



Rudy Giuliani: Speaker in the Ninth Boe Forum

On Thursday, March 18, 2004, Mayor Rudy Giuliani flew into Sioux Falls from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and addressed an overflow audience of 4,200 in the Elmen Center, speaking from a stage set against the north wall. Before him was a sea of 1,500 citizens and students on portable chairs. Behind them, the bleachers were crowded to the ceilings. Everyone in that hall was eager to see and to hear from a true American hero.

The Mayor spoke about leadership in a time of crisis, and he had faced one of the most severe that any nation has ever faced. On September 11th, 2001, Rudy Giuliani brought stability to a nation rocked to its core. As he reassured his city—and the world—he set a precedent for living without fear, in direct response to the terrorists’ hope for a dehumanized America.

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Sioux Falls Mayor David Munson, Augustana College President Bruce Halverson, and Rudy Giuliani visit before the dinner at Minnehaha Country Club



Rudy Giuliani is seen at the Augustana College Elmen Center making a point during his presentation, “The Principles of Leadership”

Great Plains Environmental Issues to be Examined at Regional Conference

Kansas State University environmental historian Dr. James E. Sherow headlines the Center’s two-day humanities conference examining land and water issues on the Great Plains. The Thirty-sixth Annual Dakota Conference on Northern Plains History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology will be held April 23-24, 2004, on the campus of Augustana College.

Sherow is the editor of *A Sense of the American West: An Anthology of Environmental History* and author of the forthcoming *Their Days Were as Grass: An Ecostory of the Central Grasslands, 1780-1870*.

This year’s conference theme highlights the depopulation of the rural plains and the implications for those who remain. With fewer than six residents per square mile in many of its rural counties, the Great Plains is becoming “America’s new frontier.” Of the 261 plains counties with



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Mr. Giuliani was careful to point out that his response to the attack on the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City employed a number of principles of leadership that he had developed during his years as mayor: “Surround yourself with great people. Have beliefs and communicate them. See things for yourself. Set an example. Stand up to bullies. Deal with first things first. Loyalty is the vital virtue. Prepare relentlessly. Underpromise and overdeliver, and don’t assume anything.” “I was prepared to handle September 11,” he told the Augustana audience, “precisely because I was the same person who had been doing his best to take on challenges my whole career.” When the Elmen Center crowd rose to give him an exuberant standing ovation, they were only echoing the tribute paid to him two years earlier by *Time* magazine:

“For having more faith in us than we had in ourselves, for being brave when required and rude where appropriate and tender without being trite, for not sleeping and not quitting and not shrinking from the pain all around him, Rudy Giuliani, Mayor of the World, is *Time* 2001 Person of the Year.”

Earlier in the day, Mayor Giuliani met with 200 Augustana and area high-school students for a news conference in the Fantle building. Augustana students from the departments of journalism, history, and government had an unusual opportunity to observe and take part in the conference, held prior to Mr. Giuliani’s Elmen Center presentation. They were joined by journalism students from sixteen area high schools and their advisors, as well as reporters from the *Argus Leader* and the local TV and radio stations. The event, the first of its kind in the Fantle Building, was organized by Augustana News Bureau head Bruce Conley and English/Journalism chair Janet Blank-Libra and arranged for by special permission in order to give students an additional opportunity to meet a speaker with Mr. Giuliani’s experience. Only the news conference for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1996 drew more students.



Robert Law, Gerry Berger Law, Doris Huseboe, and Arthur Huseboe are seen with Rudy Giuliani during the reception at the President’s home. Mrs. Law and Dr. Huseboe, with Mrs. Esther Bowden (not pictured), were instrumental in planning the dinner and the floral arrangement at the Elmen Center.



Prior to the evening lecture at the Elmen Center, Rudy Giuliani held a press conference that included 200 local and regional high school journalism students as well as students from the Augustana College journalism classes. The event was organized by Professor Janet Blank-Libra chair of the Augustana College journalism department. In this photo we see Mr. Giuliani addressing a student’s question. Seated from the left are Augustana President Bruce Halverson, Mrs. Giuliani, and CWS Executive Director Dr. Arthur Huseboe. At the extreme right is the interpreter for the hearing impaired, working with students from the South Dakota School for the Deaf.

Teachers: Earn Credit While Attending the Dakota Conference

The Dakota Conference qualifies for both Department of Education (DOE) Certificate Renewal Credit and Augustana College undergraduate and graduate credit, for EDUC/ENGL/HIST 359/559.

Teachers may earn credit without missing classes by attending sessions Friday evening and Saturday, April 23-24.

Special registration fee for teachers
earning DOE Certificate Renewal Credit: \$50

Special registration fee for teachers
earning Augustana College Academic Credit: \$95

(Meals with plenary speakers available for an additional fee)

For further information, contact Dr. Harry F. Thompson,
Conference Director, at 605-274-4006 or harry_thompson@augie.edu.

CWS Book Publications Receive Grants

Two of the Center’s forthcoming book publications have received grants recently. The Elmen Family Foundation and the South Dakota Community Foundation have awarded grants to assist with the publication of *A New South Dakota History*, an ambitious retelling of South Dakota’s past by many of the state’s leading historians.

A grant from First Dakota National Bank, through bank CEO Larry Ness, and a second grant from Augustana College’s Mellon Fund Committee will serve to underwrite the cost of the Center’s second book in observance of the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This book, a selection of papers presented at the Dakota Conference during the conference’s five-year emphasis on the expedition (1998-2002), is being edited by David Kvernes, professor emeritus of English, University of Illinois at Carbondale.

frontier status, most are found in the northern plains. In 1950, for example, seven frontier counties in South Dakota were located east of the state capital; today, the number has grown to seventeen.

Other keynote speakers include South Dakota Poet Laureate David Allan Evans, professor of English at South Dakota State University, whose new book of poems, *The Bull Rider's Advice*, has just been published. Lakota author and teacher Lydia Whirlwind Soldier and Wallace Stegner scholar Robert C. Steensma, of the University of Utah, will also be featured speakers.

