



Ambassador L. Paul Bremer Addresses 2000 in the Elmen Center

The tenth program in the Center's Boe Forum on Public Affairs featured the man who between May 2003 and June 2004 guided the country of Iraq from a state of near anarchy to the beginning of self rule under the interim government of newly elected Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. In the Elmen Center on the night of April 6, an audience of students, faculty, and hundreds of concerned citizens looked for answers to the question that has preoccupied all of us from the time of our invasion of Iraq to the present: All of the news being reported seems to be bad news—bombings, kidnappings, assassinations, and political squabbling among the Sunnis, the Shias, and the Kurds. Is there no good news about the future and America's involvement in that country's affairs?



Ambassador L. Paul Bremer

Ambassador Bremer summed up his answer by declaring, first, that he believes the Iraq people have themselves demonstrated their optimism. Second, the benefits of stability in Iraq, when it is attained, will be enormous to the country and the region.

And finally, Americans must learn to be patient because long into the future we will face these kinds of problems, perhaps to the end of the century.

Even the immediate future in Iraq is more optimistic than the news of the day conveys, according to Ambassador Bremer. In the last five years alone, the Iraqis have had three elections, and despite the fact that terrorists told them that if they voted they would be killed, nearly 12 million voted, a higher proportion of eli-

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Sioux Falls Sesquicentennial Celebrated at April Conference

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Sioux Falls (1856-2006) will be celebrated at the Dakota Conference, to be held April 21-22.

Under the rubric "The Urban Plains," more than 80 speakers, from as many as 10 states and two European countries, will address the theme of urbanization of the Northern Plains and other topics related to the region at the conference, sponsored by the Center for Western Studies.

The keynote address on Sioux Falls will be delivered by historian Gary D. Olson, whose talk, "The Rise of Sioux Falls: An Urban Success Story," will be the dinner presentation on Friday, April 21. Olson, professor emeritus at Augustana, is the author of *Sioux Falls, South Dakota: A Pictori-*

al History and chapters on cities and towns and Yankee and European immigration in *A New South Dakota History*.



Other Sioux Falls topics include the Sioux Falls Army Air Base, city booster and senator Richard F. Pettigrew, author and ornithologist Herbert Krause, Sioux Falls History Club, and historic preservation. Several papers will treat Minnehaha County history as well, including Victorian decorative arts and Norwegian settlement.

As Dakota Conference director Harry Thompson notes, the conference theme is derived from the realization that the Northern Plains states of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and the Dakotas are undergoing a major demographic shift, whereby residents are moving in significant numbers from rural communities and small towns to the cities.

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gible voters than voted in any American presidential election for the past 130 years. And the untold story of Iraq is the enormous progress in the economy, as evidenced by a per capita income that has doubled in the last four years.

A standing ovation greeted Mr. Bremer's talk. Following a question-and-answer session led by Dr. Joe Dondelinger, a reception at President Halverson's home held in honor of

Mr. Bremer enabled the diplomat to continue the discussion sparked by his presentation and student questions.

A special feature of the evening, following the welcoming talk given by CWS chairman Gary Earl, was the presentation by President Halverson of the Augustana College Covenant Award for Excellence to Sarah Ochsner, a senior from Herreid, SD.



The Boe Forum on Public Affairs: from the left are **Dr. Bruce Halverson, Dr. Gary Earl, Ambassador Bremer** and the hearing impaired interpreter.



Speakers at the Boe Forum included, from left, Augustana College President **Dr. Bruce Halverson, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer,** and CWS Board Chair **Dr. Gary Earl.**

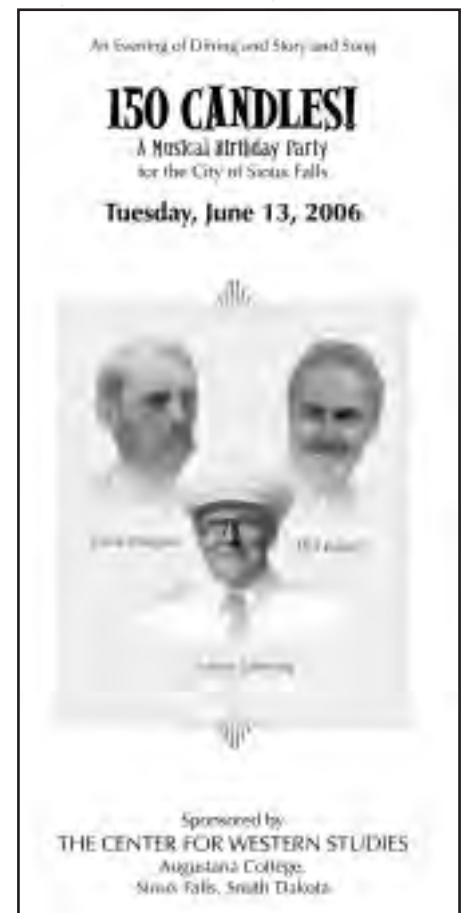
Announcing "150 Candles!" ***the June 13 Celebration in Song and Story of the*** ***Sesquicentennial of the City of Sioux Falls***

What were the events in the long history of Sioux Falls that have given it its unique character today? In other words, would there have been a Sioux Falls without Morrills, or the crossing of two interstate highways, or a regional airport with connections by jet to all of America? How would Sioux Falls be different without the State Penitentiary or the Minnehaha County Courthouse? And what about the South Dakota Symphony and the other arts institutions and the television stations and the colleges and the great healthcare systems that draw thousands to the city every week?

Well, the Center for Western Studies will choose the outstanding landmark events to celebrate in song and story on June 13 at the Ramkota Convention Center. Senator Frank Pettigrew will emcee, and the Sioux Falls Sesquicentennial Band will offer a musical salute to each of the dozen events that we have selected as truly outstanding in our town's history.

Actor Phil Kappen will personate Pettigrew, a story teller par excellence, who came to Sioux Falls in 1869, and Dr. Lee Lillehaug will direct the 18-piece Sesquicentennial Band, a role he has played brilliantly in past CWS June Events.

