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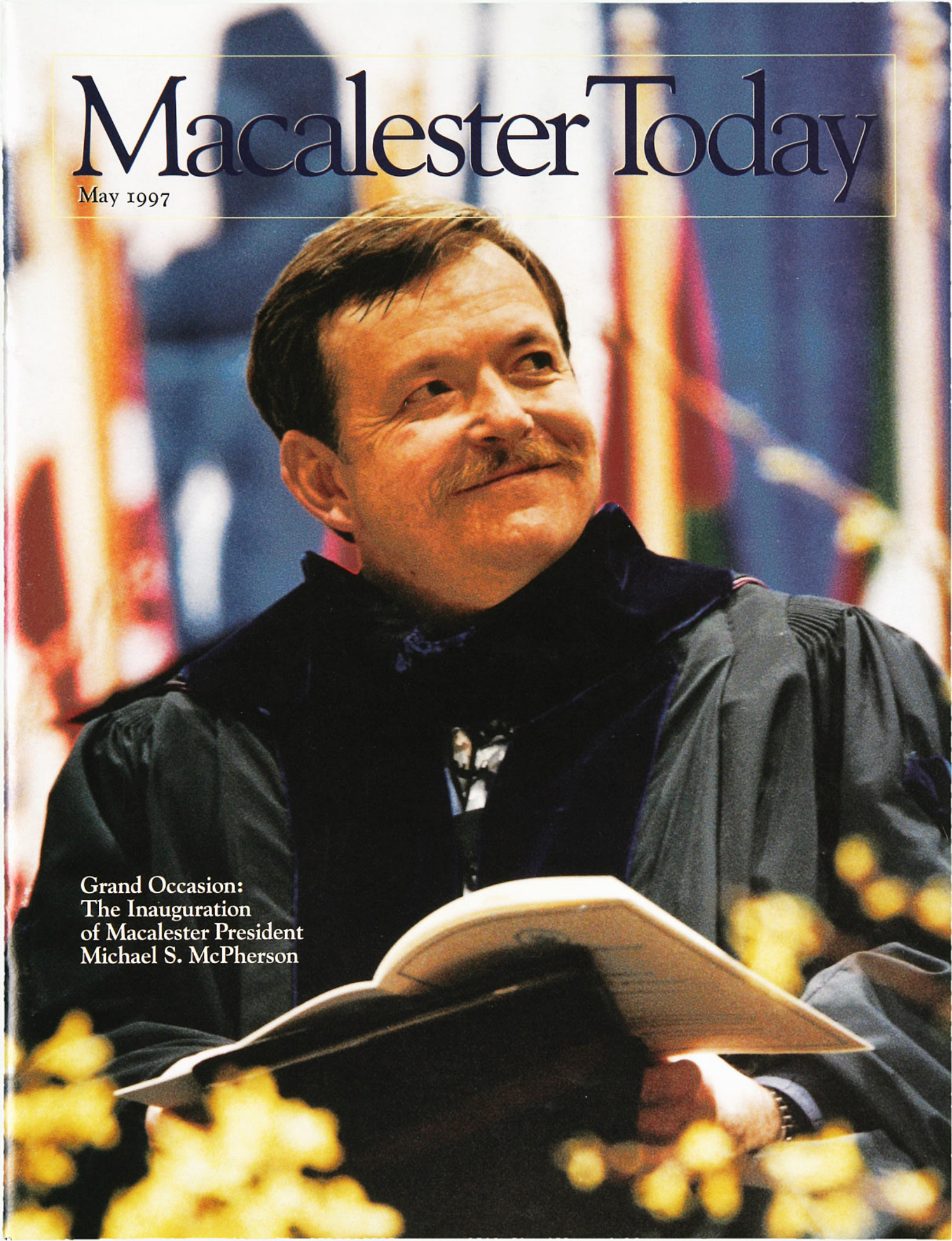
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**Grand Occasion:
The Inauguration
of Macalester President
Michael S. McPherson**

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Remembering Roger

AS THE SON of a Macalester professor, I had the privilege of Roger Blakely's company every single Friday as he stopped by our house for "Wine Hour."

If this sounds to you like a gathering of snooty English Department intellectuals eating smelly cheese, getting loose on sherry and discussing the week's political, artistic, sporting and Macalester news, you're mostly right. But they weren't snooty. If Roger did the majority of the talking, no one seemed to mind as his depth of knowledge concerning most any subject was superior. People weren't put off by it and he wasn't tooting his own intellectual horn. Simply, there was never a conversation when he was at a loss for a thought that added to the subject. I canceled out playmates on Fridays. Had to go listen to Roger. I figure I owe Macalester several semesters of tuition for all the free lectures I received.

