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A DIVERSE LOOK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS

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Presidents Past

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Minneapolis Star Tribune

The search for the University of Minnesota's 14th president prompted the Star Tribune to look at the 13 who have gone before. Says the article: "A hint to recall the names: The first 10 have buildings on the Twin Cities campuses named for them."

William Watts Folwell-Born in Romulus, N.Y.; lived 1833-1929; president 1869-84. Academic fields: languages, mathematics, political science.

Cyrus Northrop-Born in Connecticut; lived 1834-1922; president 1884-1911. Academic field: law.

George Edgar Vincent-Born in Rockford, Ill.; lived 1864-1941; president 1911-17. Academic field: sociology.

Marion Leroy Burton-Born near Brooklyn, Iowa; lived 1874-1925; president 1917-20. Academic fields: theology and philosophy.

Lotus D. Coffman-Born in Indiana; lived 1875-1938; president 1920-38. Academic field: education.

Guy Stanton Ford-Born in Kenosha Co., Wis.; lived 1873-1962; president 1938-41. Academic field: history.

Walter Castella Coffey-Born near Hartsville, Ind.; lived 1876-1956; president 1941-45. Academic field: agriculture.

James Lewis Morrill-Born in Marion, Ohio; lived 1891-1979; president 1945-60. Academic fields: journalism and education.

O. Meredith Wilson-Born in Mexico. Lived 1909-present; president 1960-67. Academic field: history.

Malcolm Moos-Born in St. Paul; lived 1916-82; president 1967-74. Academic field: political science.

C. Peter Magrath-Born in New York City; lived 1933-present; president 1974-84. Academic field: political science.

Kenneth Keller-Born in New York City; lived 1934-present; president 1985-88. Academic fields: chemical engineering and materials science.

Nils Hasselmo-Born in Kola, Sweden; lived 1931-present; president 1989-present. Academic fields: Scandinavian literature and languages.

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Board of regents names Mark Yudof as next University president

University of Minnesota News Service

Mark Yudof, executive vice president and provost of the University of Texas at Austin since 1994, was named the 14th president of the University of Minnesota by a unanimous vote of the board of regents December 13.

Yudof, 52, will assume the post July 1, 1997, upon the retirement of university President Nils Hasselmo, who has served since 1989. Yudof's salary will be \$225,000. Currently, Hasselmo receives \$183,000, and Yudof \$205,000 in his Texas post.

Yudof has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served for 10 years as dean of the University of Texas School of Law before becoming executive vice president and provost. In that post, he initiated many improvements in undergraduate education at the Austin campus, including an extensive revision of undergraduate advising; an Academy of Distinguished Teachers to recognize and reward outstanding teachers, especially those who teach undergraduates; and a freshman seminar program that aims to give all entering freshmen a small-class experience.

As an administrator, Yudof has a reputation for commitment to scholarship. While dean of the University of Texas School of Law, he created -- and raised funding for -- a program to allow regular sabbaticals to faculty wishing to pursue scholarly activities. In his personal legal work, he is an authority on school finance and has written widely on such topics as school desegregation and property taxes. His book *When Government Speaks: Politics, Law, and Government Expression in America*, won him

the Meritorious Book Award from the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects in 1983 and a Certificate of Merit from the American Bar Association in 1984. He has also received the Student Bar Association Teaching Excellence Award (1974-75), the Chicano Law Students Association Recognition Award (1990), the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society Award (1990) and the Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League (1991). Yudof is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation and holds the James A. Elkins Centennial Chair in Law at the University of Texas.



DR. MARK G. YUDOF

"Provost Yudof was selected by the people of Minnesota," said Tom Reagan, chair of the board of regents. "The board travelled the state, listening to citizen concerns about the qualities they wanted in a president. Provost Yudof represents the best of those qualities -- a commitment to keeping the university accessible to the people while improving its status as one of the top

research universities in the world."

Yudof was selected as a finalist by an 11-member volunteer Presidential Search Advisory Committee charged with recommending potential candidates for the position of president last June. The finalists came from a field of approximately 200 nominees, of whom 50 became active candidates.

Jenny Nellis is Horace T. Morse Award recipient

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Maybe it's because she finds teaching undergraduate students exciting.

Jennifred Nellis, professor of studio art at the University of Minnesota, Morris, isn't certain why she was chosen as a recipient of this year's Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award. But she is certain of the fact that she enjoys teaching.

"Students come to UMM at one stage and leave at a different stage," said Nellis. "They change and grow; many of them stay in touch after they've left here. I like seeing who they've become. A number of them have careers in the arts or are attending graduate school in art."

As an award recipient, Nellis receives an engraved sculpture, lapel pin, and a certificate. In addition, she will receive a continuous salary augmentation and her discipline will be given \$2,500 for three years, for her use. As a measure of her commitment to her students and to UMM, she has definite plans to put the funds to good use in the form of a computer lab for studio art and art history, safety equipment for the sculpture studio, and replacement of worn tools.

During the 1995-96 academic year, up to 10 University of Minnesota faculty were selected to receive the award, reflecting the University's increased em-



JENNY NELLIS

-photo by Jason Jaglo

phasis on the importance of high-quality undergraduate education. Recipients are evaluated on the basis of outstanding contributions to undergraduate education in five categories: teaching, advising, research and artistic activities, academic program development, and educational leadership.

"I am pleased and honored to receive this award," added Nellis. "There are so many fine teachers at UMM."

Nellis received her masters of fine arts and masters of arts degrees in ceramics/sculpture, both from the University of Iowa, and a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Nebraska.

She has been employed full time at UMM since September 1978, initially as an instructor of sculpture and ceramics, and

presently as professor of studio art. Nellis is a member of the College Art Association of America, the Women's Caucus for Art, and is on the board of directors for the Women's Art Registry of Minnesota. Her work is part of the permanent collections in the Sprague Art Gallery, Joliet (Ill.) Junior College; the Fine Arts Gallery at UMM; and Masur Museum, Monroe, La. She has continuously contributed to the UMM community in a variety of ways, including the development of a topics course, "Artists Books"; a workshop called Professional Skills for Artists, offered by UMM University College/Continuing Education and Extension; and ce-

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clippings

President Hasselmo to Visit

University of Minnesota president Nils Hasselmo was scheduled for his next-to-the-last visit to UMM as University president on February 18. He held a press conference, met with campus administrators and student leaders, presided at a campus Open Forum and an afternoon faculty seminar and was the guest of honor at a dinner in Oyate Hall. The president is also scheduled to be the keynote speaker at this year's Commencement ceremonies on June 13.

Interactive Voice Response

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) on touchtone telephones is a new way for students to receive grades and other information from the Student Data Base. Grades will continue to be available via computer through the Student Access System, but transcripts on paper will no longer be distributed at the end of each quarter. Students can call the Morris Student Line or the University of Minnesota campus nearest their home.

Triple the Jazz!

This year's Jazz Fest performances will be offered three nights, April 10, 11, and 12; each evening at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium. Guest artists are John Patitucci and Bill Prince. For ticket information, contact the Office of Student Activities, (320) 589-6080.

Return to Fireside Chats

A room-warming rug and an arrangement of comfortable, lounge-type seating has been added around the fireplace in the Alumni Room of Oyate Hall in the Student Center. This cozy, relaxed arrangement is a permanent fixture to the room.

GLBT Resource Center

The student organization, E-Quality, announced the opening of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Allied Resource Center, located in the lower level of the P.E. Annex. The Center, staffed by UMM students, faculty and staff, offers publications relevant to GLBT issues, and is dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe, confidential space for people to open dialogue, learn and communicate about issues of diverse sexuality. For more information call 320/589-6091, or write to E-Quality, U M M # 4 5 S C . e - m a i l : Equality@cda.mrs.umn.edu/ or http://cda.mrs.umn.edu/~pehng/Equality/office/

Dance Ensemble

Six student members of the UMM Dance Ensemble participated in a Regional American College Dance Festival in February. Their performance included two dances; one choreographed by Nicole Herdina ('97), Olivia, and one by ensemble adviser, Ferolyn Angell. Other students who participated were Kathryn Buckle ('00), Tyler; Kim Carlson ('99), Morris; Jeremy Lopez ('96), Morris; Marcy Rakow ('99), Nicollet; and Kalynn Schulz ('97), Sioux Falls, S.D.

NATS Results

Ten students competed in the 1996 Regional NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) auditions in November. They are Sangeetha Appavoo, Michael Trosvig, Frederick Ballew, Stephanie Foley, Tara Zeise, Patricia Dorn, Chad Van Heel, Janel Lundebrek, Devon Leppink, and Susan Schleder. Appavoo and Ziese advanced to the semi-finals in their respective divisions. Karin Wolverton, who was studying at the U of M, Minneapolis at the time of the competition, won the finals competition in her division. Judging the competition were UMM music faculty, Janet Ahern and Barbara Larson.

Cougar Bus Leaves the Driving to ?

Word has it that the infamous Cougar bus will be retired when longtime driver Art Durkee does the same this summer. Plans are underway to call for bids to outsource future transportation for Cougar athletic teams, science field trips and the like.

Deformed frog study has UMM Origin

Study begun by David Hoppe in 1975 now gains nationwide attention

SEAN ANDERSON ('00) Fergus Falls

University of Minnesota, Morris professor of biology, David Hoppe, has recently had his name included in newspapers all over the world. Publications in places such as France and the Soviet Union have paid close attention to his work. The reason: his study of deformed frogs.

Hoppe, along with scientists from the University's St. Paul campus and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, have been studying the recent rise in the number of deformed frogs found in Minnesota. This past summer two UMM students joined Hoppe in his research; four UMM students continue to work on the project.

Deformed frogs began their climb to national status when middle school teacher Cindy Reinitz took a group of students on a field trip to a farm in the town of Henderson in south central Minnesota. The students found 22 deformed frogs during that field trip. Reinitz alerted several wildlife biologists and the frogs were eventually reported to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. That was on August 8, 1995.

However, Hoppe has been studying frogs since 1975.

"Until last year, I saw two deformed frogs; this past summer we found over 200," Hoppe stated. "There were reports of deformed frogs before 1996. We hoped that the cases were rare and had gone away. We never anticipated to find what we did."

Thus, Hoppe started working with the deformed frogs in 1994 after a finding in Granite Falls. He is one of only two or three herpetologists in the state of Minnesota.

The reason that deformed frogs are of such interest, says Hoppe, is that they are considered to be like canaries in a coal mine. They are used as indicators of ecological trouble. Amphibians spend half of their time in the water and half of their time on land. This can make them an easy victim of contamination. A frog's eggs don't have shells and can easily be affected by pollution. Frogs also have a thin, sensitive layer of skin that is susceptible to environmental factors.

Hoppe worked primarily with University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus scientist Robert McKinnell and the two UMM students, Erik Mottl ('96), Roseville, and Mike Schneider ('97), Little Falls, over the summer. Mottl graduated in the spring and Schneider is a senior this year. Mottl and Schneider worked directly with Hoppe throughout the summer doing field surveys and looking for different species of deformed frogs.

The team found significant numbers of deformed frogs right in the Morris area. Hoppe said that of the six populations studied in Stevens County four had significant numbers of deformities. The highest deformity percentage was five percent. "It got to the point that we were thankful if we could find a population without a deformity," Hoppe said. The most important thing about finding the deformities in other species of frogs was that it gave the team of scientists a way to narrow down the possibilities of where the amphibians could have come in contact with whatever caused the deformities. Hoppe said



LIFE ON THE LILY PAD Frogs, such as the three-legged variety pictured above, are the subject of Hoppe's research. -photo by David Morrison ('97) Deer River

that all the species have a common link to the breeding pond.

The findings were not just limited to Minnesota either. Significant deformed frog populations were found in Vermont, California, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Other countries — Canada, Japan, France and Russia — also have had deformed frog findings. "I received photos from a man in Japan that showed frogs with deformities in

development on tadpoles. Morris Academic Partners undertake assignments that enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study. Projects involve assisting faculty and professional staff in research and/or teaching.

Menke is working through the grant under which both Schneider and Mottl worked. Menke is a research assistant looking into the parasite hypothesis proposed by a California scientist. He will be examining preserved frogs for flatworm cysts.

Scott is also working as a research assistant and will be examining the role of selenium in leg defects. Selenium is an additive used in cattle feed. "There is quite a lot of evidence of selenium causing problems with birds," explained Hoppe.

Rigenhagen is working through the UMM directed study program. She will be growing tadpoles in different concentrations of a hormone to see what happens. She will be using a hormone given to dairy cattle to increase their growth.

Hoppe will continue to be involved in the frog research throughout the year as well. He is currently busy writing grant proposals and reports. He is part of an ongoing conference held in the form of an electronic symposium over the Internet. Hoppe says that there will be intense research done again this coming summer on the frogs, and that many other organizations will join in to try to find out why the frogs are affected.

As far as Hoppe's other students are concerned, he doesn't spend a great deal of time working directly with them concerning the deformed frogs. "I

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"We were the first to find deformities in a wood frog population right at the West Central Experiment Station (located in Morris). That was a major breakthrough to finding the deformities in other species. Mike, Erik and I found deformities in six different species of frogs and toads."

Dr. David Hoppe

the front limbs. That was different because most the deformities we have found are in the hind legs," Hoppe said.

UMM students -- Christina Larson ('98), Springfield; Sean Menke ('99), Edina; Ryan Scott ('98), Stillwater; and Rachel Rigenhagen ('96), Appleton, will continue the study of the deformed frogs throughout this academic year.

Larson is working with the project through a UMM program called Morris Academic Partners. She is studying the effect of pesticide on tadpole growth. Christina will be looking at the new mosquito pesticide, methopryne, and how it could possibly affect the leg

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FOCUS ON/UMM'S Extended Family

The following article, originally published as part of a special focus on women, was reprinted with permission from the Fergus Falls Daily Journal. Dennis and Jan Trosvig's son, Mike, is a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Trosvig family to leave legacy of buildings in Fergus Falls area

BRIDGET BUESING Daily Journal

When Jan Trosvig was a little girl, she and her parents would go out on a Sunday afternoon drive to take a look at the buildings her father's company was working on.

Years later, Jan and her husband, Dennis, own All Building Corporation, fulfilling a dream her father, Lyle Anderson had.

"He would be thrilled," Jan said of her late father. "His dream was that there would be a continuation of the family business."

Jan didn't always imagine herself as a construction company president.

A Fergus Falls native, Jan attended two years of junior college in Fergus Falls before graduating from Moorhead State with a degree in business administration.

Jan worked for a plumbing contractor and Fergus Falls Medical Group before going to work for her father's company, Anderson Bros. Construction, in 1970.

She worked as a receptionist and secretary for three years before she took time off to have a family. While raising their three sons, Jan involved herself in volunteer work, which often caused her to be gone from home more than if she had a job.

Six years ago, Jan went back to work part-time as a receptionist while her father was trying to retire.

"I just felt like I needed to get back to work," she said. "It was a tough decision, but one I don't regret. I was lucky enough to be at home for most of my boys' growing up years but I needed a change."

By this time, Anderson Bros. Construction had dissolved and All Building Corporation had risen in its place.

Today, Dennis is in charge of field operations while Jan handles marketing and personnel. Jan's rise through the company was part of identifying the future of the company.

"All Building isn't large enough to hire someone for marketing and human resources," Jan said. "I've really enjoyed doing the work. It's been a great experience."

Re-entering the rapidly changing business world was a challenge for Jan who hadn't used a computer since college.

"I told myself to just take one day at a time," she said.

A meticulous housekeeper, Jan had to set priorities on what needed to be done first. "I had to find a different way to set priorities," she said. "I think we're more relaxed at home now than we were before."