Members and friends of the Center are invited to join us for a splendid meal and another evening of dining and entertainment in this traditional spring event, now in its 17th season. Call 605-274-4007 for information.



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In South Dakota, for instance, the majority of the population is urban. In fact, a quarter of the population of the state now resides within the environs of the state's largest city, Sioux Falls.

Nearly another quarter of the state's population resides in just eight cities, with the majority living in the Rapid City area. Moreover, approximately a quarter of South Dakota's 75,000 Native American residents live in cities, with the greatest number living in Rapid City.

Tim Giago, award-winning Oglala Sioux journalist and former editor and publisher of *Indian Country Today*, will speak on "The Making of the Urban Indian" with special reference to Rapid City. Other cities featured at the conference include Brookings, Fort Pierre, and Deadwood.

Aberdeen teacher and long-time Dakota Conference presenter Jean Rahja will receive the Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains.

The Northern Plains Autograph Party, featuring thirty authors of books about the region, will be held on Saturday morning, April 22.

The Dakota Conference and the autograph party are open to the public. For additional information, call 605-274-4007 or view the conference program at <http://www.augie.edu/cws/38DakotaConf.pdf>.

Major funding for the Dakota Conference comes from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the City of Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, Richard and Michelle Van Demark, and the Mellon Fund Committee of Augustana College.

All-student Session Planned for Conference

Five Augustana students will take part in a special session arranged by Dr. Michael Mullin, professor of history at Augustana College, on "The Geography of Slavery." Based on Prof. Mullin's January interim course, students Laura Plowman, Kelly Goertzen, and Christine Howard will present their research. Students Laura Sova will offer commentary, and Clarissa Thompson will moderate the session.

New Members Elected to CWS Board and Council

At its December meeting the Augustana College Board of Trustees approved the following people to serve on the Center's Board of Directors for a three year term:

Mr. Lynn Aspaas is a retired businessman from Sioux Falls and was elected to the Center's Board after serving two previous terms. He will chair the Art Committee.

Mrs. Susan Hauff is a Sioux Falls native and businesswoman. She completed an un-expired term and is now serving her first full term. She will chair the CWS Development Committee.

Dr. Sandra Jerstad is a retired Augustana College professor and softball coach. She continues to serve on many boards in Sioux Falls and is serving her first term. She is a member of the Development Committee.

Rev. David Johnson is a semi-retired pastor from Sioux Falls. He is an Augustana alum and master woodcarver. He continues to serve churches in the Sioux Falls area. He will serve on the Development Committee during his first term.

Dr. Robert Kiner is serving as Academic Dean and the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Augustana College. He is from Sioux Falls and serves as an ex-officio member of the Center's Board.

Martin Oyos is a Sioux Falls attorney and Augustana alum. He is serving on the Collections Committee in his

first term. He also joins his father, Lyn, as the first father-son members of the Center's Board.

Re-elected to a second three-year term were **Mrs. Rosemary Draeger**, a Sioux Falls community leader and **Mr. Ron Robinson**, professor emeritus at Augustana College.

Officers for 2006 elected for a one-year term were Chair, **Gary Earl**, Vice-Chair, **Gary Olson**, Recording Secretary, **John McIntyre**, and Deputy-Recording Secretary, **Rosemary Draeger**. Immediate Past Chair is **Gerry Law**.

Elected by the Board of Directors and approved by President Bruce Halverson to serve a five-year term on the Center's National Advisory Council were **Jim Aplan**, Piedmont, SD, **Les Baylor**, Rapid City, SD, **Jerry Czulewicz**, Isanti, MN, **Jeff Hayzlett**, Sioux Falls, **Dorothy Mayeske**, North Oaks, MN, **Rex Myers**, Powell, WY, **Jane Rasmussen**, Sisseton, SD, **Robert Sellin**, Rockford, IL, and **Alan Woolworth**, Maplewood, MN. Elected to the Council after serving on the Board of Directors were **Esther Bowden**, Sioux Falls, and **Jerry Simmons**, Sioux Falls.

We thank **Gene McGowan**, Sioux Falls for his service on the Board of Directors and **Alice Kundert**, Mound City, SD, for her service on both the National Advisory Council and on the original Boe Forum on Public Affairs committee.

In the CWS Galleries

The Center's Madsen, Nelson, and Elmen galleries have hosted some very interesting exhibits since the beginning of the year and we look forward to new exhibits through the end of the year.

The ***Rock and Roll Revisited*** exhibit was at the Center only a month and yet it exceeded all expectations for visitors. Over 400 people stopped to see this one-of-a-kind exhibit. Thanks to Sioux Falls collector Don Fritz, the Center hosted over 60 different posters of bands from the rock and roll era of the '50's and '60's. We also had one of Don's jukeboxes, a coke and candy machine from the era, and a great display of music albums and other memorabilia including a Myron Lee guitar. We hosted a reception on January 9th and had over 150 people in attendance with appropriate food, coke, and candy bars available for our guests. There is a photo of attendees who played in rock and roll bands included in this newsletter. We want to thank Augustana President Bruce Halverson for his support in bringing this exhibit to the public and also thanks to Jeff Parker of Parker Transfer and Storage for moving the jukebox and coke and candy machines.

USD Photograph Collection: Preserving Our Past in Images, 1930-1999—

It is almost unimaginable that you could have a collection of 300,000 photos. That is what Sarah Hanson, photograph collection manager and archives associate at the I. D. Weeks Library at

USD, has to work with. She has put together an outstanding collection of about 60 images and has been sharing them with galleries around eastern South Dakota. Included are historical images of the campus and of campus events as well as people of broader interest, including Oscar Howe, Robert Penn, Dave Brubeck, and others. The Center hosted a recep-

tion/gallery talk on February 16, and Ms. Hanson explained the process she is using to preserve these photos while working with the collection. The exhibit concluded at the Center on April 1.

