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NAU was one of four universities selected by the U.S. Department of Energy to participate in The Climatic Change Research Project to study the effects of global warming. NAU associate professors Bruce Hungate and George Koch are leading the charge.

Lake Powell through the arch.
—Photograph by Corbis International
What Matters Most

It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important. —Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Huddle up. NAU spring breakers aid victims of Katrina.

It seems that we only realize what is truly important to us when we are faced with disaster. With the annual multitude of fires and other devastating weather in the nation and around the world, I have entered a dialogue about what people would take if they had a limited amount of time to gather their most prized possessions. Evacuees take photos, artwork, childhood remembrances, jewelry, important papers and the like. It is not the “retail” goods that are important to us, but the things that evoke special times, places or people—our memories.

We hope you can join us this year for Homecoming, October 21, to solidify and rekindle your memories of NAU. We would love to see you, so make plans to join us on the mountain campus. A great variety of events and activities are planned (see the back cover for listing).

In this issue of PINE, read about the tremendous role NAU’s faculty play in monitoring climatic change (page 8). Live vicariously through two alumni whose day jobs included the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino (page 12). And learn how the class clown became a successful radio personality (page 14). We are humbled to bring you photos and updates from the amazing work of NAU students in hurricane-ravaged Mississippi in Journeys (page 16). And as always, join us in celebrating your classmates’ successes in Connections (page 18) and remember those whom we have lost in Memoirs (page 21). I leave you with a message from our MCMURRY CEO, Heidi Shoen, ‘72.

Whenever we offer a reader’s survey, there’s some nail biting as we wait for results. We want you to like us, really like us. Because so much of our work life is dedicated to creating the magazine, it’s wonderful to hear that you appreciate its evolution (see results, page 7).

Please remember that you are always welcome to weigh in on PINE, alumni events, the Alumni Association in general, and the university’s present and future. Just email me at anne.walden@nau.edu, or send your comments via our website, naualumni.com/feedback. We look forward to hearing your side of the story.

Until next time,
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Fulbright Scholars, Pharaohs and Far Away Stars

Long ago and far away. This phrase aptly describes the research targets of NAU’s 2006-2007 Fulbright scholars, Professors Kathy DeGioia Eastwood and Eugene Cruz-Uribe.

Eastwood’s telescopic sights will take her to the University of La Serena in Chile, where she’ll teach a stellar astronomy course for the fall semester and continue her work: measuring massive stars only visible from the Southern Hemisphere.

Eastwood’s research determines the mass of stars by measuring their orbit around one another. Theoretical models are then compared to her research, which determines whether or not the theories were modeled correctly.

Phil Massey of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff collaborates with Eastwood in her research. “A theoretical understanding of these unusual stars is important to understanding the evolution of our galaxy and of the universe as a whole,” Eastwood says.

The layout of the stars surprised Eastwood the first time she visited South America. “My favorite constellations were upside down,” she laughs.

Cruz-Uribe will teach ancient history at Egypt’s South Valley University, while recording and translating Egyptian graffiti from historic sites dating back from 600 B.C. until A.D. 300. Written in demotic, the vernacular of the day, these writings reveal Egypt’s reaction to its loss of internal control and suppression by the Persians and later the Greeks and Romans. “The discovered texts provide the framework for analysis of social structures and change over time,” Cruz-Uribe says.

Popularly known as “The Egypt Guy,” Cruz-Uribe integrates the results of his research into the courses to bring the concepts to life for students. His ability to vivify history has brought him international acclaim; he was recently quoted in a Discovery News article on the recovery of the Tut mummy’s sex organ.

While in Egypt, Cruz-Uribe also hopes to host a study tour as part of NAUAA’s Travel Program. Those lucky enough to recall his guest turn at last year’s King Tut Exhibit event—he had the Tut crowd rocking, leading them in spelling out the hieroglyphic version of N-A-U: “Water! Vulture Sign! Quail Chick!”—will be eager to join him on another spirited quest.

UPDATE: Check in with the Alumni Office for details on a special trip to Egypt with Eugene Cruz-Uribe. It will fill up fast! 888-NAU-ALUM

To Be or Not to Be? Definitely to Be

Preliminary casting calls are out for the 30-year Theatre Reunion, set to premiere in spring or summer 2007. A variety of roles are available (Revelers, Reminiscers, Leading Ladies, Characters); stage managers and supernumeraries (beer-carriers?) are welcome. Have your agent contact reunion coordinator Erin Bertelsen, Erin.Bertelsen@nau.edu or Rev. Curt Miner, ’77, revcurt@mchsi.com.

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The NAUAA National Board of Directors is pleased to welcome four new members as of July 1, 2006. Each member will serve three years, with an option to re-up for a second three-year term:

- **Kimberly A. Ott, ’82**, Mass Communications, Flagstaff. Kim serves as Public Information Officer for the City of Flagstaff. She says, “I loved the quality education I received at NAU – the best university in the State of Arizona. Being a proud graduate and working to get other alumni involved and active is a great way for me to give back to NAU.”

- **Marvin Peterson, ’61 & ’70**, Elementary Education, Redding, Calif. Marvin retired in 2001 as Superintendent/Principal of the Igo-Ono-Platina School District. “I was born and raised in Flagstaff, and probably spent more time on campus than some of the staff. No matter which organization I was in at NAU, we spent most of our time on traditions and service, helping others.”

- **The Honorable Daniel Slayton, ’78 & ’91**, Sociology and Justice Studies, Flagstaff. Dan is a Judge for the Coconino County Superior Court. “As a fourth-generation native of Flagstaff and third-generation graduate of NAU, I believe I bring a very deep sense of history and commitment...and would endeavor to encourage and reinforce that same sense of excitement, ownership and commitment to NAU in other alumni.”

- **Gary L. Tom, ’71 & ’75**, Music and Education, Fredonia, Ariz. Gary is Chairman of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians. “Education has always been a priority, and NAU has been a big part of that process to me. I have a particular concern that Indian students who attended NAU should be active and informed.”