In the winter these gatherings often included supper at our house followed by a slide show. As is widely known, the North Shore of Lake Superior was one of his loves. Another was photography, and he treated us to his achingly beautiful pictures of the Shore and neighboring back country.

Occasionally I would accompany my father on visits to his house — a Fibber McGee of a place that was an intellec-

tual's hog heaven. Books. Piles of them. Heaps of student papers. Works of his in progress: some written. Music compositions. Paintings. He always had classical music playing and would hum along — "Dum, dum, de dum!"

While he grew delicious parsnips and gooseberries in his backyard, he couldn't cook worth a darn. He looked forward to the Monday night meals he ate at our place when he taught evening classes at Mac. So did I. First I got to listen to him complain about his lousy teeth and of his dentist who did the drill thing without Novocain. Then I'd get the latest on his

Correction

APHOTOGRAPH on the back cover of February's *Mac Today* misidentified one of the three people pictured. The photo, taken at Macalester's opening convocation in 1994, shows Kofi Annan '61 with students Alain Nzigamasabo '97 (Bujumbura, Burundi) and Emily Anderson '98 (Bloomington, Ind.). Anderson was incorrectly identified. As it turns out, Anderson, who is spending this spring semester abroad in Botswana, Africa, shares a

UN connection with Annan. In high school, she participated in a seminar at the UN as part of a Quaker student delegation. •



sour stomach. Then he'd launch into the

usual discourse on whatever was on his mind at the time — another free lecture.

I feel gyped that the Macalester community didn't get to have Roger around another 10 or more years. But I take comfort knowing that his work will be carried on by the many people he influenced.

As Roger would say, "Cheers, old man."
Ross Huelster '79
 St. Paul

Roots

THANKS FOR THE superb work you do to keep in touch with my Macalester roots. I hate to admit this, but when *Mac Today* is delivered to my office I immediately put everything else aside and read every word.

I'm so proud to have attended Mac. I have found the diversity and quality of the education that I received there to be profoundly valuable in my daily life.

Stephanie Reuer '82
 Washington, D.C.

Kofi Annan

THE FEBRUARY ARTICLE on Kofi Annan '61 ("Small world: Mac graduate leads United Nations") brought tears to my eyes.

Kofi practically lived with my wife, Catharine, and me from the day we arrived at Mac, one week after our marriage. I had chosen Kofi as an Ambassador for Friendship earlier in the year, along with three other foreign students, to accompany us on an eight-week summer tour of America. It was our first tour for Mac. What an incredible journey it was.

Later, upon our return to Mac in late August 1960, Kofi did much of his "career dreaming" with us. Talk about focusing one's energies and vision of the future: Kofi shared with us his absolute conviction and determination to follow his "dreams" all the way to the UN.

Harry W. Morgan
 Timisoara, Romania

The writer established Ambassadors for Friendship at Macalester, founded the World Press Institute and also served as foreign student adviser and director of International House. He is now in his third year as a Senior Fulbright Professor of Journalism in Romania.

Mary Gwen Owen

I WANTED TO add a note to your article on Mary Gwen Owen which appeared in the February issue.

There, and in other accounts I've seen recently, the indication is that MGO left Macalester in 1968. In fact, she remained until 1972, as a part-time faculty member, to direct the Drama Choros. During those final years, there was another entire generation of Macites (myself included) who had the privilege of traveling with her and the Choros on trips from the Canadian border to the Mexican border, from New York City to San Diego, and in January 1972, to England for an international student drama festival.

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Math triumphs

Macalester teams shine
in major competitions

MACALESTER'S TEAM finished 11th — the highest ranking of any liberal arts college — in the prestigious Putnam Mathematics Competition for undergraduates in the United States and Canada.

In addition, another Macalester team turned in one of nine winning entries in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an international competition. And a third Macalester team tied for 16th place in the International Collegiate Programming Contest.

"Our teams were outstanding in all three of the major competitions that we participate in each year," said David Bressoud, chair of Macalester's Mathematics and Computer Science Department. "We are competing against large universities and technical universities as well as smaller colleges. In all of these competitions, we came out as either the top-ranked or tied as the top-ranked small liberal arts college, and we beat out a lot of major universities."

Here are the details on each competition:

- In the 57th William Lowell Putnam exam, Macalester's team finished higher than any team in the college's history. The exam was held last Dec. 7 but the results were announced only recently.

Tamas Nemeth '99 (Taszar, Hungary) received an Honorable Mention with 49 points and a rank of 32.5, the highest score ever achieved at Macalester and the highest in the state of Minnesota. Nemeth and a Reed College student were the only two students at liberal arts colleges to receive Honorable Mention or higher among the more than 2,000 students who participated.

