Willa Cather Professor of Sociology. ■ **Martha Mamo**, professor of agronomy and horticulture, was named the John E. Weaver Professor of Agronomy and Horticulture. ■ Susan J. Rosowski Professorships were given to **Mehmet Can Vuran**, associate professor of computer science and engineering; and **Kathleen Moritz Rudasill**, associate professor of educational psychology. ■ Special awards for teaching and service went to **Linda Schwartzkopf Fultz**, director of Greek Affairs, who received the James V. Griesen Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students; **William Lopez**, professor of practice of teaching, learning and teacher education, who received the Donald R. and Mary Lee Swanson Award for Teaching Excellence; and **John Ballard**, emeritus professor of industrial and management systems engineering, who received the James O'Hanlon Academic Leader Award. ■ Louise Pound-George Howard Distinguished Career Awards went to **Frances Kaye**, professor of English; and **Harvey Perlman**, UNL chancellor and Harvey and Susan Perlman Alumni Professor of Law. ■ **Kelly Payne**, chief undergraduate adviser in the Department of English, received the Dr. Charles Riedesel Outstanding Academic Advising Award. ■

Leslie Gonzalez, academic adviser and recruiter for the College of Architecture, received the Foundation Builder's Award for Outstanding Academic Advising. ■ **Michael Dodd**, associate professor of psychology, received the Outstanding Undergraduate Research

Mentor Award. ■ Winners of the 2016 College Awards for Distinguished Teaching are: College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources – **Erin Blankenship**, professor of statistics; College of Arts and Science – **Chad E. Brassil**, associate professor of biological sciences; **Jeannette Jones**, associate professor of history and ethnic studies; **Jody Koenig Kellas**, associate professor of communication studies; **Nora Martin Peterson**, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures; **Jordan Soliz**, associate professor of communication studies; and **Jeffrey Stevens**, assistant professor of psychology. College of Business Administration – **Jake Messersmith**, associate professor of marketing; College of Education and Human Sciences – **Edward Daly III**, professor of educational psychology; **Elizabeth Lewis**, associate professor of teaching, learning and teacher education; and **Scott A. Napolitano**, associate professor of practice of educational psychology; College of Engineering – **Sohrab Asgarpour**, professor of electrical and computer engineering; and **Deepak Keshwani**, associate professor of biological systems engineering; College of Law – **William Lyons**, professor of law; Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts – **Stanley V. Kleppinger**, associate professor of music theory.

GRANTS & GIFTS

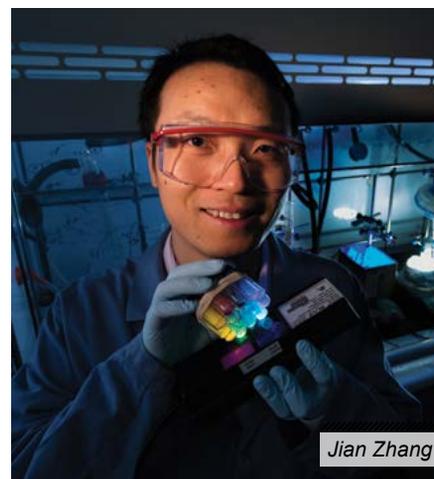
■ A grant of nearly \$2.8 million awarded to UNL professor **Steven Barlow** will be used to study the link between the brain's molecular pathways and the development of oral feeding skills in extremely preterm infants. Barlow, Corwin Moore Professor in UNL's Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, will lead the five-year, multi-site study that will examine 180 preterm infants born between 24-27 weeks at neonatal intensive care units at CHI Health St. Elizabeth in Lincoln, Tufts Medical Center in Boston and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California. ■ UNL sociology professors **Kirk Dombrowski** and **Bilal Kahn** have earned a three-year, \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to build a smartphone application and software that will analyze people's behaviors, social networks and relationships in real time. They will co-lead an interdisciplinary team to develop ODIN, short for Open Dynamic Interaction Networks. ■ **Mackenzie Savaiano**, assistant professor of practice and

coordinator of the graduate program in visual impairments, has been awarded a grant of nearly \$1.1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. Savaiano will use the personnel preparation grant to train at least 30 graduate students to teach children and youth with sensory disabilities. ■ **Xia Hong**, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, received a five-year, \$750,262 **Faculty Early Career Development Program Award** to help her pursue nanoscale control of extremely thin films and pair them with two-dimensional materials to expand the versatility of technologies ranging from solar cells to transistors. ■ By marrying the inorganic with the organic and the rigid with the stretchable, UNL chemist **Stephen Morin** has begun crafting hybrid materials that could find use in technologies ranging from soft electronics to soft robotics. Morin



Stephen Morin

will expand his efforts to seamlessly combine hard and soft materials with the help of a five-year, \$649,474 **Faculty Early Career Development Program Award** from the National Science Foundation. ■ **Jiantao Guo**, assistant professor of chemistry, earned a five-year, \$622,320 **Faculty Early Career Development Program Award** from the National Science Foundation to further his work on a promising new method for incorporating new amino acids into proteins. ■ **Hongfeng Yu**, **Yufeng Ge** and **Harkamal Walia** have received a \$534,194 National Science Foundation grant to develop a multi-wavelength laser ranging and imaging instrument for phenotyping plant shoots to identify opportunities to improve crop performance. ■ **Jian Zhang**, assistant professor of chemistry, recently earned a five-year, \$527,154 **Faculty Early Career Development**



Jian Zhang

Program Award from the National Science Foundation to develop an organic-based catalyst that uses the sun's energy to facilitate chemical reactions. His work could one day lead to cleaner fuel production. ■ CME Group Foundation of Chicago has given a \$500,000 grant to the **Clayton K. Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to support a new biennial symposium. ■ **Simanti Banerjee**, assistant professor of agricultural economics at UNL, has received a four-year, \$498,641 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the effectiveness of conservation auction policies. ■ A **Fulbright U.S. Scholar** grant is helping **Terri Norton** expand her research into disaster debris management. The associate professor in UNL's Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction will use the award to research Japan's faster-than-expected recovery from a devastating earthquake and tsunami in 2011. Norton plans to use the information to help people around the world. ■ UNL alumnus and former employee **Ronald J. Lockard** of McKinney, Texas, has made a \$100,000 gift to provide support for computer science and engineering students in the UNL College of Arts and Sciences. The gift establishes the **Lockard Family Scholarship and Fellowship Fund** at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

PROFILE WINNER, HONORABLE MENTION 2015 WRITING CONTEST

Kelly (Uhl) Riibe graduated from UNL in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in journalism (advertising and public relations). Her undergraduate days were spent making lots of lifelong friends and also working at the Nebraska Law College within their career services department. Currently Kelly is the co-creator and a writer for www.familyfootnote.com, a blog she started with a good friend and fellow UNL alum. It is about motherhood and all things family. In addition to her blogging duties, Kelly is a stay-at-home mom and freelance writer. She lives in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, with her husband (Gary), three kids (Mia, Mallory and Graham) and their Jack Russell Terrier.

NOT YOUR ORDINARY BREW

A Profile on Alumnus Caleb Pollard

By Kelly Riibe, '03



University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumnus Caleb Pollard has two passions in life. They are rural Nebraska and craft beer, and he has happily merged the two by opening Scratchtown Brewing Company in Ord, Nebraska.

"I like to say we can take the Sandhills on a beer drinking journey," explained the 2003 graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pollard's path to beer making did not begin at UNL; however, his interest in rural economic development did get sparked during his undergrad days. Initially an environmental studies major, he switched his major to an individualized program of study that dealt with natural resource policy and community development after an internship at the Nebraska Unicameral and some assistance from Professor Bob Kuzelka.

"That was fantastic. It really got me back on track," said the Theta Xi member.

After graduation Pollard began working in the private sector, while picking up the hobby of home brewing in his basement. Travel, for business and pleasure, also allowed him and his wife to make frequent stops at wineries and breweries across the country.

"I just kind of fell in love with the craft beer culture and





The Scratchtown Brewing Company family gathered for their first bottle release party in January 2015. They are (left to right): Mike and Julie Klimek, Christina and Caleb Pollard, Michelle and Jade Stunkel. Courtesy photo.

really enjoyed making home brew,” explained the farm boy from Nehawka.

After working in Omaha and Lincoln for several years, Pollard wanted to return to a more rural setting. In 2008 he took a job as the executive director at Valley County Economic Development and the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce. During this time Pollard met Scratchtown’s chief brewer, Mike Klimek. He helped Klimek find a job through his office’s employee placement program. Klimek wanted to buy Pollard a beer in appreciation, but both were disgruntled that there was no where to go locally for a craft brew. They had to settle for visiting one another at home and drinking their own recipes. Weekly home brewing sessions soon became a tradition.

“That’s really kind of where things got started,” said Pollard who categorizes Klimek as a “lights-out” beer technician.

The two men and their third partner, Jade Stunkel, came together and saw a need to bring something special to the area. They built a downtown brewery in October of 2014. Since its inception, the taproom has been serving beer to customers who typically have a standing-room-only option. They are open three days a week and have no outside investors. The focus is on staying small and true to themselves.

“I believe you take care of home first,” emphasized Pollard who wants to keep the taproom a priority, so Ord can continue to flourish.

The brewery has boosted tax values and tourism, while also contributing to manufacturing jobs. The partners have their own hop garden, and buy local ingredients whenever possible. They celebrated their one-year anniversary with a “Scratchtober Fest” celebration. Local hotels were sold out, and the taproom poured beer for more than 600 patrons.

Currently only two brew batches have been made for bottling. The first is an Oatmeal Imperial Stout, that gets sold “to go” in the taproom only. The brew comes with high praise and an even higher alcohol content. It is described as a dessert beer. Scratchtown’s second bottled batch is their popular Black Eye

Imperial Porter. It is set for distribution throughout the eastern third of Nebraska.

“I’ve probably got close to 100 (stores) that want us,” said Pollard, who had to wait 18 months before implementing a larger distribution plan due to high taproom sales.

In addition to handling distribution, Pollard is also president of the company. However, due to an old promise, he holds a more interesting title.

“I had a group of friends, that when we were getting out of college and going into the real world, we all made a pact that the first person to own his own business would make his job title, the Chief Mover of Units,” said Pollard who is listed this way on the beer company’s website.

His duties include marketing, managing, brew making, floor sweeping, bathroom cleaning, beer pouring and more. Pollard’s work commute is a three-minute bicycle ride, and he proudly knows almost every local customer to frequent his establishment.

Since opening, the partners have made around 45 different beer batches. While it is hard to pick a favorite, Pollard is particularly fond of their “Prairie Fire Smoked Schwarzbier,” which is a smoked German black lager. It is noted to be dark colored, with a light and smoky barbecue flavor.

“It pairs really well with smoked meat and game,” said Pollard, who served the beer for their “Scratch-Patty’s Day” event in March.

Scratchtown also had fun creating a cream ale, called “Popcorn Daze,” for North Loup’s annual popcorn festival last summer. It was lighter in taste and made with locally air-popped popcorn from Nebraska’s Valley County.

“It tasted like a hint of popcorn after you took a drink,” Pollard said.

Another one of Scratchtown’s unique brews recently took second place at Nebraska’s Hop Fest in La Vista. It was a dark rye IPA, made from 100 percent Nebraska hops. They lost first place by one vote to Omaha’s Upstream Brewery. Pollard was happy with their strong showing, but wants more.

“I want to be recognized as one of the best breweries in the country, not just one of the best breweries in rural Nebraska,” said the father of two.

Pollard has intentions of winning a gold medal at the Great American Beer Festival. He also looks forward to continued growth, and introducing new customers to Ord and all it can offer.

“I want to prove to people that rural Nebraska is awesome, and I think making great beer out here is one way to do that.” ❖



NOSTALGIA WINNER, HONORABLE MENTION-STUDENT DAYS 2015 WRITING CONTEST

Robert Kerr, a 1984 graduate of UNL, is in his 30th year of teaching history at Hastings Senior High School. For hobbies, he still does distance running, and he began learning guitar at age 49. Kerr lives with his wife, Michelle (UNL 1992), and three children in Hastings.

'WHAT CAN I GET YOU?'

By Robert Kerr, '84



Kerr (second from right) posed with some of his Selleck snack bar co-workers in 1982.

My earliest recollection of the dormitory snack bars at UNL goes back to my freshman year in early September of 1980. My roommate, John, decided a trip to the snack bar would provide a welcome break from our studies in Harper Hall.

“Can I help you?” asked the girl with the bandana tied around her hair. “I’ll have a hot dog and a cookie,” replied John. (Big cookies were apparently a new item that year and they had obviously caught the attention of my roommate.) As she turned to fill his order, the girl said, “A hot dog and a cookie? That’s a weird combination!”

Amused by her editorial comment on his order, my roommate and I just looked at each other and laughed. Little did I know at the time that I would find myself working at a campus snack bar the very next year.

Looking for ways to help pay for school, I took a part-time position in the maintenance department in Selleck Hall. What I didn’t realize until my first day on the job was that my main task entailed spraying out the trash bins that collected garbage from the chutes on each floor. Disgusting, hot and wet are the words that sum up that experience.

As I walked through the basement of Selleck after clocking out, a sign attached to the snack bar counter immediately caught my attention: “Help Wanted.” The rest is history. From October of 1981 until I left college to begin my teaching career, Selleck’s snack bar would be a constant in my life.

Simply put, the Selleck snack bar was a great place to work. While it never seemed to have the aura or reputation of Cather-Pound-Neihardt’s “The Pub,” Selleck nevertheless sat more in the heart of campus. As a result, I was able to make the acquaintance of students and staff that I otherwise might not have met.

For example, the UNL Housing Department was located in the Selleck Quadrangle. Dr. Zatechka, or “Dr. Z.” as he was known, director of housing, was a regular afternoon visitor who always greeted us with a friendly word and a smile.

Dave Rimmington, the award-winning center who cleared the path for Big Red’s “scoring explosion offense” of Gill, Rozier and Fryar in the early ’80s, occasionally dropped by. A specific memory that stands out with regard to him is when he asked me why the milk he had ordered had white flecks floating around in it. While my brain flashed images of his ability to pull me over the counter and shake me to within an inch of my life for having served him funny milk, I explained that we had to freeze unopened milk over semester break to avoid having it spoil. Those flakes were the result of thawing it out. The gentle giant said



Marge Shriver, shown here with Robert Kerr, supervised the snack bars for UNL Housing.

it tasted OK, even if it looked strange, and sat down to finish the milk. Whew!

Beyond the chance to meet others, the snack bar was entertaining due to the “regulars” who lived in Selleck and came by every night. When we went to refillable cups as a way to sell more drinks at a lower price, while also reducing paper cup use, one student got in the habit of seeing how far from down the hallway he could launch his cup and have it reach me in the air. I still remember the spin he would put on it each time he threw it.

Then there was Steve, a character who lived for the chance to throw peanut M&Ms he had just purchased into the popcorn bin as we filled a bag for the next customer. A few ice cubes tossed in his direction were our main line of defense. Another student always referred to our “Big Red Burger” as a “Big Dead Bug Burger” when ordering. And the girl at Harper thought a hot dog and a cookie was a weird request!

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention that one of the best parts of working at the snack bar were the people with whom I worked. At the top of the list would be Marge (Seymour) Shriver, who supervised the snack bars on campus from her position in UNL Housing. She set high expectations for student workers, but also let you know she cared about you. Her office door was always open for advice or just a friendly conversation.

The list of fellow student co-workers is too long to list, but Kathy, Ann and Dan are among those who made the job seem more like fun than work. Of the many friendships that endure from my college days, most originated at the snack bar.

It may be hard to believe in this day of skyrocketing expenses for college (I speak from experience as my oldest son is currently enrolled at UNL), but my snack bar paycheck went a long way toward paying for room, board and tuition. Beyond that, however, it gave me a sense of responsibility and achievement.

I still remember worrying I wouldn’t be up to the challenge when asked to be a shift supervisor at the snack bar. That same feeling hit again when my former manager asked if I wanted to succeed him as he left for another job. In both cases, I was up to the challenge and enjoyed the new responsibilities. That set the pattern of accepting new challenges in my career as a teacher.

When I last visited Selleck over a year ago, the snack bar had been turned into a convenience store setup. Nevertheless, its walls, tile floor, etc., took me back more than 30 years in time. The popcorn and pop machines may be gone, but the memories of my years at the snack bar will last a lifetime. As much as I enjoy teaching, there are days I would gladly trade “Good morning, students” for “What can I get you?” ❖

NOSTALGIA WINNER, HONORABLE MENTION-MEMORABLE PROFESSOR

2015 WRITING CONTEST

*The daughter of UNL alums, the late Bernice and Jerry Adam, **Jeri Adam Weaver** met her husband, Bob, in Love Library, and they both received undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNL in the 1960s. A self-employed communications consultant for many years, Jeri taught communications courses at the University of Georgia and Georgetown University and held management positions at the Washington Post and Harte-Hanks Communications. She is currently director of communications and media services for a Washington, D.C., area church. Married for 45 years, Jeri and Bob have one son, three daughters and two grandsons.*

LEARNING TO FALL

By Jerilyn Adam Weaver, '68, '69



Dr. Morgan and his students in the 1960s.

Coming into Dr. William Morgan’s acting class each afternoon, we never knew what to expect. To survive the semester, one had to have a phenomenal memory and be cunning, inventive, spontaneous, quick-thinking and, well, shameless.

Yet the lessons learned from that class transcend the years, and just last week I heard myself quoting Morgan to some friends who had never been to Nebraska and had (of course) never heard of him.

Standing in front of the class one afternoon back in the 1960s, Morgan was a stoutly dapper figure in a suit, tie and green sweater vest. Starting his lecture, he spoke with the formality of a Shakespearean actor. “Beginning actors fall like this,” he said, hurling himself onto the slick floor and landing with a thud. With one fluid movement he was back on his feet. “Someday, when you’re in a Broadway show and have to fall on stage a dozen times a week, you’ll have to know how to do it right,” he added, again demonstrating several times how not to do it.

Finished with the “not this” instruction category, he moved into carefully executing a fall that “landed on the fatty parts of the body and created a decent noise.” Explaining that a silent fall is “too staged” and doesn’t appear authentic, he then selected a few class members to join him on stage so he could push them down and they could fall correctly. Soon we were divided into pairs, pushing one another, falling (correctly and incorrectly) and being graded by Morgan as he wove himself through the group. Finally, he put the best “fallers” back on stage to demonstrate their skill, praising those who had mastered the technique.

Now that I’m approaching 70, the topic of falling is on my radar in a different way. Friends of mine have taken classes in how to avoid falling and how to go down correctly if you do lose your balance. Might what I learned in college 50 years ago be of any use? I think so!

Of course there is more to acting than falling. Each week we memorized extensive dialogues and sometimes long passages that made no sense. I remember having to memorize all the names

(more than 100) on the masthead of Newsweek magazine and then use those as my only language in an improvisational exercise. We learned improvisational skills that weren’t taught anywhere else.

He assigned us plays to read and passages to act out. He always partnered me with excellent actors, so I usually got A’s – until our final assignment, when we got to pick our own plays and our own partners. My friend Diane and I chose a passage from “Streetcar Named Desire;” I took the part of Blanche. When we were finished, Morgan said some nice things about our performance, but then announced that Tennessee Williams was a friend of his, and that he knew the woman after whom the Blanche character was based. Pointing to me, he said, “You were nothing like her!” It was our bad luck to select a play that was written by our professor’s friend.