We’d also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing board members for their outstanding service and invaluable friendship: Mark D. Popejoy ’93, Harry W. Sloan, Jr. ’72, The Honorable John T. Sprott ’59, and John A. Trujillo ’92.

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**CALLING ALL NEWSHOUNDS**

Even though the PINE is now a quarterly publication, we know that’s not enough for your inquiring minds. Fortunately, our access to new technology is allowing the NAUAA to keep pace with news on the gallop, through our cutting edge e-newsletters:

- Now in its fifth year, the inimitable Louie-News is a fast, timely, and occasionally playful monthly e-newsletter dedicated to alumni events, university news and athletics, spotlights on university initiatives and reflections on the people and ideas that create NAU’s remarkable community. Get on the inside track at naualumni.com/LouieNewsletterSignup.

- **NAU Alumni Who’s News** is our new monthly online publication, dedicated to the latest alumni happenings—weddings, births, alumni gatherings, new jobs, job promotions and more—from NAU alumni around the world. Compiled in an easy-to-read format (no ads or editorials) and organized by class year, Who’s News keeps you informed about the friends and classmates who made your college years extraordinary. Sign up now at naualumni.com/wn.

The NAUAA online newsletters are available free, in both graphic and text formats. Stay connected with friends and classmates and the dynamic NAU universe. Subscribe today!
In a dead cert, fair dinkum trip Down Under, the NAU Shrine of the Ages Choir, under the direction of Dr. Edith A. Copley, will tour Australia and New Zealand in May 2007. Alumni and friends are invited to accompany their “mates” on this incredible adventure.

The tour begins on the North Island of New Zealand, with concerts in Auckland and Napier. NZ stops include Kelly Tarlton’s Underwater World & Antarctic Encounter, the Auckland Museum, the Sky Tower, the Wairakei Thermal area in Rotorua, Huka Falls, the glowworm caves and a Maori Hangi Feast and Concert.

Next stop is Sydney, Australia, where the group will perform with a local university choir and chamber orchestra. They’ll tour the famous Sydney Opera House, with the option of buying opera tickets for an unforgettable evening. In Melbourne they’ll visit Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary, St. Paul’s and St. Patrick’s Cathedrals, Parliament House, the Botanical Gardens, and Victoria Market, ending on a harmonious note with a second concert accompanied by chamber orchestra.

Shrine and University Chorale alumni are invited to sing the final set of the concert.

Cost per person is $3,450, including round-trip airfare from Phoenix, internal flights to and from Australia, full breakfast and dinner every day, motor coaches in New Zealand and Australia, and all tips and entrance fees.

Pack your kit and call today—the wonders of Oz await!

To learn more, please contact the NAU Choral Studies office at 928-523-2642.

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Travel Opportunities

**China Discovery**
April 25 - May 5, 2007
Experience the magic that has drawn travelers to “the mysterious East” for centuries. Begin in Beijing and journey to Xi’an; then cruise for three nights on the Yangtze River and explore exotic Shanghai.

**Alumni Campus Abroad: Italy**
May 25 - June 5, 2007
Bella Italia beckons with la dolce vita! Spend five days in both Sorrento and Orvieto—an exclusive educational, cultural and travel experience.

**Scandinavia Discovery**
July 26 - August 5, 2007
Experience the romance and drama of the Nordic lands. Enjoy first-class accommodations while visiting Norway’s most beautiful cities, Bergen and maritime Oslo, and then it’s on to cosmopolitan Stockholm.

**Alumni Campus Abroad: Rhine River Cruise**
September 19 - 27, 2007
Sail the legendary Rhine River from historic Bonn, Germany to the beautiful French city of Strasbourg aboard the Dutch river cruiser MS Heinrich Heine. Special lectures at unique locations will enhance your insight into this remarkable region.

For more information on these or future travel programs, please call 888-NAU-ALUM (628-2586) or email Beth.Martin@nau.edu.

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You Said It

Many thanks to all who responded to our spring 2006 *PINE* Reader’s Survey. Congratulations to Chris Brooks, ’99 B.A.I.L.S., who won the $100 Amazon gift card. The survey results were both interesting and helpful, as we strategize the direction of future communications:

82.5% say that *PINE* has positively influenced their opinion of NAU.

42.2% keep *PINE* for future reference, and 41.1% pass along information from the magazine.

43.8% apparently haven’t visited the website, naualumni.com—and we’re thinkin’ it’s time you did!

95.7% of respondents rated *PINE* articles interesting to very interesting.

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Photograph by Andrew Ward/Life File
The way Bruce Hungate sees it, global warming is more than a discussion for politicians or just another item on the six o’clock news. “It has the potential to radically change life on earth and impact plants and animals in a profound way,” says the associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at NAU. “It’s important that we understand how global warming affects precipitation, changes in the atmosphere and how plants, animals and microorganisms respond and react.”

Hungate is determined to find answers to today’s vexing questions. He and fellow NAU associate professor George Koch have spent years investigating how greenhouse gases impact atmospheric and climatic change. Now, they’re leading a broader initiative to make sense of today’s rising global temperatures, melting ice packs and changing temperature and precipitation patterns. NAU is one of four national universities—along with Duke, Penn State and Michigan Tech—that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has selected as a regional center for the National Institute for Climatic Change Research (NICCR).

The climate study promises to influence both scientific understanding and public policy. Sponsored by the DOE’s Office of Biological and Environmental Research, The Climatic Change Research Project will fund approximately $42 million in grants over the next five years. Scientists will examine the effects of potential climatic changes on U.S. terrestrial ecosystems and how terrestrial...
BRUCE HUNGATE
Title: Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences.
Education: A B.A. in music and English from Stanford University, a B.S. in biological sciences and a Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley.
Expertise: Ecosystem processes, particularly biogeochemical responses to global changes, such as rising atmospheric carbon dioxide, climate change and altered land use.
On his work: “It’s rewarding to shape the future of climatic research.”