Although her father passed away four years ago, All Building is still much of a family operation. Jan and Dennis co-own the business, with Phyllis acting as treasurer on the board of directors.

"In a family business, it's hard to separate the family from the business," Jan said. "We work together all day, every day, and we only live one-eighth mile down the road. We have to discipline ourselves to leave business at work and not take it home with us."

However, saying it and doing it are often two separate things. "Sometimes there's no time during the day to talk about the things we need to talk about," Jan said. "That's when you have to remember to make time so it doesn't come up at home when you're supposed to be relaxing."

While Jan and Dennis haven't encouraged their sons to get involved with the

business, they asked that they take jobs elsewhere first.

"If they are truly interested, they can come back," Jan said.

The Trosvig's eldest son, Tom, began working for All Building last February after receiving other construction experience.

"I never thought it would happen for him to come and work," Jan said. "He'll probably be the only (son) to work here."

Son Mike is a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris majoring in English and music. Youngest son Jon is a high school sophomore.

Jan doesn't see herself as an overly challenged working mother, compared to some working mothers with three or four young children at home.

"I look at those moms and wonder how do they do it," she said. "I know I couldn't have done it if I was working full-time when my kids were little."

One of the most rewarding parts of the business for Jan is to walk through the construction site after the building is completed.

"I am always in awe when I walk through a site and think that we did this," Jan said. "Our employees did this. It's remarkable."

She attributes All Building's success to its employees, many of whom have been with the company for more than 15 years.

"They make it happen," Jan said. "They are the reason the company is a success."

The construction industry in Minnesota challenges the companies to maintain its employee levels despite often harsh winters which don't allow construction to continue.

"How do you keep employees through seasonal layoffs?" Jan asked. "You have to offer the best hourly rates and better benefit packages, but then it's often not enough to keep them through a layoff. With the amount of turnover because of the seasons, workers can just go from one area to another."

As a result, many contractors are looking for alternative niches in order to keep their business going and retain their employees. All Building has had a Butler franchise for the past 15 years in order to expand its horizon. Butler buildings are pre-engineered buildings like Quality Circuits, Fergus Falls Carpet Showroom, Ziegler Cat, Inc., and Falls Automotive.

The company is also looking at more negotiated work rather than straight bid work. "With negotiated work, you look for quality at the best price," Jan said. "More businesses are leaning toward this type of bidding."

As the construction market expands, Jan wants to keep All Building on top. "Construction in Fergus Falls has been wonderful," she said. "I think that construction, as an industry, is gaining more respect and people see it for what it contributes to the community."

"These buildings are our legacy," Jan said. "They will be here for years to come."

Editor's Note: The parent company, Anderson Bros., built the swimming pool, which exists in the current UMM P.E. Center. In addition, All Building was the contractor for the UMM Student Center, which opened in 1992.

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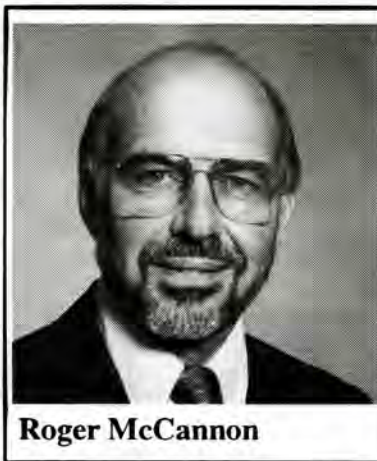
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kick around ideas with my herpetology class, but that's about it," he said. Hoppe said that UMM's herpetology class is the only one he knows of offered in Minnesota. His students will be research-

ing declining amphibian and reptile populations and each student will prepare a presentation on one such creature at the end of the class.

A Conversation With...

Roger McCannon



Roger McCannon

Center for Small Towns has big agenda

It's a small office. It has a small staff and the budget could be much larger. Other than that, there's nothing "small" about the reality of its existence, and the hopes and dreams for the organization called The Center for Small Towns.

The Center for Small Towns (CST) is a new program being developed at the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM). Conceived by Chancellor David Johnson at UMM, the Center will create opportunities for faculty and students to become more directly involved in the challenges and problems facing rural communities. It will also enable local leaders to have a point-of-entry to the resources available through the University of Minnesota. The Center will be a collaborative effort by the University and will be helpful to small towns in their struggle for survival and vitality. While headquartered at UMM, the Center will actively involve the faculty, staff, students and programs from throughout the University of Minnesota. The Center has grown into a reality after a year of planning with people like Roger McCannon, director of University College-Morris and with Patrick Conroy, of C&C Consultants, Fergus Falls, now on staff part-time with the Center.

How did it all begin?

McCannon, who also serves as UMM's Collegiate Program Leader for the Minnesota Extension Service (MES), received a \$9,000 planning grant from MES to do a feasibility study. To help with the study he hired Conroy to work with community leaders and local elected officials who were invited to focus group sessions. Executives of non-profit and governmental agencies and programs were asked for input, University faculty were interviewed, and other models from around the country were reviewed.

From the feasibility study, the mission of the new Center emerged: 1) to encourage communication among Minnesota's rural communities, urging collaboration in problem-solving, while at the same time offering it on behalf of the University; 2) its structure should be oriented to county seat towns and those that are smaller, and it should be governed by a good mix of those inside and outside of the University; 3) the Center should look to provide information, facilitate collaboration between communities, broker University services to small towns, provide a basis for public policy information, and provide for education and better communication in rural Minnesota.

The report concluded that there is an apparent need for a small town organization in rural Minnesota. "Small towns don't have to die, but will have to adapt," said one focus group participant in the study. Another said, "A rule of thumb is that although it doesn't take much for a small town to decline, it doesn't take much for it to grow, either."

The next stage in the process of creating the Center included a grant for \$15,000 from the Musser Fund in Little Falls to

continue with the planning. These plans focused around staffing, mission, scope of operations and selecting an advisory council. Nancy Larson, executive director of the Minnesota Association for Small Cities (MASC), helped to determine which cities to work with and the Center again received funding (\$22,000) from the Minnesota Extension Service to do pilot testing in several small towns with the help of the MASC. Currently, projects are underway in Barnesville, Breckenridge, Milan, Morris and Starbuck.

The Center was also awarded a \$57,000 grant through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office, in conjunction with Minnesota Campus Compact. The "model collaboration" grant was given "to support projects that combine college/university and community resources to address significant long-term community challenges." The projects, which involve colleges/universities and community-based organizations in Minnesota, are funded by the federal Corporation for National Service and the Minnesota Legislature. This project is working with the West Central School district in Grant county, as a follow-up to a visit by the Minnesota Design Team to the area in May 1995.

The Center is engaged in three separate projects that involve collaboration of students at WCA and UMM. According to WCA Superintendent Kelly Smith, these projects will benefit all areas of the district by helping to blend together both educationally and socially the communities of Barrett, Elbow Lake, Hoffman, Kensington and Wendell. One project is designed to enrich the district's elementary schools at Elbow Lake and Kensington by incorporating mentorship opportunities with UMM students. Another will provide hands-on environmental learning through a network of weather measuring stations set up across the district and by establishing an "eco-trail" near the high school in Barrett. And the third project centers around computer and Internet training for WCA students and adults from the communities.

According to Carol McCannon, who works as the UMM coordinator for Minnesota Campus Compact, "Campus Compact grants are intended to encourage service learning, which is the process of integrating academic study with public service. Through this grant, our UMM students will get the chance to apply classroom learning to community challenges in the West Central Area School district." (Yes, Roger and Carol are husband and wife who are working collaboratively on this project.)

Further financial help to staff the Center has also come from the University's Rural Development Council and from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. These funds have allowed the Center to hire Ben Winchester, a 1995 UMM graduate, as a Community Program Assistant.

What's next for The Center for Small Towns? Partial resources to develop the Center and to conduct activities on a larger scale are viewed as coming from within the University (Minnesota Extension Service, University of Minnesota, Morris, and University College) and from external sources, i.e., Campus Compact/Minnesota Higher Education Service Office and other foundations.

These funds will allow the CST to deliver University resources--faculty expertise, student internships and volunteerism, and programmatic specializations--to rural communities in western Minnesota and perhaps across the state.

For more information about The Center for Small Towns, call Roger McCannon, (320) 589-6459.

MCSA Message

Jason Kohler, MCSA President



Jason Kohler

Jason Kohler is a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris majoring in management and political science with a minor in economics. He has been an active member of the Morris Campus Student Association's Forum and Campus Assembly since October 1993, has served as president of the Morris Campus Freshman Council and a host of other committees before assuming the office of student body president in June 1996. He serves on the board of governors of the University of Minnesota Coalition for Higher Education (UMCHE), and is a proud member of the UMM Concert Choir and sings tenor I for "Poise & Ivy," a male quartet. Jason is a native of the southwestern Minnesota town of Tyler. He states among his ambitions "to pursue an MBA or

law degree, become a successful corporate attorney, and perhaps one day, be elected to public office."

Hello from the windy winter wonderland of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Another holiday season has passed, and we are all looking forward to a fantastic 1997. As Minnesota's public universities follow the transition from quarters to semesters, I believe their students will notice that the holiday break becomes even more needed than before. I know I needed it. However, I was very eager and excited to return and tackle the issues students will deal with during the 1997 legislative session. With the session fast upon us, we need to get fired up for the hard work that lies ahead.

Every year is an important year for students and alumni to convey a strong message to the Minnesota Legislature. There are two things that will give that message impact. First is a real commitment to what you are supporting. The second is being knowledgeable about the subject and having the ability to express that clearly. Alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris have both.

Alumni support will be essential in the 1997 legislative session. This year the Minnesota Legislature will set the University's general operating budget for the following two years, deciding the future for our fine state. This is a vital time for people to express their support because this is the budget that will carry the University to

the edge of the next century. Morris students and alumni have the opportunity to impact the flow of legislation this year to ensure that the importance of education is remembered. As students and alumni, we have an incredible say in the future of higher education, financial aid, and other concerns. We must work to reverse the general trend of the past decade that has been toward decreasing state funds for higher education. Although the University as a whole has done relatively better than most during the last few years - in part to help U2000 initiatives get under way - support is still below historical levels. Alumni and students need to remind their elected officials of the positive things happening within the U of M system and especially here at UMM. Let us remind them that we are on the right track.

The Student Legislative Coalition at the University of Minnesota, formerly known as UMCHE, is planning two Lobby Days, during which hundreds of students will flood the Capitol. That alone, however, will not sufficiently show our elected officials how strongly we care about the many issues that directly affect us here at UMM. If you see a problem with the direction any issue seems to be taking, get involved. Show your concern at the Capitol. Write to your representative or senator. Organize others with the same view. We all can make a difference. Our power is in our minds, our voices, and in our presence.

To ensure our presence, the MCSA Forum's Legislative Affairs Committee will be dedicated to providing students with the proper training and helpful Lobby Day hints they need to convey a common agenda as well as an articulate and sincere message to legislators. Legislative Affairs will identify key legislators and committees within the state legislature and provide students with names, addresses, and e-mails of members. Letter-writing campaigns may be conducted

and area legislators will be encouraged to visit UMM in order to meet and discuss issues such as their feelings on the biennial budget, the Morris Science Project, and tuition. This year, UMM has already hosted State Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe (DFL-Erskine) and Senate Minority Leader Dean Johnson (IR-Willmar) as well as Representative Hilda Betterman (IR-Brandon) and newly-elected State Representative Torrey Westrom (IR-Elbow Lake). Our discussions with these important state leaders have been most valuable in affording administration, faculty, and students the opportunity to tell the Morris Story. However, we must not become complacent with our efforts. We must actively and aggressively support the Biennial Budget Request and convince the legislature and governor to invest in higher education. Convincing the legislature to aggressively support higher education will aid in our fight against tuition increases so we may maintain the attractiveness of an affordable education at UMM. Also, we must remind the legislature how important the Morris Science Project is to UMM's future, distinction, and continued excellence. We must supply legislators with the rhetoric as they will be looking for creative ideas and strong arguments to present when they stand before media coverage and their colleagues on the floor of the state legislature.

MCSA sees its legislative effort as a top priority for the success and prosperity of the University of Minnesota, Morris. A strong presence at the Capitol is imperative in order to restore funding for the University to historical levels. To pursue this end aggressively, MCSA seeks a partnership with the Alumni. With diligent efforts from students, administration, and alumni, the University of Minnesota, Morris will be the standard for public liberal arts universities.

Snippet

snip·pet (snip'it) **n.** [dim. of SNIP] a small, snipped piece; small scrap or portion, specif. of information, a book, etc.



PAT GANNON ('70), left, the force behind the Alumni Career Fair, talks to one of many students who stopped by during Homecoming 1996. -photo by Judy Riley

Pat Gannon writes:

I belong to a group called the Organization Resources Counselors, Inc. -- Human Resource Development Group. It's a small group, only 24 companies from across the U.S. are represented. Brunswick is one of the smaller organizations that belong. AT&T, Boeing, Colgate-Palmolive, Exxon, Ford, General Motors, Goodyear, IBM Lockheed-Martin, Marriott, National Semiconductor, and Shell Oil are some of the more well-known companies in the group.

We meet twice a year to focus on HR issues relevant to the systematic development of the human capital organizations need to achieve their strategic goals. It's a great network of top level professionals who learn from each other and it helps us all keep abreast in our field.

I joined the group last year and in June I was attending my third meeting at National Semiconductor in Sunnyvale, Calif. I had met the representative from Lockheed-Martin, Mike Hopp, but never

really talked at length with him. As we were leaving for dinner on the first night of our meeting, we ended up walking together. Somehow the subject of, "Where are you from?" came up and I said, "I'm from Minnesota." He said, "So am I!"

This led to, "Which town?" We then exchanged Kimball and Wadena and our wives from St. Cloud and Cokato. Then on to, "Where did you go to school?" My answer, of course, was "University of Minnesota, Morris." His reply was, "Me too!" Then we went to, "What year?" 1970 graduation was the answer for both of us. And of course we said, "Why don't I know you? It is such a small campus." We know many people in common, but somehow never met while at school.

So, what do you suppose the odds are of two people being in the same 24-member organization, attending the same school and graduating in the same year?

First team induction

Cougar Hall of Fame Ceremony

The 1970 NIC championship football team was inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame at the Fourth Annual Cougar Hall of Fame Banquet and Ceremony held during Homecoming Weekend 1996. The ceremony marked the first team induction into the Hall.



COACHES left to right, Mike Fluegel, Bob Vikander, head coach Mike Simpson, Doug Dufty



PLAYERS Paul Miller ('73), Bill Tschida ('73), Ron Larson ('72), Bob Jamison ('72), Jim Hiedeman ('72), Bob Koelman ('72), Greg Kuglin ('72), Pat Popowski ('71), Craig Bahe ('71), Mark Wagner ('71), Kevin Doyle ('69), Ron Simmons ('74), Rick Alex ('71), Warren Anderson ('73), Randy Taber ('73), Michael Bah ('71), Bruce Smith ('71).

Do you have a brief tale related to UMM that you would like to share? Send it to *Snippet*, c/o Profile, University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267. We'll share as many as we can on a space-available basis in each issue. Please don't get into a snit about your snippet if we snip it to fit.

Whoopi(ee)!!

Lady Cougars have their own "sister act"

LISA NORDEEN
Women's Basketball Head Coach

The women's basketball coach has an interesting situation on her hands this year. With three sets of sisters on the team, Coach Nordeen has her hands full, and the lady Cougars have their very own sister act.

It's not unusual for siblings to go to the same school, but often there's an age gap that limits any chance of playing together; not so this year at UMM. Although not all the sets of sisters played together in high school, they now have the opportunity to be on the court at the same time.