In addition, over 80 other presenters, from as many as 18 states, will give papers or talk about their recent book publications, all focused on the northern Great Plains.

Twenty-five authors will gather at the conference's Seventeenth Annual Regional Authors' Autograph Party on Saturday, April 24, to sign copies of their books. Craig Ryan, of Portland, Oregon, will sign his book *Magnificent Failure: Free Fall from the Edge of Space*, the story of adventurer Nick Piantanida, whose high-altitude balloon fell to earth in South Dakota.

"The Northern Plains: A New Frontier" session will focus on the rural economic development efforts of the Miner County Community Revitalization organization in Howard, SD. Presenters for this session are Randy Parry, Michael Knutson, James Beddow, and Tom Kilian.

Other session topics include Native American cultural

identity, Sioux Falls history, improving Dakota life, crime and punishment, writing plains history and literature, and Dakota stories.

David Krantz, political reporter for the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader*, and John Miller and Jon Lauck from SDSU's history department will examine "Agrarian Conservatism: The Contours of South Dakota Political Culture."

Bruce Blake, Sioux Falls attorney and director of the Minnehaha County Historical Society marker program, will be honored with the award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains. Two new markers will also be dedicated at the conference: Fort Dakota and Great Bend of the Sioux River.

College and teacher certificate renewal credit will also be available. Friday evening and all-day Saturday sessions mean that teachers will not need to miss classes to attend the conference.

Major funding for the conference is made possible by grants and gifts from the South Dakota Humanities Council, Richard and Michelle Van Demark, and Augustana College's Mellon Fund Committee. Other contributors are recognized in the printed program.

A copy of the conference program and registration information may be obtained by calling the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College (605-274-4007) or visiting www.augie.edu/CWS.

Dakota Conference Encourages Student Involvement

The principal reason for moving the Dakota Conference from May to April, initiated last year, was to encourage student participation in this regional conference. At the 2004 conference, several students, many from Augustana, will be presenting papers. With biology professor Craig Spencer, students Matt Bukrey and Jason Smalley will present on the loss of native tall-grass prairie in Eastern South Dakota. Religion major Scott Thalacker, with the assistance of religion professor Richard Bowman, will present on biblical traces in Rolvaag's *Giants in the Earth*. Three students in professor Gary Olson's first-semester History Methods and Philosophies course will also be presenting: Mandy Larson, on the Sioux Falls divorce colony, Elizabeth Thron, on the roles of women at the Sioux Falls Army Air Base, and Annmarie Kowalczyk on the Dakota School for Deaf Mutes.

Students from other colleges and universities will also

be presenting; these include Cecilia Ragiani (University of South Dakota), Susan Cantrin (Presentation College), Suzanne Smith (Brown University), and Danielle Stuckle (North Dakota State University).

Last year's conference also featured several students, including Augustana history major Krista (Benson) Ohrtman. Now living in Berkeley, CA, Krista is the recipient of the first award reserved exclusively for students, the Cedric Cummins Student Award, for her presentation on Japanese-American internment camps in the west. NDSU doctoral student Danielle Stuckle, who will be presenting again this year, is a past recipient of one of the conference awards.

Young scholars are the future of Northern Plains Studies, and the Dakota Conference seeks to encourage and recognize their efforts.

“Echoes from the Little Big Horn” Re-Dedicated Sons Reflect on Mother’s Gift of Art

Belva Curtis, a portrait painter from Spokane, WA, wanted to tell the Indian side of the Little Big Horn story. She chose to do it by painting 27 portraits of the major players in the infamous battle during the Indian Wars. The collection is part of the Center for Western Studies’ permanent collection.

On March 19th the Center hosted a reception/gallery talk in the Madsen, Nelson, and Elmen galleries at the Center. The story of this wonderful collection was enhanced with the visit of Mrs. Curtis’ two sons, Neil Wischmann, and his wife, Kathy, from Spokane, WA, and Ken Wischmann, and his wife, Sandy, from Albuquerque, NM. Intending to make a visit last fall to the Center to see the collection, Neil Wischmann was persuaded to wait until the exhibit was hung in January and a date was set in March for them to visit. It just happened to be during the time that former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani was speaking at the Boe Forum.

CWS National Advisory Council member Larry Ness, a Yankton, SD, banker and collector of Native American and Western Americana artifacts, agreed to do the gallery talk for the event. Larry has also loaned some of the fine pieces from his Indian Wars collection to be displayed with the Little Big Horn portraits. Ness discussed the portraits and how many of the leaders figured into the battle that took place in June of 1876. He talked about how Curtis had captured the essence of each of the individuals and how she had painted the fine detail of each in their clothing and adornments. He also gave important information about the artifacts that were on display—where they came from, how the items were used, and how he had acquired a certain piece. He also responded to questions after the talk.

Neil and Ken Wischmann shared their thoughts of growing up in a family whose mother learned to paint as a hobby and together with her husband, Wayne Curtis, turned it into a profession. They told how President Lyndon Johnson had eagerly accepted the portrait that she had painted and that a portrait of Albert Einstein, done by Belva Curtis, now hangs in the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque, NM. They answered questions from the more than 50 people who attended the event. We thank them for making the effort to be part of this recognition event.

In addition to Larry Ness, Neil and Ken Wischmann and their wives, the Center is grateful to National Advisory Council member Cornell Norby for his efforts to bring the collection to the Center, former Executive Director the late Sven Froiland, and former Director of Development Wayne

Petersen. One of the most important and instrumental people in bringing the collection to the Center, could not be with us this evening due to illness. The Center and the Wischmann families want to extend their sincere thanks to Mrs. Shirley King for the gift she and her late husband, Lyndon, gave to the Center to purchase the portraits and make them part of our permanent collection.



A reception/gallery talk on March 19 for the “Echoes from the Little Big Horn” exhibit featured CWS National Advisory Council member **Larry Ness** on the left. Responding to **Mr. Ness** and telling more about the collection were Belva Curtis’ sons **Ken Wischmann** and his wife, **Sandy** from Albuquerque, NM, and **Neil Wischmann** and his wife **Kathy**, from Spokane, WA. It was the first

occasion for the **Wischmanns** to see the exhibit in the Fantle Building. Behind is Belva Curtis’ portrait of *Black Elk*.