Art for the Ages II—The Center for Western Studies is pleased to host for the second year the Center for Active Generations Art Show and Sale. This exhibit will run from April 8-June 3, 2006. There will be a reception

for the artists on Monday, April 10, from 3:00-6:30 PM. This artists' group from the Center for Active Generations does oil, watercolor, pen and ink, as well as woodcarving, fine needlework, and other crafts. These items are all for sale, and we invite the public to stop and see the work that this "active" group creates.



CWS Board member Lynn Aspass and wife Barbara, listen as Sarah Hanson, an associate in the I.D. Weeks Library, tells about her work in preserving 300,000 negatives and photographs at the University of South Dakota. The Center was pleased to host the USD Photograph Collection: Our Past in Images, 1930-1999.



*This group of fifteen people was part of the crowd of 150 who attended the reception for the CWS exhibit **Rock and Roll Revisited**. They represented the musicians who played in various groups around the Sioux Falls area in the '50's and '60's. In front in the light-colored sweater is Don Fritz, and to his right is Augustana President Bruce Halverson. The two men were instrumental in putting together the memorabilia for the exhibit. Look closely; you will recognize other "area rockers".*

Ojibwa Life, The M. P. Killy Photos—The photos were taken during the 1930's and 1940's on the Ojibwa reservation in Minnesota. Three themes come immediately to mind, one of life on the reservation, the wild rice harvest, and the “mapling” process used in making syrup. The exhibit, now owned by Dr. William Schoenwetter and his wife, Barbara, of Edina, MN, is part of a larger collection by Killy. The Schoenwetters are sponsoring the framing of about 60 pieces for the exhibit and have been supporters of the Center in other ways as well. We will schedule a reception for sometime in June and hope to have Mr. Killy with us for that. The collection will be on exhibit from June 10-September 9, 2006, at the Center's Galleries

Nancyjane Huehl—The Center is working with this very accomplished artist to host a one-woman show and sale beginning in September and running through December. Huehl lives in Vivian, SD, and has been part of the Center's art show and sale for many years. Her Oil painting “Badlands Blue” was judged “Best of Show” at the 26th annual Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale this year. Her works will be for sale to the public. We plan to schedule a reception/gallery talk with her and also hope to have her with us at the December 2006 Members and Friends Christmas Luncheon.

Watch for more announcements on events in the Center's galleries. We invite the public to stop and see the different exhibits that we will have on display. We want to remind you that in addition to our regular weekday schedule, the Center is open Saturdays from 10-2.



The Center's volunteers gather for their annual Christmas luncheon on December 15. Volunteers pictured from left are: Tony Haga, Lynn Aspaas, Barbara Aspaas, A. Richard “Pastor Pete” Petersen, Carolyn McClain, Gary Earl, Anne Haga, Milt Hanson, Fran Noteboom, Tom Houle, Bev Petersen, Arlen Viste, Merle Pflueger, and Frank Gibbs. The Center is grateful to this dedicated group of people who help staff the Center on Saturdays.



Bob Sutton, Executive Director of the South Dakota Community Foundation presents a check for \$3,700 to ***ED Dr. Art Huseboe*** to help support the Anson Yeager project to place copies of the new history in every library in South Dakota.

Mary Washing the Feet of Christ by ***Pamela Harr*** of Glendive, MT is shown with its new base and plaque in the Center's galleries. The bronze was donated to the Center for Western Studies by ***Dr. R. M. Penor*** of Chadron, NE, in memory of his late wife, ***June***.



CWS Executive Director Art Huseboe is shown with the congratulatory cake recognizing his 45 years at Augustana College. The cake was shared with the CWS Board at its February meeting.

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The Center's gift shop, gallery, library, and offices are located in the Fante Building at 2201 S. Summit, Sioux Falls, and are open to the public Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Center's archives are open Monday -Friday 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

Annual December Luncheon Honors Photographer Strasser and Launches New History Book

Following an early morning joint meeting on Saturday, December 3, the Center's Board and Council adjourned to host a gallery talk by veteran photographer Joel Strasser and an autograph party for eight of the seventeen authors of *A New South Dakota History*, the Center's latest publication.



The Center was pleased to thank a group of people for their service to the Center as members of the Board of Directors. They included Esther Bowden, Jerry Simmons, and Mike Spears. On the left are Herb and Ester Bowden who were honored with the Friends of the Center Award for all of their support to the Center. In front is well known photographer Joel Strasser. The Center was privileged to host the Strasser Photo Exhibit and Joel was recognized for his lifetime work with the Center for Western Studies' Western America Award.

Mr. Strasser's talk was part autobiography—the story of his lifelong dedication to the art of the camera—and a tribute to the glorious scenery of the Northern Plains as a subject for the commercial photographer.

The authors of *A New South Dakota History* gathered following the gallery talk to autograph copies for the dozens of history lovers that morning. Among the authors: general editor Harry Thompson, principal writers Herbert Hoover and John E. Miller, five others who penned chapters in the massive work: Arthur Huseboe, Michael Mullin, Gary Olson, Lynwood Oyos, and Ron Robinson. Seven authors were unable to attend: Ruth Ann Alexander, Ed Hogan, Carol Goss Hoover, Rex C. Myers, Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, Betti VanEpps-Taylor, and David Wolff. The absence of two of the most celebrated of the authors—Vine Deloria, Jr., and Bob Lee, underscored the unique nature of the writing of the history, for both had passed away late in 2005 and each had brought to the project knowledge that is possessed by no other writer.

