

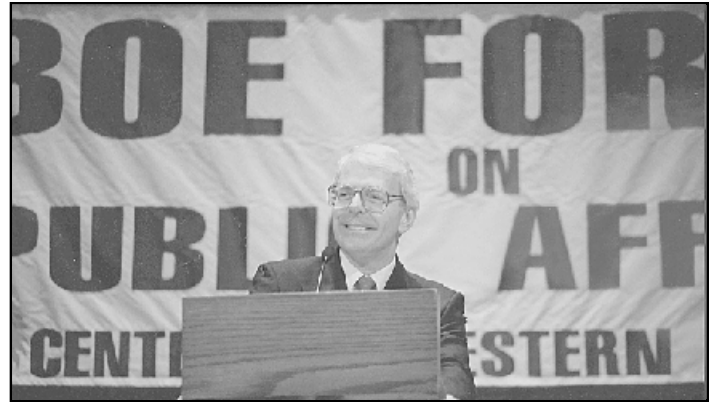


## *3,000 Hear Prime Minister Major*

The fourth speaker in the Boe Forum, Mr. John Major, addressed a full house in the Elmen Center on May 1, on the Augustana College campus. Accompanied by his wife Norma and secretary Arabella Warburton, Mr. Major followed a whirlwind itinerary during his ten hours in Sioux Falls.

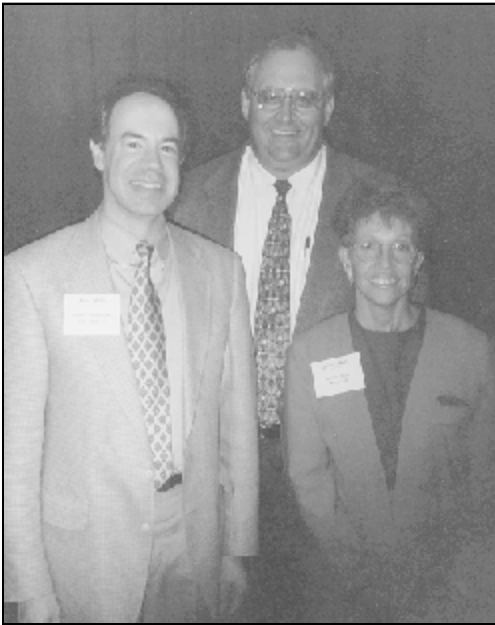
He answered questions at 5:00 PM at a news conference held in the Center's Charles L. Balcer Reading Room. In attendance were representatives from the print and electronic media and journalism students from Augustana and local high schools. At 5:15 he sped away to a formal dinner at the Minnehaha Country Club, hosted by President and Mrs. Ralph Wagoner, with Center Board members and major contributors as honored guests.

At 7:30 PM he addressed a crowd of 3,000 students and visitors to the campus, choosing as his theme the next millennium and the wide-ranging changes that will have taken place all around the globe, in particular the enormous political and economic power that China will be wielding in the coming decades. After a lively question-and-answer session, Mr. Major joined his wife for a reception at the Wagoner's. They left on a private jet--accompanied by three security men--at 10:00 PM. The Center staff is already at work planning the next Forum .



*Prime Minister John Major*

## *Dakota Conference Draws Over 300 Attendees*



*President of the Western History Association Dr. Glenda Riley (r.), shown here with Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Augustana College Dr. Richard Hanson (m.) and Dakota conference Director Harry Thompson (l.), was the featured speaker at this year's Dakota Conference.*

Participants from more than fifteen states and two foreign countries gathered in late May for the Center's Thirtieth Annual Dakota Conference on History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology. More than ninety presenters spoke in thirty-two sessions on a range of topics relating to the Dakotas and Northern Plains, including interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the region; issues surrounding the Blood Run Site; the Lewis and Clark Expedition; Plains Indian culture; settlement experiences; frontier medical practice; museum management; women; and politics. An exhibit of paintings by Vermillion artist Dede Farrar and photographs of western South Dakota by her grandfather, Fred Farrar, provided examples of the "Crossing Borders" theme of the conference.

