In its 15 years as a thriving program at Clarkson College, Academic Travel Abroad (ATA) has traveled far and wide throughout the western European terrain, tracing paths through countries such as Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Greece and Spain. While Clarkson College students, employees, alumni and their travel companions make up the bulk of ATA travelers, the partnerships with Nebraska Methodist College and Bryan College of Health Sciences have welcomed several others over the years. For its most recent venture, ATA had a longing to explore an exotic, new destination, as well as a new partner.

“Going to Israel and partnering with Professional Development seemed an ideal fit,” said ATA Coordinator Dr. Pat Brennan.

To realize her vision, Dr. Brennan consulted with College administration to determine if Israel was a sensible travel destination. She avowed the trip would meet three main objectives:

› To explore ancient Roman sites.
› To tour traditional sacred sites.
› To learn about health care for those earning continuing education units under the direction of Judi Dunn.

The agreement was to coordinate travel at a time that would not conflict with the already announced December 2013 and May 2014 ATA trips and to target professionals, pilgrims and lifelong learners as potential travelers. Dr. Brennan’s push to recruit the required minimum of 20 travelers paid off, and the countdown to Israel began.

After nearly a full day’s worth of travel, the group arrived on the sacred grounds of Israel, bound for the nine days of endless phenomena that lay ahead.
Summer Events & Alumni Weekend

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New Alumni Association Officers & Board Members

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PRESDENT & SECRETRY

Rachel Thompson, M.S.N., R.N.
Rachel graduated from Clarkson College with her B.S.N. in 2004 and obtained her M.S.N in 2012. She currently holds the position of Assistant Director of Undergraduate Nursing at the College.

VICE PRESIDENT

Jeanette Kasmmeier, B.S.N., R.N., ONC
Jeanette (J) graduated from Clarkson College with her diploma in 1972 and her B.S.N. in 1986. She is employed at The Nebraska Medical Center as a Case Manager for the Ortho/Neuro specialty.

TREASURE

Carla Dirkschneider, M.S., RHIA
Carla graduated from Clarkson College with her Master of Science in Health Care Business Leadership in 2007. She is the Director of Health Care Business at Clarkson College.

DIRECTORS

Joan Blum, M.S.N., ARNP
Joan graduated from Clarkson School of Nursing diploma program in 1981 and earned her BSN in 1986. She received her master’s degree in Nursing Administration from Drake University. She received her certification as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in 2001. Joan teaches in the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at Clarkson College.

Susan Bristol, B.S.N., R.N.
Susan graduated from Clarkson College with her diploma in 1978 and her B.S.N. from the University of Nebraska in 1991. She works in the NICU at Methodist’s Womens Hospital.

Nicki Hardin, M.S., R.T.(R)(M) (CIIP)
Nicki graduated with her associate’s degree in Radiologic Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging from Clarkson College in 1995. She earned her Master of Science degree in Health Services Management also at Clarkson College in 1997. Nicki is the manager of the Radiology department at Children’s Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

Susan Leutzinger, M.S.N., R.N.
Susan graduated with her B.S.N. from Clarkson College in 1981 and her M.S.N. in 2009. She is employed by Clarkson College as an Assistant Professor.

Jackie Parmenter, M.S.N., R.N.
Jackie graduated from Clarkson College with her B.S.N. in 1993 and her M.S.N. in 2009. She is currently the Director of Clinical Services and Research at Heart Consultants, P.C. in Omaha.

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Call for updates & information

During the September Alumni Brunch, anniversary classes are celebrated, and those attending receive a memory book commemorating their graduation year. The next Alumni Brunch will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 and will honor classes 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984 and 1989.

Memory Books

Memory Books are made for people attending from each of these classes, and a section is reserved in the book for attendees to update their class members on life events occurring since graduation. To make this section possible, graduates from the honored classes are asked to provide information about themselves. The information shared can be about family, career, honors, hobbies, travel, etc. Photos are also welcomed to accompany the information.

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Academic Travel Abroad's Wondrous Journey through Israel

Their spirits were awakened at every new turn, from their journey through the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane to the Lion’s Gate into the Old City of Jerusalem. They stopped at the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

While we stood quietly gazing at the Sea of Galilee below, shared Dr. Brennan, “a member of the group read the Beatitudes. This was especially moving because the Maltese Cross’ eight points represent the eight Beatitudes.” They walked on to the Via Dolorosa where Jesus was whipping and given to the cross to carry, continued along the Western Wall and ended at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus was crucified and placed in his tomb. But all that only scratches the surface of what the trip entailed.

For Dr. Brennan, there was no one favored moment of the trip. Instead, she celebrated her most prized memories from the trip into a single exuberant passage.

Witnessing some of our group get baptized in the Jordan River. Touching the wall on Masada and imagining the hundreds of Jews who killed themselves rather than fall into Roman hands. Standing at my open hotel window in Jerusalem listening to the Muslim call to prayer while an Orthodox Jew and American Christians cross paths on the street below. Meeting with the governor of Jezreel, West Bank, and hearing his perspective on global politics. Encountering openly friendly Palestinian children eager to have their pictures taken by American tourists. Consuming overflowing falafel sandwiches on a regular basis. Learning about (and tasting) fabulous Israeli wine. Visiting the Holocaust Museum. Walking on hallowed ground.

In addition to the endless sacred sites, the present-day Israeli culture presented its own surprises. Dr. Brennan explained a typical dining experience as family style, such as the lunch the travelers had in a Druze village, where a group would be seated at a table with their own plates, and the food was served in bowls and platters that were passed around. “This only became a problem with dessert.”

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Dr. Brennan was also intrigued by the “check-by-joke” relationship between Israeli Arabs and Israeli Jews. “Although the children generally do not attend school together, the adults associate with each other in business and on the streets daily. For example, our tour guide was a Jew and the bus driver was Arab. They were always talking and chuckling over something together (in Hebrew).”

