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Letters

Human rights law vital

I was very pleased to read about Macalester's new concentration in Human Rights and Humanitarianism (Summer 2008), as I think that the topics addressed by this program are both manifestly important and often misunderstood. The article noted that the concentration will avoid a purist definition of human rights as "something for lawyers defined in 1945." While I agree that it is important to understand the antecedents and context of human rights, I think you may do students a disservice by downplaying the legal rules that are undoubtedly at the heart of human rights and humanitarian law. As an advocate and practitioner in these areas, I am keenly aware that both the power and frustration of human rights and humanitarian law are rooted directly in the fact that they are no more—but certainly no less—than a set of ground rules at least nominally agreed to by the states of the world. However, these rules have transformed both international law and the practical realities of conflict situations and thus remain the most effective basis on which the claims of suffering individuals can be articulated and pressed.

RHODRI WILLIAMS '92
Palsbole, Finland

Citizenship defined

I am interested in Macalester's advancement of Global Citizenship—in particular in its use of the word *citizenship*. As a published scholar on subjects related to citizenship, I find the use of the term *citizenship* peculiar here, since the word was not derived from an international or global context. Its use in this way is understandable, however, because during the 20th century, internationalism became a common idealistic theme associated with the idea of World Federalism. World Federalism was a concept for the advancement of international brotherhood in association with the League of Nations, which then carried over to the United Nations. Macalester College's use of the term seems to fall within this context. Nevertheless, citizenship is an old concept that first arose in connection with the city-states of ancient Greece. Its philosophical and political roots are related to defining who is and who is not a citizen of a state. In ancient times, it was critically important to be a member of a state, as that status brought the individual protection, rights, and duties. Citi-



zenship was a reciprocal relationship. If citizenship defines a reciprocal relationship and we are talking about global citizenship, we must ask what the world owes its citizens, and what each citizen of the globe owes to the world. Perhaps it might be better to rename the IGC to something more akin to its actual mission, which is not the study of citizenship.

THOMAS L. DYNNESON '61
Professor Emeritus, University of Texas
of the Permian Basin
Odessa, Texas

Don't Forget Regular Folks

I am proud to be an alumna and am impressed with the accomplishments of the individuals highlighted in *Macalester Today*, which I have read for many years. However, I hope you will consider more frequently featuring alumni who do quite wonderful things on a smaller scale. There are thousands of us out here who

cannot attain the achievements nor afford the generosity of your most noteworthy donors, yet we have interesting stories to tell and a real commitment to Macalester. I'd like to read more profiles of people like us.

MARY RAINS '73
Arden Hills, Minnesota

Going Green

Kudos to *Macalester Today* for reducing your environmental footprint! As a communications consultant to numerous environmental organizations, I know the challenges involved in "walking the talk" on green printing. Recycled paper is everywhere, but the Forest Stewardship Council certification makes the link all the way back to how the forest your paper came from was managed. Your new paper is beautiful and the magazine looks better than ever. Thanks for your commitment to saving some trees — not to mention water and energy — in your printing.

SARAH CLARK '86
St. Paul, Minnesota

Macalester Today is looking sharp throughout (especially the photo spread on the studio arts). The last edition felt better than ever too, with the move to 100 percent recycled paper. This is a welcome change, one that helps the magazine reflect a bit more of Macalester's values back into your alumni's mailboxes. And it continues to read well too—I really appreciated the excerpt from a recent book by Jim Barilla ("Moving Through Water," Grandstand), my former roommate. Thanks for all the good work.

JOHN STEINER-MANNING '90
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Why We Step Forward

BY | BRIAN ROSENBERG

THE PUBLIC LAUNCH of the Step Forward campaign this month is one of the defining moments in the history of Macalester College. As it enters its public phase, Step Forward has already inspired nearly twice as much financial support as the *total* in any previous Macalester campaign. But more important, the campaign embodies in both symbol and substance a new level of stewardship by friends and alumni of an institution about which we care deeply.

Macalester College was created by an act of the Minnesota state legislature in March 1874. For much of the next century and beyond, it is fair to say that the college continued to move ahead with a certain degree of precariousness. In 1895, President James Wallace wrote that “Macalester will probably pull through in time but I am unwilling to have the family go back there and starve and be humiliated as we have been.... I do not despair of Mac but it is hard to tell how long its profs must live on promises.” Nearly 80 years later, after many financial and reputational ups and downs, the college faced a financial crisis serious enough to result in faculty layoffs, salary freezes, and program cuts. As recently as February 1983, under a headline reading “Davis Gives Grim Forecast,” the *Mac Weekly* reported on President John B. Davis’s deep concern about declining enrollments, budget shortfalls, and low graduation rates.

Through those many decades, Macalester may have lost its financial stability and altered its curriculum more than once, but it survived and provided invaluable service because it did *not* lose sight of the central mission best articulated by President Charles Turck in August 1945: “Macalester College...recognizes that its function is...to train our young people to be citizens of the world,” by which, it is clear, he meant preparing them to be engaged participants, thoughtful and creative builders, and responsible leaders within local, national, and international communities. Organizations

thrive not simply when they have resources, but when they remain true to their core purpose and when that purpose has clear social value. And so Macalester has survived and thrived through many years of educational and economic vicissitudes.

Macalester has benefited from the efforts of a long line of singular individuals whose work, commitment, and generosity have ensured the college’s survival. Presidents such



as Wallace, Turck, and Davis; faculty members such as Huntley Dupre, G. Theodore Mitau, Mary Gwen Owen, O. T. Walter, Chuck Green, Karl Egge, and Jan Serie; and trustees and benefactors such as George Draper Dayton, George and Wilma Leonard, John Holl, and—of course—DeWitt Wallace. Through the devotion of their time, energy, and resources, these people have ensured that the work of Macalester would continue and strengthen.

The fact that Macalester is today, by almost any standard, one of the finest colleges in the country is a tribute to their efforts. An even more fitting tribute is the distinctive *nature* of our excellence. In addition to the academic rigor of the college, we take justifiable pride in Macalester’s strengths and values: in our commitment to internationalism, multiculturalism, and service; in the fact that we devote a larger portion of our resources to need-based financial aid than do virtually any of our peers; in the dedication to leadership

and civic engagement exemplified in so many of our programs; and in our ongoing fidelity to Charles Turck’s exhortation to educate “citizens of the world.”

The most telling difference between the Macalester of the present and the Macalester of the past, and the defining meaning of the Step Forward campaign, may be the shifting of responsibility for institutional stewardship from a small if extraordinary group of individuals to a much, much larger group of alumni and friends whose power to move Macalester ahead is exponentially stronger. Relying on the appearance of another DeWitt Wallace is an infinitely risky proposition; far safer, and far better, to rely on the support and guidance of the thousands of individuals whose lives have been shaped and enriched by their time on this campus.

There is abundant evidence that this shift toward collective ownership of Macalester is taking place. Only five years ago, the college ranked 71st among national liberal arts colleges in the percentage of alumni providing annual support; our most recent ranking is 30th. Overall annual giving to the college during that period has increased from \$6 million to \$18.7 million. The Class of 2008 set a new participation record with its senior class gift at a remarkable 50 percent. We are seeing more alumni volunteers, more Reunion attendees, and generally more engagement with the college than ever before. All of this will ensure that James Wallace was correct when he predicted, with much faith but no little concern, that Macalester would “pull through in time.” And so on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and Board of Trustees; on behalf of David Lanegran ’63, Laurie Hamre, Truman Schwartz, Jayne Niemi ’79, and so many others who have given so much of themselves to this college; on behalf of Nagi Otgonsnar ’08 from Mongolia and Melissa French ’08 from Cambridge, Minnesota; and especially on behalf of the many students who will attend Macalester in the future and graduate into lives of commitment, accomplishment, and service: thank you for your support to date—and your support to come—of Step Forward: A Campaign for Macalester. ■

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GETTING INTO THE Swing OF THINGS



MARTHA NAUSE didn't see it coming. Macalester's head men's and women's golf coach thought she'd done everything possible to prepare for the U.S. Women's Open in June. She'd visualized every part of her game, right down to the clubs she planned to use and the putts she expected to make.

But Nause had no idea she would cause so much excitement in the media or be such an inspiration to her family, members of the Macalester community, friends, and fans. At 53, Nause was the oldest player to qualify for the tournament. Though this was her 12th U.S. Open, it was her first in 10 years. It definitely created the biggest stir.

Nause admits she was a little bemused that her age would be such a news hook. "[It was] over the top as far as I was concerned," she says of the media attention, which included features in the *Star Tribune* and on public radio. Playing on her home turf—Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota—may have helped. In a strange twist, she ended up being paired with another golfer who made waves for her age: 13-year-old Alexis Thompson, the youngest player in the field.

Nause had plenty of support from friends, family, and Mac athletes, even tapping former Mac golfer Eric Kelsey '05 to serve as her caddy for the event.

Though she didn't make the cut for the final round—her two-day total was 153, 7 over the cut-off—the experience rekindled her interest in the tournament.

The 2009 U.S. Women's Open will be played at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Nause says she might give it a try. Still, she says her experience at Interlachen will likely remain a highlight. The support of the community she lives in was significant.

"I look at it as a sort of culmination of my career," Nause says. "I could share what I've done in obscurity for so many years."

PHOTO: GREG HELGESON

A Nod to Excellence

AT REUNION 2009, the legacy of one of Macalester's most respected presidents will be honored with the **Charles J. Turck Global Citizen Award**. The award will recognize an alumnus who has provided inspirational leadership, influenced the international community, and promoted peace and justice around the world. During his career, Turck served as a lawyer, social activist, and educator.



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TOWARD A GREENER COLLEGE



EARLIER THIS YEAR, Macalester took its first steps toward an improved carbon footprint. According to its Clean Air-Cool Planet Carbon Emissions Audit, the college emitted 27,178 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents in 2006, or 14.4 MT per student. The research was conducted by the 2008 Environmental Studies Senior Seminar. A recent carbon offset proposal suggests that eliminating these emissions would be equivalent to planting 246,573 trees, or taking 4,978 cars off the road for a year.

The per-student carbon output puts Macalester ahead of schools such as Middlebury (14.9 MT), but behind schools including Carleton (12.2 MT), according to sustainability associate Justin Lee '08. The audit is one of the first objectives of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, which President Brian Rosenberg signed in 2007. The commitment prompts schools to actively pursue climate neutrality. As

part of the commitment, the college started subsidizing bus passes for students and staff last spring and is developing a sustainability plan this academic year.

The seniors' report outlined short-term and long-term recommendations for reducing the college's emissions, including increasing recycling efforts, fostering programs that encourage walking and cycling to campus, and improving the efficiency of the college's heating and cooling systems.

Learning the Ropes

In the 2007-08 academic year, 303 students completed internships with 216 community partners. Here are a few highlights.



Erin Gibbs

"Always wear a face mask when you're dusting dinosaurs," says senior Erin Gibbs. "The same thing goes for bears, totem poles, and warthogs, but dinosaurs are the worst." The Bloomington, Minnesota, native says that was an important insight during her conservation internship with the Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM). Gretchen Anderson, head of conservation and Gibbs's supervisor, blew dust off the dinosaur skeletons with compressed air, while Gibbs used a vacuum cleaner to capture as much of the swirling dust as possible.

Gibbs, a classical archeology major, has twice volunteered at the college's Omrit archaeological excavation in Israel, so she was familiar with the conservation of cultural artifacts discovered at a dig. Her internship at SMM gave her experience in preventive conservation, which seeks to preserve artifacts through inte-

grated pest management, professional storage, and a highly controlled HVAC system.



Michael Waul

Even a level 1 trauma center is not always like you see on TV. Sometimes it's actually calm, according to senior chemistry major Michael Waul (St. Catherine, Jamaica), one of several Mac interns who worked in the emergency room at Hennepin County Medical Center last semester.

During his internship, Waul obtained patient consent forms and collected data for clinical trials, including a study that compared blood oxygen levels measured by two different processes. The integrity of the research is absolutely dependent on rigorous attention to the rules for collecting data, a fact Waul learned in Professor Ron Brisbois's chemistry lab.

"It was great to share the experience with other students, and the doctors even included

us in their conferences about what transpired in the emergency room during the week," says Waul. "You need hands-on experience to decide if a career is for you."