Five other Macalester students finished in the top 300. They include David Castro '97, Lake Katrine, N.Y. (39 points, rank 77); Vahe Poladian '99, Yerevan, Armenia (33/107.5); Michael Dekker '97, Bellevue, Wash. (23/224); Djordje Gluhovic '97, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (22/244) and Fazil Zobu '97, Istanbul, Turkey (21/276).

The top five schools in the Putnam competition, in order, were Duke, Princeton, Harvard, Washington University-St. Louis and Caltech.



SARA BARRETT

From Minnesota with warmth

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan '61, left, and his wife, Nane, enjoy their gifts of earmuffs from Macalester's Board of Trustees. Board Chair Timothy Hultquist '72, center, was among those sharing the Annans' amusement at a Jan. 10 reception for the trustees in New York. Annan stepped down as a Macalester trustee after his election to the UN's top post. The gifts recalled Annan's 1994 appearance at Macalester, when he spoke of his first encounter with a Minnesota winter. The native of Ghana said he had initially refused to wear earmuffs, thinking they looked ridiculous, but bought a big pair after his ears nearly froze. He said he learned an important lesson: "You never walk into a situation and believe that you know better than the natives."

Rounding out the top 10, in no particular order, were the University of Chicago, MIT, New York University, Queen's University and University of Waterloo.

- Macalester was one of nine winning entries out of 408 teams competing in the 13th Annual Mathematical Contest in Modeling. Some 271 U.S. teams competed, including virtually every college and university with a strong math department, and there were also entries from China,

Canada, Ireland, Australia, Hong Kong, Lithuania and South Africa. The Modeling Contest is sponsored by COMAP (Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications). A national, non-profit organization, COMAP produces math

curriculum materials which demonstrate the "real-world" contexts of mathematics. A Macalester team also won in 1995.

Macalester's winning team this year consisted of Castro, Nick Weininger '98 (Claverack, N.Y.) and John Renze '99 (Chicago). The competition was held over a weekend in February. The students were given the problem that they had to model beginning at 12:01 a.m. Friday. They spent

Web site for math alums

THE MATHEMATICS AND Computer Science Department has a new Web site for alumni of the department at: <http://www.math.macalester.edu/alumni/>.

Alumni are encouraged to send in material for a Web page. The department especially wants comments on how well alums' Macalester experience prepared them for their careers as well as suggestions for current students who are considering following a similar path.

Please send your name, class, address, phone number, e-mail address, list of academic studies pursued since graduation, current position, description of what your job entails and any comments you wish to make to: Meridy Amsden, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Or e-mail this information to: amsden@macalester.edu. •

89 hours in Macalester's Mathematics and Computer Science Department with sleeping bags on the floor near their computers, and turned in their solution at 5 p.m. Monday. Their entry was selected for first place by the Mathematical Association of America.

In addition to Macalester, the other winning teams were Calvin College, East China University of Science and Technology, Harvard, Pomona College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Toronto and Washington University-St. Louis.

• In the International Collegiate Programming Contest, held March 2 in San Jose, Calif., by the Association for Computing Machinery, the Macalester team of Paul Cantrell '98 (Fort Collins, Colo.), Joel Rod '98 (Iowa City, Iowa) and Weinger tied for 16th place out of 54 finalists. Harvey Mudd College finished first. Macalester tied for 16th with 11 other schools, including Stanford, Columbia, Swarthmore, Carnegie-Mellon and Harvard.

The faculty who coordinated Macalester's teams are Professors Karla Ballman '83, Tom Halverson and Susan Fox.

Internationalism Award

Pamela Gozo '97 honored for her excellence and commitment

PAMELA R. GOZO '97 (Harare, Zimbabwe, and Venda, South Africa) is the winner of this year's Macalester Internationalism Award.

The award, established by the International Center in 1987, is presented to a graduating senior. The student must have a record of academic and co-curricular activity and accomplishments that demonstrate a commitment to international scholarship, understanding and citizenship on and off campus, as well as the promise of a lifelong concern for global cooperation and understanding.

Gozo is majoring in both international studies and economics, with minors in French and political science. Currently serving as manager of Cultural House for students of color, she has been a programming assistant for the Residential



Pamela Gozo '97

Life Office, a preceptor in two academic courses, a mentor to other international students and president of Afrika!, an organization that seeks to bring a greater awareness of African issues to campus. She received the Multicultural Leadership Award in 1995 and the Dean's Award for community service in 1996. Off campus, she has worked as a volunteer tutor and mentor to African American children in the Horizons Youth Program in Minneapolis.

Economics Professor Gary Krueger wrote that Gozo "is highly regarded academically and personally by all members of our department and her fellow students. . . . We find her greatest attribute to be her tremendous strength of character." Mary Beth Carstens of Residential Life described her as "a deeply committed and compassionate Macalester student. . . . Pamela stands out as one of the most inquisitive, bright, sincere students I

have ever known."