Each of the travelers left Israel with their own memorable moments and unquestions eye-opening experiences. Traveler John Paul, father-in-law of Marketing Director Jina Paul, commented on the impact the trip has had on his and his wife Jacque’s lives since their return home. “Now, when Jacque and I read the Bible and hear the Bible read in church, we have a much better appreciation for the context of the verses and can visualize the places where Jesus and his disciples lived,” John said. “This Easter had a whole new meaning for us after our trip to Israel.”

“Over the last 15 years, I have traveled to many countries, most of them more than once,” said Dr. Brennan. “As interesting and engaging as they are, nothing compares with Israel. It is like no place on earth.”

Dr. Brennan hopes the College will offer the trip to Israel once again in 2016.

Travel with us!

Go on an adventure with ATA to the Czech Republic and Austria May 3–14, 2015. Contact Dr. Brennan. Dr. Brennan at brennan@clarksoncollege.edu for more information.

Graduate Survey Results Lead to Change

Are you a recent graduate? If so, expect to receive a graduate survey approximately six months after your graduation date. These surveys are sent from the Alumni Relations office and are administered with the assistance of the Coordinator for Quality Assurance. They are sent to all graduates who have a valid e-mail address or mailing address on file with the College.

All survey responses are kept anonymous and are aggregated. The information received from these surveys is vital for the College. Information is shared anonymously with the Executive Leadership Team and the program directors. They utilize this information to enhance or modify the academic programs offered at Clarkson College.

The information from these surveys is aggregated, so trends can be identified and managed. For example, Dr. Patricia Coyle-Rogers, Director of Graduate Nursing, has utilized the information to make modifications to the procedures and techniques taught during Graduate Weekends. She has also added lectures and/or PowerPoint presentations to most of the courses for the upcoming fall semester. Changes such as these are a direct result of the information gained from the surveys.

Thank you to all who have previously taken time to complete the survey. Your sharing of both positives and negatives has been extremely beneficial. April graduates should expect to see their survey mid-month. The brief survey takes five to 10 minutes to complete, and your participation is greatly appreciated.
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If you are familiar with Bellevue Hospital in NYC, you may know that the nurses wore the "upside down cupcake cap". Mom faithfully wore her cap to work every day. She was the only nurse I ever saw wear that particular cap with the exception of her sister, my aunt, in Pennsylvania.

I walked into the office of Mrs. Jacks, and there she sat at her desk, wearing her white uniform and an upside down cupcake cap. I couldn't believe it! It was an omen. My destiny was to be a nurse. No matter which way I turned, I was being led down this path to nursing.

Mrs. Jacks wasn't impressed with my transcripts. She said she would give me a chance, but I would have to prove myself and get good grades. The Canedys helped me find scholarships and funding for my education. So, along with the small savings Dennis and I built up, I was able to enroll at Clarkson School of Nursing.

Dennis and I were pretty poor. We had an old beat-up, smoke-ejecting 1967 Chevy Chevelle which his parents had given him in college. Every morning, Dennis dropped me off at school before heading to work. I was there about an hour early, so I spent the time in the lounge which was in the lower level of Kremlin Hall. I noticed that our science teacher, Mrs. Perry, came in early and wrote the A&P notes on the board. A&P was my first class of the day, so I decided to sit in the classroom and copy the notes instead of hanging out in the student lounge.

Mrs. Perry [later Dr. Patricia Perry, director of the school] wrote copious notes on the board and expected students to copy them down verbatim. She checked our notebooks periodically to make sure we were doing that very thing. So, I spent the time before class, copying as she wrote on the board. I was way behind the other students by the time class began.

As I copied the notes, Mrs. Perry started asking me questions about myself. One day, she asked me where I was from. "Broken Bow," I said.

"What do your parents do?" she asked.

"Oh, they are both dead now, but Dad was a hospital administrator, and Mom was a nurse."

The woman's face lit up. "What were their names?"

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I worked at a place called MedCenter across from Bergan Mercy Hospital. It was a rehab long-term care center. I liked my work, but I still wasn't convinced I should be a nurse. One day, I met a woman who had come to visit her grandmother. We exchanged niceties as I took care of her grandmother's needs. Day after day, the woman was there, faithfully visiting. Our conversations became more in depth, and she asked me if I thought about going into nursing. I explained that I was a newwield, and we couldn't afford it. Besides, I really didn't want to be a nurse.

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After the war and with three kids in tow, Mom and Dad decided to move to North Platte. Mom said she had barely heard of Nebraska, let alone North Platte. She and Dad were both born and raised in Pennsylvania where most of my relatives still live. Dad wanted to pursue a career in hospital administration, and the Lutheran Memorial Hospital in North Platte had an opening. They packed up my older sister and two brothers and headed west. I was born in North Platte three years later.

I must digress, because it is important to me. As a newlywed in 1974, my husband, Dennis, and I moved from Lincoln to Omaha. Not in my wildest dreams could I imagine what the next years would bring.

I am originally from central Nebraska, born in North Platte then raised in Cozad and Broken Bow. I graduated from Broken Bow High School at the age of 17 (3,500 people or so). "smack dab" in the middle of Nebraska, the geographical center of Nebraska is just 10 miles northwest of Broken Bow. Dennis grew up on a ranch east of Valentine, a couple hours northwest of Broken Bow.

We met at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where I was majoring in journalism, and he was in business administration. Dennis graduated in 1973, but I didn’t. I was a college drop-out. My father had died in 1971, and my grades declined gradually after that. I had no interest in my education at that point. I just wanted to socialize and party. My GPA the first two years was high enough to tide me over for a while before I was put on scholastic probation. I foundered not knowing what my future plans were.

