



Eighth Boe Forum Addresses Health Care

On May 13, Speaker Newt Gingrich and PBS correspondent Susan Dentzer spoke to an audience of 2,500 in the Elmen Center on the topic of the current crisis in health care in America. The timeliness of their presentations, giving a clearer understanding of the issues involved in achieving high-quality, affordable health and long-term care for Americans, is underscored by a recent Kaiser Foundation survey that reported that health care is the greatest concern of Americans—above all other issues.

Mr. Gingrich, whose new book *Saving Lives and Saving Money* was published on the eve of his appearance here, has long been committed to a better system of health care for this country. His leadership helped to save Medicare from bankruptcy, prompted FDA reform to help the seriously ill, and led him to direct a research team's lengthy study of ways to bring significant improvement to health care in the 21st century. Among the key strategies Mr. Gingrich presented to the Boe Forum audience were the following:

- Increase patient knowledge, choice and control
- Improve access by all to quality care
- Foster innovation and improvement in health and health care, and
- Find ways to improve the value of health care and lower overall costs



President Bruce Halverson, Susan Dentzer, Board Chairman Gerry Berger Law and Newt Gingrich

Among Gingrich's most specific proposals were to make available electronically to each person his or her complete medical record, and to increase speed, accuracy, and economy by carrying all prescriptions electronically and by making drugs available competitively on-line.

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Prairie Region Examined at Dakota Conference

Before the Thirty-fifth Annual Dakota Conference concluded on Saturday evening with an address by Stephanie Herseth, president of the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, on ensuring the future of family farming, nearly 230 participants from 15 states had met to examine the cultural, demographic, and economic change on the prairie and other topics of regional interest. Over the two days of the conference, April 25-26, more than 85 papers were presented in 34 sessions.

The conference theme "The Prairie in Transformation" was inspired by the writings of Joseph Amato, founder of the Center for Rural and Regional Studies at Southwest State University. In his address at the Friday dinner, Amato delivered a rousing call to rethink our writing of local and regional history. Rural historian and author of two books on Laura

Ingalls Wilder, John E. Miller (SDSU) spoke at Saturday's luncheon on the way our perception of the prairie is influenced by the creative collaboration between Laura Ingalls Wilder and her daughter Rose Wilder Lane in the writing of the Little House stories.

Seeking to attract more young scholars to the conference, the Dakota Conference moved in 2003 from late May to late April. In so doing, the conference returned to its traditional time. The Dakota History Conference, as it was known during the years it was sponsored by Dakota State University, was first held in February 1969. The following year, it moved to April, where it remained until 1990, when CWS began sponsoring the conference with support from the South Dakota Humanities Council.

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An on-air correspondent with **The NewsHour**, where she leads a unit dedicated to health policy and Social Security reform, Mrs. Susan Dentzer spoke to a dinner audience of 150 students as well as to the Elmen Center assemblage. She addressed the current national debate over reforming and partially "privatizing" Social Security and over the regulation of managed care. A way must be found, she argued, to cover the 41 million Americans who are not covered by health insurance in a given year. Among them are 24 million working Americans and a large number of young people just out of college who "often think that health insurance is too expensive and that they are too healthy to require it." Her words were particularly relevant to the many students in the audience who had opted out of health insurance plans available to them.



Kristen Butler interviews Susan Dentzer for her journalism class

The steering committee that selected health care as the topic for the 2003 Boe Forum—Dean Richard Hanson, Dr. Tom Kilian, Dr. Arthur Huseboe, Mr. Dennis Hampton, and



Speaker Newt Gingrich, news conference in the theatre

Mr. Richard Moe—aimed for an event that would feature two speakers and that would provide opportunities for students as well as the general public to interact with the visitors. Besides Mrs. Dentzer's dinner talk to a student audience and her Elmen Center appearance, she offered a mid-afternoon news conference in the Commons that was open to student journalists and other students as well as to the professional print and electronic media. In addition to his evening talk, at an early afternoon news conference in the Theatre, Mr. Gingrich spoke at length to students and to the media about the current crisis in American health care: "It is slow, inefficient, and doesn't allow for effective communication among health-care professionals, patients, and pharmacists," he concluded.

Audience response to the 2003 Boe Forum has been extensive, with attendees approving the selection of speakers and particularly Mr. Gingrich's message of promising improvements in the health care system.



*The Center for Western Studies' Board of Directors and National Advisory Council met at the Fantle Building on April 5-6 to plan for the next year. The group heard reports from CWS staff members, the Long-Range Planning Committee; and CWS member and Director of Major and Planned Gifts **Jon Oien** presented information on estate planning. Shown in the photo at Sunday's session are from left: Board members **Lyn Oyos**, **Gary Earl**, and **Lynn Aspaas**, all from Sioux Falls, and Council member **David Solberg**, Billings, MT.*

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Winners of the Dakota Conference's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains **Brad Tennant** and **Kathy Antonen** are flanked (on their left) by Awards Banquet speaker **Stephanie Herseth**, conference director **Harry Thompson**, and (on their right) Augustana College President **Bruce Halverson**.

Although one or two students have always participated each year in the conference, at this year's conference, four undergraduate students made presentations: three from Augustana College—all students of Prof. Michael Mullin—and one from West Texas A&M University, a student of Prof. Douglas Werden. Further, a 2002 Augustana graduate, Diana Hensley, presented a paper in conjunction with her exhibit on rural farming, and Danielle Stuckle, now a graduate student, attended this year's conference to receive an award for a paper she delivered as an undergraduate at Valley City State University. The future of the Dakota Conference lies with the younger scholars, although the par-

ticipation of even the most senior conference attendee is vital to the conference's success.