Federico Burlon

Junior Federico Burlon (Rosario, Argentina) had already had several discussions about internships with Richard Todd at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis when he got the bad news:

Because he was not an American citizen, security restrictions prohibited him from working inside the bank. Instead, Burlon and Todd developed a plan for Burlon to work on an econometrics project outside the walls of the Fed.

The organization was interested in home ownership by Native Americans in the region. Burlon, an international studies and political science major, has a strong interest in both community development and Native Americans in the United States. He learned to use complex statistical programs and met with Todd weekly. At semester's end, Burlon presented his findings at the Federal Reserve Bank, including the surprising fact that on the reservation, more whites than Native Americans live in mobile homes.

LEARNING FROM LAVENDER

LAVENDER, the queen of aromatherapy, is widely believed to be soothing and good for pain relief. But as recently as 10 years ago, there was virtually no scientific literature on the subject. Then Professor Eric Wiertelak, director of Macalester's Cognitive and Neuroscience Studies Program, began some small aromatherapy studies with the herb.

The discoveries made by Wiertelak and his students opposed the conventional wisdom: Lavender actually *increased* sensitivity to pain instead of reducing it. "When we looked at other herbal medicines, we found some similar paradoxes," says Wiertelak. It inspired an exciting new direction for Wiertelak's research.

Recently, under the auspices of a three-year National Institutes of Health grant from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Wiertelak and about 20 students have investigated plants that are used to alleviate pain and suffering. The research has a dual focus: investigating the impact on pain of substances derived from plants, and developing new models to measure their effects on pain.

Last summer, senior Kristen Mathson and recent graduate Nate Vernon spent the summer grinding up plant material, distilling it, and testing it through gas chromatography to identify the active ingredients. The extraction method was developed in collaboration with chemistry professor Ron Brisbois and his students. Mathson has been using a maze to test the effects of plant substances on anxiety in rats.

Wiertelak added the second component to his research—developing new models to measure the effect on pain—because pain isn't always easy to measure. "There are cultural determinants to the alleviation of suffering," says Wiertelak. "[Western] models for testing pain relievers [ask] 'How does this compare to an opiate?'" According to Wiertelak, more than 100 plants used for pain relief in folk medicine don't measure up by Western standards. Nonetheless, those who *use* them report experiencing significant relief and well being. "In Beijing they are extremely excited about coming up with alternative pain relief models that are sensitive to the impact of plant formulas."

His work is earning raves. In the past year, he's received national recognition from psychology and neuroscience organizations for his accomplishments. The National Council of the American Psychological Association has asked him to serve as a national representative for neu-

rosience, and he was named Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science. He also received a career achievement award from the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience.

Despite the honors, Wiertelak will have little time to stop and smell the roses (as it were): he's busy working with Chinese researchers and U.S. agencies to facilitate collaborative research between the countries. During Macalester's 2006 Faculty Development International Seminar in China, he visited the Chinese institutes that are the national research, teaching, and health care centers for traditional medicines, acupuncture, and moxibustion (the burning of plant material for its counterirritant effect).



PHOTO: KELLY MACWILLIAMS

DEWITT WALLACE PROFESSORSHIPS

Eric Wiertelak and fellow faculty members Mark Davis (biology), Martin Gunderson '68 (philosophy), and Linda Schulte-Sasse (German and Russian studies) recently received one of Macalester's highest honors when they were named DeWitt Wallace Professors.

DeWitt Wallace Endowed Professorships were established in 1978 through a gift from Wallace, Class of 1911, to recognize outstanding faculty members and provide supplementary support for their scholarship and teaching.

Sustainable Leadership



Macalester College was recently recognized by St. Paul Mayor **Chris Coleman** and the city of St. Paul for its work on protecting and restoring the environment.

The 2008 Sustainable Saint Paul Award for Energy Efficiency recognizes the college's role in conserving energy, constructing green buildings, and creatively financing projects.

"Combating climate change and demonstrating environmental stewardship requires leaders on the local level," Mayor Coleman said. "I am happy to be giving these awards to people and efforts that continue to make St. Paul a national leader on environmental policy."

A MODEL MACITE

Toni Schrantz keeps the wheels turning for the Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments, handling administrative details, helping faculty and students, and being an always-cheerful resource. The 12-year employee was recognized for her work with the 2008 Staff Outstanding Service Award for her exceptional service to her job, her colleagues, and the college.

Jim Laine, chair of the Religious Studies Department, praised her skills and commitment to the college community. "She is the minder of budgets and the number-one resource for anyone whose PowerPoint doesn't work. She annually adopts an international student and permanently enfold[s] them into her international family of students and [alumni] who come for holidays," he says. "And she's the best boss the student workers could ever have, giving them new skills, drawing on their talents, and befriending them forever."

Class Acts



Macalester's Class of 2012 is a bright, well-traveled bunch. Here's a look at the new group of first-year students—by the numbers.

5,041	Students who applied to Mac for the Class of 2012
91	Percentage who applied online
479	Number in the first-year class
20	Percentage who are students of color
10	Percentage who have lived in another country for at least six months
19	Percentage who are citizens of another country
54	Number of countries represented by citizenship
42	Number of states represented
66	Percentage who ranked in the top tenth of their high school class



PHOTO: KELLY MACWILLIAMS

Presidential Ambitions

This year, **ALISON MEGUMI TRAY '09** (Charlotte, North Carolina) serves as Macalester's student government president. The anthropology major with a biology concentration (she's pre-med) shared some of her ideas with *Macalester Today*.

What's your main goal for your term as president?

I'd like to make textbooks more affordable to a wider range of students. I'm helping a friend work on a textbook scholarship fund, and I'm working with the administration to allow students to charge their textbooks to their student accounts so they can have books in hand on the first day of classes. It may take a couple of years, but if seeds are planted now and more people join in to help out, more students will benefit down the road.

Anything else?

I'd also like to bridge the gaps between multiculturalism and internationalism and improve communication and collaboration

within the Macalester community. I want to act as a conduit of communication and graduate knowing I've left this place a little bit better than it was.

Those are big goals. When you're not working on your studies or your student government duties, what do you like to do?

I'm a mentor for the Department of Multicultural Life and a volunteer at Children's Hospital in St. Paul. I'm also a big coffee shop hopper and movie watcher.

So did you pattern your campaign after *Election*, the movie that starred Reese Witherspoon as Tracy Flick, a high school student gunning for student government president?

Like Tracy Flick, if I pursue a project, I definitely want to follow through to the best of my abilities, but it's also important to take things in stride and accept the twists and turns that life throws at you. Perhaps in that aspect I'm a bit different.

Words of the **Wise**

As the Class of 2008 prepared to leave Macalester, they received some sage advice from others who have become leaders in their respective fields:

"I say without hesitation that a liberal arts education is best when we cannot assume that other people think like us or reason just like us, and we are called upon to explain, rationalize, and provide evidence to support our claims to others who are skeptical of our position. When I want to learn the most, I find that being in an argumentative or intellectually 'risky' environment is best for me. By 'risky' I mean the risk I take that I will be changed by the ideas and arguments I hear from the people who argue with me.... I believe that argument is essential to education and essential as well to the healthy functioning of a democracy."

—**ADRIENNE CHRISTIANSEN**, director, Center for Scholarship and Teaching and associate professor of political science at the Senior Send-Off Lecture, May 12, 2008

"In order to accomplish anything, large or small, you must be competitive. You must expect to win...and you must consider yourself somebody who deserves to win."

—**PETER BERG '84**, director of the movie *Hancock* and producer of the television series *Friday Night Lights*, at Macalester's Commencement, May 17, 2008

READY FOR LAUNCH

IN MAY, 453 students officially became Macalester alumni. Here's what a few of them have been up to since graduation.

Christine Park (Eagan, Minnesota) is teaching English in South Korea through a Fulbright grant.

Dong Lucia Wang (Auckland, New Zealand) is working in the Henan province of China with Yi Ren Ping, a nongovernmental organization active in patient advocacy and community outreach for people with HIV/AIDS.

Mandi Masden (Miramar, Florida) worked with Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul for the summer before entering the master's program in theater at the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver.

Owen Anderson (Watkinsville, Georgia) worked for Apple in Cupertino, California, over the summer and then entered a PhD program in computer science at the University of Washington.

Ozkan Erguden (Nicosia, Cyprus) is pursuing a master's degree in finance at the London School of Economics.

New Provost, Athletic Director Join Macalester

IN JULY, Macalester welcomed two new staff members, provost Kathleen M. Murray and athletic director Kim Chandler.



Kathleen M. Murray becomes the college's senior administrator for academics. Murray comes to Macalester from Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, where she served as provost and vice president for academic affairs, as well as professor of music.

Prior to joining Birmingham-Southern in 2005, Murray served in various capacities at Lawrence University, most recently as dean

of the faculty and professor of music. Murray has a master's degree in piano performance from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University.

"I'm absolutely delighted that Kathy Murray will be joining us at Macalester," says President Brian Rosenberg. "She is a skilled and experienced academic leader with a deep understanding of the culture of the liberal arts college and a strong commitment to our institutional values."

Murray succeeds Diane Michelfelder, who will return to the Philosophy Department after a sabbatical leave.



Kim Chandler is Macalester's new athletic director, succeeding Travis Feezel. In her previous position as athletic director at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin, Chandler oversaw 18 varsity programs, as well as academic course offerings and intramurals. She holds a master's degree in exercise physiology and wellness from Bowling Green State University.

"My staff and I will work hard to continue the momentum to build an athletic department, student-athlete experience, and campus athletic center that mirror the academic excellence of one of the nation's finest institutions," she says.

Laurie Hamre, vice president for student affairs, says Chandler is a good fit for the position. "She understands the life of student athletes at a liberal arts college, where athletics are important but academics and education of the whole student are central," Hamre says.



Step Forward

Mac's New Capital Campaign Takes Off



STEP FORWARD

THE CAMPAIGN FOR MACALESTER

BY | **NANCY PETERSON**

THE MACALESTER EXPERIENCE—on campus, in the Twin Cities, and around the world—is gaining new strength and character, thanks to a landmark fundraising campaign announced this fall, already nearly two-thirds of the way to its goal.

Step Forward, the Campaign for Macalester, aims to raise \$150 million in gifts to ensure the continuing quality of academic programs, to engage students in meaningful local and global learning activities, to build a healthy campus community, and to sustain accessibility through increased support for scholarships.

Campaign Chair Jerry Crawford '71 announced on October 11 that more than \$94 million has already been raised in the campaign, which will extend through May 2011. Crawford's announcement came during Step Forward launch events held on campus October 10 and 11; regional events are scheduled to be held across the United States and in London, beginning with an October 23 event in Chicago (see list on page 12).

The Step Forward campaign will help align the college's resources with its goals and potential, says Crawford. "I am convinced that Macalester is squarely among the top 15 liberal arts colleges in the country based on the quality of the experience and the quality of the people—students, faculty, and staff. But in terms of financial resources available for them to do their work, Macalester is near the bottom of its peers. Think how much more this college can provide with the resources to support our mission."

President Brian C. Rosenberg agrees. "Macalester is already one of the nation's finest colleges, by virtually any measure," he says, among the leaders in number of applications, admission rate, qualifications of entering students, level of faculty research, and admission of graduates to leading graduate programs.

Macalester's long-held values contribute to its success, Rosenberg adds. "Macalester is distinctive because for a very long time, our academic program has incorporated a strong international perspective, a commitment to multiculturalism, and an engagement in service and civic life. What will keep us distinctive is to deliver on those values in muscular and creative ways, not just keeping pace but staying ahead of a changing world. That's what it takes to carry out our mission—to prepare our students to be engaged citizens and positive leaders wherever they go."



THE QUALITY of the Macalester experience has been affected by periodic financial dry spells, as President Rosenberg notes in *Household Words* (see page 3). However, the college gained significant ground in the 1990s, when new funds allowed it to renovate campus buildings, broaden student recruitment, and add faculty positions. Most of this new income came as a result of the final gift of *Reader's Digest* founder DeWitt Wallace '11.

The Wallace gift significantly expanded the college's endowment, and returned Macalester to the optimism of earlier times. But there was a problem: the new funds were not enough to ensure permanent financial security, yet many alumni and potential donors assumed the college was set for life.