GEORGE KOCH
Title: Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences.
Education: A B.S. and Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Stanford University.
Expertise: Over the last 14 years, he has studied the effects of carbon dioxide on plants and terrestrial ecosystems—having worked for Swedish research institute International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme before coming to NAU.
On his work: “This initiative will help us understand how ongoing and predicted changes in climate will affect the distribution of forests, grasslands and deserts.”
ecosystems affect climatic systems. NAU’s regional office will oversee approximately $8 million in grants, which cover a 13-state Western region, including Alaska and Hawaii. Says Hungate: “There is a tremendous amount of climatic change research going on in the U.S. The challenge is for everyone to pull the data together and figure out what it means. This project goes a long way toward making the goal a reality.” Adds Koch, who specializes in plant ecophysiology: “This project has the potential to make a significant impact. It is a coordinated effort among the scientific community.”

**Winds of Change**

Although global warming is a controversial topic, the disagreement isn’t over whether it exists but how it is changing the planet. Over the last few years, powerful hurricanes, extreme temperature variations and marked differences in precipitation patterns have become commonplace. Retreat-ing ice caps and changing ocean currents have forced scientists and policymakers to examine possible outcomes. “There’s a need to better understand changes in terrestrial ecosystems,” says Jeffrey S. Amthor, Program Manager for the NICCR.

**Weather’s Wrath**

Unless you’ve been living in the storm cellar for the last decade, you’ve encountered headlines about extreme weather and climatic shifts. It’s changes of this nature that make the work of NAU weather researchers and others so important. “Ecological and environmental research could prove invaluable as global warming takes hold,” says George Koch. Here are a few sobering weather stats:

- **Storm Warning** Last year, 28 tropical storms pounded the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, an all-time record. Fifteen developed into hurricanes, including three “superstorms” that reached Category 3 (111 to 130 miles per hour). The worst, Katrina, briefly reached Category 5 and destroyed much of New Orleans and parts of the Gulf Coast. Likewise, record numbers of tornadoes have hit the U.S. in recent years.

- **Heat Wave** Temperatures have shattered records in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere. Scientists say that the ongoing release of “greenhouse gases” has increased global temperatures to record levels and led to the melting of ice at the poles...and beyond. In fact, Greenland’s glaciers are melting twice as fast as in the mid-1980s. Researchers at UC Berkeley report that the average worldwide temperature could spike by nearly 14 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the 21st century.

- **Growing Concerns** As ocean levels rise, many prime agricultural areas will be threatened and urban areas, from Manhattan to Miami, could wind up under water. Already, global warming is killing vineyards in southern Spain and forcing vintners to move to cooler regions of the Pyrenees Mountains. In Africa, crop failures have increased and the threat of famine is growing.
According to Hungate, the project will focus on four primary areas: the actual changes taking place in climates; how various ecosystems will adapt, move or evolve; how changes in carbon dioxide (CO₂) will affect plants, animals and microorganisms; and what all the data, information and knowledge mean when researchers examine the big picture. “It’s important to determine how big of a problem global warming is and how it might affect food, water and resources,” Hungate says.

A key scientific concern lies in understanding the relationship between living organisms and global warming. “When we ask the question, ‘How much warmer will the earth become over the next 50 or 100 years?’ a lot of factors enter into the equation,” Hungate says. “Part of the puzzle is how much CO₂ humans will release into the atmosphere. But the other component is how plants, animals and soils will react.”

NAU’s role in the project is central to its success. Each regional center is responsible for weighing grant applications and making project funding decisions. Since the NAU regional center was established in August 2005, Hungate and Koch have sifted through more than 90 solicitations of interest from various universities and research institutions and pored over 25 proposals. “Researchers have submitted many interesting and worthwhile projects,” Koch says.

In May, the center announced that it will award four major grants totaling about $350,000. Recipients include NAU biology professor Neil S. Cobb, who will study pinyon pine forests along the Colorado Plateau; University of Wyoming assistant professor of botany Kina Ogle, who will explore desert ecosystems of the Southwestern U.S.; Russell K. Monson, a professor of biology at the University of Colorado, who will examine subalpine forest ecosystems; and Edward Schuur, an assistant professor of ecosystem ecology at the University of Florida, who will study black spruce forests.

**Climate Control**

When NICCR announced its climatic research project in 2005, Hungate and Koch decided that they wanted to take an active role in guiding its future. “It’s an opportunity to set a direction for an important area of research and science,” Koch explains. In May 2005, the pair submitted a proposal to make NAU one of the four regional centers and the NICCR selected the school through an open peer review and evaluation process. Today, the two researchers review grant requests and oversee the selection process.

They also communicate with officials at the other regional centers. Says Rob Jackson, a professor in the department of biology at Duke University: “Although DOE split the U.S. into four regions of research, we know that questions about the environment don’t stop at state boundaries. We work closely to coordinate our research.” The peer-review research papers that result from the grants will play an important role in setting public policy in the future.

“The goal is to make the research results available to the scientific community and to the general public, mainly through peer-reviewed publications,” says Amthor. While NICCR focuses only on the basic science, “The information is used by policymakers and the public as they see fit,” he says. NAU has received funding to run the center through 2011. During that time span, Hungate and Koch hope to oversee somewhere between 20 and 30 projects. Concludes Koch: “It’s an exciting opportunity and one that will pay dividends for years to come.”

Although **global warming** is a controversial topic, the disagreement isn’t over whether it exists but **how it is changing the planet.**
Mike Jankowski, ‘98 B.S., doesn’t use snowboarding slang during our interview, but you can feel it lurking at the fringes. His laid-back delivery embodies this “sick” (cool, awesome) sport, born of the freewheeling skateboard/surfing tradition. In the Torino games, Jankowski helped forge this joyous rogue element into a new Olympic tradition as assistant coach of U.S. Snowboarding, and now looks to keep the team “dialed-in”—tuned to perfection—as its head coach.

Jankowski was introduced to snowboarding at Snowbowl’s Hart Prairie during his freshman year at NAU. Soon he was an instructor. At the same time, he immersed himself in the Outdoor Leadership track of NAU’s Parks and Recreation Management program. Helmed by Prof. Pam Foti, the program trains students to work as leaders, guides and educators in outdoor environments. “We had a great class at NAU. Leading outdoor trips with Pam, backpack trips, river trips, worked well for me. Because Flagstaff was such an athletic town, it helped my interest in coaching.”