Most of the 25 authors attending the Sixteenth Annual Regional Autograph Party also made presentations. Elaine Nelson McIntosh's new book *The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health* was the sales leader at the signing.

For 2004, the Dakota Conference turns its attention to the plains, as part of a three-year examination of the major geological and cultural regions of the Dakotas. The theme for next year's conference, scheduled for April 23-24, is "The Great(er) Plains: Land and Water Use in the Twenty-first Century."



Joseph Amato, founder of the Center for Rural and Regional Studies at Southwest Minnesota State University, addresses participants at the 35th Annual Dakota Conference's Authors' Dinner.

Gifts and Grants to Fund Internship Program

The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation announced recently that it had awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,500 to the Center for Western Studies for the project "Future Custodians of the Past: Increasing Public Access to Historical, Genealogical, and Cultural Resources through Graduate Student Internships." In addition, Drs. Tom and Elaine McIntosh, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, gave a gift of \$3,000 toward the CWS internship program, which will provide the third-party cash match needed for this project. CWS is awaiting word on a grant proposal submitted to a second foundation before contacting graduate programs in the region to solicit intern applications.

The internship program is an important educational program of CWS and, in its latest iteration, is designed to serve as the practicum for graduate students in archives, library/information science, or public history.

Further, collections growth far exceeds the time available for staff management. To address this problem, continue its educational mission through internships, and increase access to its collections, CWS developed this intern project. When completed, the project will provide an in-house collections database and web-based descriptions of collections.

The paid internship program was inaugurated in 1992 with a grant from the Sheldon F. Reese Foundation and was continued with gifts from Mrs. Peggy Reese. In 2002, Dr. Gordon and Trudy Iseminger established the Dr. Richard W. Solberg Endowed Internship for the Center for Western Studies. As this endowment fund builds, CWS will be able to offer internships to Augustana students. Also in 2002, David and Sandra Solberg funded a summer internship to assist in researching artists for the exhibit *The Picture Man Has Spoken: Art of the American West*.

CWS Takes a "Sentimental Journey"

The Oaks Convention Center in northwest Sioux Falls was once more the site for another of the Center's innovative dinner-theater productions, this one Number 14 in the series of June events that began in 1990 with a performance of **Herbert Krause's** one-act play *The Rushmore Dream*.

For 2003, the production was created by **Professor Ronald Robinson**, with big-band music directed by **Professor Leland Lillehaug**: "'Sentimental Journey,' a USO Tribute to the Sioux Falls Radiomen of WW II."

There were 275 in attendance on June 17, dining on a mess hall menu from 1943 and listening to **Andrew Sisters'** songs like "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and



*The Dit-Dot Trio of **Rissa Clemens, Lisa Grevlos, and Molly Grimm** entertain the Sentimental Journey—A USO Tribute to the Sioux Falls Radiomen of World II audience with their version of "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B," as Air Base Band Director **Dr. Leland Lillehaug** and other members of the band observe their precision movements.*



*The comedy duo of **Tim Strong and Roger Johnson** bring down the house with their rendition of "Who's on First?" at the Center for Western Studies' June fundraising event, Sentimental Journey. Photo by Robert Law.*

"Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer." There was a **Bud Abbott and Lou Costello** routine and half a dozen big-band favorites reminiscent of the likes of **Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, and Benny Goodman**.

The hour's worth of musical memories was in honor of the 150,000 men who had studied at Sioux Falls to be radio operators on the big bombers, the big B-17s and B-24s that were in action all across Europe and throughout the Pacific.

The printed program for the evening carried a tribute from the typewriter of veteran newsman and editor **Anson Yeager**. His words say it all, the reason for our honoring those men of the Army Air Force:

"The sounds of World War II still echo in our memory. The bugle calls that signaled reveille, the cadence of troops marching to classrooms and later to their rendezvous with fate were among those sounds. For the first time in a major war, a new medium—radio—gave governments instant contact with diverse populations and especially troops....The individuals for whom taps was their last bugle call will be long remembered. Their sacrifice will be retold by their buddies and families. It's heartwarming to recount the days of the Sioux Falls Air Base and also hail the accomplishments of the American men and women who contributed their lives, service and best efforts to the United States of America to win in world War II."

As the evening came to a close, there were 125 wives (and some widows) who walked out of the Oaks, each proudly wearing a red rose—presented to her by her veteran husband.

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From the Executive Director:

Over the past two decades CWS has recognized individuals for their strong support of the Center and for outstanding contributions to our intellectual and aesthetic life here in South Dakota and the West.

On the evening of June 17, two names were added to those who have been recognized for long and stalwart service in support of the Center's programs and projects. This was the announcement I prepared to read to the 275 attending the Center's 2003 June Event in the Oaks Convention Center:

"I want to call Professor and Mrs. Les Baylor to the microphone in order to present them with our highest award for supporters of the Center, the Friends of the Center Award for 2003. And I ask Mrs. Gerry Law, the chairperson of the Center for Western Studies, to assist me in making this award.

Les and Mary Baylor have been supporters of the Center for Western Studies from the day when it was first formulated by Dr. Herbert Krause until our move into the new Fantle building nearly forty years later. As a professor of English at the School of Mines, Les was an early admirer of Krause's novels and poetry, and his master's thesis on "The Functions of Nature in Herbert Krause's Pockerbrush Novels" is still the definitive study of Krause's deep love of the beauty of nature as expressed the three best-selling novels published by our writer-in-residence.

Over the past forty years the Bayers have also helped lead the way by means of their financial support of the Center. The Krause Library, named for our founder, has been brought into being with a major gift from Les and Mary. And the two are remembering the Center in their estate planning as well.