Kim and Joy Loughry from Coon Rapids, Minn., both play center. Julie and Laurie Plahn from Jasper, Minn., both play

shooting guard, and Kari and Lori Kollmann from Pipestone, Minn., both play off-guard.

"Trying to divide up the teams so that the sisters are not always guarding each other or at the same basket is one of the hardest parts of planning practice," says Nordeen.

The Plahns both believe that they tend to work harder when playing against one another in practice. The Kollmanns and Loughrys also agree; the competitiveness is a plus.

One watching the team practice can easily pick out the sisters, says Nordeen; in all three sets there are similarities in style of play. "One has to wonder if it's from the years of practicing together and playing against one another in the driveway," says



SISTER ACT top: Kari Kollman ('98), Laurie Plahn ('99), Kim Loughry ('97); bottom: Lori Kollmann ('00), Julie Plahn ('97), Joy Loughry ('00). -photo by David Morrison

Nordeen. Regardless of where the similarities come from, they help to strengthen the team. "They'll push themselves and each

other very hard," says Nordeen.

Men's Basketball

The month of December was a busy one for the men's basketball team as they faced five different teams, four of them being traditionally strong in the North Central Conference. The Cougars had a strong showing against the University of South Dakota and came away with a big win. UMM then lost back to back heartbreakers, against the University of North Dakota in overtime and to St. Cloud State University in double overtime. They finished the month strong with consecutive wins over Mankato State University and Valley City State University to bring their record to 5-5 going into 1997.

The Cougars opened the new year with two game cancellations due to inclement weather -- the January 4 game versus UM-Crookston and the January 15 UMD contest. Both games were rescheduled.

In other games, the results for the Cougars were: Moorhead State, loss, 84-101; Southwest State (under former UMM head coach Perry Ford), win, 99-82; Winona State, loss, 92-91; Wayne State, win, 103-78.

As this edition of *Profile* goes to press, the Cougars' record stands at 12-7, 5-2 in the conference.

"We're in good shape," said Head Coach **Jim Severson ('77)**. "No one is injured, and championship teams need that. The only team that hasn't lost is UMD.

"Everyone on this team has really stepped up their game, and we're playing better as this season has progressed. Our goal is still the same as it was on October 15 -- to win the NSIC Conference. If we play the

Men's basketball game honors athletic secretary Joyce Cain



The men's basketball team played an exhibition game in November, designated as a benefit for Joyce Cain, a long time employee of the Athletic Department at UMM. Joyce has been unable to work for a number of months due to poor health. Proceeds from the game were presented to the Cain family to help with mounting medical bills.

Pictured above with Joyce are men's head coach Jim Severson and assistant coach and sports information director Broderick Powell.

Keeping Score with the Cougars

Sports Information by Sean Anderson ('00) Fergus Falls

way we're capable of playing, that's an attainable goal."

Women's Basketball

As *Profile* goes to press, the Cougar women's basketball team stands at 13-6 overall, 3-4 in the conference.

Kim Loughry (Coon Rapids) and Anna Townsend (Esko) were All-Tournament selections at the College of St. Benedict Tournament in late December. Townsend was also selected All-Tournament and Loughry MVP at the Valley City State Tourney.

As a team, the women average about 70 points a game, with three team members averaging in double figures.

"We have the best overall win percentage in the conference," says Head Coach Lisa Nordeen. As of January 23, the lady Cougars were third in conference standings.

Overall, adds Nordeen, defense has been winning ball games for the Cougars. "This year we have a much more aggressive defensive team than last year and we're using that to our advantage.

"Offensively, we've had a very balanced attack. With three people averaging in double figures, on any given night one of them will step up and be the star for the night."

A very close team, the players do as much off the court together as on. Several team members live together in off-campus housing or apartments. "This has helped make us a tighter team on the court as well," says Nordeen.

The Cougars have tallied more wins than last year and also have tied their conference wins for last season. While the upcoming competition will be tough, they expect to finish well over .500 for the season.

"I fully expect to win seven of our next 11 games. It will be hard work," Nordeen concludes, "but we haven't reached our full potential yet."

Men's Wrestling

Under the head coaching of Doug Reese, two freshmen wrestlers won individual championship titles at the UW-River Falls Open on December 7. Randy Rager (Pequot Lakes) went 4-0 to win the 150-pound weight class, and Eugen Barbu (Westland, Mich.) was undefeated in four matches to win the 177-pound weight division.

The NSIC later announced Pete Dickinson of Moorhead State University and Rager of UMM as the first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Wrestlers of the Week for 1996-97.

Also at UW-River Falls, BJ Friedrichs (Sauk Centre) placed third at 167 pounds, LaDaryl Fenney (Coon Rapids)

placed fourth at heavyweight and Jeremy Werner (Princeton) placed fifth at 190 pounds.

The Cougars were rated 13th in NCAA Division II by Midwest Mat ratings in the December edition. Fenney was rated fifth at heavyweight.

Eight of the 11 wrestlers placed in the top four at the Dana College Invite in mid-January. Four of those made it to the top four with Patrick Bergin winning the 142-pound weight class and Randy Rager taking the title in the 150 class.

At the University of Wisconsin, River Falls invite Rager and Eugen Barbu (177) were the two individual champions. UMM took part in the Northwestern open on January 25, and met conference rival Moorhead State on January 29.

At presstime, the Cougars are 7-3 in dual meet competition this season; 2-1 in the NSIC. Thirty-three Cougar wrestlers have placed in the top four spots in tournament competition this year.

Cross Country

UMM senior Kelly Murphy, Plymouth, captured second place at the 14th Annual NSIC Women's Cross Country Championships in Bemidji to lead the Cougar women, under head coach Doug Reese, to a sixth place team finish with 146 points.

Murphy clocked in at 18:55 in the 5K (3.1 mile) race for the red ribbon behind overall champion Jessica Faith of Moorhead State University. Murphy earned All-NSIC honors and becomes the first All-Conference runner in UMM women's cross country history.

The team of Murphy, Janine Diedrich (Warren), Kari Jacobson (Chaska), Becky King (Renner, S.D.), Joy Loughry (Coon Rapids), Julie Davies (Duluth), and Jen Wiegner (Mendota Heights) all posted personal best times enroute to the sixth place finish.

NCAA II Midwest Regionals were held at Omaha, Neb. on November 9.

Women's Wrestling

The women's wrestling team was well represented on the US Women's National Freestyle Wrestling Team on their winter tour to Tourcoing, France.

USA Wrestling announced that Kristy Jeffrey (Delano) and Lisa Berube (Escanaba, Mich.) were selected to the tour based on their performance at the Sunkist/ASU Women's International Open. Berube placed fourth in the 103 pound weight class, and Jeffrey placed fourth at 116 pounds. Jeffrey qualified for the tour by being the second highest American place-finisher in her weight class. Berube was selected as an alternate after World Champion Tricia

Saunders suffered a serious knee injury that required surgery.

Berube is a two-time member of the U.S. national team. She was named the Outstanding Women's Wrestler in Minnesota in 1996 by Minnesota/USA Wrestling. Jeffrey is quickly establishing herself as a rising star in women's wrestling, having recorded a 9-2 record this season while defeating five past All-Americans this season alone including the third-ranked wrestler at 116 pounds. For both Jeffrey and Berube this was their first opportunity to wrestle outside of the United States.

In the Gilbert Schaub Invitational Tournament in Tourcoing, France, USA placed fourth out of 14 countries. Japan finished first, followed by France and Poland.

Jeffrey did not place in the competition at 123.5 pounds. There were 29 entries at her weight. She lost her opening match 8-2 to Katharina Danish of Germany. In her next match Kristy rolled to a 11-0 lead before pinning Anne Rolanda of Sweden at 2:05. In her final match, Jeffrey lost by pin to Ann Deluntch of France.

Berube did not place at 101.25 pounds. She defeated Malena Zelckar of Poland 13-5, then lost to Zinab Benaissaqui of France (the tournament champion) 4-3 in overtime. In her last match, Lisa lost to Sandrine Trappet of France 11-1.

Coaching the team was UMM head wrestling coach Doug Reese. Reese coached Women's Team USA to a second place finish in the Klippan Ladies cup in Klippan, Sweden in February of 1996 where UMM's Billy Grothe placed fifth in her first international tour.

This was Reese's fourth trip to Europe on USA Wrestling's National Coaching Staff. Reese has coached the US Cadet National Freestyle Team in the 1995 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary; the Women's National Freestyle Team in Klippan, Sweden; and a Junior Tour du Monde to the Czech Republic in 1996.

Says Reese: "It was a great trip. We had the opportunity to train all week with the French, Polish and Japanese national teams. It was a great learning experience for all of us."

UMM is the leader in collegiate women's wrestling in the United States. UMM was the first university in the nation to make women's freestyle wrestling an officially funded varsity sport in the fall of 1995 after being a club sport for one year. The Cougar women wrestlers have produced five All-Americans, four US National team members, and placed second as a team at the 1996 US National Championships and second as a team at the 1996 Sunkist/ASU International Women's Open while wrestling for Minnesota/USA Wrestling's Minnesota Storm.

CLASS OF '64

John Gilbert was recently named as president and chief executive officer of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), effective January 1, 1997. AAL is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society in terms of assets and individual life insurance in force.

Leonard Munstermann wrote a book review published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. In addition, he gave a symposium lecture on "Biodiversity in Medically Important Insects" at the International Congress of Entomology in Florence, Italy, and a second on "Genetics of Colombian Sand Flies" at the Colombia Congress of Biological Sciences in Riohacha. Leonard, wife, Heidi, and their two-year-old daughter, Maya, live in Connecticut, where Leonard is a scientist at Yale University in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

CLASS OF '65

Ken and Kathy Kollodge recently celebrated their 30th anniversary photographing grizzly bears at the Mikfik River on the Alaskan Peninsula. The couple has lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, for 21 years. Ken is a full-time freelance commercial and stock photographer (Alaska Chromes, Inc.), and Kathy produces radio and television programs for the Alaska Cooperative Extension at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Kathy's broadcast TV productions include "Northern Exposure," "The Caribou People," "The Air We Breathe," and an eight-part nutrition series, titled "Taste," which is distributed nationally. Ken has published in excess of 3,000 photographic images, appearing in *Outdoor Life*, *Natural History*, *Sierra Club Calendars*, *Parents*, and *Travel Holiday Magazine*. In 1993, one of Ken's images was purchased by the U.S. Information Agency for display in 92 U.S. Embassies in foreign countries.

Linda (Baalson) Olson became a grandparent in August 1996. She is proud to announce the birth of a grandson, Justin John Pittelkow.

CLASS OF '66

Jerry Anderson is currently in a graduate program for a master's degree in organizational management at the University of Phoenix-China Basin San Francisco campus. He currently lives in San Francisco, Calif.

CLASS OF '67

We recently heard from **Roger and Linda (Wieweck) ('71) Schnaser**. Their oldest daughter is a senior at Jacksonville University, and their youngest daughter will graduate from high school next June. The couple is busy with church and school activities. Linda is the human resources manager at Midwest Region, and Roger is an insurance agent with State Farm Insurance.

CLASS OF '68

'68 grads, where are you?

CLASS OF '69

E. Dennis and Susan (Guter) ('71) Zahrbock reside at their lake home in Cumberland, Wis. Dennis is one of four Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) members featured in an international campaign recognizing business and community leaders. He is a financial planning consultant. MDRT members represent the top six percent of all life insurance producers worldwide.

CLASS OF '70

Douglas and Pamela (Klason) ('71) Dahl write, "Pamela completed ESL -English at the University of Houston. She teaches K-

ESL for the Houston school district. Doug is the manager of Sam Houston South Tollway. We have three children and have lived in Houston since 1988."

James Ford teaches math in the Yellow Medicine East Public Schools. In addition, he coaches the math and cross country teams. He and his wife have two sons in the seventh and fifth grades. The Ford family lives in Granite Falls, Minn.

Richard Gerber has been busy winning awards lately. He won the Melvin Jones award from the Lions Club. Also, he was nominated as the Teacher of the Year by a former student. This past year he was awarded the Leader in Excellence teaching award as well. He recently bought a cabin in Elm Lake, Minn. that they spent last summer renovating.

Larry Pederson and his wife have three kids, ages 8, 10, and 12. Larry is entering his 14th year as a sheriff deputy with the Brown County Sheriff Department in Springfield, Minn.

Richard Rosenfield is vice president of materials management at APV Douglas Machine Corporation in Alexandria, Minn. He is a member of the National Ski Patrol. He and his wife raise quarter horses and enjoy golfing in the summer. They have a 29-year-old son.

Michael and Mary Jean (Westling) ('71) Thorsland reside in Bloomington, Minn. The couple has three daughters, two attending the University of North Dakota, and one currently in high school at Bloomington Jefferson High School. Mary Jean is a secretary with the Bloomington school district, and Michael has owned his own commercial loan/mortgage company for the past six years in Edina.

Richard Torgusen is a rural mail carrier in Beardsley, Minn.

Terry and Kathleen (Schamber) ('73) Wangen live in Austin, Minn. Their daughter Allison will graduate from UMM in June 1997.

Michael and Joann (Welz) ('67) Werner live in Waconia, Minn. Joann is a second grade teacher at the Watertown Public Schools, and Michael is an assistant principal in the Chaska School District.

CLASS OF '71

Donald and Mary (Marthaler) Beckering live in Minnetonka, Minn. Mary is a part-time third grade teacher, and Donald is a statewide community trainer for hazardous response teams. Their oldest daughter attends college in upper Michigan and is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering.

Ray and Gwynne (Gaffaney) ('73) Gildow live in Staples, Minn. Ray is now employed as vice president of the Comprehensive Regional Community and Technical College. Gwynne is principal of Staples Elementary School.

Elaine (Opdahl) Klose is a teacher in the Staples School District in Staples, Minn.

Ronald and Cheryl (Thornes) ('73) Lachelt live in Burnsville, Minn. Ronald is a biology teacher in the Prior Lake (Minn.) School District. Cheryl is an architect with BWBR Architects in St. Paul.

Since 1993, **Frances Marks** is enjoying retirement. Grandchildren, volunteering, and church keep her busy.

Judith (Long) Oldemeyer is a personnel coordinator for Pipestone County in Pipestone, Minn. Her son, Michael, is a sophomore at UMM. Her daughter, Karen, is a junior in high school. The Oldemeyer fam-

ily lives in Holland, Minn.

Bruce and Diane (Myers) ('72) Smith live in Brainerd, Minn. Bruce is a teacher at Brainerd High School, and Diane works in the business office at Central Lakes College.

James and Beverly (Kramer) Smith live in New Berlin, Wis., with their daughter. Beverly is an actuary in Des Moines, and James is the senior vice president of the Mutual Group in Brookfield, Wis.

CLASS OF '72

Marjory (Wittnebel) Delphey is a product manager with Management Applications, Inc., in Raleigh, N.C. Marjory resides in Cary, N.C.

Bill and Sara Haugen manufacture and sell gift/boutique products to retailers in over 300 stores. Bill is the co-owner of Thumbs Up Marbles, Inc., in Morris. Sara has worked in the Office of Student Activities at UMM for more than 20 years. The couple has two children and two grandchildren.

Kenneth ('70) and Nora (Truax) Jost live in Morris. They have two children, ages 19 and 21. Nora is the director of the Housing Authority in Stevens County. Kenneth is a sales representative with Pioneer in Morris. The couple recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

CLASS OF '73

Linda (Schrempp) Alberg 44, associate dean of students at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, died last June of cancer at United Hospital in St. Paul. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, and son Ryan (9).

Paul Miller was recently named St. Olaf's head football coach. He coached football at Apple Valley High School and took the team to state titles in 1986 and 1993. He was named AA Coach of the Year in 1993.