Presiding at the luncheon that followed was CWS chairman Dr. Gary Earl, and the featured speaker was Dr. Harry Thompson, the Director of Research Collections and Publications for the Center and the overall editor of the new history. His talk about the adventures of historical writing and editing was especially appreciated by the dozen libraries who were guests of the Center for lunch. Each was presented with a gift copy of *A New South Dakota History*, courtesy of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, the agency that provided the funds to enable the Center to place a free copy of the history in all 90 libraries in Sioux Falls the immediate vicinity.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Strasser was recognized with the Western America Award, a unique honor assigned by the Center to individuals who have contributed mightily to a better understanding of the Northern Plains region of America. The Friends of the Center Award followed, given jointly to Board member Esther Bowden and her husband Herb. The concluding paragraph of the citation read by Executive Director Dr. Arthur Huseboe reads as follows:

“We are particularly pleased to be able to honor Esther Bowden for her distinguished service on the Center's Board of Directors for an unprecedented fourteen years. She was elected in 1991, the same year that she completed two three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota



*Eleven librarians, representing the libraries in Sioux Falls and the immediate vicinity, were the guests of the Center at the December 3 Christmas luncheon. A grant from the Sioux Falls Area Foundation made it possible to provide free copies of *A New South Dakota History* to all 90 of the school and public libraries in the city and region. Project coordinator Kelli Kappenman, the Jacobsen Intern at the Center, is pictured at the far right; her mentor, ED Dr. Arthur Huseboe, stands at the rear of the group.*

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Symphony, serving there as secretary. Esther served on the Executive Committee of the CWS for most of her time on the Board, was a member for ten years of the Boe Forum dinner committee, and her leadership for the past several years as chairman of the Development Committee has been outstanding. She consistently set high goals for our development efforts and led by example as we reached ever higher levels of membership and income. And now, after fourteen years of service on the Board, Esther has agreed to continue working for the Center as a member of the National Advisory Council. We are most pleased to welcome her in her new role.”

At the close of the luncheon, many in the audience repaired to the Fantle Building to continue the autograph party and to visit with Western America Award winner Joel Strasser.

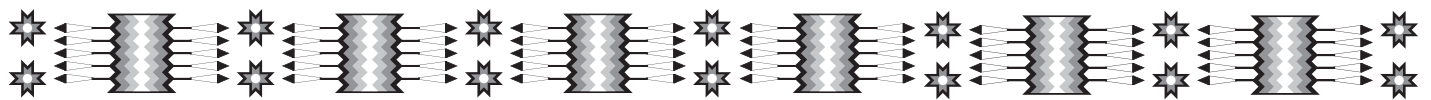


Members of the Center’s Board and Council met before the annual Members and Friends Christmas luncheon on December 3. Pictured from the left are Board members **John McIntyre, David Johnson, Rosemary Draeger, Jerry Simmons, Mike Spears,** and National Advisory Council member **Jeff Hayzlett.**

Family and Friends Honor Anson Yeager



Pictured are **Ada May and Anson Yeager**, the late long-time editor of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader and author of two books published by the Center for Western Studies: *Anson Yeager’s Stories and Dust Bowl Days...And Two Wars—the latter a memoir.* In honor of her husband, who died on November 20, 2005, Ada May and family and friends have awarded to the Center a grant of \$14,000 in order to place free copies of *A New South Dakota History* in 600 libraries, both school and public, all across the state. A further grant of \$2,200 in Anson’s name has been made by Dr. Terry Yeager in order to install new computers in three of the Center’s offices. Thank you to Ada May and Terry and to all who have made these two projects possible.



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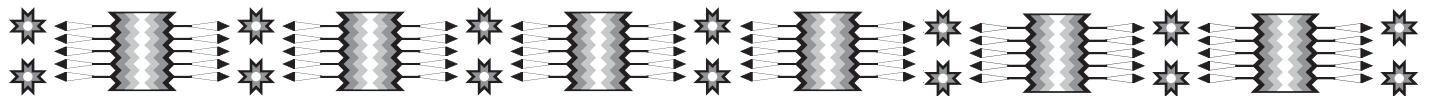
ON NORTHERN PLAINS HISTORY, LITERATURE, ART & ARCHAEOLOGY

April 21-22, 2006 ~ Augustana College

Theme: The Urban Plains

Celebrating Sioux Falls’ Sesquicentennial (1856-2006)
and the centennial of CWS Founder Herbert Krause (1905-2005)

Northern Plains Autograph Party
Saturday, April 22, 10:35am–12 noon.



“Highly Recommended”

–American Library Association on *A New South Dakota History* South Dakota Public Television Chooses New History as Membership Gift

Praise for the Center’s most recent book publication, *A New South Dakota History*, continues unabated. “Highly recommended for all libraries, especially those on the Great Plains, and for researchers at all levels” is the assessment of the American Library Association’s College and Research Library division.

Another endorsement came from South Dakota Public Television, when it chose *A New South Dakota History* as the “thank you” gift at the \$250 level for new or renewing memberships in South Dakota Public Broadcasting. This gave the book statewide promotion for the two weeks of the March fundraising campaign.

Sales of both the cloth and paper editions have been brisk. The book has been adopted as a class text at USD, USDSU, and BHSU. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the new history has been distributed to all school and public libraries throughout South Dakota.

The following overview of the book is excerpted from the Members and Friends Christmas Luncheon talk, given December 3, 2005, “Treasures from South Dakota’s New History,” by General Editor Dr. Harry F. Thompson.

Introduction

“Each generation must write its own history, for history is not really about the past—it is about the present, or more accurately, it is about what each generation thinks is important about the past. The idea for the Center for Western Studies to undertake a new history came from Dr. Arthur Huseboe. He recognized, as the new millennium was dawning, that no new history of South Dakota had been published in forty years, when Herbert Schell brought out his book. Even the most recent update of Schell’s history, in 1975, was a quarter-century old.

The CWS board of directors gave its approval in 2001—and said find the money. We did find the money, eventually, but we had difficulty at first. Our first proposal, to a local bank, was declined, but then Howard and Eunice Hovland heard about the project, and, being educators themselves,

they took a particular interest in the book and supported it with a major gift—so we could start the project. Grants we had sent out earlier were awarded, and then a second major gift, from the Elmen Family Foundation, made it possible for us to complete the project.