And so it is a double pleasure for me to assist Mrs. Law in presenting to Les and Mary Baylor the "Friends of the Center Award" for their half century of support and also the beautifully designed "Heritage Club Award" for their planned giving to the Center for Western Studies. (At this point the Baylor children came to the stage to accept the plaques on behalf of their parents, prevented by illness from attending.) Congratulations to the Bayers, and congratulations to the other recipients of the Friend of the Center Award who are with us tonight: Mrs. Shirley King, Paul and Joyce Olson, Elizabeth Balcer, and Gary and Rosaaen Olson.

The complete list of those who have received the Friend of the Center Award is as follows:

Paul and Helen Aspaas 1982	Roy and Dorothy Mayeske 1993
Reuben and Jimmy Goertz 1984	Robert and Lillian Evenson 1994
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Edward and Edith Delman 1985	Elliot and Bertie Thoreson 1995
Jerry and Gail Simmons 1989	Gary and Rosaaen Olson 1995
Charles and Kay Steuerwald 1990	Larry Ness 1997
Paul and Joyce Olson 1991	Gordon Aasgaard 1997
Charles and Elizabeth Balcer 1991	Dr. and Mrs. Harry Farrell 1998
Roscoe and Lucile Dean 1992	Les and Mary Baylor 2003

The second group of awardees who deserve to be listed are those who have received the Western America Award for Achievement over the past twenty-seven years. The phrase "For Achievement" gives the essence of the award: The Western America Award is given for achievement in any and all fields of endeavor that related to the preservation and interpretation of the history and cultures of South Dakota, the Northern Plains, and the American West. The award itself is a medallion of bronze, designed by the late Ogden Dalrymple, himself a prize-winning medallist and sculptor.

From the very beginning in 1976, the award has been given to a South Dakotan or a citizen from a neighboring state who has devoted a lifetime to the pursuit of this goal. The first of the fifteen awardees was Dr. Herbert Schell, of the University of South Dakota. His history of South Dakota was at that time the definitive study of our state, and as a scholarly and detailed account it has not been superseded even today. A task force of writers is just now, as a matter of fact, undertaking the writing of a new history under the sponsorship of the Center.

The complete list of Western America Award winners is as follows:

Herbert Schell 1976	Harold Torness 1991
Robert Karolevitz 1977	Frederick Manfred 1992
Herbert Hoover 1984	Roger Preuss 1992
John Milton 1984	Thomas Kilian 1993
Frederick Manfred 1984	Ruth Ziolkowski 1996
Arthur R. Huseboe 1988	Bernie Hunhoff 1997
Sven Froiland 1990	Ronald Robinson 1999
Linda Hasselstrom 1990	Anson Yeager 2000

Congratulations once again to both groups of awardees! Representing the highest honors that the Center for Western Studies awards.

-Arthur R. Huseboe



On July 11, **Dr. Ed Hogan**, pictured here with his wife **Joan**, celebrated his retirement as professor of Geography and Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at SDSU. Ed's book *The Geography of South Dakota*, published by CWS and now in its third edition, is the first geography of the state in 75 years.

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CWS National Advisory Council member **L. M. Baylor** and his wife, **Mary**, of Rapid City, SD, are shown with Development Director **Dean Schueler**, as he presents the Friends of the Center Award to them. They were unable to attend the June event to receive this award as well as their Heritage Club award. Thanks to Les and Mary for their long support of the Center.

CWS Development Director **Dean Schueler** presents the Heritage Club award to **William Harvey**, of St. Peter, MN. Mr. Harvey has remembered the Center in his planned giving. He was here to attend the Boe Forum in May and to tour the Center for his first visit. Thanks for remembering the Center, Bill!

Deupree Family Foundation Awards \$2,500 Grant

In mid-June word was received from Mr. Tom Deupree, of Windsor Locks, CT, representing the Deupree Family Foundation, that the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College has been awarded a grant in recognition of the Center's commitment to encouraging the sale of the work of Native American artists. The award of \$2,500 will support the acquisition of American Indian art for the Center's collections that grows out of and reflects the American West and the life of the people here.

The grant will cover the purchase cost, mounting and cleaning of an early piece by Arthur Amiotte that the Center has recently acquired. The piece illustrates an important event in Amiotte's life and offers an insight into the struggle of contemporary Sioux Indian people to live lives that respect their traditional ways while adapting to the dominant society. Amiotte writes about this piece:

"It commemorates the death from tuberculosis of my cousin Lucy, picturing her in her sister's dress of black felt trade cloth with red-ribbon trim and shell decorations, inside a swirl of color representing the Sioux hoop of unity. She is waving her blanket in the wind, saying goodbye to me. She

had once told me that she wished she could be away from Indians and the Reservation because this is what had made her ill. She said I was supposed to not go back there or it would happen to me also."

There is more to Amiotte's narrative about this painting, including his decision to study and teach art and not to confine himself to reservation life. Because of its beauty, the stature of the artist, and the cultural value of *Wind in Her Blanket*, the piece was chosen for Foundation support.

Over many years the Center has encouraged Indian artists by including them in its annual "Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale" and by emphasizing Indian arts and crafts in the Gift Shop. Since 2000, for example, five Indian artists have earned a total of \$49,500 by the sale of their art. In addition, the Center's Gift Shop provides opportunities for sales for two of our Sioux Indian artists, Mitchell Zephier and Harvey Rattety, by purchasing their art for resale.

The Center has an excellent representative Plains Indian permanent display in the Froiland Room of the Fantle Building.