Kimberly Williamson is an information product analyst with West Publishing Company in Eagan, Minn.

CLASS OF '74

Mark Bartsch has been the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Renville, Minn., for the past seven and a half years. He has been married to his wife, Rita, for the past 19 years. They have four children: Amanda, 19; Jonathan, 10; Adriane, 8; and Abby, 6.

Daryl Brever and his wife, Karen, have been married for 22 years. He recently completed 22 years with Central Bi-Products, the last nine years as plant manager. Daryl and Karen have two children, Ben (16) and Katie (14).

Last June, **Peter Croatt** started a new job as plant manager at Form-A-Feed in Stewart, Minn. They manufacture animal feed and kitty litter. His wife, DeAnn, is working at Minnesota Valley Electric Co-Op as the operations secretary in addition to managing the Schul Haus, an elderly senior high rise in Jordan, Minn. The couple have two children: Chuck, a junior at the U of M, Twin Cities, studies chemical education; and Mitch is a junior in high school.

Bradley and Lorene (Lemmerman) Force reside in Cokato, Minn. Lorene received her master's degree in elementary education from St. Mary's University in Minnesota in May 1996. She currently teaches second grade in Annandale. Brad also teaches second grade in Dassel-Cokato and coaches the seventh and eighth grade girls' and boys' golf teams. Their daughter, Ashley, is in sixth grade.

Elizabeth Hinds recently retired from the practice of law in 1995. She lives in Morris with her husband, Harold.

Alice (Kelly) Nelson is still teaching fourth grade at Reede Gray Elementary in Redwood Falls, Minn. She is looking forward to retirement (which won't be for another few years).

Ray and Clare (Dingley) ('76) Strand are proud to announce the birth of their second child, William, last May. The Strand family lives in Morris.

Gary Thorstad is the manager of Brown Wilbert Vault Company in Morris. Brown Wilbert's main product is burial vaults. The business also manufactures septic tanks, pre-cast steps, and welded ornamental railings.

CLASS OF '75

Randy Haberer, owner of Haberer Foods International located in Stevens County, one of the country's major kidney bean processors, was recently featured in the *Morris Tribune*. Haberer Foods International handles about 10 percent of the kidney beans produced annually in the U.S. Haberer started his certified seed business after college as a sideline to farming.

John ('74) and Joni (Kennedy) Kreuser live in St. Louis Park, Minn., with their two children, Kate and Joe. Jodi got her master's degree in library science from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1994. She is now employed with Hennepin County Library as a children's librarian in Minnetonka. John is a manufacturer's representative at Tropicana.

Curtis Lambrecht and his wife Donna live in New Ulm, Minn., with their four children: Mary (11), Ross (10), Tess (10), and Lee (8). The couple welcomes any UMM alumni to visit them at their gift store, *Lambrechts and the Christmas Haus* located in New Ulm.

Patricia (Mellas) Lindquist enjoys her work as a medical technologist at the U of M. Her daughter, Sara, started at UMM this fall. Patricia and family live in Minneapolis, Minn.

Craig Rasmussen lives in Bethesda, Md. with his wife and two children, ages 11 and 8. He is presently a senior consultant with the Sterling Institute, providing consulting services and training resources to public and private sector clients across the U.S.

Allan and Martha (Gromatka) ('74) Riel live in Wales, Wis. Allan is the credit manager with Craybar Electric, and Martha works at Delfield Public Library.

CLASS OF '76

Keith Broady is an attorney with Abdo and Abdo in Minneapolis. He currently resides in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Paul ('77) and Jeanne (Koehtop) Foreman live in Germantown, Tenn., with their two kids, Jess (10) and Corky (8).

Charles ('70) and Deborah (Rosdahl) Lueck live in Lakeville, Minn. Chuck was promoted to captain of a DC-9 with Northwest Airlines, and Deborah will be studying at St. Mary's University with the goal of earning a master's degree. Their daughter attends the University of Wis. in Madison and is involved with the Badger Marching Band.

Paul Watzke, agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Morris, has been granted the Life Underwriter Training Council (LUTC) Fellow professional designation. LUTC is conferred upon life underwriters who meet exacting training and educational requirements, and membership and ethical standards jointly set by LUTC and the National Association of Life Underwriters (NALU).

CLASS OF '77

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Jacqueline Berg writes us, "Finally got a B.A. in Communications from Trinity International University, Deerfield, Ill. In April of '95, I went into business for myself. Love being my own boss and working from home! Anyone know where Reese Vaughn is?"

Warren and Ann (Koehnicke) Smith have two children, Andrew and Sarah. The Smith family lives in Alexandria, Minn. Warren is a controller with Dairyland Computer in Glenwood, Minn.

CLASS OF '78

Sharon K. Anderson is a registered nurse clinical appeals analyst at Medica Health Plans, Allina Health System in Minnetonka, Minn.

Kathleen (Filzen) Bisek is a customer services representative with Sprint in Chaska, Minn.

Kenneth Bruss and wife, Mary, are taxi cabs for their three boys, Steve (13), Paul (10), and Austin (6). The family is involved with soccer, karate, baseball, and basketball in Lenexa, Kan. Kenneth just finished building a log cabin for the family's use. He is employed with Hoechst Marion Roussel Pharmaceuticals.

Mary (Winter) Seim is a teacher at Wheatland Junior High in Wheatland, Wyo.

Greg Spofford is the coordinator of volunteers in learning in the Little Falls (Minn.) school district. He writes, "Greg, Vicki, Beth, Andy, Erika, and Emily Spofford continue to live, grow, and reach out to others in Little Falls, Minn. Come and visit!"

Jerry and Holly ('83) Witt have three boys, Zach is a student at Mankato State University; Forrest, a junior in high school; and Taylor, a second grader. The Witt family lives in Morris, where Jerry is a sixth grade teacher, head football coach and varsity assistant basketball coach in the Morris Area Schools. Holly is the executive director of Morris Area Chamber of Commerce.

CLASS OF '79

Dr. Jon Dalager, assistant professor of political science, was recently welcomed into Georgetown College faculty in Georgetown, Ky. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Illinois for the past two years. He and wife, Teri, have a son, Casey, who is five months old.

Wanda Schackmann-Flehsig, director of the Circa Gallery in Minneapolis, visited Morris in October to talk to students and faculty about her experiences in opening and running an art gallery.

Connie Warner writes, "I've been employed by Otter Tail - Wadena Community Action Council in New York Mills, Minn., for the past eleven years and currently am the administrative assistant/fuel assistance coordinator." Connie and husband, Bill, have two children ages 8 and 12.

CLASS OF '80

Jerry and Dee (Petersen) Boddy have been living in New Ulm for the past 15 years. Dee has been at Gislason Law for 16 years. Jerry is covering parts of Minn., S.D., and Iowa for a building products distributor. They have three children ages 7, 12, and 13. "We spend almost every night at a softball or baseball diamond with volleyball mixed in. We want to hear from more of you '79 and '80 grads!"

Therese Mooney, husband, Kory, and daughter, Lili, are pleased to announce the birth of a son and brother, Frankie Louis, born January 27, 1996. The Mooney family lives in Minneapolis.

Ross Nord, professor of geography, was one of seven Eastern Michigan University faculty members honored for teaching excellence at part EMU's Alumni Association Homecoming festivities. He joined the faculty in 1986, having previously taught at Iowa State University. Nord is responsible for extensive revision of the general chemistry lab and was cited as a "knowledgeable, effective teacher who challenges and excites students and develops innovative techniques to help students better learn chemistry."

CLASS OF '81

Philip and Marla (Frederick) Coffin live in White Bear Lake, Minn. Philip is a transportation broker with James Joiner, and Marla is a member services director with Contractors 2000.

Matthew Pederson lives in Starbuck, Minn., where he is employed with the First National Bank of Starbuck.

CLASS OF '82

Richard and Nancy (Kjar) Atkinson live in Brooklyn Park, Minn. Rick became a vice president at Multiple Services Insurance Company about a year ago. He also coaches son Andy's (age 14), team in baseball and basketball. Both Nancy and Rick coach their twin sons', Nathan and Nic (age 10), basketball and baseball teams.

Darcy Winkelman is one of three new teachers welcomed into Morris Area Elementary this past fall. She teaches K-6 physical education.

CLASS OF '83

Daniel Brophy has been married for seven years to his wife, Tracy. The couple has two children, Erin (5) and Ryan (3). The Brophy family lives in Saratoga, Calif. Daniel is the director of marketing for Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems.

Robert Holmes writes, "I am a graduate student at the U of M-Mpls Carlson School of Management studying industrial relations. I worked as a summer intern for Northern Telecom in Raleigh/Durham, N.C., in the employee relations area. I remain single, own a condo in Brooklyn Park with aspirations of one day purchasing a car fresh from the factory. Hi Alice! Doug Dewey, where are you?"

John and Julie (Swenson) Mertz have three children, Benjamin, Rachel, and Grace. John is a senior chemist with Cray Research, Inc., in Eagan, Minn. The Mertz family lives in Minneapolis.

Mary Jo (Carsen) Renner lives in Yankton, S.D., with her husband, Roger, and their two children, Alex and Katie Jo. She keeps busy with their new home and board of education duties at church. Roger manages his own Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy.

Dr. Cindy Watson writes, "I'm practicing podiatry/foot surgery in Orlando, Fla. I am the co-director of the Central Fla. Wound Care Center and am researching the use of growth factor therapy and hyperbaric oxygen in chronic wounds. I've been married for 8 years to Dr. Walter Roth and have two wonderful cats! Lucy Ward where are you?"

CLASS OF '84

Keith Aeikens was awarded the Teacher of the Year in the Annandale school district. He teaches elementary physical education in Annandale.

Carol (Walker) Denny lives in Sauk Centre, Minn., and has three children: Amber (5), Collin (3), and Ashlee (almost 1). Carol is a physical therapist at Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria, Minn.

Troy Munsterman and wife, JoAnn, are proud to announce an addition to their family. Matthew Walter was born October 17, 1996, at Stevens Community Medical Center.

Carole Maria Ostlund is a travel consultant for Corporate Travel Services, Inc. in Arlington, Va. She also currently attends George Washington University.

Susan (Larson) Sommerfeld writes, "After 12 years of teaching secondary mathematics and coaching volleyball and basketball, I've accepted a new assignment for the '96-'97 school year. I'm the assistant principal at Minnetonka Middle School-West located in Excelsior, Minn. Nail'em, jail'em, bail'em!"

CLASS OF '85

Eric Berglin and wife, Lisa, recently had an addition to the family. Michael Eric was born in April 1996. Eric is a federal police officer in Reston, Va. The Berglin family lives in Marshall, Va.

Kara (Crosby) Brautigam is a homemaker in Littleton, Colo.

Jon Thares Davidann recently presented a history paper titled, "The American YMCA in Meiji Japan: The Intercultural Approach to History" at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory in Portland, Ore., November 7-10, 1996. Davidann earned his doctorate (1996) at the Twin Cities campus and is a visiting assistant professor of history at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Jon is married to **Beth Ziemke**.

Kathleen Kamper had a baby boy, Brian Joseph, last April. Kathleen works for West Publishing in St. Paul. She sends a warm "Hi!" to all of her old friends. The Kamper family lives in Eagan, Minn.

Kelly O'Brien is employed in the human resources department of the Ramsey Clinic in St. Paul.

For the past eight years, **Sally Olson** has lived in Minneapolis. She is manager of Windows on Minnesota, a conference services facility on the 50th floor of the IDS Tower.

Kari Seime shares, "I have been the assistant public defender in Anoka since August, 1995. Before that, I was an attorney/researcher with the House DFL caucus and clerk for Judge Kathleen Blatz. My biggest news lately is that my client was acquitted in my first felony jury trial! My significant other, John Wentworth, and I still live in St. Paul. John is a partner in a printing business called Fast Lane Printing and Copy Center in St. Paul."

John Tavis and Maureen Donlin live in Kirkwood, Mo., with their two year-old son, Steven. John is still an assistant professor at St. Louis University. Dealing with web sites and Internet maintenance, Maureen works part-time at St. Louis University and part-time at Washington University.

CLASS OF '86

Completing his 11th year in teaching, **Bart Hill** was recently chosen as a Teacher of the Year candidate in the Madison-Marietta-Nassau school district. He teaches fourth grade and is also head baseball coach at Lac qui Parle Valley High School. Along with two other teachers, he was chosen by the Prairie Education Association.

CLASS OF '87

Susan (Stoick) Chamberlain is proud to announce the birth of her son, Carter, born in May 1996. She is a senior food technologist with Kraft Foods Post Division in Battle

Creek, Mich.

Blaine Hill is the city administrator clerk treasurer in Breckenridge, Minn. He and his wife have two daughters, ages nine and 14. Last June, Blaine was elected president of the League of Minnesota Cities. He represents 815 cities in Minnesota, including Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Paul and Renae (Engebretson) Huber live in Canby, Minn., with their two boys, ages three and five. Paul owns his own store, and Renae works part-time at Super Valu and is home with their sons most of the time.

Joe and Lisa (Fotes) ('88) Konicek share with us, "Joe is on the design team for deHavilland's latest plane, The Dash 8-400. DeHavilland is located in Toronto. Lisa has taken a year off to write a book that she hopes to have published soon. The couple enjoys living on a farm north of Toronto, Canada.

Ann (Rois) Miller writes, "I am still teaching kindergarten in the Centennial Public Schools. This is my 10th year already. My husband David works for Medtronic as a research chemist. We live in Lino Lakes with our two sons, Isaac (3) and Blake (8 months)."

Jodi (Schuff) Sanken is in the midst of her 10th year with Howard Lake/Waverly/Winsted school district. She lives in Brownton, Minn., with her husband and two children, Michael (5) and Morgan (2).

Catherine (Condon) and Todd ('91) Sicard share with us, "Bridget Condon Sicard arrived on May 7, 1996. Life is great, especially since she is sleeping through the night! I quit my position at West Publishing to care for Bridget full-time. Between diaper changes, I managed to resurrect my freelance writing career. Todd continues his career as an underwriting systems analyst with Blue Cross Blue Shield. He also plays for Streetside Rhythm, a 13-piece rhythm and blues band. We love living in Mendota Heights, where I grew up, in the house we bought two years ago!"

Lawrence Ward is working at the Mayo Foundation. He is a mass spectrometrist with the General Clinical Research Center. His wife, Andrea, is a psychiatric nurse at a local hospital. The couple has been married for 10 years and has three boys, Andrew (9), Alex (7), and Adam (4). The Ward family lives in Rochester, Minn.

CLASS OF '88

Douglas Berg is a territory manager with Cellular 2000 in Alexandria, Minn.

Nancy (Rippe) Burtchaell sends news of an addition to her family. Patrick Sullivan was born on May 26, 1996. Nancy and family live in Chalmette, La.

Ruth M. Hamlow writes, "I am currently living in Duluth and teaching at Cloquet High School. I was recently selected as a runner-up in the Loft-Mentor series for poetry. Send me some mail!" Her address is: rhamlow@pop3.cloquet.k12.mn.us.

In July 1996, **Paula Stevensen** recently married Christopher Gustafson of Bloomington, Minn. She received her master's degree at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis. She is currently employed at State Fund Mutual Insurance Company in Eden Prairie, Minn. The couple lives in nearby Shakopee.

Leng Vang, one of the founders of the Asian Students Association at UMM was recently featured in the *Morris Tribune* for his decision to stay in Morris for 13 years after immigrating from Laos in 1980. Leng is employed as a software engineer computer specialist at the Soils Lab in Morris. He and his wife have six children in ages ranging

from 15 years to seven months.

