Charlie Miller

When Charlie Miller, now 32, was offered a chance to run cross-country as well as track and field at North Idaho College, it didn’t take him long to make a decision.

“They offered me a scholarship and it was a no-brainer,” said Miller, who is now the executive director of the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation.

Miller, who was born and raised in Coeur d’Alene and ran at Lake City High School, said it was the family feel of NIC that drew him to the school instead of jumping into a large college right off the bat.

“I didn’t just want to be a Social Security number in a freshman class of 200,” he said.

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NIC Athletics … A Family Affair

For Patty Stewart, the adage of “The family that plays together stays together” couldn’t be more appropriate. If you’ve been to a sporting event in Christianson Gym in the last few decades, chances are, you’ve met Stewart or one of her family members.

Patty, NIC Athletics Coordinator, can be found working the gate at most sporting events, auctions, fundraisers, pretty much anywhere where NIC athletics takes center stage. But it isn’t just Patty. It’s her daughters, her sisters, her husband, her nieces and nephews, it’s been dozens of Stewarts and Walkers (her maiden name) working at various athletic functions since Patty played basketball for NIC from 1979 to 1980.

“They’ve always been there if we need them. They just jump in and help,” she said.

Born and raised in Coeur d’Alene, Stewart met her husband, Roger, while they were playing summer softball in Coeur d’Alene. They owned and operated some property management businesses for a few years until, Patty said, they decided it was time for a change.

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As I prepare to pass the job of North Idaho College Alumni Association president over to the capable hands of Ali Shute in June, I look back and am amazed at the great work our association members were able to accomplish in the last year.

The accomplishments are too many to fully list, but here are a few: the Jazzy NIC Celebration and Social, the Phone-A-Thon, participation in different parades, a fundraiser at the Eagles Lodge with the Rhythm Dawgs, the Festival of Trees, and several more fun celebrations. Congratulations to NIC retiree Dean Bennett, who was named Alumni of the Year at the NIC Foundation Scholarship Celebration this year. In addition, longtime NIC employee Bob Murray was recognized as this year’s Honorary Alumnus.

It was such a pleasure to see old and new friends at these many events. There have been several new faces on campus this year, particularly with the welcome addition of President Joe Dunlap. He and his staff are doing a fantastic job with their vision for the future of NIC. I would also like to thank Katie Elwell, NIC alumni relations and development coordinator, for all her work with the NIC Alumni Association Board of Directors and keeping the alumni connected with the college.

It’s been a full and busy year! My biggest “Thank You” goes to you, the North Idaho College alumni, for all of your support. Because of your generosity, NIC is able to serve the community and meet the needs of students for generations to come. Thank you for giving me such a wonderful and fulfilling term as president.

Dennis Grant, ‘87, NIC Alumni Association President

Winston Churchill said: “To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”

With this quote in mind, North Idaho College has been striving for perfection. New vice presidents in the President’s Cabinet, Lita Burns (Office of Instruction), and Graydon Stanley (Student Services Office) have both hit the ground running.

Lita was a promotion from within and formerly served as NIC’s Dean of Health Professions and Nursing. Graydon was the Dean of Students at the College of Southern Idaho.

Of course, even as NIC undergoes change, some things stay the same. The wrestling team took its 14th national title, the Theatre Department continues to put on world-class plays, and the Music Department still offers top-notch entertainment for free. The NIC Foundation’s Really BIG Raffle will celebrate its 20th year.

If you haven’t already, we encourage everyone to come see the new artwork that has been installed in the Education Corridor. As always, alumni receive discounts on NIC merchandise and events. Enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Culinary Arts students at Emery’s Waterfront Restaurant and take in a free art exhibit in the Boswell Hall Corner Gallery.

Change will always be a constant at NIC, and so will its appreciation for those who have made this such a great institution. We wouldn’t be where we are today without you and NIC’s future depends on your support. As always, we appreciate your love and dedication to this institution and invite you to come see what continues to make it such a great friend of the community.