My mother was a nurse, and for as long as I could remember, she was always encouraging me to consider a career in nursing. I worked briefly as a nursing home aide during the summers, but I couldn’t see myself as a nurse like Mom. I remembered all the days Mom worked long hours, all the holidays and the low pay. My childhood was filled with enthusiastic dinner conversations about Mom’s unusual care experiences. Dad was the hospital administrator and also an RN, so both of my parents engaged in graphic, unperturbing storytelling while we kids attempted to digest our dinner. There was no way I was going to be a nurse.

But, I got married, and we moved to Omaha— the place where I had once had negative ideas about the personalities and traits of people coming from the big city. It was frightening for this small town girl to move to such a place. It didn’t take long for me to realize the stereotypes I had heard from people back home were wrong. Omaha had a small town feel. People were friendly and helpful.

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I took a minimum wage job as a nurses’ aide at a nursing home, and Dennis had an entry-level accounting position. The times were lean. After two months of marriage, my mother died at age 56 of a bowel infarction. With no parental support, it was sink or swim. Dennis and I had to depend on one another.

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That must have been about the time the new hospital was opened or dedicated. As we talked, I found out the woman’s name was Betty Canedy and that her husband was the administrator at Clarkson Hospital. She told me I should go talk to him about going to school at Clarkson School of Nursing. I hesitated, still unsure about nursing. With her encouragement, I really made an appointment. Mr. Canedy was so friendly and kind, telling me wonderful stories of my father that I had never heard before. I never really knew Dad’s friends or associates from work, so this was all new to me. Mr. Canedy sent me over to see Mrs. Jacks, the director of the school at the time.

It was interesting that we experienced the same events...
Utilizing Your Education to Make an Impact on Future Generations

How one alumus plans to better his home town in Vogan, Africa

By Susan Bristol ('78), B.S.N., R.N., & Kodjovi Abalo ('12), R.T(R)

Kodjovi Abalo, R.T(R), hails from Togo in West Africa. He grew up in the town of Vogan, which is about 36 miles northwest of the capital of Togo. As a long, narrow country situated between Ghana on the west and Benin on the east, Togo is one of the smallest countries in Africa. With a population of about 6,200,000 people, French is the official language. Togo gained its independence from France after the World Wars.

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Kodjovi grew up in Vogan, a small town near the capital. His primary school was built in November of 1955, five years before Togo became an independent nation. It began with 56 students and one teacher. Today, it has 491 students, grades first through sixth, with 12 classes and nine instructors. “The school needs three instructors to make it forty students per instructor this academic year,” Kodjovi said. “The students have been working hard to improve the condition of their school. The school needs three instructors to make it forty students per instructor this academic year.”

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Education is very important for a country to grow and prosper. In Togo, formal education is compulsory for grades one through sixth. With teacher shortages, it is difficult to provide the education needed. Quality education is difficult in the rural areas. There is a high rate of repetition of grade levels, as well as a high dropout rate. Kodjovi recognizes the value of a good education and is striving to improve his homeland’s chances.

As we know, health and education go hand-in-hand. As educational opportunities increase, so do socioeconomic, psychological well-being and health. In Togo, infant mortality is at a rate of 50 deaths per 1,000 births. Maternal mortality is 350 deaths in 100,000 births. Lifetime risk of death in pregnant women is 1 in 67. There are four physicians per 100,000 people. The number of midwives per 1,000 births is two. Half of the population lives below the international poverty line of $1.25. Average life expectancy for males is 60-62 years of age and for females, 65-66 years of age. (Wikipedia).

Kodjovi is grateful for the opportunity of his education at Clarkson College. With his Associate of Science degree in Radiology Technology and MRI Technology degree, he is working hard to improve the health of others. "We don’t have to be Bill Gates before we help others or always want something back,” he said.

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If you are interested in more information about Kodjovi’s project or life in Togo, you can contact him at abalo_kodjovi@yahoo.fr.

Fever Phobia: An Assessment Tool to Address Concerns of Fever by Leesa LaCanne

Research has demonstrated that parents uphold many misconceptions, misinformation and limited skills regarding the knowledge of fever and the management of fever. Barriers such as culture and language could impair their knowledge of community resources for acute management. Knowledge deficit concerning fever management frequently results in non-urgent calls to pediatrics, as well as hospital affiliated emergency department visits. The design of an evidence-based intervention is needed in explaining proper treatment and care for children with fever targeting the parents who are caregivers with a culturally diverse background. Information must be designed and utilized. The goal is to provide parents with information on how to address any concerns about fevers in English and Spanish. It would be recommended that the educational tool be translated into many languages to meet cultural needs.

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Alumni Association Membership Form

Annual membership drive runs through Aug. 31

The Alumni Association Board would like to invite you to renew or begin your membership in the Alumni Association. Thanks to membership support this past year, the Alumni Association was able to present a student scholarship, provide snacks for students during finals week, sponsor a continuing education event, provide iPads for the iPad Academy and assist with several other activities. The support of our graduates is necessary for the Alumni Association to continue providing these functions.

Alumni Association dues are $25 per year. The membership year runs June 1 through May 31. Dues should be received no later than Aug 31. As a member, you will receive the quarterly Alumni Times newsletter, invitations to alumni events and periodic special mailings. Alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago should mark “Nifty, Fifty” below to receive free membership in the Alumni Association.

ABOUT YOU

Please print.
Name
Maiden Name (if applicable)
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City/State/Zip
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Degree(s) Earned

Giving Back
I would like to receive more information about tax-deductable gifts.
I would like to invest in the future of Clarkson College by:
Being a guest lecturer
Sponsoring time assisting with alumni activities
Mentoring or tutoring current students

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Membership dues $25
Contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund

In honor of (name)
In memory of (name)

Total amount enclosed

SUBMIT

Send your completed membership form and survey (located on the back of this form) along with payment to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42 Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131.
Alumni Association Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out the following survey. Your input is greatly valued and assists the Alumni Association in providing programs and activities for alumni members, meeting regulatory requirements for Clarkson College and updating alumni information.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Would you prefer the annual September Alumni Weekend event dinner to be:

- Casual
- Formal/business attire

Would you like entertainment at the Alumni Weekend event dinner?