The Changing CWS Art Gallery

With the move to the Fantle building two years ago has come the opportunity to share new and different art exhibits in our three galleries. We are able to change the exhibits in the Elmen, Nelson, and Madsen galleries every three to four months. Our current exhibit is entitled "Board and Council Choice." We asked members of our Board and Council to share one or more pieces of art from their collections. It has been a great experience to see what the people who support the Center have in their art collections. The variety ranges from contemporary, to western, to Native American, to wildlife; from unknown artists to the likes of C. M. Russell, Roger Preuss, and Paul Goble. **The Center will host a reception/gallery talk on August 19 from 4-6 PM. We invite the public in to see this exhibit before the closing on September 1.** The next scheduled show will be from the Center's permanent collection. It will feature the fine art/wildlife art of world-renowned artist Roger Preuss. Long-time readers of the Center for Western Studies *Newsletter* will recall that the Center was given over twenty-five pieces of art by Wildlife of America in 1992. Preuss's work was featured on covers of the *South Dakota Conservation Digest* from 1965 until 1972. The paint-



The Badger by Roger Preuss, FIA

ings represent many of the wildlife species found in South Dakota. Preuss has a unique style that has earned him numerous awards and world-wide recognition over his long career. The Center has also invited five regional contemporary wildlife artists to share one or two of their pieces during this exhibit. Those invited at this time are Mark Anderson, Sioux Falls, Russ Duerksen, Sioux Falls, Rosemary Millette, Sioux Falls, Joshua Spies, Watertown, SD, and John Wilson, Watertown, SD. We are planning to have a display of antique decoys as well as other hunting and wildlife memorabilia during this exhibit. **The show is planned for September 6th through January 3rd. The public is invited to see this exhibit from the Center's permanent collection.** Beginning January 10th we

will share *Echoes from the Little Big Horn*, the portraits of the principle figures involved in this most controversial battle of the Indian Wars. Painted by portrait artist Belva Curtis, the collection was presented to the Center for Western Studies by former Board member and CWS supporter extraordinaire Mrs. Shirley King. Watch for more information on this in our fall newsletter.

CWS Collections are Cultural and Economic Resource to Sioux Falls and Beyond

The photographic collections housed at CWS serve a wide variety of constituencies. Most supporters assume that the collections are being used only by scholars and students for research in history, literature, archaeology, or other related purposes. Some may not be aware of the degree to which the collections are used to promote cultural and economic development in the Sioux Falls area.

Many of the projects to renovate buildings in historic downtown Sioux Falls have benefitted from the photographic resources at CWS. Developers often seek photos of the buildings that they wish to convert to new retail or office space. Many seek National Register of Historic Places status and must have photos to accompany their applications. Owners of historic residences also contact CWS for photos of the homes they wish to restore and have listed on the Register. Owners of homes and businesses may then apply for a tax moratorium for that portion of the property tax covered by the renovation.

Great Plains Coffee Roasting Co., for example, made use of a photo of a historic building on N. Weber Avenue in Sioux Falls, which it plans to convert to a new coffeehouse. Through Media One Advertising, First National Bank, a historic Sioux Falls bank celebrating its ties to the local community, is currently featuring CWS photos in a series of ads appearing in the *Argus Leader*.

When designing exhibits, museums and historical societies often contact CWS for photos as well as other materials. Siouxland Heritage Museums has used the Center's research collections, especially its photos, for two of its recent exhibits, including *Native American Music and Dance*. Occasionally, a museum requests an item be loaned for exhibit purposes. The Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage in Los Angeles, California, for example, displays a copy of the 1891-92 Augustana College catalog in its exhibit *Spirit of Community*.

CWS Membership for 2003 at New High

Thanks to the great support of you, our members and friends, the Center for Western Studies' membership reached new heights in our 33rd year. In spite of some trying economic times, you have come to the Center's support and we are grateful. This year we have over 770 members who supported us financially, our highest ever! Once again, we have over 100 new members. We are pleased to have new people who believe that preserving the cultures of this area is important work. As a staff we would like to publicly thank the Center's Board of Directors and National Advisory Council for challenging themselves with a goal for the membership campaign. We are becoming more established in our new Fantle Building and enjoying the new opportunities presented to us. We are able to change our art exhibits three to four times a year and would invite each of you to stop and visit. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, we have been able to maintain our Saturday hours from 10-2 for well over a year now. The Center's programs continued strong this year as we moved the Dakota Conference to an April date, made some changes in the Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale, presented our eighth Boe Forum on Public Affairs and took a "Sentimental Journey" to the World War II Sioux Falls Air Base for our June fundraising event. Thanks to the efforts of our Board and Council, we were able to visit personally with many of you. This provides us with an opportunity to hear about you and your thoughts about the Center. From these efforts, we are pleased to report that for the twelfth year in a row over 85% of you renewed your membership, and we pledge to reach more of you next year. We are most grateful! **Since nearly all of the Center's programs are free to the public, the annual membership campaign is critical to our success. We would ask that you give serious consideration to supporting the Center in 2004 when the membership materials come to you in October.** We are pleased to share this annual list of donors for 2003. Please accept our apologies and let us know if for some reason we have missed your name. Thank you!

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New Lewis and Clark Title Identifies Possible Cause of Mystery Illness

A new book published by the Center for Western Studies identifies the possible cause of the mystery illness that plagued the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806) while traveling through Montana. The study further reveals that, had the expedition continued for much longer than its 28 months, malnutrition would likely have threatened the success of the Corps of Discovery's venture.

In her book *The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health*, registered dietitian Dr. Elaine Nelson McIntosh notes that the expedition "traveled on its stomach," hunting and foraging for sustenance once the party began its ascent of the Missouri River. Food, McIntosh explains, even more than weapons, ammunition, and other goods, was the critical supply for Lewis and Clark and their party.

A professor emerita in the department of human biology and nutritional sciences at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, McIntosh helped develop the university's program in nutritional sciences.