In honor of the thirtieth conference, the President of the Western History Association, Dr. Glenda Riley, the Alexander M. Bracken Professor of History at Ball State University, spoke about the challenges of interdisciplinary and intercultural research in Nairobi, Kenya. Referring to her recent visit to Nairobi as a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Riley compared aspects of frontier settlement in Africa and in the American West. Among her conclusions, as a leading scholar in women's history, is that women played a significant role in the colonization of native peoples through their work as missionaries, teachers, and household managers. On Saturday morning, Dr. Riley also joined with twenty-four other authors of books published in the past year for the Eleventh Regional Authors' Autograph Party.

Major funding for this conference was provided by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional funding was provided by the organizations and individuals listed under "CWS Special Project Donors" elsewhere in this newsletter issue.

# 800 Teachers Receive New *Geography*

A unique partnership between the Center and the Sioux Falls DAR Foundation has enabled all of the 800 geography teachers in the state to receive complimentary copies of *The Geography of South Dakota, Revised Edition*, by Drs. Edward Hogan and Erin Fouberg. Accompanying each free copy of the 200-page book is a four-page lesson plan, prepared by Dr. Fouberg as a resource to enhance geographic learning. It provides the classroom teacher with both the geographic methodologies for study and approaches to understanding the geography of our state, and includes opportunities to use the latest technology. In one lesson plan on the U.S. Census, for example, students and teachers are shown how to use the U.S. Census homepage on the Internet as a resource for learning about our state, its counties, and cities, and--of course--about states and cities all across America.

Geography teachers have already begun to respond to the gift. An Eagle Butte junior high teacher writes, "I was in need of a new book for South Dakota geography for the 1998-99 school year. This will be great. Thanks!" A teacher

from Faith writes, "What a wonderful resource for my geography class. I teach a high-school-level course." And a Madison middle-school teacher writes, "Thank you to the DAR and to the Center for this wonderful resource for our school."

First published in 1995, *The Geography of South Dakota* is the first study in eighty years of this northern plains state. In noting the approach of the 200th anniversary of the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition across the northern plains and the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, the authors point out that the written account of the two explorers was the earliest study of the Missouri River region in South Dakota and thus a contribution to our understanding of the geography of this complex state.

Editorial work on the revised *Geography* was provided by managing editor Harry Thompson and executive director Arthur Huseboe, who also wrote the grant proposal to the DAR Foundation. Also offering financial assistance to the project was the Elmen Family Foundation of Sioux Falls.

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## *Dr. Farrell Gifts of Art Enrich Howe Collection*

On a warm May afternoon Board members and friends of CWS gathered at the Minnehaha Country Club in order to recognize the unique contributions made by Dr. Bill and Hazel Farrell to the Center's programs. Among the many close friends of the Farrells who were in attendance to congratulate them on receiving the Friends of the Center Award were Dr. Tom and Mickey Billion, Mrs. Sally Fantle, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Rich Lauer, and Dr. Fred and Mary Stahmann.

Chief among the Farrell's kindnesses to the Center was the gift of several paintings. The three pieces given most recently by the Farrells were Oscar Howe's *Blizzard Bath*, *Indian Mother and Child* (used by CWS as our Christmas card for two years), and Don Douthit's *The Geese Coming in to the Missouri River*. The two new Oscar Howe acquisitions join four other pieces already donated by Dr. Farrell: *Dakota Sun Dance* and *Indian Boys With Horses*, and *Moccasin Bead Woman* and *Buffalo Dance* (both lithographs).

The award was presented to Bill and Hazel by Dr. Jerry Simmons, chair of the CWS Board. In his tribute to the cou-



*L to R: CWS Chairman Dr. Jerry Simmons, Hazel Farrell and Dr. Bill Farrell (recipients of the Friends of the Center Award), and Executive Director Dr. Art Huseboe.*

ple, Executive Director Art Huseboe called attention to the great help that Bill had been when the Center did its 1991 Oscar Howe Art Show, and he noted that Dr. Farrell had commissioned *Indian Mother and Child*, considered by some to be Howe's finest piece. Huseboe ended his tribute by noting that the Farrell art work will very soon be on display in a new Center building, a building made possible by a gift from Mrs. Sally Fantle, who for many years has been Dr. Farrell's next-door neighbor and friend.

# “Accordion Man” Is a Hit With CWS

The ninth annual CWS summer dinner-entertainment fundraiser was as successful as our very first. Thanks to a wonderful, talented, and energetic Myron Floren, the “Accordion Man” was a true entertainer and delighted the 280 people in attendance. This was our largest audience ever!