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

24th Annual Art Show and Sale is a Success

For the first time in recent memory, the weekend of February 20-22 was a beautiful weekend, weather-wise. This translated into one of the largest crowds ever for the Center for Western Studies' 24th annual Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale. For the ninth year, the show and sale was held at the Sioux Falls Radisson Encore Hotel. We thank them for their friendly hospitality.

Board member and art committee chair Lynn Aspaas was the emcee for this year's awards program on Friday evening. Vice-President for Advancement Brian MacGregor brought a greeting on behalf of Augustana College and President Bruce Halverson.

We again presented four awards to the participating artists. Two of the awards were for "People's Choice" and two were for "Best of Show." Our judges this year for the Best of Show were art committee members Howard Hovland and Dr. Jerry Simmons and L.D. Andrews, a local art entrepreneur and businessman. We thank them for their assistance with a most difficult choice. They selected the painting "Flat Out" by Jim Whartman of Hemingford, NE, as the "Best of Show" and "Kubbastol," a Scandinavian log chair carving by Sioux Falls artist Arne Bortnem, as the "Best of Show" for a three-dimensional piece. Our attendees also had a chance to participate and vote for their favorites, and they selected "Autumn Moon," a painting by Sioux Falls artist Mark Anderson, as "People's Choice"; and for the third year in a row Harvey Rattey, a bronze artist from Glendive, MT, won "People's Choice" for his bronze, "The Last Visit." An edition of this piece is also part of the Center's permanent collection donated by former Council member Dick Culbert and his late wife, Patti. All four of the artists were presented with a ribbon for their efforts. Art show sponsor Roger Currier of Results Radio, and Vice-President Brian MacGregor assisted with the awards. The CWS art committee Chair Lynn Aspaas, and members

Howard Hovland and Jerry Simmons, selected "Longhorns of the Cheyenne" by Virginia Coudron from Brookings, SD, for the cover of our invitation.

The comments from the large crowd again reflected the fact that artists from this part of the country are doing a great job of providing fine art for all of us to enjoy. We are grateful to them for sharing their art with all of us. This year at the show and sale we had Mark Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD; JoAnne Bird, Brookings, SD; Arnold Bortnem, Sioux Falls, SD; Bryan Bortnem, Rutland, SD; Virginia Coudron, Brookings, SD; Russ Duerksen, Sioux Falls, SD; Marian Henjum, Sioux Falls, SD; Nancyjane Huehl, Vivian, SD; Charles McLaughlin, Cannon Ball, ND; Donald Montileaux, Rapid City, SD; Harvey Rattey, Glendive, MT; Gisele Robinson, Evanston, WY; Mike Sougstad, Fulton, SD; Joshua Spies, Watertown, SD; Dale Streblov, Granite Falls, MN; Johnny Swatek, Wagner, SD; Raymond Wattenhofer, Park Rapids, MN; and James Whartman, Hemingford, NE.



Vivian, SD, artist Nancyjane Huehl is pictured sharing information about her artwork with CWS Advisory Council member Gerry Berger Law and her husband Robert Law.



The award winners at the 24th annual Artists of the Plains Art Show and Sale are shown at the Radisson Encore Hotel. Shown from left are CWS Art Committee Chair Lynn Aspaas, "Best of Show" painting award winner Jim Whartman, "Best of show" 3-D award winner Arne Bortnem, "People's Choice" 3-D winner Harvey Rattey, "People's Choice" painting award winner Mark Anderson, Vice President for Advancement Brian MacGregor, Results Radio General Manager and Sponsor Roger Currier, and CWS Director of Development Dean Schueler.

Thanks to all who stopped to visit with the artists and those who purchased art and helped the artists to sell the third largest amount ever.

The Center's staff would like to thank the CWS Board of Directors and the National Advisory Council for serving as hosts and hostesses for the Premier Showing on Friday evening. The Radisson Hotel was a great venue and we thank them for hosting and sponsoring the Premier Showing reception. Once again, the Sioux Falls business community stepped forward to help make this show and sale a success with their advertising dollars. Their continued support of the arts is outstanding and we

are grateful. Please consider them when you do business. Our major sponsor, Results Radio, Don Jacobs and Roger Currier, deserve our thanks for their continued sponsorship of the show and sale. Their stations do a wonderful job of promoting our events. We look forward to our 25th show and sale scheduled for February 18-20, 2005.

Center Obtains Rare Buffalo Robe



Executive Director Arthur Huseboe and Advisory Council member Jerry Czulewicz with the Schoenwetter Buffalo Robe.

One of the most unusual Native American artifacts to be presented for display by the Center will be a decorated nineteenth-century buffalo robe of Plains Indian origin. A gift of Dr. William F. Schoenwetter, of Edina, MN, the robe bears a “sun dance” design in the center and tipi designs at each of the four corners. In the opinion of Alan R. Woolworth, of the Minnesota Historical Society, the robe was “tanned and decorated in the mid-1870s by a Siouan tribe in the Northern Great Plains.” It was obtained by Dr. Schoenwetter about 2000 from Robert Wostoupal of Beemer, NE, who had purchased it some years before at the estate sale of a local farm family. It had been stored for many years in a barn loft. On 5 August 1977, Wendell Frantz, curator of the Lincoln Museum, Nebraska State Historical Society, wrote to Miss Lois Wegner of Beemer about “your buffalo robe,” “probably of Dakota (Sioux) origin, ca. 1850-1890.” Robes of an almost identical design were painted by George Catlin on his expedition up the Missouri River.

The robe was picked up by Council member Gerald Czulewicz earlier in March and delivered to the Center on the 18th when he came to Sioux Falls to attend the Boe Forum. In consultation with Mr. Czulewicz, the staff has determined to display the robe in the Froiland Plains Indian Room, complementing the rich collection of Plains Indian artifacts on display there on the walls and in the Cropp Case.