After graduating in 1998, Jankowski was hired as head freestyle coach at the Stratton Mountain School in Vermont. A sort of Hogwarts for Alpine athletes, the school gave him the opportunity to work with better and better riders—among them, a young Lindsey Jacobellis, who went on to silver medal fame in Torino’s grueling Snowboard Cross.

Road to Glory Runs Downhill

Even though the ethos of snowboarding is very much outside the box, Jankowski has followed a neatly linear progression in his career. He worked with the Junior National and Junior Olympic teams, signing on as assistant halfpipe coach for U.S. Snowboarding in ’03.

“My life path has fortunately taken me to the Olympic experience. I’ve been able to gravitate towards it,” he says. The Torino games were “a very dramatic experience for everyone,” says Jankowski. “The team isn’t actually selected until three or four weeks before the Games, and it doesn’t seem like it’s actually going to happen. I remember Shaun White (aka the Flying Tomato) was in a fog, but when we got our uniforms he said, ‘Now I really feel like I’m part of the team.’”

Jankowski notes that with so many extraordinary individuals on the roster, such as White and Danny Kass, who recently got President Bush to autograph a Bush bobblehead doll, “We definitely had a bit of status, and everybody was happy to meet us. We had a leadership role there, winning medals early on, and setting a precedent for the whole country and the whole games.”

Upon head coach Robert “Bud” Keene’s retirement this year, Jankowski readily assumed his own key leadership role. Looking to Vancouver in 2010, he emphasizes a flexible strategy: “We’re going to have to change with the times, and keep the organization progressive.”

Still, for both coach and athletes, snowboarding is more than a sport. “It’s not about [orders] coming from the coaches or the CEO. It’s about the riders, their heart and soul. They’re the pilot, the masters of their fate, pushing it because they love it and want to take it to the next level.”

Jankowski grins, and you can almost hear him thinking, “Phat!”
Michele Gleich, ’92 B.S.: A Family Business

When we ask Michele Gleich for sound bites, she understands perfectly. A savvy veteran of the media trenches, Gleich has parlayed a longtime love of both sports and broadcasting into a thriving career as an Olympic announcer—a success made sweeter by her professional collaboration with husband Carl F. Roepke, III, a former member of the U.S. Luge team.

Gleich vividly recalls the instant of her professional genesis. “I was 10 years old, watching the Olympics, and I thought, ‘That is what I want to do with my life.’ I had to be involved somehow with this thing I barely understood, but I felt the passion in my gut and my heart.”

Her vision was intensified when she was a broadcast journalism major at NAU, as the university exposed her to a lifestyle that was to be the subtext of her work. “Flagstaff and NAU are about being out in the mountains. My friends and I found many outdoor activities and extreme sports…it was just a way to blow off stress. But it became a huge fundamental part of how I live my life now.”

More “March of the Penguins” than CNN

Gleich eagerly recalls her own maverick inclination and “the amalgamation of profs” who encouraged her reportorial style. “They would assign us to shoot the news. My classmates would cover car accidents, robberies, domestic violence. But I would shoot a documentary of my friends climbing or kayaking, or a nature reel on the red mountain squirrel.

“The professors would reprimand me in front of the class—‘That’s not exactly what I assigned,’ but afterwards they would say, ‘You’re really onto something here. This is your vision, your personal passion. Stick with it. It’s going to take you far!’”

Sure enough, Gleich landed her first postgrad job working for National Geographic as production assistant, creating rock climbing, kayaking and backcountry skiing films. “My dream job was my first job,” muses Gleich. “You think, where do I go from here? But [the exposure] allowed me to pursue my goal of working with the Olympics.”

For Gleich, “The entire Torino Games were a highlight! My husband and I worked together in a tiny broadcasting booth announcing bobsled, luge and skeleton.” Next came the Paralympics (announcing alpine ski racing and sled hockey). But although the couple offered to stay and help with the setup, the Torino powers-that-be encouraged them to travel Italy during the interval: “They insisted, ‘You’re the talent!’ Definitely a high point in our career.”

A longtime volunteer, coach and personal friend of many Paralympic athletes, Gleich was thrilled to announce their medal-winning races. “They’re the real sports luminaries to me. Just the fact that they are going on with their lives make them role models. It’s not the big names, it’s the big spirits that are important.”

During the Games, Gleich and Roepke were pregnant with their first child. “It was amazing to know that my professional and personal goals were all being met at the same, exact moment.”

Now, while awaiting their next-generation luge-champion-broadcaster at home in Park City, Utah, Gleich is writing a book on women in sports.

The Center and the World

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) recently selected NAU as its sixth Community Partner. As Director of the Center for High Altitude Training Natalie Harlan explains, this designation kept the Center’s staff traveling:

• The first U.S. Olympic Community Partner meetings for all the designated cities was June 21-23 in La Jolla, Calif. Harlan and alum and chair of the Center’s National Advisory Board, Chris Bavasi, learned about opportunities to host Olympic events.

• Harlan and Assistant Director Sean Anthony attended the Olympic Assembly June 23-24, for updates on the State of the Olympic Movement and preparations for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

• The next USOC/NAU Altitude Training Symposium will be held September 27-29, 2006 in Colorado Springs. The session will focus on practical application issues associated with altitude training as a means of performance enhancement.

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Tell me about your time at NAU.

I transferred to NAU in the early 1980s and spent 2 1/2 years there. I loved it. It was far enough from home that I felt like I was away, and yet it wasn’t so far that I couldn’t go home on the weekends and do laundry. I met a couple guys working at the public station in Phoenix who had gone through the program at NAU and highly recommended it. They sold me on the fact that NAU was the perfect atmosphere for learning broadcasting; you could really get hands-on in the student station and receive a well-rounded education. That turned out to be true. I really couldn’t have had a better experience than going to NAU. I think all the time about stuff that I learned there.