After gaining some work experience, Gozo plans to study international economic development in graduate school in hopes of becoming active in economic development efforts in Southern Africa.

Walt Mink weekend

FRIENDS OF the late Walt Mink will assemble at Macalester on Saturday, Sept. 27, to commemorate his career in teaching.

The "Festschrift" program will include talks and other forms of presentation by some of Professor Mink's former students, opportunities for all to share memories and stories about him, and a festive dinner (\$20 per person).

More information will appear in August's *Macalester Today* and on the Internet (<http://www.macalester.edu/~psych/waltweekend>).

E-mail inquiries can be directed to: waltweekend@macalester.edu. Or you can write to: Waltsday, Psychology Department, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Professor Mink died June 25, 1996, at the age of 68. An especially beloved teacher, he was a psychology professor at Macalester for 38 years.



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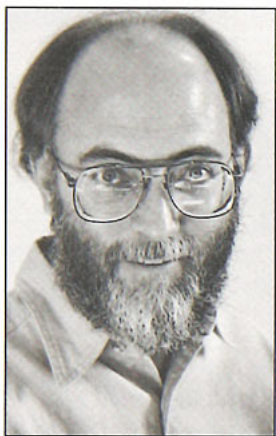
Instead of a Phonathon to ask alumni and friends for contributions to the Annual Fund, the college held its first-ever "Thankathon" in February to thank donors for giving. English Professor Alvin Greenberg, left, Brooke Foster of the Development Office and student Josh Beu '00 (Fairbanks, Alaska) were among the thankers. More than 75 volunteers spoke with and personally thanked 2,135 Annual Fund donors and pledgers in nine calling sessions.

Five given tenure

Associate professors named in political science, art, sociology, economics and Russian

THE MACALESTER Board of Trustees approved tenure for all five faculty members who were under consideration for tenure. All were named associate professors. They include:

• **David Blaney, Political Science.** B.A., 1980, Valparaiso University; M.A., 1983, University of Denver; Ph.D., 1990, University of Denver. In his two years at Macalester, Provost Wayne Roberts



David Blaney

reported, Blaney has had a very positive impact on students. They consistently noted the rigor of the courses he teaches and his growing skill in leading classroom discussions, his preferred method of instruction. Students remark on his "innovative teaching style," "his reliability and resourcefulness as an adviser," his dedication and the fact that he is "available to students." In the past five years, Blaney has authored three articles or book chapters and co-authored seven others. The articles have appeared in highly regarded, refereed, national and international journals. One outside reviewer described Blaney's work as "stimulating, creative, insightful, disciplined and important."

• **Ruthann Godollei, Art.** B.F.A., 1981, Indiana University; M.F.A., 1983, University of Minnesota. She first taught at Macalester in 1986, on a part-time basis, and was appointed to a tenure-track position in 1991. She is a studio artist, an art historian, a teacher of the making of art and the academic examination of that art. Godollei does a wide range of printing processes. These include intaglio, relief, lithography, screen print and photo processes. Provost Roberts said

Godollei is an effective and admired teacher, as evident from student evaluations. She helps students develop a portfolio of work which is exposed to what is occurring in the design world outside of Macalester. In the area of her scholarship, she has a list of 37 showings and exhibits of her work, including five national juried shows, which are integral to an artist. The Minneapolis Institute of Arts chose her to demonstrate the process of screen printing on its CD ROM/video on printmaking.



Ruthann Godollei

Students also trust her as a sensitive mentor, an essential quality in her courses on gender, race and ethnic issues.

• **Gary Krueger, Economics.** B.A., 1981, University of Illinois; M.S., 1986, University of Wisconsin; Ph.D., 1989, University of Wisconsin. Krueger began teaching at Macalester as a visiting professor in 1989 and was named



Mahnaz Kousha

• **Mahnaz Kousha, Sociology.** B.A., 1978, Iran-Tehran; M.S., 1981, University of Kentucky; Ph.D., 1990, University of Kentucky. Kousha's current research is pursuing the changing roles of women in contemporary Iran. One referee said her work is particularly important because it combines the insider's unique perspective on Iranian society with the outsider's methodological tools. She also combines the necessary linguistic skills with experience in maneuvering through the complex and even dangerous business of collecting information about women in a fundamentalist Islamic state. Kousha has

been an editor for one professional journal and one of the founding editors of another. She teaches courses at all levels in the Sociology Department's curriculum, in the field of intercultural and interracial relations and gender issues in the United States. Student letters evaluating her work show that she is a dedicated and talented teacher, Provost Roberts said.

to a tenure-track position in 1993. His teaching has concentrated on two main areas: econometrics and comparative economics. His data-gathering trips to Russia, in which he also makes use of his familiarity with the Russian language, make him a principal contributor to Macalester's Russian Studies Program. Krueger's courses provide students with a foundation in empirical methods, and many students have found his rigor and advanced subject matter a solid preparation for graduate work, Provost

Roberts said. Students who come to him with ambitious honors projects, often in new interdisciplinary fields,

have found him a creative adviser. In addition, he serves students from many different areas of the curriculum, from the humanities to the sciences. Krueger has published articles in the leading journals in comparative economics, and has also found an audience for ideas with political scientists and scholars of Russian affairs. He won a prestigious grant from the National Council for Soviet and East European Research.