The Touch the Future campaign in the late 1990s

Campaign Goals

Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center
\$26 million

Scholarships and Student Opportunities
\$43 million

Endowed Professorships and Program Support
\$25 million

Institute for Global Citizenship
\$10 million

Athletics and Wellness Complex
\$26 million

Increased Annual Giving
\$20 million

Total: \$150 million




“WE ALL HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE CHOICES. WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE SILENT AND TURN AWAY. OR WE CAN **STEP FORWARD** AND TAKE ACTION. HERE AT MACALESTER, YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

—KOFI ANNAN '61 7th Secretary-General of the United Nations and 2000 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, speaking on campus in April 2006; his quote inspired the campaign's theme.

Step Forward Events

- CHICAGO
Thursday, October 23, 2008, 6 p.m.
University Club of Chicago
- NEW YORK
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set out to counter that misperception and expand the impact of the Wallace gift. Touch the Future raised \$55.3 million for new scholarships, endowed professorships, student-faculty collaborative research, and the Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center.

Tim Hultquist '72, trustee chair at the time, sounded the campaign's recurring theme: "DeWitt Wallace has made his final gift to Macalester; now it's our turn." Chaired by Dick Eichhorn '51 and Mardene Eichhorn '53, Touch the Future was a first step in transferring stewardship of the college from the long-deceased Wallace to a new generation of alumni and friends.

Step Forward is building on that process. "This campaign is ambitious; it will advance the college and strengthen its special qualities," Rosenberg says. "But what holds even greater promise for Macalester's future is the fact that a much larger group of alumni, friends, and parents is stepping forward to accept responsibility and ownership for the well-being of Macalester."

Crawford hopes to persuade alumni to commit to Macalester. "Macalester alumni care about many, many things—they give to a whole host of charities and causes they believe in," he says. "My goal for Step Forward is that for this four years, alumni make Macalester a priority so we can provide the resources to make this college as truly excellent as it can be."



ALUMNI GIVING has set new records for the past three years, notes David Wheaton, Macalester's vice president of administration and finance. The college annually operates with a balanced budget, and recently its endowment has enjoyed above-market returns superior to most of its peer institutions, results that show stewardship of the college's resources, Wheaton says.

On the other hand, Macalester competes for students with colleges able to spend more on each student's education. Because Macalester values an economically diverse student population, says Wheaton, it offers lower tuition and higher financial aid than most of its peers. It also has a smaller endowment and less gift support than many of those schools.

The college makes the most of its resources through administrative efficiencies; for example, Macalester has a smaller administrative staff than many of its peers. "We take pride in providing to an economically diverse student body an experience comparable to other highly selective institutions, even though we have a smaller resource base," says Wheaton. But he cautions, "We need enough administrative staff—and enough resources overall—to continue to provide that first-rate experience."

When Step Forward goals are met, Macalester donors will have added to an endowment that will help support faculty salaries, need-based scholarships, and a variety of programs and learning opportunities, says Tommy Bonner, Macalester's vice president for advancement. In addition, donors will have helped erect three buildings—the Leonard Center, the Institute for Global Citizenship building, and an expanded Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center—and will have expanded unrestricted Annual Fund support.

STEP FORWARD PRIORITIES

Annual Fund: Gifts to the Annual Fund are included in the campaign, and increased Annual Fund giving (to an annual level of \$4.35 million by 2012) is an important priority. The Annual Fund supports daily operations including scholarships, faculty salaries, and program expenses.

Scholarships: Macalester commits a greater share of its resources to financial aid than virtually any of its peers. Last year, nearly two-thirds of first-year students received a financial aid package averaging more than \$25,000. The financial aid budget has increased from \$18 million to \$26 million in five years and remains the fastest-growing area of the operating budget. The campaign goal of \$33 million in new endowed scholarship funds will generate an additional \$1.65 million for financial aid each year.

Student Opportunities: The Macalester experience must link the classroom with the community and


the world. Additional endowed funds will allow students to participate in meaningful community-based learning opportunities, study abroad programs, and student-faculty collaborative research.

Faculty Support: The \$26.5 million goal for this area will increase the number of endowed chairs and funds for faculty programming. An endowed chair, which supports the salary and activities of a selected faculty member, is often used to recognize an exceptional faculty member, to strengthen an existing program, or to add expertise in a new curricular area. In 2007–08, the college had 23 endowed chairs; five additional professorships and fellowships have already been established as part of Step Forward.

Preparing Global Citizens: Macalester’s mission of preparing engaged citizens is given new focus by the work of the Institute for Global Citizenship, which brings together programs in international studies, study abroad, community-based learning, and internships, and which sponsors conferences, civic leadership programs, and other joint activities. A \$10 mil-

lion goal will help support these programs and unite them in a building currently under construction.

A Healthy, Cohesive Community: A new athletic and wellness complex—the Leonard Center, which opened in August (see page 18)—integrates first-rate fitness and athletic facilities with comprehensive health and wellness programs. It was built with the help of \$26 million in contributions.

New Excellence in the Arts: Macalester’s programs in visual arts, music, theater, and dance have outgrown the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, and new teaching methods in these fields require new kinds of space. The campaign will allow that facility to be expanded and modernized, making it possible for faculty to bring new levels of quality to the college’s arts programs. 



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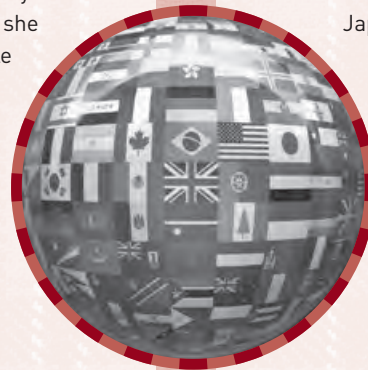
Scholarship

After five-year-old **Kayoua Vang '09** and her parents fled Thailand amid the continuing exodus of Hmong people, they settled in St. Paul. “In high school I worked 20 hours a week to help my parents with the bills,” Vang says. “I saw how fast the money went. I knew I needed an education to earn more money and to be a stepping-stone for my younger siblings.” Once at Macalester on scholarship, Vang “began to embrace my roots,” and now hopes to educate others about the history of Hmong immigration to the United States. Active with Macalester’s Hmong student organization, last year she served as president of the Hmong College Students of Minnesota. “Yesterday I was a fleeing refugee. Today I am a Macalester student. Tomorrow will be even better.”



Community Service

A trip to El Salvador during high school led **Bonnie Doman '11** to her life’s work: securing the rights of Latin American immigrants to the United States. Doman felt an immediate kinship with the small Central American nation and has returned several times to teach AIDS prevention and make a documentary about the history of one Salvadoran town. Back in St. Paul, Colorado native Doman tutors at Guadalupe Alternative Programs (GAP), which provides educational services for adults and at-risk youth. “It’s personal for me,” she says. “Many of the people I know in El Salvador have family in the United States.”



International Study

Japan and the Netherlands are both experiencing increasing immigration, says **Jack Eisenberg '09**, and in both countries some people oppose this new diversity. Eisenberg spent fall semester doing research in Japan, and spring in Maastricht, the Netherlands, as part of the college’s Globalism in Comparative Perspective program. He analyzed the nature of racial statements in the two countries and found that they are based on different grounds, although “ultimately, the consequences are the same.” Eisenberg first visited Japan as part of a Macalester delegation to a Kyoto University conference, and hopes to return to research Iranian immigrants there. His semester in Japan wasn’t all study; the drum-playing political science major from Illinois also joined a local rock band.

A HELPING HAND

Jerry Crawford '71 has helped Presidential candidates—and now Macalester—become leaders.

BY | **JAN SHAW-FLAMM '76**

JERRY CRAWFORD '71 isn't interested in being the center of attention. Ceding the spotlight to presidential candidates Al Gore, John Kerry, and Hillary Clinton was practically part of his job description when he chaired their Iowa presidential campaigns. So perhaps it's no surprise that he was reluctant to be featured for his role in Macalester's campaign.

Despite the fact that he's been a college trustee since 2006 and chair of Step Forward, the Campaign for Macalester, Crawford deftly dodges the limelight, insisting that "the focus should be on the students." Crawford graduated with majors in political science and speech communication and earned a law degree from the University of Iowa in 1975. He founded Crawford Law Firm in Des Moines, a practice specializing in litigation, government relations, sports law, and racing and gaming law. He is also a savvy strategist and fundraiser, nationally known for chairing or co-chairing six presidential campaigns in Iowa and supporting every eventual Democratic presidential nominee...until this year. Even Jerry Crawford doesn't win them all.

Though he was skilled at driving tractors and detasseling corn, Crawford describes himself as utterly lacking in sophistication when he arrived at Mac. "I grew up on a farm in Iowa in a very large extended family where no one had ever gone to college, and Macalester made it possible for me to go. Now I have the opportunity to help hundreds of future students who are similarly situated, and I cannot imagine a more rewarding privilege."

Crawford sees Macalester as an extraordinary institution, uniquely able to offer students a four-year academic experience rich in internationalism and multiculturalism that prepares them for long-term effectiveness in the world. He is also proud that Macalester students hold strong views across the political spectrum, despite their left-leaning reputation, and that they learn to develop and defend their own viewpoints.

Crawford and his wife, Linda, have three children—one at Yale,

one on the way to dental school, and one pursuing a PhD/JD at the University of Virginia. "Zero for three in terms of attending Macalester," he jokes. "Perhaps the grandchildren." Though his kids didn't enroll at his alma mater, their choices did give him the chance to personally compare many different colleges and their resources.

"I do not believe there has ever been a time at Macalester when faculty, administration, and student body have been of as high a caliber as they are now," says Crawford. "Given the importance of Macalester's mission, it would be a tragedy not to have financial resources of a commensurate level. Frankly, we haven't had that. Our resources must grow to be more in line with those of our peer colleges if Macalester is to continue to produce exemplary leaders for all walks of life.

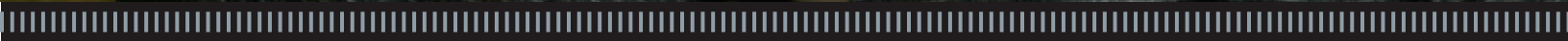
"The dollars raised in this campaign accomplish so much. Continued financial aid—Macalester provides more than almost anyone—a world-class faculty, and improved physical plant. If you haven't been on campus lately, plan a trip. You will love what you see."

One of the difficulties for many Macalester supporters is that they are deeply committed to a variety of causes. Crawford understands; he's the same way, but he feels strongly about the importance of supporting Macalester.

"I ask donors to make Macalester their top-priority cause—not their only cause—for the five-year campaign in order to secure the future of this great school. I'm 58, and I know at this stage of life that I am not going to become secretary-general of the United Nations; I will not be the president of Uganda; I will not cure cancer. But it is entirely possible that Macalester students will do all these things and more. Through these students, our gifts have a multiplier effect and will continue to affect the world. Long after we are gone, good things will still be happening through our gifts to Macalester."

Political candidates may win or lose, but to Jerry Crawford, Step Forward, the Campaign for Macalester, has *only* winners. ■

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PICTURE THIS

FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY,
FLIP SCHULKE '54 CAPTURED THE WORLD'S MOST
IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND EVENTS ON FILM.



Young women protest the integration of Little Rock Central High School in 1957.



FLIP SCHULKE '54 always made sure he was in the right place at the right time.

Over the course of 50 years, he shot more than a half million photographs, including those of Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, Elvis Presley, Muhammad Ali, and Jacques Cousteau. He captured images of astronauts and the world under the sea.

When he died on May 15, 2008, the photojournalist left images documenting many key figures and events of the late 20th century.

Schulke cut his journalistic teeth on the *Mac Weekly* and the college yearbook. In his book *Witness to Our Times: My Life as a Photojournalist*, Schulke wrote, "My main influence at Macalester was Ivan Burg, who had been picture editor at the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. He took the rules of journalism and put them into picture journalism. By my sophomore year, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

The young photographer made one of his most important connections in 1958, on assignment for *Ebony* magazine, when he met Martin Luther King Jr.. They talked late into the night, forming a friendship that led to 11,000 photographs documenting King's life

and the civil rights struggle.