From the 1980s to now, the broadcast landscape has changed quite a bit. What do you think has changed for better or worse?
since you first began your career on the airwaves?

I work for KNIX, which is part of the biggest radio company in the world, Clear Channel Communications. When I first started, a single entity might own an FM and AM station. Now I work at a company that has more than 1,400 stations around the world and eight here in Phoenix alone. Their interests are on a bigger scale and how they measure success is different. Then, it was an “all for one, one for all” mentality within our building and everyone you saw that day had something to do with the final product and how well the station did. Now, it is much more global with many departments, layers and aspects of the business within the building. I almost feel like instead of a radio station, we’re a department within a Super Wal-Mart.

How did you choose Hattrick as your on-air last name?

When I left NAU, I started at KDKB in Phoenix as an intern and worked my way up to the morning show. After two weeks on the air the boss said, “I can’t tell what your name is when you say it on air, so I want you to pick one of these three names and start using it.” I picked Hattrick because I always liked hockey. The most ironic part was the guy who told me he couldn’t understand my name had a really difficult name to say.

You and your partner Willy have such great on-air chemistry. How did you first begin working together?

Willy and I met at a dinner party through a mutual friend who thought we might find each other funny. At the time, I worked at a station in Phoenix and needed a new radio partner because mine was leaving, and Willy had worked with a guy I was a big fan of, Jonathan Brandmeier, who had been in Phoenix a few years before that. We found out all of this during the dinner party, and I felt like we already knew each other a long time. From that night, we became golfing buddies and worked our way into being partners through a few different odd turns in the business. We’ve been working together since 1990.

You’ve been able to meet many country music legends. Who stands out in your mind?

We got to golf with Garth Brooks, I got to sing a duet with Wynonna [Judd] at one of our live shows, something I never expected. We also got to play guitar with Keith Urban, who has been great to us. Probably the biggest star and the nicest guy—and the biggest surprise to me—was Kenny Rogers. He came into the studio and hung out with us. He’s been a big star since I was in high school, and if there was anyone entitled to divalike behavior, it would be him. But he couldn’t have been cooler. He even said, “Make as much fun of me as you want, you can’t hurt me or take anything away from me, so have fun with it.”

You’ve won several major industry awards for your work. Is there one that’s particularly meaningful to you?

Right after Willy and I started on country radio in 1994, we won the Academy of Country Music award for Deejays of the Year. It is given to one radio show in the entire country and we wondered, “How on earth did we win this?” But it was eye opening. They had given us the award the night before the actual show. If you ever go to an awards show, get your hands on an award before you go. It is amazing what a kind of VIP pass that is! We won the same award last year, too.

If you weren’t a radio personality, what else could you see yourself doing?

I would be either a doctor or a fighter pilot—really, I have no idea. It is funny how I used to get yelled at in school for being the class clown, and I turned that into being the guy who gets paid to be a smart aleck. It is awesome.

Kid Stuff

When it comes to the Tim & Willy Kids Fun-Dation, self-proclaimed wiseguy Tim Hattrick gets serious: “Every year we do a Christmas performance and compile highlights from the show on a CD to sell and raise money. We formed the 501(c)(3) to improve the quality of life for children and use it to concentrate on charities that matter to us. In addition, two dental offices in town are donating all the money they receive from whitening procedures to our foundation. “Since its inception in February 2001, more than $700,000 has been raised. Our Fun-Dation board gets together to decide where the money goes. We have been lucky to be able to do this for so long and we don’t want to ruin our karma. It has been a great vehicle to give back.”
While many students opt for a sun-and-sand-filled spring break, 40 NAU students traveled to Hancock County, Miss., last March to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. For one week, students participating in NAU’s “Alternative Spring Break” worked from dawn to dusk gutting houses and moving debris and trash that was covered in thick mud and black mold. The group handled home demolition, drywalling, carpentry, roofing, and trash collection.

The visit was inspired by similar trips led by other universities. Ann Halbach, leadership coordinator of Associated Students of NAU, contacted Community Collaborations International (CCI), a nonprofit agency that works with universities and high schools on aid projects, and together they orchestrated the spring break excursion.

For all involved, it was a fulfilling and life-changing adventure.

“This was a humbling, selfless experience that has taught me something about the importance of the universal man,” says Kristin Morrison, a junior visual communications major. “If one person suffers, we all do. When we left they said they never had a group that showed as much initiative as ours. They loved the Arizona kids.”

The impact of these students’ efforts is felt campus-wide.

“Our students are embracing one of the things that makes a democracy successful—the inclusion of volunteerism,” says Molly Williams, vice president of University Advancement. “We talk about civic responsibility and good citizenship on campus, and here is a good example of our students embracing that concept and doing something.”

Many students documented the experience in memoirs and photographs. Senior photography major Tyanna Burton captured the trip visually, and her work, some of which is seen here, was showcased at the School of Communications.

Students plan to visit again and more funding is needed to cover expenses. If you would like to help fund this effort, call the NAU Foundation at 928-523-2012.
Mike Davis tears out the interior of a home. Students and AmeriCorps volunteers gut an entire home. Volunteers' lodging. Resting on the road.
Linking Up With Former Lumberjacks

What’s Nu

It was wonderful to hear from alumnus Tom Pyle, ’64 B.S., ’68 M.ED., who bridged the technological gap between his Mac and our PCs to file this report:

In late October 2005, many of the earliest initiates into the Eta Iota chapter of ASC/NAU’s Sigma Nu fraternity gathered in Laughlin, Nev. We were thrilled to renew old acquaintances and share memories of our college and fraternity-building years. We had tried to contact initiates from 1962 (the chapter’s first year of existence) through 1967; 32 were able to attend the reunion of “Old Nus,” along with a number of spouses and other alums with close ties to the fraternity.