CLASS OF '89

Tim Gregory recently moved to Boston, Mass., in April 1996, to work for Network Event Theater as an operations campus coordinator.

Paul ('87) and Charlene (Hilbrand) LaGrange live in Winona, Minn., where Paul accepted a position as an assistant professor of design and production at Winona State University. Charlene is a substitute teacher for the Winona schools. The couple is expecting their first child in February.

Jo Newman-Bosak writes, "My husband Chris and I are proud to announce the birth of our baby boy, Jack Adam, born October 1, 1996. I am currently working as a business system analyst for Aetna Health Plans in Minneapolis. We are making our home in Coon Rapids, Minn."

Co-founder of the Playing on Purpose Productions, **Timothy Ray** recently produced a project titled "A Day in the Life" that portrayed nursing assistants in action at a local nursing home.

Todd and Marcia (Miller) Rodeberg were married on December 8, 1996, in Cambridge, Minn. They currently live in Lino Lakes, Minn. Marcia earned her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota in September 1996. Her work focused on mechanistic studies of an FE(II) Catecholic Dioxygenase. She is doing post-doc work at the U of M. Todd is an engineer at UFE in Stillwater, Minn.

Douglas Rudell lives in Barrett, Minn., with his wife, Wendy, and their two children, Ethan (5) and Erin (3). Douglas is the owner of Rudell Agronomic Consulting in Barrett.

Mark and Lynn (Olson) ('89) Stier live in Willmar, Minn. Mark continues to work on his master's degree. Lynn was recently promoted to program assistant at West Central Industries. Lynn reports, "Mark did not get a deer for the first time ever this year."

John and Christine (Kapla) VanKempen ('92) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Holly Ray, on July 18, 1996. John is a science and health teacher at Evansville (Minn.) High School. Holly is a graduate student and a learning disabilities teacher in Alexandria, Minn. The VanKempen family lives in Evansville, Minn.

CLASS OF '90

Daniel Gray lives in Minneapolis. He is a marketing representative at Automatic Data Processing in Bloomington, Minn.

Jon Gubrud recently married Darcy Lease of Dubuque, Iowa. Jon is a science teacher at Willmar Senior High. The couple lives in Willmar, Minn.

Curtis and Patricia (Anderson) ('91) Leyk share with us, "This summer has been a busy one for us. In July, not only did we move into our new house near Albany, Minn., but we also were also blessed with the birth of our son, Mitchell. Curt is employed at Upsala Veterinary Clinic. He is enjoying his career as a veterinarian. I will return to work at St. Cloud Medical Group as a medical technologist in September."

Pamela Lent was recently featured in the *Morris Sun* for her great community involvement. She owns Lent PFC, a financial consulting business in Morris. Pamela and husband, Dale, have been married 26 years and have three children: Eric, 25; Chad, 21; and Amber, 16.

CLASS OF '91

Amanda (Grunke) Bradley shares with us, page 8

"I live in Columbia, Mo., with my husband, Shane. I teach special education at an elementary school. Hello and I miss you to: Eileen, Julie, Renee, Carla, Tony, Judy, Anne, Greta, and 'Davy in the Gravy.'"

Kara Bloemke recently received her master's degree in human services administration and planning from Mankato State University in August 1996. She is currently an adjunct professor in the sociology department at Mankato State University.

Erica Gaarder earned her M.A. in social work from the University of Minnesota. She is currently employed as a social worker in Oak Hill Elementary School in St. Cloud, Minn.

Sandra Rausch writes, "I have one more semester of graduate school and then will be the proud owner of a master's. My cat and I are happily living in St. Louis Park, Minn."

Drew Rutherford received a master's degree in organic chemistry (1995) and doctorate in inor-

live in Farmington, Minn., where they recently purchased a house. Gary is employed with CPRail, and Michelle is a first grade teacher at Kenyon/Wanamingo Public Schools.

Thomas Cook is currently attending law school in Lansing, Mich.

Stacey Dickinson completed her master's in management from St. Mary's University. In September, she started a new job with the Human Resources Department at GE Capital in Eden Prairie, Minn., as a senior medical and disability administrator. Stacey lives in Plymouth, Minn.

Tonya Moss Carlson Eide is a special education teacher with the Fort Thomas Independent Schools in Fort Thomas, Ky.

Jody (Sundebolm) Eddy and her husband, Paul, recently moved to Northfield, Minn. Jody works for Homeowners Mortgage Corporation in Edina, Minn.

Howard Hecht encourages everyone to check the City Pages and find out where the hottest R&B band of the Twin Cities is jamming! The correct answer is: Streetside Rhythm, the popular band in which Howard participates. Aside from his band, Howard is a senior network analyst with West Publishing Corporation in Eagan, Minn.

Dawn (Thompson) Jandro shares with us, "I was married to Jim Jandro on July 13, 1996, in Faribault, Minn. We have recently bought a home in Forest Lake. I am still teaching sixth grade in Chisago Lakes. Jim is a supervisor in the Bankcard Settlement Operations Department for First Bank Systems in St. Paul."

Steven and Jennifer (Asfeld) Kinzer recently moved to Aitkin, where Steve is starting his optometry career, and Jennifer is looking for a teaching position. Meanwhile, Alec (one year old) is keeping mom and dad busy!

Chad and ErinJean (Gannon) ('94) Litton live in South Milwaukee, Wis. ErinJean is a home health nurse in Milwaukee, and Chad is finishing his ABD for his doctorate.

Kristen (Sigrist) Lynch shares with us, "My husband, Bill, and I would like to announce the birth of our daughter, Erin Joy, born September 24, 1996."

Windom's **Bill Magnuson** is believed to be the first person to participate in the Prep Bowl as both a player and a head coach. Magnuson, who coached the Eagles in their 24-7 loss to Breck in the Class B, played for Park Rapids in 1983 when they lost 36-14 to Hutchinson for the Class A championship.

Cheryl (Stadick) and Joshua ('93) Maiolo share news with us of an addition to their family. Anthony Joseph Maiolo was born April 28, 1996, complete with a full head of thick, black hair. Josh is still employed at Gage Marketing in Maple Plain, Minn. The Maiolo family lives in Delano, Minn.

Alan Mills writes, "I'm now in my second year of teaching in Idaho Springs, Colo. I'm still working with 7-12 grade bands, love living in the mountains but miss the lakes. Get in touch with me and come to ski!"

Christina Muedeking was sworn into the Maryland bar in June 1996. She is a consultant for the law firm of Baise & Miller, P.C. in Washington, D.C.

Gary and Michelle (Whalen) ('93) Burditt

Alumni Profile



FROM LEFT: Jeff Hoppe ('91), Pete Hainey ('91) and Darren Selbert ('93)

Alumni create direct marketing company

Proving that UMM continues to create leaders as well as long-lasting ties, a UMM alum opened a direct marketing firm in Bloomington, employing two additional UMM graduates. TFG Direct began early in 1993 when Pete Hainey ('91), created TFG Direct, a small company (three people at the time) which offered direct mail and fundraising expertise to its clients.

Seeking to create a point of difference over other direct mail companies, TFG Direct expanded its service to include database management, a need inherent in successful direct marketing, and telemarketing functions. Brian Schneider ('90) helped arrange the financing for the expansion, and in the three years since inception, TFG has increased its client list and billings by 500 percent. Brad Solvie ('91) helped establish the telemarketing center, and Jim Bartness ('90), district manager for Holiday Companies, coordinated

one of TFG's early projects.

Many of the current clients continue to be non-profit organizations such as the International Wolf Center in Ely and Minnesota Special Olympics.

Other UMMers include Jeff Joffer and Dennis Van Dam, who have consulted in computer system design, and Jeff Hoppe ('91), who joined as systems manager in 1994. Hoppe is responsible for running the network and creating the database programs that TFG manages for clients and uses for marketing efforts. His expertise has kept TFG in the forefront technologically, providing customers with response rates considered high for direct marketing.

Most recently, Darren Selberg ('93) was hired as account manager to manage client programs on a day-to-day basis. Selberg previously worked for a national promotion/marketing agency in Bloomington. Overall, TFG Direct boasts 45 staff members, and as clients continue to seek TFG's services, plans include additional account executives and offices.

William and Beth (Schumacher) ('92) Breiter live in Falcon Heights, Minn. William is at staff member at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, and Beth is a librarian at Washington County Library.

Leah Fonder-Solano writes, "I will be finishing the doctoral program in Hispanic literature at the University of Arizona in January. Although I miss the Midwest, my husband (Enrique) and I have been very happy in Tucson these last five years. We had no idea where we'd end up, but we are excited about the change. I invite friends from UMM to get in touch; my e-mail is: Lfonder@CCIT.ARIZONA.EDU, and my mailing address is: 3941 N 4th Ave #24, Tucson, AZ 85705."

William and Beth (Schumacher) ('92) Breiter live in Falcon Heights, Minn. William is at staff member at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, and Beth is a librarian at Washington County Library.

Lisa Winter is a German instructor and music teacher at Wadena (Minn.) High School.

CLASS OF '92

Congratulations to **Tom and Karen (Snell) ('95) Anderson** and their beautiful, happy, healthy baby boy named Adam, who is nine months old! The Anderson's live in Mankato, Minn.

Gary and Michelle (Whalen) ('93) Burditt

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Jennifer (Wendler) Oberle and her husband, Brad, recently bought a house in Byron, Minn. Jen works as a staffing supervisor for ProStaff.

David and Awilda Olson write, "Our daughter, Jasmine Marie, was born August 2, 1996. Awilda completed her M.A. in Spanish this past May and stays home with Jasmine. Dave is teaching world geography and English, along with coaching wrestling and track."

Julie (Snell) Paczkowski writes, "I finally got married June 22, 1996, after a four-year engagement." Julie is a child care teacher with Playschool. The couple lives in Oakdale, Minn.

Lisa (Landwehr) Phipps shares, "I had to quit my job teaching in a one room school house when my husband and I moved. He now works on a buffalo ranch. I hope to substitute from time to time. Our animals keep us busy and happy!" Lisa lives in Sand Springs, Mont.

Theresa Raaf is currently working on her master of liberal studies at UMM. She was recently one of two people awarded the Peoples Choice Award at a regional art show at the New York Mills Cultural Center in New York Mills, Minn. The painting was named "Tell Me It Was Just a Dream."

Robert Rutherford received his master's in genetics in 1995. He is slated to receive his doctorate in early 1997 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is accepting a postdoctoral position at UWM for 1997.

Ted and Rhonda (Embertson) Sylvester are proud to announce an addition to their family. Benjamin Edward was born on September 19, 1996. Ted is a purchasing manager for Fort Wayne Pools in Maple Grove. Rhonda teaches fourth grade in Rogers, Minn. The Sylvester family lives in Elk River, Minn.

Cory and Juli (Yauch) Wagner reside in Eagan, Minn. Cory is an administrator with Northern Hydraulics in Burnsville, Minn., and Juli is the coordinator of membership and administration services with the Grain Elevator and Processing Society in Minneapolis. The couple is expecting their first child next March.

John and Carolyn (Tix) Weide live in Brownston, Minn. John is a manager at Town and Country Discount Foods, and Carolyn is employed with Desk Top Publishing. The couple is expecting their second child.

CLASS OF '93

Soren Agard and Darla Talsma ('92) recently wed on December 28, 1996. Darla plans to graduate in spring 1997 from the University of Minnesota Law School. Soren is employed as a systems engineer at Perigee Communications in the Twin Cities.

Christine Chapman and Jeffrey Thompson were married on October 12, 1996. Christine is employed as a programmer with the Pillsbury Co., in Minneapolis. Jeffrey is a 1996 graduate of Drake University School of Law in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sarah Crawford received a master's in biology from UMD in November 1995, and taught two biology courses at UMD winter and spring quarters of the 1995-96 academic year. Currently, Sarah is a lab instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Cara Critchfield shares with us, "After working at BI Performance Services in Minneapolis for three years as a marketing account manager, I am going back to school for a master's in French. I'm in a three-year program through University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and my first year will be spent in

France teaching high school English. After that, I'll be living in Lincoln, taking classes, and teaching French. Hi to Indy 1A, Indy 3B, and Gay ground!"

Mary Doschadis was named the "Residential Rookie of the Year" for Coldwell Banker Realty in 1995. Mary lives in Fargo, N.D.

Kevin Jensen graduated from the U.S. Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Daleville, Ala.

Jon and Julie (Schilling) Kane have two daughters: Mandy (3) and Lexi (6 months). Jon is going into orthopedic surgery. The Kane family lives in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Jay Loven shares, "I'm discovering that there's life outside of school! I graduated last spring with a M.S. in electrical engineering at the U of M. Right now, I am living in Dayton and working at Seagate Technology in Bloomington, Minn."

Kristin Lovrien writes, "After having taught English in Graz, Austria, for a year and working in public relations in Minneapolis for nearly a year, it was time to go back to school for my master's or doctorate maybe. I've got the German bug!"

Sharlene (Hanson) Orcutt and husband, Paul, moved to Parker, S.D. Sharlene teaches fourth grade in Marion, S.D.

Mark Robinson and fiancée Lauri Gates planned an August 3, 1996 wedding. Mark started medical school this past fall.

Eric Roe got married October 12, 1996, to Sonja Luze in Minneapolis. Eric is a special education teacher in Mahtomedi. The couple lives in Roseville, Minn.

Julie Schroer accepted a position as a legislative intern in the North Dakota Legislature. She is moving to Bismarck, N.D.

Michael and Jill (Asfeld) ('94) Smith were married August 24, 1996, near Forest Lake, Minn. Jill is currently employed as the human resources coordinator at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids, Minn. Michael is employed at Kraft Foods, Albany, Minn., as a laboratory technician. The couple lives in Waite Park, Minn.

Jason and Denise (Carlson) ('94) Thiner live in Fargo, N.D. Jason is a math teacher and coach at the Tiospa Zina Tribal School in Sisseton, and Denise returned to school to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing at NDSU.

Darby and Heather (Swanson) Whitehill were married October 18, 1996. Darby teaches high school math and coaches junior high football and tennis in Granite Falls, Minn. Heather teaches seventh and eighth grade English and coaches junior high track in Montevideo, Minn. Both are currently in graduate school part-time.

CLASS OF '94

Robert Amos is working in a homeless shelter in Boston, Mass. Next fall, he plans to start a master's program in social work at Boston University.

Jim Cook and Amy Loschy are engaged and planning a June 1997 wedding. Amy is working at Detecon Inc., a German-owned Telecommunications Test Laboratory as an executive assistant and project manager. Jim is teaching English at the Westonka Alternative School and the Mound Westonka High School. The couple lives in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Josh and Emily (Bowron) Crabtree are currently in Duluth, Minn., where Josh is finishing his second year of medical school. Emily is teaching kindergarten in Superior, Wis. They are expecting their first child in

April.

Wendy Kuznia graduated from the master's program at St. Cloud State University in August 1996. She recently returned to UMM and spoke with students about advancing in the psychology profession. Currently, Wendy lives in Minneapolis and works for Excel Telecommunications, Inc.

Kelly Quick writes us, "I am continuing my perpetual student lifestyle at the University of Northern Colorado, working toward a doctorate in kinesiology, exercise physiology emphasis. This January, I will begin a part-time philosophy teaching position at a nearby community college."

Glen and Deborah (Quinn) Schilling live in Fairmont, Minn. Deb recently graduated from a physician assistant program at Midwestern University in the Chicago area. She is currently employed as a physician's assistant at Blue Earth Medical Center. Glen is a manager of I-90 Well Service.

John Schloo currently lives in Bloomington, Minn. Since September 1994, he has been working in Bloomington at an information resource company called Teltech Resource Network Corporation.