Her interest in writing about the Lewis and Clark Expedition began while working on her book *American Food Habits in Historical Perspective*, published by Praeger in 1995. "While doing research for this book," she says, "I came across considerable information regarding explorers and the food scarcities they often experienced.... Numerous explorers and pioneers have set out, never to return, due to starvation."

"Most of the literature about the Lewis and Clark Expedition has focused on its geographical, political, and diplomatic aspects, with an underemphasis on the medical and health challenges encountered. Too often, the party's ongoing, crucial need for adequate nutrition has gone unrecognized," she observes.

McIntosh argues, "The dietary lacks, along with the rigors of the trip, and physical injuries incurred, led to increasing health problems for the party, and the men's steadily decreasing ability to function. Fortunately, the party arrived safely back at St. Louis on September 22, 1806, after an absence of 28 months. The deteriorating condition of the men would have curtailed the expedition, had it continued much longer."

As the result of an almost serendipitous encounter with the work of Canadian researchers Nancy and Robert Turner, McIntosh developed the theory that the long-unexplained



illness of the Corps of Discovery in Montana was caused by the party's ingestion of the poisonous White (Death) Camas root.

McIntosh's book provides an extensive analysis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from the standpoint of food, nutrition, and health within the context of current dietary knowledge. It is, in fact, the first study of these three factors as integrated aspects and their impact on the expedition.

Although high in protein, buffalo meat, for example, which was available in abundance in the Dakotas, lacked the fiber necessary for maintaining good health. As they traveled farther west, the men subsisted on dogs, dried fish, and pounded wapato roots, purchased from Indians along the way.

Included in McIntosh's book are a discussion of the status of medicine during the late Colonial and new Republic periods, the various advantages accruing to the expedition party from wintering at Camp Dubois prior to departure up the Missouri, available plants, fluctuations in game availability, the epidemic of contagious diseases while at Fort Clatsop, and a comprehensive health-related analysis of the Corps of Discovery based on available vital statistics and other information about the men.

McIntosh's book is illustrated with maps and photographs and contains a glossary of dietary, medical, and botanical terms. Copies can be purchased directly from the Center for \$12.95. CWS members receive the standard 10% discount.

In Memoriam

One of the Center's most ardent supporters passed away on July 2, 2003, at the age of 69. She was Mrs. Mary Jo Wegner, long a member of the Center's Board of Directors, Chairman for two years, and served on the committee that designed the new Fantle building, and she supported it generously. It was Mary Jo who in 1995 welcomed General Colin Powell and President George Bush to Sioux Falls, both presenters in the first of the prestigious Boe Forum events, and she was a leader in committees that planned for the Center's future programs and how to fund them. Her energy and her commitment to the Center made her an invaluable member. She leaves a rich legacy.

And her contributions to the good health of the Center for Western Studies were only a small portion of her gifts to this community's essential cultural agencies, among them the Siouxland Heritage Museums, the South Dakota Symphony, public radio in the state, Northern Plains Tribal Arts, the Sioux Empire Arts Council, the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science, the Chamber of Commerce Council on Cultural Affairs, Augustana Library Associates, the Nordland Heritage Foundation, the Children's Home Society, and the South

Dakota Nature Conservancy. We are thankful for these contributions and for much more.

Mrs. Wegner's obituary paid tribute to her service and accomplishments in other areas of her life. To quote in part:

"With her husband Karl, Mary Jo devoted a great deal of time and attention to the development of a four-year medical school at the University of South Dakota. The Karl and Mary Jo Wegner Health Science Information Center was established in recognition of their mutual efforts. In addition to Mary Jo's husband Karl, her survivors include: her daughter Maddy Wegner and husband Harri Rinta; her son Peter Wegner, his wife Robin Olesen and their children Walker, Theo, Ivy; and her daughter Mary Nell Wegner, husband Josiah Child III and their daughter Isabella; her sister Virginia Sampson, husband Ray, and children James and Laurie; and her brother William Waddell and his wife Marie.

"Memorials in Mary Jo's name may be directed to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for the Sioux Falls Arboretum Mary Jo Wegner Fund, the Augustana College Center for Western Studies, or the Wegner Health Science Information Center."



Mary Jo Wegner, arranging flowers from her garden to decorate the stage in preparation for the Center's production of "Music in the Park," a dinner-theater tribute to community bands in America (June 17, 1997, at the Howard Johnson Convention Center in Sioux Falls)

Dakota Conference Awardees

Six individuals received recognition at the Center's Dakota Conference in April for their work in researching and writing about the Northern Plains region. Dr. Kathy Antonen, professor and chair of the Department of Humanities at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, was one of two recipients of the award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains. Brad Tennant, an instructor in history at Presentation College, also received the Distinguished Contribution Award. Both Antonen and Tennant have been longtime presenters at the Dakota Conference and, through their teaching and research, have been advocates of the interpretation and preservation of the history and literature of the region. The text of their citations is found in the Dakota Conference program.

Four presenters won cash awards in the amounts of \$150 and \$100 for their winning papers, presented at the 2002 Dakota Conference. The papers were judged by independent readers in academic and non-academic categories. Danielle Stuckle (North Dakota) received the Arthur I. and Willmeta Johnson Award for her paper "Lewis and Clark in Pursuit of the Fur Trade." David Kvernes (Illinois) received the Herbert W. Blakely Award for his paper, "Lewis and Clark in the Twentieth Century: The Emergence of Outsiders." Greg Redlin (South Dakota) received the Cedric Cummins Award for "Citibank Comes to South Dakota." Miles A. Browne (Iowa) received the Richard Cropp Award for his paper, "Abraham Lincoln and the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862."

All awards were presented at the Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

What the Critics Say About Our Books . . .

