

LIFE IN POETRY

# Our Wars Always Come Home

Our wars come home, sooner or later. Judith Harris lives in Washington, D.C., and in this poem gives us a veteran of Iraq back among the ordinary activities of American life.

END OF MARKET DAY

At five, the market is closing.  
Burdock roots, parsley, and rutabagas  
are poured back into the trucks.  
The antique dealer breaks down his tables.

Light dappled, in winter parkas  
shoppers hunt for bargains:  
a teapot, or costume jewelry,  
a bag teap of rubbishy vegetables for stew.

Now twilight, the farmer's wife  
bundled in her tweed coat and pocket apron  
counts out her cash from a metal box,  
and nods to her grown-up son

back from a tour in Iraq,  
as he waits in the station wagon  
with the country music turned way up,  
his prosthetic leg gunning the engine.

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# Brake-Line Problems Probably Not Only Problems With Older Car

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
We have a 1996 Plymouth Voyager with more than 130,000 miles on it that I use to transport our kids everywhere. On four separate occasions, the brakes have failed completely with absolutely NO warning ... no warning light, no gradual diminution of brake function, just "Now you have 'em, now you don't." Each time, it was revealed that a brake line had snapped (and each time, the offending line was replaced). This also happened once with a steering line (the steering wheel locked in traffic). I feel the van is unsafe to drive, and would like to replace it with another vehicle. My husband insists that as long as the brake lines are replaced, it's safe to drive. What do you think? Have you ever heard of this problem before with this make of vehicle? PLEASE ANSWER! - Alexis

**RAY:** We replace miles of rusted-out brake lines and fuel lines every year.

**TOM:** And your husband technically is correct — once all of those lines are replaced, they shouldn't break again for a long time. So the car CAN be made safe.

**RAY:** But here's the mistake he made — and why you're driving around in terror: Once one of the brake lines failed, he should have insisted that all of them be checked and re-



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

placed immediately.

**TOM:** The car is a decade and a half old. If one brake line has rotted away due to age, weather and road conditions, don't you think the other brake lines are in approximately the same condition? After all, they've spent the past 15 years under the same car!

**RAY:** In fact, because we work in an area where the roads are salted during winter snowstorms, we pre-emptively check our cus-

tomers' brake and fuel lines as their cars get older.

**TOM:** So it sounds like your husband is not big on pre-emptive maintenance. But because it's your life and the lives of your kids at stake, you have to insist that he get religion.

**RAY:** You need to have a mechanic check all the brake lines and fuel lines. Now that the power-steering line has been replaced, that shouldn't be a problem for a while. But the mechanic also needs to check everything else that wears out on an old car: the ball joints, the other steering components, the shocks and springs, the brakes, the tires, the amount of rust on the frame, mildew on the fuzzy dice — everything.

**TOM:** And you need to get a list from him of everything that needs to be replaced in order to make the car safe, along with an estimate of what it'll cost.

**RAY:** Then you and your husband can sit down with that number, and decide whether you'd rather put that money into making your old van safe, or whether it's time to put it into a newer, more reliable car.

**TOM:** And if you want to make your opinion clear, Alexis, be sure to slip a brochure for a 2012 Honda Odyssey under the last page of the repair estimate.

# Emanuel Named USD's 15th Truman Scholar

VERMILLION — How many students can say they're educating campus while they're getting educated at college? Thomas Emanuel certainly can. Emanuel, a University of South Dakota junior, was chosen as USD's 15th Harry S. Truman Scholar for exemplifying outstanding leadership. Emanuel has not only gotten involved in campus programs while at USD - he's started some of his own and with great success.



Emanuel

Emanuel will utilize the scholarship to pursue graduate studies in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies with an emphasis on nonviolence and peace education. He is The U's ninth Truman Scholar in 12 years. As a recipient of the Truman Scholarship Foundation for graduate study.