- Yes
- No

List any continuing education topics that would be of interest to you.

- Casually dressed
- Formal attire
- Business attire

List any events you would like to see the Alumni Association sponsor.

- List topics of interest that you would like to see in the newsletter.

- Additional Information Request

- Additional information on the following events:
  - Alumni Brunch: Thursday, Sept. 18 at noon in Howard Hall
  - Continuing Education Event: Friday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon in Howard Hall
  - Dinner & Entertainment: Friday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Omaha Player’s Club in Omaha, Neb.

Alumni Weekend: Event Reservation Form

The Alumni Association Board is finalizing the details for September’s Alumni Weekend events. This year, the graduating classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984 and 1989 are recognized as this year’s anniversary classes. The Physical Therapist Assistant program will also be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the program’s inception. All Clarkson College alumni are invited to participate and attend this year’s activities.

RESERVATION

Contact Information

- Name
- Address
- City/State/Zip
- Phone
- E-mail
- Program(s) completed

Assistance & Participation

- Yes, I will assist with my class’ anniversary activities.
- No, I am not interested at this time.
- I am unable to attend this year’s Alumni Weekend.

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Continuing Education Event

Care Under Fire

EVENT DETAILS

- Friday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon in Howard Hall on the Clarkson College campus in Omaha, Neb.
- Target Audience
  - Health care professionals
- Objectives
  - The health care professional will be able to:
    - Review the history and evolution of military health care
    - Describe the current system of battlefield care
    - Discuss case studies of physical and emotional injuries of war
    - Adapt health care providers’ ongoing care to the unique needs of veterans

EVENT AGENDA

- 8 a.m.: Check-in and welcome
- 11:45 a.m.: Question & answer session, evaluations and wrap-up
- 8 a.m.: Check-in and welcome
- 8:30 a.m.: Care Under Fire Presentation & Case Studies
  - Captain Michael Boerman, R.N., B.S.N., F.N.
  - United States Air Force 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Health Care Business & All Others

- 3.25 education hours awarded

Nursing

Clarkson College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

- 3.25 ANCC/NNAA Nursing contact hours awarded
- Clarkson College is approved Iowa provider #345.
- 3.90 Iowa nursing contact hours awarded

Physical Therapy

- 0.325 continuing education units corresponding to 3.5 contact hours approved by the NPTA.

Radiologic Technology

- 3.0 Category A credits awarded
- Activity approved by ASRT.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Please take a few minutes to fill out the following survey. Your input is greatly valued and assists the Alumni Association in providing programs and activities for alumni members, meeting regulatory requirements for Clarkson College and updating alumni information.

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Do you view past issues of the Alumni Times online?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to continue reading stories about current Clarkson College students?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any professional or personal stories that would make interesting future articles in the Alumni Times newsletter?

- No, I do not have any stories I would like to share at this time.
- Yes. Please describe:

List topics of interest that you would like to see in the newsletter.

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Alumni Class Notes

Class notes are published in the January/February and July/August editions of the Alumni Times. We are always happy to hear from alumni and want to share the information with others. If you have a story or information that you would like to share in this section, please let us know. Information can pertain to achievements, awards, marriages, births, deaths, travel and other significant news.

When sending information, please include maiden name, if applicable, program and year(s) of graduation. E-mail your information to vanfleet@clarksoncollege.edu, call 402.552.3516 or write to Alumni Coordinator, Clarkson College, 101 South 42nd Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

Susan Bristol (’78)

I joined the Clarkson College Alumni Association Board last year in hopes of reconnecting to the College that helped form my life’s work. It has been an amazing experience to see what the Alumni Association does for the students, alumni and community. The “behind-the-scenes” look has been very enlightening and has given me a new appreciation of “my roots at Clarkson College.” I would encourage all alumni to become more active in the association and see for yourselves.

I continue to work as a “casual” or supplemental staff at Methodist Women’s Hospital in the NICU. The babies are my first love, and I have fellow alumni, Sue Knutsen, to thank for that! As a student, I had no clue I would be so interested in the care of small babies, but Sue convinced me to give it a try. Many of you probably have people who influence you in your career. It is interesting to think about.

I do freelance writing and work on newsletters and brochures at my church and my workplace. I write whatever and whenever I can. I have some personal projects I am working on, as well. I plunged into the digital world this year and started a blog on WordPress. Its title is “I Write. Therefore, I Am,” and I’m an ‘addict.” I must write something every day or I am lost. The blog has been a great outlet. I also am an Irish music enthusiast and blog on my other site called “Celtic Omaha.”

I post weekly events such as band appearances at local pubs. You can find my blog by visiting sgradybristol.wordpress.com. I belong to a wonderful writer’s group that meets in Fremont as well as a couple of critique groups in Omaha. They all keep me on my toes and help me hone my writing skills.

My husband and I have overcome “empty nest” syndrome and are enjoying our time alone with the cat. Our oldest son and his wife live in the Chicago area, so we make frequent visits to the Windy City to see our two little granddaughters, ages 5 and 18 months. Our middle son got married last summer and lives in Omaha. Our youngest son is in transition, substitute teaching and working at Hy-Vee in Lincoln. He will move to Indianapolis this summer.

I developed neuropathy (non-diabetic), and my primary doctor sent me to see a neurologist. It turns out I saw Dr. Goldiner. Remember him? It was amazing to see him and reminisce about Clarkson College. We had a nice visit during my appointment. He has many fond memories of Clarkson College. I don’t think we left anyone waiting too long in the waiting room as we chatted!

I hope to see some of my classmates at the alumni events coming up in September.

Lorraine Zachary (’79)

Do volunteer nursing with various organizations.