In a *Macalester Today* article in November 1993, Schulke recalled a conversation with King in which King bemoaned the lack of civil rights coverage in the press. "I told him that [photography] isn't like reporting, where you don't have to be present and can ask witnesses after the fact. Photographers have to be there." Schulke became one of the few white people to get advance notice about important NAACP events, which he captured on film.

Schulke's photograph of Coretta Scott King at her husband's funeral, which appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine, became an iconic image of personal and national grief over King's assassination.

The Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin holds Schulke's archives, but Macalester received a digital collection of more than 9,000 photographs that will be used for educational purposes.

Schulke is survived by his wife, Donna, and children, Lisa Davidson '78, Robin Chisolm-Seymour, Paul Schulke, Maria Cohen, and other family members. **M**

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CENTER OF ATTENTION



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The brand-new Leonard Center will bring the campus community together for athletics, recreation, conversation, and more.

BY | ERIN PETERSON

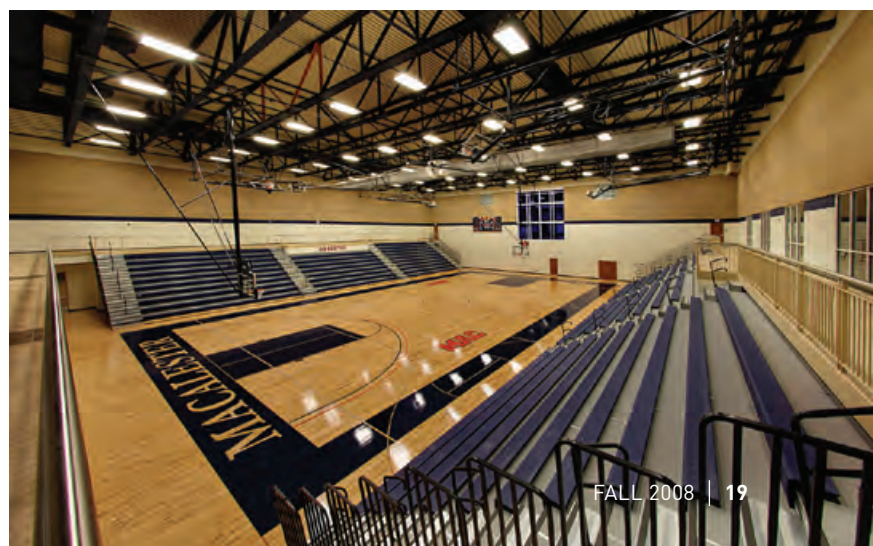
When the Leonard Center unlatched its doors for its grand opening on August 28, a new era began for Macalester. As water polo players tossed around bright yellow balls in the new natatorium, students and faculty members took tours of the new facility, and volunteers handed out T-shirts to everyone who entered the building. The new center marks Macalester's most ambitious effort to promote athletics, health, and wellness on the campus.

For years, Macalester has struggled to provide adequate athletic and recreational facilities for the growing number of students interested in competing—or just staying fit. With the new center, Macalester will expand its offerings to varsity athletes and casual users alike.

The 175,000-square-foot facility will give Macalester a visible boost among its peers: its natatorium, indoor track, and gymnasium meet the necessary guidelines to host regional and even national competitions. But more important, the Leonard Center is designed to meet the immediate and growing needs of students and the campus community. In addition to its spectacular recreation spaces, the facility integrates health and wellness spaces, comfortable gathering areas, and Scotty's, a small snack bar. Students may come to practice and play, but they'll also stay to study, relax, and meet with friends.

President Brian Rosenberg says the new building is integral to the idea of liberal arts education: a well-rounded student should have not just a strong mind, but also a strong body. "Athletic and recreation facilities are one of the points on campus that define the sort of community a college wants to be," he says. And the Leonard Center, like Macalester, is exceptional.

Clockwise from left: The old center court was reused in the new Schall Family Atrium; a mosaic of 128 flags representing the countries of Macalester students is made up of thousands of images from the college; a yoga studio; west entrance; the Alumni Gymnasium seats up to 1,200 spectators—50 percent more than the previous space held.





Riley Pool: The pool configuration will allow swimmers and divers to practice simultaneously. It also includes an expanded teaching area.



Scotty's Snack Bar: Students can gather at Scotty's for a snack or to watch news or sports on flat-screen TVs.



Hultquist Lounge: A cozy lounge gives students a space to relax after a workout.

A New Approach

When Macalester administrators began discussing the Leonard Center, they knew they needed to meet the changing demands of a health-conscious generation. About 70 percent of Macalester students report working out at least twice a week, and an increasing number of students are interested in general health and wellness. The previous gym was built 80 years ago and the field house 50 years ago, when relatively few women played sports. Now, about 20 percent of all students compete in one of the college's 21 varsity sports.

That generational sea change meant that college administrators needed to think more broadly about what services and amenities the building should offer. Instead of focusing specifically on sports, they looked at spaces and services that would promote healthy lifestyles. Macalester tapped Hastings & Chivetta, a St. Louis architecture firm that is nationally recognized for its work on athletic and recreation facilities, to create a design that could serve a wide range of students, faculty, and staff, whether they were training for a national title or hoping to develop a better diet.

"One of the most exciting aspects of this project is the integration of health services, wellness, and health promotion opportunities [into the facility]," says Athletic Director Kim Chandler. "The new facility will be a significant opportunity to serve a broader campus community."

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Field House: All-purpose flooring allows for flexible programming for a variety of sports, including a sand pit for long jumping.



Health and Wellness: By integrating health and wellness programs into the facility, the Leonard Center will help students develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

What's In The Name

The new Leonard Center is named in honor of George and Wilma Fox Leonard '27, who demonstrated their commitment to Macalester through a lifetime of leadership and philanthropic support.

The Leonards supported a wide range of programming and facilities throughout their lifetime, including the dance program, the old athletics buildings, the DeWitt Wallace Library, and the Alexander G. Hill Ballroom. The previous natatorium was named in their honor.

George Leonard, who worked in the construction business, managed an array of major international projects including the Panama Canal and Costa Rica's Pan American Highway.

The Leonards' children and their spouses have continued this legacy. Mark Leonard '65 has served on the Trustee Technology Committee and his wife, Candace Hewitt Leonard '67, is a member of the Alumni Board. The two have funded student scholarships as well. Other family members, including Barbara Leonard Robben, Katie Robben Fox '84, Thomas Fox '86, and Peggy Leonard, have supported Macalester's Annual Fund.

Leonard says that he suspects his parents would be pleased by the new facility that bears their name. "The new athletic and wellness center looks like a great addition to the campus," he says. "I believe my parents would be proud to have their name on the new and improved complex."



From top to bottom: Studio rooms are used for tai kwon do, yoga, and other classes; training rooms help student athletes stay in top shape.



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The primary elements of the Leonard Center include a natatorium with an off-deck viewing area, a field house with a 200-meter track, and a gymnasium that seats 1,200. A fitness area with cardio machines and weights, two racquetball courts, and two multipurpose studios round out the athletic and recreation spaces.

The building is also the new home of Health and Wellness Services, which serves students in need of health, counseling, and other services and which develops programming designed to promote healthy lifestyles. Collaboration between its staff and that of the Athletic Department will make possible new kinds of activities.

A prime example of the crossover between health and physical fitness is the new wellness lab, where students can measure and analyze their overall fitness, get information on diet and nutrition, and receive professional assistance on creating a training regimen.

The goal, says Vice President of Student Affairs Laurie Hamre, is to help students achieve their athletic and recreation goals at Macalester and also prepare them for healthy lifestyles after they graduate.

New Opportunities

The new facility offers not just improved space, but a lot more of it. For students, that means more chances to practice and play together.

Intramural teams will be among the biggest beneficiaries. A lack of space in the old facility often meant games were scheduled late at night—a sacrifice that only the most dedicated players were willing to make. “Our students would be playing at 1 a.m. because that was the only time the gym was available,” says Hamre.

Even athletes whose teams had space to play can’t wait to use the new facility. For the past year and a half, students have been making do with nearby facilities and fields. “Spending an entire year on the road can really wear you out,” says volleyball player Marie Godwin ’10, whose team practiced at 6:30 a.m. every morning at Cretin-Derham Hall High School while the Leonard Center was under construction. “I’m looking forward to having a place that we can call home permanently.” Varsity swimmers and divers, who practiced at separate times in the old facility because of space constraints, can practice together now.

The new center will be a boon for recruiting as well. “There’s definitely a wow factor,” says aquatics director and head men’s and women’s swimming and diving coach Bob Pearson. “I think a facility like this shows current and prospective students that athletics, health, and wellness are all things that the institution values.”

Attention to Detail

Athletic and recreation centers, by their very nature, tend to be boxy, impersonal, and inefficient, but Macalester administrators were committed to creating warm and inviting spaces that were consistent with the college’s values.

Green design was at the heart of the plans. About 90 percent of the previous facility got reused or recycled: the old field house was moved west of town to become a horse

Deno Fitness Center: The 9,000 square-foot fitness area triples the previous amount of space available to students. Students have access to stationary bikes, treadmills, circuit-training equipment, and free weights.



“I think a facility like this shows current and prospective students that athletics, health, and wellness are all things that the institution values.” —BOB PEARSON, AQUATICS DIRECTOR

stable, for example. The new facility uses recycled materials throughout and the elevators run on vegetable oil. Windows were placed strategically to take advantage of natural light and heat, and the design of the building itself allows the college to heat and cool it as efficiently as possible.

The Leonard Center has a distinctly Macalester flavor. The field house, for example, has a mosaic of Macalester images that, from a distance, look like the flags of the 128 countries of the school’s students and alumni. In the lobby, eight-foot by five-foot banners with photos of campus, students, and professors hang from the trusses. “We want people to remember that they’re at a college,” says Hamre. “The values of our institution carry forward whether it’s in the athletic and wellness facility or in the lab.”

Indeed, the new space will be home to other campus events as well. Hamre expects that the facility will be used for dances, indoor commencement ceremonies, and community events.

Hamre and others hope these touches will help make the new facility a favorite campus hangout. As students and staff become more familiar with the facility, Hamre expects that they will develop innovative new programming and events that wouldn’t have been possible in the old space. “We don’t just think of this as a space for athletics,” says Hamre. “We think of this as a community center. We want it to be welcoming to everyone.” ■

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Wide Support

The new Leonard Center would not have been possible without the help of many men and women who devoted countless hours to defining and developing the new facility—and committing their financial support to the project.

Trustee Lee Nystrom '73, who headed up the leadership committee for the Leonard Center, says the new facility will be a boon for students—including his daughter, Alicia Nystrom '10. “As a parent, I am excited to know that my daughter will have access to a world-class [athletic and recreation] facility in addition to a world-class education,” he says. “The new facility will be an important gathering space for current and future students.”

Other major donors include Mary Lee Dayton; Tim Hultquist '72 and Cynthia Hultquist; David Deno '79 and Martha Deno; Doug Riley '71; Bruce Soltis '66 and Margaret Mary Soltis; Margaret Wallin Marvin '39 and William Marvin; Sally Dayton Clement and Stephen Clement III; and Richard L. Schall '51 and Maryann Schall.

Deno says the new facility makes it clear that Macalester is committed to excellence not just in the classroom but in other areas as well. It’s a commitment he believes will help the college continue to attract bright and motivated students. “It will be a great asset,” he says. “That’s why I decided to support it.”



Bernd Verst '09 of Germany plays the piano while hosts Don Brunnquell and Sally Scoggin sing along.

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Homes away from Home

Host families help new international students adjust—and thrive—in their new surroundings.

BY | LAURA BILLINGS

Students from more than 50 countries arrive at Macalester every fall, bringing with them a host of unique traditions and one troubling question: *Just how cold is it really going to get?*

“I was completely paranoid about how cold it was going to be,” recalls Jerry Darko ’05, a native of Ghana who had been living with his family in Botswana (average winter temperature: 77 degrees Fahrenheit) before arriving on campus his freshman year. “I just had no idea what to expect.”

Fortunately, Andrea and John Perendy of Eagan (average winter temperature: 17 degrees Fahrenheit) knew all about Minnesota weather and whisked Darko away from campus one day to buy a winter coat. Based on their advice, “I picked one that covered my whole body, with pockets everywhere,” Darko recalls. “It was gigantic.”