Joe Dunlap, Ed. D., North Idaho College President

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The North Idaho College Alumni Association honored this year’s recipients at the NIC Foundation 2012 Fall Scholarship Celebration. Former Director of Activities and NIC alumnus Dean Bennett was selected as the 2012 Alumni of the Year award recipient, and Dean of General Studies Bob Murray was recognized as this year’s Honorary Alumnus award recipient.

Bennett, who retired summer of 2012 after more than 30 years working at NIC, graduated from NIC in 1976. He was instrumental in creating the framework for sustainable student activities including Outdoor Pursuits, intramural sports, OARS (orientation, advising, and registration sessions) and served as advisor for student government for the past 15 years. Bennett’s ability to connect with students is a testament to his young-at-heart attitude and genuine concern for students.

Murray began working at NIC in 1971 as a biology instructor and later became the Natural Sciences division chair. He played a crucial role in finalizing the vision of the Meyer Health and Sciences Building and has served in various leadership roles throughout the years. As current Dean of General Studies, Murray goes beyond the call of duty to ensure students have a good experience at NIC.

The North Idaho College Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its annual alumni awards.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni of the Year Award, and the Honorary Alumni of the Year Award. Award descriptions and nomination forms can be downloaded at www.nic.edu/alumni. Nominations are due by May 15. Information: NIC Alumni Relations and Development Coordinator at (208) 769-7806 or alumni@nic.edu.

Charlie Miller (Continued from page 1)

Miller took a medical redshirt one year, so he ended up attending NIC for three years before taking a full ride to Birmingham-Southern College. After a year, he realized he wanted to return to his roots and transferred to the University of Idaho to graduate with a degree in Natural Resources Recreation Management. This proved to be the ideal major for his eventual career working for the local trail he used to train on growing up.

“I’ve always had a passion for the outdoors and natural resources. The challenge is in balancing sustainability with a positive recreation experience,” Miller said.

Before accepting his current position, Miller worked for seven years in the forest service with Idaho Panhandle National Forest on a trail crew and fighting wildfires, among other duties. He then moved to northern Arizona with his fiancé while she attended graduate school. He jumped at the opportunity to come home in 2006 when the job at the Centennial Trail Foundation opened up. Since then, he’s drawn on his experience as an NIC alumnus in working to develop partnerships between the college and the trail foundation. Miller pointed to the Education Corridor as a great example of community leaders having a vision that encompassed both the Centennial Trail and the missions of its community and college partners.

“We have 1,300 feet of new trail from the Harbor Center to Rosenberry Drive,” Miller said. “That wouldn’t have been possible without all the stakeholders involved in the Education Corridor.”

He said the foundation will continue to work step by step with the college to provide public access and a top-notch trail system.

“Anything that can help get public access and views of the Spokane River is certainly a boon to the community. It also offers a safe and convenient way for students to walk or ride to class and helps alleviate parking issues on campus,” Miller said. “We have some great folks who got this ball rolling.”

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Dear Mr. Zao,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you graciously for what you have done for my career and my life. I would never expect you to remember me, but I was a Canadian student and NIC wrestler back in 1995 and was the winner of the James W. Burns Award then.

I wasn’t a particularly strong student in high school, with only about a 73 percent average, but it was your A&P classes that I took and your teaching technique that allowed me to excel in academics. I graduated from medical school at the University of Calgary in 2003 and became a practicing urologic surgeon in 2008. I started my career in Seattle and settled back in Alberta to be closer to family where I’ve been running a successful uro-oncology surgical practice ever since.

My first exam in your class, I only scored a 73 percent and I have to say, that I read every single letter in the Elaine Marieb chapters for that exam, about five times. I asked you, “What is the secret to success in your class,” and you told me, “Hard work, reading, and just rewrite your notes over and over until you have them absolutely memorized.” From that moment forward, the lowest grade I achieved throughout my years at NIC followed by transfer to the University of Idaho was 89 percent in all of my classes. Because of you, I graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Molecular Biology and Microbiology from the U of I in 1998. I transferred that studying technique to my medical school studies and residency studies. It even works for math!