This year the Center was paying tribute to the “old-time” bands of this region. The menu featured foods of German, Norwegian, and Czech origin and the chefs at Howard Johnsons again worked their magic.

Dr. Leland Lillehaug assisted the Center for a third time with this event by putting together a ten-piece band of some of the top local musicians. CWS friends will remember that Dr. Lillehaug portrayed General Custer’s bandmaster, Felix Viniateri, in 1993 and was the bandmaster for the 1997 “Music in the Park” event. He has worked with Myron Floren on numerous occasions.

Mr. Floren, in spite of suffering some back problems, gave his all in this wonderful performance. His waltzes, polkas and popular tunes brought back memories for everyone in attendance. He spoke fondly of his days with the Lawrence Welk Show and still does about 150 dates a year. When Welk hired Myron in 1950 his manager asked, “Why would you want to hire an accordion player who plays better than you do?” Welk’s answer was the same as it would be for the next three decades: “All my life I searched for the very best--in people, in performers, and in perfection of character. In Myron Floren I found all three.” Those of us who attended this event would agree whole-heartedly.



*Myron Floren demonstrates the enthusiasm he shared at the CWS June event, Accordion Man. In this photo he involves members of the 10-piece band that played with him on June 19.*

The Center was fortunate enough to find sixty copies of Myron’s book, *Accordion Man*, and he signed each of them. After his performance he took time to visit with many local friends and personalize their copies. We sold all but nine of the books.

The Center would like to thank all who attended and a special thanks to our dinner committee of Esther Bowden, Dorothy Hokenstad, Betty Gutch, Shirley King, Mary Jo Wegner, and Doris Huseboe.



*Boe Forum speaker John Major answered questions at a news conference in CWS for students and teachers (top row right, President Wagoner, Dean Dick Hanson)*

# 1998 Conference Award Recipients

## Distinguished Contribution Award

William E. "Gene" Aisenbrey, Aberdeen, SD  
David M. Kvernes, Carbondale, IL

## Amateur Scholar Awards

1. Denise Faehnrich, University of South Dakota (student), \$150 (A.I. and Willmeta Johnson Award)
2. Fern L. Chamberlain, Sioux Falls, SD, \$100
3. Jean Rahja, Aberdeen, SD, \$75

## Professional Scholar Awards

1. Marilyn Carlson Aronson, Augustana College, \$150
2. Denise A. Bartles and John Tapia, Missouri Western State College, \$100
3. Grant K. Anderson, LeCenter, MN, \$75

## Cedric Cummins Award in Institutional History

L.M. Baylor, Rapid City, SD, \$100

## Richard Cropp Award in Military History

Robert G. Webb, Aberdeen, SD, \$100



CWS Board chairman Dr. Jerry Simmons (l.) stands with the two recipients of the Distinguished Contribution Award presented to W.E. "Gene" Aisenbrey (m.) and Dr. David Kvernes (r.) at the Thirtieth Annual Dakota Conference, May 29, 1998.

## In Memory of Herbert Blakely

Herbert W. Blakely passed away at his home in Box Elder, SD, on July 18, 1998. Formerly a professor of history at Dakota State College, Blakely was the director of the Dakota History Conference from 1976 until 1989. The Dakota History Conference was created and, for seven years, directed by professor of business Dr. Ernest Teagarden of Dakota State College. Blakely was the recipient of the first South Dakota Humanities Foundation's Friend of the Humanities Award, in 1990, and of the Dakota History Conference's Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the History of South Dakota and Dakota Territory Award, in 1987. In recent years, he was the director of the West River History Conference, Keystone, SD, successor to the Black Hills History Conference, directed by Dr. David Miller.

At the request of Herbert Blakely's wife, Doris, and family, memorial gifts in honor of Professor Blakely should be sent to the Herbert W. Blakely Award, c/o Center for Western Studies, Box 727, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197. The Blakely Award will honor the best papers in the professional category at the Annual Dakota Conference. An endowment goal of \$2,000 has been set. The A.I. and Willmeta Johnson Award, honoring longtime Dakota History Conference presenter A.I. Johnson, is given annually in honor of the best paper in the amateur category.