Around that time I got a haircut. (Wanting a change from my long hair, I got what was known back then as a pixie.) The next day Morgan announced to the class, “Some people think they can get cast in a play even if they don’t look the part. They think the company will just buy them a \$3,000 wig and everything will be fine.” He was casting “Cleopatra” at the time, and the only female roles were for Cleopatra and her cohorts. I didn’t land a part.

Thinking I could add a fun and easy one-hour theater department course to my schedule, I enrolled in Morgan’s class in stage makeup. Little did I know how much work it would be. We first had to have larger-than-life pictures taken of our faces. Each week we slipped the photos under tracing paper, and designed the makeup for a character in a play. We then made ourselves up, copying the drawings. Preparation for this class involved reading a play every week, and then responding to Morgan’s detailed questions about the play (he had read them all) and about the personality of our chosen character – all while we were working on our faces.

Morgan was succinct and merciless in his criticism. I remember him telling me, “There’s nothing wrong with your face except your sausage-like brows.” So, each week for the class I had to arrive early to mix soap and water to create a scum to cover my eyebrows, then wait for the surface to dry, then cover it with pancake makeup before doing my assignment. When we were fully made up, we all went onto the stage. Under the strong lights, he could usually still see my eyebrows, so he would bellow in front of the whole class, “if you ever expect to be a serious actress, you’ll have to shave off those brows!”

Morgan was unimpressed when he learned I had joined the debate team. “You can’t do both,” he told me. And of course he was right. Needless to say, I never made it to Broadway.

After college I drifted away from the theater, teaching university-level communication courses, doing management consulting, raising children. Throughout those years I continued to use what I learned in Morgan’s classes. Thanks to him, even today I can think on my feet, improvise, keep an audience’s attention, do my own makeup and fall without breaking anything. ❖

Can Do!

From Nebraska
to Nigeria



Dozens of colorfully dressed dancers performed a tribute to Natalie Hahn for her efforts in helping Nigerian mothers and their infants.

By Tom Nugent

During her 35-year career as an administrator of United Nations-linked development programs, Natalie Hahn (BS '67) masterminded international projects that ranged from building water and sewer systems in Malawi to helping low-income women obtain bank loans and launch entrepreneurial start-ups in Nigeria.

While doing her best to feed the hungry and empower women in half a dozen different countries, Hahn also dodged machine gun bullets during a revolution and fought off half a dozen attacks of malaria. Along the way, she led highly visible campaigns to build elementary schools and provide badly needed notebooks and pencils for more than 3 million African children.

"I learned two very important words as a farm kid growing up in Polk, Nebraska," said the tireless globetrotter, when asked the secret behind her success as an international assistance administrator:

"Can do!"

Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Summer, 1984

Approaching the front doors of the Kersey Children's Home at the Ogbomosho Public Hospital, Natalie Hahn paused for a moment and took a very deep breath.

This was it.

This was the moment she'd long been awaiting ... the moment when her hard-won skills as a UNL- and Harvard-trained researcher and public administrator would be tested to the max.

As the first woman scientist to work for the highly regarded International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Hahn was about to begin her tour of duty as a socio-economist who'd been hired to help launch a major new initiative in introducing 13 food crops and nutrition programs for women in Nigeria.

She designed the pioneering program, "The African Farmer and Her Husband," to provide life-saving nutritional assistance to premature and sickly newborn infants at a major children's home affiliated with one of the country's major hospitals ... where malnourished mothers were often unable to breast feed their babies and cow's milk was heartbreakingly expensive.

Hopefully, the breakthrough program would begin to solve that terrible problem by providing struggling infants in rural Nigeria clinics and hospitals with milk made from soybeans.

Easy to digest and powerfully nourishing, the inexpensive plant (36 percent protein) could often be grown on

plots of donated land directly adjacent to medical facilities where the new form of protein-rich milk was desperately needed.

After months of planning and more months spent converting harvested soybeans into milk, Hahn and her IITA team of researchers, including world-class agronomists, were about to unveil a cutting-edge nutritional campaign that had the potential to dramatically reduce malnutrition in infants and children.

In order to launch their "miracle crop" and begin saving lives with it, however, the IITA researchers first had to demonstrate its effectiveness in the sub-Saharan world of Africa ... where the mortality rate among premature newborns was estimated to be seven times higher than the rate in Europe and North America.

Located in mostly undeveloped and resource-poor southwest Nigeria, the Kersey Children's Home was the perfect place to begin unveiling a nutritional program that Natalie Hahn and Nigerian home economists felt sure had the potential to lower the neonatal mortality rate almost overnight.

But first they had to gain the trust of the Nigerian mothers who would be asked to give soybean milk to their struggling infants.

In order to accomplish that key initial step, Hahn spent this day in the huge, crowded nursery affiliated with the major hospital in Ogbomosho, a city of about 620,000 located in the rural forestlands of



Hahn as she appeared when she was installed as an Honorary Chief of the Yoruba Tribe in Nigeria.

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southern Nigeria.

As she marched up the steps and pushed through the massive front doors that led into the busy medical center, she was steeling herself for what she knew would be a challenging day. Unlike most hospital nurseries in the U.S., the neonatal treatment center at Ogbomosho was a jam-packed gathering place where entire families – frequently including cousins, in-laws and grandparents – camped out beside the recovering mothers and their often struggling, premature infants.

In this sometimes chaotic and crowded setting, the Nebraska native with the home economists was responsible for showing nurses and mothers how to prepare the soy milk for the hungry infants and then feed it to them.

"We brought in soy milk that had been prepared by the IITA," Hahn remembered later, "and we went right to work in the nursery. With the help of a translator when necessary, we would teach the nurses how to handle the milk, and we would explain to the mothers: 'This is really going to help your child to feel better and gain weight quickly.'

"These were three-, four- and five-pound infants, often undernourished, and quite often their mothers couldn't breast-feed them. And of course, most of these

After She Helped To Bring Them Water, They Named Her 'Chifundo'

(Translation: "One Who Brings Mercy")

Natalie Hahn spent five years as the UNICEF Representative to Malawi (1993-97), during which she:

- Helped implement a massive water and sanitation program that brought clean water resources to more than 300,000 residents in Ndirande, an economically stressed section of Blantyre;
- Helped lower the cholera rate in Ndirande by 50 percent, thanks to the new water system developed by South African engineers ... which was a crucial step in protecting thousands of lives;
- Helped organize and launch the Initiatives for Mobilization of Private Action (IMPACT), an innovative network of 32 national and international companies that was instrumental in building primary schools throughout the country, along with new water supply systems and improved health programs in several areas;
- Helped design and launch a countrywide program to care for and educate thousands of HIV-AIDS orphans;
- Established a trust fund for six HIV-AIDS orphans (all siblings) and has supported them for the past 20 years. The youngest is now a lawyer and the oldest daughter completed a master's degree in Ireland. All six of them are doing well today.

"I loved my time in Malawi," said Hahn, "and it was a great privilege to work with a skilled leader like former President Joyce Banda, who is a very courageous and visionary woman and a real hero in her country."

For her part, Madame President Banda remembers Hahn as a passionate supporter of women and children in Africa ... and also as a talented administrator who had more than enough management savvy to implement UNICEF's visionary programs.

"She came here during the time when Malawi was transitioning [from a dictatorship] into a democracy," President Banda said during a recent phone call from Senegal. "At one point, I remember how she became determined to help provide notebooks and pencils to all the schoolchildren in Malawi. And that was more than 3.2 million kids. But she went straight to work. She obtained contributions from the private sector and grants from several foundations ... and in the end the children got their school supplies."

"Natalie Hahn to this day is seen as a dear friend by many people in Malawi. Before she left our country and returned to the United States, she was invited to attend an elaborate celebration during which there was a banquet with many women dancing in her honor."

"On that day, she received the honorary title of 'Chifundo' – which means, 'One Who Brings Mercy.' She's a wonderful friend, and I shall forever be grateful to her for all the great things she helped accomplish for the women and children of Malawi."



When Hahn served as the UNICEF representative, she was a colleague of former Malawi President Joyce Banda.

families couldn't afford cow's milk in that setting. And so we showed them how to set up a feeding regimen with soy milk, and we recommended that the babies be given the milk every 30 minutes, around the clock."

The results, Hahn soon noticed, were nothing less than amazing.

"The babies started gaining weight right away," she said, "and within a week or two, most were healthy and thriving. And that was an extraordinary thing to witness. What I really loved about that program was the way you could see the impact of what you were doing, right there in front of you."

"There's a magnificent Hebrew quote from the Talmud that I've always liked, as a UN program administrator who often worked on health and education issues in Africa. The saying is: 'If you've saved one life, you've saved the entire world.'"

Natalie Hahn worked on the soy milk program and the introduction of other improved crops in rural Nigeria for several years ... and when she finally completed her tour of duty and moved on to her next assignment (in Rome, as a women's economic adviser with the International Fund for Agricultural Development [IFAD]), more than 1,000 of her fans in the sub-Saharan

nation gathered to honor her with a special banquet.

At that festive shindig not far from the Kersey Children's Home where her work on the soybean project had begun, Hahn watched dozens of colorfully costumed dancers perform as a tribute to her efforts at helping mothers and infants.

Then, in a solemn ceremony that was also attended by rural families, two U.S. ambassadors and several UN officials (along with Natalie's

enthusiastically applauding sister, Marilyn Pierpont), Hahn was formally installed as an Honorary Chief of the Yoruba Tribe.

In their part of the Nigerian world, she was henceforth known as Balogun Iyalaje. Translated to English, the title means: "The person who empowers others."

Riding the 'Stagecoach' – to their New 'Sod House'

Natalie Hahn grew up on a farm about two miles outside Polk, Nebraska, a tiny farm town (current population: 322) located in the east central part of the state, 100 miles west of Omaha. Hahn attributes her spirituality to early years at the Polk Methodist Church and Biblical lessons learned from her Aunt Mildred Anderson, who taught Sunday School for 63 years in the community. Those years were also marked by her dedication to such 4-H Club activities as competing with her baked goods and demonstrations at the yearly Polk County Fair.

Describing those "wonderfully exciting" times when she was thrilled to "feed piglets from a baby bottle on the back porch," the future UN program manager remembered long days spent "de-tasseling the corn" with other kids from

farm families like her own. “We rode out into the fields in a big truck every morning and brought our lunches and worked all day long for about 50 cents an hour,” she recalled, “and you’d come home soaking wet because of the water the boys had thrown on you at the end of the day – they were such rascals!”

As the offspring of German-Swedish great-grandparents who’d “come to Nebraska on a stagecoach in the 1870s and then lived in a sod house,” Hahn spent the first six years of her life in a Polk farmhouse that didn’t have an indoor toilet. And yet her own parents, Lloyd and Grace Hahn, talked endlessly about education and the importance of attending college. “I can’t say enough about my mother in that regard,” Natalie explained with a note of awe in her voice. “Mother was my major inspiration – she was a marvelous journalist and global thinker. What a thrill for our family when, later in life, she married Governor Dwight Burney with whom she shared political interests and travel.”



Virginia Trotter (right), director of the School of Home Economics, 1963-70, and dean of the College of Home Economics, 1970-72, was a major influence in Hahn’s career. She has given an African art collection to the College of Education and Human Sciences in Trotter’s honor.

“Can you believe my mother and all four of her sisters earned college degrees and later became teachers – after growing up on a Nebraska farm in the 1920s? I mean, that really says it all about women empowering themselves, doesn’t it?”

By the time she arrived on the UNL campus as a freshman in 1963, Natalie was already a fiercely energetic student filled with a burning curiosity about

the rest of the world. And that fire burned even brighter when she had the good fortune to find two “wonderfully inspiring mentors” – Home Economics Dean and Professor, the late Virginia Trotter (who later became U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education), and Journalism Professor William Hall, under whose tutelage she later earned a master’s degree at The Ohio State University (where Hall went in 1966 after leading the journalism program at Nebraska).

“I think I was very lucky to study with both of them,” she said. “Virginia Trotter was years ahead of her time as a researcher in home economics, and Bill Hall introduced me to the wonderfully exciting world

of international politics and journalism. And the intellectual skills I gained from them were very helpful in preparing me for a life of service as a global development scientist with the UN.”

After completing her UNL BS in 1967, Hahn went on to obtain her OSU master’s degree in journalism and a doctorate in education at Harvard. By

GUNFIRE IN MALAWI, AND SIX BOUTS OF MALARIA

What’s it like to live for years at a time in under-developed African countries frequently troubled by poverty, disease and political violence?

Ask that question of Natalie Hahn, and the veteran UNICEF executive will surprise you by pointing out that her life in Africa was actually quite tranquil, for the most part.

“Most of the time, I found the people in places like Malawi and rural Nigeria to be warm and friendly,” she said, while looking back on her 35 years as a UN officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and UNICEF who was often posted to Africa.

“It’s certainly true that in some African countries, people struggle with a lack of resources at times. Women sometimes have to walk for an hour or more each day, simply to provide drinking water for their families. And adequate medical care is sometimes difficult to obtain, especially out in the countryside.

“And yet the people in these regions are so often hopeful and joyful – and grateful for so little – that you soon begin to admire their spirit. And you feel very much at home. Most of the time, I felt no fear at all while living in Africa.”

On a few occasions, however, the former UNL undergrad did experience some anxiety. One of those scary moments came during her five-year UN tour of duty in Malawi in the mid-1990s, when she got caught up in an attempted military coup in which the bullets were

flying thick and fast.

“The head of the [Malawi] military was living next door to me,” she recalled, “and they came to take him away. And there was a lot of shooting.

“I remember crawling under my bed and calling the New York offices [of the UN] and saying: ‘I may be in trouble – my house is caught in the crossfire!’”

She was also alarmed when she came down with malaria – and then wound up fighting six different bouts with the chronic disease. “First you get very hot,” she said, “and then you get very cold. And the fever can last a week or more. I remember during one really severe attack Catholic sisters at the Chedzi Rehabilitation Center took me into a clinic they were running in Malawi.

“They kept me there for two weeks, and they put me on an IV for several days running. It was very difficult, but they were very good at treating malaria, and I’m sure they saved my life.”





Hahn established a trust fund for the six Ralph Sauti children in 1996 and has continued to care for them and their 11 children. The father was a colleague of Hahn's in Nigeria and Malawi.

1970, she was also working on her first United Nations assignment and headed toward a 35-year career ... during which she served as a key administrator in UN-linked assistance programs in Europe, the U.S. and Africa.

“The two things that really stand out about Natalie are her kindness to people and her elegance,” said Carole Hyatt, the founder and CEO of the New York City-based MISSION: GETTING TO NEXT, a highly successful coaching-and-education consulting service for retired senior military women and also longtime friend of her UN colleague.

“Natalie is an accomplished international development professional, of course,” added Hyatt, “but what really stands out for me is the ‘extra touch’ of beauty and elegance she brings to everything she does. When she visits your home for dinner, she’s the kind of guest who brings you a beautiful flower to put on the table.”

Former U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Kenneth M. Quinn, who has worked with Hahn on several agriculture-related projects at the Iowa-based World Food Prize Foundation (where he serves as president and CEO), echoed Hyatt’s praise for the veteran UNICEF and UN development administrator. “Like a lot of other people, I’ve always been impressed by Natalie’s passion

and commitment, along with the incredible array of experiences she’s had while working with assistance programs in Africa and elsewhere,” said Ambassador Quinn.

“I think she’s truly been a pioneer on both food and gender issues, and her contributions to the ‘Green Revolution’ in Africa – which has also been one of our own major initiatives here at the World Food Prize Foundation – speak loudly and clearly for themselves.”

After more than three and a half decades on the job, Natalie Hahn said she has no intention to retire anytime soon ...

and has recently become “more involved than ever” in a Nebraska-based global education program operated by the Malaika Foundation – which she founded in 1997 and still leads today as president.

“I feel very privileged to have grown up in Nebraska,” she said with a cheerful smile, “and the Malaika Foundation is my way of giving back. That [education] program is designed to introduce the world beyond the United States to

Nebraska schools and universities, so that students can learn more about life in other countries, just as I did through international 4-H programs and Rotary Club scholarships that allowed me to live overseas, starting more than 50 years ago. Also, the Malaika goal is to appreciate Nebraska heritage and history and learn from the cultures and contributions of immigrants – the ‘New Nebraskans.’”

The Malaika Foundation currently includes among its board members Marjorie J. Kostelnik – the interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL. In honor of her former dean, Virginia Trotter, Hahn has given a large collection of African Art to the college. She also is contributing art to Nebraska Wesleyan University to honor her family (11 family members studied or were graduated from Wesleyan) and to Hastings College for the Morrison Board Room (Ken Morrison was the founding and major Malaika donor).

Said the “Can Do” scientist-administrator from Polk, while summing up her remarkable career as a global ambassador who’s still determined to make the world a better place: “In many ways, I think my life has been a story about the joys of growing up in Nebraska – where learning to care deeply about your neighbors and their well-being can inspire you to reach out and embrace the entire world.” ❖

A BIG “HOWDY” ... FROM CHARLTON HESTON!

It was a moment that star-struck Natalie Hahn has never forgotten.

The year was 1965, and the farm girl from Polk, Nebraska, was in the middle of a summertime journalism fellowship at NEBRASKALAND magazine.

A high-spirited journalism and home economics major at UNL, Hahn was spending her summer copy-editing stories and cropping photos for the popular magazine, which has been publishing articles about life in the Cornhusker State for the past 90 years.

Imagine Hahn’s reaction when she learned that she’d been tapped to help conduct an interview with a visiting superstar, on that long-ago morning in Lincoln.

The superstar was the late Charlton Heston ... and he was at the height of his fame, after winning an Oscar as the leading actor in the 1959 blockbuster movie hit, “Ben-Hur.” “He was a big, tall, handsome individual, and he was one of the most famous actors in the world,” Hahn said while recalling the moment when the rangy Heston first strode into view.

“I was feeling pretty nervous, of course, but I had a job to do, so I stepped right up and said to him: ‘Well, howdy to you, Mr. Heston!’

“He laughed and said: ‘And a big howdy to you, my little girl!’ Oh boy, was I ever in love with him. I just thought he was terrific.”

Although she would spend another UNL summer as an intern working in the Washington, D.C., offices of former Nebraska Republican Senator Roman Hruska (he served from 1954-76) and would learn “a great deal about how government works” in the process, nothing could match the encounter with Charlton Heston for sheer excitement.

“UNL taught me a lot about both home economics and journalism,” Hahn remembered. “And that summer at Nebraskaland taught me that the world was full of exciting opportunities for a farm kid from Polk who was eager to see the world and meet interesting people.”

