

# New Horizons News

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## In the beginning...

This column, suggested by Desert Foothills NHB conductor, Ron Phillips, profiles the origins of our NHBs.



### Rapid City, South Dakota NHB

The NHB of Rapid City began meeting October 16, 1997 at Haggerty's Musicworks under the direction of Milo Winter, a highly respected bandmaster in South Dakota and our Rapid City school system. At present, the Rapid City NHB has twenty-six members.

We rehearse two days a week from 9:30-11:30 am with a brief break for espresso coffee, prepared by Haggerty's Musicworks. Haggerty's also prints our concert programs, and we enjoy practicing in their store music

by Anne Fauvell

room. We have a brief recess in May then return for our summer program in June, rehearsing one day a week during the summer.

Milo's goals for the band are to "study, perform, enjoy music arranged for concert band in varied styles." We have music rehearsal with emphasis on phrasing, dynamics, and artistic expression through music performance. Milo and Ruth Winter explain that "It is different to rehearse a band

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for enjoyment without emphasizing performance preparation. Although performances are scheduled and are an exciting challenge, it is a new and more stress-free experience to play music for present enjoyment rather than future performance. The spontaneous smiles and joy of making music together are special rewards for a teacher in a NHB setting."

Several of our musicians are retired school teachers. We also have a librarian, a nurse, a pharmacist and an army colonel. Five of our members had never played an instrument before. Many found performing improves memory and finger dexterity.

**The Senior Class**

# **New Horizons Band**

Winter, 2003

Rapid City, South Dakota

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To borrow an old cliché, “it’s off with the old, and on with the new!” as we head into a new year and our winter semester. In looking back, we found we haven’t put a newsletter together since late last spring. Since then a lot of notes have been packed into Haggerty’s Hall, and we made music in a number of public appearances.

We closed our spring season with the annual concert at the Zion Lutheran School, and quiche feast. Later on we played a “hot” 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert at the Heritage Festival in the Park, and later in July joined up with the Rapid City Municipal band for our yearly meeting. Band activities ceased until early October. Butch and Karen Kruse hosted the annual band picnic and barbecue in late July at the “Kruse Kabin” near Hill City.

In June, part of our members accepted an invitation to join the Wally Bynum band during the group’s International Rally held in Rapid City. That was two-and-a-half weeks of concentrated rehearsal and playing. The concert band met each morning for three hours and the jazz band held rehearsal in the afternoon for a like period. Weekends were free. The concert band played in six appearances; the jazz band had six dances. Those members who became “trailerites” for nearly three weeks included Mary and Stewart Christensen, Jim Cooper, Leigh Fried, Bob Heller, Chuck Knowlton, Bob Melvin, Bob Nelson, Harry Petersen, M’Lisse Pippert, Cal VanOrnam, Earl Noren, and Milton Sklenar. Stewart, Leigh and Harry also played in the jazz band.

The last weekend of July eight of our members traveled to the International Peace Gardens on the border of North Dakota and Canada. Along with nearly 200 other adults they participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual adult band camp for four days of intensive training which included full rehearsals, sectionals, master classes, chamber music, jazz, private lessons and a lot of camaraderie. Those attending were Karen and Butch Kruse, M’Lisse Pippert, Judy Murbach, Greg Nielson, Harry Petersen, Don Wickler and Bob Nelson. Greg’s wife accompanied the group, and had a good time as an observer. Nelson is a long-time member of the IMC Joint Board of Directors. Greg already has his registration for the 2003 season, and most of the others have expressed intentions of going. Anyone interested in more information is encouraged to talk to any of those listed above. This year’s session runs July 26 through July 29.

Here’s a little fun with words. Consider *bland* and *blend* for instance. The difference in spelling is only one letter, but the definitions are far apart. Our director, Milo, has asked us many times to “blend your part with the other instruments in the band.” To blend means mix or fuse thoroughly, so that the parts merge and are no longer distinct. Now take bland. It means something is mild and soothing, not sharp or harsh; also tasteless, insipid, dull. This is just a little sidelight we thought you might enjoy, and remember to put the “e” in the music.