Herbert W. Blakely



The Friday luncheon panel at the Dakota Conference on the future of the Blood Run Site featured (from left to right) Dennis McFarland (a Sioux Falls attorney), Dr. L. Adrien Hannus (Augustana Archeology Lab), Jay Vogt (Office of Preservation, South Dakota State Historical Society), Peter Winham, moderator (Augustana Archeology Lab), and Anne Vawser (National Park Service). Over 100 people attended the luncheon.

## MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received at the Center for Western Studies during 1997-1998 in honor of the following people:

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Ron Douthit	

Contributors to the CWS Endowment Fund during 1997-1998 were L.M. and Mary Baylor, Blair and Linda Tremere, and the United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Sally Fantle and Mrs. Ethel Koller were inducted into the Center for Western Studies Heritage Club in December.

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*Dakotah Sun Dance* by Oscar Howe

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# *CWS Board and Council Hold Annual Meeting*

The Center hosted the annual meeting of the CWS Board of Directors and National Advisory Council on April 18 and 19. We were pleased to have so many of our National Advisory Council members with us. Local attendees included Dorothy Hokenstad, Charles Balcer, Dick Culbert, Sven Froiland, Orville Waltner and Paul Aspaas. We also welcomed Roy and Dorothy Mayeske from North Oaks, MN and L.M. Baylor from Rapid City, SD, in addition to our local board members.

Board chairperson Dr. Jerry Simmons opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and stated that the theme for this year's meeting is "Into the Future." Augustana College President Ralph Wagoner was our first guest. He underscored the importance of having CWS as an integral part of Augustana, further stating, "it is very unusual to have a resource like the CWS at a small liberal arts college." A general question and answer period followed, dealing primarily with the new CWS building.

Curator and Managing Editor Harry Thompson presented a video on digital preservation entitled, "Into the Future." Staff reports were presented from Executive Director Art Huseboe on the "state of the Center," Development Director, Dean Schueler on membership, the Boe Forum, the art show and art collections and the Heritage Club, and from Harry Thompson, Curator and Managing Editor about our publications, the new book catalog and the upcoming Dakota Conference.

Reports were heard from sessions attended by Board and Council in the afternoon and the group enjoyed dinner and conversation at the Minnehaha Country Club that evening.

The Sunday morning session was a "call to action" to prioritize those items from the discussion on Saturday. The CWS staff will work with these during the year. The meeting was concluded with a brunch and an evaluation of the weekend.



*Pictured from the left are Jerry Simmons, CWS Board Chair, Ralph Wagoner, Augustana College President, Charles Balcer, Tom Kilian, Paul Aspaas, and Orville Waltner at the CWS Board and National Advisory council annual meeting.*

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## *Myklebust Book Back in Print*

Dr. Helmer R. Myklebust's *Understanding Ourselves as Adults: The Meaning of Emotional Maturity*, originally published in 1994 by Gardner Press, has been reissued in the Augustana College Press Monograph Series. As Rogers H. Wright, past president of the Division of Clinical Psychology, American Psychological Association, has written, "This book is a summing up of the clinical insights and understanding of a major thinker in American psychology. It has immediate applicability for the public as well as mental health professionals."

William H. Gaddes, of the Department of Psychology, Victoria University, has observed, "This book, by one of North America's most influential psychologists for the past forty years, is a mature integration of basic concepts for psychology, psychiatry, philosophy, and religion. This book is a blueprint for successful living."

Copies of the book are available at the CWS Book & Art Shop for \$14.95. Copies of Dr. Myklebust's *Conscience: Knowing Right from Wrong*, published in December, are also available at CWS.

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## **CWS HERITAGE CLUB**

Each year the Center for Western Studies adds new members to its growing Heritage Club. This is an important way for you to help the Center with its mission of "preserving the history and cultures of the Northern Prairie Plains." We invite each of our friends who support this important mission to help the Center through your will, an insurance policy, annuity, or other deferred gift. We do have a codicil form to wills that we can make available to your legal counsel and/or financial planner. Please be sure that you indicate this is for "The Center for Western Studies at Augustana College." This will ensure that your gift is designated for the Center. If you have already done this and have not informed the Center, please let us know. We recognize our Heritage Club members at our annual Members and Friends Christmas Luncheon in December and would welcome you as a member.