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1 Sparkling South Pacific

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JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 4, 2017

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2 Grand Cuban Voyage

Prices: From \$8,999/person; airfare not included

MARCH 13-27, 2017

Miami to Cuba to Miami

Experience one of the most alluring cruise destinations, the Caribbean's largest island – a country of majestic colonial architecture and eclectic cities, of rolling green hills and centuries-old tobacco farms. From the plush comfort and refined elegance of the M/V Victory I, watch Cuba's ever-changing landscapes unfold on this extraordinary voyage. Explore Havana, a bustling capital where jewel-toned vintage cars roll past

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3 Ancient Legends

Prices: From \$4,799/person; airfare included from select cities

MARCH 28-APRIL 14, 2017

Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and Mexico

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4 Paris Immersion

Prices: From \$3,295/person if booked by Oct. 29, 2016; airfare not included

APRIL 15-23, 2017

Paris

Paris earned its nickname, the City of Light, because it embraced education and the exploration of new ideas during the Enlightenment. Today, Paris is still unparalleled in its cultural wealth. Experience living in Paris for seven nights like a local Parisian in this immersive experience. Explore the city and its neighborhoods at an unhurried pace, visit boutiques and take in iconic art, plus enjoy plenty of independent exploration.

5 Southern Grandeur

Prices: From \$1,699/person; airfare not included

APRIL 30-MAY 8, 2017

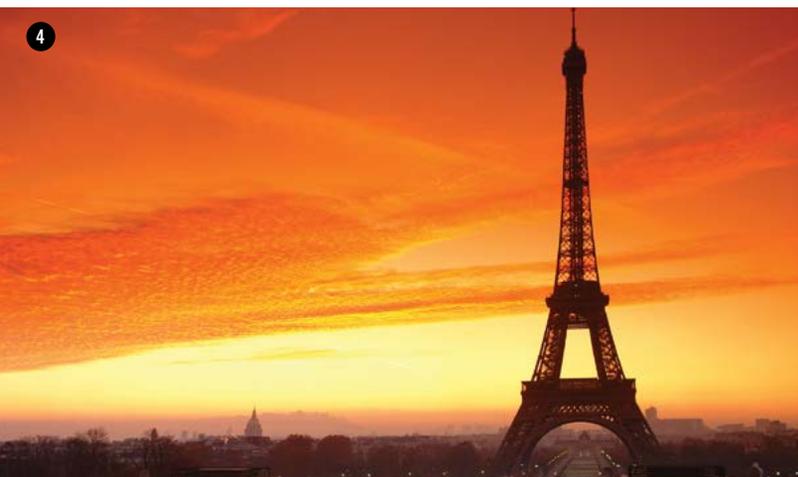
New Orleans to Memphis

Begin your adventure in New Orleans, where the well-preserved French Quarter offers an enchanting backdrop. Then, cruise to picturesque cities in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. Admire the elegant Greek Revival-style mansion at Oak Alley Plantation, explore the lovely town of St. Francisville and visit the oldest settlement on the Mississippi, Natchez, graced

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with stunning gardens and palatial mansions. Browse Vicksburg's delightful antique shops and intriguing museums before your seven-night cruise concludes in Memphis, home to rich blues music and culture.

6 Salute to Spain

Prices: From \$3,499/person; airfare included from select cities

MAY 15-24, 2017

Barcelona to Lisbon

Spain evokes a collection of mesmerizing images: towering Moorish palaces, colorful flamenco dancers, glittering beaches and lively plazas. Depart Barcelona for Valencia, renowned for its impressive art. Continue on to sun-kissed Ibiza, a holiday hotspot with glorious beaches. Marvel at the grand Castillo de Santa Bárbara in Alicante, and then stand in awe before Málaga's 11th-century Gibralfaro castle. Cap off your voyage in Lisbon, home to the Jerónimos Monastery, Portugal's gem of Manueline architecture.

7 Sicily

Prices: From \$2,995/person if booked by Oct. 29, 2016; airfare not included

MAY 16-25, 2017

Palermo, Caltagirone, Syracuse

Delve into Sicily's epic past while staying in western, central and eastern areas of the island. Walk in the footsteps of ancient Greeks and Romans as you discover the well-preserved remnants of their civilizations. Admire the architectural legacy of Gothic, Moorish and Norman conquerors. Savor the flavors of Sicily at a family farm where award-winning olive oil is produced. This small-group program features engaging excursions, expert guides and an extensive meal plan, plus wine with dinner.

8 Vineyards & Vignettes

Prices: From \$3,499/person; airfare included from select cities

MAY 23 - JUNE 1, 2017

Lisbon to London

Colorful tiled churches, marvelous architecture and cuisine and sun-dappled vineyards await you on this eight-night luxury cruise. From Lisbon to London, encounter intriguing cities nestled on the coast of Portugal, northern Spain and France. Soak up the charming atmosphere of Saint-Jean-de-Luz with its shop-lined streets,

art galleries and picturesque harbor sprinkled with multicolored fishing boats. Or laze on the sandy beaches of Biarritz, a former fishing village turned glitzy resort on France's Basque coastline. Before concluding your adventure in London, stroll graceful boulevards edged by 18th-century architecture in Bordeaux, or sample the region's culinary and wine delights.

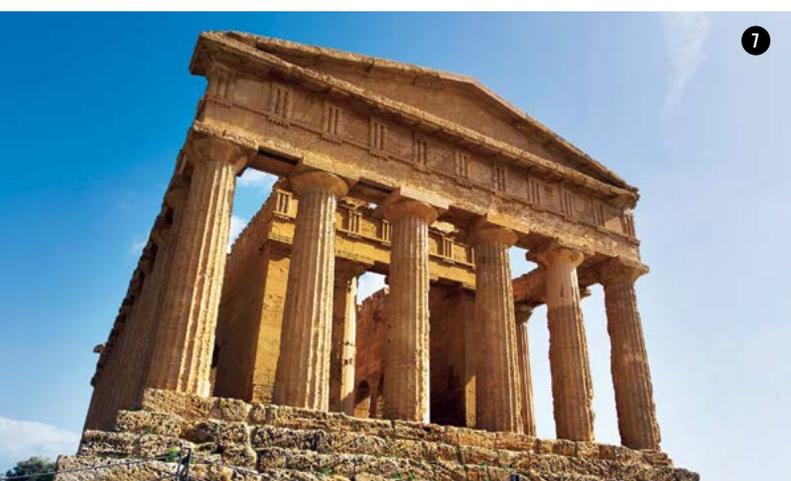
9 Coastal Mediterranean

Prices: From \$2,699/person; airfare included from select cities

JUNE 13 - 21, 2017

Rome to Monte Carlo

Take in the Mediterranean's enchanting coastal towns as you cruise from Rome to Monte Carlo aboard Oceania Cruises' luxurious Riviera. Set sail for Amalfi, a colorful resort town bordering sapphire seas. Explore Sardinia's capital, Cagliari, featuring an alluring mix of Roman ruins and lovely botanical gardens. Admire Palma's breathtaking Gothic-style cathedral, or venture north to the idyllic mountain village of Valldemossa. Then continue to France's historic port city of Marseille, a gateway to the postcard-worthy landscapes and medieval towns of Provence. Sail east along the French Riviera to Antibes, a classic Mediterranean getaway romanticized by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Cap off your voyage in glamorous Monte Carlo, home to the



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impressive Prince's Palace and the world's most prestigious casino.

10 The Great Journey through Europe

Prices: From \$4,395/person; airfare not included

JUNE 15 – 25, 2017

Switzerland, Interlaken, France, Germany, Cologne, Amsterdam

This extraordinary 11-day grand tour of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake and mountain travel including five nights aboard the deluxe M.S. Amadeus Silver II. Journey through Switzerland, France, Germany and The Netherlands, cruising the most scenic sections of the Rhine River. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne, ride aboard three legendary railways – the Gornergrat Bahn for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Lucerne and the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel railway; and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

11 Big Ten Cruise: Alaskan Falls & Frontiers

Prices: From \$3,099/person; airfare included from select cities

JUNE 20 – 30, 2017

Seattle to Alaska and Canada

Join the NAA and special Big Ten guests and dignitaries, including Husker Heisman winner Eric Crouch and celebrity lecturer Verne Lundquist, aboard Oceana Cruises' Regatta. From unspoiled forests and majestic waterfalls to silver-blue glaciers and spectacular wildlife, discover Alaska's natural wonders while mingling with other Big Ten travelers. Depart from Seattle and sail to one of Alaska's oldest towns, Wrangell, renowned for its unique Petroglyph Beach. Admire authentic totems at Juneau, or perhaps experience nearby attractions, such as the magnificent Mendenhall Glacier. Continue to Skagway and Icy Strait Point before taking in the glory of Hubbard Glacier, Alaska's longest tidewater glacier. Cap off your voyage with visits to the scenic treasures of Sitka and the world-class museums of Victoria.

12 Symphony on the Blue Danube

Prices: From \$3,695/person; airfare not included

JUNE 22 – JULY 1, 2017

Prague, Austria, Vienna, Budapest

Visit five countries and up to five UNESCO World Heritage sites on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music's great masters. This unique combination of river

and land travel includes three nights in Prague and a five-night cruise on the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the deluxe M.S. Amadeus Brilliant. The itinerary has been carefully orchestrated to include private classical music performances and a comprehensive schedule of guided excursions featuring magnificent Melk Abbey, the storybook village of Dürnstein, imperial Vienna and medieval Bratislava. Berlin pre-program and Budapest post-program options are offered.

13 Cruise the Rhine River

Prices: From \$2,745/person if booked by Oct. 29, 2016; airfare not included

JULY 10 – 18, 2017

Amsterdam to Basel

Share your love of travel with the children in your life and cruise through the heartland of Europe on a journey designed with families in mind. Settle in onboard the elegant, new Amadeus Silver III and enjoy a choice of excursions and activities that showcase the highlights of Holland, Germany and France. In Amsterdam, explore charming canals and sail by historic sites like the Anne Frank House. Marvel at the famed Gothic cathedral in Cologne, sail through the Rhine Gorge and see fairytale castles overlooking the river. Visit lovely river towns and explore Strasbourg,

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France. Expert guides and lecturers provide fascinating narrative during shore excursions and educational programs. This family program is open to passengers ages 7 and up and features onboard children's activities coordinated by an energetic youth director. Enjoy first-class ship accommodations, including some cabins with connecting doors, an extensive meal plan and wine with lunch and dinner for the adults.

14 The Open Championship

Prices: From \$3,977/person; airfare not included
JULY 19 – 24, 2017

Liverpool

Experience England's world-renowned "Golf Coast," where some of the most revered golfers in history have played, while also exploring the historic and popular Liverpool waterfront. Take advantage of the opportunity to play on two exceptional courses before attending the Open Championship on Saturday and Sunday to see who will hoist the Claret Jug at Royal Birkdale! This British Open adventure is available to be customized in several respects, whether you'd like to play additional golf, add (or remove) days at The Open, or simply spend your time visiting the local boutiques, museums, galleries and historic architecture. All that Liverpool has to offer will be within walking distance from your Hilton hotel.

15 British Isles Legends

Prices: From \$5,999/person; airfare included from select cities

JULY 31 – AUGUST 13, 2017

London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Northern Ireland, Dublin, Wales and Cork

From storybook castles and elegant Georgian mansions to inviting pubs and rugged coastal scenery, take in the legendary sights of the British Isles aboard Oceania Cruises' majestic Marina. Marvel at Edinburgh's hilltop castle, the city's crown jewel, and head ashore at Invergardion to immerse yourself in the wild beauty of the Scottish Highlands. Experience Glasgow's thriving gastronomic scene, admire Liverpool's striking avant-garde cathedral and encounter iconic monuments in Dublin, home to Trinity College. Before returning to Southampton, discover the charms of Portland, with its dramatic cliffs and beautifully preserved Tudor fortress.

16 Regal Routes of Northern Europe

Prices: From \$4,299/person; airfare included from select cities

AUGUST 12 – 23, 2017

London to Copenhagen

Embark on an odyssey to northern Europe, where beautiful medieval buildings reflect upon tranquil canals, fairy-tale turrets rise above marvelous cities and quaint cobbled lanes lead to ornate cathedrals. Depart Southampton for Le Havre, a gateway to the iconic sights of Paris. Delight in the fairy-tale atmosphere of Bruges, see Antwerp's richly decorated guild houses and take in Amsterdam's world-class museums. Stroll past wooden houses in Kristiansand's old quarter and admire the towering Akershus Fortress in Oslo. Before your voyage concludes in Copenhagen, explore the charming boutiques of Gothenburg.

17 Capitals & Coastlines of Canada & New England

Prices: From \$3,999/person; airfare included from select cities

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 10, 2017

Montreal to New York

From regal mansions perched on craggy coasts to historic lighthouses set against the season's rich medley of gold, amber and crimson foliage, experience beautiful sights in Canada and New England on this luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Insignia. Depart Montreal and sail to Quebec City, where cobbled streets twist past mansard-roofed houses and magnificent churches. Watch postcard-worthy scenery unfold at



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Saguenay, home to museums and artisan workshops. Browse St. Patrick's Church Museum in Sydney, stroll the lively waterfront at Halifax and admire Saint John's Reversing Falls. Delight in Bar Harbor's stunning backdrop of sparkling blue waters and towering granite cliffs, or perhaps explore Acadia National Park. Before your odyssey concludes in New York, visit mansion-studded Newport, a charming resort city, and delve into the colonial history and architectural splendors of Boston.

18 Medieval Masterpiece

Prices: From \$2,799/person; airfare included from select cities

NOVEMBER 5 – 14, 2017

Venice to Rome

Incredible medieval monuments and spellbinding scenery intertwine on this Mediterranean luxury cruise aboard Riviera, Oceania Cruises' elegant masterpiece. Begin your adventure in Venice, a fairy-tale city laced with canals and bridges, and set sail for Zadar, a lovely Croatian city featuring marble streets framed by Romanesque structures. Experience Montenegro's crown jewel, Kotor, admire Corfu's lush scenery and marvel at St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, Malta. Cruise to Sicily's second-largest city, vibrant Catania, graced with a glorious 18th-century cathedral. Before capping off your voyage in Rome, the "Eternal

City," explore the artistic treasures and culinary delights of Naples.

19 South African Explorer

Prices: From \$5,699/person; airfare included from select cities

DECEMBER 5 – 21, 2017

Cape Town, Mossel Bay, Mozambique, Durban, Namibia

Explore the dazzling golden beaches and multifaceted cultures of southern Africa as Oceania Cruises' well-appointed Nautica takes you on a spectacular 15-night voyage. With Table Mountain as a dramatic backdrop, begin your luxury cruise in Cape Town, a cosmopolitan gem boasting magnificent beaches, up-and-coming art galleries and Victorian and Cape Dutch architecture. Delve into the rich maritime heritage of sun-kissed Mossel Bay, and then behold gorgeous panoramas at Richards Bay's Lookout Point. Sail to Mozambique, where Maputo beckons with a lively waterfront, admire Durban's colonial architecture and popular Golden Mile Beach, wander the unspoiled beaches of East London and stroll past Port Elizabeth's well-preserved historic buildings. Before returning to Cape Town, discover the scenic splendor of Walvis Bay, Namibia, a bird-watcher's paradise with an impressive natural lagoon.

20 Holiday Markets*

Prices: From \$2,795/person if booked by May 14, 2017; airfare not included

DECEMBER 11 – 22, 2017

Cologne, Rothenburg, Munich

The holiday season provides a wonderful opportunity to get away and relax on an unhurried cruise through the heart of Europe that showcases delightful holiday traditions. Enjoy the start of the festive season as towns along the Rhine prepare for the holidays and open their charming Christkindlmarks. Spend three nights in Munich and make your own plans to explore its outstanding art museums, churches and parks. This program features fascinating excursions, first-class ship and hotel accommodations and an extensive meal plan including wine with lunch and dinner.

**No Single Supplement*



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Ohio State, Nov. 5, 2016

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THIS WOMAN MEANS BUSINESS

By Tom Nugent

When Angela (“Angie”) Klein (BA & BS ’01) was less than three years into her career at Verizon Communications, she was presented with a high-stakes challenge that would launch the trajectory of her career, and change the face of the telecom industry in the U.S.

It was the kind of all-or-nothing opportunity that might have left a 26-year-old corporate marketing tyro from small-town Nebraska trembling in her cubicle.

But not Klein.

The challenge: Be part of a team of entrepreneurial hotshots from all across the company in an enormously complex effort to successfully build and market a brand-new 100 percent fiber-optic network that would bring telephone and ultra-high Internet service to millions of homes and small businesses. This wasn’t just a bet – it was a >\$20B capital investment bet that would be harshly criticized by Wall Street and would quickly require Verizon to break into an established television industry and disrupt it to its core.

Klein didn’t think twice about the career hazards that might be involved. Instead, she jumped at the chance to shine as an unstoppable marketer who could deliver the goods, regardless of the obstacles the team might face.

What followed was a perilous journey through the wilds of corporate telecommunications – and a marketing struggle in which Klein’s business savvy and determination were tested to the max.

Klein visits with a Verizon employee in Massachusetts in April.

A SHOCKING MOMENT IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Angie Klein said she will never forget the silence that fell over the Verizon Communications conference room in New York City that day, as the realization slowly set in.

We need to do ... what? Launch not only fiber-based voice and Internet, but become a TV provider? Build a full cable network, and design the systems, ordering, customer service and billing platforms – all better than the cable guys?

And launch a test market by the end of the year?

Are we being serious?

It happened on a career-changing afternoon in March of 2004, when the youthful Klein – who'd graduated from UNL with degrees in business and journalism less than three years before – was in a readiness planning meeting in NYC for the summer launch of the planned fiber network launch in Keller, Texas, for Internet and Voice services. And the addition of TV to the start-up style team's objectives initially shocked everyone in the room.

But that initial shock turned quickly to a thrilling realization of the potential ahead.

The conclave on an upper floor of the Verizon high-rise in Manhattan was destined to launch Klein's career as a successful marketing manager ... but the small-town Nebraska native didn't know it then. All she knew was that the highest-ranking executives at the communications behemoth were challenging them to transform the mostly copper landline division of their enterprise into a cutting-edge, state-of-the-art fiber-optic company that almost overnight would become a major player in a cable-dominated television industry, and would change the landscape of broadband in the U.S. for the next decade.

The team had been heads-down working at what they thought was full tilt for nearly three months designing the fiber-optic network and every aspect of the differentiated customer experience (from marketing to sales, provisioning to repair, billing to customer service) in preparation for a targeted trial launch to enable Internet and Voice services in June – and every bit of the time left was needed. And now, a second and more ambitious project of launching TV by the end of the year had been added to their overflowing plates.

With Klein still in the early years of her career, she knew there was some luck involved to be part of this story from day one. But it was what she did from there that would impact the way Verizon Fios, as it was later named, would be experienced by customers and would define the increasingly larger role she played in its success in the market.

Klein and her amazed colleagues stared at each other.

Say what, again?

"As we listened to what was being asked of us in the conference room that day," Klein remembered during a recent interview with Nebraska Magazine, "the magnitude of it was immediately understood. Our plans for Internet and Voice were



Klein and Samantha Bee, comedian, correspondent and TV host, attend an event at the Lower Eastside Girls Club of New York.

in our wheelhouse. Building networks and delivering a better experience were grounded in our history as a company. But TV? That was a new world, and many of us didn't even know where to start.

"So we just looked at each other and we said: 'Okay, we've got to do this. Let's get started.' And that's what we did. We just started. I'll never forget that moment in that room in New York City ... and from then on, I don't think I slept much."

What happened next, said Klein, was the most intense period she can recall, with every aspect of building the team working in a start-up style culture, all committed to getting to beta launches for Internet in June and TV in late December. "We were pretty much heads-down for weeks at a time," she remembered.