Cyndi McCullough (’81, ’93)

Shares the recent presentations she has given:

> ICONS & Innovations webinar series: The design impact of the new bed tower on patients and staff at Central Washington Hospital.

> ICONS & Innovations webinar series: Implementing LEAN strategies and the eight steps of evidence-based design in order to increase caregiver efficiency.

> Steps for the future—Measuring the nurses’ experience at Children’s Hospital Association Leadership meeting in New Orleans.


> Beverly Bethart (’88)

Retired from critical care in June 2013. Moved to Virginia to become a farmer. I will be raising goats and honey bees.

2000s

Debra Johansen (’04)

My husband Andrew and I are the proud parents of a daughter, Audrey Ross, who was born Nov. 1, 2013. She was welcomed home by her siblings Anna, 7, Alice, 6, and Jake, 3.

IN MEMORIUM

Class of 1951


Class of 1972


LOOKING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FORMER CLASSMATES?

> The Alumni office would love to help you in your efforts to reconnect. If you are looking to touch base with a former classmate, contact Rita VarFleat at varfleat@clarksoncollege.edu or 402.552.3516.

> The contact information is not released without obtaining consent.

ALUMNI WEEKEND SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER

A fun way to reminisce about your college days with your fellow alumni, this year’s Alumni Weekend is on Sept. 18–19. View complete details and register for the events on page 10.

Remembering Wendell Oderkirk

Former nursing professor & historian dies at 70

Former Clarkson College nursing professor Wendell W. Oderkirk, 70, died May 2, 2014, at his residence in Las Cruces, N.M. Dr. Oderkirk was born March 17, 1944 in Glendale, Calif. to Dorr and Edith Oderkirk. He taught at Clarkson College from 1990-96 and later accepted a nursing professor position at New Mexico State University.

Dr. Oderkirk’s family remembers him as a loving husband, father, a magnificent humanitarian and an incredible man of God. His family wrote: "All was reflected in his life’s work and even more so in his family. He will be forever celebrated and greatly missed.”

Only a handful or so of current Clarkson College employees had the privilege of working with Dr. Oderkirk during his tenure at the College. Dean of Nursing Dr. Aubray Orduña remembers him as someone who loved history and who was very caring about his students. “He was very active at the College, particularly in curriculum development. He was very quiet, reserved and gentle.”

Larry Vinson, Director of Technology and Computer Services, describes him as a wonderful faculty member and colleague. "When I first came to Clarkson College after retiring from the USAF, he helped familiarize me with the various aspects of the College and made my transition easier. He was a quiet, scholarly man who planned well and was very organized and professional." Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Gloria Gross concurred that Dr. Oderkirk was a great teacher who loved nursing history.

Clarkson College also remembers Dr. Oderkirk for his book “Learning to Care. A century of nursing education,” which chronicles the evolution of Bishop Clarkson College from 1888-1988. In the prelude of the book, which was published in 1988, Dr. Oderkirk notes the importance of seeing time as a tool to record and research history. A historian uses time to locate, analyze and accurately summarize even unlikely sources of information. Time is the screwdriver a historian plates to into the rusted and scarred vestiges of forgotten decades. This centennial history was compiled in about six months—a sufficient period of time it would seem until one considers how long a century is. Because the College had no records of its first two decades, it found it necessary to spend a disproportionate amount of time researching the school’s earliest years at the expense of researching later periods. I can confidently say that no one is more aware than I of the variety of materials not fully researched or represented here; However, the centennial history would not likely exist except for Patricia Perry’s (former Clarkson College President) belief that the past merits active preservation. Her historical sense has ensured the College is taking steps to maintain, present and cherish its history.
Perserverance Through the Trials Leads to Inspiration  

The story of one current student's journey that fueled her desire to care for others

By Rita VanFleet, Alumni Coordinator

Graduation from any school is always a day to remember. For Nisha Harris, graduating from Clarkson College in the fall of 2013, was not only a day to remember but the beginning of one of the most challenging chapters in her young life.

During her courses, she was frequently fatigued and endured several infections. She had been seen by her physicians and undergone tests. On Friday, May 13, 2011, her suspected diagnosis of leukemia (MDS, Myelodysplastic Syndrom) was confirmed. This diagnosis is the same as what Robin Roberts of “Good Morning America” battled. The plan of treatment the physicians laid out for her was high-dose chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. Without that, she could only expect to live one to one-and-a-half years. This is a difficult diagnosis to hear for any parent, but it was especially hard for Nisha to share with hers. This was the second time a member of her immediate family had been diagnosed with leukemia.

Nisha is the youngest of four daughters: Nichole Lynn, Natalie Lee, Natahle Love and herself Nisha Leah. When Nisha was 3 years old, her 7-year-old sister, Natalie, was diagnosed with leukemia. She lived one month after diagnosis. Nisha remembers spending that Christmas in the hospital visiting with Natalie. Nisha smiles when she tells you she looked a lot like Natalie. She also relays that the three surviving sisters are very close. Upon Nisha’s diagnosis, her two sisters, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and close family members were by her side. Primarily that was her husband, parents, sisters, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and close family and friends. They all played important roles in care-giving—both emotionally and physically—during her diagnosis and treatment. Nisha stressed how each individual played an important role in supporting and encouraging her through this challenging period. She and her family were very close prior to her diagnosis and are even closer now.

Nisha refers to 2012 as her “foggy year,” as the year’s events. She clearly remembers the beginning of 2013 as a recovery time for Nisha. The beginning of 2013 was a recovery time for Nisha. Thanks to the influence of the nurses she encountered throughout her many hospitalizations, Nisha decided to change her professional career path from a surgical technologist to a registered nurse. After her exposure to many different nurses throughout treatment, her goal is to be a role model of a good nurse and to try everything she can to make things better for her patients. With this goal in mind, she enrolled in the Nursing program at Clarkson College and started her studies in fall 2013.