• **Rachel May, Russian.** B.A., 1978, Princeton; M. Litt., 1981, Oxford University; Ph.D., 1990, Stanford University. Since she came to Macalester in 1992, her



Rachel May

primary teaching duties have been advanced Russian language and 20th century Russian literature, although she has also taught beginning Russian and a translation seminar, cross-listed with international studies. May is the author of *The Translator in the Text: On Reading Russian Literature in English*, and is the translator, with Larry Joseph, of Abram Tertz's novella *Little Jinx*. She has also written several articles on translation theory, and is the author of a new piece on nature writing in the



Gary Krueger

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Out of Africa, out of Macalester

Macalester's African Music Ensemble presented a special series of children's concerts in January at the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. *Top*, Omer Tore '98 (Istanbul, Turkey) plays the role of a spider in a folk tale from Ghana during the concert. *Sowah Mensah, Bottom*, a Macalester music teacher, ethnomusicologist and master drummer from Ghana, directs the 40-piece group. The African Music Ensemble has been featured on Minnesota Public Radio's "Morning Show" and has performed at colleges around the Upper Midwest.

tional fund-raising is needed before the college

United States and Russia. She has gained a reputation as a leading translator and scholar of translation theory. She has been called a "pioneer" in translation studies and also gained wide recognition for her new book on nature studies. May participated in the Bush Teaching-Portfolio programs. Her students describe her as intelligent, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and caring. They also praise her for the variety she brings to classroom exercises and teaching style.

Campus construction

Residence hall on schedule, but Campus Center delayed to allow more fund-raising

MACALESTER'S NEW residence hall, currently under construction, is on schedule to open this fall. However, the Board of Trustees has decided that addi-

can begin construction of the new Campus Center.

The board had set a goal of raising \$8.5 million before ground is broken on the \$15 million Campus Center, which will replace the current Student Union and Dayton Hall, and the \$4.5 million renovation of Kagin Dining Commons. By mid-March, the college had raised \$3.7 million toward the \$8.5 million "trigger."

"We will delay construction until the remainder of the funds are raised," President McPherson wrote in a March 21 letter to the campus community. "Meanwhile, giving to the Annual Fund is well ahead of last year's pace and fund-raising for other activities, including endowed professorships and scholarships, is going quite well.

"I am 100 percent behind the trustees' action on the Campus Center,"

McPherson added. "We really need those funds in order to finance this project responsibly. I admire the trustees for their determination to stick with this firm decision, a decision that should be a clear signal for our friends and supporters that the endowment alone is not adequate to meet our funding needs. I have every confidence that we will meet this funding trigger before much time passes."

The president added that "the many people I have been talking with think the Campus Center is a terrific project. . . . We are all disappointed with the delay, but we all feel entirely optimistic about the future of our fund-raising efforts. We are not setting a specific target date for construction. Even if funding came in within the next couple of months, the logistics of the project are such that construction could not start sooner than mid-year and might well have to be delayed until next summer. I have every confidence that the funding will be in place in plenty of time for construction to start no later than summer of 1998."

The new, \$5.9 million residence hall that will open this fall is next to the Alumni House on Cambridge Avenue, across from Ramsey Junior High. With housing for 113 junior and senior students, it will feature creative combinations of academic and social spaces to encourage and support faculty-student interaction.

The college will continue to use Dayton Hall during the 1997-98 academic year and will proceed with the renovation of the building at 30 Macalester St. into dorm space.

Konhauser fest

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Konhauser Problemfest drew 18 three-person teams representing Macalester, Carleton, Grinnell, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Olaf and St. Thomas.

Macalester's four teams finished second, fifth, sixth and 11th at the mathematical problem-solving competition, which was held Feb. 15 at Carleton. It was established in memory of Macalester Professor Joe Konhauser.

Macalester's top team included Tamas Nemeth '99 (Taszar, Hungary), Vahe Poladian '99 (Yerevan, Armenia) and Fazil Zobu '97 (Istanbul, Turkey). The three tied for first last year, but were edged by a team from Carleton this year, 84 points to 81. The exam consisted of ten 10-point problems to be done in three hours.