"Every single day was a challenge. We had to figure out a thousand different things. The network engineers defining the architecture. The procurement teams defining the suppliers. The branding teams defining how we'd market the products differently. The content teams defining how to structure content deals. The IT and business teams defining order, support and provisioning systems. And my team responsible for the overarching customer experience, feeding into all of those decisions. It was very much a start-up style environment for culture – but with the added benefit of lots of resources.

"The marketing and experience decisions were off the charts," Klein said. Every day was an endless series of flow charts and power-point presentations. Of course we had been a telephone network company [Verizon was a merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE in 2000], and we were great network operators, but entering an entirely new space like TV was a different level. And we didn't want to replicate cable. We wanted to turn the industry on its head with a superior customer experience across every aspect of the service."

Ironically enough, said Klein, the Fios Team was protected from needless anxiety during the early months of its herculean

assignment by sheer ignorance. “One of the things that was so great about that experience was that we didn’t know what we didn’t know,” she laughed at one point. “We were utterly oblivious to the fact that it was going to be so complicated.”

A former all-star shooting guard in basketball (“I like winning!” she will tell you with a hoot of laughter), Klein often uses sports terminology while describing how she and her Fios colleagues pulled it off. “Really, it came down to blocking and tackling and everyone playing their position,” she explained.

“We took it one day at a time and we just kept telling each

other to keep our eyes on the target.”

And they did. In the end, the multi-year challenge to build Fios has been an unqualified success. Starting with almost nothing in 2004, Verizon Fios now stands as the sixth-largest TV provider in the U.S. and astonishingly has nearly 50 percent market share in the footprints it services. And Fios wins nearly every industry accolade and third-party ranking against their cable competitors – like JD Powers, Consumer Reports, or the American Consumer Satisfaction Index.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ‘GIVING BACK’

When Angie Klein isn’t busy masterminding a strategy to convert more customers to Fios at Verizon’s offices in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, or in downtown Manhattan, she can often be found hanging out at a remarkable community organization located on Avenue D in one of the city’s most economically challenged and diverse areas.

That organization is known as the “Lower Eastside Girls Club” – and Klein is an ardent supporter who for the past several years has served on its board of directors.

Armed with a knockout motto (“Opening Doors, Empowering Women, and Building Community Girl by

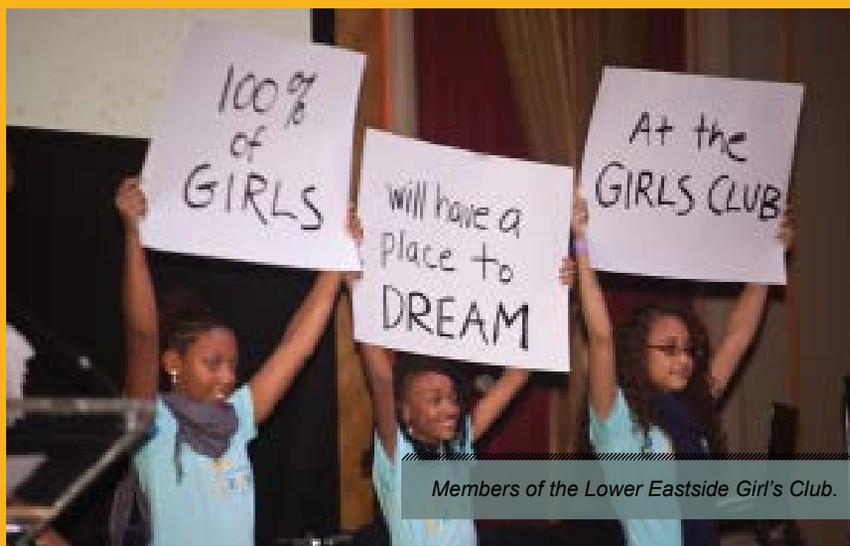
Girl!”), the LESGC was launched back in 1996 ... to help “break the cycle of local poverty by training the next generation of ethical, entrepreneurial and environmental leaders,” and they do that through innovative programming, experiential learning, employment training and mentorships.

For Klein, who has helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to finance a broad array of educational programs at the club (including computer learning, science labs, a music recording studio and even an in-house planetarium, along with nutrition, dance and exercise classes and summer camp programs), serving on the LESGC board is part of “giving back” to

the NYC community and supporting women overall.

“This is an organization I’m very passionate about,” Klein said. “The Girls Club is really committed to the young women of the Lower East Side, providing opportunities and programs that can spark their interest beyond what they have exposure to at school or at home. That experiential learning can forever change the course of their lives and the community as a whole. From STEM programs, like teaching girls how to code, to art programs and college prep, the work the staff and the volunteers of the Girls Club do every day is nothing short of extraordinary.

“When I look at the challenges these girls have to overcome, with 95 percent of them living below the poverty level, 45 percent with an incarcerated family member, and statistically the majority at risk to complete high school, there is a sense of obligation to help them see their potential. These are amazing girls who have very few of the advantages of middle- and upper-class families, but as a member of the board, I’ve learned there are many things we can do to help these kids overcome the obstacles in their lives and reach for the stars ... and I feel very privileged to be able to help out in that effort.”



Members of the Lower Eastside Girl's Club.



With their union on strike, Klein and other Verizon executives went into the field to talk with managers in Lowell, Massachusetts.

“With Fios, we became a major player in the TV business almost overnight,” said Klein with a note of amazement still in her voice. “We changed the industry, really. We were bold and we changed the customer’s experience with television with our advanced Interactive Media Guide, and we continue to lead the nation in delivering the best and fastest Internet in the country. When you deliver the best products and the best service, things tend to take off.”

One of those “things,” of course, was Angie Klein’s own career at Verizon. With the huge success of Fios, her future at the \$131-billion-a-year (in gross revenues) telecommunications colossus was assured ... and it’s no surprise to find her perched more than nine-tenths of the way up the corporate ladder (as vice president for consumer sales strategy and distribution) at the industry giant in 2016.

“There’s no doubt that I’ve worked hard during my 15 years at Verizon,” she said with a note of quiet pride in her voice. “But I also credit my Nebraska upbringing for giving me the tools I needed to get here. The competitiveness, the willingness to work hard, the ability to cooperate with others and the integrity I learned while growing up in Battle Creek and attending UNL ...

“Those things were absolutely crucial to any success I’ve had at Verizon – and those are the same values that in my opinion define what it means to be a Nebraskan.”

MANAGING THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES – AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS – EACH DAY

Born in tiny Battle Creek, Nebraska, (population 1,207) as the daughter of Lee Klein, an area farmer and later a Nebraska state senator, chairman of the National Corn Growers Association and Madison County Commissioner, and Sharon Klein, a high-school English teacher and later US Postal Service employee, the telecom champ said she grew up in a household where she and her sister (now Courtney Dentlinger) “were told that we could do whatever we wanted to do.

“Our parents were amazingly supportive,” said Klein, “and we were given the ‘opportunity to fail’ – at everything from playing high school basketball and volleyball to studying law, which Courtney did brilliantly (and earned a law degree from George Washington University).

“I’m still very grateful to both dad and mom for their parenting approach,” added Klein, “which I believe gave us the confidence to go out there in the world and take on big challenges without being stymied by fear of failure.”

A gifted high school athlete who helped lead the Battle Creek Bravettes basketball team to an undefeated regular season in 1996, Klein enjoyed a whirlwind undergrad career at UNL ... where she majored in both journalism and business and participated in a myriad of different extracurricular activities, including serving as president of Alpha Phi sorority and as a member of the Innocents Society, along with being elected Homecoming Queen by the student body during the fall of her senior year.

“I think I was very lucky to major in both business and journalism,” she said, “because that gave me a very helpful look at the links between business and traditional marketing and advertising/public relations.

“And I was also very fortunate to be part of the Cather Circle [today the Nebraska Women’s Leadership Network] ... where I was able to meet a number of successful businesswomen such as [Walmart Senior Vice President] Celia Swanson, who came back to campus while I was still at UNL.

“I gave Celia and a number of other distinguished women alumnae a tour of the campus, and she saw something in me in that short interaction that led her to offer me an internship at SAM’S Club in her organization. And I embraced every bit of the opportunity in Arkansas that next summer. It was women like Celia who opened my eyes during my UNL years to my potential out there in the business world.”

After graduating from UNL in 2001 and moving to Dallas to launch her extraordinary marketing career at Verizon, Klein spent two years in a development program with the first year in Dallas, and the second year in southern California, and then she relocated to the Washington, D.C., area where she was soon tapped to help architect the Fios launch. In 2005 she was promoted to the executive level, and once again relocated, this time to New Jersey/New York.

During the 11 years since she and Fios first hit the ground running, Klein has worked in a variety of consumer marketing positions for the telecommunications corporation. En route to her current starring role as marketing and distribution vice president at the company’s Consumer and Mass Business (CMB) division, she has more than once managed several thousand employees and billions in annual revenue accountability.

In recognition of her extraordinary achievements as a marketer, the national “Marketing to Women Conference” (aka “M2W”) in 2014 presented Klein with its prestigious “This

Woman Means Business Award” during ceremonies in Chicago. Said M2W producer Nan McCann after announcing the award: “Angie Klein in style and substance has demonstrated that she is a woman who means business and has the results to prove it... Plus, she has given back by mentoring through the Nebraska Women’s Leadership Network in her home state.”

High praise, indeed. Ask Klein to define her “corporate

persona” and the 38-year-old marketing whiz will send up a cheerful laugh, while noting that “I guess I would say that I’m very engaged in whatever I do. I’m interested! I love a challenge, any kind of challenge, and I really enjoy sitting down with my team at Verizon and figuring out how in the world we’re going to accomplish our next impossible assignment.” ❖

UNL “DO IT DOWNTOWN!” AD CAMPAIGN PROVIDED KEY LESSON ON ROAD TO MARKETING CAREER

When Verizon marketing wizard Angie Klein was studying journalism and advertising at UNL a few years back, she got what she later realized was a very lucky break.

The break’s name was Stacy James – and she specialized in teaching UNL undergrads how to design and implement successful advertising campaigns.

A former advertising executive herself, Professor James (now Emeritus Professor of Practice in the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications) was a demanding mentor who challenged her advertising students to push themselves to the limit in creating ad campaigns that would light up the Nebraska sky and leave clients speechless with delight.

“In my senior year [2000-2001], I wound up working with [an undergraduate] team that included eight other advertising students,” Klein recalled during a recent interview. “Our assignment was to create an ad campaign for the Downtown Lincoln Association, and the purpose of the campaign was to help get people to really brand downtown and stimulate city residents to go downtown vs. the more strip mall and chain locations that were building out in other areas of the city for dining out, shopping and other entertainment activities.”

After an initial meeting or two with their no-nonsense professor, the Klein team went straight to work.

And they pretty much got nowhere.

“We had a lot of trouble getting off the dime,” said Klein with a gleam of nostalgia, “and you better believe Professor James was not happy. She clamped down on us and insisted that we start getting very specific with our ideas and concepts for the campaign.”

After several weeks of painful struggle – under the stern tutelage of the demanding

Professor James – the UNL team of “Madmen” (and “Madwomen”) finally began to click.

“We brainstormed for hours on end,” Klein remembered, “and weren’t getting to that idea we could all align around. But one night two members of the team – Kelly Leahy and Matt Decker – stuck around and came up with the [campaign] idea ‘Do It Downtown.’ That idea we all rallied behind, from the creative execution elements like ‘Tap into the Talent,’ to the pre-printed ‘To Do’ lists that included some fun and unique downtown experiences, and the campaign was off and running.”

In the end, the “Do It Downtown!” ad campaign turned out to be a hit ... and even went on to win a prized American Advertising Award or ‘ADDY’ at the ninth Annual Nebraska ADDYs in 2002 in the student category.

But the story doesn’t end there.

In a final, glorious twist ... the Downtown Lincoln Association actually adopted the campaign and put it into play via billboards, radio spots and newspaper ads throughout the city.

“I went back to UNL [for an alumni award] a handful of years ago,” Angie Klein said gleefully, “and the creative executions we developed were still visible here and there in Lincoln. That campaign taught all of us a great deal about creativity and imagination in advertising. But it also taught me a key lesson that’s helped me throughout my career at Verizon.

“Professor James talked to us a lot about the importance of having a sharp focus – and about making sure your message is crystal-clear to everyone, from beginning to end. She was right, of course, and I’m still grateful for the way she taught us that.”

For her part, Emeritus Professor James – who retired in 2014 after 26 years of teaching advertising and public relations to

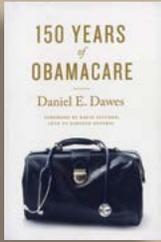
UNL students – remembers Angie Klein as a remarkable undergraduate who jumped feet-first into the Downtown Lincoln campaign and never looked back.

“That campaign won a lot of awards, and it gives me goosebumps to remember the work they did,” said James. “You usually don’t see that kind of work coming out of 20- and 21-year-olds. That course [Advertising and Public Relations



Campaigns] was the capstone senior course for advertising students and Angie was really driven and determined to help her group get it right.

“And then to watch her progress in her career at Verizon has just been amazing.”



150 YEARS OF OBAMACARE

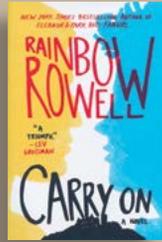
Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016, (cloth), \$26.95
www.press.jhu.edu

Daniel Dawes

'06

An instrumental player in a large coalition of organizations that helped shape ObamaCare, health-care attorney Daniel E.

Dawes tells the story of the Affordable Care Act with urgency and intimate detail. He reveals what went on behind the scenes by including copies of letters and emails written by the people and groups who worked to craft and pass the law. Dawes explains the law through a health equity lens, focusing on what it is meant to do and how it affects various groups. Ultimately, he argues that ObamaCare is much more comprehensive in the context of previous reform efforts than is typically understood. He writes: "This is the story of the competing advocacy groups that united in 2010 to achieve comprehensive health reform after trying to achieve their own piecemeal reforms for more than 150 years without much success."



Rainbow Rowell

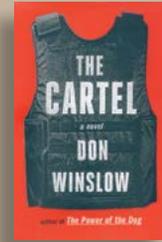
'95

CARRY ON A NOVEL

St. Martin's Griffin, 2015, (cloth), \$19.99
www.stmartins.com

Another New York Times bestseller from the pen of Rainbow Rowell, author of "Eleanor & Park" and "Fangirl," "Carry On" is a ghost

story, a love story and a mystery. Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who's ever been chosen – at least according to his roommate, Baz. Half the time, Simon can't even make his wand work, and the other half, he starts something on fire. His mentor's avoiding him, his girlfriend broke up with him, and there's a magic-eating monster running around, wearing Simon's face. Baz would be having a field day with all this, if he were here – it's their last year at the Watford School of Magicks, and Simon's infuriating nemesis didn't even bother to show up.



Don Winslow

'58, '60

THE CARTEL A NOVEL

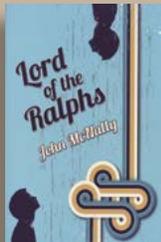
Alfred A. Knopf, 2015, (cloth), \$27.95
www.aaknopf.com

From the internationally best-selling author of the acclaimed novel "The Power of the Dog" comes "The Cartel," a gripping,

true-to-life, ripped-from-the-headlines epic story of power, corruption, revenge, and justice spanning the past decade of the Mexican-American drug wars. It's 2004. DEA agent Art Keller has been fighting the war on drugs for 30 years in a blood feud against Adán Barrera, the head of El Federación, the world's most powerful cartel, and the man who brutally murdered Keller's partner. Finally putting Barrera away cost Keller dearly, and now Barrera's back out on the streets, determined to rebuild the empire that Keller shattered. "The Cartel" is a story of revenge, honor, and sacrifice, as one man tries to face down the devil without losing his soul. It is the story of the war on drugs and the men – and women – who wage it.



ALUMNI AUTHORS



LORD OF THE RALPHS

Lacewing Books, 2015, (paper), \$14.95
lacewingbooks.org

John McNally
'90

Two boys, Hank and Ralph, create moments of outrageous transcendence in this comic novel about adolescence in the

1970s – a time, like today, when adults couldn't be trusted and just getting by was hard work. Amid the clatter of Cheap Trick and Styx, CB radios and "Creature Features," this novel belts out timeless truths about boyhood, friendship and redemption. "Lord of the Ralphs" is a reincarnation of the author's beloved novel for adults, "The Book of Ralph," revised and expanded specifically for YA readers.



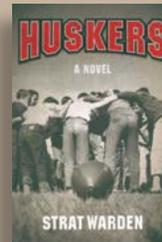
FAMILY RESEMBLANCES POEMS

University of New Mexico Press, 2016, (paper), \$17.95
www.umpress.com

Carrie Shipers
'10

Exploring the concept of family from multiple angles, "Family Resemblances" unfolds in a series of

overlapping narratives in which characters struggle with injury and healing, violence and fear, courage and forgiveness. Many of the poems are centered on a family whose members reappear through the book: a man – whose adolescence and early 20s are marked by minor outlawry and anger – gradually transforms into a tender father; his wife, accustomed to dealing with her household's minor disasters, discovers that working as an emergency responder gives her power and a sense of purpose; the couple's daughter tries to understand which parent she most resembles and which parts of her nature are wholly her own.



HUSKERS A NOVEL

SparkPress, 2015, (paper) \$17
gosparkpress.com

Strat Warden
'72, '76

"Huskers" is about an introspective and resourceful young boy who becomes a reluctant leader when six of his friends, losers

all, choose to follow him on a journey. It is about their desire and their need to become more than the little boys they perceive themselves to be. Huskers is an account of their quest and how, together, they learn to accept and overcome their individual flaws, struggle with their growing awareness of girls, and confront and conquer their personal demons. Along the broken and rocky climb, each finds inner strength and, as a team, they discover their character and realize the true value of sport. Seen through the clarity of a simpler time and place – rural Nebraska in 1960, Huskers is a testimony to the true values children should be learning through participation in youth sports.



SHOW US YOUR TALENT

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Please include the author's full name, class year, current mailing and email addresses and telephone number. The author must have attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Nebraska Magazine Editor Named

Kirstin Wilder will join the alumni association team August 8 as director of publications, replacing Andrea Cranford, senior director of publications, who retired June 30.

Wilder has been international editor of *Variety*, the entertainment publication where she started in 1992 as a copy and layout editor and later served as managing editor for five years. *Variety* magazine started publishing in 1905 covering the business of the entertainment industry.

As international editor, Wilder managed a team of reporters around the world, paying close attention to breaking news stories and putting those into context for the entertainment industry. She also headed up the publishing of daily editions of *Variety* at film festivals in Cannes, Berlin, Toronto, Venice and South Korea. In 2010, she traveled to Macedonia at the request of the United States State Department to teach journalism workshops to university students attending the Manaki Bros. Film Festival.



Wilder holds a journalism degree from UNL's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, which named her as one of its outstanding alumni in 2015. Closer to home she sits on the board of directors for the March of Dimes Greater Los Angeles chapter, and is a Girl Scout leader and Sunday School

teacher.

Kirstin's husband, David, shares her Midwestern roots having grown up in southwest Michigan.

They met at Hollywood Presbyterian Church in 2002 and married the following year at a vineyard near Santa Barbara. In true Hollywood fashion, their wedding was an episode of the Lifetime reality show "Merge," hosted by Lisa Rinna.