From the Executive Director

In 1995, the first Boe Forum was held at Augustana College, featuring General Colin Powell and drawing 4,000 students and the general public to the Elmen Center to hear his talk about the transformation that has been taking place in American racial relations, in large measure because of the equality of opportunity afforded all races by service in the military. General Powell’s appearance was made possible with income from a trust fund established by the late Governor Nils Boe, who wanted to have the citizens of Siouxland share in the thinking of the world’s great decision-makers. Governor Boe, who died in 1992, intended his estate to support the Forum in perpetuity, and he gave the responsibility for conducting the program to the Board of Directors of the Center for Western Studies, requiring only that the fund first support his sisters during their lifetime.

Following the death in 1994 of sister Borghild Boe, an enthusiastic supporter of the plan for a forum directed by the Center, a steering committee—appointed by President Ralph Wagoner and made up of the governor’s friends and Augustana College personnel—met to consider the next step. With the consent of Dr. Lois Boe Hyslop, then the last living member of the family, and with the approval of her

power of attorney, Mr. Dennis Hampton, of State College, PA, income from the Nils and Borghild Boe fund was made available, and the first Forum was organized and presented by the CWS staff.

That same arrangement for the use of interest from the Fund has continued right up to late last year, when the death of Dr. Hyslop in December 2003 resulted in the Boe Fund’s being transferred to the Center’s Endowment at Augustana College, to be used as Governor Boe intended to support in perpetuity a forum where events and issues of broad public interest can be examined by “persons singularly knowledgeable, preferably through personal experience, in the subject matter to be presented.”

The Boe Fund, totaling over \$3 million and constituting the largest single gift ever given to the college, will continue to grow. Its interest will be used for the benefit of the citizens of the Northern Plains and will sustain Governor Boe’s expressed goal, and that of his sisters Borghild and Lois, that the Forum contribute to better understanding among the people here.

Arthur R. Huseboe

In Memoriam



Paul B. Olson
(1924-2004)

The Center for Western Studies lost one of its most ardent supporters with the passing of Paul Olson on January 27, 2004. Paul had fought ALS for several months. Paul had served as a member of the Center for Western Studies' Board of Directors for a total of twelve years. His last years, he endured chronic back pain to make meetings of the Collections Committee and our monthly Board meetings. Paul helped the Center in so many ways—as a volunteer every Wednesday afternoon in our archives and collections area, and as a translator for Norwegian documents to English. This gained many new members for the Center since he would take no pay, but suggested that the person join the Center. He was also an assistant at every event the Center sponsored, and most importantly a good friend to all of us on the Center's staff. We will miss his sparkling eyes, his good humor, and his kindness and service to others. We express our deep sympathy to the family, to wife **Joyce**, son **David**, and daughter **Barb**.



Dr. Lois Boe Hyslop
(1908-2003)

Lois Boe Hyslop was the last surviving child of the N.N. Boe family. After graduating from Augustana College, she went on to receive her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. She served as a professor of literature at Pennsylvania State University from 1948 until 1974, when she retired. She returned to Sioux Falls in 1994 to join her sister Borghild in the family home. During this time she joined her estate with that of her sister, and her brother, former South Dakota Governor and Federal Judge Nils Boe, to begin the Boe Forum on Public Affairs in the Center for Western Studies. Through her generosity, the Boe Forum was able to begin in March of 1995, with former General Colin Powell as the inaugural speaker and to continue today to be the most prestigious lecture series of its kind. The public-mindedness of the Boe family is reflected in the fact that the lecture series is to be presented free to the public and will continue in perpetuity. The Center is grateful to the entire Boe family and particularly to Lois Boe Hyslop for beginning the Boe Forum.

Lewis and Clark Art Show and Sale in CWS Galleries June 11-September 4

Continuing its recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Center for Western Studies will host an art show and sale dedicated to art about the expedition and the country they surveyed for the first time. The show and sale **Lewis and Clark, 1804-2004—Through Artists' Eyes**, will feature six painters and 2-3 sculptors in the exhibit. The show and sale will run from June 11-September 4, 2004.

Artists invited to the show and sale are **Dave Paulley**, Osage, WY; **Harvey Rattey**, Glendive, MT; **Jan Johansen**, Anoka, MN; **Tom English**, Great Falls, MT; **Howard Friedland**, Bozeman, MT; **Susan Blackwood**, Bozeman, MT; and **Ron Backer**, Palm Desert, CA. Each of these

artists will have original art about the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery for sale throughout the summer. There will also be reproductions available by some of the artists.

The Center is planning a Premier Showing for the weekend of June 11-13. The artists will be available during this weekend. Tentative hours are Friday, June 11, 6:30-9:00 PM; Saturday, June 12, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM; and Sunday, June 13, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Invitations will be sent to CWS members and friends, and there will be a commemorative booklet available as well. Watch your mail and plan to join us as we help Sioux Falls kick off a summer of Lewis and Clark events offered by many attractions.

Strategic Planning Committee Helps Center look to Its Future

The original Long-Range Planning Committee was constituted in 2002 and was re-named the Strategic Planning Committee in April of 2003 by the Board of Directors. The members of the committee were Board members Rosemary Draeger, Betty Gutch, Richard Hanson, Loren Koepsell, Gerry Berger Law, Lynwood Oyos, and Arlen Viste. Members of the National Advisory Council who served were Jeff Hayzlett, and Tom Kilian. Jaci Sutton, an Augustana student, Brian MacGregor, V.P. for Advancement, and CWS staff members Arthur Huseboe, Harry Thompson and Dean Schueler also served on the committee.

A two-day retreat was set for October 31 and November 1, 2003. CWS Board member Eugene McGowan offered to facilitate the retreat. During these two days the committee reviewed the Center's mission, goals, relationship to the college, its constituencies, and numerous other areas. At the end of the two days, five committees were organized to report back to the whole group. The committees consisted of Governance, Finance/Development, Marketing/Promotion, People We Serve, and Products/Services. Each of these committees met at least once and in most cases more often and reported their work back to McGowan and the CWS staff, who attempted to further refine and condense the work into

areas that could actually be used to implement ideas. This report was shared with the entire committee, and minor additions, changes, and suggestions were noted.