Butch and Karen Kruse keep mighty busy in the music scene in Hill City. Right now they are rehearsing with the Central Hills Community Choir. They will perform April 11 in the new Hill City High school Theater when the choir presents “The Day He Wore My Crown.” Butch sings in the tenor section and Karen is the keyboard accompanist. She also was at the keyboard in a concert by the Reno, Nevada based singing group, “The Diamonds” as they performed songs from the 50’s and 60’s in Hill City. Butch, with his trumpet, and Karen on tenor sax, are helping with the Hill City Jazz band. That group, and our New Horizons Jazz band will

host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper, followed by an evening concert dance. It will be at Mt. Rushmore on March 7. It is an annual fundraiser for the Hill City School band.

Bob Nelson misses band rehearsal some days, but he has a good excuse. He has been up plowing snow in the middle of the night!

According to Chuck Knowlton, the Barbershop Quartet, which showcases his voice and three others, is getting ready for "Singing Valentines" on February 14. You get a song, a rose, a picture, and let the emotions flow. Check with him to arrange one for your sweetheart.

Don Wickler, trumpet, took a most interesting tour in September. He traveled to Europe and went on a five-day motorcycle tour of Austria, Germany and Italy. He reports it was Great! In February he has plans to ski at Steamboat. (We can report on the results of that in the next newsletter)

The band presented its first concert of the winter season as a fund-raiser for the Journey Museum in Rapid City. It was a typical February Sunday, with snow and a strong northwest gale. In spite of the weather, the crowd filled the room. Our program included some interesting selections and the audience responded with enthusiastic applause, and most encouraging comments afterwards. Each band member performed well and we played good music. Congratulations to us for a "job well done".

In mid-February the band will board a motor-cruiser as we travel to Brookings, S. D. We will appear in concert at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. Four years ago we made the same trip for the same purpose. At that time we had about 25 members performing. This year we will have almost 40 playing and we know the Bandmasters will see much progress in our abilities, and our music. We are hopeful that interest can be generated amongst the directors attending to go back to their hometown and get a New Horizons Band started. Our Jazz Band will also play the first night we are there at the social held for all of the Bandmasters in attendance.

**The Senior Class**  
**New Horizons Band**

Summer, 2003

Rapid City, South Dakota

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Welcome back to the first rehearsal of our summer semester. The month of May went by in a hurry, and here we go for another month and a half of music. We know that everyone has practiced, if not daily, at least diligently and there will be no need for any formal introductions to any of your instruments. The year so far has been a good one for us and since the Christmas-New Year's holiday we've had some excellent performances.

In way of review we started off the year with a 1:00 p.m. concert at the Journey Museum on Sunday, February 2. The weather was most un-cooperative, with a blinding, wet snowstorm, but we had a capacity crowd and a good concert. After a normal two-weeks of rehearsals, the band boarded a bus and left for Brookings, S. D. on Valentine's Day. Here again, the weather was bad, with an ice storm all of the way, and some breathless moments. After a safe arrival, and a "night on the town" we appeared in a morning concert at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters, on the campus of South Dakota State University, receiving a standing ovation at the conclusion of the concert. The evening before, the Jazz Band played at a "social" gathering of the Bandmasters. The Holiday Hills Estates was the location of our next outing, a morning concert on February 27. The next day, the Jazz Band played an hour gig for the Ladies Luncheon of the Presbyterian Church. It was well attended and well received; the food was good and so was the music. On in to the month of March, Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> to be exact. On that date the Jazz Band set-up in the dining room at Mount Rushmore. That was the scene of the annual Spaghetti supper sponsored by the Hill City High School Band. Program for the evening was the High School Jazz Band, and our Jazz Band. Each band played two sets and then joined together for a "take the roof off" finale of Glenn Millers famous "*In The Mood*".