Never has anyone impacted my life so much as you did, and you never even knew it. It’s because of your advice and your dedication to impeccable and immaculate teaching, that I became successful in academia and life.

I kept all my notes from your classes back then, and to this day, I will sometimes refer to my notes to look up small detail-oriented things when I teach my medical students and surgery residents’ surgical anatomy. It’s easy to recall where to find a piece of information, because I still remember where each and every bit of material is located after rewriting my notes so many times (funny, but true).

Because of you, I graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Molecular Biology and Microbiology from U of I in 1998.

I am truly grateful for what you have done, and hope that you continue to have the positive impact on others as you did on me. If there is any way that I might repay you, please let me know.

I spend most of my vacations at our place on Lake Pend Oreille and frequent the Coeur d’Alene area often, so I’d love to come by the college sometime to say Hello, and thank you in person. It would be nice to say Hello to some of the other great teachers also, such as Rhena Cooper and David Cunnington. I have more fond memories from NIC than all the other universities I attended combined (and there were a lot of them)!

I have to say, that I have taken classes all over North America, including courses at Harvard and New York University. At NIC, I truly “Learned how to learn.” Thank you NIC.

Dr. Nathan T. Lavens, MD FRCSC
Urologic Surgeon, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

A Family Affair (Continued from page 1)

Roger asked Patty “If you could work anywhere you wanted to, where would it be?” Patty replied, “I’d like to work at the college – I think it’d be fun.”

The rest is history. Or, family history even.

Patty’s family helps decorate, collect auction items, raise funds, take tickets, create signage, serve food, run the shot clock and game clock at basketball games, score keep at volleyball, serve beer in the Beer Garden at the North Idaho Fair, and helps pitch in every time there is an athletics event. Her husband, Roger, and sister, Ginni, are also on the Board for the North Idaho College Booster Club. Her sisters’ children (over a dozen of them), their husbands, Patty’s husband and children, dozens of family members, nearly all of whom attended NIC at one time or another, all help. NIC is, literally, family.

“With all the hard work, long hours, and success of the athletic programs, it is an honor and privilege to be part of the North Idaho College family,” Patty said.
Alumni Association awards 12 scholarships

The North Idaho College Alumni Association awarded 12 scholarships totaling $7,100 for the 2012-2013 academic year. Ten $500 scholarships were awarded to students Tianna Allen, Joshua Brands, Jacqueline Carter, Meghan Connelly, Kelly Ferguson, Emily Hill, Garrett Powell, Joe Tocco, and for the first time ever, a married couple Michael and Debbie Wagoner. In addition, a $1,500 memorial scholarship in the name of 1942 alumnus Doug Bell and his wife Jan was awarded to Damon Randles, while a $600 memorial scholarship in the name of 1985 alumnus Hugh “Olin” Smith was awarded to Felicia Williams.

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Where are they now?

Past NIC Carpentry Program Students

Carpentry program lost the man who started the program

Walter Carlson, passed away March 18, 2012. After he served in the U.S. Navy, he took classes at North Idaho College where he became a vocational instructor and helped establish the Carpentry program in 1979. Carlson completed his master’s degree from the University of Idaho and was promoted to division chair at NIC. He retired in 2005. Carlson will always be remembered as a faithful man and a hard worker.

Joy Books
Then: Carpentry graduate, 2006
Now: Sign Designer, Silverwood Theme Park, Athol, Idaho since 2006
Best memory from Carpentry program or the Really BIG Raffle:
I loved my classes with my carpentry instructor Dave McRae and professional-technical instructor Karen Ruppel. They made it a great experience! Taking the carpentry course together, my sister Natalie, and I made some great memories building the Really BIG Raffle house. One of them is the day we volunteered to show up on the coldest day of the winter (it was below zero) to construct the stairway to the raffle house basement.