This temperature gap—not to mention the cultural one—was bridged thanks to the Friends of Macalester International Students (FMIS), a volunteer program that has aimed to ease the adjustment for international students who have arrived on campus in ever-growing numbers since the 1960s. Four decades later, the FMIS is still going strong, creating connections between 160 Mac students currently on campus and more than 100 families from around the Twin Cities and beyond. Families have introduced students to everything from American football to *American Idol*.

The importance of dressing for the weather is one of the earliest lessons many students get from their host families, though it’s rarely the last. As Darko learned later, you need a coat that big if you’re going to go snowmobiling.

“[Snowmobiling] was something I never would have experienced without them, and something I will never forget,” Darko says, recalling his first ride across a frozen lake and the ice fishing houses he passed along the way. “I remember thinking, ‘Wow, I must really be in Minnesota now.’ My host family helped to make my experience at Macalester so much richer.”

Building Relationships

Currently, about two-thirds of Mac’s international students sign up to participate in the FMIS program, which asks for an initial one-year commitment from the host families and the students assigned to them. Since it’s purely voluntary, Bernd Verst ’09 of Gronau, Germany, decided to be picky about the qualities he hoped to find in his host family.

“I put on my application that I wanted to have a family that enjoyed music, had children my age, maybe an interest in German,” says Verst, who thought that the chances of getting matched with a family like that in St. Paul “would be completely unrealistic.”

In fact, after filling out his two-page application, he was paired with Don Brunnquell and Sally Scoggin of St. Paul, a host family with two college-aged sons and a piano they’ve encouraged him to stop by and play anytime he wishes. Brunnquell studied in Germany as a Fulbright fellow and is fluent in the language. “They’re absolutely the ideal family for me,” says Verst, who often drops by for dinner and has attended many plays and musical performances with them.

The feeling is mutual. “Bernd is a very talented musician,” Scoggin says. “We like to sing, and he likes to play,” she says.

Aaron Colhapp, Macalester’s International Student Program

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Coordinator, says the kind of connection that has developed between Verst and his host family is common. “The relationships many of our host families and students end up having used to surprise me, but over time you can see how natural it is for students and families to develop these bonds,” he says.

For many students, host families offer the first real glimpse of how American life is lived away from the dorms and the dining hall. “You’re kind of in a bubble when you’re on campus and living in the dorms,” says Karin Magnusson ’09, from Sweden. “Just to be at a dinner table with a family and children is a really nice change.” Her host parents, St. Paul residents Sandra Denman and Jim Grinsfelder, came to meet her for the first time at one of her volleyball games on campus. “It was really positive from the start,” says Magnusson. “I think they were excited to meet me, and I was really excited to have a family closer by.”

Their bond was cemented when Magnusson’s parents came to campus for a visit, and her host family showed them around the Twin Cities—a favor the Magnussons returned when Karin’s host family visited Sweden a couple summers later. “My family and my host family have really hit it off, and my mom has expressed several times that she’s happy that I have someone so nearby if anything would happen,” says Magnusson. “It’s a safety net that you don’t [always] have when you’re abroad.”

Friendly Guides

Safety net is just one of the roles played by families in the program, says Marilyn Cragoe, a financial aid coordinator who made the matches in the FMIS program for many years, serving as a host parent herself for more than a dozen years. Other roles include counselor, cook, translator, and travel guide. “And, of course, chauffeur—I’ve driven to the airport and Target more times than I can count,” she laughs.

There is an enormous range of families willing to host students. Some are Macalester faculty or staff members glad to serve as a friendly face to an incoming student. Others are Mac alums inter-

ested in keeping a connection with the college, or “paying back” a host family they may have encountered during a foreign exchange of their own. Many more are simply families from neighborhoods surrounding Macalester, some of whom have heard about the program through other host families, or from the annual mailing the International Center sends to Mac neighbors. Though many host families live near campus in the Mac-Groveland, Merriam Park, or Highland Park neighborhoods of St. Paul, it’s not a requirement. “We also have families in Eagan, and Minneapolis, and as far away as Jordan,” says Colhapp.

Often, the first meeting between students and host families happens at an FMIS kickoff event held every September. There, Colhapp outlines the culture shock that awaits college students from another culture—along with some thoughts about how host families might ease that transition. Though there aren’t any hard rules about how often students and host families should meet, FMIS families are encouraged to invite their students to join them for holidays, and to introduce them to off-campus events that Americans may take for granted, but which can seem very exotic to for-

ducing their children to international students at the dinner table, Denman admits, “These students are often so much more traveled and sophisticated than I ever was at this age.”

Andrea Perendy says that some of the most interesting discoveries about different cultures are revealed in casual conversations in the kitchen. For instance, when she mentioned to a student from Beijing that she and her husband had moved from California to Minnesota, the student asked whether they’d had to get national or state approval to do so. “We explained that you can work anywhere here and you can live anywhere,” says Perendy. “I think it was an interesting thing for our student to discover, and it was very interesting for my kids to hear.”

Though many host families say they enjoy the casual cross-cultural education that happens between students and their own children, an equal number of empty-nesters report that they enjoy how the host family program keeps them in contact with college students.

Minneapolis residents Pat Schaffner and husband Greg Schaffner ’70 have hosted four students over the past six years. “The com-

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—ROHITH PIYARATNA ’04

ign students. For instance, trick-or-treating and pumpkin carving are puzzling to students who’ve never seen Halloween celebrated before. The traditional Thanksgiving feast and Easter egg hunt are equally intriguing.

Rohith Piyaratna ’04 of Sri Lanka remembers all of those holidays with fondness, though Sundays spent simply hanging out with the Perendys were his favorite times. “That’s when I sat down and watched football with my host dad and his son, the start of an almost pathological obsession for me with football.” As his friendship with his host family grew, they even let him learn to drive their car. “My host dad used to drive to campus on the weekends and teach me for about an hour or so. I used his car for my exam as well,” recalls Piyaratna. “I knew I could call on them for any problems I had, and I was certain they would do anything in their power to help me.” Even when he left Macalester and went on to medical school at Vanderbilt, the Perendys drove down to Nashville to see how he was getting on. “They have done so much for me,” he says.

Cultural Connections

Families, too, benefit from the connection to international students. “These students are such good role models for my kids,” says Sandra Denman, a St. Paul resident who says her children, ages 9 and 11, have learned “amazing things” from the four Macalester students they’ve hosted over the years. While she and her husband have traveled widely, and liked the idea of intro-

ducing their children to international students at the dinner table, Denman admits, “These students are often so much more traveled and sophisticated than I ever was at this age.”

One of the Schaffners’ current host students is Sami Saqer ’10, a computer science and mathematics major from Palestine. “Because of the political situation in my country, I haven’t been able to go home—it’s been four years since I’ve seen my family,” says Saqer. Fortunately, he’s close to his host parents. “I can call them up and crash at their place—I feel like a real part of the family,” he says. This past summer, he spent a couple of weeks at the Schaffners’ house while the dorms were closed before coming back for a campus job. Having a second home in an adopted country, he says, has been a relief to his own family at home. “Imagine if I didn’t have them. I would be literally homeless.”

For their part, the Schaffners say having a student come to stay is not an imposition—or even that unusual. In fact, Greg Schaffner took a previous host student, Keon West ’06 of Jamaica, on a post-graduation camping trip to the Rocky Mountains and the Grand Canyon, introducing the Rhodes Scholar to the finer points of setting up a tent. “We’ve had a lot of fun with these kids, but the number-one reason we do this is because it makes us hopeful about the future,” he says. “They are just splendid people.”

Finding the Right Balance

Of course, not all host family–student pairings have worked out perfectly. But full-blown culture clashes or complaints that family and student have nothing in common aren't mentioned nearly as often as time constraints, says Cragoe. "That's the number-one reason these relationships don't work out," she says. "People just don't have time to get together."

"It took us a while to relax with that," admits Pat Schaffner. "You have to be aware of how busy and absorbed students get in school, and how quickly they get wrapped up [with events] on campus. You can't get too discouraged—just let it evolve and have fun."

Darko agrees that campus life can consume the time international students might spend with their host families, which is one reason he advises that international students make time to get off campus. "My host family really helped me stay grounded, and realize I'm not just a college student and that's it. They brought me back down to earth and reminded me to be a multi-dimensional person," he says. Sharing meals and holidays with grandparents and small children, he adds, "made everything feel more real."

Toni Schrantz, coordinator for Macalester's Religious Studies and Philosophy Departments, and her husband, Greg, have hosted seven students, who have all heard Schrantz explain the relationship like this: "I say their education and knowing people here on campus should be their focus, but I'm here as a sub. I'll call and ask them to go places, and they never have to feel that they have to go. But they have to reciprocate by letting me know if they want to do something."

She admits this is a different approach than the one she took with her first host student, Noel Stave '02 from Sri Lanka. When she met Stave, she threw her arms around him and said, "Welcome to my family!"

"I know I must have freaked him out," Schrantz says, though Stave got over it. During his four years on campus, Schrantz and his mother in Sri Lanka became close friends, and when Stave married a student from the College of St. Catherine, his host family was seated next to his own family. Later, when the couple welcomed their first baby, they asked the Schrantzes to be the child's godparents. "I joke that I have two biological daughters and that Noel is my first son," says Schrantz, who sounds like a proud host parent when she talks about her international students. "We've been really blessed with all of them." **M**

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Palestinian Sami Saqer '10 prepares tabouli for hosts Pat Schaffner and Greg Schaffner '70.



Rock-Bottom Revelations

Oceanographer **Katie Kelley '97** goes (almost) 20,000 leagues under the sea to understand how continents are created.

BY **ELIZABETH LARSEN**

WHEN KATIE KELLEY '97 squeezed into the tiny passenger chamber of the mini submarine that would ferry her miles down to the bottom of the ocean, her mind wasn't just on the rocks she hoped to find on the seafloor. "It was scary," she says of being wedged into the two-meter sphere she shared with two Japanese pilots. The final destination for the underwater explorers was the Mariana Trench near Guam. The trench is the deepest part of the ocean, where the bottom is nearly seven miles from the ocean's surface.

Kelley was anxious about claustrophobia, but she also knew that the submarine was not tethered to the research vessel from which they departed. "They close you in with a hatch that has a big wheel," she says. "They seal it up, and you're stuck for eight hours."

Kelley, an assistant research professor at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, was invited on the 2006 dive at the behest of Mark Reagan, a University of Iowa professor who shares her research interests. The trip was designed to help her better understand how continents are built by studying the rocks ejected from the Earth's mantle when tectonic plates collide and create underwater volcanoes. "I wouldn't say the dive was all in a day's work," she says. "It was a fairly rare opportunity to dive in this kind of vessel, and even rarer to go to such a great depth."

Kelley says her profound appreciation for the rocks beneath our feet was born out of her childhood family vacations to national parks across the western United States. But when she enrolled at Macalester, she assumed her excellent writing skills were the stuff of an English major. When she aced "Contemporary Concepts of Physics," a course she enrolled in to fulfill her science requirement, she had an epiphany. "I realized that my interest was in finding answers. In my English classes there was a lot of discussion, but we never really seemed to get close to a quantitative conclusion." She became interested in geology through an oceanography class, where she found herself craving more than the syllabus offered.

The close-knit community of the Geology Department proved to be an especially nurturing environment for Kelley. "It really en-

couraged people to speak up and ask questions and be as active a participant in the sciences as possible," she says. Geology professor Karl Wirth saw this transformation firsthand. "She was very quiet and shy," he says. "I really saw her grow and blossom. She took on a project that was related to my area of expertise and pushed me to learn new things."

After graduating from Macalester, Kelley embarked on a Fulbright scholarship to study plate tectonics in the Philippines. She returned to the United States to earn a PhD in earth sciences from Boston University. Today she is an assistant research professor at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography.

An underwater landscape at this depth isn't much different from what you find above water, except there are no plants. Kelley didn't spot much life of any form, with the exception of a few brittle stars and sea anemones. She made the most of her three hours down under searching for and pointing to rocks; one of the pilots operated the robotic arms to pick up the samples and transfer them to a basket attached to the submarine.