April brought showers, and three appearances. The first was a morning affair on April 23, when we played for the students at Memorial Christian Elementary School. One week later, April 30, we played our annual concert at Zion Lutheran School in conjunction with their observance of the many volunteers who help the school. Afterwards we were treated to the brunch served by the ladies of the church. At both schools, we featured Gus Jacob singing a selection of 1940's hit tunes, and Bob Heller did a fine roller skating routine to our music. Also, during the Jazz Band performances, Jon Boone did the vocal on "Shake, Rattle and Roll." At 2:00 p.m. that afternoon, we played at the Rapid City Public Library. They were honoring their volunteers, with a band concert and ice cream. Both were well received. At the end of that performance, we put the music away, with no rehearsals in May, and here we go again.

Looking forward to our summer season, the first concert we present will be in Wilson Park on June 14 when we appear at the West Boulevard Association Festival. This event has been held in the Park for many years and is always well attended. About two weeks following that, we will have an appearance sometime on July 3, 4 or 5. Those are the dates of the Heritage Festival in Memorial Park. We will play in the band shell on one of those days. Also in July, tentatively the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will join the Rapid City Municipal band for our annual joint concert. Rounding out the summer, Kruse's Kabin will be the site of the band picnic August 16.

A poem entitled "Comfort Me" by Anne Fauvell was published recently in the Sunday poetry section of the *Rapid City Journal*. Also, she read several of her poems at the Rapid City Library Coffee House, where they have poets read their own works. She told us she had received a letter from President George Bush. It was in response to her letter in which she congratulated him on the strategies of the war in Iraq and his war on terrorism.

We missed reporting an item in the last newsletter, and want to make that up here. During the holiday season last December Joyce Astleford and husband Warren, hosted a most joyous open house at their home in Rapid Valley. It was the afternoon of December 15 and the guest book showed signatures of 45 band members and their spouses attending. The food was great, and the camaraderie even better. Thanks Joyce, and Warren, for a most delightful and thoughtful event.

Three of our band members, Stewart Christensen, Butch Kruse and Harry Petersen, went to Sioux Falls the weekend of May 1 & 2. They joined with the members of the El Riad Shrine band in the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Parade of Music, which this year was dedicated to the memory of Willard Fejfar, who founded and created the first Parade of Music. The Shrine Club purchased the original Arkota Ballroom in downtown Sioux Falls and houses the Shrine headquarters and offices. Each year the band sponsors the Parade of Bands selling tickets to the public, maintaining the ballroom in its original condition. The program featured four different bands beginning with a Dixieland Combo. Next was the El Riad Concert Band, and Noble Fejfar was honored during this program. Following was a "society band" playing music from the days of Lombardo, Kaye, and others of that era. The finale was a Jazz band featuring Big Band Ballads and Swing. All three of our members played in two or three of the groups mentioned. (Karen Kruse was there with Butch, and was recruited to play alto in the Concert Band).

The adult class at the International Band Camp, July 26 through July 29, will see a number of our members present. At last count 12 New Horizon Band members had registered to attend. This is the 48<sup>th</sup> year for the Band Camp, located at the International Peace Gardens, on the border of North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada. There are eight weekly sessions held each year. The first seven weeks are devoted to young people from grades 7-12 with the final week for adults of any age. The four days, and nights, are concentrated on music, with final concerts presented on the fourth evening. Senior Class members who have signed up include Bob Nelson, Butch and Karen Kruse, Greg Nielson, Bob Heller, Chuck Knowlton, Lynnell Parrott, Judy Krull, M'Lisse Pippert, Bobbe Ward, Claire Stambaugh, Don Wickler and Judy Murbach. Other attendees include Greg Neilson's wife, Judy, Martin Busch, and possibly Judy Murbach's sister. Bob Nelson is a member of the International Band Camp joint board of directors, and has been for many years. Attendance at this camp is a rewarding experience, which carries over in your music abilities and memories for a long time. (This write would be going, except he has a previous commitment to attend a brother-in-laws 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary that weekend.)

Pioneer Bank & Trust has a "club" for senior customers called the Elite Club. For this year's fall meeting they have asked our Jazz Band to entertain. The date is Friday, October 3, and the appearance will be in Viking Hall at Canyon Lake Senior Citizen's Center. We have accepted the invitation and will be appearing as scheduled, with a program of Big Band music from the 40's and 50's.