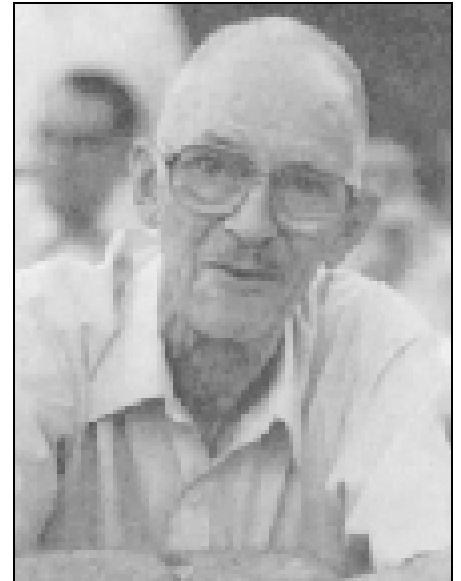
# *In Memory of Dr. Lyndon King*

His interest in the Center for Western Studies came through the Center's annual art show and sale, and he continued that interest right up through the 1998 show. His support of the artists was widely known, and he had a special passion for the western "bolo tie." He purchased any that caught his eye until he had a great collection of unique neckwear.

With the passing of Dr. Lyndon King on April 23, 1998, the Center lost a great friend and supporter. Those of us who knew "Bun" King will remember him for his keen interest in history, his genuine concern for people, and his great stories. You were only a stranger to him once. At every CWS event, he met someone that he would converse with about almost any subject. One of the Center's most important collections in the permanent art collection are the twenty-four portraits of Native Americans from the "Echoes of the Little Big Horn." They were purchased and donated by the Kings.

While we knew him as a great friend of the Center, we also knew he had a "passion" for coin collecting or numismatics. In reviewing the July 1998 edition of *The Numismatist*, we found not one, but three different articles about his involvement with that national organization. A quote from one of those articles really exhibits the kind of person Dr. King was: "Dr. King exemplified the spirit and camaraderie of the hobby. It is people like Dr. King that make numismatics the 'King of Hobbies and the Hobby of Kings.' (Maybe the originator of that statement had Lyndon King in mind!)"

We shall miss him greatly at the Center. His wife Shirley, a member of the CWS Board of Directors, and their three daughters, Ann, Mary and Peggy, have asked that memorials be directed to the Center for Western Studies in Dr. King's name.



*Dr. Lyndon King*

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# Membership Campaign for 1998 Is a Success

The 1998 Center for Western Studies membership campaign set new records this year. For the first time ever we are over 700 members. This is almost a 4% increase over 1997 and is the ninth consecutive year with an increase. Each year we welcome new members through their support of the many public programs the Center provides. These new members are extremely important, and we welcome each of you and invite you to continue your support of our efforts. We are also pleased to report that for the 7th straight year, our retention is over 80% and the second highest ever at 85%. Our Board of Directors and other volunteers deserve a lot of credit for this outstanding effort. They assist us in making phone

calls and personal visits to our members. We also want to say a personal thank you to each of you who so graciously respond to our calls for support. Our annual campaign still provides us with the greatest support for the Center's budget and through it we are able to continue the Center's mission of "preserving the history and cultures of the Northern Prairie Plains." **Thanks to each of you, our members, for helping with a successful 1998 annual campaign, and we look forward to your continued support in 1999!** Following is a list of our annual donors for 1998. If we have omitted your name, please let us know.

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# *Reese Foundation Awards Grant*

The Sheldon F. Reese Foundation announced in June that it had awarded \$10,000 to the Center for Western Studies in support of its Reese Internship Program in Archives and Museum Management. All grant funds will be used to pay stipends to intern students.

The Reese Foundation inaugurated the internship program in 1991 with a grant of \$11,000. Funding for the program continued after the first two years of Reese Foundation support with gifts from Mrs. Margaret Reese, of California.

Eleven interns, representing undergraduate and graduate

programs at St. Cloud State University, the University of South Dakota, and Augustana College, have graduated from the program.

Coincidentally, the Midwest Archives Conference, the professional archivists' association for the eleven-state midwest region, chose the Sheldon F. Reese Foundation and Mrs. Margaret Reese as the recipients of its 1998 President's Award. The award was made in Chicago on May 1, 1998. Two members of the Reese family were in attendance at the luncheon ceremony. The award citation is given below.