Two students named Truman Scholars

TWO MACALESTER STUDENTS, Gretchen Rohr '98 and Corine Hegland '98, have won prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarships, which are given each year to only about 75 college juniors nationwide. Named in honor of the 33rd president, the \$30,000 scholarships help finance completion of undergraduate studies and two or three years of graduate school for students preparing for careers in public service. Students are chosen for their leadership potential, commitment to careers in public service, intellectual honesty and depth, and compassion and concern for others.

Corine Hegland '98

Hometown: Ames, Iowa

Major: political science, minor in English

Among her community activities: program associate at Quaker Peace Centre in South Africa; children's volunteer at Casa de Esperanza, shelter for battered Latina women; Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minneapolis

Career goal: to work in and help shape international policy, preferably with the State Department or United Nations, or in a public advocacy position with a non-governmental organization. After that, to teach and continue research at a university in policy and effective social change.

Description of her "most satisfying public service activity," as called for on the Truman Fellowship application:

"This game of pushing dolls around the decrepit dollhouse shifts as G., age eight, intensifies her motions. The mother doll is scared — her boyfriend is outside — no, now a monster is outside. My stomach turns with the palpable shift in atmosphere. I was familiar with play therapy, but I'd assumed that it occurred at definite times, in sterile white offices with trained doctors and hygienic toys. G. is oblivious to my doubts

and continues the ritual. My doll attempts to intervene in the escalating violence and is ignored. Should I push for an effective intervention? Should I allow G. to work through the complete abuse scene?

"I'm scared.

"I had been cognizant of why children were residing at Casa de Esperanza, a Latina battered women's shelter, prior to G. That night I became intuitively aware that I wasn't just playing with children, I was a careworker for child survivors of

backgrounds over the next year and a half, were only reactions to these primary forces."

Gretchen Rohr '98

Home: Billings, Mont.

Major: political science and communication studies

Among her community activities: president of Macalester student government; chair of Shades of Color student



Corine Hegland, left, and Gretchen Rohr

abuse. The thought terrified me: I didn't know what experiences one needed to assume such a responsibility, but I knew that I did not have them.

"I'm not certain that satisfying is the most appropriate term for my tenure at Casa. There's something distinctly unsatisfying about reacting to crises that should never have occurred. Casa's children were the human face of stressful lives, of international migration patterns — a fair number of Casa's children, G. included, were from immigrant families who had been wrenched away from their family support systems in the search for good work — and of a culture that fails to promote peaceful conflict resolution. All of my efforts with the children, and I tried hard to make up for my lack of qualifications and address the children's

organization, dealing with issues surrounding women of color; researcher with National Center for Youth Law

Career goals: a public interest legal practice as an advocate for a traditionally disadvantaged group

Personal information (from her statement to the Truman Scholarship Foundation):

"As a transracial adoptee, I grew up in a small town in Northern Idaho. Needless to say, living a matter of miles from the headquarters of a white supremacist organization, the Aryan Nation, was quite difficult for my multiracial family. My father, a minister, my mother, a teacher, my European American and Japanese American brothers, my biracial sister and I

all battled against constant harassment from racist townspeople.

"Instead of tearing our neighborhood apart, these persistent bias-motivated attacks brought us closer together. We recognized our vulnerability to these injustices yet never stopped fighting against the hate behind them. Both of my parents were heralded as outspoken community members celebrating diversity through education and ministry. In my household, 'multiculturalism' was not simply 'politically correct' lipservice; it was a fact of life. Unfortunately, I learned at an early age that difference — whether racial, sexual or religious — is often feared in our society. The groups of individuals most often labeled 'historically oppressed' continue to be disadvantaged by modern variations on past discrimination. The incidents I encountered in Idaho were isolated blatant examples of prejudice. Yet less overt forms of institutional oppression are common and can be found within our country's educational system, penal system and corporate ladders.

"With my degree in law, I intend to continue the practice instilled in me by my multicultural home through servicing

underrepresented groups who may have suffered similar forms of discrimination that I encountered as a child. My background as an African American female was at times difficult. However, when combined with my future as an attorney, my past has empowered me to dedicate my life to protecting the civil rights of others."

Model UN

MACALESTER'S MODEL United Nations delegation won an Outstanding Delegation Award at a conference at the University of California at Berkeley.

Macalester, representing Tunisia and Japan, bested such schools as Princeton, Grinnell and UCLA to win one of three Outstanding Delegation Awards.

In addition, Greg Renden '99 (Auburn, Ala.) and Sarah Jordan '99 (Montpelier, Vt.) both won honors for outstanding delegate in committee; George Ramsden '99 (Nicosia, Cyprus), Sarah Puro '99 (St. Louis) and Kathryn Bell '00 (New Hartford, N.Y.) won verbal commendations; and Jennifer Evans '99 (Portland, Ore.) and Genevieve Piche '00 (Midland, Mich.) won best delegate in their committee.