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

by Paul N. Beck (2000) \$12.95

“Paul Beck’s study of Fort Ridgely is a well-researched case study of a frontier outpost in the context of its region, the Minnesota River Valley, and of the Dakota War of 1862. He examines in detail the impact of the fort on the social, economic, and political evolution of the area over the years of its existence. The work is excellent in its treatment of the mediating function the fort played in shaping relations between the settlers and Santee Sioux and the ways it itself initially sustained the region, culturally and economically.

The major drawback to an otherwise solid work is that it is overwritten and repetitious. It oversells its conclusions. It has illustrations and maps, not all of them useful in the format presented (p. 158).

This study is recommended to students of upper Midwest and frontier history.” By Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, in *Journal of the West* 41(Fall 2002).

Anson Yeager’s Stories: Volume I: Northern Plains Adventures and Volume II: Famous Faces and Places

by Anson Yeager (2000) \$39.95 for the 2-volume set

“Anson Yeager’s career in South Dakota journalism spans nearly three-quarters of the twentieth century. He began work as a newspaperman in Faith in 1935, worked for the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* from 1947 until his retirement in 1984, and continued to offer occasional personal reflections in the newspaper’s pages thereafter. Yeager’s two volumes collect about four hundred of those reflections, concentrating primarily on writings after 1978, the year he began his personal column in the *Argus*.

The first third of Volume One contains columns of a more personal nature—family, roots, retirement, and his own newspaper work—while the remaining pages are filled with stories of South Dakota people, communities, and the land itself. The book concludes with ten pages of “Key Hints on Motorhome Travel.” Volume Two collects stories about such famous people as South Dakotans Archie Gubbrud, George McGovern, and Allen Neuharth but fills most of its pages with accounts of places outside the state

As a collection true to the title’s promise, these stories are Anson Yeager’s. They cover diverse times and topics, not lending themselves well to cover-to-cover reading in book form. . . . If there is a disappointment in the format, it is the indexes, separate for each volume. They contain only the names of people. . . .

That said, the rewards are worth the digging. Yeager reminds his readers that Montana holds no exclusive claim to ‘big sky’ country, ‘starting in South Dakota and following a ribbon of concrete or blacktop toward changing horizons’ (2:257). He also understands that those same interstate ribbons of concrete have ‘depopulated the countryside’ (1:145). Yeager appreciates how the ‘magical influence of the prairies’ with their ‘pleasurable and exhilarating sensations’ captured Joseph Nicollet’s imagination in the 1830s and continue to captivate us today (1:212).

If you liked Anson Yeager’s stories in the *Argus Leader*, you will like *Anson Yeager’s Stories*—both volumes.” By Rex Myers, in *South Dakota History*, 23 (Fall 2002): 278-79.

CWS Volunteer Program-One Year Later

One year ago in June the Center was able to launch a volunteer program to have the Center open from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on Saturdays. This program was established with the help of three students from the Small Business Institute in the Augustana College Business Department. Since that time we have added some people and have had the Center open every Saturday since June of 2002. We meet periodically with this group to get their thoughts and ideas about procedures, what items to put in our gift shop, and how we can improve people’s visits to the Center. In the last year the Center has had visitors from thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia and international visitors from Canada, Japan, Mexico, Germany, England, Nepal, Italy, Hong Kong,

and Norway. The comments shared in our visitor book reaffirm the Center’s role as an important visitor destination for South Dakota, Sioux Falls, and Augustana College. If you haven’t visited recently, please stop by. We again want publicly to thank the following people who give of their time and talents to help us at the Center: Lynn and Barbara Aspaas, Gary Earl, Frank Gibbs, Dick Haase, Milt Hanson, Tom Houle, Shirley Savage Jones, Carolyn McClain, Fran Noteboom, A. Richard "Pastor Pete" and Bev Petersen, Bernice Weilage, and Arlen Viste. Each of these people volunteers for one Saturday a month to help at the Center. If you are interested, please call us at the Center at 274-4007.

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CWS member and former Board member **Dr. Sandra Looney** received the Vernon and Mildred Niebuhr Faculty Excellence Award at the Augustana College commencement ceremonies on May 25th. The award recognizes excellence in teaching and was established by CWS member **Richard Niebuhr** in honor of his father and mother.

Sales and Marketing Executives International have named CWS National Advisory Council member **Jeffrey Hayzlett** to a second term as chairman and chief elected officer. This is a first in the more than sixty years of the organization. **Bob Whitmore** serves as the Sioux Falls SME chair and **Kent Morstad** serves on the local Board of Directors. Both men are members of the Center.

First American Bank and Trust recently appointed **L.D. Andrews** as president of its trust division. Andrews is a member of the Center and is a local art dealer and art enthusiast.

CWS member **Rich Hanson** and CWS Director of Development **Dean Schueler** were recognized for 40 years and 25 years of service respectively to the American Legion Boys State of South Dakota. Both men retired after the 2003 Boys State session. Schueler had served five years at Iowa Boys State before joining the South Dakota staff.

The Center is sad to announce the passing of a number of members since our last newsletter. Among those we were notified of is CWS member **Wilcey Nowotny**, father and father-in-law of **Sharon** and **Dean Schueler**. CWS members are **Paula Bylsma**, **Lucy Fryxell**, **Dorothy Jacobsen**, and **Ray Novak**. The Center extends its sympathy to family and friends.

The Center's newest publication about the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-06 will be featured at an autograph party for the author, **Elaine Nelson McIntosh**, at Viking Days on Friday, October 3. The honored author, a 1945 alumna, will autograph copies of her ground-breaking book from 12 Noon to 2 PM in the Commons Concourse, just prior to the Honor Guard Reception at 2 PM. Under the title **The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health**, Dr. McIntosh writes about dangers to the expedition not previously recognized, and is the first to study the impact of nutrition on this famous expedition, now on the eve of its 200th anniversary.