**The Senior Class**  
**New Horizons Band**

Winter, 2003

Rapid City, South Dakota

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As we approach year 2004, we can reflect on past months, and look forward to new experiences during the coming year. Two-oh-oh-three has been a busy one, "band-wise", and we are playing some pretty good music these days. It has been a rewarding experience, and a lot of fun, in rehearsals and in concert appearances. We closed out the spring season with our traditional concert at Zion Lutheran Church School in May. As usual, the brunch was excellent and all had a good time.

In early May, Stuart Christensen, Butch Kruse and Harry Petersen traveled to Sioux Falls for a week-end of music. They participated in the El Riad Shrine band, big band, Dixieland group, and society band; all at the Shrine sponsored Parade of Music. Performances were on a Saturday night at the Arkota ballroom, which is now owned by the Shrine. It was a sell-out, the place was packed, and the music went on until midnight.

The concert band joined the Rapid City Municipal band in early July for our yearly appearance, and on July 16, we returned to Westhills Village for a concert.

Butch and Karen Kruse hosted their annual band picnic in August. As usual, the food was terrific, the weather was beautiful and company was charming. Attendance was way down, but those who were there had a most enjoyable time and visit. Thanks, B&K.

The following items are direct from the pen (typewriter) of Anne Fauvell:

We performed at the Dahl Fine Arts Center, downtown, playing Christmas Carols. Eric Johnson treated our band to Italian pizza. Thank you, Eric.

December 13 we played at Dan's Supermarket. The shoppers enjoyed our Christmas Carol program. A brief respite from shopping chores. Then the Senior Class drove to the Alex Johnson Hotel to play Christmas Carols for the Blind Federation party.

On November 28, the New Horizons Band played at the Alpine House in Hill City. It was a feature occasion with our Christmas Carol concert. Ms. DeWald played in our flute section.

During the summer we performed a concert at Wilson Park during Rapid City Festival Days. Milo and Ruth chose many patriotic musical scores to encourage and enhance the mood for our military all over the world. In July, the band shared the band shell with the Rapid City Municipal Band, enjoying the opportunity to play with such good musicians.

November featured a concert at the Journey Museum. The selections feature many of our country's musical numbers. Patrons who attended the concert stated we played quite well.

Joyce Astleford, and husband Warren, held an open house at Christmas time for the Senior Class. We thank you Joyce and Warren for your kindness and all that good food.

Anne Fauvell reported on her accomplishments during the summer. She won eleven ribbons in the literary category at the South Dakota State Fair. She also was featured in a column in the *Rapid City Journal* when Mary Garrigan wrote about her Italian cook booklet. She was busy reading her poems at Holiday Hills Estates in July, and she joined the Canyon Lake Senior Writers in reading their works for the fifth graders at Wilson and Southwest Elementary schools.

Thanks, Anne.

In December, the Jazz Band performed for the organization of heart patients who attend rehab at Rapid City Regional Hospital. The rehab section sponsors a banquet and party each year, and asked our Jazz Band to play. Our sax quintet – Ev Pompy, Gregg Nielson, Lee Fried, Bob Heller and Harry Petersen – have been "working out" in rehearsal since August. They opened the program with four selections, which got the toes to

tapping. Following was the Jazz Band, playing for dancing, for about an hour. We received many compliments and "Thanks" for our efforts, and we all had a good time.

We have some new members since our last printing. Please make welcome Bruce and Jacqueline Allen, trumpet and percussion, respectively. Also, Linda Diebert has joined us in the trombone section, Jane Parsons returned with her clarinet, and Milt Sklenar came back and brought his trumpet.

Over the Christmas-New Year break, Milo Winter entered the hospital and had hip surgery. He has made a rapid recovery, and came back to lead and direct the band on Wednesday, January 14. Thank to Bob Nelson who started us out the first rehearsal of the year, and to "Stu" Christensen who filled in during December.