David is a photographer and gaffer on motion picture sets, although his most important job is caring for their two daughters. Eden, 10, and Sophie, 9, are excited to move to Lincoln where they look forward to seeing their grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousins on a daily basis, as well as enjoying snow. ❖



**ALUMNI
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Members of the 2016-17 Scarlet Guard Board of Directors are: Front row (left-right) – Jazmin Castillo, Kelsey Koski, Michaela Niemeyer, Kelsey Moss, Chyann Smith, Kylie Gunderson, Carmen Ruiz-Palacios, Rachel Kleist, Bailie Saathoff; Back row (left-right) – Carina Arriaga, Kelli Griffin, Ryan Evers, Shayne Arriola, Dillon Thoman, Kyle Sramek, Collin Peterson, Gustavo Reyes, Dakota Staggs, Mohammed Hussain, Michael Eesley, Zach Ostravich, Alex Fernando, Katelyn Dickes, Taylor Gehring and Laura Springer.



The Alumni Association was on hand to greet new grads and their families as they streamed out of Pinnacle Bank Arena following May graduation ceremonies.

Get Ready for Football Fridays and Homecoming

The Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R Street, will host three family friendly home-game Football Fridays this fall. The events, which run from 5 to 7 p.m., will be held Sept. 2 (before the home opener with Fresno State), Sept. 16 (before the Oregon game) and Sept. 30 (before the homecoming game with Illinois). Entertainment includes the pep band and cheerleaders, Herbie Husker, children's games, pregame insights from former Huskers and local media, giveaways and food and beverages for purchase,

The Sept. 30 event also features the homecoming parade at 6 p.m., followed by the homecoming pep rally and jester competition later that evening.

Football Friday will also be held on the road for the Northwestern, Wisconsin and Ohio State games. The Northwestern event will be held Sept. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Old Crow Smokehouse, 149 W. Kinzie St., in Chicago. Football Friday for the Wisconsin game is Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Great Dane – Downtown Madison, 123 E. Doty Street in Madison, Wisconsin. On Nov. 4, Husker fans can gather at Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Road in Columbus, Ohio, from 6 to 8 p.m. for Football Friday. There will also be a Husker Huddle at 5 p.m. the next day at the Fawcett Event Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road. Check huskeralum.org this fall for more details. ❖

Sixteen Earn Scarlet Guard OTK Status

Congratulations to the 16 SG members who earned the Official Tradition Keeper designation and were honored at the NAA's annual Alumni Awards Banquet the night before seniors wore their medallions to commencement ceremonies.

The new OTKers are:
Aakriti Agrawal, Laura Brown, Jennifer Carlson, Katy Carver, Jazmin Castillo, Paige DeDecker, Betsy Hardin, Samantha Hogan, McKenna Kerr, Ashley McConnell, Brittney Merritt, Erica Nett, Cassandra Nolasco, Kylie Scheetz, Elizabeth Simoneau, Larissa Wach and Becca Wolf. ❖





2016 Writing Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to the successful entrants in the 2016 Nebraska Magazine Writing Contest. The winners ranged from a member of the class of 1945 to the class of 2000. Three award winners and an honorable mention were selected in each of two categories: profiles and nostalgia.

This year's winners in the profile category are: Brian Pomplun, Omaha, first place; Kristine Jacobson, '94, Holdrege, second place; Darrell Anderson, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, third place; and Jim Schaffer, '71, Lincoln, honorable mention.

Those earning honors in the nostalgia category are: Dorothy Heuermann Nelson, '45, Fresno, California, first

place; Christa Britton, '99, Kearney, second place; Bruce Woody, '70, Dallas, third place; and Betty Schlautman Ruegge, '00, Pawnee City, honorable mention.

Their award-winning work will appear in upcoming issues of the magazine.

Third-place winners' entries will be published in the fall issue of Nebraska Magazine; second place in the winter issue, first place in the spring issue and honorable mention in next summer's magazine. ❖

Fall 2016 NAA Events

AUGUST

- 6 Husker Night at the Kansas City Royals
- 22-31 Adventure Tour, The Magnificent Great Lakes
- 25 Scarlet Guard Meet and Greet

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Football Friday, Wick Alumni Center
- 3 NCC Game Day, Fresno State
- 10 NCC Game Day, Wyoming
- 16 Football Friday, Wick Alumni Center
- 16-17 College of Law Reunion Weekend
- 17 NCC Game Day, Oregon
- 20-28 Adventure Tour, Italy's Magnificent Lake District
- 22 SG Backpacks and Briefcases
- 23-25 NAA Athletic Tour to Northwestern
- 23 Football Friday at Northwestern
- 30 Alumni Volunteer Weekend
- 30 Football Friday, Wick Alumni Center
- Homecoming Parade, Campus
- Homecoming Pep Rally and Jester Competition, Union Plaza
- 30-Oct. 1 Raikes School Reunion

OCTOBER

- 1 Honors Program Reunion
- 1 NCC Game Day, Illinois
- 4-15 Adventure Tour, Iberian Inspiration
- 14-22 Adventure Tour, European Empires of Artistry
- 20-21 Nebraska Women's Leadership Network Fall Conference
- 22 NCC Game Day, Purdue
- 28 Football Friday at Wisconsin

NOVEMBER

- 1 Alumni Award Nominations due
- 3-8 Adventure Tour, Polar Bears of Churchill
- 4-6 NAA Athletic Tour to Ohio State
- 4 Football Friday at Ohio State
- 5 Husker Huddle at Ohio State
- 8-22 Adventure Tour, Cruise the Caribbean
- 9-12 Alumni Masters Week
- 12 NCC Game Day, Minnesota
- 19 NCC Game Day, Maryland





During spring break a group of **Scarlet Guard** students gathered at the Texas home of David and Mary Mendoza (parents of SG member Matthew Mendoza), who hosted a Texas T-bone lunch and gave out "Texas Husker" towels. The group also participated in an Easter egg hunt (with a \$50 prize). Pictured left to right: Paris Gunderson, Andy Fanning, Josh Thomas, Zach Homolka, Jared Mikuis, Laurel Lund, Rachel Kleist and Matthew Mendoza.



Spring 2016 graduates of the **Brazil Scientific Mobility Program** bid farewell to UNL during a dinner at the Wick Alumni Center.

Apply Now for the Young Alumni Academy

Applications are now open for the 2016-17 class of the Young Alumni Academy. Apply at huskeralum.org/yaa by Aug. 1. The selection process occurs in August and September each year, and the class runs from September through May.

Now in its fifth year, the Nebraska Alumni Association created YAA to bring recent graduates back to campus for behind-the-scenes tours of the university's exciting progress. The 2016-17 program topics include:

- September** Orientation night with Chancellor Ronnie Green
- October** IANR and CASNR night on East campus
- November** Student Affairs and Campus Recreation
- December** Student Athlete Success Program and speed mentoring with students
- January** Night at the State Museum
- February** Nebraska Innovation Campus
- March** Research night at the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior and the Athletic Performance Lab
- April** Nebraska Alumni Association mission and NU Foundation presentation
- May** End of year event



Memories and laughs were shared while reviewing Cornhusker Yearbooks at the **1960s Home Ec Reunion**, held May 27 at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum.



Alumni, family and friends gathered at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center to honor 19 alumni, eight students, a retired faculty member and an alumni family at the **2016 Alumni Awards Banquet**. NAA staff member Derek Engelbart visited with Early Achiever Award winner Amanda Valentine during the May 5 event.

Schedule a Campus Tour

If you haven't seen the campus recently, and have wondered about all the changes and updates, here's an opportunity to satisfy your curiosity.

The Nebraska Alumni Association invites you to come "home" and tour the campus with us. Take a walking tour with an NAA host, or better yet, take a riding tour in our red golf cart. A tour can be tailored to your specific areas of interest or generalized so you can see the bigger picture. All tours begin and end at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

To schedule a tour, visit huskeralum.org/campus-tours or call 402-472-2841 or 888-353-1874. Please give us at least 24 hours advance notice for your tour. ❖

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 huskeralum.org/yaa

OLLI to Celebrate Nebraska's 150th



Nebraska turns 150 years old next year. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, better known as OLLI, will join with other state groups in celebrating Nebraska's 150 years of statehood. In addition, OLLI has been approved as an official program partner by the Nebraska 150 Commission. Planning is underway for a year and a half of classes, trips and events tied to Nebraska's compelling history. OLLI is for all who enjoy learning, but is specifically designed for adult-learners age 50 plus.

Although the official Nebraska sesquicentennial celebration doesn't begin until March of 2017, OLLI is getting a head start. OLLI's theme for the fall of 2016 through 2017 is "Out of Many, One Nebraska." This theme, reflecting America's motto, "E pluribus unum," or "Out of many, one," is a natural extension of OLLI's 2015-2016 theme on diversity.

OLLI will be collaborating and coordinating with other organizations to spotlight all things that are uniquely Nebraska. While not all of OLLI's activities will center on the birthday theme, OLLI's curriculum, special events and travel committees are planning to feature the state's people, history and heritage. Sesquicentennial-themed classes and events will be sprinkled throughout the coming academic year.

"If you think about it, there's history in everything. If you love this state, you can learn a lot about it and savor it," said De Tonack, OLLI member and theme committee chair.

Still in the planning stage, some of the classes being considered include

the history of transportation in Lincoln, agriculture in our state, taxation in Nebraska, pioneer-era photographer Solomon Butcher, Nebraska authors, the contributions of immigrants to our state and Native American culture. Another course, for example, would be Nebraska's role in World War II, including its agricultural, cultural changes and its military involvement.

David Dyke and Lois Pasco, curriculum committee co-chairs, stated that OLLI must coordinate its efforts with the multiple organizations who are also involved in the sesquicentennial planning.

"We will focus on the 'big idea,' first, then design specific classes in our multiple subcommittees," Dyke said. "There may be additional symposia between terms, and multiple historical travels into greater Nebraska will enhance the curriculum programming," he said.

Lee Rockwell with Valden Tours, OLLI's travel partner, is organizing three special tours centered on the Nebraska's sesquicentennial. OLLI members will tour the Nebraska Panhandle region from Aug. 22 to 27,

2016. Many of the geographical features of the area, such as Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area and Nature Center, Scottsbluff National Monument, Ash Hollow State Historical Park and Toadstool Park will be included. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument near Harrison, Nebraska, is also on the itinerary.

The tour will go further to include water issues important to the area and visits to the Mitchell-Gering Canal and the Whalen Dam in Wyoming.

There will be stops at some of the museums that highlight the area's development, as well as a visit to the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, dedicated to the life and work of this Nebraska author.

Additional tours are scheduled for 2017. "Currently, plans are to visit the Sandhills in the spring and Northeast Nebraska in fall of 2017," said Rockwell. "We want to time this trip to take full advantage of the beauty of the Sandhills in the spring," he said. "Likewise, our trip to Northeast Nebraska will give us an opportunity to enjoy the fall colors of the region."

"There is no place like Nebraska, and its 150 birthday deserves to be celebrated," said Dee Aguilar, OLLI coordinator. "Through OLLI's activities in the months ahead, we hope to showcase Nebraska, from its rich history, beauty and ruggedness, tough times and shining moments," she said. "We invite Nebraskans, wherever they may be, to celebrate with us."

— Lucy Lien, '75, and Patricia Saldaña, '99 ❖



Honors Program, Raikes School to Hold Reunion

Alumni of the UNL Honors Program and the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science will hold a joint reunion prior to the Nebraska vs. Illinois homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 1. The group will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Honors Program.

The event, featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and

cocktails, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in room 212 of the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, 1505 "S" Street on campus. To RSVP, visit go.unl.edu/HonorsAlumni.

The Raikes School also has tentatively planned a Friday evening dinner and reception. Contact Anna Pressler with questions at 402-472-9097 or anna.pressler@unl.edu. ❖

Chapters: Update Your TV Watch Sites

Football season is rapidly approaching, and alumni across the country will be searching for watch sites to view their favorite collegiate team in action.

Make sure your alumni chapter's watch site(s) are

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up to date on the Nebraska Alumni website. And if you're looking for a place to join fellow Huskers in cheering for the Big Red, check the web page to find a location closest to you. ❖



Northern Nevadans for Nebraska 2016 Golf Tournament winners were Wayne Esposito, Bill Glaser and John Hasselquist.



Bill Glaser, president of Northern Nevadans for Nebraska, presented the Nebraska Book Award (a copy of "My Antonia" by Willa Cather) for the outstanding student in English to Lauren Larson of Archbishop Manogue High School in Reno, Nevada.



Houstonians Host Men's Basketball Staff

The Husker Athletics Department and the Nebraska Alumni Association's Houstonians spirit group teamed up for a special event in Houston during the NCAA Basketball Tournament Final Four on Saturday, April 2. Approximately 75 to 80 Nebraska alumni and friends attended the event

at 3rd Floor Houston, meeting the men's coaches and enjoying appetizers and Husker giveaways. Edward Kaplan, a 1956 graduate and student manager for the 1955-56 Husker men's basketball team, was on hand to greet the coaches and share a team photo from his collegiate days. ❖



The Alabama Nebraskans held their 23rd annual picnic in the Natural Trail Pavilion on Green Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama. Twenty-six attended.

1943

■ **Marjorie Neill** of Lincoln turned 95 on May 7.

1949

Melvin and **Helen Allen**, '50, of Omaha celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary May 20.

Frank Bruning of Bruning celebrated his 90th birthday April 21.

1950

■ **Lloyd McBeth** marked his 90th birthday on April 18 with family and friends in Santa Clara, California.

1959

■ **Louis "Lou" Schultz**, Park Rapids, Minnesota, has been a volunteer for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) for nearly a decade.

1962

LaVerne and **Shirley Wasserburger Stetson** of Lincoln celebrated wedding anniversary number 60 on March 3.

1963

■ **Tom Osborne**, Lincoln, appeared at a book signing in his hometown of Hastings in conjunction with his latest offering, "Mentoring Matters: What Every Mentor Needs to Know."

1964

■ **Charlotte Perry** of La Jolla, California, was one of 14 community volunteers honored with the Women of Dedication Award for 2016.

1965

Al Crook of Fremont was part of the first Nebraska Vietnam Veteran Combat Veterans Flight by Patriotic Productions. Participants toured memorial monuments in Washington, D.C., and Arlington National Cemetery.

□ **Susan Ayres Herman** is a part-time chaplain at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest, Illinois. A retired

Presbyterian minister (PCUSA), she will attend an executive certificate in religious fundraising course in July at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

■ **Dave** and ■ **Linda Rickertsen Hirschfeld**, '66, of Lincoln celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 22.

1966

Lynn and **Carol Doolittle** of Roca celebrated a half century of marriage on April 9.

■ **John Turnbull**, York, retired Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District general manager, was inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame for significant contributions over 40 years of conservation and natural resources management on the local and state levels, particularly groundwater management and regulation.

1967

Frank Partsch, retired editorial page editor of The Omaha World-Herald, was inducted into the 2016 Omaha Press Club Journalists of Excellence Hall of Fame.

■ **Leta Powell Drake** of Lincoln was the recipient of the 2016 Alumni Award of Merit from the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1970

William Bosch of Spearfish, South Dakota, made a presentation, "The Germans from Russia," to the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche in April.

1971

■ **Virgil** and ■ **Linda Berney** of Plattsmouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 12.

1972

Romeo Guerra was selected as executive director of El Centro de las Americas, which serves

the Latino community in Lincoln.

David M. Woodke of the Omaha law office of Woodke & Gibbons PC LLO is now concentrating on his mediation practice full time.

1974

Ron Brodersen is the past president of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and has a practice in Hartington.

Michael P. McMeekin is the 2016 recipient of the Charles Durham Achievement Award, denoting his leadership in engineering and community and civic involvement in Omaha. McMeekin is president of the engineering firm Lamp Rynearson.

■ **Harold A. Melser** was recognized as Volunteer of the Month (March 2016) by the St. Louis (Missouri) Convention and Visitors Commission. This recognition was primarily for his volunteer work as a destination specialist at the Visitors Center at Forest Park as well as his work greeting visitors at conferences and conventions at America's Center.

Kathleen Schmidt, a private-practice attorney in the Omaha area, has been honored as a Top Ten Attorney for the state of Nebraska by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys.

1975

Dennis Allen, manager for Urethane Contracting Service LLC, was designated the 2016 Nebraska Premier Roofing Contractor by Heartland International Inc., a nationwide distributor of Conklin Commercial Roofing Systems.

■ **Larry Mares** celebrated his 40th service anniversary with RVW Inc. Architects & Engineers located in Columbus.

Mike Moser, co-owner of Columbus Music along with his wife, Jan, are finalists in the

2016 Nebraska Retail Champion program, which recognizes brick-and-mortar merchants and their contributions to local communities.

■ **Arthur H. Wolf** of Las Vegas, Nevada, was appointed to the initial advisory council for the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel.

1976

Franklin T. Thompson, an associate professor of teacher education at the University of Nebraska Omaha, received a 2016 Outstanding Teaching Award from UNO at a ceremony in April.

1978

Jim Burford of Woodcliff was part of the first Nebraska Vietnam Veteran Combat Veterans Flight by Patriotic Productions. Participants toured memorial monuments in Washington, D.C., and Arlington National Cemetery.

Michael Dooley has joined The Strawhecker Group (TSG) of Omaha as director of business development.

■ **Jim Masters**, Papillion, was the recipient of the 2016 Campbell Fraser Award for Coaching Excellence at the annual FocalPoint Business Coaching International Conference.

□ **Richard Svoboda**, principal bassoonist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1989, professor of bassoon and Woodwind Department chair at New England Conservatory of Music, has released a solo CD entitled "Le Phénix," 18th-century French music for bassoon. With assistance from Boston Symphony bassoon colleagues and John Gibbons, harpsichord, the disc presents music spanning the Baroque and Classical eras from French masters.

ALUMNI PROFILE '79 AND '82

SCIENCE, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CONVERGE

Nancy Eicher

Nancy Eicher's food science roots run deep, way back to her great-grandfather who homesteaded just west of Milford and from there through two food science degrees at UNL. Those roots were nurtured by work with some of the giants of the food industry and nurtured her growth right into her current position as owner of Food Perspectives Inc., a consumer research and consulting company in Minneapolis.

The work she does reflects her heritage and her interests in science, food and agriculture, Eicher said. Food Perspectives practices consumer and sensory science, advising its clients about how consumers are likely to perceive a specific product and how to refine the product to meet consumers' needs.

"I'm part psychologist, part trained product evaluator, part food scientist and part storyteller," Eicher said.

Lisa Mocerri said it's the "combination of endless energy and undying curiosity" that makes Eicher good at what she does. Mocerri is senior vice president for administration and operations at FPI. "She's always driven to get an answer and help clients make decisions, but she is creative about applying rigorous scientific standards to this 'soft' science."

Eicher attended elementary school in Milford but graduated from Lincoln East High School. Enrolling at UNL seemed natural; her maternal grandparents and her mother were UNL grads. Her father earned three degrees from the university.

When she started college, she had med school in mind and loved all

the basic science classes she took. But toward the end of her sophomore year, she realized that a medical career wasn't going to be a good fit.

Stan Matzke, a close friend of Robert Eicher, Nancy's father, was assistant director of resident instruction at UNL's College of Agriculture at the time, and he had a suggestion: a major in food science. "When you see quality individuals like Nancy, you want to help point them in the right direction," Matzke said.