The final report was brought to the Center's Board of Directors at its January meeting. It was reviewed by the Board and many questions were asked of the Strategic Planning group. The Board voted to table this until the February meeting to give it some time to review the ideas that had been suggested. At the February meeting the Board voted to approve the Strategic Planning report, with the understanding that recommendations from the current standing committee can be used in amendments to the plan. This plan was approved by the Board, and they gave their thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee for their work. A special thanks was extended to Gene McGowan, our facilitator, for moving us through the work in an expeditious and effective manner.

The work and suggestions from the Strategic Planning group will now be used by the Board and the Center's staff as we plan for the Center's future. This exercise was an excellent way for all to look at where the Center is and where we should be going.

Bringing the Music and Food of the Lewis and Clark Expedition into the 21st Century



Daniel Slosberg as Pierre Cruzatte

For fourteen years the Center has hosted one of the most unusual events in Siouxland, the dinner-theater program that we present each June, blending history and entertainment and a unique dining experience. On June 15, our Development Committee will present on stage re-enactor Daniel Slosberg, portraying Expedition member Pierre Cruzatte, the French-and-Indian riverman who often entertained the explorers with his exuberant fiddle-playing. Private Cruzatte, of French and Omaha Indian extraction, enlisted on May 16, 1804, at St. Charles (Missouri). He had been a trader on the Missouri River for the Choteau fur company, could speak Omaha, and was skilled in sign language. Unfortunately he had but one eye, a handicap that led to one of the most dangerous (and ludicrous) episodes of the Expedition: while hunting on the return journey in 1806, he accidentally shot Lewis in the left buttocks, and Lewis spent the rest of the journey in the bottom of the pirogue, recovering from the wound. Nevertheless, like the other enlisted men, Cruzatte was awarded hazardous duty pay and a 320-acre land warrant after the Expedition's return. Complementing the event will be samples of the food enjoyed by the men, and there will be other surprises among the display items at the Oaks Convention Center on June 15.

CWS Receives SD Community Foundation Grant

ED Art Huseboe and Bob Sutton, SD Community Foundation director. In the background is Belva Curtis's oil portrait of Oglala chief Low Dog



The Center for Western Studies is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant of \$3,500 from the South Dakota Community Foundation in support of *A New South Dakota History* that is being written at the Center's initiative by seventeen historians. This is the second award that has been received by CWS from the Foundation; in 2002, a grant of \$7,500 was made to support the distribution to all libraries and elementary schools in the state of *Anson Yeager's Stories*, a two-volume work that celebrates the people of South Dakota and sums up the writing career of the state's "dean of newspaper editors."

According to Bob Sutton, Executive Director of the Foundation, "The Center for Western Studies continues to thrive as the primary publishing house in South Dakota. For works on South Dakota and the history of this region, they are unmatched. We are pleased to partner with Dr. Art Huseboe and the leadership of the Center on this important project."

The South Dakota Community Foundation is a public non-profit organization established in 1987. Earnings from approximately \$35 million are available for distribution for non-profit, charitable, and scholarship purposes.



The Center hosted a luncheon on December 11, 2003, for the volunteers who help keep the Center open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We presented awards to the following people – "Most Hours Worked" - Arlen Viste and Tom Houle; "Spur of the Moment" - Frank Gibbs. Door Prizes were awarded to all in attendance. Pictured at the luncheon are from left in the front row: Barbara Aspaas, Shirley Savage Jones, Carolyn McClain, Fran Noteboom, Bernice Weilage, and Arlen Viste. In the second row are: Frank Gibbs, Tom Houle, Dick Haase and Milt Hanson. Unable to attend with us were "Pastor Pete" and Bev Petersen.



CWS Board Vice-Chair Dr. Gary Olson is shown autographing his book *Sioux Falls, South Dakota, A Pictorial History* at the First National Bank in Sioux Falls. Immediately to his left is Assistant Vice President and Marketing Director with First National Stephanie Gongopolous. The bank hosted four book signings during the Christmas holiday.

CWS Christmas Luncheon Celebrates Preuss Exhibit



Members inducted into the Center for Western Studies' Heritage Club during the December luncheon were from the left: **Frank Gibbs** and **Gerry Berger Law** and **Robert Law**. Unable to attend were **Jan Gibbs** and **Gerald** and **Anne Christopherson**.



CWS Board members who had served two three-year terms were from the left: **Richard Van Demark**, **Gerry Berger Law**, and **Betty Gutch**. Unable to attend were **Paul Olson** and **Dick Culbert**.

Christmas at the Center for Western Studies has traditionally begun with our annual "open house." On December 5, the Center hosted members and friends from across the Augustana College campus and the Sioux Falls community. The gift shop was busy as people got an early start on Christmas shopping with the 20% discount and enjoyed coffee, cider, and Christmas goodies. The Center's beautiful Christmas tree and other decorations were done by Office Coordinator Lisa Hollaar and work study students Anne Gillund, Derrick Veurink, and Holli Axtell.

Saturday morning, December 6th, found the Center's Board of Directors and National Advisory Council gathered for their semi-annual meeting to discuss the Center's future. Chairperson Gerry Berger Law welcomed everyone back to campus and thanked those Council members who had come in from some distance. Retiring Board and Council members were acknowledged, and she asked for reports from Art Huseboe, Harry Thompson, and Dean Schueler, the Center's staff members. The nominating committee brought the names of Gary Earl, Chair; Gary Olson, Vice-Chair; Arlen Viste,

Secretary; and Lynn Aspaas, Deputy Recording Secretary, to the Board. The Board approved these nomination unanimously and the meeting was adjourned for the gallery talk.

CWS Director of Development Dean Schueler welcomed almost 100 people to the gallery talk featuring the "Roger Preuss-Wildlife Art as Fine Art" exhibit. He acknowledged that artist Roger Preuss sent his regrets at not being able to be with us for the event. Schueler thanked local contemporary artists Mark Anderson, Russ Duerksen, Rosemary Millette, Josh Spies, and John Wilson for sharing their work during the Preuss exhibit. He also recognized Ed Vasek for his turkey call exhibit, Dr. Ron Nelson and Dr. Chuck Howlin for their donation of wildlife mounts, and Kevin Nyberg and Dick Dougherty for providing a number of antique waterfowl decoys for the exhibit.