Suzanne Storck recently moved to Rockford, Ill., where she works as the operations manager for Circuit City Store, Inc.

CLASS OF '95

Chad Amborn married **Lori Hoffman** two years ago. The couple has a son named Alex and another baby is expected in May 1997. Chad is a graduate student in architecture, and Lori is a graduate student in pharmacy. Both are students at the U of M.

Jeremy Anderson writes in, "Hey, I finally graduated and last summer moved to Las Vegas to work as a loan officer at a finance company. I worked there for eight months before being offered a job with a mortgage bank as a broker. Las Vegas is unbelievable. If you're down here, look me up."

Kimberly Anderson married immediately after graduation in December 1994. Kim works in the International Marketing Department at Pillsbury and is expecting a child this Christmas Eve. Kimberly and her husband reside in St. Paul.

Jesse Bartz is employed with the Grain Exchange in Minneapolis.

Other than working nine to five, **Daniel Becker** and **Natalie Diem** have been working on organizing a theater group which focuses on women's issues and works written by women.

Scott Bentz works on the ambulance crew with Health East Transportation. Scott lives in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Brandon Burbach spent his first year after Morris as a microbiology research technician at the University of South Dakota. He's starting another molecular biology lab this fall at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "I'm fully employed in my major!" Look for Brandon back in Morris this year, visiting Emily Clark ('97). "I miss UMM, but Emily is now the focus of my visits (smile)." Brandon's email address is: bburbach@sundance.usd.edu.

Karen Butak currently works as a proofreader in the advertising department at Northern Hydraulics. She lives in Richfield, Minn.

Jason Cordes is a software engineer at MTS Systems. He married Beth Ploos and lives in Shakopee, Minn.

Lonnie Douglas and fiancé, **Christopher Weyer**, planned to be married September 7, 1996. Lonnie is employed as an Environment Compliance Specialist with BFI in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Judy Dulas writes, "I am teaching fifth grade at Holy Trinity Schools in Winsted, Minn. I also teach all the fifth and sixth grade math. I will be the assistant girls' basketball coach for the high school."

Jen Engleson works at a group home in Fergus Falls, Minn. She plans to earn her master's degree in library science in the near future.

Heidi (Anderson) Ferguson is a mortician and funeral director with the Kessler and Maguire Funeral Home in St. Paul. She married **Corey Ferguson** in November 1995.

Marisue Gleason is "shaping young minds" at Washington Elementary School in Bloomington, Minn. Marisue lives in Cambridge, Minn.

Jennifer Heineman is living in Minneapolis with her boyfriend, David. She currently works at Pillsbury.

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Catching Up

To submit an item for *Catching Up*, just fill out this form and send it to: David Kelly, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, UMM, Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267.

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Alumni Board of Directors

Hello...



UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION welcomes newly elected Board of Directors: l-r, Jon Meyer ('92), Plymouth; Harry Carter ('69), Rochester; Virginia Boever ('77), Alexandria; Maypakou Ly ('94), Minneapolis; and Cindy Hiedeman ('87), Canby (not pictured).



...and goodbye

MANY THANKS to retiring board of directors for their years of service and outstanding contributions to the UMM Alumni Association: Gina Trousil ('69), Anoka (pictured at left); Ed Buntje ('70), Plymouth; Tom Hanson ('84), Minneapolis; and Joel Kennedy ('88), Eagan.

Tom McRoberts receives Achievement Award

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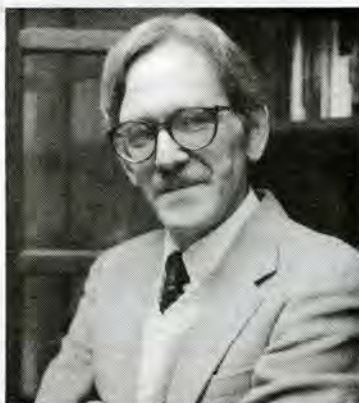
The associate director and program adviser for University College/Continuing Education and Extension at the University of Minnesota, Morris is the recipient of the Dean's Individual Achievement Award from University College (UC). Thomas McRoberts was presented the award at an October ceremony on the University's Twin Cities campus.

The award is given annually by University College dean Harold Miller to a University College staff member who has demonstrated extraordinary service to the college during the previous year. McRoberts was cited for his fine work at UMM, as well as his contributions to the all-University Interactive Television (ITV) System coordinated through UC-Minneapolis, and also for his role in assisting with "reengineering" efforts currently underway in UC.

"Tom is an extremely dedicated and loyal individual who is working on so many fronts to continue to bring about improvements within the University and better service to our students," said Roger McCannon, director of UC/Continuing Education and Extension at UMM. "He deserves the award and we're delighted he received it!"

McRoberts graduated from UMM in 1968 with a degree in history, did graduate work in the same field at the University of Oregon, and returned to UMM in 1975. He was employed by Continuing Education in 1975, first as assistant director and later as associate director and as an adviser to non-traditional students.

In 1991, McRoberts was selected as a recipient of the John Tate Award for Excellence in Academic Advising. The all-University Award, named in honor of John Tate, physics professor and the first dean of University College (1930-41), is given annually to three individuals who advise un-



Tom McRoberts

dergraduates at the University of Minnesota. By highlighting the examples of outstanding advising, the Tate Award identifies models and resources for others and promotes the role that academic advising plays in the University's educational mission.

More recently, McRoberts divides his time and talents between his University College assignment in the Twin Cities and his position at UMM.

In the Twin Cities, McRoberts is assigned to the office of the dean for University College. In that role, he is the coordinator for the all-University ITV network, and has been instrumental in the "reengineering" process of the University College system endorsed by the University's Board of Regents.

Locally, McRoberts is the administrator of extension classes, including evening undergraduate courses and ITV, and has played a major role in setting up the Master of Liberal Studies program. As administrative director of the Center for International Programs at UMM, he works with Sharon Van Eps, program adviser, and faculty director Craig Kisko to place students abroad for purposes of both teaching and studying. CIP also supports incoming international students by providing orientation and advising.

Chancellor initiates Morris Junior Year

JASON LINA ('97) Pengilly, Minn.

Over the past several years the University of Minnesota, Morris has built a reputation as one of the finest public liberal arts colleges in the nation. In spite of such a reputation, UMM's retention rate between the freshman and junior year currently stands at about 59 percent.

For UMM Chancellor David Johnson, the number of freshmen who will remain at Morris into their junior year is far too low. Although 59 percent is high as public institutions go, it is far too low for one with Morris' quality of students, Johnson believes.

He sees the exodus of juniors and seniors as hurting UMM's ability to offer upper division classes which can challenge both students and faculty. In addition, Johnson believes the lack of upperclassmen also damages UMM's ability to create a "community spirit" among students.

To solve this problem, Johnson has recently introduced the Morris Junior Year concept. Through the Morris Junior Year, Johnson hopes to make UMM more attractive to students who may be considering a transfer to another campus. Morris Junior Year's goal is to make UMM students aware of the opportunities which the University campus at Morris presents. Through this initiative, Johnson hopes to promote the opportunity for every UMM student, by the time they reach their junior year, to have participated in study abroad programs, collaborative research, internships and programs which are of value to the larger Morris community.

Johnson points to programs such as the English Language Teaching Assistant Program and the Pacific Rim Student Teaching program as being examples of the types of low cost study abroad programs of which UMM students can take advantage. Also,

through promotion of the Morris Academic Partners (MAP) and the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), Johnson hopes to promote the kind of faculty-student interaction that are possible on a small campus.

Receiving a stipend of \$1,500 for the year, MAPs undertake assignments that enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study. Projects involve assisting faculty and professional staff in their research and/or teaching, and are more complex than typical work-study assignments.

Faculty nominate students entering their third year of study for a MAP, and they are named by the appropriate division chairperson with agreement from the academic dean.

UROP is a competitive, merit-based program throughout the University of Minnesota that offers financial awards to undergraduates for research, scholarly, or creative projects undertaken in partnership with a faculty member. All full-time undergraduates at UMM are eligible to apply. All Morris faculty may serve as UROP sponsors.

Already some of UMM's efforts to appeal to upperclassmen are paying off. Introduction to the Liberal Arts, a new class taught by Jeanne Purdy, instructor in Interdisciplinary Studies, is intended as a class introducing transferring juniors to UMM's liberal arts mission. Johnson points to the 92 transfer students who enrolled at UMM this fall, up from 43 just three years ago, as proof of UMM's success at making itself attractive to transfer students.

Johnson cites his ultimate goal as being able to increase the size of the UMM student body to 2000 by (the year) 2000 through transfer and increased retention, not through increased freshmen admissions.

Student Union Conference enjoys UMM hospitality



UMM ALUMNI AT ACU-I CONFERENCE front, l-r: P. David McRoberts ('84), Stephanie Pippo ('98), Carol McCannon ('80), Leigh Marthe ('87), and Karen Ellis ('75). Back, l-r: Doug Wandersee ('93), Sandy Olson-Loy, director of Student Activities, Rhoda Schrader ('79), Sara Haugen ('88), and Rachel Leatham ('94).
-photo by David Morrison

Over 160 people from 22 colleges and universities attended the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I) Region 10 Conference hosted by the University of Minnesota, Morris October 31-November 2.

ACU-I is a network of approximately 1,000 member institutions from urban and rural campuses, four-year and two-year universities, large universities and small colleges. Their common goal is to help college union and student activities programs improve their programs and services and to be effective contributors to individual growth and leadership development. Region 10 is comprised of member schools in Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ontario, and South Dakota.

The conference theme was "Mapping the Future." Three keynote speakers were conference highlights: Tracy Knofla, motivational speaker from Tryangle Training; Nancy Davis Metz, associate executive director of ACU-I, "Coping With Change in the 21st Century"; and Mattie Clark, folklorist, who shared "humorous stories from the black experience." Minneapolis-based Comedy Olympix, who perform "improvisational comedy played as sport with lots of audience participation," were conference favorites.

A number of ed sessions, or workshops, were held throughout the three-day conference, targeted at staff and students who are active in student unions at participating higher education institutions.

The UMM host committee for the conference included Sandy Olson-Loy, chair, director of Student Activities; Karen Ellis, program associate, University College, Continuing Education and Extension; Arden Granger, coordinator of special events; Gerald Zimmer, director of Professional Food Management; Cathi Kietzman, physical plant supervisor; and Roger Boleman, director of Media Services. A number of Student Center Information Desk student employees and other members of the UMM campus community served as volunteers.

Continuing Education and Extension changes name to University College

JASON LINA ('97) Pengilly, Minn.

Continuing Education and Extension has a new name—University College—which reflects Continuing Education and Extension's new and expanded mission under University 2000.

The name University College is associated in England and the United States with academic distinction and broadened access. These qualities are appropriate to the program innovations Minnesotans have come to expect from one of the country's most comprehensive continuing education programs for nontraditional and part-time students.

The "old" Continuing Education was one of the largest continuing education programs in the nation with over 168,274 registrations in on-campus, ITV and correspondence study credit and non-credit courses and programs. That size and strength of programs will continue in the new University College, but with a new emphasis.

The new vision for University College is based on the recognition that increasingly lifelong learning and convenient access to education—both on the campuses and from a distance—are essential in the lives of individuals and organizations. University College will be the University's major point of access and educational opportunity for the nontraditional, part-time student. In addition, University College will partner with colleges, campuses and outreach units within the University, and with

other colleges, businesses and industry outside the University to offer new programs and services.

University College will offer University credit and non-credit courses and programs in the evenings, weekends and summers, and customized programs for business, government, and nonprofit organizations.

According to UC Morris director Roger McCannon, the priority of University College is to serve the working adult. McCannon said that University College will still offer "traditional" courses and programs to on campus students, but the new emphasis is bringing instruction into the work place.

McCannon added that while University College is a University-wide unit with a common mission, there will be variations in practice from campus to campus. UC at Morris, for example, will strongly reflect UMM's liberal arts mission in its programs and work. Still, University College at UMM will try to be more responsive toward the work place.

McCannon cited two degree and certificate programs which reflect University College's new mission: a bachelor's degree in information networking and a graduate certificate in Child Abuse Prevention Studies. He said that there will be many more new programs designed by University College to serve nontraditional students in the work force.

For more information on University College, contact (800) 842-0030.

Campus of Difference program geared toward making a difference

MARY HOLEWA ('97) Foley, Minn.

The University of Minnesota, Morris has adopted a new program this year, a program that, it is hoped, will bridge the gap between students of different backgrounds. Campus of Difference, a part of the World of Difference program started by the Anti-Defamation League, focuses on combating prejudice and fostering intergroup understanding and communication in the school, the community, the workplace, the campus, and within law enforcement agencies.

The Morris version of Campus of Difference is a three-year program developed specifically for the college campus. In its inaugural year, many of the programs are designed for first-year students who, according to Sandy Olson-Loy, director of UMM Student

Activities, "often find themselves for the very first time living with people whose background and experiences are very different from their own." Olson-Loy also noted that many incidents of racial harassment and conflict situations involve first-year students.

Events so far have included two Diversity Jams, initially organized by student Malinda Miller, to celebrate diversity. Miller wanted students, faculty and staff to be proactive and to

work toward a cure for ignorance and misunderstandings on campus. Campus of Difference also worked with freshman orientation and prepared orientation leaders and resident advisers for issues relating to diversity.

Students, staff and faculty participated in several workshops during the first week of October in order to learn more about the program and how they can work within it to make the campus more supportive to its diverse population.

Diversity Jams

The idea for the original Diversity Jam came from Malinda Miller ('96), Maywood, Ill. Miller realized last year that there were serious racial tension problems at UMM and decided that something needed to be done about them. She wrote a proposal on how to decrease some of the tensions within UMM. In the letter Miller called for a diversity "Street Party" that would allow all students to get to know one another.

In addition to music and food of ethnic origin, Miller also called for a type of pledge sheet where all members of the campus community would get signatures of individuals of different ethnic backgrounds. Miller's ideas eventually evolved into the first Diversity Jam.

There have been two other Diversity Jams since.

A fourth component of the Campus of Difference is that of Diversity Peer Educators, students who work to educate others on the issue at hand. These peer educators will be visiting the residence hall to facilitate dialogue among students; they will also provide information about diversity and serve as a campus resource regarding diversity issues.

Following the theme of "Finding Common

Ground," UMM faculty and staff will be involved throughout the year as well as students.

So far the students who have participated think it is a wonderful program that deserves some attention. Student Jennifer Mattson ('98), Braham, Minn., stated, "...I hope that it will go towards the diversity on campus. I think it is great, too, because I'm from a small town with no diversity."

YOU SAID IT

Comments and Letters From Our Readers

It's not what you said, it's what you DIDN'T say! Was it something I said? No letters to share in this issue.

Opinions expressed in *You Said It* do not necessarily reflect the opinions or viewpoint of the University of Minnesota, Morris or the staff of this publication.



SPOONER GETS FACELIFT One of the oldest buildings on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris recently completed a seven-year renovation project. Spooner Hall, built in 1913 as a twin building to Camden Hall, received the finishing touches of a five-part renovation program started in 1989. Spooner Hall has a rich tradition in campus life. It is the oldest residence hall on campus that still houses UMM students. Camden Hall was built a year earlier, but is now used for campus offices. Spooner is also the third oldest building on campus, following the Minority Resource Center which was built in 1899 and Camden Hall which was built in 1912.

-photo by David Morrison

The sky's the limit for math professor

SEAN ANDERSON ('00) Fergus Falls

Peh Ng, an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Morris, spent the summer working with Northwest Airlines in the area of mathematical modeling and operations research. The UMM-airlines match is the first time that the airlines has had a project of this type done by someone not associated with the airlines. In addition, Tom Mahoney, UMM director of grants development, says that the match is definitely a first-ever match between Northwest Airlines and any campus of the University of Minnesota.