Calm & peace found through the storm

In talking with Nisha, it was amazing to witness how stoically she had accepted her extreme difficulties with all of the complications post-transplant, recovery, fall, surgeries and additional recovery periods. She shared that her family was extremely important through all of it. At all times, she had a family member with her during her hospitalizations and while at home. Primarily that was her husband, parents, sisters, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and close family and friends. They all played important roles in care-giving—both emotionally and physically—during her diagnosis and treatment. Nisha stressed how each individual played an important role in supporting and encouraging her through this challenging period. She and her family were very close prior to her diagnosis and are even closer now.

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During her hospitalizations, she would sing hymns such as “This Little Light of Mine,” “Angels Are Among Us,” as well as others, which brought her comfort. Nisha lives by the philosophy of “life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it.” During the most difficult times, she would daily focus on what she had to do to overcome the current issue and would live day to day, which she continues to do.

Lessons learned & shared with others

Nisha wants to make certain that all health care professionals learn at least one thing from her story besides compassion. She asks that we do not tell a patient “I understand” because she has learned from all of her experiences that until you have personally walked the walk, you cannot talk. She said to make to the patient’s situation the least it can be at the time. Nisha is excited for her graduation, barring any additional “mountains” to cross and to begin helping and caring for others.

She and her husband Matt have a saying in their home: “Life takes us to unexpected places, but love brings us home.” They have a very strong faith and display a cross in their yard that simply says “Believe.” When she relayed her story, she light up in her eyes and gentle smile on her face were evident of her acceptance of what she has been through and her eagerness to see what a yet to come.

Nisha truly enjoys her classes at Clarkson College and has extreme drive and determination to meet her goal of becoming a registered nurse. She would like to work in oncology after graduation.

The Writing Lab

The Writing Lab continues to provide both face-to-face and synchronous online appointments. The number of appointments has continued to increase each year since 2009 when the Writing Lab was first introduced. All Clarkson College students are encouraged to contact the Writing Lab for help with beginning assignments, researching, writing a thesis statement, organizing ideas and APA formatting.

Program directors, faculty members and students appreciate the flexibility and excellent service provided by the Writing Lab and applaud all the time and effort by Katie Kirkpatrick, our current Writing Lab Coordinator.
Fifth Floor Renovation Project
By Tony Damesworth, Vice President of Operations

During the last accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission, it was recommended that Clarkson College create private offices for its faculty. In order to meet that recommendation and create a more comfortable and private faculty work setting, a renovation project began May 2014. The project will completely renovate the fifth floor of the main building, which currently has 36 cubic work spaces for faculty. The cubicles were removed, and 32 private faculty offices are being constructed and furnished with new furniture. Additionally, the fifth floor reception area that houses two administrative assistants responsible for assisting faculty will be renovated to feature a more inviting service counter and a glass wall looking out to the elevator lobby.

The planning of this project has been ongoing for over a year, and the project will be completed by August 2014. There is a very short timeline for this project, as it was strategically scheduled during the summer semester to minimize operational disruption.

The project received financial support of approximately $450,000 from the Clarkson Regional Health Services Foundation in order to make the renovation possible.

SGA Inauguration
By Mikaela Knipe, Marketing Specialist

Student Government Association (SGA) held its annual inauguration ceremony April 10 in Howard Hall. The evening began with a welcoming speech delivered by 2013–14 SGA President Amanda Hanlin. Presidents of various student organizations across campus were also in attendance to discuss their organizations’ goals and accomplishments of the past year.

The inauguration ceremony is also the time of year when SGA distributes various awards to members of the Clarkson College community. The Student Practical Nurse Association received the undergraduate Organization of the Year Award, Bill Scholfield, Campus Maintenance, received the Faculty/Staff/Administration of the Year Award, and Amanda Hanlin received the SGA Member of the Year Award. All of the awards are voted on by the current SGA members.

New this year was the Excellence in Student Leadership Award, which honors two graduating students from either the spring, summer or December graduating classes. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply, and the recipients are selected by the College program directors.

Dr. Burgher led the reading of the inauguration oath, which all new and returning executive officers and representatives are required to recite. The ceremony concluded with an acceptance speech from Caeli Faust, the 2014-15 President.

Sigma Alpha Pi Inducts 130+
By Carla Dirkschneider, Health Care Business Director

The Clarkson College Sigma Alpha Pi chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) inducted more than 130 students to the Honor Society on April 9. An estimated 75 students and approximately 50 guests attended the induction ceremony held in Howard Hall.

The ceremony began with Sigma Alpha Pi President Rachel Kunkle discussing the highlights and benefits of being a member of the NSLS. The requirements for members to be inducted into the honor society are to maintain a 3.0 CGPA, attend Orientation, participate in Leadership Training Day, view three speaker broadcasts and participate in three success networking team meetings.

Deborah Ista, Executive Director of Neurosciences and Orthopedics for The Nebraska Medical Center, provided the keynote address. Her address depicted her experiences with becoming a leader and provided helpful suggestions on how to demonstrate leadership abilities in their daily job functions.

The Sigma Alpha Pi Executive Board participated in the awards and honors presentation to faculty, staff and students from all graduate and undergraduate academic programs.

The 2013-14 Sigma Alpha Pi Executive Board included President Rachel Kunkle, B.S.N. student; Vice President Brittnie Maria, B.S.N. student; Member Outreach Chair Anastasia Atayi, B.S.N. student; SNT Coordinator Amber Melkus-Harter, MHA student; Technology Coordinator Anthony Miller, B.S.N. student; on-campus advisor Carla Dirkschneider, Health Care Business Director, and online advisor Karen Abbond, Physical Therapist Assistant Instructor.

For more information about joining Sigma Alpha Pi, contact Carla Dirkschneider at dirkschneider@clarksoncollege.edu.

