

LIFE IN POETRY

How Do You Know It's Love?

BY TED KOOSER,
 U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

For me, the most worthwhile poetry is that which reaches out and connects with a great number of people, and this one, by Joe Mills of North Carolina, does just that. Every parent gets questions like the one at the center of this poem.

HOW YOU KNOW

How do you know if it's love? she asks, and I think if you have to ask, it's not, but I know this won't help. I want to say you're too young to worry about it, as if she has questions about Medicare or social security, but this won't help either. "You'll just know" is a lie, and one truth, "when you still want to be with them the next morning," would involve too many follow-up questions. The difficulty with love, I want to say, is sometimes you only know afterwards that it's arrived or left. Love is the elephant and we are the blind mice unable to understand the whole. I want to say love is this desire to help even when I know I can't, just as I couldn't explain electricity, stars, the color of the sky, baldness, tornadoes, fingernails, coconuts, or the other things she has asked about over the years, all those phenomena whose daily existence seems miraculous. Instead I shake my head. I don't even know how to match my socks. Go ask your mother. She laughs and says, I did. Mom told me to come and ask you.

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National Leadership Program Cites USD SSOM Faculty Member

VERMILLION — Dr. Adela T. Casas-Melley, M.D., of the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota is one of 54 senior women faculty selected as a Hedwig van Ameringen Executive in Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women fellows at the Drexel University College of Medicine (Philadelphia).

Casas-Melley, associate professor, department of surgery, is part of the 2011-2012 fellows class — the 17th incoming class for ELAM, which is the only national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty for positions of leadership at academic health centers. In addition to serving as Clerkship Director for Surgery at the School of Medicine, Casas-Melley is the Pediatric Surgical Specialties Division Chief for the Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic in Sioux Falls.

To be accepted into the ELAM program, fellows are



Casas-Melley

nominated by the dean or other senior official of her institution. Work for the incoming class of fellows begins this month with on-line assignments and community building activities that continue through the end of the program next April. Fellows begin the first of three weeklong in-residence sessions when they meet for the first time at the ACE Conference Center in Philadelphia in September.

"We are extremely excited to see the impact these women will have on their institutions as they work through the ELAM curriculum and develop their action projects," stated Diane Magrane, M.D., director of Drexel's International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics, host of the ELAM program.

U.S. News Data: Sanford School Of Medicine One Of Nation's Most Popular

VERMILLION — The Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota is one of the nation's most popular medical schools, according to the U.S. News and World Report.

In an analysis of yield data by U.S. News, the Sanford School of Medicine ranked as the seventh most popular medical school with a yield percentage of 76.1 percent. A school's yield is percentage of admitted students who opt to enroll in the program. At USD, 54 of the 71 accepted students chose to attend the school in the academic year beginning in 2010. The University of Kansas Medical Center ranked No. 1 on the list with a yield percentage of 82.2 percent, topping the University of Nevada-Reno School of Medicine (81.6 percent).

The Sanford School of Medicine ranked slightly ahead of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Medicine (74.4 percent), the Medical University of South Carolina School

of Medicine (73.9 percent) and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (73.1 percent).

Criteria in selecting the nation's most popular medical schools was based on a U.S. News survey of more than 140 medical schools for the publication's 2010 survey of research and primary care programs. Schools self-reported data regarding their academic programs and the makeup of their student body. U.S. News uses most of this data to rank schools for its annual Best Medical Schools rankings; the data can also be used for other lists.

Road Politeness Not Always A Good Thing

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
 I read your column all the time and value your opinion (especially if you side with me!). My husband (whom I call Bubba, if you are interested) frequently will stop to let someone else go first at intersections, when he is the one with the right of way. He feels he is being polite, but I, on the other hand, think it just creates confusion and slows the flow of traffic. What do you guys think? Thanks for listening to my troubles! — Anita

TOM: Does Bubba only do this when the other driver is a cute young woman? Because if that's the case, we might have to side with him.

RAY: You're right, Anita. One of the keys to making this whole driving thing work is predictability. You need to be able to predict, for instance, that an oncoming driver is going to stay in her own lane as she drives past you.

TOM: You need to be able to predict, with certainty, that the person making a left turn across your lane is going to wait until you pass. Not that you don't keep an eye on him just in case he's a moron or on the phone, but we rely on that predictability to prevent



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

chaos and keep traffic moving.

RAY: So when Bubba violates the expectations of other drivers, even if he's just trying to be nice, he's increasing unpredictability. And that means someone else on the road may be surprised by what's happening. Which can cause an accident.

TOM: Here's an example: You're driving down the road, and someone's trying to exit a driveway. You decide to be nice, so you stop and wave the person out. That's thoughtful. But the person behind you has no

idea that you might stop in the middle of the road for no apparent (to him) reason, and he smashes into the back of your car.

RAY: Well, legally, it's his fault for not noticing that you stopped. But you created an unnecessary, and unpredictable, hazard. The right thing to do would have been to drive by, and let the driveway dweller pull out when the road was clear of traffic.

TOM: That doesn't mean we shouldn't be nice to each other on the road. We should! When there's a choice that's not dictated by right of way, or when no other moving vehicles are going to be affected, by all means, do the nice thing. Anything we can do to decrease the number of middle fingers flying on our roadways is worth doing.

RAY: But tell Bubba that when he has the right of way, he should take it so that he doesn't confuse other drivers. And if he wants to flirt with young women at intersections, tell him we suggest a nice, warm smile as he drives by. And the universal hand signal for "Call me later."

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SCHOLASTICS

Steffen Wins Hy-Vee Scholarship

Hy-Vee is proud to announce that Kristin Steffen, of the University South Dakota, is one of 16 college students to be awarded a Hy-Vee Foundation Inc. college scholarship.