The team collected enough samples to represent a "complete crustal sequence"—rocks from every layer of the earth's crust. Ultimately, she says, the samples she collected may help provide deeper insight about the role of water in modifying the composition of lava in subduction zones, which scientists believe create the continental crust.

Although Kelley never felt out of her league in this novel setting, there was one sight that mystified her. "There were circular patterns on the ocean floor that looked like crop circles," she says. When she asked what they were, the pilots' explanations got lost in translation. That didn't stop this scientist who loves answers. As soon as they surfaced, she learned the trails were left by sea cucumbers feeding on the floor of the sea.

Her initial reservations about heading to the bottom of the ocean are long gone. Says Kelly, "I would do it again at a moment's notice." **M**

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Acing physics at Macalester
helped steer Kelley '97 to
a life of science.



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Dan Shertzer '90 started his food service career at St. Paul icon Old City Café while a student at Macalester.



Brewed Awakening

Serving up double espressos is the cliché job for recent liberal arts graduates plotting their next moves. But for **Dan Shertzer '91**, working in coffee shops is a calling.

BY | **DANNY LACHANCE**

DAN SHERTZER '90 was at a dinner party with a bunch of geography professors when one of them—a colleague of his wife, Deborah Martin '91—turned to him and asked what he did for a living.

He explained that he was a district manager at Starbucks Coffee Company, the world's largest coffee shop chain, overseeing 11 of Starbucks' approximately 11,000 locations in the United States. Shertzer knew what would happen next. Because cultural geographers often write critically about the way that chain stores have homogenized the American landscape, telling a geographer that you work for Starbucks is a bit like telling an animal rights activist that you're a taxidermist.

Shertzer, though, was prepared for the debate. He says his company has reinvigorated, rather than sapped, local landscapes. When Starbucks moves into a community, he points out, coffee sales at mom-and-pop coffee shops grow, too. The company multiplies, rather than monopolizes, the number of places where people gather to chat in a community—and it appears to increase the frequency with which they gather.

Big or small, Shertzer says, coffee shops all serve a similar function. "The product that is really being sold at a coffee shop is the experience. No matter how much of a big business coffee shops are, they will always be about relationships," he says.

That coffee shop experience can be profound. A customer in one of Shertzer's stores became so attached to a barista that she surprised her by bringing her dinner during a Thanksgiving shift—a testament to the close relationship they had built over time.

But it also can be mundane. When Shertzer added employees to the morning shift in one of his stores to make the lines go faster, customers complained. "It's the one time during their day when they have no responsibility for what's going on around them," he discovered. "They're just in line, waiting for something delicious, and it's understood by everybody that it's a requirement of their day."

Shertzer first learned about the therapeutic role that businesses can play in community life when he was an undergraduate at Macalester. Wanting to find out more about his own Jewish heritage, Shertzer began working at The Old City Café, a kosher vegetarian restaurant on the edge of Macalester's campus operated by the Mishulovin family.

"No matter what was going on in the Jewish community—whether someone was sick, dying, had died, was born—they always wanted to be there, to contribute because it was the right thing to do," he says. "But also because that's what somebody who has access to making lots of kosher food does."

Shertzer stayed on at Old City after graduation, eventually becoming its operations manager as it expanded to another location and started selling products to grocery stores. He was learning a lot, but the work was exhausting. "I was reinventing the wheel every day," he says, figuring out everything from scratch, from what should go in the employee handbook to how he should pitch the products to stores. He was ready to work for a company where those sorts of processes were already in place. Starbucks fit the bill.

Experiences as a Macalester philosophy major gave him the knowledge that guides him these days in managing the people who work in the stores he oversees in Massachusetts. Where some managers might invoke *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* to explain their human relations strategies, Shertzer turns to Kant, Rawls, and Aristotle.

"One of the basic tenets I'm teaching store managers is that you can't make assumptions about why someone did something," he explains. "You have to assume positive intent. You have to assume that we're all rational people, that you work in a rational universe. That's Kantian."

That principle came into play recently when one of Shertzer's store managers called him to complain about an employee. A year earlier, Shertzer and the manager had worked with the employee to resolve his chronic absenteeism. All went well for a year, until the employee suddenly canceled a shift with no notice. The manager was furious. "He hasn't learned anything," the manager told Shertzer. "I'm going to fire him."

Shertzer insisted that the manager dig deeper. Doing so, she found that the employee's mother had attempted suicide, and that he was too traumatized by the experience to disclose it over the phone. By assuming that there was a logical explanation for the employee's sudden lapse, Shertzer says, the manager avoided adding more pain to the employee's life.

In the end, he says, it's those relationships—not the morning jolt of caffeine—that keep him energized in his job. "What I do isn't about coffee," he says. "It's about changing people's lives." ■

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Mama, PhD

BY | SHANNON HYLAND-TASSAVA '94

NOT LONG AGO, a friend of mine was discussing her recent, somewhat unexpected metamorphosis from liberal-arts-educated, graduate-degreed, career-focused feminist to full-time stay-at-home mom, complete with a brand-new Dyson vacuum cleaner and, on some days, a homemade coffee cake cooling on the kitchen counter. Though perfectly happy with her current situation, she admitted, “Sometimes I look around at my life and think, *Um, what happened? When did I become a 1950s housewife?*”

“I know exactly what you mean; you just described my life,” I told her. “And I went to *Macalester*, for God’s sake!”

It was only partly a joke.

Macalester, as we all know, is famous for its politically liberal, socially progressive, feminist milieu. Its selective admissions standards, excellent academic programs, and pro-overachiever vibe attract high-caliber superstars from all over the world, including hard-driving young women focused on honors theses, international fellowships, and future careers on the front lines of political science, education, human-rights advocacy, and the arts. In the early '90s, Macalester was where I added a second major, immersed myself in independent research, and hunted down the top psychology PhD programs. I was determined to grab the brass ring of accomplishment and launch myself, rocket-like, into a competitive, intellectually engrossing field that back then was still predominantly male. It’s fair to say that the question of how raising babies would fit into this scholarly, career-driven life plan never entered my mind.

It’s funny how the decisions we’re asked to make at age 21 or 22 affect facets of our lives that do not become even remotely apparent to us until years later. As a striving undergrad who was only beginning to feel my way into full-grown womanhood (and with impressively dedicated and successful female professors as my role models), how could I possibly have imagined what it would feel like a decade hence to contemplate leaving my infant daughter each day to head to an office? My life at 21 was driven by intellect and ambition: a life of the mind more than the heart. It was a wonderful life, to be sure—full of academic discovery, hard work, and lofty goals steeped in modern feminist assumptions.

But it was untouched—of course it was—by such complicating factors as home and family.

To my young-adult self, being a feminist meant, among other things, fashioning an impressive career out of the many opportunities available to my generation of third-wave go-getters. It meant working outside the home, for pay. It meant business lunches and professional meetings, not library story time and weekly playgroup. The fact that one day the ability to bake a stellar one-bowl chocolate birthday cake from scratch or to nurse a

baby for 19 months would become a point of pride—just as much, if not more so, than a scholarly publication or a thriving psychotherapy practice—would have been unimaginable to me during the months in which I completed grad-school applications and studied for the GRE.

But during my current years of at-home motherhood, I have learned that there are many ways to be a feminist. I have learned that feminism includes the right to claim all sorts of life choices, including staying home to raise children if one so desires, without giving up one’s self-respect. I have learned that managing a home and family with devotion, modeling variable paths toward self-fulfillment and inner peace, is challenging and important work. I have learned that respecting the desires of one’s heart in addition to one’s intellect creates a well-balanced life, one that is more enjoyable

to me than an existence focused solely on my older, one-track definition of “feminist.” I now know that the socially invaluable task of raising good-hearted and confident children, of forming a household around constants of time, love, and care are feminist endeavors, too.

My professors at Macalester—those mentors, encouragers, astute seers of inner potential—always made me feel like I would go on to do great things. Looking around at my current life—my home, my family, these tiny daughters in whom I strive to instill values of tolerance, kindness, perseverance, and, yes, feminism—I have no doubt they were right. ■



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2008 Alumni Awards

Eight outstanding alumni were honored at the Macalester College Alumni Association Awards Convocation at Reunion.

Distinguished Citizens

Charlotte Anderson Triplet '53 has generously volunteered her time to improve the lives of others. When Charlotte and Thomas's son Bob, one of their three children, was diagnosed with a disability, they began volunteering with Opportunity Partners, which empowers people with developmental disabilities, brain injury, and other special needs by assisting them with employment, housing, and education. Charlotte assisted staff and clients for nearly a decade, and still serves on their Volunteer Advisory Committee. When Tom, Class of 1952, was diagnosed with progressive supranuclear palsy, Charlotte became active with support groups for caregivers and fundraising for research. Now, nearly 10 years after his death, she still volunteers weekly in the Robbinsdale, Minnesota, school system where he spent most of his career. Charlotte served on the Alumni Board and her reunion committee at Macalester, and has held numerous positions of leadership at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, where she has been a member for more than 50 years.

Karlynn Kohrs Campbell '58 came to Macalester from a farm in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. At a time when women were often discouraged from speaking up, Kohrs Campbell, as a sophomore, competed in the National Debate Tournament. During the next decade, she taught at Macalester and elsewhere and earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of Minnesota, where she is now professor of communication studies. Kohrs Campbell has been editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, a fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and author or editor of eight books. To encourage top scholars to publish their work, she and her late husband Paul established the Kohrs-Campbell Prize in Rhetorical Criticism. Kohrs Campbell has nearly single-handedly revived interest in the study of women's rhetoric, including that of the suffragists. Perhaps her greatest influence has been in inspiring scholars teaching in colleges from California to Alabama.

Joan Swanson Velasquez '63 graduated from Macalester with highest honors, then earned an MA at Case Western Reserve and a PhD in social work at the University of Minnesota. She served in the Peace Corps in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where she opened a daycare center, taught English, and met her husband, Segundo. Most people know Joan and Segundo Velasquez as the founders of *Mano a Mano*, a nonprofit organization that each year collects and transports to Bolivia 250,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies otherwise headed for landfills. *Mano a Mano* now has expanded its reach, building 82 clinics and 30 schools. She has been recognized as an outstanding alumna of the University of Minnesota School of Social Work, a co-madre of Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, and, with Segundo, as KARE-11 TV's Volunteers of the Year.

Roya Mohagheghi Ansari '83 was born in Detroit, but grew up in Iran before attending high school in Switzerland and college at Macalester. Years later when her son, mistaken for Iraqi, was bullied at his elementary school during the early years of the U.S. war in Iraq, Ansari responded by developing the highly interactive educational program "Cultures in a Box." Ansari made classroom presentations introducing the cultures of some 20 countries through everything from music to food. Currently director of global sales and business development at SiliconExpert Technologies, Ansari decided to use her 23 years of technology experience to incorporate the same concepts

into edutainment multimedia products produced by her new company, Mozaik Multimedia.

Kate Maehr '89 is executive director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the food bank for Cook County, which last year provided food to an estimated 500,000 hungry people. A 12-year veteran of the GCFD, Maehr has a master's degree in public policy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to taking the helm of the organization, Maehr, as development director, spearheaded a successful \$30 million campaign for a new facility that allowed the GCFD to double the number of people it served. Through its Community Kitchen program, GCFD provides unemployed and underemployed people with culinary training that enables them to earn meaningful wages. In 2004 Maehr was chosen as a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow. *Crain's Chicago Business* named Maehr one of its noteworthy "40 under 40," in part due to her work marshalling resources for communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Lorne Lieb '98 has parlayed a longtime interest in film and a passion for social justice into a career producing documentaries focused on social justice issues. As a Macalester student, Lieb worked in public housing in Chicago with the Urban Studies Program. Believing that the stories of public housing residents weren't getting out to the media, he made a documentary about the lives of people living there. After Macalester, he earned a master's degree in communication at Syracuse University before joining the Independent Production Fund in New York and working on a film called *Muslims*, which garnered great interest after September 2001 and was secured by Public Broadcasting for their program *Frontline*. He has since worked on other films for PBS, ABC's *Nightline*, and other clients. Lieb has also been active with Jews Against the Occupation and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice. His current project is an ambitious multicultural history of the United States that examines history from the perspective of those, like farmers and teachers, often left out of traditional accounts.