ED Art Huseboe will give the Augustana College Alumni Banquet talk this year. His brief remarks at Homecoming will highlight the surprising value to CWS and to the college of planned giving by Heritage Club members, by those who arrange for deferred gifts as a way to assure the long life and good health of the two organizations. Art spoke on July 22 to the Luverne (MN) Rotary Club on "CWS at the Center of the Northern Plains." And on August 8, he addressed an assembly in Sioux Falls of three Norwegian-

American lags (societies) on the topic "Norwegian Immigrants on the Prairie Through the Eyes of Ole Rolvaag."

The staff and Board of the Center have recently received word of the passing of CWS member **Mrs. Ella Valborg Tweet**, only daughter of the late novelist **Ole E. Rolvaag**. In the early 1930s Mrs. Tweet was a college mate at St. Olaf College of novelist **Herbert Krause**, and directed one of his early plays in a prize-winning production at the Midwest Folk Drama Tournament in Cape Girardeau, MO. Mrs. Tweet was a long-time member as well of the Nordland Heritage Foundation, an association connected to Augustana College for the purpose of preserving and celebrating the frontier heritage of the Norwegian settlers, and other Scandinavians, in this Northern Plains region. Mrs. Tweet and daughter **Dr. Solveig Zempel** translated one of the Center's early publications, the short stories of O. E. Rolvaag, **When the Wind is in the South** (1984). Our sympathy to Solveig and to the family of this talented Norwegian-American woman.

In October, the Center will be well represented at the First Annual South Dakota Festival of Books in Deadwood, SD, on the 3rd through the 5th. This first festival, sponsored by the Center for the Book of the South Dakota Humanities Council, will provide us the opportunity to show off our many recent titles, among them **Elaine McIntosh's** new book about the Lewis and Clark expedition, **Robert Steensma's Drifting to an Unknown Future**, **Herbert Hoover's Sioux Country**, **Anson Yeager's Stories**, and a new selection of poetry by South Dakota's poet laureate **David Allan Evans**. We wish the SDHC good luck in this exciting enterprise.

In this banner year, four eminent South Dakotas with close connections to the Center will be inducted into the state's Hall of Fame in ceremonies to be held in Sioux Falls on September 26 and 27. They are **Dr. Charles Balcer**, founding president of CWS; **Lou and Helen Madsen**, philanthropists who named the south gallery in the Center's new Fantle Building; and the **Reverend Stanislaus Maudlin**, long-time director of the American Indian Culture Research Center at Blue Cloud Abbey and emeritus member of the Center's National Advisory Council. Congratulations to all four of our honored friends!

Three other Council members have recently been recognized for their labors in the vineyards of historic preservation—**Dr. Tom Kilian**, immediate past chairman of the CWS Board of Directors, has just been selected as the Heartland Region Historian of the Year. Tom was recognized during the Straw Bale Museum dedication on July 12 as a native son of the "Heartland Region" (born in Vilas, Miner County). Council member **Larry Ness**, of Yankton, too, has received recognition recently for his commitment to making South Dakota a better place to live and do business. The USD School of Business recently awarded him their Distinguished

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Service Award. And National Advisory Council member **Herbert Hoover** has been selected by the USD Student Association as 2003 Professor of the Year. Herb, who has been a leader in the CWS project to produce a new history of South Dakota, has spent 39 years as a professor, 36 of them at USD. Congratulations, gentlemen!

The staff of the Center was recently able to welcome **Mr. Ronald Nelson**, late of The Hague, Netherlands, as a researcher working on a project dear to our hearts. On his return to his home territory, Ron—who was a friend of former CWS ED **Herbert Krause**—has undertaken to seek out and assemble for possible publication all of the ornithological writings of Krause, also a well-known novelist and historian. We wish Ron well in this valuable enterprise.

More awards to CWS members: At the Augustana College Commencement ceremonies on May 30, President Emeritus **Charles Balcer** and wife **Elizabeth** were recognized with honorary L.H.D. degrees. At the same event, former Regents Chair **David Solberg** and wife **Sandra** received the Friends of Augustana Award, and CWS Board member **Mike Mullin** was honored for his teaching with the prestigious Granskou Award. Congratulations, friends!

As might be expected, **Queen Noor** of Jordan, who was the Center's Boe Forum speaker for 2001, has been much in the national news as a spokesperson for moderation in U.S.-Arab relations. Her recently published autobiography, *Leap of Faith*—on the *New York Times* bestseller list for six weeks—was reviewed by *USA Today* as "making the Arab world more human and understandable." That was her message at the Boe Forum as well, and we wish her well in her endeavors.

We note with sadness the passing of our friend **Mrs. Jennie Stoker Helwig** on February 20th in Los Altos, CA. Jennie grew up in Sioux Falls with her sister **Mildred Stoker White** and attended Augustana College for one year, 1930-1931. Mildred, a long-time friend of CWS, had passed away the year before. She had in 1994 established a scholarship through the Center in Jennie's name to benefit a woman athlete at Augustana. Over a 20-year period Mildred had supported the Center with gifts of cash and art work; at her death, she left over one million dollars to the college to provide additional scholarships. We are grateful for the friendship of both of these Sioux Falls natives.

Three pieces of art have been added to the Center's collection, courtesy of **Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Wilson**: a self portrait by surrealist **John Wilson** of Milwaukee; an abstract landscape by the late **Carol Haerer**, a much-honored abstracts artist; and **Elizabeth Seaver's** "*Head of a Young Girl*," a bronze for which Peggy herself sat as a teenager, in Sioux

Falls. We are grateful for these gifts of works by contemporary artists.