## **THE SHELDON F. REESE FOUNDATION AND MARGARET REESE RECIPIENTS OF THE MIDWEST ARCHIVES CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S AWARD 1 MAY 1998**

The second and final winners this year, The Sheldon F. Reese Foundation and Mrs. Margaret Reese, enjoy an added distinction: They are the first recipients of the MAC President's Award to represent the state of South Dakota. Their nomination by the South Dakota state committee is for their funding of the Reese Internship Program in Archives and Museum Management at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and for the important contributions these internships have made to the archival profession. It is especially fitting that these nominations were spearheaded by Michael Worcester, Director of the Cokato Museum in Minnesota, who was the first recipient of a Reese internship.

The Reese Internship Program was inaugurated in 1991 with a grant of \$11,000 from the Sheldon F. Reese Foundation. Mr. Reese had been the owner of grain elevator and real estate businesses in South Dakota and Denver and was a co-founder of the Enchanted World Doll Museum. Margaret Reese, his widow, began in 1993 to donate additional funds, totaling \$27,000, to continue the excellent work of the Reese Internship Program. Because of her generosity, the Center for Western Studies was able to extend paid internships to nine graduate and undergraduate students from South Dakota and Minnesota colleges and universities and to lengthen each student's internship from 3 to 6 months, thus granting them a wider and more meaningful work experience under the able tutelage of Harry Thompson, a trained archivist, who, as the Center's Curator of Research Collections and Managing Editor of Book Publications, has directed the internship program.

The benefits the Reese Internship Program have provided to the archival profession are multiple:

First of all, the internship program has directly aided the work of the Center for Western Studies by providing assistance in managing archival collections relating to the history of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains region and by assisting in the Center's publication, exhibition, and conference programs. It has played a direct role in making the Center's research collections and programs among the best in South Dakota.

Secondly, the internship program has provided work opportunities that might not otherwise be available for students interested in the archives profession from South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. Though the internships are not intended to take the place of graduate archival education programs, they do provide an excellent introduction to the field.

Thirdly, alumni of the Reese internship program are now working in the archives, museum, and library professions in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois.

Lastly, because of the limited number of archives programs and the limited number of private foundations in the state of South Dakota, the cooperation between the Reese Foundation, Mrs. Reese, and Center for Western Studies stands out as an especially significant model for archival support.

It is thus with pleasure that we present the MAC President's Award today to the Sheldon F. Reese Foundation and Margaret Reese for their generous support of the Reese Internship Program in Archives and Museum Management at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

It is now my special privilege to present to you the daughters of Sheldon F. Reese, Phyllis Pavelka of Nebraska and Sylvia Andrews of California. We are honored that these two wonderful sisters have traveled so far to be with us today to accept these awards on behalf of their father's foundation and Mrs. Margaret Reese.

# Buffalo Chips...

Longtime member of the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota State Historical Society and former B.I.A. superintendent of the Rosebud Agency **Harold Shunk** passed away on April 18, 1998, at age 90. Dr. Shunk was honored for his many contributions to reconciliation between Native American and white populations in South Dakota. Over the past several years, Dr. Shunk donated a large collection of papers and photographs to the Center for Western Studies.

A recent exhibit at the Sioux Falls Civic Fine Arts Center, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," organized by Northern League Baseball historian **David Kemp**, included photographs from the Center for Western Studies.

Congratulations to **William Hoskins**, formerly chief curator of collections at Siouxland Heritage Museums, on his appointment as director of the Siouxland Heritage Museums.

Augustana College graduate **Ben Wester** is the Center's new Reese Intern in archives and museum management. Ben's internship began with the Dakota Conference in May and will conclude in August, when Ben will become a graduate student in history at North Dakota State University.

A group of eleven descendants of Presbyterian missionary **Dr. John P. Williams** visited the Center for Western Studies in July. They met with USD professor of history **Dr. Herbert Hoover**, a member of the Center's National Advisory Council, and **Mrs. Elizabeth Riggs Gutch**, a descendant of fellow missionary **Stephen R. Riggs** and a member of the Center's board of directors.

CWS curator and managing editor **Harry Thompson** is the recipient of the Dorothy Baisch Selz Memorial Scholarship for "excellence in the study of literature" from the University of South Dakota, where he is a candidate for the Ph.D. in English. Thompson has been appointed to the Archives Advisory Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and, in May, was elected to a third term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

Former CWS Reese Intern **Shane Nackerud** has accepted the position of Web Services Coordinator for the University of Minnesota library system. He and his family will be moving to Minneapolis from Carbondale, where Shane worked for the University of Illinois library.