At this writing (January 15) Lee Fried is recovering from heart surgery. He went to the hospital on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and that's when the "fun started". We understand that he is now at home and on the mend. We will look forward to seeing him back in the "licorice stick" section in a few weeks.

We have a tentative date for a concert at the Journey Museum, set for February 8, a Sunday afternoon. If that works out they have agreed to let us have one or two rehearsals in their auditorium prior to the concert. As you all know, we need to try it again, and get used to the sound in that hall.

Revised members' rosters and birthday lists have been supplied and you should have been able to pick up your copies. If not, they are available- just ask.

Bob Nelson announced the dates for the International Peace Gardens Band Camp for 2004. The adult section will begin on July 31, a Saturday, and end on August 3, a Tuesday. Fees this year, which include room and meals, are \$155. There is an early bird special of \$20 if you register prior to May 15. It is a fun time and a great learning experience. Talk to Bob Nelson about details of travel, etc., if you are interested.



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Spring, 2004

Rapid City, South Dakota

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This spring edition is a round up of what has happened during our winter "semester". It will be our last newsletter for the year, or, at least until next fall.

After the Christmas and New Year's holiday, we rehearsals started in early January and have pretty much continued twice a week until now. Our first concert was on February 8, a Sunday, at the Journey Museum. It was a fundraiser for the Museum, and the auditorium was nearly full. Later in the month, February 17 to be exact, we drove out to the Holiday Hills retirement center for a morning appearance. Needless to say, it was well attended and received. And, we stayed afterwards and were served a most delicious and enjoyable lunch. On February 25 we made our annual appearance at the Memorial Christian School on highway 16, south. What a busy month.

The Jazz Band appeared at a noon luncheon for the Presbyterian Ladies organization on February 26. This is beginning to be an annual affair. They also played at the annual Spaghetti Supper at Mount Rushmore on March 5. This supper and dance is sponsored by the Hill City High school band, and held each year as a fundraiser. The High school Jazz Band shared sets with our guys, with the bands joining together for a final tune – "In The Mood!"

Our concert band was asked to furnish the music during the activation ceremonies for the 109<sup>th</sup> Headquarters Company of the National Guard. Activation was held in the Rapid City Central High school gymnasium, on April 2. South Dakota Governor Rounds, the Guard's Adjutant General, Rapid City's Mayor and two or three other dignitaries appeared for a patriotic send off. The unit will receive some training at Fort Carson, Colorado, and then it is off to Iraq for at least a year. The hall was packed as families, friends and Rapid City citizens filled nearly every seat.

The Jazz Band played during the cocktail hour and dinner for the Rapid City Dance club, at Rushmore Hall in the Civic center, April 17. They presented nearly an hour of big band swing and music from the 40's and 50's. Some of the club members got up and danced to the strains of the "old stuff".

The saxophone quintet is also being asked to play. At the December Christmas party sponsored by the Rehab section at Rapid City Region Hospital, the quintet made its first public appearance. All of those hours of rehearsal since last August, and the fine tutelage of "Stu" Christensen were showcased in the performance, with many compliments paid at the end of the show. The Quintet, out of operation due to Lee Fried's surgery and convalescence, presented a short program during intermission of the Jazz Band at the Dance Club affair.

Our last band concert of this season is the one at Zion Lutheran School. This is the one we look forward to each year, for the ladies of the church prepare a tasty brunch. We are invited to join them after our concert. The event is recognition of the volunteers who contributed so much time and effort to the school during the school year.

A number of writers, including Anne Fauvel, presented a writing workshop to members of Holiday Hills in January and March. They also did a writing workshop to residents at Westhills Village. Anne continues writing and was published in the *Rapid City Journal*, and in a reader's survey in *The Writer Magazine*.

Band members will take about a month's hiatus, coming back to rehearsal June 2. Requests have already come in for our appearance this summer. The evening of July 1 we will present a concert at the Heritage Festival. We are also scheduled for a concert in the band shell at Memorial Park in either June or July. Another request has been received from Westhills Village for a program.

Butch Kruse, and Karen, will host the annual New Horizons Band Picnic at their mountain home again this summer. According to Butch, the date has been set for Saturday, August 14, "providing Black Hills Railroad approves."