The **West River History Conference** is scheduled for October 9-11, 2003, in Rapid City. For additional information, contact KEYJSF@aol.com or call 605-721-7752. In a gesture of support for the conference, CWS shared its Dakota Conference mailing list with conference organizers.

A keynote address at the 2000 Dakota Conference, "The Comedy of the Commons; or, My Life on the Post-Colonial Plains," by **Thomas D. Isern**, was chosen to inaugurate a new feature in the latest issue of *South Dakota History*.

Jon K. Lauck's article "George S. McGovern and the Farmer: South Dakota Politics, 1953-1962," presented in an earlier version at the 2001 Dakota Conference, was published in the Winter 2002 issue of *South Dakota History*. "A Promise Broken: LeBeau and the Railroad," an article by former CWS executive director **Don L. Hofsommer**, appears in the spring 2003 issue of *South Dakota History*.

Robert Archibald, a featured speaker at the 1995 Dakota Conference, is the President of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Congratulations to **Mary Thompson** of Aberdeen on being named Aberdeen's First Lady of 2002. Mary's outstanding service to her community as a volunteer was among the achievements cited. Mary and her husband, **Dr. Bob Thompson**, professor emeritus at Northern State University, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Thanks to **Bruce Blake** of Sioux Falls for his role as liaison with **Mrs. Mary Doran** in obtaining for CWS the envelope of the daughter of Judge Amidon, who along with his son was slain in the wake of the Minnesota Dakota War of 1862.

Harry F. Thompson's article "History, Historicity, and the Western American Novel: Frederick Manfred's *Scarlet Plume* and the Dakota War of 1862," published in the Spring 2002 issue of *Western American Literature*, was listed as a noteworthy article in the Winter 2002 issue of *Western Historical Quarterly*. **Nathaniel Lewis**, author of the forthcoming book *Unsettling the Literary West: Authenticity and Authorship*, the inaugural volume in the University of Nebraska Press's new series *Postwestern Horizons*, commented that Thompson's article "not only reviewed—and revived—the history of authenticity in western studies with such nuance, but it articulated what are (for me) the most essential questions to be asking about western literary studies . . ."

Joseph Amato, a featured speaker at this year's Dakota Conference, will be a featured author at the annual meeting of the American Association for State and Local History, in Providence, RI.

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Congratulations to **John E. Miller**, also a featured speaker at this year's Dakota Conference, on his retirement as professor of history from SDSU and his appointment by **Gov. Rounds** to the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

South Dakota State Historical Society director **Mary Edelen** recently announced her resignation from the society. CWS expresses its appreciation to Mary for her work on behalf of raising historical awareness throughout the state, especially with respect to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Sioux Falls **Mayor Dave Munson** has reappointed CWS research collections and publications director **Harry Thompson** to a second term on the city's Board of Preservation.

The Center provided archives assistance this summer to Augustana College on a project to compile a history of **Viking Varieties**, a project of Public Events Office intern **Emily Dormmerhausen**. In conjunction with **Paul Krueger**, Director of the Augustana College Alumni Office, the Center is also assisting with a project to develop an exhibit on the history of **Augustana Academy**, which will be on permanent display in the Augustana Academy Research Room. Members of the Academy History Committee include **Rev. Leroy Iseminger** (chair), **Howard and Eunice Hovland**, and **Dr. Lynwood Oyos**.

New History of South Dakota Receives Grants

The Sheldon F. Reese Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 matching grant to CWS to assist with publication costs for the new history of South Dakota. In addition, the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation has awarded \$3,500 to assist with distribution of the new state history to libraries within the Sioux Falls region.

Under discussion by CWS staff for several years, the new state history was commissioned by the CWS Board of Directors in 2001 in response to the need for a new and inclusive interpretation of the state. Howard and Eunice Hovland, of Baltic, provided the inaugural funding for the project with a major gift in 2002.

The new history will feature essays by nationally recognized authors as well as full-length chapters by noted scholars. The history is intended for general readers, college students, and teachers of South Dakota history. Major topics to be addressed are geography, Plains Indian history and culture, exploration, immigration, politics, the Black Hills, ranching, farming, religious, educational, and medical institutions, town-sites, urbanization, literature and the arts, and the challenge of cultural change.

Several chapters and essays have been received to date. The book is scheduled to be published in late 2004.

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*The Center has become a favorite visit for local school children to learn more about their heritage and their cultures. Mark Twain second grade teacher **Sandi Fink** is shown with her outstanding group of bright, curious students who asked many tough questions of Development Director, **Dean Schueler**. We see lots of history majors in this group!!*



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CWS Schedule of Events Summer-Fall 2003

August

- 1 Beginning of the 2003-2004 fiscal year
- 19 Reception and Gallery Talk- "Board and Council Choice"
- 27 Board of Directors meeting

September

- 2 Classes begin at Augustana
- 6 Opening of Preuss Wildlife Art Exhibit
- 6-7 Watertown Arts Festival
- 13-14 South Dakota Archeology Society meeting
- 19-20 Second Annual Spirit of the West Festival
- 24 Board of Directors meeting
- 26-27 South Dakota Hall of Fame Honors Events
- 26-28 Northern Plains Tribal Arts

October

- 3-5 Viking Days
- 3 Autograph Party for *The Lewis and Clark Expedition* (by Elaine McIntosh)

- 3-5 South Dakota Festival of the Book, Deadwood
- 6 Membership renewal campaign begins for 2004
- 9-11 West River History Conference, Rapid City
- 15-18 South Dakota Library Association Convention
- 22 Board of Directors meeting
- 29-31 And November 1 Western Literature Association Convention, Houston

November

- 18 Fall Newsletter is published
- 19 Board of Directors meeting

December

- 5 Christmas Open House at the Center, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- 6 Board and Council Retreat and Members and Friends Christmas Luncheon