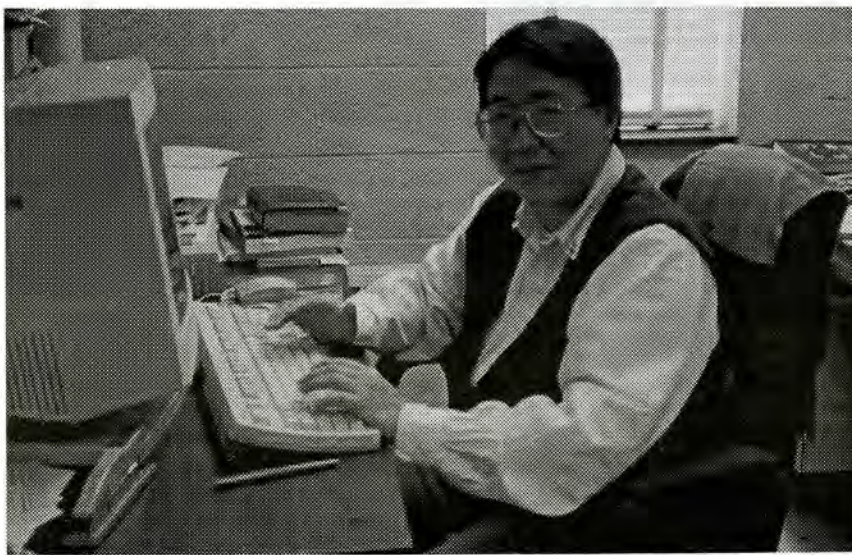
The project was initiated through Ng's desire for an applied research project, by definition, a research project which has a desired and applicable outcome. The airlines, on the other hand, needed someone, due to a work overload, to help their mathematicians and operations researchers. Ng talked with Northwest, applied, and went through negotiations before being awarded the research grant through the UMM Grants Development office.

She worked in a collaboration with two airlines employees in an attempt to optimize the airline's food service operation. Their task was divided into three parts. The first was to formulate the problem. The next step was to numerically optimize the problem using software. Finally, the solu-

tions were presented to the product development people at the airlines.

Mathematical modeling was used so a determination could be made regarding the amount of food for a particular flight. Ng used her mathematics background to present a formal proposal to the airlines which provided the Product Development group for the company an analytical tool for making decisions related to in-flight services. Ng was involved with the project from April to mid-September. The process is still ongoing.

Ng says that she took on the task to help students in the course that she will teach at UMM. The mathematical modeling that she used while at Northwest Airlines will be used as an example for real life applications within her course—Math 3270, Operations Research. She said that she is always looking for real world applications for her students and, "This is as real as it gets."



PEH NG "at the controls" of the computer in her UMM office. -Morris Tribune photo

Homecoming '96

Homecoming Weekend 1996 was fabulously successful! Several hundred alumni returned from far and near, including over 60 who participated in the Alumni Career Fair. Both students and alumni commented that their experience at this year's Career Fair was tremendously rewarding.



DAN PULS ('78), high school social studies instructor in the New Prague School District, smiles for the camera with his former high school student, **Jay Kelly ('96)**.



ALUMNI CAREER FAIR greeter, **Adam Sheridan ('97)**, welcomes UMM alumna **Megan McGinley ('96)** to the fair.



TERRANCE LANG ('93), team leader with Ameritech Communications, Arlington, Ill., and **Reuben Jones ('95)**, administrative assistant to the vice president of marketing at Hammacher Schlemmer, Chicago, Ill., reminisce about their UMM days. **Molly McCormick ('93)**, senior health program administrator for the MN Dept. of Health, visits with **Bill Stewart**, director of Minority Student Programs at UMM.



MICHAEL LABERGE ('76), obstetrician and gynecologist at the Duluth Clinic, Ltd., identifies characteristics of a good doctor.

Students and faculty spend month in Italy

SEAN ANDERSON ('00) Fergus Falls

Sixteen students from the University of Minnesota, Morris spent the month of July studying Italian culture and creativity at its very source — in Italy. Tap Payne, a

professor of theatre at UMM, was the tour conductor and taught a two-credit course on Italian culture. Payne is also the chair of the International Program Committee at UMM.

FRED PETERSON RECEIVES P.A.M. AWARD

Fred Peterson, professor of art history at the University of Minnesota, Morris, was recognized October 27 at the annual meeting and preservation festival of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota. The award is in recognition of Peterson's many years of research and education in the area of rural heritage, particularly barns and farm houses. He is one of 12 award recipients this year.

Peterson is the author of *Homes in the Heartland: Balloon Frame Farmhouses of the Upper Midwest, 1850-*



FRED PETERSON -file photo

1920. The book chronicles the balloon frame construction revolution as it spread from Chicago into Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and across South and North Dakota.

This is the 12th year for the P.A.M.'s awards program, which was started to recognize grassroots preservations throughout the state of Minnesota. Awards can be given for "Bricks and Mortar" restoration, the work of community groups or the efforts of individuals.

The Preservation Alliance is a statewide private, non-profit organization, dedicated to safeguarding Minnesota's historic resources

Faculty and Staff

Associate professor of philosophy **Pieranna Garavaso** had her paper, "Significanza cognitiva e contenuto di pensiero nella nuova teoria del riferimento," appear in the September 1996 issue of the Italian philosophical journal *Lingua e Stile*. She also presented the paper "The Logical and the Empirical on *On Certainty*" at the conference "Knowledge and Practice: Wittgenstein's Treatment of Knowledge in *On Certainty*" held in October at the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis.

Assistant professor of philosophy **Ishtiyaque Haji** completed four papers in the 1995-96 academic year, two published and two forthcoming: "Liberating Constraints," *The Journal of Philosophical Research* 22 (forthcoming); "On Being Blameworthy for the Thoughts of One's Dream Self," anthologized in *The Augustinian Tradition* ed. G.B. Matthews (Berkeley: University of California Press, forthcoming); "Moral Responsibility and the Problem of Induced Pro-Attitudes," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 35; and "Variable Obligations and Enduring Commands," *Sophia* 34 (1995).

Professor of history **Mimi Frenier** has been named the coordinator for the UMM Commission on Women for the 1996-97 academic year.

Doug Reese, head wrestling coach, is one of three nationally recognized coaches who have qualified for the Gold level certification in USA Wrestling's National Coaches Education Program. The Gold level is the highest achievement available in coaches education in wrestling. Reese was published in the November issue of *Wrestling USA* magazine. His article is titled, "Hidden

Pieranna Garavaso, a professor of philosophy at UMM, taught another two-credit course on creativity. The students earned a fifth college credit by learning about Ezra Pound, (1885-1972) a U.S. poet who lived in Italy. His daughter, who owns the castle in which the group stayed, taught the course.

This is the first time, to Payne's knowledge, that UMM has sent a group of students to study in Italy. Samuel Schuman, UMM vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, who helped with the initial arrangements, told him about the tour.

The students stayed for a month in Merano, located in Northern Italy. They also took trips to Venice, Florence, Verona and Rome. Garavaso, who is a native of Florence, helped set up the arrangements there. While in Merano the students stayed in Castle Brunenburg. It is located in Tyrol village, two miles up the mountain from Merano.

UMM students who took the trip include Sara Carstensen, Sturgis, S.D.; Emmeline Erikson, St. Louis Park; Kathy Erickson, Apple Valley; Kjersti Hanneman, Fergus Falls; Michael Harrelson, Marshall; Amanda Koreen, Maplewood; Kelly Migyanko, Chanhassen; Rachel Muscoplat, Plymouth; Sara Poplau, Marshall; Erin Thomas, Chaska; Ruth Virkus, Gilbert; Mark Wills, Plymouth; Ryan Tool, Delano; Jody Blindauer, Cavour, S.D.; Josh Field, Bemidji; and Valerie Field, Westbrook.

Payne said that UMM is looking into offering another trip in the future. He also added that the University would like to rotate some of the classes which are taught from year to year while on the trip.

Secrets of Olympic Freestyle Wrestling: A Statistical Analysis of the XXVI Olympiad."

Susan Bernardin, assistant professor of English, received the Western Literature Association's Don D. Walker Award for best essay in Western American Literature.

Seung-Ho Joo, assistant professor of political science, recently published an article titled "Russia's Policy toward the Two Koreas" in T.H. Kwak and E.A. Olsen (eds), *The Major Powers of Northeast Asia: Seeking Peace and Security* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1996).

A number of press clippings from a variety of statewide, national and international print publications have been received in the Office of University Relations on the topic of the study of the deformed frog population by **David Hoppe**, professor of biology. Among the publications, Hoppe's research is cited on page 87 of the October 28, 1996 issue of *Time* magazine.

Professor of French **Elizabeth S. Blake** has an article "The Yin and Yang of Student Learning in College," included on page four of the September/October 1996 publication, *About Campus*. For student affairs and faculty to work well together, says Blake, they first need to acknowledge, and indeed embrace, their fundamental differences. The magazine makes reference on the cover to Blake's article.

Bert Ahern, professor of history, and **Dimitra Giannuli**, assistant professor of history, participated in a session titled "Protestant Christian Missionaries and Natives: Interactive Dynamics on Three Continents, 1820-1920" at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory in Portland, Ore., Nov. 7-10. Giannuli delivered a paper titled "Missionaries of Modernization: American Congregationalists among the Oriental Christians of the Near East, 1820-1920," and Ahern one titled "Returned Indian Students and Christian Missionaries on the Northern Great Plains: Interactive Dynamics, 1880-1920." **Jon Thares Davidann** ('85, history major) was also in the session. His paper is titled "The American YMCA in Meiji Japan: The Intercultural Approach to History." Davidann earned his doctorate (1996) at the University, Twin Cities, and is visiting assistant professor of history at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Assistant professor of Spanish **Stacey Parker Aronson** recently had La "textualizacion" de Leocadia y su defensa en *La fuerza de la sangre*, published in the journal *Cervantes*, volume 16, 1996. Through its analysis of one of Cervantes' exemplary novels, this paper deals with the issue of rape and with the characters' ability to "read" each other as human texts representing the roles of men and women within the socio-historical context of 17th-century Spain.

Staff member **Maggie Von Hellwig** has written "Support Staff in Reference Work," an article published in the November/December 1996 issue of the journal, *Library Mosaic*, a nationally published journal for library support staff. The article addressed the changing role of and increased demands placed on the library paraprofessional. Von Hellwig works for public services in the Rodney Briggs Library, in charge of the inter-library loan department.

Professor of history **Harold Hinds** has been appointed series editor, together with Charles Tatus, of a new series of scholarly monographs to be published by the University of Arizona Press. The series is titled "Latin American Communication and Popular Culture." Several books will be published annually in the series, the first of which, *Mexican Cinema/Mexican Woman 1940-1950*, was published in November.

Tsan-sheng Hsu and **Dian Lopez** recently

Audio visual name change reflects reel-to-real image

JASON LINA ('97) Pengilly, Minn.

For many people, the term audio visual no doubt conjures up images of an antiquated movie projector being wheeled into a classroom on a cart to show flickering old reel-to-reel movies. There was a time when this was probably an accurate description of the role played by the Audio Visual Department at the University of Minnesota, Morris. It is accurate no longer.

In this ever-changing world of video, multi-media and telecommunications, such thinking of an audio visual office as nothing more than the provider of slide projectors is antiquated. To reflect a more updated image, Audio Visual director Roger Boleman, and the staff of the UMM department formerly known as audio visual, decided that the department name should be more suited to the services they now provide. A name was selected which would more properly reflect the range of media services which the department provides to UMM and beyond.

That name is Media Services.

According to Boleman, the beginning of the name change began when UMM was the forerunner at the University of Minnesota in 1992 in proposing Interactive Television, or ITV, classes. It is not widely known that the Morris campus of the University, not the Twin Cities campus, was the first to propose, promote and implement the idea of ITV. Through ITV, UMM can provide a number of new classes, primarily languages, that are offered on the Twin Cities campus. The classes are taught by an instructor in the Twin Cities and sent by compressed video to Morris. The proposal was approved and a room in UMM's Humanities Fine Arts Center — HFA 7 — was equipped with the cameras and monitors that would allow the interactive classes to be taught.

The changes continued when audio visual began to assist the Offices of Residential Life and Computing Services in the installation of the ResNet system on campus. ResNet equipped every residence hall room on the UMM campus with cable TV, telephone, and Internet access.

Now Media Services is moving into another form of media, multimedia. This technology allows instructors to digitally scan photos and text, record sound and video, and incorporate it all into an interactive computer program which can be used for in-class presentations or out-of-class independent study. A number of new pieces



L-R: Roger Boleman; Mike Cihak; Beth Nelson; Maureen Melgard Schneider, Chore Corps; and Don Egert.

Media Services PSA merits award

JUDY RILEY University Relations

When the Media Services department at the University of Minnesota, Morris began working in collaboration with the Minnesota Chore Corps under the directorship of UMM alumna Beth Nelson ('79), little did either party know just how successful the results would be. Now, several public service announcements later, the results are in.

The Minnesota Chore Corps was recently awarded two merit awards for 30-second television commercials in the National Mature Media Awards competition. An awards celebration was held October 10, honoring Roger Boleman, director of UMM Media Services, and Michael Cihak, senior media resources producer in Media Services, for their role in producing the commercials. The award also honored spokesperson Don Egert of Ortonville.

"We really got lucky," says Nelson. "The University staff not only know about producing film but the staff had a real understanding of who we were trying to target. Mike Cihak and Roger Boleman, our producers, and Don Egert, our commercial voice/actor are talented and resourceful gentlemen."

The Minnesota Chore Corps is a

system that connects seniors and others with local businesses that are designated vendors. These businesses make a special effort to cater to the growing mature market. A major task of the Chore Corps continues to be public awareness. Chore Corps had tried several methods of advertising without success. It was only when they joined with UMM Media Services to produce the commercials that the consumer calls skyrocketed.

In June, the Chore Corps commercials were submitted to competition. The National Mature Media Awards is the only program of its kind to recognize the nation's best advertising, marketing and educational materials produced for adults age 50 and over. Over 1,000 entries were received and Gold, Bronze, Silver and Merit Awards were given in 33 categories. The Chore Corps commercials won two Merit awards for the commercials titled "The Visit Home" and "Retirement is Easy with MN Chore Corps."

When asked "Why UMM?" Nelson replied, "As a graduate of UMM, I was aware of the quality of the Media Services department. I also knew of their past involvement with aging awareness filming. I wanted to tap into this knowledge."

of equipment, including scanners, digital cameras and PowerMac computers, were purchased by Media Services over the summer to allow it to provide the service to the campus.

In addition to its new roles, Media Services continues to provide audio visual equipment to the UMM campus and continues its involvement in producing the "Prairie Yard and Garden" and "Academic Challenge"

television programs that can be seen on Pioneer Public Television in this area.

Boleman hopes the new name will give people a better understanding of his department's role in providing the technologies of the Information Age to the UMM campus, and to areas beyond the campus community.

Statistics professor gets national award

MARY HOLEWA ('97) Foley, Minn.

University of Minnesota, Morris professor of statistics, Dr. Engin A. Sungur, is one of five professors nationwide to receive an award as a scholar from National Learn and Serve SEAMS (Science, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, and Computer Science disciplines).

With a grant received from the Corporation for National Service's Learn and Serve America: Higher Education program, Dr. Sungur developed a mathematics course in which students addressed issues related to climate, weather patterns and river characteristics of west central Minnesota. This was one of three service learning courses offered by the UMM mathematics discipline this past year, and was part of the university's collaborative initiative with the city of Morris.