A number of our members are planning to attend the International Band Camp for adults at the International Peace Gardens, scheduled for July 31 through August 3 this year. Your editor has talked to at least ten of our people who plan to go. If there is anyone else interested ask Bob Nelson about it. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for many years, and has all of the information. From personal experience, this writer recommends it highly. It's not only fun, but also the learning experience is great. Incidentally, if you go, prepare to work (musically) for four days and part of the nights.

That's "30" for this time. Have a good month's vacation; practice those scales every day (or ever so often) and we'll be back for an interesting summer beginning in June.

**The Senior Class**  
**New Horizons Band**

Fall, 2004

Rapid City, South Dakota

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Rehearsals today mark the beginning of our eighth year of existence. It was in the Fall of 1997 that Milo Winter put an ad in the *Rapid City Journal* asking senior musicians to attend a meeting at Haggerty's MusicWorks for the purpose of forming a band. Eighteen men and women showed up for that first meeting and the Senior Class was launched. In addition to Milo, the following are still members and attend rehearsals and concerts. They include: Anne Fauvell, Joan Brookes, Sharon McDermott, Claire Stambaugh, Jane Parsons, Gregg Nielson, Chuck Knowlton, Martin Pfeiffer, Don Wickler, and Ruth Winter. Jim Cooper, Jon Boone, Joan Pennington and Bobbe Ward joined in January of 1998. Here is a tip of the proverbial hat to all of them, for without their foresight, we wouldn't have a band.

Our band was well represented again this year at the International Music Camp. The camp this past summer began on July 31 and ended August 3 at the International Peace Gardens, which is located on the border between North Dakota and Manitoba. Twelve of our members attended. Bob Nelson is a board of director's member of the International Music Camp. Accompanying him as "repeaters" were Karen and Butch Kruse, Don Wickler, Greg Neilson, M'Lisse Pippert and Bobbe Ward. Rounding out the dozen were Mary Jo Anderson, Linda Diebert, Bel Felix, Judy Krull and Clarire Stambaugh. Greg's wife, Judy and Rapid Citian Martin Busch also were at the camp. From reports afterwards, it was the usual good time and great musical experience. It is four days (and nights) of grueling music rehearsal, but it all comes together at the concert on the final night.

Butch and Karen Kruse scored another "hit" when they hosted their Fifth Annual Senior Class Picnic. The outing was held on their deck and lawn near the Horse Thief Campground south of Hill City on August 14. With the cooperation of the weatherman, those attending were treated to a wide variety of salads and desserts, along with the traditional fried chicken provided by the hosts. There were 30 to 40 of our members and their spouses there. The *Saxey Seniors* brought their horns and performed a well received concert on the deck. Thanks for another great time, Butch and Karen.

In addition to their "outing" at the picnic, the *Saxey Seniors* have been playing a few gigs since we took our band hiatus in June. On June 5 they appeared at Rushmore Mall as part of the entertainment for the Children's Miracle Network fundraiser. August 24 they played for those attending the 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group reunion at the Ramkota Inn. And, most recently they presented a concert at the annual meeting of the leader's group of the local Mormon Church. The ensemble rehearses weekly and continually works on new material. Stuart Christensen has been coaching and directing the group. Through his efforts they have emerged as a pretty fine musical group. Thanks "Stu". Regular members include Everett Pompy and Greg Neilson, altos; Bob Heller and Harry Petersen, tenors; and Lee Fried, bari. Karen Kruse fills in one of the alto spots as needed.

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Summer, 2005

Rapid City, S. D.

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The BIG news of the year is our move from Haggerty's to the Canyon Lake Senior Citizen's Center for rehearsals. Through the generosity of many of our members, a few financially successful gigs, and a good price set by Haggerty's, we were able to purchase music stands. They gave us the two portable storage racks. So far, the Viking Hall has been a good place to rehearse, parking is easier and it looks like we are settled for awhile. The Haggerty firm was very good to us, and we owe them a great deal of appreciation for all they did while we were there. We haven't checked yet to see their remodeling and use of the old "hall".