Jason Krapfl
Then: Carpentry graduate, 1999
Now: Project Manager, Ibex Flooring, Spokane, Wash. since Dec. 2007
Best memory from Carpentry program or the Really BIG Raffle:
A few years after completing the program, I was called by my former instructor to work on the current Really BIG Raffle house. It was good to use my learned skills from the program as a contractor for the NIC Foundation, which has since been ongoing.
Krapfl continues to be connected with NIC as Ibex flooring does a lot of work with the NIC Facilities Department doing renovation work. Some projects have been in the Residence Hall, the Student Union Building, and the raffle house.

Brandan Eachon
Then: Carpentry graduate, 2011
Now: Lead Pipe Layer, Dirt Dynamics, Fargo, N.D. since May 2012
Best memory from Carpentry program or the Really BIG Raffle:
I loved that class [Carpentry program] and having Dave McRae as my instructor and meeting all the great people that are involved in the Really BIG Raffle. The raffle open houses were also a blast because I was able to meet even more people and help show them around the house and show all the work that we put into it.
1940s

James Burns, Jr., ’48, taught at NIC for 30 years from 1958 to 1988 in A&P Biology, Zoology, and Biology. In addition, he started the NIC Pep and Show Band, was the Dean of Men, and served in the U.S. Army in parasitology (study of parasites) at the U.S. Army Hospital in Ft. Benning, Ga.

1950s

Richard Batchelder, ’59, and wife Judy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 2013.

1960s

Kathleen Hall-Burnside last attended in 1991 as a freshman and now lives in Barbados, West Indies.

David Stroud, ’78, is now enjoying retirement!

1970s

Wendell Barrow, ’77, had fun on the NIC track team in 1977 and 1978, and three associate’s degrees. While attending NIC, he enjoyed being on the wrestling team with current NIC Head Wrestling Coach Pat Whitcomb.

1980s

Jan Pollard, ’80, is an Aflac agent.

William R. Taylor, ’81, is looking forward to coming back and visiting someday soon.

Rick Brown, ’88, was inducted into the Montana American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the 1985 Billings Scarlets on April 28, 2012. He played baseball at NIC from 1986 to 1988.

Robert Hartsock, ’88, lives in Redding, Calif., and received his master’s degree on April 15, 2012 in Accountancy from National University in La Jolla, Calif. He adds this to his bachelor’s degree in Accountancy and three associate’s degrees. While attending NIC, he enjoyed being on the wrestling team with current NIC Head Wrestling Coach Pat Whitcomb.

Perry Grant, ’89, attended Bethany University in California after graduating from NIC; earned a bachelor’s degree in Music Education; taught choral music in the Post Falls School District; and was a worship pastor in Coeur d’Alene and California. After 13 years of serving as a worship pastor, he decided to study to be a financial advisor and now works for Edward Jones Investments as a financial advisor in Mukilteo, Wash., where he lives with his wife of 19 years and three children.

1990s

Jason Wing, ’90, an attorney in Coeur d’Alene, started a brewery in Coeur d’Alene with his brother Ryan called Slate Creek Brewing Co. It will be more of a nanobrewery than a microbrewery, where they plan to brew traditional ales, stouts, porters, IPAs, and pale ales with an American twist.

Kathleen Hall-Burnside last attended in 1991 as a freshman and then transferred to the University of Idaho where she finished her degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English and History. Today, she teaches part time for NIC as a dual credit instructor, teaching English 101 and 175 at Lakeland High School. She is proud to have attended NIC, and proud to teach for the institution as well. She feels North Idaho College is a major asset to our area!

Romona Morris, ’94, landed a job at Inland Northwest Blood Center and is continuing her education, earning a bachelor’s degree and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Business Administration. Her kids are grown and living their lives, while her loving husband James remains her constant companion.

Ron Berg, ’97, built his house after graduating from the Carpenter program at NIC and has been enjoying the home ever since.

Jason Bay, ’98, former NIC baseball player and the recipient of the 2005 NIC Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award signed a one-year contract with the Seattle Mariners in late 2012.