Art was not alone in recognizing the lack of a contemporary treatment of the state’s past. Shortly after CWS announced the project, two of the state’s pre-eminent historians made independent proposals. Dr. Herbert T. Hoover of USD, who had been using his own custom text, made a proposal for a new history. Dr. John Miller of SDSU, who had been contemplating writing a state history, also contacted CWS.

The CWS Publications Committee, chaired by Dr. Lynwood Oyos, responded to this expression of interest by proposing to combine chapters by Hoover and Miller with several chapters and selected essays by other authors. CWS saw this as an opportunity to define—possibly for a generation—some of the major issues facing South Dakotans today: growing urbanization, race relations, the new economies of health care, tourism, and communications, and increasing depopulation of rural areas. The

audience for the book, as conceived by the committee, was principally the general public, including teachers of South Dakota history and college students seeking state certification.

Specifications

The project represented a formidable challenge from an editorial view: 16 authors, 27 chapters, resulting in an estimated 10,000 editorial changes/corrections over 6 full proofs. The finished book measures approximately 7 x 10 inches and is bound in both paper and cloth. Both editions sport sewn bindings, a rarity in today’s market, and are printed on 60# natural text paper.



The new history is 664 pages long and contains 358,000 words. Other features: 139 photos and drawings, plus 11 maps (51 photos from CWS collections); 41 pages of documentation, totaling 900 notes; 36 pages of index for a total of 4,500 entries; 27 pages of selected readings for a total of 350 recommended sources.

The Treasures

1. One goal was to demonstrate cultural diversity, which we did with chapters on Native Americans and African Americans. We also sought to include Native Americans speaking in their own voices. To this end, we commissioned an introductory essay by noted author Vine Deloria, Jr., an essay on the traditional Sioux family by National Humanities Medal winner Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, and a groundbreaking chapter on African Americans by Oscar Micheaux biographer Betti VanEpps-Taylor.

2. These voices are complemented by scholarly assessments of indigenous peoples, especially the Sioux, by plains Indian historian Dr. Herbert T. Hoover of USD. Hoover contributes five chapters, including a remarkable chapter on Missouri Valley Culture, the Indian and white culture that grew up along the Missouri River in the years between the fur trade and territorial period. Hoover also contributed chapters on Indian health care and the Sioux in contemporary society.

3. SDSU professor emeritus Dr. Edward Hogan provides an overview of the state's physical geography, noting the variety of land formations and climate across the state. Dr. Rex Myers, of Northwest College, offers a fine chapter on exploration and the fur trade, including an account of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

4. Another original contribution to the history of the state is professor emeritus Dr. Gary Olson's account of those who established the first town-sites in the state—not the Germans, Swedes, or Norwegians—but those Americans who migrated from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania—known as Yankees.

5. In addition to his assessment of South Dakota's political history, professor emeritus Dr. John Miller of SDSU

provides an insightful essay on small-town South Dakota—an essay already very popular with the students.

6. The history of South Dakota's religious institutions is treated with respect by Dr. Carol Hoover, writing on the Catholics, and by professor emeritus Dr. Lynwood Oyos, writing on the Protestants and Jews. And the state's agricultural past receives appropriate attention by Oyos, with a companion chapter on ranching by the late Bob Lee, a noted journalist and historian.

7. If you think of history only as a record of those involved in politics, war, or other events, you will find that this book exceeds your expectations. Here you will also find an entire essay on the contributions of women writers by SDSU professor emeritus Dr. Ruth Ann Alexander, and chapters on the visual arts by Augustana professor emeritus Ron Robinson and on the literary and performing arts by Dr. Arthur Huseboe.

8. Dr. David Wolff, BHSU professor of history, provides a wide-ranging overview of the Black Hills. The book takes on the challenge of assessing the state's new economies of communications (by Robinson), tourism (by Myers), and health care (by Hoover).

9. Not content to be a new interpretation of the past, the new history concludes with a chapter on the future by Dr. Michael Mullin, professor of history at Augustana. In this chapter, Mullin explains the two paradigms by which the state can be understood.

10. The book is the only history that makes reference to the earlier Verendrye plate found by Max Rittgers' dog Ben, the only history that includes a map of the Missouri River drawn by a Native American, the only South Dakota history that contains mini-essays as captions, chronologies for each chapter, and that, on the dustjacket of the cloth edition, features an essay on the uniqueness of South Dakota by Arthur Huseboe.

One final treasure should also be mentioned, and that is the Study Guide to accompany the new history, prepared by Professor Hoover. Fourteen pages in length, it is downloadable from the CWS Web page at <http://www.augie.edu/cws/studyguide.pdf>."

A New South Dakota History Featured on South Dakota Forum

If you missed the live broadcast interview with authors Herbert T. Hoover and John E. Miller on South Dakota Public Radio's program South Dakota Forum on February 1, 2006, you can listen to it by going to <http://www.sdpb.org/archives/ProgramDetail.asp?ProgID=4644>.

CWS Art Show and Sale Enters Second Quarter Century

After celebrating 25 years for the Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale in 2005, the Center's art committee turned its attention to our 26th annual event. This year proved to be as successful as the previous 25 with eighteen regional artists gathered for the weekend of February 17-19.

The beautiful Radisson Encore Hotel served as the venue for the show and sale for the eleventh year. We are most grateful to them for all of their help in making the show and sale a success. The crowd at our Friday evening Premier Showing was again wall-to-wall. Lynn Aspaas, CWS Board member and art committee chair served as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening and Augustana College President Bruce Halverson greeted attendees on behalf of the college.

The Center again made ribbon presentations in four categories. As has been our custom, the people attending voted for a three-dimensional piece and a painting as the "People's Choice" awards. With their usual good judgment they selected "Shifting Wind" a bronze piece by Harvey Rattey from Glendive, MT, for the three-dimensional piece and Sioux Falls artist Russ Duerksen's "Among the Blossoms" as the painting.