These programs, facilitated by Sungur and fellow faculty members — assistant professors Jon Anderson and

Peh Ng — were used during the cooperative effort of UMM and the City of Morris on the city's 10-Year Comprehensive Plan. Students studied and analyzed the current economic, demographic and environmental conditions of the area and presented their findings to the Morris Planning Commission. UMM and the city have plans to continue working together on various projects in the coming years because of

the positive results of the exchange.

Sungur noted that, "the students gained an understanding not only of the material presented in the class, but also how they can adapt their skills to be of direct benefit to the community." He recently presented the project at the second annual National Gathering, a meeting of professionals committed to integrating service with academic study, held in Indianapolis, Ind.



LEGACY STUDENTS During fall Orientation weekend, UMM welcomed over 20 new Legacy Students whose parents and/or grandparents are UMM alumnae.



DR. SHANNON HODGES

-photo by David Morrison



WENDY KUZNIA ('94) returned to UMM and spoke with members of the Psychology Club about academic and professional advancements in the field of psychology.

UMM welcomes new director of Student Counseling

SEAN ANDERSON, '00 Fergus Falls

When someone thinks of a counselor, certain phrases often come to mind. Someone to lean on, someone to confide in, someone to trust, someone to talk to, someone to guide, and countless more. At the University of Minnesota, Morris these terms are not merely clichés, but realities. With the hiring of the new director of Student Counseling Services, Dr. Shannon Hodges, it appears that the UMM has found the genuine article.

Dr. Hodges was scheduled to start work at UMM on January 16, but campus cancellations due to blizzard conditions delayed his start until the following day. As the director of Student Counseling Services, he is responsible for overseeing the counseling operation at UMM. His duties include testing, personal counseling, working with student groups such as Third Ear and Peer Health Educators, and more. Previously Dr. Hodges has worked in the areas of college teaching and college counseling; he prefers working on a personal counseling level.

"This is the fun kind of counseling. Working with students is what I really enjoy," he said.

Originally from Arkansas, Dr. Hodges graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in English. He went on to Oregon State University where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees in counseling. He

started his career as an English teacher and then became a counselor while in Oregon. He has over 13 years of experience as a college counselor in Oregon, 12 of those at Oregon State.

Dr. Hodges chose the University of Minnesota, Morris over colleges in South Carolina and North Carolina for a number of reasons.

"I wanted to work in higher education full-time. I was interviewing at three different places and found that I liked Morris best. The atmosphere and high caliber of students really impressed me. I am looking forward to working with them this year," he stated.

Dr. Hodges is engaged to be married, and his fiancée will be joining him in Morris this summer. He added that he has been very delighted with his decision to work here.

"When you first interview any place, they always put their best foot forward and you don't know if that's what it is really like there, but the initial positive impressions I had at first are still the same. All this place needs is a real good coffee shop," he added.

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Melissa Hostetler is employed with Dynamic Data Consulting. She lives in Minneapolis.

Kimi Jackson is the metro editor for the Las Vegas *Daily Optics* newspaper. She lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mark Jaster is finishing a civil engineering degree from the U of M, Twin Cities. He lives in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Jason and Andrea (Stevenson) ('94) Kienholz are expecting their first baby in February. Jason is employed with Norwest Banks in St. Louis Park, Minn., and Andrea is a preschool teacher in Maple Grove, Minn.

Bryan and Jennifer (Barry) ('96) Kulm were married on July 27, 1996. Bryan works at Pella Products, and Jennifer teaches English at Annandale High School. The couple lives in Plymouth, Minn.

Jennifer Lutz attends the Minnesota School of Health Services.

Michael and Dori ('94) Maddox live in Vadnais Heights, Minn. Michael is a software engineer with Metaphase Technology, and Dori is a graduate student at St. Mary's.

Kristi (Asp) McAlpin is proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Mikhayla. Kristi and family live in St. Paul.

Christopher McIntyre is starting his second year at the Academy of Holy Angels. He shares with us his three best reasons to teach: "June, July, and August."

Laurie Nelson is a licensed social worker and lives in Barrett, Minn.

David Ness is a history teacher and football coach at Houston (Minn.) High School.

Annalisa Prahl of Maplewood, Minn., be-

gan veterinarian school at the University of Minnesota this past fall.

Curt and Keely (Palmer) ('94) Rees live in Sioux Falls, S.D. Keely completed her master's for exercise physiology, and Curt is employed as a salesperson with Gateway 2000. He is also working on his major at Augustana College.

Don Riley is working on a master's degree in Spanish linguistics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Roxanne Rooney is a part-time teacher for grades 5-7 at New Testament School in Alexandria, Minn. She lives in Kensington.

Jennifer Schaible and John Dummer of Wahpeton, N.D., were married on December 21, 1996, in Fergus Falls.

Joe Seykora is the grades 7-12 band director at Laurens-Marathon Community School in Laurens, Iowa.

John Skarhus is a Spanish teacher at Montwood High School in El Paso, Texas.

Jeff and Jen (Thulien) ('96) Smith were married August 3, 1996, in Owatonna, Minn. Jen is attending Hamline University School of Law, and Jeff is a student at the University of Minnesota Dental School.

Cori Theisen left in January to teach English in Korea.

Todd and Nancy (Zierden) VanErp live in Perham, Minn. Todd went back to school and received his education degree. He teaches science, coaches baseball, and serves as athletic director for New York Mills High School. Nancy is a Spanish teacher, physical education teacher, and coaches volleyball and basketball at the same high school.

Tali (Sannes) and Jason ('96) Venhuizen live in Bemidji, Minn. Jason is in his last

year at Oak Hills Bible College. He will graduate with a degree in biblical studies in May. Tali works as a computer programmer.

Naema Walk lives and works in Chicago, Ill. Her child, Monae, is in the second grade. They wish to tell everybody "hello."

Michelle West is currently a legislative correspondent with Senator Paul Wellstone in Washington D.C.

Sharon Wittkop teaches history, and coaches track and volleyball at Eveleth Gilbert Junior High School near Virginia, Minn.

CLASS OF '96

Kristiania Anderson is a volunteer for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps for one year. She works in Puget Sound, Wash., in an effort to clean up the surrounding area.

Eddie Barrett and LeVanche Madison ('97) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jayla Anastasia, born August 6, 1996.

Chuck Binsfeld and fiancé, Elise Rens of Apple Valley, Minn., planned a July 1996 wedding.

Jennifer Brandt and Matt Eisenbert are engaged and planning a September 1997 wedding. Jennifer currently works at Matt's parents' business. She lives in Bloomington, Minn.

Patricia Burns is the resident coordinator at Grandview Apartments for senior citizens in Morris. "It's great being able to find a job in my field of study."

Erica Connoley teaches German and communications at a middle school in Omaha, Neb.

Stephanie Erdahl is the receptionist and accounts payable at Sap Products. She lives in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Maureen Holmes is teaching English in Ribnita, Moldova, with the Peace Corps until September 1998. She "loves it, but misses her friends and family."

Kathleen Kinyon is currently a graduate student on a fellowship in biotechnology at Washington State University.

Cynthia Lembecke is a student of podiatry in Chicago, Ill.

Gregory and Amy (Burroughs) ('95) Riedesel were married this past year in August. They are currently living in Minneapolis, where Amy is employed with FRMC and Greg works for the city of St. Paul, where he supports the computer networks.

Daniel Rutherford was offered a graduate fellowship in environmental engineering at the University of Michigan. He deferred admission to return to Japan and teach English to junior high students in Iwaizumi for two years.

Patti Sjostrom teaches ninth grade social studies and English at Britt (Iowa) High School. She is also the head softball coach at the school.

Christopher Thompson writes, "I am teaching first grade at an elementary school in Palmdale, Calif., about 55 miles northeast of Los Angeles."



ONE OF THE ORIGINALS Chancellor Jack Imholte is congratulated by former University President Malcolm Moos at Imholte's inauguration. (April 1970)

Responses were scarce, in fact there were NONE. No one ventured a guess as to the names of the original 13 faculty members. But, not to be deterred, *Profile* will share the answer with you anyway.

Thanks to a list, carefully filed among the archives of the Chancellor's Office, the following list was uncovered. To our astonishment, and providing our adding machine hasn't failed us, the list contains 14 names.

A Look Back at Historical Highlights of UMM

So, who WERE the original 13?

Richard Burkey, physics	Ted Long, English
Glen Daniels, physical education	Bruce Nord, social
Mildred Gausman, math	Jim Olson, chemistry
Steven Granger, psychology	Jay Roshal, biology
James Gremmels, English	Judy Schradle, physical education
John Heald, French	W.D. Spring, English
Jack Imholte, history	Ralph Williams, music

Ponder for the next issue:

How did "Miller Field" (the field located behind the Minority Resource Center) get its name?

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presented their research at the Seventh International Symposium for Algorithms and Computation in Osaka Japan. Their paper was titled "Bounds and Algorithms for a Practical Task Allocation Model." Following the conference, Lopez spent a week in Taipei as a visiting researcher at Academia Sinica, Taiwan's major research facility where she presented a seminar on her research. The following paper was recently accepted for publication in the *Journal of Combinatorial Optimizaton*. It will appear in their Special Issue on Scheduling: **Hollermann, L., Ssu, T.S., Lopez, D. & Vertanen, K.**, "Scheduling Problems in a Practical Allocation Model." The second paper is co-authored by two UMM Morris Academic Partners (MAPs). **Lisa Hollermann** just completed a six-month internship at IBM in Rochester, Minn. and **Keith Vertanen** is now spending a year in Sweden as the recipient of the Katherine Sullivan Study Abroad Award. Their research was accomplished during the 1995-96 academic year. Both are looking forward to attending graduate study in the computer science next fall.

The department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Lule E5 University extended an invitation to **Dian Lopez** to be their guest for one week in February. Dian will share her knowledge in the area of Distributed Computing as well as her experience on gender issues in Computer Science. The main purpose of her visit will be to discuss future cooperation between UMM and Lule E5 on these matters.

Vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean **Samuel Schuman** made a presentation on "The Mantle of the Morrill Act: PUBLIC Characteristics of Public Liberal Arts Colleges" at a session sponsored by the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) during the annual meeting of the AAC&U.

Longtime employee in the Rodney Briggs Library, **May Jesseph**, retired in December. May reminds everyone that "books are your friends" and "when in doubt, READ!" A formal appreciation and farewell was held for May on January 27.

The campus community extended its sympathy to **Yimin Yang**, assistant professor of mathematics, on the death of his wife, and to student **Emilie Rodriguez**, on the death of her daughter. Both deaths were the result of automobile accidents.

SELF-REGISTRATION

In November registration for winter quarter classes at The University of Minnesota, Morris implemented a Twin Cities campus Student Self-Registration system. Students without holds or students who don't require an adviser's signature on their registration form were allowed to register for their winter quarter classes via PC computers at their regularly assigned registration queues or later at their convenience.

Student computer services in several administrative offices on the Twin Cities campus are available to all campuses of the University of Minnesota. As the touch-tone method of registration became popular with schools across the country, the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities went a step further and chose to implement a PC-based registration system before bringing up touch-tone registration. The Duluth campus piloted touch tone registration and the Minneapolis campus piloted PC-based Student Self-Registration.

Both campuses have found that an overwhelming number of students have taken advantage of the new types of registration.

"The Morris campus benefits from the technological expertise available on the Twin Cities campus, and the shared technologies save the Minnesota taxpayers money," explains Ruth Thielke, UMM registrar.

The Registrar's Office on the Morris campus decided to implement student PC-based registration for a number of reasons. The biggest reason was for the students' convenience. Students can register from either their residence hall rooms or a computer lab. More hours will be available for registration. PC-based registration will be available to students from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. compared to the Registrar's Office registration hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Weather will not be a problem for the registering student, who can quickly check to see which classes are full and which have

remaining spaces.

UMM invited over 550 upper division students in the spring of 1996 to test the program; of those, 10 percent participated in the PC-based Self-Registration. The process went smoothly, and the number of students taking advantage of Self-Registration is expected to increase as students become more familiar with the program.

The Registrar's Office at UMM has pamphlets and can answer questions on the PC-based Self-Registration program. No one is forced to register themselves. "The 'old way' will still be available," says Clare Strand, assistant registrar, who provides training programs for PC-based registration. "We'll always be here. If anyone feels the need for a more personal approach, needs some advice, or simply prefers to run up to the Registrar's Office, our friendly registration experts will be ready to help them."

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ramics as an addition to the art curriculum.

Her unique sculpture has been in solo and invitational exhibitions at such galleries as Anderson and Anderson, Minneapolis; WARM (Women's Art Registry of Minnesota), Minneapolis; A.I.R., New York City; Nash, Minneapolis; and Tweed Museum, University of Minnesota, Duluth.

In addition to her artistic endeavors, Nellis has continuously contributed to the quality of campus life at UMM and community life in Morris. She has been an active member of a variety of campus committees, and an adviser and mentor to countless UMM students. She has twice served as a Steering Committee member for the Annual Herman (Minn.) Iron Pour; participated in a sculpture demonstration during Niemackl Park Day in Herman, Minn.; served as Day Camp Visiting Artist at the Rochester (Minn.) Art Center; and has given pottery demonstrations for the Stevens County Art Association's Spring Arts Festival, to name a few.

In 1993, Nellis and one of her two protégés, Therese Buchmiller Knierim, received one of eight scholarships offered under the 1993-94 WARM Mentor Program.

"The Morris campus of the University of Minnesota is pleased and proud

that one of its faculty, Jennifred Nellis, has been selected as a 1996 recipient of the Horace T. Morse/Alumni Award which recognizes annually a small number of faculty who have made distinctive contributions to the University's teaching mission," said C.

Frederick Farrell, chair of the division of the humanities. "Jenny richly deserves this highly competitive award for her dedication to teaching, her contributions to the life of the mind that she shares enthusiastically



WARD 2-B Students who live on campus were able to vote in the November election using the convenience of the new polling place in the Student Center.

-photo by David Morrison



Diversity Jam

- celebrate•make a commitment
- take action•make a difference

Faculty, students and staff have come together for three Diversity Jams so far this academic year. Sharing food, music and fun.

Diversity Jams are student initiated celebrations that encourage the campus community to come together...to make a commitment to finding common ground...to take action where we work, study and live...to make connections with people whose background is different than our own...to pledge to build a community where all students can receive the full benefit of the UMM experience.

Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

March 10-11 (Mon-Tues)	Spring Alumni Phonathon Capital Title Corporation, Arden Hills 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.	June 13 (Friday)	Honors Recital 1 p.m. HFA Recital Hall
April 10-11-12 (Th-Fri-Sa)	Performing Arts Series: 19th Annual Jazz Fest UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 7:30 p.m.		Commencement Ceremony 4 p.m. Campus Mall (Rainsite: Oyate Hall)
April 25 (Friday)	Performing Arts Series: Queen Ida and the Bon Temps Zydeco Band UMM Student Center, Edson Auditorium 8:15 p.m.	August 16 (Saturday)	Chancellor's Commencement Reception following Commencement, Oyate Hall
April 26 (Saturday)	UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors UMM Student Center, Alumni Room 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	October 17-19 (Friday-Sunday)	sUMMerFest 3! Alumni Annual Picnic Tim ('78) and Deb Peterson, hosts Rural Litchfield, Minn. 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
April 28-May 5	World Touch Cultural Heritage Week		UMM Homecoming Weekend Alumni Annual Career Fair Alumni Association Board Meeting
May 14 (Wednesday)	Campus Recognition Day 2 p.m. Student Honors and Awards, Edson Auditorium 7 p.m. Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner, Oyate Hall		

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