Vicki Morgan, ’98, has been working at North Idaho College’s ABE/GED Center for 14 years.

Noppadol Paotong, ’98, is an award winning photo journalist, currently working for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

2000s

Johnna Goodale, ’00, has been teaching for the Coeur d’Alene School District since 2000.

Kendra Lee Hathaway, ’00, graduated from NIC with an associate’s degree in Drafting and Design in 2000. She had her oldest son a month later in June 2000. She started a new career using her degree, and then had her youngest son in May 2003. She is a design department manager/assistant engineering manager with the company at which she has been working for more than 11 years. She went back to school in 2009 through the University of Phoenix online program and earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Management in May 2012. She is happy and proud to be an NIC alumna!

William J. Eisenbrandt, ’03, recently published the book, “Why Do My Employees Hate Me” about the challenges small business owners must overcome in order to grow their business and is available online at retailers such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Faith Mitchell last attended NIC in 2006 and graduated from Eastern Washington University with a bachelor’s degree in Theatre and a minor in Film in June 2012.

Rebecca Nixon, ’06, misses being involved with NIC. After graduating from the Pharmacy Technology program, she continued to enjoy membership of Phi Theta Kappa in the Alpha Kappa Eta chapter and went on to earn a degree in Registered Nursing at Wenatchee Valley College in Omak, Wash. She continues to support in scholarship workshops at Wenatchee Valley College for Opportunity Grant students. She is the health and wellness director at North Star Retirement Community, where her drive to become an advocate for NIC became a renewed goal. At WVC, she was voted Most Inspirational by her peers and credits her inspiration with the support received from the NIC Alumni Association and NIC Foundation. It continues to pay forward as her community investment continues to inspire others toward college success.

Caitlin Collom, ’07, graduated from Lewis-Clark State College—Coeur d’Alene in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Justice Studies. She is working on a master’s degree in Strategic Studies at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.
Brandon Palaniuk, ’07, former NIC wrestler, hooked a three-day total of 51 pounds, 8 ounces of fish, reeling in second place at the Bassmaster Classic in February 2013.

Celeste Simone, ’07, has been teaching since attending NIC.

Tonya Jones-Miller, ’08, is employed at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital as a case manager registered nurse in Sitka, Alaska.

Trevor Meade, ’10, is now attending Lewis-Clark State College.

Tori Barnes, ’11, transferred to the University of Idaho after attending NIC.

Tugce Canitez, ’11, competed for her homeland, Turkey, in the 2012 London Olympics. She played on the NIC women’s basketball team that won the 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship and she continues to show off her talents as a lead player for Westmont College in California.


Michael Leptich, ’11, played soccer at NIC and continues to play soccer at the college level for Corban University in Salem, Ore.

Melly Casillas, ’12, was named the 2012 Parent of the Year by the National Head Start Association where she has been involved with the Kootenai Head Start Program since 2009. She transferred to Lewis-Clark State College to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Social Work.

Jean Kempton, ’12, is continuing her education in Criminal Justice at Lewis-Clark State College to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

Anthony C. Nebrigich, ’12, transferred to Lewis-Clark State College and is working on a bachelor’s degree in Accounting. He hopes to graduate in May 2014.

Joseph Roberts, ’12, said he enjoyed NIC – learning, growing, making lifelong friendships, enjoying life, and getting amazing grades.

Michelle Tonna, ’12, studied Nutrition at NIC and is now attending the University of Idaho.

Roxanne Vaughn, ’12, transferred to Lewis-Clark State College to continue her higher education after graduating from NIC.

Katherine Weaver, ’12, is dual enrolled with NIC and the University of Idaho, while working full time, and being a mother to her three boys. She loved her time at NIC, especially the great instructors and the Natural Sciences Department that gave her the great opportunity to do Work Study, thanks to NIC Instructor David Abshere.