Practical Nursing: Program Recap
By Aubrey Orufolo, Dean of Nursing

In 2003, Clarkson College initiated the first part-time Practical Nursing (PNP) program in the state of Nebraska. This option was selected to meet the needs of the non-traditional student, which facilitated concurrent enrollment in nursing school while continuing a full-time work schedule. Enrollment was limited to only once a year with 10 to 20 students in each class in order to keep tuition and costs affordable.

With the assistance of Cathie Rongish, M.S.N., a Student Practical Nurse Association was charted and officially recognized by the Clarkson College Student Government Association. The PN Association was very active on campus and within the community, and the organization was awarded the Student Organization Impact Award for their community service by the Nebraska LPN Association in 2013.

In the past year, the Student Practical Nurse Association was recognized by the College Student Government Association.

Historically, approximately 30 percent or greater of the graduates continued on to Registered Nurse programs, as the College Licensed Practical Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program allowed transition into the third year of the BSN program. Our PN graduates were also preferred by employers, and the College often received accolades regarding their exceptional competence.

As a part of the Clarkson College strategic planning, a team reviewed aspects of the program during the 2013-14 academic year, and the decision was made to close the program after submission of the summer 2014 incoming class. Nursing administration has developed a plan to teach out the existing classes and assist students who may need to transition to other programs.

Radiologic Technology Students Win Statewide Quiz Bowl
By Mikaela Knipe, Marketing Specialist

It may be time for Clarkson College to invest in a trophy case. After last year’s nail-biting loss against Southeast Community College, the Radiologic Technology (RT) students and coaches arrived at the Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologists (NSRT) annual conference in Grand Island on April 24 bound and determined to take home the victory. It came down to the final question—the one that could win it all for the teams into a five-question tie-breaker round.

With a quick smack on the buzzer and a fearless response, Clarkson College walked away as first-time champions.

Two teams from each of the six participating schools, which included Clarkson College, UNMC, Western Health Center, Alegent Creighton, Mary Lanning and Lincoln Southeast Community College, participated in the student bowl. The teams were asked 21 questions in each competing round. The team with the most points then proceeded on to the next round, while the losing team faced off in the third round.

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“Got to bring home the trophy, which has been travelling to the winning school since 1977,” said Trish Weber, who coached the students alongside fellow faculty Kelly Wise. Each student and coach also received a medal. Winning team members included second-year students Jessica Wirth, Taylor Schwieger, Jaime Hoge and alternate Dustin Hahn. The other Clarkson College team consisted of students Michelle Glow, Kelly Sindelar, Shelby Waite and alternates Lon Enridge, Justin Bauer and Lindy Randel.

Each student underwent intense training leading up to the competition. Weber and Eaton, met with them on a weekly basis since January to write, review and answer practice questions. Two weeks prior to the competition, the coaches pulled the teams together for a face-to-face challenge. The training also served as good preparation for their upcoming board exams.

The NSRT conference also hosted a symposium in which students from different schools were paired together, presented with a specific topic in radiology and asked to perform a skit using various props. Two Clarkson College students, Michelle Glow and Sara Waddell, were on the winning team and each received a cash prize.

Seeing as it’s a traveling trophy, a case may not be a necessary investment, after all. However, one thing is for sure—the students know what it takes to win the gold, and their coaches are going to use the winnings from this year’s win as motivation to bring home more victories in the years to come.

50 guests attended the induction ceremony, and Amanda Hanlin received the SGA Member of the Year Award. All of the awards are voted on by the current SGA members.

New this year was the Excellence in Student Leadership Award, which honors two graduating students from either the spring, summer or December graduating classes. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply, and the recipients are selected by the College program directors.
Student Receives Two Scholarships from American Physical Therapy Association

By Mikaela Knappe, Marketing Specialist

For the second year in a row, a Clarkson Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) student was awarded the annual American Physical Therapist Association (APTA) Minority Scholarship in the amount of $2,000. This year’s recipient, Theresa Hoffmann, raised the bar with the news that she was also the recipient of the annual APTA Mary McMillan Scholarship in the amount of $3,000. Both scholarships consider scholastic performance, past productivity, evidence of potential contribution to physical therapy and service to the APTA.

“I feel humbled to be given this recognition,” said Theresa, a native of Korea and transfer student in her final year of the PTA program. Theresa enrolled in the program in fall 2012 with many accomplishments behind her. Aside from already holding a Bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in chemistry, Theresa also volunteered in the Peace Corps from 2007—2009 in Caracas, Grenada and the West Indies. In 2013, she gained certification as a Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance instructor—an advancement she says has been an invaluable asset to her personal and professional life.

Theresa’s decision to return to school to earn a degree in PTA came from her desire to work in a field where she could empower people. “I feel like I can share pertinent information/techniques to better someone’s life,” she says. “My personal practice in martial arts is very body/movement-oriented, and physical therapy on a whole works well with my health and wellness practices.”

“What I feel is truly exceptional about Theresa is that she is an exceptional person,” says PTA Program Director Dr. Andrea Niebel, who praised Theresa for her volunteer work in the Peace Corps and service to the local community beyond that which is required in the PTA program. “She was also elected the Clarkson College PTA student body secretary last year, has written wonderful class updates for the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association newsletter, made the dean’s list every semester, and always has time to help a classmate. Theresa will make a wonderful addition to any rehab team, and we are all very proud of her accomplishments!”

The APTA has invited Theresa to attend the 2014 NEXT Conference and Exposition in Charlotte, N.C. on June 12 where she will be presented with her awards. While attendance is optional, the Clarkson College Alumni Association has graciously offered a grant to help fund Theresa’s travel expenses and guarantee her on being elected for the awards.

Upon graduating in August 2014, Theresa hopes to continue her work with alternative therapies and underscored populations, either through a physical therapy/medical clinic or out in the community.

