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College in 1958.

Albrecht and her husband used to own Paul's Kwik Stop in Yankton. By looking at the photos in the scrapbooks, she was able to recall many of the dozens of students they employed during the years that they owned the business.

Rezac said one of the more interesting items they have gotten for the books was a catalogue for the students at Mount Marty Academy from the 1931-32 school year. The catalogue contains everything from course requirements to items students needed to bring to school and what students needed to wear to class, social events and other times during the day.

"(In high school), we had to wear a dressy dress and we couldn't wear anklets. We had to wear nylons," Albrecht recalled.

One of her most fond memories was the bowling alley they had in a basement at Mount Marty Academy.

"We had to eat family style in the dining room when I went here (for college)," Albrecht added. "We would serve each other meals."

Sister Ann Kessler, who graduated from Mount Marty in 1953 and went on to teach at the college for 40 years, said she is interested in seeing photos of people she has not seen in a while.

She is also fascinated by seeing her former students now as adults.

"It's delightful to be able to go through the things," she said.

Kessler added that there has become a true sense of tradition at Mount Marty, with many alumni sending their children and grandchildren to the school.

Sister Leonette Hoelsing, who graduated from the high school in 1934 and is now 97 years old, recalled one of her most vivid memories from the times she had at the high school. She remembers walking over the Meridian Bridge from Nebraska to get to the high school. She would get dropped off right on the Nebraska-South Dakota border because there was a toll at the time of about one dollar for a car one-way. However it was only about 10 cents to walk over the bridge, so she would walk over the bridge to school each day.

The bridge became free to cross in 1953.

Sister Hoelsing graduated from Mount Marty College in 1960.

Albrecht had a lot of memories of her times in the dorm rooms at Mount Marty.

She lived in the rainbow dorm room, and remembered there were curtains separating each dorm and bed area. The curtains were all different colors, which is how the dormitory got its name.

Students at that time, Albrecht recalls, would sleep on small beds, about the size of Army cots.

She also mentioned that when someone would get in trouble, their punishment would be to clean the bathrooms in the hall. However, these were cleaned during the day, so often times there would not be much cleaning to do if you got in trouble, she said.

Albrecht, along with her peers at the college, would be able to recognize what sister was walking down the hall based solely on the sound of how they walked.

Kessler remembered staying in a room with six or seven other people — the same room that now houses only two.

Private rooms were offered at that time at Mount Marty, which would house two people, but they were far more expensive than the other dorm rooms.

Rezac said that one of the goals of the scrapbooks is for alumni and current and prospective students to see "life in action" at Mount Marty from past years.

She said that she is fascinated by some of the early items in the scrapbooks just to see how this school was built.

Rezac wonders what scrapbooks will be like in the future because of the increased digital presence. She noted that the student newspaper is now online only, so it may not be possible for that to be included in future scrapbooking projects.

"It is important for parents to be able to show their kids what they did in college here," Rezac said. "We tell people, rather than throwing things away from college, let us archive your stuff in our scrapbooks."

She thinks that the scrapbooks will only get bigger after the reunion when alumni look at them and say, "I have this that I can add to the book."

"We will continue to build the scrapbooks after the reunion is over," Rezac added. "It will be a work in progress."

"We need to study the past to know what built this place and where we need to go," she said.

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# Megachurch Pastor Creflo Dollar Arrested

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ATLANTA — Megachurch pastor and televangelist Creflo Dollar — who has drawn scrutiny for his flashy lifestyle and preaching that prosperity is good — was arrested early Friday after authorities say he slightly hurt his 15-year-old daughter in a fight at his metro Atlanta home.

Fayette County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of domestic violence at the home in unincorporated Fayette County around 1 a.m., said investigator Brent Rowan. The pastor and his daughter were arguing over whether she could go to a party when Dollar "got physical" with her, leaving her with "superficial injuries," Rowan said.

The 15-year-old was the one who called authorities, and her 19-year-old sister corroborated the story, Rowan said.

Dollar faces misdemeanor charges of simple battery and cruelty to children. He bonded out of Fayette County jail Friday morning.