He next introduced Cornell Norby from Paso Robles, CA. Cornell is a long-time CWS National Advisory Council member, fine art collector and entrepreneur, as well as a good friend of Roger Preuss. It was through Norby's good work that the

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Pictured at the gallery talk for the "Roger Preuss Wildlife Art as Fine Art" exhibit are CWS National Advisory Council member **Cornell Norby** and from the left his niece **Joan Halstenson** and his daughter **Nancy Schmittiel**.



Awards were presented to the following at the December Christmas luncheon: from the left-**Joyce** and **V.R. Nelson**, "Friends of the Center" award; **Professor John Day**, "Western America" award; **Eunice** and **Howard Hovland**, "Friends of the Center" award.

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Preuss collection came to the Center in 1992. Cornell referred to various paintings as he talked about Preuss and his on-going efforts to bring the wildlife genre to the level of fine art. We were pleased to have Cornell's daughter Nancy Schmittiel and his niece, Joan Halstenson, with us. Cornell had invited them back to see what the Center was all about! After the gallery talk, we hosted a book signing by CWS Board Vice-Chair Gary Olson with his book, *Sioux Falls, South Dakota, A Pictorial History*, and David Allan Evans, poetry book *The Bull Rider's Advice*.

Our noon luncheon featured Professor John Day, Dean of Fine Arts at the University of South Dakota. CWS Executive Director Dr. Arthur Huseboe presented Professor Day with the Center's highest honor, The "Western America" award. Professor Day's talk, "Art of the High Plains," examined the art and artists of this region and what an important role they have played in making people aware of the really great artists this region has produced.

Retiring Board members Betty Gutch, Gerry Berger Law, Paul Olson, and Richard Van Demark were thanked for their years of service to the Board, the Center, and the community.

Retiring National Advisory Council member Richard Culbert was also recognized for his service and generosity to the Center.

This year the Center's Board of Directors was pleased to recognize Howard and Eunice Hovland, Baltic, SD and V.R. and Joyce Nelson with the "Friends of the Center" award. Both the Hovlands and the Nelsons have been instrumental in so many projects for the Center, including gifts to the building that helped us to meet our goals, publishing projects, and in Howard's and V.R.'s cases, serving two terms on our Board of Directors.

The induction of new members into the Center's Heritage Club is always an important part of the day. These people have remembered the Center in their planned giving, and this will help the Center continue its mission long into the future. This year Frank and Jan Gibbs, Robert Law and Gerry Berger Law, and Rev. Gerald and Anne Christopherson were inducted. Jan Gibbs and Gerald and Anne Christopherson could not be with us. Thanks to these people and the other members of our Heritage Club for remembering the Center in this important way.



CWS Council member **Alice Kundert** is pictured with (L to R) Secretary of State **Chris Nelson** and former Boe Forum Steering Committee members **Don Scott** and **Todd Bernhard**. **Kundert**, herself a former Secretary of State, was recognized at the state Capitol on 10 December 2003 for her work as a member of the steering committee and for her historical essay on Governor **Nils Boe**, published by CWS in *A Century of Leadership: South Dakota Territorial and State Governors, 1861-1987*. The essay, written with Sid I. Davison, reviews the career of South Dakota's twenty-third governor (1965-1969), who was the founder of the Boe Forum. Presenting the plaque to **Miss Kundert** on behalf of the Center, **Mr. Scott** explained **Miss Kundert's** contributions to the Forum, and **Mr. Bernhard** explained Governor Boe's intentions for the Forum, that each one should address issues of broad public interest. Both men were among the thirteen founding members of the Steering Committee.

Buffalo Chips...

Board and National Advisory Council members are reminded that on May 15 we will hold our annual spring retreat at the Center. The day-long study session will be given over in part to a review of the recent report of the Strategic Planning Committee that was recently approved by the Board. And members and guests will once again be treated to a dinner honoring them for their service.

We are sorry to announce the passing of **Mrs. Sally Fantle's** niece and constant companion **Mrs. Mitzi Russick**. Mrs. Fantle's interest in the Center's work was of long standing, and besides her generous gift to the new building, she and niece Mitzi attended many of the Center's events over the years. The staff, board, and Council express their sympathy to the **Russick** family—daughter **Susan Bott** and son **David** and wife **Sara**, with gratitude for Mitzi's support of her beloved aunt, for her friendship, and for her interest in the work of the Center for Western Studies.

Congratulations to Council member **Larry Ness**, recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the University of South Dakota School of Business. The award is given to individuals who have committed themselves and their businesses to making South Dakota a better place to live and do business. The Center for Western Studies had the benefit of Larry's expertise as a collector of Western Americana: on March 19 he gave the gallery talk that opened the **Belva Curtis** art show at the Center. Congratulations and thanks, Larry, for your efforts!

Congratulations as well to Council member **Dr. Herbert Hoover**, selected by the Student Association of USD as Professor of the Year. Hoover, who has taught at the University for 36 years, is a major contributor to the forthcoming *New History of South Dakota*, to be published by the Center.

Three CWS Board members have been ailing but are now back in service. **Lynwood Oyos**, former chair, is recovering nicely from heart surgery, another former chair, **Jerry Simmons**, and **Gary Earl**, the current chair, are out of their casts and off crutches after suffering broken legs. We're glad to see the three of you on your pins again!

Several items from the **Clarence Dybvig** library have been deposited in the CWS archives: several Sangerfest pins and medals, including a gold medal for 30 years of singing, and a number of copies of *Sanger-Hilsen*, the newsletter of the Norwegian Singers Association of America, whose papers are at the Center.