So he pointed her toward Roy Arnold, then chair of the food science department. The encouragement she got from Matzke and Arnold plus the fact that all her science credits fit into the food science major meant she could slip right in.

"Once I started, I saw this met all my interests," Eicher said: "in science, in food, in working with people. It was science applied to humans. It captured my attention and hit on all cylinders."

After earning the B.S. in 1979, Eicher went right on for the M.S. in food science in 1982. Those degrees led to a job with General Mills in the Twin Cities, and Eicher stayed with the company until 1994, doing sensory evaluation, research and development and quality control. She moved on to Pillsbury where she managed sensory and product testing, then returned to



Nancy Eicher

General Mills when it bought Pillsbury in June 2003. She was a director of innovation in the merged company.

ConAgra Foods lured Eicher back to Nebraska in 2003 to create a company-wide sensory and product-testing program and to manage research and development for the firm's new product/innovation project portfolio. She was happy to be back in her home state, and she liked her work.

But then came a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own my own company," Eicher said. Food Perspectives' founder was looking for someone to join the 15-year-old company and, eventually, to buy it. "I'm always looking for the next mountain to climb," Eicher said, so back she went to Minneapolis in 2005.

"It was a perfect fit," Eicher said. Food Perspectives' philosophy and her personal philosophy are a match: "We're all about making sure our clients get the very best information" and are fully committed to the clients' success. Backed by solid research, the FPI team "has to be good at creating

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a story that's clear and that can be applied."

"So many aspects have to come together to make a successful product," Eicher said. "It takes lots of science and lots of art to make a final proposition that hits all the needs consumers have."

When she bought FPI, "it was clear to me that the finance/administrative side of things was not where I could bring the most value to the company," she said. So she put together a team of executives who "anchor critical areas so I can be free to work with clients and design research," she said. "I have my face to the outside."

Her "team of equals has let me bring in some really talented folks," she said. The firm employs a total of about 100 people, and Mocerri said Eicher's management approach has helped it thrive.

"Nancy finds ways to incorporate standard operating procedures and efficiency and yet pulls elements of research together that most people wouldn't think about doing," Mocerri said. "She's also generous," both with financial rewards for employees and also with the time she spends "trying to help everybody learn as much as they can all of the time."

Eicher has great memories of her days at UNL where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta, Innocents and Mortar Board and, as president of the East Union Program Council, was part of student government.

Joe Nigro, now the public defender in Lancaster County, remembers Eicher as a true leader on campus. Nigro and Eicher became close friends and have stayed in touch. He believes Eicher has been so successful because of who she is: "incredibly bright, articulate, talented and outgoing."

Nigro remembers, too, how committed Eicher was to the Cornhusker Marching Band. Eicher said some of her best college memories are connected to four years playing the piccolo in the band. "It really taught me how to work as part of a large team to accomplish something new every single week," she said.

The band demonstrated what Eicher said she thinks is one of Nebraska's strongest values: "We're all about helping each other."

She has traveled all over the United States and much of the world and believes that caring spirit is unique to the Midwest and, especially, Nebraska. "There's something about the state and the way people are raised that lends itself to this helpfulness," she said. "I wouldn't be where I am today without that foundation."

1979

■ **David Eberhart** is the state bridge engineer for the Arizona Department of Transportation, and serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, which is responsible for operating the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, home of the NFL Arizona Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl.

■ **Kendra Eberhart** is president and CEO of Royal Oaks Lifecare Community in Sun City, Arizona, an upscale not-for-profit life care facility. She is completing her 30th year of service with the community.

Randy Kraft was promoted to vice president of terminal management at Werner Enterprises, the Omaha-based freight carrier and transportation company.

■ **Margaret Ludemann**, a realtor affiliated with Coldwell Banker in Glenview, Illinois, was awarded membership in the company's International President's Elite Club.

Doug Zalesky was named the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient at Eastern Wyoming College. Zalesky is the assistant resident scientist and director of the Laramie Research and Extension Center at the University of Wyoming.

1981

Willow Holoubek received the Outstanding Woman in Agriculture Award from the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee in March. She and her husband, Mark, farm near David City.

Ray Kucera and his family, Cedar Bluffs, were honored by the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce as the Farm Family of the Year.

Neil Stanley is president of community banking at TS Banking Group in Omaha.

1982

Norma Elia Cantu has been appointed the Murchison Professor in Humanities at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and will join the faculty in August. She is a nationally recognized Latina scholar and author.

■ **Rich Claussen** is the new ambassador of innovation and entrepreneurship for Prosper Lincoln, a coalition of community groups and businesses dedicated to improving areas of concern in Lincoln.

Todd Finkle is the Pigott Professor of Entrepreneurship at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Michelle Suarez has joined the team at Prosper Lincoln and will develop strategies for early childhood education.

1983

Alyson Dickinson is the principal of Friend (Nebraska) Public School and has been part of the teaching profession for 33 years.

Mark Poeschl has been named chief executive officer for both the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the National Future Farmers of America Foundation. Poeschl lives in Brookville, Ohio.

□ **Albert Sims** was selected the new director of operations for The Southwest Research & Outreach Center (SWROC) in Crookston, Minnesota. SWROC is a crop research facility under the direction of the University of Minnesota.

■ **Kimberly Wanker**, Pahrump, Nevada, is a traveling circuit judge in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Nevada.

1984

Todd Kirshenbaum has joined the Seward County (Nebraska) Chamber & Development Partnership as vice president.

BY KYLIE KINLEY

ALUMNI PROFILE '44 AND '47

NEBRASKA HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBITS SHOWCASE ALUMNI

Barbara and Ralph Fox

Several new exhibits at the newly renovated Nebraska History Museum display the work and passions of UNL alumni.

Four exhibits made their debut April 1 after an 18-month, \$8 million renovation of the building at 131 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln. The renovation included upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, replacement of outdated heating, air conditioning and plumbing elements, and new lighting and carpet in the exhibit spaces.

In addition, the renovation moved the entrance from the northeast corner of the building to the center. One of the most noticeable changes is the Nebraska 1% for Art program project on the front of the building facing Centennial Mall. Created by UrbanRock Design of Los Angeles, "Inside Outside" uses brightly-colored aluminum banners to depict a selection of artifacts from the museum.

One exhibit called "American Dreams in the Cold War: Photos by Barbara and Ralph Fox" is dedicated entirely to the photography work of UNL alumni Barbara and Ralph Fox. This husband-and-wife photography team documented Cold War-era

American life with the skill of professional photographers and the soul of philanthropists.

Barbara Rehberg and Ralph C. Fox met on their first day of college at the University of Nebraska in 1940. She came to Lincoln from a remote ranch in Antelope County. He was from Logan, Iowa.

They married on May 8, 1943, just before Ralph left for army boot camp during World War II. While Ralph trained with the army, Barbara finished college, graduating in 1944. Through-



Man Riding a Bucking Horse in a Rodeo in Wahoo, 1948. Ralph C. and Barbara Rehberg Fox Collection (NSHS RG4107-2-75)

out her life, she lived by the principles she learned in journalism classes: "You have to tell the truth, even if it means risking your life."

When Ralph Fox came home from the battlefields of Europe, he finished his degree in photojournalism. He worked for the Lincoln Evening Journal

and was part of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the 1948 Nebraska presidential primary.

Ralph's wartime experience contributed to alcoholism. In 1955, he lost his job at the newspaper due to his drinking. Barbara started a business, Fox Foto, to keep their family afloat. In 1957 Ralph embraced recovery and Alcoholics Anonymous with the same enthusiasm he had applied to his military service and his journalism career.

In the 1950s, Barbara defied society's expectations and raised two children while working outside the home. She often brought her children, Paige and Kevin, along on photo assignments. She photographed everything from the Nebraska State Fair to the detonation of the atomic bomb nicknamed "Annie" at the Nevada Test Site on March 17, 1953. None of the witnesses were tested for radiation following the blast, and Barbara later developed lung problems that she attributed to radiation exposure from the event. Her photos of the event are part of the exhibit.

By the end of the 1960s, Barbara and Ralph Fox shifted their focus and dedicated themselves to helping people. The Foxes founded the Houses of Hope alcohol and drug rehabilitation center in Lincoln and helped thousands of people conquer addiction.

Barbara's memory lives on through numerous agencies that she helped

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Barbara and Ralph Fox, 1943. Ralph C. and Barbara Rehberg Fox Collection (NSHS RG4701-2-116)



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Kevin Fox with bakery case, 1955. Ralph C. and Barbara Rehberg Fox Collection (NSHS RG4107-2-43)

start: Houses of Hope, Antler Center, St. Monica's, Lincoln Action Program, and Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs. Ralph died in 1998 and Barbara passed away in 2009.

But the Fox exhibit is not the only exhibit connected with UNL alumni. A second new exhibit with UNL ties is "Nebraska's Enduring Quilt Heritage: New Acquisitions." It showcases quilts that tell stories of migration, politics, and other memorable events in Nebraska history. It also tells the story of UNL alum Ernest Haight, who started quilting in 1934. He earned an engineering degree from the University of Nebraska and valued efficiency and mathematical precision in quilts, so he developed a faster method for machine quilting and self-published a booklet in 1974 called "Practical Machine-Quilting for the Homemaker."

"Nebraska Unwrapped: Selections from the Collections," the third exhibit, displays a wide range of materials from the museum's collections. The artifact with the most obvious UNL ties is a Cornhusker Marching Band uniform worn by Jack Snider, the band's assistant director (1951-60) and director (1961-75). In addition to the marching band, Snider conducted concert bands and small ensembles, and taught brass instruments and conducting.

The final exhibit, "Photographers and the Plains Indian," explores how photographs influence Americans' perceptions of Plains tribal people and how both photographers and their native subjects used early photographs to convey particular meanings.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Kylie Kinley is assistant editor for the publications division of the Nebraska State Historical Society.*

Chris Knust, branch manager and vice president at the Ameriprise Financial office in Omaha, has qualified for the company's 2016 Circle of Success recognition program.

Steven Peterson of Lincoln received the 2016 Ichiban Award from Yaskawa Motoman Robotics. This annual honor is presented to the top salesperson throughout all of North America and Brazil.

1985

Lori Buchanan of Signature Electric LLC in Omaha was installed as a member of the 2016 Associated Builders and Contractors board of directors.

■ **Theresa Klein** of Wahoo is executive associate at the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska.

John H. Marsh was appointed district court judge for the Ninth Judicial District Court of Nebraska by Gov. Pete Ricketts.

■ **Curt Mann** retired after 38 years of teaching in Lincoln Public Schools (Zeman and Meadow Lane).

Bruce Petersen of the Electronic Contracting Corp. in Lincoln is the past chair of the 2016 Associated Builders and Contractors board of directors.

James Pfeffer has rejoined the Omaha law firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP as an associate.

Rocky Weber of Lincoln has become the president and general counsel for the Nebraska Cooperative Council, which is the state's major trade association representing agricultural cooperatives.

1987

■ **Sheila O'Connor** has been named vice president for the Nebraska Trucking Association in Lincoln.

■ **William N. Ruud** was named the 19th president of Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, and

will also hold the title of professor of management.

Gail Winter completed the 2016 Lincoln half-marathon race despite battling double pneumonia and a MRSA infection earlier in the spring. Winter teaches second grade at Martin Grade School in Martin, South Dakota.

1988

Jared Gerber has been elected president of the 2016 Omaha chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Gerber is the owner of Gerber Architecture.

Mike Losee was selected as marketing development director for Caldwell Group, an advertising agency located in Winter Park, Florida.

1989

Michelle Penn, owner of the Lincoln architecture company Authenticity LLC, received the 2015 Architectural People's Choice Award bestowed by the American Institute of Architects Nebraska.

Joel Scherling of the Nebraska Department of Education, is president of the 2016 Lincoln Human Resources Management Association board of directors.

Sean Patrick Suiter is the founder of the Omaha intellectual property law firm Suiter Swantz IP.

1991

Jeff Beals of Omaha has joined NAI NP Dodge Commercial Real Estate as executive vice president of marketing and community relations.

Jim Hanna, a Los Angeles-based actor, was the recipient of the 2016 Alumni Achievement Award from the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Collette Kaster of Kearney, Missouri, has been named executive director of the Professional

BY JANE EPLEY, '77

ALUMNI PROFILES '90, '94 AND '94

SPECIALTY COFFEE FOR HUSKERS BY HUSKERS

Jon and Marianella Jost

Jon Jost grew up in Seward, Nebraska. During his sophomore year at UNL he began volunteering with the Nebraska Athletic Department's strength and conditioning staff. He became a part-time assistant and then was hired as a full-time strength coach when he graduated in 1990. Four and a half years later the College of the Holy Cross lured him away as their head Strength Coach.

Marianella Baez grew up in Costa Rica. In 1986 she competed against 500 applicants and won one of 40 scholarships to come to the United States as an exchange student. She had never been to the USA before. When she landed in Omaha on a September Saturday, she noticed everyone in the airport was wearing red. She feared she had been placed where there was some kind of religious cult or dominant government. She read the welcome sign held by her host family, but was hesitant to meet them because they, too, were wearing red.

Her first wish upon arriving in the U.S. was to buy a pair of Nike tennis shoes. Aiming to please, her host family stopped at Gateway Mall in Lincoln to fulfill that wish. More people in red were glued to TV monitors in the stores and restaurants, watching a football game. One team wore red. Suddenly she understood and was relieved. Little did she know in a few years she would graduate from the University of Nebraska and wear red as a faithful Husker alum.

Jon and Marianella met while students at UNL. Jon was completing his master's in exercise science and Marianella was finishing up her

International business degree. They married and have lived in Massachusetts, Texas and Florida before their latest move to Costa

Rica, to become coffee farmers.

Coffee farmers? Disbelief, skepticism and awe were the reactions of family and friends when they revealed their plan. The two weren't avid gardeners. They didn't grow up on farms. The closest connection to farming was Jon's maternal grandfather who owned a small farm in Bennett, Nebraska. So why buy a farm in Costa Rica to grow coffee? And not just any coffee, but "Specialty Coffee"?

Jon explained: "We wanted to take the road less traveled and start a new challenging project that involved physical work and the outdoors. Coffee is a thriving industry and Costa Rica produces some of the highest quality coffee in the world." Moving back to Costa Rica, and closer to Marianella's family, was a bonus.

There are important criteria and steps to follow in growing specialty coffee. The right variety of bean must be planted. The land must be at least 1,200 meters above sea level. The seedlings must be watered frequently and cared for with the right amount of shade and sun. Coffee is considered a fruit and is harvested once a year when the cherries are picked by hand at the peak of ripeness.

The next step is processing. The wet milling can be very complex and different methods can enhance or ruin



Jon and Marianella stand amid the aromatic coffee blooms at Café con Amor. Each flower, which only blooms for about two days, becomes a coffee bean.

the coffee. The beans are removed from the pulp, separated by weight, washed and then dried in the sun for eight to 10 days. Now the coffee is referred to as "green." There is a 45-day resting period of the "green beans" before they are sorted and graded to meet certain standards set by the Specialty Coffee Association of America. Green coffee is what makes the journey to the roaster. Here, again, the beans can be enhanced or not.

Jon described the final step – the cupping score. "Cupping the coffee provides a quantitative evaluation of the quality of the coffee. The coffee is rated on notes of flavor, aroma, texture, aftertaste, sweetness, acidity, body, balance and uniformity on a 100-point scale. A coffee scoring more than 80 points is considered a specialty coffee."

Café con Amor, Jon and Marianella's farm, is 5.5 hectares or about 14 acres. Located at an altitude of 1,300 meters above sea level, the average temperature is 72 degrees F. The soil is right for growing Arabica beans, more specifically the Caturra and Villa Sarchi varieties of specialty coffee. This region of Costa Rica is very well known for the quality of coffee it produces. Marianella added, "In fact, the winner of the "Cup of Excellence," the most prestigious award given to a coffee farmer, has his farm 6 miles from ours, and we are processing our

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SPECIALTY COFFEE FOR HUSKERS BY HUSKERS

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coffee at his micromill.”

With so much to learn, Jon and Marianella have hired expert help. Chevo, their full-time worker, is 58 years old and has worked with coffee for more than 40 years. “His wisdom and experience as a farmer are priceless to us,” Jon said. They also hired a coffee engineer, Adrian. Jon compared their working relationship to his job as the head strength coach under Bobby Bowden at Florida State. “We all work together to enhance each person’s strengths and minimize weaknesses – just like strength and conditioning programs do for athletes.”

Their harvest this past season started in mid-December and finished at the end of February. The farm hired nine workers to hand pick the beans. “In order to obtain specialty coffee, we must pick only the deep red beans,” Jon explained. They call the color “Sangre de Toro,” which translates to “Bull’s Blood.” The hours of picking are long and hard but their efforts are paying off. The yield was bigger and better than the previous year and the demand is exceeding their supply.

Along with learning the farming routine, the couple have researched and studied how to get the coffee directly to their customer, ensuring 100 percent traceability to the farm. They have partnered with an importer in Kansas City. The first shipment

was scheduled to arrive late this spring. Various roasters throughout the Midwest are interested in the coffee and the story of its unique growers. The beans are coming to coffee shops in Lincoln, Omaha and Seward.

It’s been an exciting adventure for the couple.

“Our goal is to split time between Nebraska and Costa Rica,” Jon said. “The coffee farming cycle will allow us

to spend the summers in Nebraska to meet with customers and tend to that side of the business. We hope to build a small cabin in Bennett on my grandparent’s land. Our long term project is to partner with neighboring coffee farmers in Costa Rica and together connect with roasters and customers that appreciate quality beans and are willing to pay a fair price.

“Bringing our coffee to the Midwest is a dream come true. We are proud to produce great coffee for Huskers – by Huskers.”



Animal Auditor Certification Organization.

Carol Kirchner was announced as the associate vice chancellor for business and finance at the University of Nebraska Omaha in April.

■ **Michael T. Miller** has been named dean of the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville for a two-year term, beginning July 1.

Stacie Neussendorfer has attained the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Neussendorfer is an adviser in the Omaha office of Westwood Trust, a national wealth management company.

1992

Jason Dworak was recognized as one of Barron’s “Top 1,200 Financial Advisors.” Dworak works in the private wealth management office of UBS Financial Services Inc. in Lincoln.

■ **James D. Murray**, Littleton, Massachusetts, was named to the board of advisers of ClearDATA, a healthcare cloud computing company.

Amy Ryan has been appointed officer audit leader for the Omaha market of Deloitte LLP, the international auditing firm.

□ **William Thorell** was awarded the Lyal G. Leibrock M.D. Chair of Neurosurgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where he is an associate professor.

1993

Krista Newkirk has been selected as the tenth president of Converse College in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Kelly Novotny of Denton was recognized by Scotsman Guide as the top mortgage loan officer in Lincoln and second in the state of Nebraska. She

works as vice president of mortgage loans for Union Bank & Trust.

Linda Sackschewsky, Seward, has joined Garner Industries as chief financial officer for the Lincoln-based manufacturer.

1994

Terry Connealy has been named president of the newly formed Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, a joint venture of Mutual of Omaha Bank and Dallas-based residential mortgage lender PrimeLending.