**W.E. "Gene" Aisenbrey**, president of the Hamlin Garland Society of Brown County, writes that the Hamlin Garland Society of Brown County will rededicate the Garland Memorial Boulder on 14 September 1998 at 1:30 pm. For further information, contact Aisenbrey at 605-225-8691.

The Minnesota Historical Society announces the publication of *Turning the Feather Around: My Life in Art*, by **George Morrison** as told to **Margot Fortunato Galt**. George Morrison, an Ojibway, has created paintings and sculptures now in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Walker Art Center, the Joslyn Art Museum, the Heard Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. The book is available in paper at \$24.95 and may be ordered through the CWS Book & Art Shop.

The Center for Western Studies was open for Augustana Academy Alumni weekend, 24-26 July. Several alums visited the academy archives to see photos and annuals.

The Le Sueur Minnesota County Board of Commissioners has announced that they have received a collection of 14 lithographs from nationally renowned artist **Roger Preuss** and his publisher, Wildlife of America. They will be on permanent exhibit throughout the courthouse in LeCenter, Minnesota. The Center for Western Studies was the recipient of the largest collection of Preuss's original work in 1992.

The South Dakota Hall of Fame has announced its 1998 inductees. Among the 90 candidates reviewed for possible induction are a number of Center for Western Studies members. Among those selected are CWS National Advisory member **James Aplan**, **Anson Yeager, Sr.**, former CWS Board member **Howard Howland** and his wife, **Eunice**. Congratulations to each of them.

The annual meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society recognized two Center for Western Studies members. **Frances ("Peg") Lamont** of Aberdeen was honored with the prestigious Robinson Award, and Presho historian and Augustana graduate **Pearl Boe** received the individual award for her work with the Lyman County Historical Society.

CWS Office Coordinator **Phyllis Harmsen** attended the Sioux Falls Sales and Marketing Executives Women in Business event on March 31. The event concluded with a dinner and presentation by Debbie Allen.

The Center for Western Studies was pleased to host CWS member **Dr. Ronald Nelson**, from the Netherlands. Dr. Nelson's March visit gave us an opportunity to share the Center's latest collections with him. He is a Sioux Falls native who knew CWS founder **Herb Krause** very well.

CWS Director of Development **Dean Schueler** was recently elected as the 1st Vice-President for the Sales and Marketing Executives of Sioux Falls. Schueler will attend the SME International convention in Detroit, MI, September 25-26.

**Prime Minister John Major** sent a thank-you note to the Center following his visit as a Boe Forum speaker. He thanked us for our hospitality, enjoyed the conversation--especially the opportunity to learn so much about the history of Sioux Falls, and had only one regret: "Due to our visit having to be so brief, it was not possible to spend more time looking around the Center for Western Studies." Signed, "Yours sincerely." A gracious gesture.

CWS member **Ardyce Samp**, a frequent presenter at the Dakota Conference, was elected this spring to a place on the South Dakota State Historical Society Board. She joins the Center's **Harry Thompson**, who was re-elected to the archivist position.

Board member **Dr. Jo Ellen Koerner** has resigned effective in July. Her travel schedule takes her away from the city too often, she says, and she has asked that she be allowed to step aside in favor of a replacement. We wish her the best in her new career!

The new director of The Journey, Rapid City's new cooperative museum, is **Lynda Clark Crabtree**. Her biggest challenge will be to increase visitor attendance from last year's 37,000 to a hoped-for 300,000 this year. Power to you, Lynda!

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Executive Director **Art Huseboe** spoke on June 30 to the Sioux Falls Sertoma Club, reviewing the Center's programs and publications. He was able to greet his old 7th grade wood-working teacher, **Ashton Wilson**, the oldest member of the Sioux Falls Club, who was at his last meeting before leaving to live with his son in Atlanta, Georgia.

A lengthy article in the Royal Norwegian Embassy's publication **News of Norway** is devoted to a favorable review of the Center's Boe Forum program. The editor, **Cecilia Lone**, an Augustana graduate, made the trip from Washington, D.C., to Sioux Falls in late April so that she could experience John Major's visit in person.