April 2014 Clarkson College Graduates

Academic Excellence Awards

Presented to the graduate in each program with the highest grade point average.

- Kristina Ann Brown
- Undergraduate Health Care Business

- Laurens Shirk
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

- Cheryl Lynn Tidiane
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Jena Sue Zalaukas
- Master in Health Care Administration

- Gayla Marie Davis
- Master of Science in Nursing

Certificate in Imaging Informatics

- Nicole Leigh Carroll
- Kyla Beth Hartog
- Elizabeth Jane Kroeger
- Rafael Anthony Maldonado

- Laurens Shirk

- Associate of Science in Health Information Management

- Carrie A. Lozano
- Brittany Chai’s Thomas

- Associate of Science in Health Information Technology

- Kristina Ann Brown
- Rachel Marie Ishii

- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Business in Health Information Administration

- Amy B. Bradley
- Angela Kathleen Diasalvo
- Cynthia Susan Stewart
- Scott Kincard Woodworth

- Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

- Nicole Leigh Carroll
- Melissa Kay Elkins
- Tara Forest
- Kyla Beth Hartog
- Elizabeth Jane Kroeger
- Rafael Anthony Maldonado

 Laurens Shirk

- Abby Marie Tuning
- Alexandria Marah Vogel

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Victoria Mae Arnold
- Anastasia M. Alayi
- Bak-Vena Komla Badjaglana
- Teresa Jean Basele
- Cary Jane Bremsdah
- Jessica Joy Budza
- Erin Rachel Budach
- Michelle Marie Collins
- Maureen Janier Davis
- Michael E. DeSoto
- Kandice Lynn Donner
- Helen Marie Efem
- Amy J. Fink
- Janice Lynn Fritsch
- Jade Nicole Gearhart
- Nathan Daniel Gibilisco
- Leon Gildersleeve Jr.
- Amanda Jo Harlin
- Meredith Anna Hellman
- Katherine Suzanne Herrera
- Ashley Nicole Hoppie
- Erin Colleen Johnson
- Christine A. Kolmack
- Kourtney Nicole Kubica
- Lyndsey A. Lynch
- Kayla Rae Maxe
- Shawanda Rocha Mapp
- Andrew J. Mattes
- Dana Nicole McGill
- Margaret Messersmith
- Van Thuy Nguyen
- Adriynne Nicole Orduña
- Leslie Pelster
- Kelsey Lauren Pollock
- Mia Redding
- Stephanie Robinette
- Rachel Jean Schauf
- Courtney Schooley
- Carrie Joe Storn
- Phatthawan Sukwasan
- Cheryl Lynn Tidiane

- Chelsea Troutsman
- Lindsay Marie

- Vanlindanging
- Jessica Elizabeth Walker

- Brittny Margaret Waterman
- Marquetta Williamson
- Christina Marie Ydakas
- Hannah Elise Zehnder

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Information Administration

- Laura Eileen Harrison
- Jasmine Kay Konty

Master in Health Care Administration

- Daniel Joseph Feilmeier
- Kristi Lee Sirkel
- Jenna Sue Zalaukas

Master of Science in Nursing

- Jessica Marie Bachmann
- Megan Lynn Broughton
- Marie Mathur Burrows
- Gaiye Marie Davis
- Heidi Suzanne Engstler
- Kelly Renee Goetschels
- Amy Sue Hemley
- Jennifer Cotene Hirschlbrunner
- Leesa Marie LaCanne
- Brandon Johnson

Lauren Kay Carson
- Gina Michelle Latham
- Amy Diane Loffredo
- Maria Pauline Long
- Carl Dale Markley
- Tammy Sue Yamar
- Angie Marie Oakley II
- Emily Margaret Olesen
- Stephanie A. Prisster
- Cindy R. Teadale
- Marcy Thennes
- Kell Sue Thiesen
- Andrew James Wakin

Post-Master’s Certificate in Health Care Administration

- Liane Marie Connelly
- Nichole Lynn Niehus

Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing

- Haubler Marie Casper McLaury
- Theresa Marie Doolittle
- Nicholas John Franssen
- Brain Rene’ Jones
- Stephanie Jean Resilux
- Colleen Marie Ross

Honors are distinguished by:

- Summa Cum Laude 3.85 and above
- Magna Cum Laude 3.75 through 3.84
- With Distinction 3.50 through 3.64

Honors societies at the College:

- Member of Delta Chapter Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
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- Member of National Society of Leadership and Success Sigma Alpha Pi
- Interdisciplinary Honor Society

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Academic Honors

Academic honors are conferred on Bachelor of Science and Associate of Science degree candidates who, upon graduation, distinguish themselves by maintaining a high cumulative grade point average. To qualify for academic honors, students must have completed the minimum number of required residency hours.

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Are you looking for an unusual European destination next spring? Grab your favorite travel companion and fly with us to the Czech Republic and Austria on May 3–14. During your 12-day adventure, you’ll travel back in time to the mighty Hapsburg Empire, immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of Old Europe. Highlights include the Vienna Opera House, Schönbrunn Palace, Křikoklat Castle, Bohemian glassworks factory tour, Budejovice (Budweis) brewery tour, medieval towns along the Danube, a Vienna hospital visit and four traditional dinners, including a Heuriger wine dinner. You also have two free days to plan your own adventures.

All travelers enjoy the same student rate of $3,599, which includes round-trip airfare (from Omaha), ground transportation, double accommodations in 3- & 4-star hotels, medical and travel insurance, private deluxe motor coach and expert local guides, private tour manager, daily breakfast and admission fees for all activities on the itinerary.

Questions & additional trip information
Contact Dr. Patricia Brennan, Academic Travel Abroad Coordinator, at 402.552.6125 or brennan@clarksoncollege.edu. The itinerary and registration form may also be found under the Alumni & Friends tab at ClarksonCollege.edu.