"Politics are involved, of course, but this is bigger than elections, than Republicans and Democrats," said Emanuel, who was born and raised in Deadwood, S.D. and is majoring in both German and political science at USD. "This is about how we view our fellow human beings and how we settle our differences with one another, no matter what our personal politics look like."

Emanuel is invested in educating young people on the consequences of violence and how to resolve conflicts peacefully. End Violence Everywhere Now

(EVEN) is an outgrowth of the organization, Students Against Violence Yes! (SAVVY) which is dedicated to fighting domestic violence on college campuses. EVEN is a community education course he developed and addresses the history and practice of nonviolence in Vermillion.

"I used SAVVY's experiential community-building format to develop a class on the history, theory and practice of nonviolence," admitted Emanuel, who is currently in Jena, Germany studying German as a Second Language at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität until August. "Peace is like language. As a social species, we have a natural proclivity for both. However, a natural proclivity is not enough. We have to be taught to read and we have to be taught how to be peaceful in order for our innate capacities to flourish."

"And I believe that the way to peace lies through the practice of nonviolence," he added.

It's one thing to describe Emanuel as proactive, but it's another to say that his influence is positively affecting students' perspectives on political tyeasting and the teaching of nonviolence. Even his own leadership skills defy typical stereotypes.

"Tom is a leader in every

sense of the word," said Eric Jepsen, Ph.D., assistant professor, USD Department of Political Science. "He is quite capable of running organizations and also in grooming younger students to be leaders and building organizational capacity. His impact on the culture of this campus, in terms of leadership and service, cannot be overstated."

His leadership style, Emanuel explained, is just being himself. In fact, his own personal feelings as well as a developing sense of identity helped shape some of the other organizations he founded or helped found at USD, including USD Socialists, Vermillion Vegetarians and the alternative news magazine ALT-V.

"Living where I do, I have at times felt isolated in my beliefs and my lifestyle," said Emanuel, who described himself as a Libertarian Socialist, an eco-conscious vegetarian and a nonviolent activist. "So it's tremendously important for me, and for others I think, to have these groups, to know that 'I am not alone.' Knowing that you are not alone can give you the courage to claim your identity, to say 'this is who I am and I am proud of it.'"

Emanuel admits that he came to USD "almost by accident" but the deciding factor was ultimately a scholarship he received through the political science department — the first ever Dorothy Schieffer Memorial Scholarship in the summer of 2008. Ironically, Emanuel is the

second recipient of USD's Dorothy Schieffer Memorial Scholarship to receive a prominent national scholarship. Jessie Milstead of Hartford, S.D., was a 2010 Boren Scholar.

"In April, right before I graduated, I put in a last-minute application to USD," recalled the son of Rose McCarty Emanuel, Karl Emanuel and stepson of Charlie Weir. "The clincher for me was the Dorothy Schieffer Memorial Scholarship. Four years of school, all-expenses paid plus support for a semester abroad? Yes, please."

"But now that I've spent almost three years in Vermillion, I've come to realize that however much I may have wanted to escape, South Dakota has its advantages."

In 1975, Congress established the Truman Scholarship Foundation as the federal memorial to Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. To date, 2,790 Truman Scholars have been chosen since 1977. Sixty students from 54 colleges and universities throughout the United States were selected as 2011 Truman Scholars on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability, and likelihood of "making a difference." The 2011 class of scholars will assemble at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., on May 17 for a leadership development program. They will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the Truman Library, which is located in Independence, Mo., on May 22.

# USD Student One Of Rotary's 2011 Ambassadorial Scholars

VERMILLION — Cecily Engelhart, a senior at The University of South Dakota, is one of more than 400 university students from 40 countries selected to study abroad as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in 2011.



Engelhart

Engelhart has achieved just as much outside as she has inside the walls of a classroom.

"Cecily is the kind of student whose energy, intellect and courage inspires you as a professor

and it sustains you," stated Castle. "I am proud of the leadership she has shown at USD around issues of social justice, directly yet critically applying what she has learned in classes to make a difference. She is the best of what Native Studies has to offer."

Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program focusing on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy, and academic excellence. Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active. While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations, and other forums where they serve as "goodwill ambassadors" for their home countries.

"I can think of no better ambassador from the U.S. let alone South Dakota who would be better equipped to make a wonderful impression in New Zealand as an ambassadorial scholar for the Rotary Club," Castle stated. "The world needs indigenous leadership more than ever and her project comparing the indigenous experience of revitalizing traditional foods and food sovereignty is simply cutting edge work."

Since 1947, nearly 40,000 students from 130 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$532 million through the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. In 2010-11, close to 500 scholars from 50 countries studied in more than 60 nations at a program cost of approximately \$12.5 million. Alumni include former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Philip Lader, Goucher College President Sanford Ungar, former U.S. Ambassador to India David Mulford and Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic Roger Ebert.

Engelhart, a 2007 graduate of Vermillion High School, was awarded the scholarship last fall. She will study in New Zealand beginning in February 2012 and plans to earn a master's in indigenous studies during her year of study abroad. A Native Studies major at USD, Engelhart will focus on indigenous Maori issues, learning more about the eating and nutritional habits of their population. The Maori is the indigenous population of New Zealand.

"Food is the gateway to sovereignty," said Engelhart, who was nominated for the scholarship by the Downtown Rotary Club of Vermillion. "Nutrition interests me mostly because I have seen the detrimental effects of the Western diet firsthand."

A member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and a descendant of the Oglala Tribe, Engelhart said her family has health problems that disproportionately affect Native Americans, including diabetes, obesity and heart disease. Her mission, both domestic and abroad, made her an obvious choice as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Designed to bridge cultures and encourage goodwill, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of Rotary's leading efforts to promote world peace and understanding.

"The situations might be different between the two tribes," admitted Engelhart, the daughter of Johane Tomhave of Brookings and John Archambeau of Wagner, "but it's important for me to study a different culture like the Maori and see just how directly nutrition has impacted their people."

Several individuals on the USD campus have had an impact on Engelhart's education, but she cited Elizabeth Castle, Ph.D., assistant professor in the department of Native Studies, as one person who has had the most direct influence during her time in the Native Studies program.

"She's been my mentor in so many ways," added Engelhart, who will graduate with her bachelor's degree in May. "She's a powerhouse of knowledge."

Castle is just as complimentary of Engelhart's abilities — as a student and as a person. To Castle,

## SCHOLASTICS

### NORFOLK ACADEMIC CONTEST

Forty area high schools gathered at Northeast Community College for the 2011 Academic Contest on Monday, April 18. Twenty-three students attended from Laurel-Concord to compete in an academic field of their choosing. Each student was allowed to register for two tests. The contest was separated into Class C and Class D with only one student representing each school.

Medalist for LCC include: Ryan Lunz, 1st in General Science; Daniel Hartnett tie for 1st in Applied Mathematics; Nakesha Calloway, 2nd in Drafting; Beth Ebmeier, tie for 2nd in Art History; Dayce Sherman, 3rd place in Foods & Nutrition; Ryan Lunz, 3rd in Chemistry. Other students placing in the top five were Aaron Colwell,

4th in Computer Literacy; Tyler Schlinder, 4th in Administrative Assistant; Cheyenne Gould, 5th in Vocabulary and Dalcyce Sherman, 4th in Health.

Other students participating were Liz Gubbels, English Composition; Tyler Schlinder, Geography; Mandy Nelson, Health, Wellness, Sports; Scotty Pippitt, Trigonometry; Chelsey Wolfgang, Accounting I; Sean Leapey, Accounting II; Katie Gubbels, Algebra II; Leanna Gubbels, Calculus; Kayla Wiese, American Government; Addison Corbit, Literature; Hannah Burbach, Music; Lexi White, Spanish II, Julia Casey, World History; Sean Leapey, American History, Audrey Kastrup, Child Development; Katie Jacobson, Personal Finance; and Amy Pritchard, Public Speaking.

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