Current students

Angela (Argon) Blake, a student in the NIC Nursing program, plans to complete an associate’s degree in Biology and Nursing. She plans to transfer to Lewis-Clark State College to earn a bachelor’s degree in Nursing, then transfer to the University of Idaho for a master’s degree and into the Nurse Practitioner program. She works as a medical assistant, is a mother of three, and said she thoroughly enjoys her home life and loves going to school!

Ryan Blaver, student and FedEx Express courier, received the FedEx Express Humanitarian Award in October 2012 for saving a man’s life by performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking patron at Chili’s restaurant. He had just completed a Certified Nursing Assistant class through NIC before the incident.

Kelly Ferguson has been happily married to her best friend for 23 years and has five children. She loves being a student at NIC and looks forward to transferring to the University of Idaho to further her education and earn a master’s degree in Child Psychology. She is a Phi Theta Kappa member as well as an orientation leader on campus and tutors in English and Psychology.

Allesandra Jimenez is part of the Drama Club, and was involved with the Footsteps interactive exhibit held at NIC in March 2013.

Megan Ranberg has served as a resident assistant in the NIC Residence Hall from 2011 to 2012 and 2012 to 2013. She also participated in the NIC Alumni Association Spring 2012 Phone-A-Thon.

Iris Wood’s children are grown and gone and she was able to move back to Coeur d’Alene. She and her husband, Olen, are loving life and enjoy kayaking when the weather permits.

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**Volleyball**
The NIC volleyball team finished eighth in the nation with a record of 22-5 this past season, and a Region 18 runner-up finish. The volleyball team held a No. 1 ranking in the NJCAA polls for much of the season and went to back-to-back national volleyball tournaments for the first time in school history.

Team kill leader Yang Yang was named a NJCAA second team All-American. She was first team All-Conference and on the All-Tournament Team at regionals.

**Wrestling**
NIC claimed its 14th NJCAA wrestling championship in school history. The team also entered the championship tournament in Des Moines, Iowa ranked No. 1 in the nation – a ranking NIC held the entire season.

The Cardinals qualified 10 wrestlers for the NJCAA tournament and came away with seven All-Americans in a true team effort including Ryan Zumwalt, VJ Giulio, Jarrett Morrill, Brock Banta, Mike Carreon, Jeremy Golding, and Caleb Rivera.

This year’s NJCAA championship marks the fourth for NIC Head Coach Pat Whitcomb, who was earlier named the 2013 Region Coach of the Year.

**Golf**
The NIC men’s and women’s golf teams had outstanding seasons with the men’s team finishing 14th in the country and the women’s team finishing 18th.

The men’s team finished seventh at the NJCAA National Championship Preview in October 2012. The team took second place in its last three tournaments leading up to the preview.

The women’s team finished fifth at its final tournament of 2012, the Warner Pacific Invitational. They placed second at the Columbia Basin College Invite and sixth at the NIC Invitational held at Avondale Golf Club.

**Soccer**
The women’s soccer team finished the season with a very successful 9-4-2 record. The team had a tough 2-1 loss against the No. 10-ranked Laramie County Community College in the NJCAA District C semifinals.

The men’s team finished its season with the team’s third qualifying trip to the district playoffs, for the seventh time in eight seasons. The Cardinals had a tough 1-3 loss to Western Wyoming Community College, finishing the season with a 6-7-3 record.
NIC hires new president

Joe Dunlap, Ed.D., took over his new role as North Idaho College president on July 1. Dunlap was formerly the president of Spokane Community College in Spokane, Wash., a position he held since 2008. Highlights of his leadership include Spokane Community College’s selection as the lead agency for 11 colleges throughout the state of Washington that were awarded a $20 million Department of Labor grant for aerospace education and training in October 2011.

Prior to serving for four years as president, Dunlap served as the vice president of instruction at both Spokane Community College from 2004 to 2008 and Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, Wash., from 2002 to 2004. Dunlap’s other educational experience includes four years as dean of science and industrial technology at Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon from 1998 to 2002. He also served as founding director of the School of Aviation Sciences as well as professor of military science at Western Michigan University.