Robert A. Mooney was added to the legal team of Sodoro, Daly, Shomaker & Selde PC LLO in Omaha, where his primary practice area is defending physicians and hospitals in negligence actions.

1995

Kerry L. Beldin was presented a 2016 Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska Omaha in April. Beldin is an assistant professor in the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

Doris Robertson has been named president of Farmers & Merchants Inc., the holding company of Union Bank & Trust of Lincoln.

1996

Michael Quinn, chartered retirement planning counselor, managing director and private wealth adviser at the Ameriprise Financial office in Omaha, has qualified for the company’s 2016 Circle of Success recognition program.

Chad W. Swantz is a co-owner of the Omaha intellectual property law firm Suiter Swantz IP.

1997

Douglas M. Peters, an architect in the Omaha firm of Leo A Daly, has been appointed a senior associate of that company.

ALUMNI PROFILE '83, '86

ANCHORING NU IN THE PANHANDLE

Sandy Massey

An outstanding family with deep roots in Scottsbluff and across decades of public service has for generations represented the University of Nebraska in Nebraska's Panhandle.

Scion of this well-known and respected family, Sandy Massey is the granddaughter of former NU Regent Jack Elliott who began the devotion of his family to the university. She is thrilled to be the heir of his Steinway piano – and surely of his rich deep voice, too; Sandy is a mezzo soprano.

Sandy's grandfather served as a university regent for two terms. He died in 1974 while serving his second term and was replaced by his widow, Camille Leyda Elliott, first woman on the Board of Regents. She and her twin sister, Lucille, were both NU graduates and Cornhusker beauty queens. Sandy Massey treasures the 1916 Cornhusker yearbook in which her grandmother and great aunt are featured.

Typical of her enduring spirit for life, Sandy said: "My favorite thing about my life is that I have four really super nephews and families that live in Scottsbluff that I get to spend time with, and that I get the honor and privilege of knowing and being with my parents as they grow old."

Two of those nephews are special needs young men, born with Fragile X. Sandy's sister-in-law, Megan Hamsa Massey, originally from Omaha and married to her brother, John Massey, co-wrote "Dear Megan, Letters on Life, Love and Fragile X," with Mary Beth Busby of Washington, D.C., also a mother of two Fragile X young men. Both women have been in the forefront of work to fund investigation into this chromosomal disorder and to publicize it and help other parents raise such children.

The Masseys are especially grateful

that Scottsbluff has provided the village to help raise Megan and John's boys. Sandy said, with deep conviction, "Jack and Jacob are life's biggest treasures. They have taught many many people some important lessons in life." She added, with the same pride, "My brother Jim's children are Trevor and Ryan and they are life's greatest joys, too. They are very close in age to Jack and Jacob and have been very supportive cousins."

Sandy described the family's deep and broad connections with the university, starting with her grandparents' service on the Board of Regents. Uncle Roy Yaley (married to one of Jack and Camille's daughters) was a past president of the Nebraska Alumni Association, and her dad (Jim Massey) was on the executive committee of the alumni association. He and his wife, Dodie, (Sandy's mother) also currently serve on the NU Foundation board.

Her cousin, Linda Yaley Bowden, was a member of the alumni association board when Sandy served on the board; and her brother John currently serves on the executive committee of the Foundation Board of Trustees. John is a lawyer and graduate of the NU College of Law, and he runs the J.G. Elliott Insurance Company (founded by the Elliott grandfather). Her brother Jim is an accomplished otolaryngologist and a graduate of the UNMC College of Medicine.

Jack and Camille Elliott, who graduated in 1917, raised four daughters and all graduated from the University – Betty Elliott Metcalf, Catherine Elliott Yaley, Dorothy Elliott Massey and Jeanne Elliott Westervelt. Ten of eleven grandchildren attended the University of Nebraska.

Sandy Massey, holder of both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from UNL, was the recipient



of the Panhandle Nebraska Alumni Chapter's Alumni of the Year award in 2014 and continues her leadership in NU's affairs in western Nebraska. She currently serves on the UNMC Board of Counselors and is a Foundation Trustee. Marking her family's commitment to serving their community and the university, Sandy remembered "as a child I painted a small piece of plywood with the words 'another board for you to serve on' and gave it to my dad for Christmas."

This aunt, sister, daughter and friend with the great heart didn't set out to live in Scottsbluff. "My work took me to other locations where I loved living; yet somehow moving back to Scottsbluff always seemed to be in the cards ... I was tugged to come home." Her journeys took her to Boise, Idaho, and Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Sandy continues her love of music and sings with her church choir and other ensembles. In Scottsbluff her leadership jobs fill an entire page of her resume, single-spaced, and emphasize both her musical gifts and her natural management skills: chair of countless organizations, past and present. Her talents led Sandy to a business career as senior vice president and director of human resources for Platte Valley Companies,

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a consortium of insurance and financial businesses.

“I’m not very good about providing information that pertains to me,” said the Scottsbluff native. “The world certainly isn’t about me.”

Citing the NU nursing program and the Panhandle station as important to both the health care facilities and the agriculture community, Sandy is proud of the university’s presence in her homeland and like a true child of western Nebraska adds, “Of course we would always love to have more.”

When pushed to talk about herself and her life, Sandy said she thinks her laugh, her singing voice and “maybe my dimples” are her most marked characteristics. She is grateful for every journey her 54 years of life has provided “the opportunity to take.” Her life’s motto centers in these carefully chosen words: “Everywhere you go, there you are, or maybe life is like a piano, what you get out of it depends upon how you play it.”

When this community-dedicated family gathers on major holidays, Sandy explained “one of my favorite parts is that we welcome all kinds of people,” such as nephew Jacob’s construction company boss and his wife, the Western Nebraska Community College softball coach and her husband, the Episcopal priest and his family – the Masseys are all Methodists.

Appearing to live without regret, Sandy gently offers “that I would do so many things differently if I could have a ‘do-over,’ but life is what you make of it.”

Raised in a family that “feels a responsibility to the world around us, and certainly public education and the university system are an important part of that,” Sandy Massey could not be a more joyous and dedicated representative of the people of western Nebraska and its support of the University of Nebraska. She is deeply rooted in the life of Nebraska’s Panhandle and elegantly blooming where she is planted.

EDITOR’S NOTE: *Writer Ruth Raymond Thone also grew up in Scottsbluff where she called Sandy’s mother, Dorothy (Dodie) Elliott, her best childhood friend. Thone remembers joining the Elliott family for their big meal at noon, “Jack Elliott telling us that carrots made our hair blue and our eyes curly,” and excited as a teen-ager to hang out and dance in their basement. She may be reached at ruththone@hotmail.com.)*

1998

■ **Cristy Joy** of Archi & Etc. LLC is past president of the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

1999

Jared L. Clinger, stationed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

2000

Jason Minchow was promoted to vice president, procurement, at the American National Bank in Omaha.

Matthew A. Poulsen is a co-owner of the Omaha intellectual property law firm Suiter Swantz IP.

Jennifer Rathman has joined the Nebraska Hospital Association in Lincoln as the director of communications.

■ **Ryan Stowe** is general manager of imports for International Logistics Inc. of Omaha, a global supply chain solution provider. U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker presented the company with the President’s “E” Star Award for Export Service, which recognizes U.S. entities that make significant contributions in expanding American exports.

Donna Woudenberg is the projects and operations manager for the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Community Lincoln office.

2001

Eileen Dakan was named executive director of the United Way of the Kearney area.

Jason R. Griess of Lincoln has been appointed president of Nebraska Land Title and Abstract office in Omaha.

Nancy Meendering Metcalf of Lincoln has been inducted into the University of Nebraska Athletics Hall of Fame. Metcalf starred in volleyball,

where she was a first-team All-American three times.

Adam Wiekamp, a realtor in the Cotner office of HOME Real Estate in Lincoln, has been awarded the Graduate, Realtor Institute designation.

2002

Shawn Ballarin, a multimedia artist in Lincoln, was the subject of the exhibition “Horizons and Patterns” held at Gallery 72 in Omaha.

Victoria Collier, founder of The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier PC, will co-author a forthcoming book, “The Road to Success: Today’s Leading Entrepreneurs and Professionals Reveal Their Step-by-Step Systems to Help You Achieve the Health, Wealth and Lifestyle You Deserve.” Collier is a resident of Decatur, Georgia.

Todd Jedrzejczyk is a mechanical engineer in the Lincoln office of the architecture/engineering firm The Schemmer Associates Inc.

Derek Kotschwar has been promoted to principal in the Lincoln office of Engineering Technologies Inc., where he is a mechanical engineer.

David Lockwood was selected as chief investment officer at Assurity Life Insurance Co. in Lincoln.

2003

Kurt Cisar is a partner in the Omaha architectural firm Holland Basham Architects.

Todd DeFreece is vice president of operations at the new CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center located at 24th and Cuming in Omaha.

Matt Glawatz of The Clark Enersen Partners has been elected president of the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

Patrick Hastings, is vice president of International Logistics Inc. of Omaha, a global supply chain solution provider.

Shane Hoss, an architectural engineer-electrical in the Omaha office of engineering firm Engineering Technologies Inc., was promoted to principal.

Zach Kassebaum is the new superintendent for Lincoln Christian, a private K-12 school in Lincoln.

Scott Koethe, a realtor with the Omaha commercial real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield, has earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation by the CCIM Institute.

Ryan Watson of Nebraska ANG is a director on the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

2004

Lincoln Arneal has been appointed the inaugural foundation executive director of Launch Leadership, which provides financial support to leadership programs and student leaders in Nebraska.

Taylor Ashburn was promoted to vice president and manager of residential construction lending at West Gate Bank in Lincoln.

Tafe Sup Bergo is a realtor with Woods Bros. Realty in Lincoln.

Justin Hesser was promoted to assistant vice president at the South Street branch of Pinnacle Bank in Lincoln.

Jon Rehm has become a shareholder in the Lincoln office of the law firm Rehm, Bennett & Moore PC LLO.

☐ **Luke Stokebrand** is the division customer communications

manager for The Kroger Co. in Phoenix.

2005

Julie Iromuanya of Tucson, Arizona, was a finalist for the 2016 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, which honors the best published works of fiction by American citizens. Iromuanya is an assistant professor of English and Africana literature in the University of Arizona creative writing MFA program.

Katie Johnson is the vice president of Marketing and Client Services for Awareity, a Lincoln-based company that provides threat-assessment and security information for various public and private clients.

Lindsay Selig of Complete Children's Health, is president-elect and governmental affairs chair of the Lincoln Human Resources Management Association board of directors.

Shawn Toovey, Gretna, is the Omaha Children's Museum director of guest experience. Toovey was a cast member in the 1990s TV show "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman."

Mark A. Turner, president and CEO of WSFS Financial Corp. and WSFS Bank in Wilmington, Delaware, has been appointed to represent the Third Federal Reserve District on the Federal Advisory Council for 2016.

Natalia Wiita was selected one of Editor & Publisher's annual "25 Under 35 – Publisher Leaders." She is the advertising director for the Lincoln Journal Star.

2006

Austin Chambers has taken the position of Gulfstream/Embraer Airframe Service sales representative in Battle Creek, Michigan.



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Carrie Colburn was named publisher of the York (Nebraska) News-Times.

Adam Hoebelheinrich is regional vice president of the Midwest Region for Project Control, a Texas-based construction project management firm.

Tonya Jolley has been named principal of Kloefkorn Elementary School in Lincoln.

Dan Perry, a shop technician and instructor in the art department of the University of Northern Iowa in Waterloo, presented his varied creations in an exhibition, "Fabricated Facades," at the Forsberg Riverside Galleries in the Waterloo Center.

Michael Sinclair of Sinclair Hille Architects has been chosen president-elect of the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

2007

Ana Delavic has been promoted to residential mortgage lender at Union Bank & Trust in Lincoln.

John Hathaway of Architectural Design Associates is a director on the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

Brian Lehmann, a photojournalist from Lincoln, provided images for a story in the 2016 April edition of National Geographic magazine. The feature covered the unusual death rituals in Toraja, a remote area of Indonesia.

James Mowitz is an assistant vice president in the downtown Lincoln office of Pinnacle Bank as the result of a recent promotion.

Justin Shaw, a professor in the art design department of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, was part of an exhibit titled "Handymen" that featured several of his sculpted works.

Jeffrey Wyatt was a recipient of a 2015 CoStar Power Broker Award, an honor given to the "best of the best" in commercial real estate brokerage business. Wyatt is a broker in the Omaha office of Colliers International, a global real estate company.

2008

Joe DiCostanzo, a freshman history instructor at Omaha Benson High School, was the recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Award, given to recognize excellence in teaching.

Melissa Dohmen of Lincoln and her boyfriend are exploring America in their tiny house on wheels, one state at a time. They were the subjects of a segment on HGTV (home, gardening and design network) last November.

Andy Pettit is assistant project manager for Archer Western Contractors and is currently working on a water treatment plant project in Livingston, Texas.

Scott Piper is a senior graphic designer in the Lincoln office of marketing communications firm Swanson Russell.

Katie Scherer is an account manager in the Omaha office of marketing communications agency Swanson Russell.

2009

Greg Berndt, an information technology teacher at Hastings St. Cecilia High School, has been chosen as head coach for the girls' basketball program there.

Jennifer Fiedler has joined the architecture/engineering firm The Schemmer Associates Inc. as an architectural designer in the Omaha office.

Ben Grone, a civil engineer with Olsson Associates in Lincoln, has been promoted to associate engineer.

Mat Habrock, Lincoln, was named as the assistant director for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Jan Rodgers of Mars, Pennsylvania, served as a quilt appraiser for the Three Rivers Quilters 2016 Quilt Show.

Kimberly Russo has been selected CEO for George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

David von Kampen, a lecturer in composition in the Glenn Korff School of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been selected the 2015 Music Teacher National Association Distinguished Composer of the Year.

2010

John Coburn, a member of Olsson Associates transportation team in Lincoln, has been promoted to professional engineer.

Chris Corr, a civil engineer with Olsson Associates in Lincoln, has been promoted to associate engineer.

Jordan Kaiser is a user experience designer in the Lincoln office of marketing communications firm Swanson Russell.

Marie Knedler has been named president of the current CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center, and will continue as president of CHI Health Bergan Mercy and CHI Health Mercy-Council Bluffs. The new medical center is under construction and will open in June 2017.

Niles Paul was inducted into the 2016 Vikings of Distinction Hall of Fame at the North High Magnet School Alumni Association ceremony in May. Paul was a standout football player at the Omaha high school and for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Nick Whitney is a credit analyst in the Midtown branch of ACCESSbank in Omaha.

2011

Dee Aguilar, coordinator of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was a recipient of the 2016 CPCAS Alumni Award for Excellence in Public Service, presented by the gerontology department at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Jordan Burroughs hosted a wrestling clinic at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, New Jersey, in April. The gold medalist lives in Lincoln and is training for the upcoming Olympics in Brazil.

Caitlin C. Cedfeldt has joined the Omaha law firm Dvorak & Donovan Law Group LLC, where she specializes in real estate and corporate counseling.

Michael Corrigan has been hired by ACCESSbank in Omaha as a commercial banking officer, working from the Midtown branch.

Kellen Heideman, a civil engineer with Olsson Associates in Lincoln, has been promoted to associate engineer.

Kelsey Patton is the owner of Spindle, Shuttle and Needle in Stromsburg, a shop that sells spindles, knitting needles, looms and high-quality yarn.

Scott Shiffermiller of DLR Group is a director on the Lincoln chapter of the 2016 American Institute of Architects board of directors.

Justin Veik, an architectural engineer-mechanical in the Omaha office of Engineering Technologies Inc., has been promoted to senior associate.

2012

Lance Atwater was part of the Nebraska LEAD Program travel seminar that visited Hungary, Romania and Moldova in March. Nebraska LEAD is a two-year leadership development program for ag producers and agribusiness workers directed by the Nebraska



Joseph Curiale (right), a 2009 UNL graduate with a master's degree in music composition, conducted the Czech National Philharmonic Orchestra in Prague, April 19, in the world premiere of his master's thesis, a symphonic composition entitled "The Great Plains." He currently is a lecturer at LaSalle College of the Arts in Singapore where he teaches pop music history, music production, music business, and popular performance. A three-time CNN Hero nominee, and an Emmy Award-nominated composer, arranger and producer of music for film, TV and audio recordings, with 26 years of experience in Hollywood, Joseph has worked with more than 100 well-known artists.

Agricultural Leadership Council. Atwater, of Hastings, farms with his father raising popcorn, corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle.

Sam Cunningham has been selected as department manager for the production coating teams at Lincoln Industries, a metal finishing company in Lincoln.

Justin Hagedorn has joined Lincoln-based architecture, engineering and interior design company Davis Design as a construction administrator.

Keri Hagemann was promoted to loan officer in the south Lincoln branch of Pinnacle Bank.

Amanda Kermoade has joined ACCESSbank as a portfolio manager in the Midtown branch in Omaha.

Ryan Pettit is in management at Noodles and Company in Vancouver, Washington.

Morgan Rolfes, Le Mars, Iowa, is a missionary for Focus, a Catholic outreach mission for college students.

2013

Stuart Bernstein was a recipient of a 2016 Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Bernstein is an associate professor in UNO's College of Engineering.

Megan Conway is co-anchor at KLNK-TV, the Lincoln ABC affiliate.

Ryan Farnum, a civil engineer with Olsson Associates in Lincoln, has been promoted to associate engineer.

Hannah Huston, a teacher at Arnold Elementary School in Lincoln, was a finalist on "The Voice," NBC's singing contest.

Taylor Price was promoted to senior credit analyst loan representative at West Gate Bank in Lincoln.

Kirby Reardon has been promoted to senior loan analyst manager at West Gate Bank in Lincoln.

Greg Stevens, Lincoln, was welcomed to the staff of South Lincoln Dermatology Clinic as a physician assistant; he was certified earlier this year.

2014

□ **Haley Ostergard Kruse** is an attorney with the Lincoln law firm of Rembolt Ludtke LLP.

Haley Mendlik has joined the staff of Archbishop Bergan High School in Fremont and oversees the world languages program teaching Spanish 1, 2, 3 and 4 courses.

Amy Pettit is a centralized receiving associate at Borsheim's Jewelry in Omaha.

Michaela Willis has been chosen as vice president of student affairs at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

2015

□ **Masayoshi Ishikawa** of Lincoln was a finalist in the 2016 Jacksonville (Florida) Jazz Piano Competition.

Max Maguire has rejoined the Lincoln office of marketing communications agency Swanson Russell as an associate digital producer.

Brittany Pettit is an account executive at Fisher Investments in Vancouver, Washington.

WEDDINGS

Dennis Morrison, '69, and **Kristi Dingwell Davis**, '69, Dec. 31, 2013. The couple lives in Morristown, New Jersey.

Alex Beckman and **Jennifer Coe**, '03, Oct. 2, 2015. The couple lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

Callan Wayman, '07, and Sarah Spencer, July 25, 2015. The couple lives in Scottsbluff.

Ryan Pettit, '12, and **Brittany Schave**, '15, Sept. 6, 2015. The couple lives in Vancouver, Washington.

Jack Arterburn, '14, and **Emily Steffen**, '15, Jan. 3. The couple lives in Lincoln.