The freshman at USD, who works at the Yankton Hy-Vee, runs cross-country and track and field and also coaches fourth grade girls basketball. Steffen is studying physical therapy.

Each year the Hy-Vee Foundation awards a total of \$80,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students who have worked at Hy-Vee or have parents working for Hy-Vee. Winners are selected by officials from the Iowa College Foundation on the basis of a 300 to 500 word essay and a summary of the student's school, civic and extracurricular accomplishments and involvement as well as their academic standing.

In 2011, Hy-Vee has partnered with Western Union in providing this year's scholarship dollars.

Mabee Earns Honor At Northwestern College

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Leah Mabee was among 52 students receiving honors for the 2010-11 academic year at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.

Leah is a Junior from Yankton whose major is biology health professions. She was inducted into the Sigma Tau Senior Honor Society.

Northwestern College is a Christian college of nearly 1,250 students in Orange City, Iowa. Rated the nation's second-best baccalaureate college by Washington Monthly and a top-10 Midwestern college by U.S. News and World Report magazine, Northwestern provides an education that combines academic rigor with a faith perspective.

Reed Awarded Scholarship At Concordia College

Kelly Reed of Elk Point is the recipient of the Presidential Distinction Award from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

Reed, a May 2011 graduate of Elk Point-Jefferson High School, is the daughter of Bret and Monique Reed, Elk Point.

High school activities in which Kelly has participated include: Volleyball: All-State 1st Team, All-Region 1st team, Region 4A Player of the Year, All-Conference 1st Team, State A Volleyball All Tournament Team, Academic All State; Track, Band-Honor Bands, Section Leader; National Honor Society, A-Honor Roll and S.D. Regent Scholar.

Concordia College is a four-year liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offering more than 78 majors and 12 preprofessional programs.

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Awarded To Koch

The prestigious P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, for the 2011-2012 academic year, was presented to Jordan Koch, a senior at Yankton High School. The scholarship was presented at the Yankton High School awards ceremony by Nancy Sternquist and Lois Reade.

Jordan Koch is the daughter of Mike and Julie Koch and was recommended for this scholarship by Chapter K of Yankton.

Koch as been accepted and will attend University of Nebraska Omaha where she plans to study Elementary Education and Spanish beginning this fall.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. A student must be recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded January 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is an international philanthropic and educational organization which promotes increased educational opportunities for women. There are approximately 6000 local chapters in the United States and Canada with more than 350,000 initiated members. The P.E.O. Sisterhood has given nearly \$190 million in financial assistance to more than 80,000 women. The P.E.O. Sisterhood also owns Cottley College, a two-year liberal arts college in Nevada, Missouri.

For additional information on the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, please visit peointernational.org or contact Nancy Sternquist at sternie@iw.net.



Koch

St. Cloud State Dean's List Announced

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — St. Cloud State University has announced the names of 1,514 students whose academic achievement placed them on the spring semester dean's list. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

From the area are:
 Vermillion: Emily Anna Holoch, College of Fine Arts and Humanities, Art, 4
 Yankton: Mikael Merton Leet, College of Fine Arts and Humanities, Mass Communications, 3.91

Area Students Named To MMC Dean's List

Mount Marty College in Yankton and Watertown has released the names of the Dean's List qualifiers for the Spring 2011 semester. Students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher to qualify. Area students named include:

Avon: Megan Poppe
 Creighton, Neb.: Nichole Boyle, Jodi Vellek
 Crofton, Neb.: Tara Evans, Alison Hoffman, Deanna Poppe, Erica Reiners, Tierney Schumacher
 Elk Point: Andrea Adema
 Freeman: Carissa Schultz
 Irene: Robert Hauger
 Kaylor: Brian Bartlett
 Lake Andes: Ashley Soulek
 Lesterville: Maggie Gall
 Randolph, Neb.: Amy Gubbels, Kathleen Gubbels
 Scotland: Amber Kruse, Cassandra Neth
 Tabor: Jordan Lenards
 Tyndall: Kayla Ranek
 Vermillion: Kathleen Derrington, Jessica Jurgensen, Alicia Moreau
 Viborg: Timothy Hight
 Wagner: Kimberly Kokesh
 Yankton: Nicole Boyd, Brittany Brasel, Jake Broscha, Virginia Callahan, Travis Correll, Michael Davis, James Fillaus, Rebecca Glidden, Kylie Gross, Samantha Gullikson, Christine Hausman, Tanya Hawkinson, Ross Heine, Christopher Hoffman, Elizabeth Hoffman, Eric Journey, Hyeon Jin Kang, Justine Kube, Michael Larkin, Abby Larson, Jason Locken, Susan Lowery, Jason Niewoit, Brian Odens, Elizabeth Oestreich, Kelli Prater, Emmalene Raasch, Taunya Steinberg, Amy Stephenson, James Stevenson, Brittany Sudbeck-Gullikson, Scott Taylor, Brian Teel, Michael Tomac, Kimberly Velk, Amanda Wallum, Monty Wanless, Albert White Hat, Nathaniel Woods

Area Students Graduate from Creighton U.

OMAHA, Neb. — Creighton University conferred the largest number of degrees ever at its May commencement — more than 1,500 — to students from 46 states and seven countries.

The following students from our area received degrees during the commencement ceremonies:

Bethany Heirigs of Vermillion earned a law degree
 Ryan Scheidel of Vermillion earned a Bachelor of Science degree
 Marty Althoff of Yankton earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree
 Veronica Place of Yankton earned a Bachelor of Science degree
 Elizabeth Hurd of Wagner earned a Doctor of Medicine degree
 Wyatt Robinson of Randolph, Neb. earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

Briar Cliff University Announces 2011 Graduates

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