

LIFE IN POETRY

Reflecting On Who We Used To Be

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

The persons we are when we are young are probably buried somewhere within us when we've grown old. Denise Low, who was the Kansas poet laureate, takes a look at a younger version of herself in this telling poem.

TWO GATES

I look through glass and see a young woman of twenty, washing dishes, and the window turns into a painting. She is myself thirty years ago. She holds the same blue bowls and brass teapot I still own. I see her outline against lamplight; she knows only her side of the pane. The porch where I stand is empty. Sunlight fades. I hear water run in the sink as she lowers her head, blind to the future. She does not imagine I exist.

I step forward for a better look and she dissolves into lumber and paint. A gate I passed through to the next life loses shape. Once more I stand squared into the present, among maple trees and scissor-tailed birds, in a garden, almost a mother to that faint, distant woman.

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UNL Awards More Than \$13.7 Million In Scholarships

LINCOLN, Neb. — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln awarded more than 1,800 scholarships to 2011 Nebraska high school graduates who are enrolled at UNL this fall. The total potential value of the scholarships is more than \$13.7 million.

The awards include 27 Chancellor's Scholarships, 361 Regents Scholarships (including 115 Nebraska Top Scholars), 101 Nebraska Achievement Scholarships, 77 David Distinguished Scholarships, 699 James H. Canfield Scholarships, 50 Chancellor's Leadership Class scholarships, 36 Pepsi Scholarships and 374 University Honors Program textbook scholarships.

Following is a list of area scholarship winners by hometown.

Center: Austin Baldwin a graduate Creighton Community School, received the James Canfield Scholarship.

Fordyce: Donald Dicks a graduate Cedar Catholic High School, received the Regents and Honors Program Textbook Scholarships.

Laurel: Emma Engebretsen a graduate Laurel-Concord High School, received the Nebraska Top Scholar Award, Regents and Honors Program Textbook Scholarships.

McLean: Kati Lackas a graduate Randolph Public High School, received the James Canfield Scholarship.

Niobrara: Tyler Stark a graduate Niobrara Public High School, received the Nebraska Achievement \$1,000 Scholarship.

Randolph: Jaleen Albers a graduate Randolph Public High School, received the Nebraska Top Scholar Award, Regents and Honors Program Textbook Scholarships.

Wausa: Leslie Kumm a graduate Wausa Public High School, received the Regents and Honors Program Textbook Scholarships.

Wausa: Kyle Schumacher a graduate Wausa Public High School, received the James Canfield Scholarship.

Chancellor's and Regents scholarships are among the most prestigious awards granted by the university and each pay tuition for full-time students for four academic years (equivalent to a cash value of approximately \$27,600). Funded in part by the Cooper Foundation, Chancellor's Scholarships also provide \$2,000 in additional scholarships support for four academic years.

The students who were selected as Nebraska Top Scholars will receive at least \$1,500 per year in scholarship awards beyond their Regents Scholarship awards from UNL or the University

of Nebraska Foundation, provided they meet renewal criteria each year.

Nebraska Achievement Scholarships are based on academic achievement, admission test scores and information in the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Twenty-seven of the scholarships are for tuition with the other 74 offering \$1,000 per year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years provided continuing eligibility conditions are met.

David Distinguished Scholar awards offer full-time students \$1,000 annually for up to four years if they meet renewal requirements. David Distinguished Scholarships are funded from a trust established in 1973 by the late Adrian H. David, a former Minneapolis attorney, in honor of his parents. Adrian David was a 1908 graduate of the NU College of Law. The trust also funds faculty research projects, placing a special emphasis on cancer research.

Canfield Scholarships, named for the chancellor who led the University of Nebraska to a position of national prominence in the 1890s, offer full-time students a one-year award of \$1,000.

Members of the Chancellor's Leadership Class are awarded one-year scholarships of \$1,000. The award was created to recognize and reward students who have excelled both academically and in leadership roles in school and community activities. Members must be full-time students and participate in scheduled Chancellor's Leadership Class activities.

Pepsi Scholarships are one-year, \$1,000 scholarships to full-time students who participate in scheduled weekly leadership development seminars that focus on volunteer service. The award recognizes students who understand the importance of volunteerism and have demonstrated leadership and dedication in working to improve their communities.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program receive book scholarships that provide up to \$500 per year.

An individual student can qualify for one Chancellor's, Regents, Nebraska Achievement, David Distinguished or Canfield scholarship. Pepsi and Chancellor's Leadership Class scholarships may be combined with other awards.

A list of Nebraska resident scholarship winners can be found online at <http://go.unl.edu/2ir>.

New Brake Pads' Noise No Cause For Alarm

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

My son-in-law, whom I love like a son, just replaced the brakes on my '07 Camry. It was fine for a day or so, and then I started to hear this "rubbing" noise. It is only when I start moving forward, never in reverse, and it quits within 30 seconds. Sometimes it's very loud, sometimes not. He put on ceramic brakes, not "certified" Toyota parts. I took it to the dealership where I have all my service done, and they said the noise is because of the ceramic brakes. They said it is not a safety issue, but they would be happy to remove the ceramic brakes and put on Toyota brakes, and of course turn the rotors and charge me an arm and a leg. Can you explain what this is and if there is a fix for it? I love your show — you guys are hilarious. Thanks for any help you can give. — Denise

TOM: Well, that was awfully nice of him to do your brakes for you, Denise. Do you think he'll be as nice when you ask him to do them again?