Late last year we played two concerts. On November 14 we appeared in the Journey Museum before a very appreciative crowd. And, on December 1 we repeated our annual concert of Christmas music. Also, during the Christmas season, the Saxy Seniors had two outings at Culvers, playing at the six o'clock "dinner" hour. The program was a mixture of their usual selections and Christmas Carols. This turned out to be financially favorable for the band because Culvers were very generous. Another annual appearance was during December at the Alpine Inn in Hill City. About 20 members braved the weather and played a "cool" Christmas concert. This also generated a generous donation to the band from the owner.

During our winter "semester" we had concerts at Holiday Hills, the church school on Highway 16 south, and Zion Lutheran School. We closed out the season with a "welcome home" concert at the return ceremonies of the 109<sup>th</sup> National Guard unit. The Jazz band appeared at the Presbyterian Ladies luncheon, at a fund raiser for the Canyon Lake Senior Center, and also at a Saturday night dance at the Center. We are scheduled for an appearance at the Good Sam's Club encampment June 18, and at the Rapid City Municipal band concert, June 29. A night concert is on our schedule July 17. We'll take the bus and appear on stage at Mount Rushmore. Times for these appearances will be announced at our rehearsals during the next two months.

The International Band Camp for adults is scheduled this year on July 31 through August 2. Held annually each summer at the International Peace Gardens, the camp attracts musicians from both Canada and the United States. We have many members who have attended and this year is no exception. Already registered are Butch and Karen Kruse, Don Wickler, Belle Felix, Greg Nielson and Linda Diebert. Greg's wife, Judy will accompany him, and Martin Busch from Rapid City will be there. We will try to let you know what their experiences were in the next Newsletter.

The date is set for the annual band picnic, hosted by Butch and Karen Kruse. This year's fun will be at their mountain retreat outside Hill City on Saturday, August 20. Each couple, or person, attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert. Butch and Karen provide the fried chicken. You had better make plans now to bring your "dish", and your appetite, for we have a mighty good time and some really tasty food. You'll hear more on this later. This letter is a "short" one. We'll do better in the fall.

**The Senior Class**  
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December, 2005

Rapid City, S. D.

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We are almost out of "year", so it's a good time to review what has gone on for the band over the past few months.

The Jazz Band had two gigs in April. On a Saturday night they played a dance job for the "39 Club", a long-time Rapid City dance club which meets to dine and eat. The band brought back memories for those at the dance with our big band and swing offerings, and we received many compliments. The following afternoon, the band presented a concert as a benefit for the building fund. Both the dance and concert were at the Canyon Lake Senior Citizens Center.

We closed out our winter session at the Zion Lutheran School with a concert which has become a tradition. Each spring the ladies of the church "recognize" the many volunteers who help out during the school year with a most generous brunch. For the past few years they have invited us to play a concert prior to the brunch, which is attended by the students and the adults prior to "brunch-time". The student band members join us in one selection of the program.

June turned out to be a busy month. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, a Friday, we were featured in concert at the Central High school auditorium. The occasion was the return, and de-activation of the 109<sup>th</sup> Engineers group of the South Dakota National Guard. Last year we played for the same soldiers when they were activated to go overseas, so this was kind of special in being able to welcome them home. The next week, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we presented a concert in the Soule building at the Pennington County Fairgrounds. Meeting there were members of the Good Sam's Club who were having a "camp-out" at the Fairgrounds that week. We closed out the month with a concert at the band shell in Memorial Park on June 24. Our appearance was a 30 minute concert prior to the regular Wednesday Rapid City Municipal Band program.

July 17 we boarded the bus, and went to Mount Rushmore. The Mount Rushmore Society sponsored a series of concerts during the month, tracing music of the area over the years. They asked us to appear. Our audience was mostly visitors to the Black Hills, and they were most appreciative, giving us a standing ovation after the Jazz Band closed out the evening of music.