Dunlap holds a doctorate in education from Oregon State University’s Community College Leadership program as well as a master’s degree in business administration from City University and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Whitworth University in Spokane.

New vice presidents named

Graydon Stanley began working as vice president for student services in August. Stanley worked previously at the College of Southern Idaho, where he served as CSI’s dean of students since 1984. During that time, CSI grew dramatically in student population, programs, and facilities. Stanley actively participated in four accreditation reviews and led an initiative to improve services for veterans returning to college.

He developed facilities for students that included the CSI student union, the recreation center, and additions to both the residence hall and campus-owned apartments.

Stanley graduated from the College of Idaho where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education with a minor in history. He received a master’s degree in school counseling from the College of Idaho in 1986 and has begun work on a doctorate from the University of Idaho.

North Idaho College selected internal candidate Lita Burns, Ph.D., as its vice president for instruction in August. Burns previously served as NIC’s Dean of Health Professions and Nursing. Burns led NIC’s Health Professions and Nursing Division since 2001, first as director and then dean. While leading the division, Burns played a leading role in developing a Physical Therapist Assistant program at NIC, represented NIC in a statewide effort that garnered about $500,000 in grant funding for the college, and actively participated in the NIC Foundation’s capital campaign that led to the construction of the Meyer Health and Sciences Building.

Before working at NIC, Burns was a division chair of Allied Health, an associate professor at Central Wyoming College, a registered nurse at Columbia Riverton Memorial Hospital in Wyoming, and a nursing director at The Children’s Hospital in Denver, among other professional activities. Burns holds a doctorate from Gonzaga University, a master’s degree in ambulatory pediatric nursing from the University of Colorado, and a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Wyoming.

NIC awarded $2.97 million aerospace grant

In September 2012, NIC was awarded a $2.97 million grant intended to create an aerospace center to meet the workforce demands of the aerospace industry in North Idaho and help veterans and displaced workers in need of retraining. The program is expected to begin in the fall of 2013. For more information, contact Director of Aerospace and Outreach Kassie Silvas at (208) 769-3439 or kmsilvas@nic.edu.

Officials celebrate completion of Education Corridor Phase 1B

North Idaho College representatives and Coeur d’Alene city officials cut the ribbon for Phase 1B of the Education Corridor construction project June 27 at the intersection of Military Drive and River Avenue.

College representatives broke ground on the first phase of the $3.6 million project in June 2011. The second phase, Phase 1B, which includes the extension of River Avenue through to Northwest Boulevard, began in April 2012. Phase 1B also includes a new traffic signal on Northwest Boulevard at River Avenue. The project expands NIC’s campus to 75 acres, connects other area colleges, provides extra parking, and a safer campus with three exit options.
Alumni in Action

Fourth of July

Wesley Saunders, NIC student and May 2012 graduate at the 4th of July Parade.

Rhythm Dawgs

Jim Gray and Nicole Lewis with the Rhythm Dawgs play at the NIC Alumni Association fundraiser held in the Eagles Lodge.

Thank-A-Thon

NIC student volunteers Duncan Menzies and Jacque Carter call donors, retirees, and friends of the college thanking them for their support.

JazzNIC Social

Alums, retirees, and community supporters enjoy the buffet line at the JazzNIC Celebration & Social sponsored by STCU.

50/50 Winner

NIC Alumni Association President Dennis Grant congratulates Mark and Robyn Munkhoff on winning the 50/50 drawing.

Festival of Trees

NIC alumni Robyn and Kathy Lieggi decorate the college's entry to Festival of Trees.
Friends we’ll miss...

NIC mourns the loss of two legendary women

In 2012, North Idaho College retiree Ellen Fredrikson passed away, along with longtime friend of the college Marie Whitesel. Each woman had a significant impact on the college, especially the Nursing and Health Professions programs. The college will continue to honor their legacy in years to come.