Our panel of three judges had the most difficult job of selecting the "Best of Show" winners for a painting and a three-dimensional piece. Art committee members Lynn Aspaas, and Michael Mullin, and Sioux Falls art dealer and businessman L.D. Andrews served as the judges. Dr. Halverson and Roger Currier with Cumulus Media/Results Radio, the sponsors of our show and sale, helped to make the awards and present the ribbons. The "Best of Show" painting was awarded to Nancyjane Huehle of Vivian, SD, for her oil painting, "Badlands Blue." For the first time our audience and the judges agreed and awarded Harvey Rattey of Glendive,

MT, his second award for the evening for "Shifting Wind," a bronze with a herd of elk. Earlier the art committee had selected Humboldt artist Bonnie Brahms' "Homestead Shed" as the cover art for our invitation.

We received very favorable comments from those



Shown at the Center's 25th Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale are from the left: **Lynn Aspaas**, Art Committee Chair, **Russ Duerksen**, whose painting "Among the Blossoms" was selected as the "People's Choice" award winner, **Harvey Rattey**, whose bronze "Shifting Wind" was selected as both the "People's Choice" and the "Best of Show" winner for a three-dimensional piece; and "Badlands Blue" by **Nancyjane Huehl** was selected as the painting for the "Best of Show" award. **Roger Currier** with Cumulus Media/Results Radio helped to sponsor the show and sale. **President Bruce Halverson** and CWS Director of Development **Dean Shueler** are pictured on the right.

attending the show and sale. Each year the artists from this region get better and better as evidenced by the difficulty of judging the "Best of Show." Artists who attended the show and sale this year were Mark Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD; Arne Bortnem, Sioux Falls, SD; Byran Bortnem, Rutland, SD; Bonnie Brahms, Humboldt, SD; Virginia Coudron, Brookings, SD; Pati Deuter, Ree Hieghts, SD; Marian Hunjum, Sioux

Falls, SD; Dave Huebner, Bushnell, SD; Nancyjane Huehl, Vivian, SD; Rosemary Millette, Sioux Falls, SD; Donald Montileaux, Rapid City, SD; Harvey Rattey, Glendive, MT; Joshua Spies, Watertown, SD; Gary Steinley, Brookings, SD; Johnny Swatek, Wagner, SD; Richard Tucker, Scottsbluff, NE; and Jim Whartman, Hemingford, NE.

The Center would like to thank the CWS Board of Directors and National Advisory Council for serving as hosts and hostesses for the Premier Showing on Friday evening. We thank the Radisson for sponsoring and hosting the reception and Great Western Bank for sponsoring the "People's Choice" and "Best of Show" awards. Over twenty-five businesses from the Sioux Falls community helped to make the show a success with their advertising dollars. We are especially thankful to Don Jacobs and Roger Currier from Cumulus Media/Results Radio for again sponsoring and supporting the show and sale in so many ways. They help us to promote the show and sale to a regional audience. The 27th annual show and sale is scheduled for February 16-18, 2006. Mark your calendars!

What the Critics Say About Our Books . . .

A New South Dakota History

By Herbert T. Hoover, John E. Miller, and 14 other authors
\$39.95 (pbk.), \$59.95 (cloth)

“The last history of this state, Herbert Schell’s *History of South Dakota* (3rd ed., rev, 1975), was told almost entirely from a political and economic standpoint. Hoover et al. take an entirely different approach. Fourteen experts and scholars contribute chapters, and essays by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve and the late Vine Deloria, Jr., focus on the all-important Native American aspect of South Dakota history.

“Rather than using a strictly chronological format, the book is divided into topical chapters ranging from geology and the environment to South Dakota in the 20th century, and includes excellent sections on the fur trade, immigrant settlements, and the Black Hills. Almost no topic is neglected; unlike many traditional state histories, this one also addresses literature, visual and performing arts, health care, and tourism. And chronology is included, since every chapter includes a time line of events. Because the book has numerous authors, the writing quality is somewhat uneven, but this is an excellent resource made especially accessible by the topical chapters. Summing Up: Highly recommended. All libraries, especially those on the Great Plains, and for researchers at all levels. – *Choice*, published by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association (April 2006)

Please Note: Several contributors to *A New South Dakota History* will be available to sign copies of the book at the Northern Plains Autograph Party, April 22, 10:35 a.m. – 12 noon, at the Dakota Conference.

“. . . this book is simply amazing. With sixteen authors, from across the state and beyond, the amount and quality of information is indeed impressive. What struck me most, however, is the readability of the volume. The book tells the story of South Dakota from a variety of perspectives in a manner that is at once both engaging and compelling. Whether because each author is concentrating on a specific subject or simply their personal enthusiasm for the topic at hand, the chapters stand alone for reading purposes, while joining together to create, in the words of general editor Dr. Harry Thompson, ‘a collaborative interpretation of the state’s past.’

“Dr. Herbert Hoover’s introduction outlining the background of ‘histories’ in South Dakota and providing the context for this *New History* is excellent. It is indeed obvious that our state was overdue for a work of this magnitude.

“The *New History* belongs in all South Dakota libraries. But more than that, I would challenge you to dip into it as readers and to encourage your library’s patrons to do the same. From the early encounters of settlers with the Native peoples to the coming of the railroads to the discovery of gold to the building of roads and establishment of towns, this volume is packed with South Dakota details that stir the imagination. An understanding of and appreciation for our state’s past is critical to ensuring a future that is at once progressive and hopeful.”