Kruse's Kabin was again the setting for a wonderful picnic in late July. This annual affair sponsored by band members Butch and Karen has become a "looked-forward to" event. About 40 band members and families attended. There was more food than need, but we did a good job of eliminating most of it. Good company, good fellowship and good food. Thanks, Butch and Karen. We look forward to next summer.

The first Saturday of October the Jazz Band played another dance job. This was for a group of Navy Korean War veterans, at their 2005 reunion held in Rapid City. These vets all served on the same ship during the Korean War. We played a lot of music which was from their time, and had a lot of fun doing it. Later in the month they sent us a sizeable check which went into the band's treasury.

December 4 was our annual concert at the Journey Museum. The weather, as usual, was harsh, but we had capacity crowd, and the concert was well received. That same week, December 7, we once again had a Christmas concert at the Dahl Fine Arts Center, and again, despite cold weather, there was a good turn out. Late November was our venue for Music on the Porch at the Alpine Inn, Hill City. Cold, but fun, and another good audience.

The Saxey Seniors have had a few appearances. The last week of September they appeared at a brunch which honored the Senior Volunteers group. The morning meeting was at the Rapid City Elks Club, and their program was really appreciated. Just recently on December 13, they played for the Ladies of the Moose Club at an annual Christmas dinner. The evening was darkened by one lady suffering a stroke during dinner, but the program went on,

Anne Fauvell continues her literary ways, with published poems in the *Rapid City Journal*, *Pasque Petals* magazine, and ten ribbons at the South Dakota State Fair. She also has printed a collection of short stories, entitled *Lightning Strikes*. Butch Kruse did the graphics and photo printing of the book.

Welcome to several new members in the band: Renee Akason, also sax; Roberta Gaines, clarinet; Kay Huxford, tenor sax; Holly LeMay, flute; Bev Ambrose, baritone; John Rose, percussion; Leo Volk, clarinet; and Dorothy Jones, clarinet.

Three of the ladies to class. These men sitting together were bragging about how

## The Senior Class

# New Horizons Band

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This marks the end of another most successful winter, spring and summer season for the band. At the close of rehearsal today, we will have completed nine years of existence, ready to move into our tenth year this fall. Of the original 18 members who joined the band in October, 1997 and the six who signed up in January, 1998, there are still 11 still active in the band. They are Anne Fauvell, Leslie Brookes, Sharon McDermott, Claire Steinbaugh, Gregg Nielson, Chuck Knowlton, Don Wickler, Ruth Winter, Jim Cooper, Jon Boone and Bobbe Ward. Of course, Milo Winter, who was the driving force behind organizing the band is still here. A tip of the old Fedora to all of these loyal folks, who have been with us since the beginning.

This coming week-end is the beginning of the 2006 International Peace Garden band camp for seniors. There are only six of our members making the trek this year. They are Butch and Karen Kruse, Linda Deibert, Don Wickler, and M'Lisse Pippert. Although not an "official" member of the band, Martin Busch is the other one. He and Don usually make the trip on their two-wheelers.

Thinking of the other activities of our band members, brings to mind some of the music organizations in which many of them participate. We have the concert band, the jazz band and the Saxey Seniors. Around the Black Hills we have members who play with the 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary Drum & Bugle Corps, Northern Hills Band, Spearfish Community Band, Spearfish Fireman's Band, South Dakota State Legion Band, School of Mines Jazz Band, and Concert Band, Rapid City Municipal Band, Black Hills Symphony Orchestra, Hill City Band, Hill City High school Pep Band, Belle Fourche Cowboy Band and the Concert Band, Dance Band, Dixieland Jazz Band and Society Band of the El Riad Shrine in Sioux Falls. We might have missed some, but this gives you an idea of how music affects the lives of so many of us. And, it is all for the enjoyment of playing and performing.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 19. Beginning at around 1:00 to 1:30 that afternoon is the annual Band picnic at Kruse's Kabin near Hill City. All band members, their spouses and significant someones are invited. The only requirement is that you bring a salad, dessert or hot dish, and an appetite. Chicken will be on the menu, along with hot and cold drinks. Also, folding chairs are a good idea. (That way you will have a place to sit). We always have a good time, a great meal and lots of fun. See you there.