RAY: No, that's unnecessary. He did a perfectly good job. We often use ceramic brake pads, too; they're supposed to last longer.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

But if you don't change the rotors at the same time, you take a risk that there will be some noise, and that's all that happened here.

TOM: Yeah. The noise is just a slight rubbing because your old rotors have been worn in the shape of your old pads, and the new pads don't match them exactly. But they're perfectly safe, and your brakes will stop the car just the way they're supposed to.

RAY: If it's really driving you nuts, then tell

your son-in-law that you're really grateful for his help, but, unfortunately, your brakes started making noise right after he did the brake job. In other words, take the car back to the mechanic and complain. That's what our customers do!

TOM: And if he's willing to change the rotors for you (soon — before the new pads conform to the old rotors), he can make the noise go away. Changing the rotors is an easy job on this car.

RAY: If he claims he doesn't hear the noise (which is what we do when our customers come back and complain), then you need to change your taste in music and start listening to that head-banging stuff while you're driving.

TOM: That's probably what your son-in-law listens to, which is why he didn't hear the brake noise in the first place. But rest assured, your car's safe, Denise, even if you do nothing.

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Big Idea Competition Winners Announced

ABERDEEN — The 5th Annual BIG Idea Competition was a BIG success with 169 entries involving 201 students from 21 schools. The event wrapped up Thursday, December 8th, on the campus of Northern State University and the winners were determined from among the eight final entries with over \$5,000 in cash and scholarships awarded.

Denae Melland from Leola High School took first place with Denae's Dog Walking. Her prizes included a \$1,000 cash prize from Absolutely!Aberdeen, a \$1,000 scholarship to NSU, and a \$1,000 scholarship to Presentation College. Second place went to Hudson Shillingstad of Mobridge-Pollock High School for Lickety Split, a mobile service for healthy food offerings, with a prize of \$500 cash, \$500 Presentation College scholarship and \$500 NSU scholarship. The \$250 third place prize went to Lukas Kallas of Leola High School for Kallas Crop Dusting.

The other finalists included The Big Bad Buffet, Zach Anders and Dalton Cox of Aberdeen Roncalli; Team Cleanup, Frank Maldonado of Ipswich High School;

Mak's Movie Theater, Makayla Dietrich of Flandreau Public High School; Urban Pastures, Hayden Namken of Madison High School; and KC's Kids, Kendra Cersosimo of Mitchell High School.

This was the third year for the Marketing Design competition where students had the option to create a logo and ad for their business idea. The \$500 cash award was sponsored by McQuillen Creative Group. Forty-seven entries were judged in this category, and the winner was I'll Be Your Honey Bee, Jenna Lewis and Olivia Lundquist of West Central High School.

The final event required finalists to make a 5 minute presentation on their idea for the four final judges — Chad Evans of Centennial Homes, Paul McDonald of Dacotah Bank, Rod Tobin of Siegel, Barnett & Schutz, and Cindi Walsh of US Bank. After the presentations, all participants were invited to a panel discussion with 2011 Governor's Giant Vision Student winner, Lee Ertman of Great Plains Aquaponics, Tom Hurlbert of Thomas Hurlbert Architecture, and Francis Shaffer of Precision Soil Manage-

ment. They spoke about all aspects of being an entrepreneur. Each panelist shared their achievements and struggles in starting and owning their own business, and offered advice for those who might one day want to turn their BIG Idea into reality. Dr. Melody Schopp, Secretary of the SD Education Department, encouraged the students to invest time in their ideas and bring them to fruition.

This year's BIG Idea competition also included an honorable mention award for those applicants who scored within 10% of the finalists. (See list below.) Students from the following high schools participated in the 2011 BIG Idea Competition: Aberdeen Central, Aberdeen Roncalli, Bowdle, Brandon Valley, Brookings, Doland, Flandreau Public, Groton, Ipswich, Iroquois, Leola, Madison, Mitchell, Mobridge-Pollock, Northwestern, Redfield, Sisseton, T.F. Riggs (Pierre), Sioux Falls Washington, West Central, and Yankton.

The BIG Idea Competition encourages students to consider new ideas and opportunities that can be implemented locally and

to support them in creating an entrepreneurial view of their future. The competition is coordinated by the Small Business Development Center, funded by Absolutely!Aberdeen with support from the Aberdeen Development Corporation, McQuillen Creative Group and the Tom and Danielle Aman Foundation. The Competition is a result of the input and collaboration of many organizations including: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Development Corporation, Aberdeen Downtown Association, Aberdeen Catholic School System — Roncalli High School, Aberdeen School District — Central High School, Dacotah Bank, Northern State University, and Presentation College.

Questions regarding the competition can be directed to Kelly Weaver of the Small Business Development Center at (605) 626-2565 or kweaver@midco.net. For more information about the competition, see www.BIGIdeaSD.com.

Hunhoff Inducted Into DSU Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

MADISON — Dakota State University's Phi Eta Sigma freshmen honor society inducted Michael Hunhoff, a computer and network security major from Yankton, SD on Monday, Nov. 7. The induction ceremony included a welcome by DSU president Dr. Doug Knowlton, a dinner, guest speaker Jesse Wise, VP of student services, and induction of new members by Phi Eta Sigma officers.

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college freshmen founded by three distinguished Phi Beta Kappa professors at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923, to encourage and recognize high scholastic achievement among

members of the freshman classes.

All first-year students are eligible to join who have a cumulative grade point average of at least

3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the close of any full-time curricular period during their first year. For more information on Phi Eta Sigma, see www.phietasigma.org

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