CATHARINE LEALTAD AWARD

J. Michael González-Campoy '83 arrived at Macalester from Mexico City carrying two suitcases and a study lamp. Four years later, he left Macalester for the Mayo Medical and Graduate Schools, where he earned his MD and PhD, followed by a fellowship at the University of Minnesota. He went on to become the founder, medical director, and CEO of Minnesota Center for Obesity, Metabolism and Endocrinology (MNCOME) in Eagan, the result of his longtime commitment to addressing obesity, diabetes, and related diseases. Because he is bilingual and bicultural, González-Campoy is uniquely qualified to provide sensitive and effective care to Spanish-speaking as well as English-speaking communities. His accomplishments, according to González-Campoy, would have been impossible without his partner and wife, Rebecca Cameron González-Campoy '83. Michael served as president of the Minnesota Medical Association, worked with the Minnesota Department of Health addressing diabetes and health care disparities, and actively supported the Freedom to Breathe Act, which barred smoking in Minnesota bars and restaurants. In 2006 he received a Minnesota Latino Achievement Award for his achievements and community service.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

David Lanegran '63, John S. Holl Professor and Chair of Geography, earned his PhD at the University of Minnesota and returned to



1. Charlotte Anderson Tripet '53
2. Karlyn Kohrs Campbell '58
3. Joan Swanson Velasquez '63
4. Roya Mohagheghi Ansari '83
5. Kate Maehr '89
6. Lorne Lieb '98
7. J. Michael González-Campoy '83
8. David Lanegran '63

Macalester to nurture its now-renowned Geography Department. Recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for teaching, he has championed geographic education at all levels, working to establish Minnesota's geography requirement, national geography standards, and the Advanced Placement examination in human geography. He has often been honored for his successful effort to restore St. Paul's historic Landmark Center. One of the most popular lecturers ever to face a classroom, he has spoken to alumni in gatherings on campus and around the country. Lanegran has devoted untold hours over 30 years to ensuring that the relationship between alumni and the college never ends. Every year for more than a decade, he has led a tour of

St. Paul for the 50-year reunion class. He goes out of his way to meet alumni at academic conferences, and in 2008 he led the Great Scots on a two-day tour of southwest Minnesota. In nurturing the connection between alumni and the college, Lanegran greatly enriches the lives of students past and present.

HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees were awarded to Macalester philosophy professor **Henry West**, Macalester benefactor **Bruce B. Dayton**, and philanthropist **Shelby Moore Cullom Davis**. You can read more about their accomplishments in the Summer 2008 issue of *Macalester Today*.

In Memoriam

1928

Angie Sturgeon Skinner, 100, of Gaithersburg, Md., died Feb. 28, 2008. During World War II, she worked at the University of Minnesota on the Minnesota Starvation Experiment, a study whose results were used in hunger relief and the development of the U.S. Army's field K-rations. She lived in many places around the world with her husband, John, a U.S. Navy captain. Mrs. Skinner enjoyed the arts, gardening, and painting portraits of family members. She was a generous donor to Macalester.

1929

Joanna Warga Barsness, 98, of Bethlehem, Pa., died May 5, 2008. She was a teacher and librarian at schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and California, including Wisconsin State University and Rockford College. Mrs. Barsness is survived by a son, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1933

Everett B. Coulter, 95, of Spokane, Wash., died April 16, 2008. He was a general surgeon in Spokane from 1947 to 1983 and a member of the American Board of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, and the Northwest Medical Society. Dr. Coulter is survived by his wife, Marion, three daughters, one son, five grandchildren, a great-grandson, a sister, and nephew **Harold Coulter '70**.

Helen Fisher Williams, 95, of Red Wing, Minn., died June 3, 2008. She was a reading specialist and taught music in junior and senior high school. She also taught kindergarten and first and second grade. Mrs. Williams is survived by a son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1937

Sara Hyre Kwakenet, 92, of Duluth, Minn., died April 9, 2008. She was a social worker in Itasca County, Minn. She also served as an organist at Community Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Sigma Alpha Iota musical fraternity. Mrs. Kwakenet is survived by a daughter.

Ian A. Morton, 93, of Roseville, Minn., died May 25, 2008. He was a U.S. Army lieutenant in the Philippines during World War II. A member of Macalester's faculty from 1951 to 1967, he served as choral director and chair of the music department. His choirs performed with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, and he composed some of the earliest works of electronic music. He later worked as an acoustical consultant and helped develop computer programs for acoustic applications. Mr. Morton is survived by two sons (including **David Morton '66**), three daughters (including **Katharine Austin '70**), and two grandchildren.

1938

James A. Brandt, 86, of Payson, Ariz., died Dec. 16, 2001.

1940

Ellen Lathers McMartin Green, 89, of Milford, Mich., and Leesburg, Fla., died April 30, 2008. Mrs. Green and her first husband, Howard McMartin, founded McMartin's Jewelry in 1955. Mrs. Green is survived by her husband, Will Green, a daughter, a son, two granddaughters, a sister, and great-niece **Laurel Baker Grosjean '97**.

1941

Vera Belle Pirnie Hanson, 86, of St. Paul died Jan. 31, 2007. She is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

1942

Roger G. Allen, 88, of Forest Lake, Minn., died May 11, 2008. He is survived by a son and five grandchildren.

Emily Buth Hollingworth, 87, of Springfield, Ohio, died April 11, 2008. She was a dedicated member of the Audubon Society who logged over 700 bird sightings in North America. Mrs. Hollingworth is survived by two sons and two grandchildren.

Joy Foley Rialson, 87, of Minneapolis died Feb. 18, 2008. After receiving teaching credentials in 1957, she taught fourth grade in Santa Clara, Calif. She was active in politics and enjoyed the arts and outdoor activities. Mrs. Rialson

is survived by a son and three grandchildren.

1943

Ruth Richter Saunders, 86, of Louisville, Ky., died May 28, 2008. She worked as a medical technologist after graduating from Macalester and later worked for Dr. W.F. Schamber. She also served as a deacon in the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Saunders is survived by three daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Jean Christopherson Strom, 86, of Tarzana, Calif., died Feb. 23, 2008. She began teaching at the Buckley School in Sherman Oaks, Calif., in 1950, and eventually became principal of the school. Mrs. Strom is survived by her husband, **Robert Strom '42**.

1944

Donald A. Sutherland, 85, of Long Beach, Calif., died March 9, 2008. After serving in the U.S. Army and Navy, Dr. Sutherland joined the staff of St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas, where he was director of medical education and director of nuclear medicine. He was also an assistant clinical professor at Southwestern Medical School. He later moved to Los Angeles and was associated with Kaiser Permanente until his retirement in 1988. Dr. Sutherland is survived by two daughters, two sons, two grandchildren, and sister-in-law **Maxine Sigfrid Allert '50**.

1945

Louise Woodhouse Bachman, 84, of Minneapolis died May 21, 2008. She was active in her church and Bible study groups and enjoyed organizing games and activities at family gatherings. She also served on Macalester's Alumni Board and Reunion Planning Committee. Mrs. Bachman is survived by her husband, Larry, two sons, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

1946

Maurice A.M. Garrison, 83, of Virginia, Minn., died April 14, 2008. After his ordination into the Episcopal church in 1953, Mr. Garrison spent most of his 50-year career doing missionary work and teaching theology abroad. He served in South Africa from 1962

to 1966, when he was expelled by the South African apartheid government and the seminary he had founded in Obido was burned. He also worked in Ghana, Kenya, Barbados, Jerusalem, Addis Ababa, Tanzania, and New York City, and was named senior Episcopal world missionary in 1990. Mr. Garrison is survived by a son and two sisters.

Paul E. Herzog, 87, of Lorton, Va., died May 6, 2008.

Robert W. Wellman, 83, of Laurium, Mich., died May 2, 2008. He served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II, and later worked as a manager for J.C. Penney, retiring in 1982. Mr. Wellman is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

1948

Charles L. Claxton, 80, of Underhill, Vt., died April 20, 2008. He retired from the Minnesota Department of Revenue in 1982. Mr. Claxton is survived by a daughter, a son, and a sister.

1949

Shirley Weeks Fruechte, 80, of Eau Claire, Wis., died May 7, 2008. She was a 4-H Club agent in Houston County, Minn., until 1951 and later was supervisor of the 4-H building at the Vernon County Fair for more than 30 years. Mrs. Fruechte was also an active nursing home and hospital volunteer. She is survived by three daughters, one son, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister.

1950

D. Michael Winton, 79, of Minneapolis died April 30, 2008. After receiving training as an Army ranger, Mr. Winton joined a CIA paramilitary team based in Munich, Germany. He later served as chairman of Pas Lumber Co. and managed his family's investment portfolio. According to the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, he was also a "venture capital whiz" with such companies as SciMed, American Medical Systems, and Old Country Buffet. He was a prominent philanthropist in the Twin Cities who sat on the board of the Walker Art Center for more than 20 years, funded a department chair at the University

Staying Connected

FOR A LIFETIME

BY **LIBBY SNELSON '78**

AS STUDENTS AT MACALESTER, we had remarkably diverse experiences. But today, we all have one thing in common: we are members of the Macalester Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association is dedicated to connecting Macalester alumni to the college and to each other for a lifetime. It is also committed to strengthening the college for future generations of students and graduates. The board of the association, managed by the Macalester Alumni Office, comprises 30 alumni and 5 students from around the world who are all working hard to support these goals.

It's true that fundraising is a focal point, and that's as it should be. We benefit from our Macalester education. Our investment as students paid off as the esteem associated with a Mac degree has risen. Alumni, more than any other stakeholder, have the responsibility for stewardship of the college. For those who have only recently paid off (or are still paying off) loans, that may seem difficult. But many of us would not have had a Macalester education without financial aid, provided in no small part by those who went before us. We know more directly than any educational philanthropist that our time here was transformative. If there is to be hope for a new generation to have that experience, we need to keep Macalester strong.

As a result, the Alumni Association Board participates in an array of stewardship efforts, including the Annual Fund. It also sponsors and funds from its members the Alumni Board Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The board also works to connect the college with alumni by receiving reports and gathering information from faculty, staff, and students on upcoming programs and campus issues. We ask questions, get answers, and offer input from the alumni perspective to the college administration.

Helping alumni maintain connections to each other is the other major focus of the association. That's easy for me: I live in St. Paul with my husband, Brett Gemlo '78, and kids, just a short bike ride from Mac. Supporting the college by volunteering through the Alumni Association was an easy fit.

But not all of us are lucky enough to live right down the street from Macalester. Getting together at Reunion is a wonderful way to renew the connection for those who are able to make it, but those opportunities are infrequent. If you live outside St. Paul, the Alumni



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Association provides the means to maintain connections with each other. If there is a critical mass of Mac alumni, there is usually an Alumni Association chapter. Whether you're in Duluth, San Francisco, New York City, or a half dozen other cities, there's probably an event happening in your neighborhood soon. Chapters are a great way to get to know Mac grads from other generations and to discover a completely different perspective on things Macalester. Chapters organize book clubs, volunteer opportunities, and lectures by Mac professors. Some chapters put together annual events, such as summer parties to welcome incoming Macalester students or group get-togethers to carry the Macalester banner at local Scottish fairs. Lively leadership and interested participants are always welcomed at any Macalester alumni chapter.

The Alumni Association Board has an active connection with current students—who we like to think of as future alumni. We benefit when we get to know students and learn about their perspectives of Macalester. The board's student support and multicultural committees work to connect alumni with students through shared activities to ease the transition to the post-Mac world.

We are also working to encourage connections with other alumni online via MacDirect at www.macalester.edu/alumni/macdirect, which is a bit like Facebook. Keeping in touch with friends is about more than reliving old memories. There is tremendous benefit in networking with other alumni for business and professional aspects of our lives. And it's very easy. Register on MacDirect, and while you're on the Mac site, click over to the Alumni Association page. Look up those from your area or era and contact them about what you would like to see your Alumni Association do. Or e-mail me with your ideas, suggestions, requests, or beefs at LibbySnelson@alumni.macalester.edu.