– *Book Marks*, South Dakota Library Association (Nov/Dec 2005)

BOOKS FROM THE NORTHERN PLAINS

A New South Dakota History

by Herbert T. Hoover, John E. Miller, et al. \$39.95 (pbk), \$59.95 (cloth)

“A gift to South Dakota”

–*South Dakota Magazine*

The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Then and Now

edited with an introduction by David Kvernes \$19.95

Eighteen selected essays from the Dakota Conference in observance of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health

by Elaine N. McIntosh \$12.95

“The guide that Lewis and Clark should have had 200 years ago” –*South Dakota Magazine*; “fascinating study [and] informative” – *CHOICE*

The Bull Rider’s Advice (New and Selected Poems)

by David Allan Evans, South Dakota Poet Laureate \$14.95

“This book brings out a whole life, rooted in place, with real human bonds. The poetry comes through in the convergence of captured moments in time . . . that evoke the larger rhythms and concerns of life.” – Joseph Carroll, University of Missouri–St. Louis

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: A Pictorial History

(New and Enlarged Edition)

by Gary D. Olson and Erik L. Olson \$39.95

Sioux Country: A History of Indian-white Relations

by Herbert T. Hoover and Carol Goss Hoover \$49.95

Soldier, Settler, and Sioux: Fort Ridgely and the Minnesota River Valley, 1853-1867

by Paul N. Beck \$12.95

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Buffalo Chips...

The 2006 service awards at Augustana College were held February 22 in the Morrison Commons on the campus. President **Bruce Halverson** hosted the event and made the presentations. The following CWS members were recognized for their service to the college: for fifteen years—**Ann Pederson**; for twenty years—**Deb Hagemeyer**; for forty years—**Milt Hanson**; and for forty-five years—**Art Olsen** and CWS Executive Director **Art Huseboe**. Congratulations and thanks to all of these people for their good service to Augustana College.

The South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame will induct two of the Center's friends on April 8 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. CWS member and Augustana College alum **Bob Swanhorst** will be inducted. **Dave Strain** of Rapid City, who has distributed the Center's publications to bookstores across South Dakota for many years and has contributed to the CWS Fantle Building, as well as sponsoring receptions for our gallery talks, will be inducted for his many years as a basketball coach in Rapid City as well as his high school career at White River, SD. Congratulations to Bob and Dave.

We want to share the loss of a number of loyal CWS members since our newsletter in November. Among those we were notified of are CWS members **Dr. Robert George**, **Melvern Halvorson**, **Dr. Dorence Ensberg**, author **Vine Deloria Jr.**, and **Bedia Oyos**, wife of CWS Board member **Lyn Oyos**. We would note the passing of **Mrs. Jan Miller**, the widow of artist **David Humphreys Miller**, who donated his papers to the Center. We also mourn the loss of former National Advisory Council member **Richard Culbert** and former Board member **Dayton Armin**. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

The Center for Western Studies was pleased to host the reception for over 200 students and their parents who came to Augustana for the **Distinguished Scholars Competition** on February 26 and March 5.

CWS Board member **John McIntyre** will receive the H. Councill Trenholm Memorial Award from the National Education Association during the Association's meeting in Orlando, FL, in July. The award is given for advancing intergroup understanding within the education profession. **John** will join 10 others who have demonstrated their dedication to promoting social justice and dignity for all citizens. Congratulations John!

John (Jack) Parker, a presenter at several Dakota Conferences, passed away on January 22, 2006, in Minneapolis. Parker and **James Ford Bell**, founder of **General Mills**, launched the James Ford Bell Library at the University of Minnesota in 1953. The library is internationally known

for its collection of history of world commerce from the time of Marco Polo to the end of the 18th century.

Are you a Korean War vet? **Andrea Mitchell**, **Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent for NBC News**, reported recently that the federal government has reclassified 9,500 documents relating to whether the Chinese would invade Korea and records showing the presence of American troops in Korea in 1950. These records were declassified in 1976 and made available to the public but have now been withdrawn, in effect rewriting history.

The University of South Dakota alumni magazine, *The South Dakotan*, featured *A New South Dakota History* in its most recent issue. Contributors to the new history who are USD alums include **Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve**, **Carol Goss Hoover**, **Lynwood Oyos**, **Betti VanEpps-Taylor**, **Arthur Huseboe**, and **Harry Thompson**.

Artist **Ron Backer** has completed a painting for the Sioux Falls Sesquicentennial called "Birth of a City." His Lewis and Clark Expedition painting, "Sandbar Bivouac," won the Captain Lewis Award for an oil painting at Journey's End, Astoria, OR.

ED **Art Huseboe** addressed the Minnehaha County Historical Society on the occasion of their annual meeting on March 16th. His talk was titled "Cultural Regionalism: South Dakota as the Center of Paradise," an outgrowth of his study of statistical data that demonstrates the high quality of life in South Dakota and the seven adjoining states. Following his talk, Art was officially enrolled as Registered Historian No. 417 of the MCHS by Society official Bruce Blake.

Among the friends of the Center for Western Studies over the years, few have equaled the financial and personal support of **Bob and Jim Elmen** and the **Elmen Family Foundation**. We deeply regret the passing of the younger half of that partnership. Jim Elmen passed away on March 12, 2006, at the age of 73. A long-time member of the Center, Jim was a graduate of Longfellow, Washington High, and Augustana College, where he was a fraternity brother of ED Art Huseboe. Of the many gifts in support of CWS programs, the most recent and the most substantial by the Elmen Family Foundation was the \$35,000 grant that made possible, along with other grants, the recently published *A New South Dakota History*, certain to be the definitive study of the state for long into the future. The Center is grateful for all that Jim and the family have done and extends to Jim's wife Eloise and the three children, Connie, Rebecca, and Richard, and to brother Bob and wife Rita their sincere condolences on Jim's passing.

Bob Lee 1920-2005

On November 12, 2005, we lost a much respected historian, writer, journalist, and South Dakota enthusiast with the death of Bob Lee. Bob had served his country during World War II and wrote for the *Stars and Stripes*. After the war he continued his journalism career with the *Minneapolis Star-Journal* and later joined the staff of the *Rapid City Journal*. He served as administrative aid and press secretary to Governor Joe Foss during both of his terms. Along with Morris Hallock, they owned Black Hills Publishers, Inc, until he retired in 1986. Bob was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in the field



in *Life* Memo. of Communications in 1987. His book *Fort Meade and the Black Hills* earned him the “Writer of the Year” award in 1992. During the past three years Bob had been one of sixteen authors who wrote *A New South Dakota History* for the Center and it was published only two months before his death. Bob had served as a member of the Center for Western Studies’ National Advisory Council since 1995. He was also an annual contributor at the Dakota Conference on History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology held at the Center. We will miss his good “Norwegian” humor and his ever-present smile. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Dode, and his three children.