Winter sports review

• Men's basketball

Macalester opened the season with great promise, winning a pair of exhibition games against Canadian power Brandon University. After that, however, the young and undersized Scots failed to win and finished with a 2-22 record on the season. Macalester often came close to breaking its slump, losing in double overtime at Bethel and falling by narrow margins to St. John's, Gustavus and Hamline (twice). The Scots played hard defensively, but lacked size for rebounding and offensive firepower. Doug Hoffert (first-year, Bloomington, Minn.) was Macalester's leading scorer with a 13.5 average and the top scoring frosh in the conference. Jordan Barnhorst (junior, Barnsdall, Okla.) and T.J. Mahony (sophomore, Boulder, Colo.) also averaged in double figures.

• Women's basketball

The women's team suffered losing streaks of five and eight games and finished 7-18 overall. Macalester's four conference wins came against Carleton (twice), Augsburg and St. Mary's. Three-time

Quotable Quotes

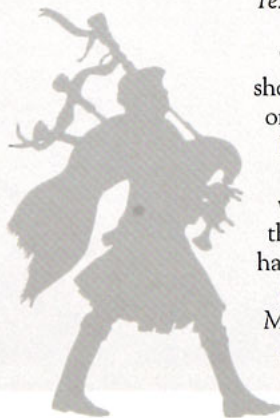
HERE ARE SOME of the noteworthy comments made recently on and around the campus:

"PRESIDENT MCPHERSON has impeccable credentials, but he doesn't feel the need to impress anybody. He simply is himself, a nice, capable person. As students, we are more impressed by his warm personality than we are by his résumé."

The Mac Weekly, in a March 20 editorial about Mike McPherson's inauguration. See pages 23-30.

"I GRADUATED from Macalester in 1969, an era in which we did all we could to protest tradition and authority. One form of protest was our refusal to wear caps and gowns at graduation. I've never had an opportunity to wear my Macalester colors; thus, it's a special honor to wear them on this occasion. . . . Today, no protests — just celebration. . . . We look forward to working together, striving to make what's good even better and showing those outside the community that this college is truly a gem."

Kay Yost Crawford '69, chair of Macalester's Staff Advisory Council, in her remarks representing the staff at President McPherson's inauguration. See page 26.



"I LOVE watching my sons perform. There's no better feeling in the world, except when they invite me up there with them."

President McPherson, in an interview in the March 12 Highland Villager, speaking about Sean, 15, and Steven, 20, who play guitar in the band Catfish Blue. McPherson briefly joined them on stage to play electric guitar at the party following his March 15 inauguration. See page 30.

"MINNESOTANS love stories. The trouble is, they will believe you. This is very disconcerting to a Texan. No one here [in Minnesota] seems to know our rule of thumb [in Texas]. A story worth telling is a story worth improving."

Anne Sutherland, a professor of anthropology at Macalester and a "ninth-generation Texan who has conducted a 15-year study of local Minnesota culture," in an open letter to University of Minnesota President-elect Mark Yudof after his arrival from the University of Texas. Her article appeared in the Jan. 7 Minneapolis Star Tribune.

"ACTORS WHO PLAY troubled characters have a chance to show what they do in a way that is more visible because it is busier on the screen. Geoffrey Rush's performance [in Shine, which won him an Oscar for Best Actor] is one of the busiest I've seen in years. . . . [The Academy likes to reward actors who play people with problems because] it shows the industry has a conscience, though from its history of sexist and racist and violent images, it has no conscience at all."

Clay Steinman, a professor of communication studies at Macalester, quoted in a March 24 Christian Science Monitor article that appeared shortly before this year's Oscars were awarded. •

All-Conference forward Amy Amundson (junior, Sioux Falls, S.D.) enjoyed another outstanding season. Amundson averaged 12.3 points and 6.4 rebounds per game while shooting 47 percent from the field. Beth Bowerman (junior, Bowling Green, Ky.), Anna Schneider (senior, Hancock,



Amy Amundson '98

Mich.), Tessa Carlson (junior, Bloomington, Minn.), Karen Martin (first-year, Westford, Mass.) and Kathy Spalding (junior, Brandon, Manitoba) all averaged between 7.7 and 8.3 points a game for the well-balanced Scots.

• **Women's swimming & diving**

Miriam Parks (first-year, Lake Oswego, Ore.) quickly emerged as one of the fastest swimmers ever for the Macalester women's program. Parks came up just short of qualifying for the national championships when she placed second at the MIAC meet in the 200-yard individual medley (2:15.18) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.90) in school-record times. Earlier in the season, Parks finished first at both the Luther and St. Benedict Invitationals. Stacy Grant (senior, Bay Village, Ohio) concluded an outstanding career at Macalester with a pair of fifth-place finishes and a sixth-place finish at the conference championships, helping the Scots finish seventh in the 10-team meet. Aislynn Griffin (junior, Racine, Wis.) and Rebekah Wineburg (sophomore, Washington, D.C.) were solid all season in the diving events.