Sigma Nu Eta Iota actives attending were: Tony Baker, Dennis Bender, Ken Bond, Frank Cowdrey, Tom Dingman, Bill Ekstrom, Larry Grady, Dennis Hossfeld, Thomas “Skip” Hoyle, Gary Johnson, David Klensin, Bill Lafferty, Tom Madigan, Bob McGuinn, Bob Meador, Dennis Meador, Bill Moffitt, John Monseger, Dale Mullen, Mark Mullen, Bill Neill, Bob O’Connor, Max Peterson, Chad Porter, Jim Purtill, Tom Pyle, Ray Richey, Rex Schmid, Tim Shuey, and Carl Winters. Former pledges Doug Knox and Sonny McDaniel also came, as did Ray Gillespie, a former Sigma Nu roommate.

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Wesley A. Darby, attended...
the American Indian Graduate Center magazine, the Tribal College Journal and Indian Education Today. Beauvais worked for 20 years at Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota. He is currently a correspondent/columnist for the Lakota Country Times.

Joseph DeTevis, ’74 M.A., writes from Uvalde, Tex. “Although I’m now retired, I started a monthly art exhibit in our El Progreso Memorial Library in 1996. Each month I put up artwork by local and surrounding area artists, with great publicity in our Uvalde Leader News.”

Karen Butterfield, ’75 B.S.ED., ’80 M.A.ED., ’92 Hon., ’95 ED.D. is associate superintendent of academic achievement at the Arizona Department of Education. She is charged with overseeing the largest division of ADE, including the federal entitlement areas of No Child Left Behind, and serves as state team leader for high school renewal. Husband Ernie Calderón, ’79, is in NAU’s physical therapy doctoral program. Daughter Katie has finished her freshman year at U of A.

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Mike O’Donnell, ’93 B.S., has been in radio for over 10 years as an on-air host, in concert and event sales and currently as sales manager with the CBS Radio properties in Phoenix. Mike also owns and operates an off-road racing team as well as a marketing and advertising firm. With a second home in Flagstaff’s Continental, he can be found with wife Jaye and daughter Shea “grabbing a slice of pizza at NiMarco’s on any given Saturday.” Mike misses his NAU friends, and welcomes email at mikeandjaye@cox.net.

Bobby Yazzie, ’93 B.S.ACCY, and Marietta Rodriguez, ’96 B.S.ACCY, were spotted by NAU accounting professor Nancy Wilburn watching their daughter play softball. Marietta works for Southwest Windpower, and Bobby was recently promoted to controller at Tubac City.

Karen Buchan, ’94 M.ED, is the author of Viso Divina: A New Prayer Practice for Encounters with God (Crossroad Publishing). The book explains a new prayer technique that “can tap into and transform profound currents of fear and woundedness into streams of divine acceptance and love.” Karen has been adjunct professor at Fuller Theological Seminary while also teaching various seminars on spiritual formation and healing.

Ruth Botwinik, ’95 M.A., has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholar Grant to teach English and work with teacher trainers at the Uzbekistan State University of World Languages in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Brian Bond, ’97 B.S., and Karen Martin Bond, ’98 B.S., are enjoying life in Arizona. After working for five years as a systems analyst for the City of Mesa GIS, Brian is doing Internet mapping and programming for Navapai County MIS. Karen uses her teaching degree instructing four of their six children at home.

Steve Yoder, ’97 M.A., has been appointed executive director of The Arboretum at Flagstaff. He has previously served as education director, assistant director, vice president of operations and acting director. Steve has also been on the board of the Flagstaff Festival of Science and was Festival president twice. “I am delighted to see Steve assume this new role,” says Arboretum benefactor Frances McAllister, ’02 Hon. “He has proven his dedication, and will provide solid leadership as we head into the next 25 years.’

Chuck Murray, ’98 B.S., lives in Hawaii and works with UHA, the state’s third largest commercial health carrier. “2005 was a great year for my wife and me. We welcomed our first child and I was named chief financial officer by the board of directors. Hawaii is a beautiful place to live but I can’t wait to get back to visit Flagstaff and Sedona.”


2000s

Adam Barrows, ’00 M.A., has accepted a tenure-track, assistant professor position in British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Literature at the English department of Salisbury University in Maryland.

Terence Mok, ’00 B.S.B.A., is working for a mortgage broker firm in San Mateo, Calif., as a senior underwriting analyst. Before that he co-founded a mortgage company in San Jose. “Honestly, I still miss the studying life at NAU, and feel happy that I did not transfer to U of A as a sophomore.”

Lori Couture, ’01 B.S.B.A., ’04 M.ED, has formed an unusual and humorously scatological product line, shop.brownbodies.com. She writes that she and the artists she hired to “make it all happen” are all NAU alumni. Lori currently teaches several web-based classes for the university.

Barton J. Boma, ’02 B.S., a KC-10 Extender pilot (USAF) with the 6th Aerial Refueling Squadron, recently enjoyed a perfectly normal Saturday biking through Los Posados Park in Napa Valley, Calif.—with his boss, President Bush. “It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a great way to spend Earth Day.” Accompanied by a few fellow corpsmen and appropriate
Mark Powell, '02 B.S., who works for Brokers Choice of America in Englewood, Colo., has good advice for students anticipating a career in his industry: “My greatest experience at NAU was meeting people in my major and developing successful advertising campaigns that helped me in the real world. Make sure to allocate your time wisely. In the world of advertising and marketing you must be a sociable person—so have fun at NAU and balance your study time with extracurricular activities.”

Stefanie A. Murphy, '03 B.S.B.A., was recently promoted to project manager for the Maricopa County Office of the Board of Supervisors. She and husband Ryan Murphy, '98 B.S.T., live in Ahwatukee, Ariz., with son Connor.

Pete Corbell, ’04 B.A.I.L.S., was recently promoted to general manager of Quality Inn in Flagstaff. A member of the Navajo Nation raised on his family’s sheep camp in Kaibeto, Pete worked for the Navajo Housing Authority as an internal auditor and as an accountant for Navajo Community Development. He and wife Dora have four children.

Peter M. Krahenbuhl, ’04 B.S.B.A., is in sales for a condominium conversion company and high-rise towers in downtown Phoenix and Scottsdale.