Fr. Stan Maudlin among First CWS Board Members



The Rev. Stanislaus Maudlin, OSB, a monk of Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, SD, died January 22, 2006. Fr. Stan was a member of the Center’s first Board of Directors in 1975, moving to the Advisory Council in 1976 and then to Emeritus Council status in 1981.

A founding member of Blue Cloud Abbey in 1950, Fr. Stan was named Executive Director of the American Indian Culture Research Center at Blue Cloud Abbey, a position he held until his death. He was also named Vicar for Indian Ministry by Bishop Paul Dudley of the Sioux Falls Diocese. In 2004, he was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, and he received an honorary doctorate from Mount Marty College shortly before his death.

Fr. Stan’s papers relating to the American Indian Culture Research Center are on deposit at the Center for Western Studies.

Memorials

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In memory of Betty Augst
Burton Augst

In memory of Asa Battles
Frank & Jan Gibbs

In memory of Nathan Berdahl
Art & Doris Huseboe

In memory of Ruth Bergh
Harold & Phyllis Krueger

In memory of Dick Culbert
Frank & Jan Gibbs
Dean & Sharon Schueler

In memory of Ralph Dally
Art & Doris Huseboe
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In memory of Paul Eggers
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CWS Beneficiary of William Beach Locke Trust

The Center for Western Studies has been notified by the First National Bank in Sioux Falls that it is one of five named beneficiaries of the William Alexander and Lida Beach Memorial Trust, established by Episcopal priest Fr. William Beach Locke. The Center will receive an annual distribution from the trust in perpetuity. Fr. Locke passed away on August 18, 2005, in Sioux Falls.

Fr. Locke's association with CWS began while a resident of Seal Beach, CA, when he donated correspondence relating to his grandfather's business, the Will A. Beach Printing Co. of Sioux Falls. When Fr. Locke moved back to Sioux Falls, he continued to donate business and family papers to CWS.

Born in Cambridge, MA, in 1918, the son of William

Henry and Barbara M. (Beach) Locke, he moved with his family to Sioux Falls in 1919. He attended Harvard University, graduating in 1940, and later received his Master of Divinity degree from Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary located in Wisconsin.

Fr. Locke served in the US Army during World War II and was ordained a priest in the South Dakota Diocese of the Episcopal Church in 1952. In 1961 he moved to California, where he continued his work for the Episcopal Church. He later retired from the church to care for his elderly mother, returning to Sioux Falls in 1994 following her death.

The Center for Western Studies is honored to be the recipient of Fr. Locke's beneficence.

2006 Membership Campaign

Thanks to those of you who have supported the Center with your 2006 membership gift. Because of your support, we are well on our way to reaching our goal for the '06 membership campaign. Your membership is so important to the Center in its continuing efforts to "Preserve and Interpret the History and Cultures of the Northern Plains." While we are slightly ahead at this point, our Spring Newsletter is our last written effort to encourage your support before the fiscal year ends on July 31. Our Board of Directors and the CWS staff enjoyed the opportunity to visit by phone with many of you during our calling efforts last fall and in February. As we move into the spring our Development Committee will take the lead to follow-up with those of you we haven't reached earlier. We have a very busy spring and summer planned here at the Center. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Center hosted former Ambassador Paul Bremer at the Boe Forum on April 6. This continues to be a premier event on

the Augustana College campus. The thirty-eighth Dakota Conference will be held here at the Center on April 21-22. Beginning in early April and continuing to early June we will again host the Center for Active Generations, "Art for the Ages II" art show and sale. The Center's Board and National Advisory Council will hold their annual planning retreat on May 13. One month later on June 13th the Center will help the city of Sioux Falls celebrate its 150th birthday with our seventeenth annual June fundraising event, "150 Candles! A Musical Birthday Party for the city of Sioux Falls." There will be new art exhibits this summer as well. If you haven't renewed your membership since August 1, 2005, or have never been a member of CWS, we invite you to complete the form below and return it to us today with your gift. If you sent a gift earlier, please consider making an additional investment with the Center. We appreciate your consideration of our request for your support. Thank you.

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CWS Schedule of Events Spring–Summer 2006

April

- 8 June 3 “Art for the Ages II” art show & sale in the Fantle Galleries
- 10 “Art for the Ages II”–gallery talk and reception
- 20 Reception for Central States Regional meeting, NIH project
- 21-22 Thirty-eighth Dakota Conference on Urban Plains
- 22 Northern Plains Autograph Party
- 26 Board of Directors meeting

May

- 1 Dakota Corral, Westerners: “South Dakota State Parks”
- 13 Board and Council Annual Spring Retreat
- 21 Augustana College Baccalaureate and Commencement
- 25 Herbert Krause Birthday–1905

June

- 5 Start of Summer School
- 10-Sept. 9 M.P. Killy show, “Photos of the Ojibway”

- 13 Seventeenth Annual June Event dinner-theater: “Sioux Falls’ 150th Birthday Party, featuring Frank Pettigrew and the Music of Old Sioux Falls”–with Phil Kappen as Pettigrew and Dr. Leland Lillehaug and the Sioux Falls Sesquicentennial Band

- 16-18 Nordland Fest
- 18 Nordland Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting
- 28 Board of Directors meeting

July

- 28 End of Summer School
- 28-30 Augustana Academy Reunion, featuring the Academy Exhibit in the Fantle Building

August

- 23 Board of Directors meeting

September

- 27 Board of Directors meeting