ED Art Huseboe has been out on the lecture circuit these past months. The most recent presentation was a talk to the Downtown Sertoma Club about the Center's publications concerning this northern plains region of the U.S. In January he took part in panel discussion on "Scandinavia and the Americas," one session in a year-long series of events planned

by the USD College of Fine Arts. Joining him were **Dr. Wayne Knutson** (USD) and **Carl Sunde** (SDSU) and poet **Bill Holm** (SW State University, Marshall, MN). In late October Huseboe addressed the Huron Optimists Club, invited by the secretary of the SD Farmers Union, **Chuck Groth**, who had initiated the writing and publishing of a CWS-published book on the Farmers Union.

The Center hosted a bus tour group of 40 from the **Pioneer Bank Heritage Club in Sergeant's Bluff, IA**, on February 18th. On February 25th we had a visit from 30 second graders from **Terry Redlin Elementary School** in Sioux Falls.

CWS member and Fantle Building Architect **Jeff Hazard of Koch Hazard Baltzer Architects** informed the Center that the American Institute of Architects South Dakota has recognized **The Center for Western Studies Fantle Building** with a 2003 Merit Award for its design.

The 2004 Service Awards for Augustana College were held February 18 in the Morrison Commons on the campus. **Dr. Bruce Halverson**, President of Augustana, hosted the event and made the presentations. The following CWS members were recognized for their service to the college: for ten years—**Bob Preloger**; for fifteen years—**Janet Blank-Libra**, **Nate Dally**, **Lela Feuerborn**, **Loren Koepsell**, and **Michael Mullin**; for twenty years—**Ronelle Thompson** and **Steve Van Bockern**; for twenty-five years **Betty Erickson** and **Glenna Swier**; for thirty years—**Mel Klein**; and for thirty-five years—**Gary Olson**. Our congratulations and thanks to these people for their long and dedicated service to Augustana College.

Former CWS Board member **Martin Brokenleg** has announced that he will be leaving Augustana College at the end of the current school year. Martin has been part of the Center as a member and Board member for many years. His work with Native American students at Augustana has helped increase the number of Indian students. He has served as a faculty member, an Admissions Representative, author, counselor, and friend to all on campus. His work in the Sioux Falls community with various social agencies has been recognized often. Martin's work with CWS members **Larry Brendtro** and **Steve Van Bockern** involving Youth at Risk has been recognized internationally. We wish Martin well as he moves to a new chapter in his life.

Tom and Elaine McIntosh, of Green Bay, WI, are the recent recipients of the **Brown County Historical Society's** 2003 Historic Preservation Award. Elaine's writings in nutritional science, including her *The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health*, published in 2003, and Tom's work with the National Railroad Museum, the Mayor's Beautification Committee, and the Brown County Historical Society were cited at the awards ceremony, held in Aberdeen in February.

Buffalo Chips...

On April 14, 4:30-5:30 pm, the Augustana Student History Association will host a reception in the Fante Building to announce a project to conduct interviews with American war veterans. Augustana history major **Brian Herbert**, who is heading up the project, has arranged for Sioux Falls Mayor Dave Munson to speak to those attending about the city's efforts to recognize veterans. The project is affiliated with the Library of Congress's Veterans Oral History Project. The Center for Western Studies has agreed to be a partner archive for this project and to supply blank tapes for the interviews. CWS is the

repository of many oral history collections. Its project in 2001 to conduct interviews with veterans who served aboard the Battleship *USS South Dakota* produced a unique set of oral histories, copies of which were deposited at the Naval History Center in Washington, DC. This project, with financial support from **Dr. Daryl A. Ferguson** and the South Dakota Humanities Council, was also affiliated with the Veterans Oral History Project. Interviewers were **Dr. Arthur R. Huseboe**, project director, **Dr. Herbert T. Hoover**, **Dr. Harry F. Thompson**, and Advanced Intern **Deb Lyon**.

Memorials

The Center has received memorials in honor of the following people since the November *Newsletter*. Thanks to all who have remembered these special people.

In Memory of Nils Aspaas

Ron & Martha Rossing
E.S. & Lois Skaar

In Memory of Betty Steffen Augst

Burton Augst

In Memory of Curtis W. Graff

William & Ihlene Rossing

In Memory of Lois Boe Hyslop

Charles & Elizabeth Balcer
Howard & Eunice Hovland
Robert & Gerry Law

In Memory of Ole Iverson

Ronald Beck

In Memory of Leland Johnson

Lily Hartmann

In Memory of Bonnie Jordahl

Art & Doris Huseboe

In Memory of Lynn Loomis

Art & Doris Huseboe

In Memory of Norma Miller

Pam & Tim Homan

In Memory of Clifford Manderscheid

Ron & Janell Beck

In Memory of Bonnie Conklin McHugh

L.M. & Mary Baylor

In Memory of Dorothy Oien

Dean & Sharon Schueler

In Memory of Mitzi Russick

Frank & Jan Gibbs
Art & Doris Huseboe

In Memory of Julie Schock

William & Ihlene Rossing

In Memory of David Eric Smith

Kirstine Stjernholm

In Memory of Paul Olson

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Marion Froiland
Charles & Elizabeth Balcer
Margaret Novak
Vernell & Louise Johnson
Dean & Sharon Schueler
Ron & Martha Rossing
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Charlie & Betty Gutch
Alvin & Elva Arbough
Lance & Ann Smith
Jon & Julie Oien
Charlene Smith
Lyn & Bedia Oyos
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Pat & Tom Anawski

Carroll Barnes

Esther & Herb Bowden

John & Marlys Hartmann

In Honor of Dean & Sharon Schueler

Peter Niechwiadowicz

In Honor of Charles & Elizabeth Balcer's Anniversary

Elsie Oksol

CWS Collections Featured on National and South Dakota Public Radio

The first caller was from New Hampshire, and she wanted to know whether, if she were to come to the Center for Western Studies, she could view the Episcopal Church register in which the baptismal record of Joseph DeSomet, the alleged son of Meriwether Lewis, is recorded. The caller was participating in a live call-in program, broadcast on February 11, 2004, being hosted by Brian Bull of South Dakota Public Radio for *South Dakota Forum* and simulcast nationwide via the web on National Public Radio (NPR) for its *Day to Day* program.