Matthew K. Galbraith, ’05 B.S., completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Chad Jans, ‘05 B.S.B.A., began working for ISEC, Inc. as a project engineer assisting in the management of several projects with varying scopes throughout Arizona. He writes, “I don’t think I would have found that I wanted to call project management a career without Professor Williams’ BA 499 course.”

James A. “Jim” Carr

February 4, 2006. When Jim Carr passed away, the NAUAA received two extraordinary, impassioned letters, from an administrator and a former student. Their words demonstrate eloquently just how valuable NAU’s instructors of different educational backgrounds are to the university’s tradition of academic excellence—including those whose amassed knowledge doesn’t come with a doctoral seal.

From Chuck Pilon, '59 B.S., '66 M.A., former director of statewide academic programs for Maricopa County and past president of the NAU Alumni Association:

As an adjunct professor of history for NAU, Jim taught thousands and thousands of NAU undergraduates in the Maricopa County Bachelor of General Studies degree program. He taught over 90 classes for NAU; his evaluations were always the highest of the adjunct teaching staff and he received the outstanding adjunct professor award.

A teacher, lecturer, researcher, and author, Jim was among the most outstanding academicians at NAU, a peer with Dr. Garland Downum and Dr. William Tinsley.

From Michele D. Pettit, '97 B.G.S., '00 M.A., now a doctoral candidate at Boise State University:

I must give credit for my academic success to Mr. Carr—or as many of his students fondly called him, “Professor Carr.” He was a true find, a rare individual, who always went above and beyond a course’s outlined objectives to make sure you understood and could apply what he was teaching you.

Mr. Carr never carried any lecture notes or opened a book if there was a question. Dates, names, and places were all in his mind, clear as a bell; sometimes I wondered if he might even be able to tell you what the weather conditions were like on the day of a certain battle. I never liked history before Mr. Carr’s classes, but he was so good at depicting historic scenarios, at locating you in a particular time and place—he captivated us. You could not help loving the subject matter, as well as the man explaining it with all of his heart and soul.

I’ve always had wonderful experiences at NAU, and never hesitate to tell others. But Mr. Carr is beyond the realm of exceptional. We were extremely blessed to have such a superb instructor, a kind and highly dignified gentleman who lived to teach history.
in California. Retired in 2001 from the federal government, where he was a Head Start Program Specialist.

Nancy C. Dvorak, ’58 B.S.ED.
December 23, 2005, a “down-winder,” from cancer. A member of the Top-Hatters, she was also a charter member of Tri-Delta. She and husband Leo Dvorak (Sigma Pi) were the first fraternity-sorority pinning on the ASC campus. Taught in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and California, where she retired as a kindergarten teacher from the El Centro Elementary School District.

Mary Ray, ’61 B.S.ED.
March 8, 2006.

Ronald A. Terrill, ’62 B.A.
March 11, 2006. Resided in Las Vegas for the past 35 years, working in the gaming industry; Past Master of the Acacia Masonic Lodge #49 of North Las Vegas.

Frankie Marianito, ’64

Earl R. Putman, ’64 M.ED.
February 19, 2006. Recruited for football by both Woody Hayes and Bear Bryant, but chose ASU. Served in the Korean War and was All-Service champion in shot put and discus. Drafted to the New York Giants, Hamilton Tiger Cats, and Chicago Cardinals. 25-year football coach at Moon Valley (Ariz.) High School, winner of the 1982 AAA Arizona State Championship, and a “gentle giant of a man in stature, character, and accomplishments.”


A. John Swartz, ’66 B.S., ’67 M.S.

What most Mormon historians know about Avery is that she co-wrote the first scholarly biography of Emma Hale Smith, wife of LDS founder Joseph Smith. They might also have heard of the LDS Church’s refusal to allow Avery and her co-author, Linda King Newell, to talk about Emma Smith at church meetings after their book was published in 1984. It has been popularly known in Mormon circles as “the silencing.”

In the same article, friend and colleague Jan Shipps, an emeritus historian at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis recalled, “Val had the essential empathy that is key to great biography, and that empathy made her one of the world’s greatest friends.”

It was this personal touch that Val’s students recall most gratefully. Kathy Farretta, ’04 M.A. in history, recalls her indebtedness to Val for chairing her master’s thesis committee. “Professors don’t get any extra money for serving on these committees,” says Farretta. “But Val agreed to be my chair despite her incredibly busy schedule, because she personally knew what it would take for me to get the work done. When it was time for my thesis defense I was petrified, but Val took me in hand and said, ‘We’re on your side.’ It was important to her that I wasn’t scared and knew what the experience was going to be like.” After the defense, Farretta waited anxiously in the hall as the committee debated, and then “Val came out with a huge smile on her face and said, ‘Congratulations, Master.’ She cared so much about learning and scholarship—and more than anything else about teaching.”

Dr. Avery’s papers are being donated to Utah State University, an important hub of Mormon scholarship. In tribute to her incomparable life and work, the Avery family set up an endowment, the Valeen T. Avery Scholarship. For more information, please contact the NAU Foundation at 928-523-2012.
Howard Chrisman, '74 B.S.Ed.
National Bowling Championships. "Highly involved in travel; frequent participant in national travel." Cultivated a lifetime love of the "art of care of customers fairly and honestly."
23 years, retiring as a Chief Hospital Corpsman. Served the County of San Diego as a health inspector until 1999.

James E. Moore, '69 M.Ed., January 13, 2006. Served in the Marines during WWII. Worked for the Vinnell Corp in Saudi Arabia. In Arizona, he was employed by the Gila County Indian Reservation, the Scottsdale school district and the YMCA.


David B. Czarnecki, '78 Ph.D., May 4, 2006. Known as the "Dr. Diatom," for his research interests with diatom algae, with experiments aboard the space shuttle and an internationally known culture collection. Professor at Loras College since 1984, with previous positions at the University of Minnesota, University of Arkansas, and Iowa State University.

Look for contests, surveys, and other ways to get involved at naualumni.com.