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# *New Yearbook Available*

By Paul B. Olson

CWS member Judith Ellefson Johnson recently completed the translation of *Opdalslagets Aarbok 1925* from Norwegian to English. This is the third in this series of yearbooks to be translated by CWS members. They were published from 1921 to 1941 by people from Opdal Norway who settled in eastern South Dakota and in Washington state. The translations are being published by the Nordland Heritage Foundation and are available at the Center for Western Studies.

The books contain biographies, humorous anecdotes of immigrants' experiences, and interesting stories of pioneer life. Many of them were originally edited by Mrs. Kristine Haugen, mother of Einar Haugen, long-time Professor of Norwegian Studies at Harvard, themselves "Opdalings." Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Rev. Virgil Johnson, are descendants of immigrants from Opdal.

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## *CWS Publishes History of EROS Data Center*

The Center for Western Studies will publish the commemorative history of the EROS Data Center in August 1998. Entitled *What It Took: A History of the USGS EROS Data Center*, the twenty-fifth anniversary volume was written by award-winning science author Rebecca L. Johnson. More than a year in the making, the book will be a highlight of the EROS Data Center's quarter-century anniversary celebrations, beginning in September 1998.

The EROS Data Center stands as a prime example of government and community cooperation. Through its 108

pages of text and nearly 100 photographs, the book relates how the efforts of Sioux Falls community leaders, state representatives, the federal government, and visionary individuals brought about the creation of a unique scientific installation on the fields north of Sioux Falls. Here is one of the world's largest and most technologically advanced storehouses of information about the Earth and its terrestrial resources.

The publication project is indebted to the fundraising work of David Stenseth, Russ Pohl, and Al Schock, whose efforts resulted in total contributions of \$66,850.

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## *Planning Underway for New CWS Building*

At its first meeting on June 6, the newly created Building and Grounds Committee of the Augustana Board of Regents authorized the hiring of an architectural firm to begin a full-scale campus master plan as well as the plans and location for a new CWS facility. Mr. Dick Robinson, of Spitznagel, Inc., in Sioux Falls, has been engaged to do the work, and he has already held several meetings with CWS staff and board members and others on the college staff. High on Mr. Robinson's agenda was an early meeting with Mrs. Sally Fantle, the donor of a \$1.5 million gift to build the new Center for Western Studies.

Mr. Robinson is an alumnus of Augustana and of the University of Nebraska (where he earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree). He is past president of the South Dakota chapter of the American Institute of Architects and a member of the Sioux Falls Planning Commission. His 35 years of experience has emphasized master planning and needs assessment as well as architectural design. Among the many projects in which Robinson has had a hand are the Augustana College high-rise dormitories and the Humanities Center, the fine arts facilities at the University of South Dakota, the master plan for and addition to the EROS Data Center north of Sioux Falls, and many other facilities all across South Dakota.

When Robinson visited Mrs. Fantle, shortly after his arrival on campus, the two found they had several interests in common--besides the new building. Mrs. Fantle's home is a Harold Spitznagel design, and Robinson is an admirer of the early work of the man who founded Spitznagel, Inc., and so was pleased to look at his work up close. Mrs. Fantle, in turn, learned that architect Franz Lipp, who had laid out the landscaping for her house, had worked with Robinson in Iowa City on the design of the office for American College Testing.

Mr. Robinson will be working closely over the next four months with the CWS building committee, chaired by CWS Board chair Dr. Jerry Simmons. Other committee members are the CWS staff, Executive Committee members Esther Bowden, Dr. Arlen Viste, and Jamie Volin; and Board member Mary Jo Wegner; Dr. S.G. Froiland, Dick Culbert, and Augustana administrators Gene Marko and Charlie Brown. The final phase of the project will very likely begin in December when an architectural firm will be engaged to prepare the blueprints for the new Center for Western Studies. In the meantime, the Center's staff and college Advancement staff will continue to seek additional funding for a fully-equipped CWS building.

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**CWS Schedule of Events  
Autumn 1998**

**AUGUST**

- 26 Board of Directors meeting
- 30 New Students report

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Classes begin at Augustana College
- 18-19 West River History Conference
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting
- 30-Oct 3 Northern Great Plains History Conference in Sioux Falls

**OCTOBER**

- 16-18 Viking Days
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

- 18 Board of Directors Meeting

**DECEMBER**

- 4 CWS Christmas Open House
- 5 Board and Council Retreat and Members and Friends Annual Luncheon
- 25 Christmas