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The events of January 25 were the result of several months of planning by CWS staff—and others on the campus. VP Gore’s plane arrived just in time for him to make the first of the events on his itinerary. He autographed a stack of his books, met privately with President Oliver and Dr. Husebo, spoke to the all-student news conference in the Fantle galleries, met with 92 diners afterward at the president’s dinner in his honor, addressed more than 4,000 in the Elmen Center, answered student-generated questions addressed to him by Dr. Jetty L. Duffy-Malzner (of the Chemistry Dept.) and met nearly 300 well-wishers at the Fellows Presidential Residence after his talk. He left by private jet shortly after 10 p.m., a full day for a man who is at present America’s most sought-after speaker.

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One of the Center’s long-time members and an artist collector of note as well as a physician passed away in Santa Barbara, CA, on March 11. He is Dr. Harry Farrell. Sioux Falls pedestrian and president of the Civic Fine Arts Center, and a collector of fine art. His gift of six Oskar Howe pieces to the Western Studies forms the core of its Native American collection. Among the pieces is Howe’s most famous, “Sioux Indian Woman with Child.” It was painted at Dr. Farrell’s request as a professional exchange for medical care he had provided for the Howe’s little daughter, Iga Dawn. The piece was displayed for many years in Dr. Farrell’s waiting room in Sioux Falls and now hangs on the Center. Our sympathy goes out to Bill’s widow, Hazel, whom he married in 1995 and moved with her to Santa Barbara, and to the Farrell children and stepchildren and other family members and friends.

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By an interesting coincidence, the Center recently received as a gift a print by James M. Sessions, “Joe Foss Downs Another.” Donors are Suzanne Fuller and her sister Ginger Smith. The print is almost identical to the painting on the dust jacket of Simmons’s book for Foss, Flying Ace, showing Foss in his Grumman F4F4F shooting down a Japanese Zero fighter.

New CWS National Advisory Council member Virginia Hatch Dowhower is the recipient of the 2006 Governors Award in the Arts, sponsored by South Dakota for the Arts and the South Dakota Arts Council. Among her many publications, including Completing the Circle and Grandpa Was a Cowboy and an Indian, is the essay she authored on the topic of the traditional Sioux family today to A New South Dakota History.

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**BEST WISHES, LISA!**

The Center’s Office Coordinator, Mrs. Lisa Holloway, has resigned her position in order to join the staff of Gloria De Luthean Church in Sioux Falls as office manager. Lisa joined us in early 2001 and has been a mainstay through its move from the ground floor of Mikkelsen Library to the front office building. She has shown herself to be efficient, well-organized, and genial—the very qualities that the Center has needed. A reception was held in her honor on March 22. Best of luck, Lisa, in your new position!
In the CWS Galleries...

THROUGH APRIL 21
The Black Hills Yesterday & Today: A Photo Exhibit From the New Book by Paul Horsted

This popular exhibit features historic photos of towns and landmarks in the Black Hills matched with modern photos taken from the same camera points by Paul Horsted. The exhibit opened January 10 and concludes April 21, the weekend of the Dakota Conference. Paul will be participating in the Northern Plains Autograph Party Breakfast on April 21. Paul is the author of "The Black Hills Yesterday & Today, Custer State Park: From the Mountains to the Plains, and Exploring with Carter: The 1874 Black Hills Expedition."

MAY 1-JUNE 30
Celebrating the Work of Robert Alden

This exhibit will honor the work of Robert Alden, South Dakota artist, and Artist-in-Residence and Director of Liturgical Arts at Augustana. Throughout his distinguished career Bob has been an Art Professor at Augustana and the University of South Dakota, known around the region for his liturgical art. We will be displaying several pieces from his personal collection. An opening reception and gallery talk is scheduled for May 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. A gallery talk will take place at 5:00 p.m.

JULY 3-AUGUST 31
Artists of the Black Hills Show & Sale

This exhibit and sale will feature the work of 20 or more artists who are members of Artists of the Black Hills. Two and three dimensional art will be on display and for sale. Artists of the Black Hills was founded in 2005 as an organization of professional artists, artisans, and galleries with a common goal of establishing the Black Hills region as a prime source of art of the highest quality. Find out more about the organization at www.artistsoftheblackhills.org. The organization has an annual show in Rapid City. This will be their first show on this side of the state and the Center is honored to host it.

FALL 2007
Yang Yang: A Retrospective

In collaboration with Augustana's Eide/Dalrymple Gallery, the Center will display a retrospective of the work of Yang Yang, a 1987 Augustana graduate and former faculty member in the Art Department. The Eide/Dalrymple gallery will feature Yang Yang's most recent works. A joint reception and gallery talk will take place on October 5 during Augustana's Homecoming, Viking Days. Yang Yang creates figurative paintings and sculptures of unconventional forms. Liu Qi, curator of the Museum of Fine Art in Shami, describes Yang Yang's work as combining the quality of the "Oriental mystics with tragic magnificence." The medium of Yang Yang's works ranges from paper and canvas to sculptural works in fiberglass, ceramic, or bronze.

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Don Eide, Sioux Falls, SD
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Gengler-Copple, Hubbard, NE
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Doni Quiller, Rapid City, SD
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27 Board of Directors meeting

JULY

1 Artists of the Black Hills show & sale opens—CWS galleries
No Board meeting in July

AUGUST

1 Bob Aldern Exhibit opens—CWS galleries
7 Dakotah Corral-Westerners meeting
12 Board and Council Spring Retreat
22 Board of Directors meeting

Former Vice President Al Gore revealed his sense of humor during the Boe Forum.