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
Homecoming Dedicatee Banquet, 6 p.m., Ashurst Auditorium. Honor the Homecoming Dedicatee. Students $6; others $10. Contact Art Farmer at 928-523-5181 or art.farmer@nau.edu.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
Homecoming Traditions Day, times TBD, Tinsley, Wilson, Allen Quad (weather permitting). Bonfire and other activities. Contact Art Farmer at 928-523-5181 or art.farmer@nau.edu.

School Of Forestry 1960s Reunion. Welcome back to the Colorado Plateau! Reunion events continue through Sunday, October 22. For details, schedule and reservations, contact Pam Plude at 928-523-7417 or pamela.plude@nau.edu.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
College of Business Administration Open House/Tours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., New CBA Bldg. 81 (South campus, McConnell & Knoles). See the magnificent new CBA Building! Students will provide tours. Contact Betsy Putman at 928-523-7128 or betsy.putman@nau.edu.

Consortium Of Professional Schools, School Of Nursing Simulation Folk Roundup, 2 to 6 p.m., Nursing Sciences Bldg. 72. Our high fidelity simulation manikins—used in teaching nursing students—will have just participated in a rodeo. See the aftermath of true-life cowboy shenanigans. It’ll be a rootin’ tootin’ good ol’ time with some nice fixins’ to chow on. Contact Ilene Decker at 928-523-2159, ilene.decker@nau.edu or Dan Alfred, 928-523-2671, dian.alfred@nau.edu.

SBS Alumni And Friends Social, 4 to 6 p.m., School of Communication, Bldg. 16. Join the Dean, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences for a reception in the beautifully renovated School of Communication. Reconnect with friends and faculty while learning about exciting developments in SBS departments from Anthropology to Women’s Studies. Contact Michelle Brown at 928-523-2672 or michelle.brown@nau.edu.

College Of Arts & Letters Alumni and Friends Reception, 5 to 7 p.m., NAU Art Museum, Old Main, Bldg. 10. Meet the College of Arts & Letters’ new Dean, Dr. Michael Vincent, and mingle with faculty and friends. An outstanding international ceramics exhibition from our 20 + 1 Years of the Tosa Kiti, An International Wood Fire Conference will be on display. Contact Elizabeth Hellstern at 928-523-8656 or elizabeth.hellstern@nau.edu.

College Of Business Administration Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner, 6 p.m., Coconino Center for the Arts, 2300 N. Fort Valley Rd. All CBA alumni are invited to this event recognizing the achievements of outstanding CBA alumni and faculty. Cost is $35 for non-honorees. RSVP required. For more information about the CBA Alumni Hall of Fame, please see www.cba.nau.edu/publications/dqr/Q4_2005/AlumniFiles_HallofFame2005.asp. Contact Betsy Putman at 928-523-7128 or betsy.putman@nau.edu.

Axe Auction, 5 to 9 p.m., Rolle Activity Center. NAU Athletics and the Lumberjack Athletic Association will host the Axe Auction, which benefits Lumberjack athletic scholarships. If you’re interested in attending or donating items for auction, contact Maria Bruggeman at 928-523-6785 or maria.bruggeman@nau.edu.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
Café au Louie, 9 to 11 a.m., Zane Grey Ballroom at the Hotel Weathersford. Join us for a delicious breakfast on Homecoming morning, and meet this year’s inductees to the Blue and Gold Club and the 2006 Alumni Award winners. Contact Beth Martin at 888-628-2586.

NAU Baseball Reunion. Golf, luncheon, football game and post-game dinner. Contact Alan Flitcraft at 928-380-8949 or alan.flitcraft@nau.edu or Mark Grant at 602-797-1691 or lumberjackbaseball@msn.com.

Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m., downtown Flagstaff. Saddle up for a Wild, Wild! West show. The perennial favorite starts at the corner of Eim and Beaver. Contact Blue Key’s Connie Mapoles at cm333@nau.edu.

College Of Business Administration Open House/Tours, 1 to 3 p.m. See previous entry.

College Of Business Administration Football Tailgate Party, 1 p.m., Skydome Parking Lot. Join CBA alumni, faculty, staff and friends for an annual tradition of fun times with fun people. The event is free and no RSVP is required. Contact Betsy Putman at 928-523-7128 or betsy.putman@nau.edu.

College Of Education Tailgate Celebration, 1 to 3 p.m., Skydome Parking Lot. COE welcomes alumni, friends, retirees, students, faculty, staff and families to our Homecoming pre-game party. Light refreshments will be served. Stop by and visit with old and new friends. Contact Laura Theimer at 928-523-8746 or laura.theimer@nau.edu.

University Of Arizona and NAU Alumni Homecoming Tailgate, time TBD. Skydome parking lot. As Billy Crystal learned in City Slickers, you just need to knock “one thing”: your way to HRM’s Chuckwagon Tailgate. Cost is $5 for adults, free for children under 12. We also have a block of free game tickets for HRM alumni, available on a first come/first served basis. Contact Kathleen Birch at 928-523-8346 or kathleen.birch@nau.edu.

Letterwinners Tailgating Party, time and location TBD. Reconnect with former Lumberjack letterwinners while tailgating before the 2006 Homecoming football game. Contact Leala Wegwerth at 928-523-6785 or leala.wegwerth@nau.edu.

Gamma Phi Beta Homecoming Social Event, time and location TBD. For details, contact Joy Belisle Auker at 928-527-0640 or joyauker@aol.com.

NAU Homecoming Game vs. Sacramento State, 3:05 p.m., J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome. The Lumberjacks take on the Hornets from Sacramento State in a key Big Sky Conference matchup. Contact NAU Central Ticket Office at 928-523-5661 or visit their website, www4.nau.edu/cto.

Award Recognition At The Game, halftime. J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome. It’s a hearty cowboy howdy for the 2006 Alumni Award winners and the Blue and Gold Class of 1966 during the halftime hoedown. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888-628-2586.

Powerful Good Time, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Heritage Square, downtown Flagstaff. Wind up your Homecoming with music, food and giveaways for alumni. Please check naualumni.com for updates or call 888-628-2586.

Events and times are subject to change. Please visit www.naualumni.com for details or contact the individuals listed. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the contact person or department listed for each event. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time for arrangements.