Let's stay connected. **M**

In Memoriam

of Minnesota, and helped launch Pathways, a center serving people with life-threatening illnesses. Mr. Winton is survived by his wife, Penny, two daughters, three sons, 12 grandchildren, and two sisters.

1951

D. Frank Johnson, 78, of Billings, Mont., died March 21, 2008. He served in the Air Force as a flight surgeon and was a general internist in Billings since 1961. He also served as continuing medical education director at two hospitals for 25 years and was an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of Washington. A nationally recognized expert in weight management, he directed clinics in Billings, Helena, and Bozeman, and was named bariatrician of the year by the American Society of Bariatric Physicians in 2002. Dr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Jeanne, two daughters, a son, and eight grandchildren.

Paul T. Ohtaki, 83, of San Francisco died April 27, 2008. At the age of 17 he was taken from Bainbridge, Wash., to a Japanese-American internment camp in California. During his internment, Mr. Ohtaki wrote a weekly column for the Bainbridge *Review* about life in the camp. His columns and correspondence with the newspaper's publisher were collected in the 2001 anthology *It Was the Right Thing To Do!* Mr. Ohtaki served with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service during World War II and ran a successful printing business in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife, Kitty.

1952

Barbara Palmquist Reed, 77, of Butte, Mont., died April 15, 2008. She was a physical therapist at St. James Hospital and Butte Orthopedics for many years. She was also active in the American Physical Therapy Association and was appointed by the governor of Montana to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in 1985. That same year she received the Nora Staael Evert Award for outstanding physical therapy service from the Montana chapter of the APTA. Mrs. Reed is survived by her husband, **Dean Reed '51**, two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Roy Richardson, 77, of Williamsburg, Va., died May 27, 2008. An accomplished bagpiper and highland dancer since his youth, he founded Macalester's pipe band while a student and was pipe major of the Minneapolis Pipes and Drums Band during the 1960s. During his managerial career, he worked in industrial relations and human resources at Honeywell, International Harvester, Onan Corp, the University of Minnesota, and Graco, Inc. He was a guest lecturer at Macalester and other institutions of higher learning, served as vice president of the Urban League, and received a distinguished citizen award from the City of Minneapolis. After retiring to Williamsburg in 1995, he continued to work as a management consultant. Mr. Richardson is survived by his wife, Mary, three daughters, two sons, three grandchildren (including **Ian Allison '01**), a brother, and niece **Lou Rhea Towner '66**.

1953

Edna C. Downing, 90, of Minneapolis died April 12, 2008. She taught English, speech, and Latin at Sanford Middle School in Minneapolis from the 1940s to the 1970s. She was a leader in many education organizations, including the National Council of Teachers of English and the Minnesota Education Association, and served as president of the Minnesota Council of Teachers of English. Her many awards included a 2004 University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award and an award from the MEA for excellence in teaching. The American Newspaper Foundation named her book *How To Read and Use the Newspaper—Units for English, Grades 7-12* the best book written by an educator, the Twin Cities *Star Tribune* reported.

1954

Gerald B. Trapp, 75, of Murray, Utah, died March 14, 2008. After working as a reporter and editor at the Mankato, Minn., *Free Press*, he joined the Associated Press as a writer and editor in Salt Lake City. He then worked for the AP as a broadcast salesman and executive, becoming general broadcast news editor for the organization in 1968 and deputy director, administration in 1979. In 1980

he was named vice president/general manager of Intermountain Network in Salt Lake City. After his retirement, he tutored children at Guadalupe School. Mr. Trapp is survived by his wife, **Bente Moe Trapp '52**, a daughter, two sons, seven grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and a sister, **Laurice Trapp Ronholdt '63**.

1959

Gary R. McCrudden, 76, of Little Falls, Minn., died March 23, 2008. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and worked as a salesman for Red Wing Marine before earning a teaching degree from Macalester. During his 27 years as a teacher in the Upsala School District, he coached baseball and helped start the school's first girls' basketball program. Mr. McCrudden is survived by his wife, Debbie, two daughters, two sons, and five grandchildren.

1960

Eugene L. Haag, 73, of Oak Bank, Manitoba, died March 30, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, two sons, two granddaughters, and two brothers.

1963

HollySue Balcerzak Erwin, 66, of Bloomington, Minn., died April 13, 2008. She worked as a quality inspector for a technical company. She also played bagpipes and violin, participated in dog shows, and trained the Canadian National Champion Doberman. Mrs. Erwin is survived by a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, and a brother.

William C. Gilbert, 79, of Otsego, Minn., died April 12, 2008. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a high school history teacher in Des Moines, Iowa, for 27 years. Mr. Gilbert is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and a brother.

Frederick O. Glasoe, 80, of Ojai, Calif., died May 14, 2008. After teaching at Breck School in Minneapolis and in Germany and Japan, Mr. Glasoe taught in the St. Paul Public Schools for more than 40 years. He was also an avid gardener who wrote regular columns for *The Northern Gardener* and *The Minnesota Horticulturist*, appeared on his own PBS series

Eat It Up in the 1970s, hosted a talk radio show, and appeared regularly on the Home and Garden Network. Mr. Glasoe served as a foster parent to five children and was a father figure to many more. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Donald G. Pribble, 81, of Golden Valley, Minn., died Jan. 17, 2006. He taught organ and theory at St. Olaf College from 1950 to 1954, then taught music in the Bloomington, Minn., School District until his retirement in 1986. He also served as choir director and organist at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington for 20 years. Mr. Pribble is survived by his wife, Jeannine, two daughters, a son, two stepchildren, and six grandchildren.

Charles F. Schachtele, 66, of Falcon Heights, Minn., died June 11, 2008. He was a microbiologist and a member of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry faculty for 40 years. He was director of the university's Dental Research Institute from 1987 to 2002, and later served as associate dean for research. According to the Twin Cities *Star Tribune*, Dr. Schachtele was an innovator in the testing of dental instrument sterility. He also appeared on *The Merv Griffin Show* and other talk shows to discuss his research on tooth decay and received numerous awards for his work. Dr. Schachtele is survived by his wife, Therese, a son, three grandchildren, his mother, two sisters, and a brother.

1964

Robert Lacher, 67, of Bloomington, Minn., died June 5, 2008. He worked as an educational administrator in Moorhead, Minn., White Bear Lake, Minn., and St. Paul for more than 30 years. He was a member of Macalester's M Club. Mr. Lacher is survived by his wife, **Judy Bartosh Lacher '64**, two daughters, and two granddaughters.

Karl D. Runkle, 65, of Piedmont, Mo., died March 26, 2008. He worked as a career counselor at the University of Illinois and as a guidance counselor in Illinois, Arizona, and New Mexico. He also enjoyed landscape photography

and traveled around the world on photography assignments for Northwest Orient Airlines. Mr. Runkle is survived by his ex-wife, **Prudence Speake Runkle '65**, and three sons.

1965

Mary King Lamm, 93, of Salinas, Calif., died June 12, 2008. She retired as a teacher in the Richfield, Minn., school system in 1980. Mrs. Lamm is survived by a daughter, two sons, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

1968

Ellen C. Baker, 61, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died April 19, 2008. She was named the second female County District Attorney in the history of New York state in 1979 and returned to private practice at the end of her term. She was also a child advocate in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and was active on the boards of educational and community service organizations. Ms. Baker is survived by her husband, Hunt Sutherland, two children, her parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

1976

Jean L. Borax, 54, of St. Paul died May 11, 2008. She worked in the St. Paul Public Schools as a teacher and administrator for 28 years. Ms. Borax is survived by her best friend and lover, John Oltmanns, her mother, and a sister.

1977

Robert I. Solomon, 52, of Williamsburg, Va., died May 1, 2008. He practiced as a neurologist in Williamsburg for 22 years and served as president of the Williamsburg-James City County Medical Society in 1992 and 2003. Dr. Solomon is survived by his wife, Linda Winston, a son, two stepsons, three grandchildren, a sister, a brother, and his parents, Marian and **Ted Solomon '54**.

1979

Md Sallehuddin Hasbullah of Mersing, Malaysia, died Feb. 12, 2008.

1993

Kirsten Girard, 37, of St. Paul died Dec. 11, 2007. She is survived by her parents and her fiancé, Terry Jorgenson.

OTHER LOSSES

Carl Drake, 89, of Mendota Heights, Minn., died July 24, 2008. A former CEO and chairman of the former St. Paul Companies, Drake was a strong supporter of Macalester and other educational and cultural institutions. He helped found St. Paul's Ordway Center and supported schools including Macalester and the St. Paul Academy and Summit School. "He thought that education was the key to making the world a better place," his son Trevor told the Twin Cities *Star Tribune*. Drake served on Macalester's board of trustees from 1961 to 1989, and was its chair from 1977 to 1979. He also co-chaired the college's ambitious Campaign for the '80s. In 1990, he received an honorary degree from the college, and in 1995, he received a trustee award for meritorious service. He helped fund a range of Macalester initiatives and projects, including the DeWitt Wallace Library. He is survived by two sons and two stepsons, a daughter and a stepdaughter, brother **Harry Drake '50**, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charles R. Johnson of St. Paul, associate professor emeritus of French at Macalester, died March 29, 2008, at the age of 80. He served as an educator in the Belgian Congo on a Disciples of Christ mission and taught on a Navajo reservation before joining Macalester's faculty in 1969. He worked with a French-speaking Hmong informant to produce bilingual primers and an anthology of previously unrecorded Hmong literature and culture. Mr. Johnson was also active in the peace movement and with the Twin Cities Friends Meeting. He retired from Macalester in 1988. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Ava-Dale, six children, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Eugene Sit of Edina, Minn., a member of the Global Advisory Board of Macalester's Institute for Global Citizenship and a generous donor to the IGC building, died

June 24, 2008. He was 69. Mr. Sit, who emigrated as a child from China to the United States in the late 1940s, joined IDS Financial Services as a fund manager in 1968. In 1981, he left his position as head of institutional investing at IDS to launch his own firm, Sit Investment Associates, which now manages about \$8 billion in assets. Mr. Sit also served on the boards of such organizations as the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Minnesota Historical Society Honorary Council, and the Carlson School's International Programs at the University of Minnesota. With his wife, Gail, Mr. Sit founded the Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund in 2005. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, five sons, 11 grandchildren, and a brother.

Former Macalester history Professor **Roger R. Trask**, of Locust Grove, Va., died April 18, 2008. He was 77. Mr. Trask also held professorships at Upsala College and the University of South Florida and served as chief historian of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and deputy chief historian of the Historical Office at the Department of Defense. He was chief historian of what is now the Government Accountability Office from 1987 to 1993, publishing histories of the agency in 1991 and 1996. Mr. Trask is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and two brothers.

Janet R. Serie, O. T. Walter Professor of Biology at Macalester College, died peacefully on September 17 at her home in St. Paul at the age of 56. Serie's career of teaching, research, and administration at Macalester began in 1983 and extended over 25 years, during which time she taught thousands of students and inspired many to pursue professional careers in medicine, biology, and other fields.

An outstanding classroom teacher, Serie was also nationally recognized in the area of curriculum development, and as a researcher in the areas of immunology and diabetes. For her achievements in and outside the classroom, Serie was honored with many teaching and educator awards, including the Minnesota College Science Teacher of the Year Award by the Minnesota Academy of Science and the Four-Year College Teaching Award by the National Association of College Biology Teachers. She is remembered as an exceptional mentor in both the research laboratory and the classroom.



Serie was born in Brookings, South Dakota, and attended the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, graduating in 1975. She earned a Ph.D. in anatomy in 1981 from the University of Minnesota. Serie was nationally recognized as a leader and scholar. She served as dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, director

of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, chair of the Biology Department, and director of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Program.

In 2002, Serie was appointed the founding director of the Macalester Center for Scholarship and Teaching. In this position, which she held until last summer, Serie helped other faculty improve their teaching and understand how their own scholarship can enhance the teaching of their students.

According to Macalester President Brian Rosenberg, "Jan Serie has, directly or indirectly, touched the life of virtually everyone who has been part of the Macalester community for the past 25 years. No one here has been more important to the life of the college, and she will be enormously missed."

Serie is survived by her longtime partner, Lin Aanonsen, two sisters, two nephews, four nieces, two grandnephews, and two grandnieces. ■

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