BIRTHS

■ **Ryan**, '00, and ■ **Olivia Clark Gottsch**, '99, their sixth child, a son, Joshua Allen, Jan. 18. The family lives in Omaha.

■ **Michael**, '06, and ■ **Haley Nelson Armstrong**, '06, their second child, second son, Connor Philip, April 25. The family lives in Elkhorn.

■ **Clay Stevens**, '06, and ■ **Shannon Cummins**, '05, '07, '12, their second child, second son, Wren Hamilton, April 21. The family lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

DEATHS

Marie Fricke Knox, '36, Skaneateles, New York, Feb. 15, 2015.

Richard O. Fischer, '37, Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 13.

Phyllis Baker Lundstrom, '39, Sun City, Arizona, Jan. 30.

Donald V. Helgeson, '41, Cocoa Beach, Florida, Jan. 11.

James L. Jezl, '41, Saint Charles, Illinois, Nov. 13, 2015.

Doris Hallsted Rawalt, '41, Chadron, April 5.

Alan H. Andrew, '42, Portola Valley, California, Feb. 7.

Richard D. Earl, '43, Lincoln, April 23.

Adeline Brunken Mallett, '45, Vancouver, Washington, July 8, 2015.

N. Blair Munhofen, '45, Williamsburg, Virginia, Feb. 14.

Julianne Gustafson Carlson, '46, Axtell, April 19.

Mary Hinman Winchell, '46, Beatrice, March 4.

Carroll D. Erickson, '47, Omaha, July 1, 2015.

Cleve K. Genzlinger, '47, La Mesa, California, Sept. 24, 2015.

Ann Jennings Walters, '47, Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 17.

Glenn E. Clark, '48, Corvallis, Oregon, March 9.

Jeanne Secord Dillman, '48, Kansas City, Missouri, Feb. 19.

Helen Pretzer Dvorak, '48, Lincoln, March 8.

Robert W. Havens, '48, Tallahassee, Florida, May 3.

Donald F. Huffman, '48, Phoenix, May 1.

Eugene R. Johnson, '48, Pueblo, Colorado, Jan. 3.

Harry E. Knudsen, '48, Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 2, 2015.

Robert C. Trenchard, '48, Blue Hill, Sept. 29, 2015.

Joann Kelly Alexander, '49, Canon City, Colorado, Jan. 24.

Charles L. Braucher, '49, Athens, Georgia, March 5.

Carl W. Dantzier, '49, Lincoln, April 14.

Gail Jackson Fullerton, '49, Coos Bay, Oregon, Jan. 1.

Charles W. Mohrman, '49, Fargo, North Dakota, April 6.

Elaine Sabatka Montgomery, '49, Northridge, California, March 30, 2015.

Karl S. Quisenberry, '49, Asheville, North Carolina, Feb. 18.

George A. Shaw, '49, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, Feb. 23.

Lois Cook Stanton, '49, Greenville, Michigan, Jan. 9.

Gladys Gustafson Thompson, '49, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Feb. 21.

Erich A. Von Fange, '49, Adrian, Michigan, Sept. 15, 2015.

William K. Brinkman, '50, Strang, Jan. 4.

Alan L. Clem, '50, Vermillion, South Dakota, April 11.

Doris Heller Fischer, '50, Lincoln, April 17.

Paul J. Fridrich, '50, Coralville, Iowa, April 19.

Wallace J. Kruger, '50, Lincoln, March 11.

Harry A. Larson, '50, Lincoln, April 16.

Harold B. Myers, '50, Ventura, California, Sept. 24, 2015.

Irving L. Reis, '50, Helena, Montana, June 24, 2015.

Vondalie Endres Robertson, '50, Laramie, Wyoming, Oct. 8, 2015.

J. Richard R. Spellman, '50, Lincoln, March 27.

Marilyn Cropper Asprooth, '51, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 19.

Eugene B. Berman, '51, Enfield, Connecticut, Sept. 14, 2015.

Harry F. Kenyon, '51, Mitchell, Jan. 7.

Norman P. Nelson, '51, Lincoln, March 16.

Ruth Purney Anderson, '52, Ontario, Oregon, Feb. 26.

John F. Kucera, '52, Omaha, March 20.

Herman R. Kurth, '52, Carlsbad, California, April 11.

Rex G. Messersmith, '52, Lincoln, April 15.

Don W. Petersen, '52, Akron, Ohio, April 29.

Richard G. Tomlinson, '52, Portage, Michigan, Jan. 16.

Shirley Miles Umberger, '52, Omaha, Feb. 18.

Dorothy Gartrell Van Dyck, '52, Denton, Texas, Jan. 24.

Donald E. Werner, '52, Omaha, April 23.

Ruth Sorensen Wilson, '52, Rochester, Minnesota, March 11.

Lois D. Johnson, '53, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oct. 18, 2015.

Churley Jones, '53, Mission Viejo, California, Dec. 18, 2015.

Otto L. Apfelbeck, '54, Lima, Ohio, Feb. 24.

Charles W. Beam, '54, Osseo, Minnesota, June 24, 2015.

Thomas E. Johnson, '54, Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 2.

Arthur C. Schmieding, '54, Third Lake, Illinois, March 1.

Jean Davis Wirsig, '54, Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 25, 2015.

Edwin R. Lewis, '55, Falls Church, Virginia, Jan. 20.

John T. Anderson, '56, Ontario, Ontario, Feb. 11.

Paul D. Dunlap, '56, Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 17.

Richard R. Merritt, '56, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 12.

Robert N. Blomstrand, '57, Sierra Vista, Arizona, April 19.

James M. Harvey, '57, Golden, Colorado, June 9, 2015.

James O. Leslie, '57, Lincoln, March 27.

Daryl E. Carroll, '58, Littleton, Colorado, March 24.

Robert A. Christiansen, '58, Lincoln, April 26.

Melvin F. Earnest, '58, Wichita Falls, Texas, May 5.

J.C.O. Graver, '58, Omaha, Feb. 19.

Leonard C. Lindgren, '58, Avon, Indiana, April 30.

Richard L. Nelson, '58, Lincoln, May 10.

Lamoyne J. Post, '58, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Feb. 14.

Robert R. Wilson, '58, Lincoln, April 29.

Gary L. Bannister, '59, Boerne, Texas, March 5.

Roderick E. Blakeney, '59, Fort Mohave, Arizona, July 25, 2015.

Richard H. Burton, '59, Lincoln, March 3.

Ralph L. Delimont, '59, Thousand Oaks, California, Oct. 4, 2015.

Earl E. Eno, '59, Ballwin, Missouri, Feb. 27.

Robert L. Lueking, '59, Holdrege, April 21.

Richard J. McKee, '59, Longmont, Colorado, Dec. 26, 2015.

Ralph M. Olson, '59, Lincoln, March 4.

Wilfred M. Schutz, '59, Lincoln, April 25.

Dewain C. Cisney, '60, Tempe, Arizona, April 7.

Frank D. Haack, '60, Grand Island, May 4.

Robert W. Hansen, '60, Denton, May 9.

Harvey O. Heimer, '60, El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4, 2015.

Valjean Bednar McKeever, '60, Wymore, March 2.

Duane F. Neuman, '60, Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 6, 2015.

Ann M. Christy, '61, Phoenix, April 1.

George G. Rothwell, '61, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 16, 2015.

Wilma Nichols Sandifer, '61, Monroe Township, New Jersey, March 31.

John R. Allington, '62, Lincoln, Feb. 27.

William E. Bonnstetter, '62, Paola, Kansas, Feb. 6.

Roy E. Cook, '62, East Granby, Connecticut, Feb. 15.

Richard J. Stacy, '62, Kearney, March 17.

Gary A. Greder, '63, North Platte, March 5.

James E. Nickel, '63, Helena, Montana, Sept. 19, 2015.

Raymond L. Peterson, '63, Tucson, Arizona, April 1.

Lauma Deksnis Sautins, '63, Centennial, Colorado, Aug. 24, 2015.

George E. Uhlig, '63, Daphne, Alabama, March 14.

Donald C. Casey, '64, Buxton, North Carolina, Jan. 29.

J. William J. Henry, '64, Omaha, March 8.

David B. Lederer, '64, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 5.

Robert E. Wright, '64, Lincoln, April 16.

Stephen L. Adams, '65, S. Sioux City, April 30.

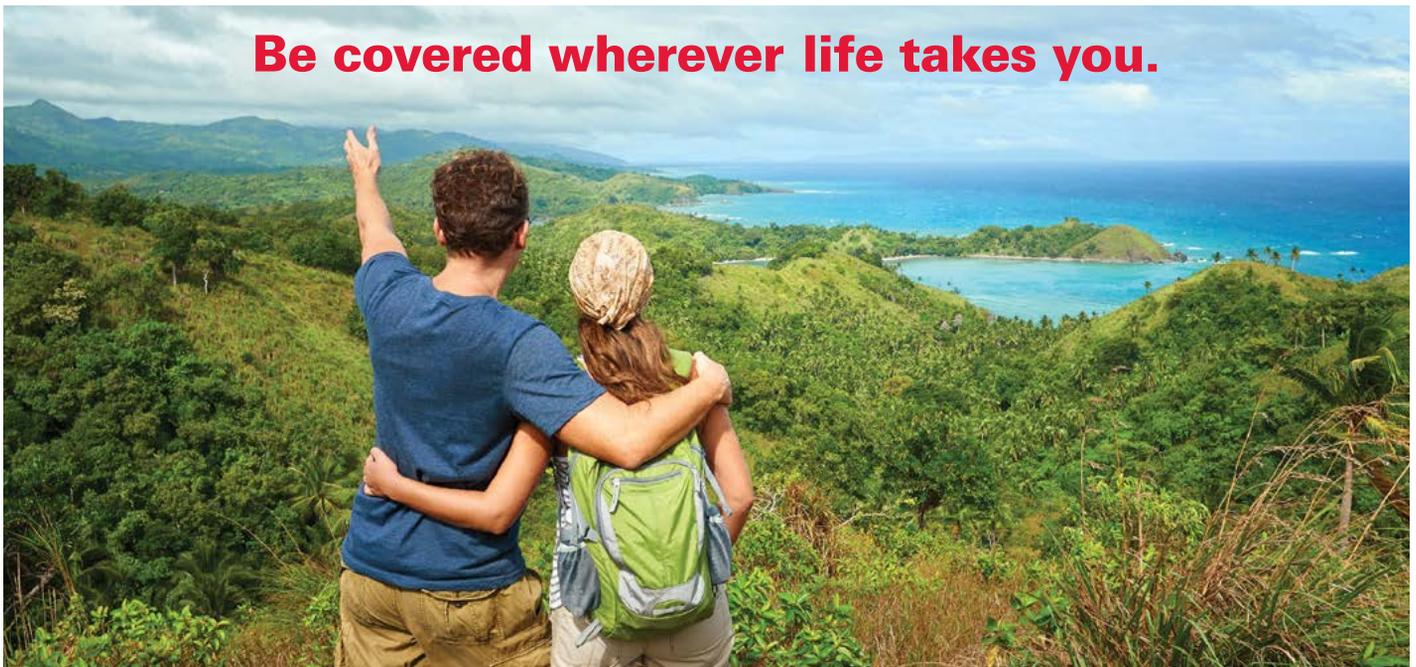
Krishna A. Birusingh, '65, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 20.

Elsie Huebert Epp, '65, Henderson, April 15.

John W. O'Brien, '65, Osceola, March 20.

Mearle Shoebottom Rush, '65, Lincoln, March 18.

Leon E. Scott, '65, Le Mars, Iowa, March 25.



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Lela Bachle Blas, '66, Beatrice, April 1.

Jon H. Bohlke, '66, Hastings, April 19.

Alan J. Booth, '66, State College, Pennsylvania, Dec. 23, 2015.

Kenneth L. Bouc, '66, Omaha, April 8.

Roger A. Burke, '66, Alvin, Texas, April 15.

Thomas A. Ernst, '66, Lincoln, April 1.

Erich E. Helge, '66, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 18.

Charles R. Kleveland, '66, Chester, Feb. 26.

Linda K. Leners, '66, Stockton, California, March 18, 2015.

Karen Lanning Longstein, '66, Omaha, April 10.

James D. Ochsner, '66, Omaha, April 3.

Adele Eye Petracek, '66, Lincoln, March 10.

Mabel Whittaker Stansbury, '66, Lincoln, March 29.

Lyle L. Babka, '67, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, May 31, 2015.

Charles M. Godwin, '67, Lincoln, May 9.

Genevieve Vossler Hogg, '67, Lincoln, April 18.

Barbara Bitner Leslie, '67, Kennewick, Washington, Feb. 9.

Darwin C. Salestrom, '67, Lincoln, May 1.

Gerald L. Abegg, '68, Westford, Massachusetts, Jan. 2.

Carroll G. French, '68, Atkinson, Oct. 8, 2015.

Marilyn Pickett Koehn, '68, Santa Rosa, California, March 30.

Robert D. Mack, '68, Omaha, March 18.

Billene Zinsmaster Nemecek, '68, Lincoln, Feb. 18.

Virginia Bauer Norsworthy, '68, Lincoln, Feb. 19.

Mance R. Williams, '68, Houston, July 5, 2015.

Joseph F. Chytil, '69, Omaha, April 25.

Van L. Hesselgesser, '69, Scottsdale, Arizona, March 9.

Richard L. Holman, '69, New York City, March 7.

M. A. Glasgow Leininger, '69, Lincoln, April 12.

Byron L. Boslau, '70, Lincoln, May 10.

Larry D. Dankenbring, '70, Hebron, March 31.

Ronald G. Drakulich, '70, Shawnee, Kansas, April 30.

Judith Wasson Emert, '70, Phoenix, March 29.

Richard E. Griffin, '70, Snowmass Village, Colorado, Feb. 26.

Gale L. Krause, '70, Forest Grove, Oregon, April 18.

Roy E. Mehmken, '70, Lincoln, April 1.

Lynn E. Moore, '70, Long Pine, April 8.

Virginia M. Schulte, '70, Lincoln, May 3.

Catherine Cronin Davis, '71, Centennial, Colorado, March 29.

Wendy Pelisek Engles, '71, Auburn, April 30.

Keith D. Meininger, '71, Lincoln, April 19.

Karalee Shaner Schafer, '71, Lone Tree, Colorado, Jan. 24.

Glenn L. Shaneyfelt, '71, Norfolk, April 26.

Gerry L. Tice, '71, Lincoln, April 9.

Kamlesh Nijhawan Verma, '71, San Jose, California, Dec. 17, 2015.

Aloah Richters Welch, '71, Elkhorn, March 8.

Kenneth S. Cada, '72, Westerville, Ohio, March 30.

Robert D. Glaesemann, '72, Fairbury, March 24, 2015.

Larry M. Hammer, '72, Omaha, April 10.

Duane L. Hartman, '72, Lincoln, March 14.

George R. Hoag, '72, Eagle, March 30.

Anne Wellensiek Johnson, '72, Lincoln, Dec. 14, 2015.

Jerry J. McDole, '72, Red Cloud, March 16.

Debra Hulbert Turner, '72, Lincoln, Jan. 31.

Michael B. Gear, '73, Omaha, March 6.

W. Peter Guthmann, '73, Morrisville, Vermont, March 29.

Carolyn S. Mountjoy, '73, Norfolk, Oct. 18, 2015.

William H. Rose, '73, Citrus Heights, California, April 11.

John H. Baldus, '74, Lincoln, May 4.

Steven M. Meyers, '74, Ballwin, Missouri, March 11.

Robert J. Olson, '74, Grand Island, April 5.

Harold D. Terry, '74, Peoria, Arizona, April 3.

Mark S. Doak, '75, Lincoln, Feb. 29.

Leon E. Gallagher, '75, Omaha, Jan. 27, 2015.

Nancy A. Nielsen, '75, Plattsmouth, April 8.

John P. Shaw, '75, Lincoln, March 9.

Dale O. Simonson, '75, Saint Paul, April 4.

Robert C. Steinmeier, '75, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 12.

Robert F. Holbert, '76, Lincoln, Feb. 27.

Jon R. Kreimer, '77, Lincoln, April 5.

James G. Patterson, '77, Rockwall, Texas, Dec. 23, 2015.

Dominic J. Zangari, '77, Lincoln, March 31.

Ernest A. Berry, '78, Fairbanks, Alaska, March 23, 2015.

Mark A. Fouts, '78, Divide, Montana, Feb. 24.

Christy Opland Hammer, '78, Omaha, April 10.

Werner E. Kitzler, '78, Vermillion, South Dakota, Oct. 29, 2015.

Susan Pearman Fernandez, '79, Rosharon, Texas, Feb. 28, 2015.

David L. Peterson, '79, Grand Island, April 3.

Lynn Williams Schlater, '79, Lincoln, March 9.

Dallas C. Schnabel, '79, Omaha, March 2.

Sally Bokemper Hakel, '80, Lincoln, April 18.

Maureen Scanlon Kirk, '80, Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin, March 14.

Rick A. Walla, '80, Milford, March 3.

Joann Bowling Fosnaugh, '81, Walton, March 19.

Daniel W. Evans, '83, Gilbert, Arizona, March 8.

Marvin E. Kanne, '84, Lincoln, Feb. 25.

Michele Spires Woollen, '84, Lincoln, Feb. 12.

James R. Havens, '85, Peoria, Arizona, April 8.

Marguerite L. Washington, '85, Omaha, Feb. 13.

Carolyn Rogers Davis, '86, Lincoln, March 1.

Robert D. Fladby, '86, Papillion, May 2.

John H. Harroun, '86, Lincoln, May 1.

James E. Maiefski, '87, Phoenix, April 4.

Kelly R. Outson, '88, Doniphan, Dec. 18, 2015.

Paula Jaksich Robinson, '88, Solana Beach, California, March 20.

Priscilla A. Allen, '89, Lincoln, March 6.

Theresa Macchietto Fitzgerald, '89, Omaha, Feb. 24.

Daniel D. Boardman, '90, Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota, June 18, 2015.

Gary M. Tunnison, '91, Lincoln, March 16.

Errol Hazen, '92, Norfolk, June 19, 2015.

Kathleen M. Dungan, '93, Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 20.

Richard D. Bernt, '94, Lincoln, March 7.

Joel R. Hoerth, '94, San Carlos, California, Aug. 27, 2015.

George T. Watson, '94, McKinney, Texas, Feb. 29.

Ladd L. Hershner, '95, Utica, April 9.

Marnie Simms Friel, '96, Papillion, Feb. 29.

Crystal Roberson Simpson, '10, Omaha, April 22.

FACULTY DEATHS

Walter Bagley, professor emeritus of forestry, Feb. 29, Lincoln.

John Ballard, professor emeritus of engineering and former associate dean of the college, April 29, Lincoln.

Lawrence "Larry" Berger, professor emeritus of law, May 22, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mary Ellen Ahler Chambers Bodman, professor emeritus of interior design, Feb. 14, Lincoln.

Earl F. Ellington, CASNR associate dean emeritus and professor emeritus of animal science, Lincoln, June 14.

Delwyn "Del" Lynn Harnisch, professor of educational psychology, May 18, Lincoln.

Fred Holbert, professor emeritus of criminal justice, Feb. 27, Lincoln.

Robert Koch, professor emeritus of animal science and former department chair, March 10, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Allan McCutcheon, professor emeritus of statistics and survey research and methodology, May 3, Lincoln.

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