Among the guests invited to appear on this broadcast were Prof. Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Sheldon Fletcher, descendant of Joseph DeSomet, and Dr. Harry F. Thompson, Center for Western Studies. In conjunction with the broadcast, both National Public Radio and South Dakota Public Radio websites also featured a photograph of Thompson holding the church register in the Fantle Building research room. Thompson's article "Meriwether Lewis and His Son: The Claim of Joseph DeSomet Lewis and the

Problem of History," published in 2000, served as a basis for the program theme.

The National Public Radio site is entitled "Sex on the Trail for the Lewis and Clark Expedition" and can be found at www.npr.org/features. The South Dakota Public Radio site is entitled "Intimate Liaisons: Sex and the Lewis and Clark Expedition" and can be accessed at www.sdpb.org/archives.

The entry in the Episcopal Church register was also the basis for a live call-in program featuring Thompson on North Dakota Public Radio's *Then and Now* program in January 2001.

The Center's research collections continue to serve as a rich source of information about the Northern Plains region, of interest to such diverse parties as the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, which featured a photo from the CWS archives in its monthly newsletter, and to a graduate student from New York University, conducting doctoral research at CWS on Indian boarding schools.

CWS Releases New Book Catalog

The 2004-2005 edition of the Center for Western Studies' book publication catalog, sporting a full-color cover, has been released. The new catalog features recently published titles such as *The Bull Rider's Advice*, by David Allan Evans, and *The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Food, Nutrition, and Health*, by Elaine N. McIntosh, as well as announcements of such forthcoming titles as *A New South Dakota History* and *The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Then and Now (Selected Essays from the Dakota Conference)*.

All titles currently available in the Prairie Plains Series are also included in the sixteen-page catalog, as well as a

page highlighting offerings in the CWS Gift Shop. The catalog also provides information about membership in the Center for Western Studies as well as benefits of membership.

The attractive cover features a collage of images, courtesy of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, that were used on the covers of two of the Center's books.

Copies of the catalog are available upon request by calling Lisa Hollaar at 274-4007 or emailing her at cws.augie.edu. The catalog may also be viewed online at www.augie.edu/CWS.

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New Members for CWS Board and Council for 2004

Mr. Don C. Anderson, a Sioux Falls banker and former member of the CWS board, was elected to the Board of Directors. His last service on the Board ended in 1990 and he will work with the Development Committee.

Dr. Milton Hanson, a chemistry professor at Augustana College and former Board member, has been re-elected to the Board of Directors. He will serve on the Collections Committee.

Mr. John McIntyre, a retired educator and former State Legislator, was elected to the CWS Board and will serve on the Development Committee.

Dr. V.R. Nelson, a physics professor emeritus at Augustana College, has been re-elected to serve on the Board

of Directors and will work with the Collections Committee.

Re-elected to a second three-year term were **Drs. Gary Earl** and **Gary Olson**, both of Augustana College.

Officers for 2004 elected for a one-year term were Chair, **Gary Earl**, Vice-Chair, **Gary Olson**, Recording Secretary, **Arlen Viste**, and Deputy-Recording Secretary, **Lynn Aspaas**.

Dick Haase, Hartford, SD, **Robert Steensma**, Salt Lake City, UT, and **Vernell Johnson**, Lyons, SD, were all re-elected to a five-year term on the Center National Advisory Council. Re-elected to the Advisory Council after serving as Chair of the Board was **Gerry Berger Law**, Clear Lake, SD. We welcome all of these people to our work at the Center for Western Studies.

2004 Membership Campaign Needs Your Support

As we get into the busy months of the spring and look ahead to the summer, we want to say "thanks" to each of you who have supported the Center for Western Studies through your gifts to the 2004 membership campaign. We are slightly ahead of last year, and with the momentum of the last couple of weeks, it appears that the goals set by our Board of Directors last fall, are within reach. Since our fiscal year ends on July 31, this is our last opportunity to invite you to participate in the 2004 membership efforts through this newsletter. We have continued the important work of "Preserving the history and cultures of the northern plains." Our Board, Council, and the Center's staff have made successful efforts to contact many of you and have been gratified by your support for the Center. As we look ahead to April, May, June, and July, there are many opportunities to be part of this exciting endeavor. We have just completed our ninth Boe Forum with former New York Mayor, Rudy Giuliani. The Thirty-sixth annual Dakota Conference on

History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology will be held April 23-24. In May our Board and Council will hold their annual retreat and planning session. June will find us bringing two events to you. Both of them are in observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. June 11-13, we will open our "Lewis and Clark, 1804-2004, Through Artists Eyes" art show and sale here at the Center's galleries; and on June 15th, we will host our annual June Fundraising event with "Lewis and Clark and the music of Pierre Cruzatte." This promises to be a look at the expedition from a different perspective. Watch for your invitation! If you have not renewed your membership since August 1, 2003, or have never been a member of CWS and are receiving this newsletter, won't you please complete the form below and return it with your gift today. If you have sent a gift, please consider making an additional gift at this time. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request for your support.

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- 14 Augustana Student History Association
Veterans Project
- 23-24 Thirty-sixth Annual Dakota
Conference on Northern Plains
History, Literature, Art, and
Archaeology
- 28 Board of Directors meeting

May

- 15 Board and Council Retreat
- 21-22 South Dakota State Historical Society
meeting
- 23 Augustana College Baccalaureate and
Commencement

June

- 11-13 Lewis & Clark Art Show & Sale opening
- 15 Fifteenth Annual June Event: "Pierre
Cruzatte and the Music of the Lewis
and Clark Expedition"
- 23 Board of Directors meeting

July

- 30 Last class of Summer School

August

- 25 Board of Directors meeting
- 27-28 Lewis and Clark Conference—
Chamberlain
- 27-29 Festival of the Book

September

- 17-19 Spirit of the West Festival
- 22 Board of Directors meeting
- 29-30 Western Literature Association
Conference—Big Sky, MT

October

- 1-2 Western Literature Association
Conference
- 8-10 Augustana College Homecoming
- 27 Board of Directors meeting