Marie Whitesel passed away at the age of 96 on Nov. 23, 2012. She graduated from the University of Idaho in 1938 with a bachelor’s degree in art and earned a master’s degree in painting from the University of Iowa. She was very active with the University of Idaho, becoming the first female president on the U of I Alumni Association Board from 1977 to 1979; served on the U of I Foundation Board; and in 2002, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree. She was active with several local groups like Phi Beta Kappa, Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), and served on the board of the EXCEL Foundation. She was instrumental in the North Idaho College capital campaign for the Meyer Health and Sciences Building, serving as the honorary chair for the 2004-2006 Providing Opportunities—Fulfilling Dreams Community Campaign and was dedicated to ensuring quality support for nursing students. A true professional artist, her paintings have been featured in the New York World’s Fair and Pacific Northwest Artist’s Exhibition. Some of her paintings are hanging in buildings at NIC, U of I, in the Coeur d’Alene Resort, and in private homes in the Northwest.

Ellen Blair Fredrikson passed away June 4, 2012. After graduating high school, earning degrees, and getting married, her family moved to the Coeur d’Alene area upon the end of WWII. She was elected to the Coeur d’Alene School Board in 1959 for two terms and was instrumental in establishing the Department of Microbiology at North Idaho College, even teaching the first class. Then she moved with her husband Lynn to be closer to their grandchildren. To honor her memory, please consider a donation to the Lynn and Ellen Fredrikson Memorial Scholarship established through the NIC Foundation.

Please consider honoring the legacy of these women by sending in your contribution to the NIC Foundation with the enclosed giving envelope. If you are interested in supporting scholarships, contact the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978 or foundation@nic.edu.

North Idaho College and the NIC Alumni Association would like to express its sincere sympathy for the loss of these members of the NIC family:

Cliff Agar
Annette Louise Aiello (Halford), ’98
LaVerne Stanley “Stan” Allen, ’86
Debra “Debbie” May Angle
Sharon Lynn (Evangelisti) Banducci, ’80s
Harry B. Bonallo
Kenneth William Boni, ’70s
Ferdinand “Ferdy” Dewey Bouchard
Betty Marlene Bratlie
Margaret Walter Britt, ’96
June Kay Brown
Walter Carlson
Stephanie Renae Christmann, ’90s
Craig Lyle Clauson
Neta Janine Clift, ’92
Robert Earl Doler
Mary Ellen Dowers
Ruth Dunn, ’56
Melinda Michele Durocher
Marlene Grace Endico, ’80s
Donna Lee Erickson
Donovan Fetzer
Ellen Blair Fredrikson
Bernard Douglas Frymire
Rocklyn Ruth Getz, ’66
Michael Curtis Hanson, ’80s
Thomas Hogan, ’84
Jacqueline Kae “Jackie” Weddle Irvine
Fredrick “Rick” Jemison
Rose Mary Alice Hebert Jessick
Cynthia Jean Krajic, ’86
Katherine May (Miller) Lake
Catherine Agnes (Robins) Luchini
Mary Grace Lynn (Patano)
Joan Parker Lyon
Kenneth Allen Marcure, ’68
Lloyd Paul Marsh, ’85
Derrick J. Meister, student
Chris Edward Miller, ’05
Larry Burlon Mills
Priscilla C. Nelson, ’11
James Philip Olsen
John Heath Parkin, ’85
Robb R. Raber
Vern M Reames, ’62
Roy C. Satchwell
Peter Jerome Schneider, ’08
Robert “Bob” “Sire” John Schreiber
John Eric Simonet
Paul Dwayne Stephens
Lauren Demier Straub
Elverna R. Towles
Robert Shawn Ward
Emma Morton Weeks
Karon Kristine Wendt, ’69
Marie Whitesel
Patricia “Patty” Ann Wimpenny, ’80s
Charles Gordon Wimpenny
Alice Louise (Castleberry) Wolfinger, ’91

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First Really BIG Raffle winner Pat Reagan, 20 years ago in 1993 with former NIC Foundation Executive Director Steve Schenk.

The Hahn family celebrates their win in July 2012.