"As a father I love my children and I always have their best interest at heart at all times, and I would never use my hand to ever cause bodily harm to my children," Dollar said in a statement released by his lawyer Nikki Bonner. "The facts in this case will be handled privately to further protect my children. My family thanks you for your prayers and continued support."

Dollar will make no further comments

since he's involved in the ongoing criminal matter, but he is expected to preach Sunday, Bonner said.

The 50-year-old leads the Creflo Dollar Ministries and is the pastor for World Changers Church International in the Atlanta suburb of College Park, which serves nearly 30,000 members, according to the church's website. World Changers Church-New York hosts over 6,000 worshippers each week, the website says. Four satellite churches are located in Georgia along with others in Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Washington, Cleveland, Dallas and Houston.

He and his wife Taffi, a co-pastor at the church, have five children, according to the website.

Dollar is a native of College Park and says he received a vision for World Changers Ministries Christian Center in 1986. He held the first service, in front of only eight people, in the cafeteria of Kathleen Mitchell Elementary School in College Park, the website says.

His ministry grew quickly, moved into a modest-sized chapel and was renamed World Changers Church International. The church moved into its present location, an 8,500-seat sanctuary called the World Dome, on Dec. 24, 1995.

Dollar said in a 2007 interview with The Associated Press that he renounced his salary from the church, and his income only comes from personal investments, including a real estate residential property business and horse breeding

company called Dollar Ranch. He's published more than 30 books, focusing mostly on family and life issues, including debt management.

"I stopped taking a salary," he said. "But no one ask the question, 'Where are you getting your money from?' Well, I have boxes of invitations to speak. At first, I was glad to preach for anyone. What I didn't know was I received a love offering for preaching. Back then, it was for \$25 bucks. But over the years, people began to appreciate what I was bringing to them."

He said in the interview that he sometimes got up to \$100,000 for a single appearance on his packed schedule of speaking engagements.

"That tells you where my money comes from," he said.

Along with Bishop Eddie Long, Dollar is one of the most prominent African-American preachers based around Atlanta who have built successful ministries on the prosperity gospel, which teaches that God wants to bless the faithful with earthly riches. Ministers in this tradition often hold up their own wealth as evidence that the teaching works.

"When most people hear prosperity, they hear money," he said in the 2007 interview. "They're are not incorrect but are incomplete. When I define prosperity, I define it from a biblical point. If you go into the Hebrew version of the Bible, prosperity is define as peace, wholeness and continuing well being."

## S&P Affirms Reduced Rating Of Long-Term U.S. Debt

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WASHINGTON — The rating agency that downgraded the U.S. government's long-term credit rating last year has reiterated its assessment and its negative outlook. It says U.S. political leaders aren't addressing the federal debt burden.

Standard & Poor's said Friday that it's keeping its rating of U.S. long-term debt at "AA+." It cut the rating in August after a battle in Congress over whether to raise the nation's borrowing limit. Previously, the U.S. government had always received a "AAA" rating, reserved for the most credit-worthy borrowers.

At the time, S&P said it lowered the credit rating in part because it had lost some confidence in the U.S. political system. On Friday, it made clear that hasn't changed.

"We believe that political polarization has increased in recent years," the S&P said, citing the failure of last year's deficit-reduction "supercommittee" to reach agreement.

S&P said it expects the government's debt to rise, as a percent of the economy, from 77 percent in 2011 to 83 percent in 2012 and 87 percent by 2016. That's below the S&P's forecast last August, when it downgraded the United States.

Still, S&P says the United States has an "adaptable and resilient" economy,

and many governments hold dollar reserves, a sign of confidence in the currency.

Last year's rating cut contributed to a stock market plunge and caused a sharp fall in U.S. consumer and business confidence.


Yet despite S&P's concerns about U.S. debt levels, investors seeking safety have been pouring money into Treasurys and driving down their interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, at 1.64 percent, is near a record low.

John Piccuch, a spokesman for S&P, said Friday that the agency revisits its credit ratings every year. Friday's announcement came after "a routine review," he said.

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