• **Men's swimming & diving**

The Scots placed sixth at the conference championships, just getting edged for fifth by St. Thomas. Macalester scored points in every event at the MIAC meet for the first time in more than 10 years and did so without a senior on the roster. Caleb Holtzer (junior, Fort Collins, Colo.) was superb all season as Mac's top point producer. Holtzer, the

Male Performer of the Meet at the Luther College Invitational in January, placed fifth in the conference in the 200-yard freestyle and sixth in the 500-yard freestyle. Oncu Er (sophomore, Izmir, Turkey), who won events at the Lawrence University and Luther College Invitationals, was fourth in the conference in the 200-yard backstroke. Erik Swenson (first-year, Fergus Falls, Minn.) won the conference consolation finals in the 400-yard individual medley, while Chris Jozwiak (first-year, Rhinelander, Wis.) was among the league's top divers.

• **Men's indoor track & field**

Macalester received some outstanding individual performances this past winter during the indoor track season and is optimistic for a successful outdoor season this spring. The Scots were especially strong in the jumping events. Bengo Mrema (first-year, Garbarone, Botswana) earned All-MIAC honors when he took second in the triple jump at the conference championships with a school-record leap of 44 feet, 6 and 1/4 inches. John Shephard (first-year, Absarokee, Mont.) broke a 22-year-old school high jump record and won that event in a couple of meets. Another jumper, Larry Griffin (sophomore, Bellevue, Ill.), placed fifth in the MIAC in

the long jump after winning that event at the Stout Invitational. Bob Elsinger (senior, Guttenberg, Iowa) and Andres Leza (sophomore, Muscatine, Iowa) were among the league's best 800-meter runners, while Brandon Guthrie (first-year, Salem Ore.) was the team's top distance runner.

• **Women's indoor track & field**

The Scots placed seventh out of 12 teams at the conference championships, largely on the strength of a senior jumper and numerous talented first-years. Martha Sarpong (senior, Juason, Ghana) earned her 10th All-Conference certificate when she placed third in the triple jump competition with a national provisional qualifying mark of 36-0. She also took fourth in the long jump. The Scots received strong efforts at the MIAC meet from many newcomers. Holly Harris (first-year, Redondo Beach, Calif.) placed fifth in the 55-meter dash and sixth in the 200-meter dash. Two cross country stand-outs, Carmen Hurd (first-year, Brandon, Manitoba) and Liz Connors (first-year, Albany, Ore.), each earned a couple of top-eight finishes in the distance events, while Jennifer Hodges (first-year, Juneau, Alaska) was seventh in the 600-meter run.

— Andy Johnson,

Macalester sports information director



The Leonard Natatorium was the site of the Macalester Diving Invitational in February.

Charles Turck: He raised the flag of internationalism

by Rebecca Gonzalez-Campoy '83

TODAY, STUDENTS from 70 countries come to Macalester to pursue a liberal arts education. Charles Joseph Turck, whose 19-year term as president was the longest in Macalester's history, did more than anyone else to open the college's doors to the global community. His commitment to bringing international students to Macalester, and to sending Mac students abroad, is legendary.

When Turck arrived at Macalester, he found the student body to be a little too white and middle-class. He implemented foreign exchange programs, the Canadian-American Conference to promote understanding between the two nations and a pilgrimage to Mexico that became an annual event for students studying during the summer. He also recruited students from other cultures and nations.

It was during Turck's presidency that Macalester first raised the United Nations flag, in 1946. The flag symbolized his desire for peace, tolerance and diversity among both faculty and students. He was noted for hiring faculty from a variety of backgrounds and beliefs. He and history Professor Yahya Armajani, an Iranian, held opposing views about the Israeli-Arab conflict, yet Turck stood by Armajani when some supporters of Israel called for his resignation.

Turck hired G. Theodore Mitau, a German-Jewish immigrant, to lead Macalester's Political Science Department despite a rule barring non-Christians from such an office.

"He set the tone for acceptance and peace," recalls Esther Torii Suzuki '46 of Minneapolis, a retired social worker. Suzuki was one of six Japanese American students admitted to Macalester following the mass internment of Japanese Americans in 1942. Turck, who represented education interests on the St. Paul Council of Human Relations at the time, took the lead in admitting Japanese



**Charles Turck,
1890-1989**

Born: Sept. 13, 1890, New Orleans, La.

Education: undergraduate degree, Tulane (1911); master's (1912) and law degrees (1913), Columbia University; honorary degrees from Tulane, Cumberland College and Kentucky Wesleyan College

Macalester Career: President, 1939-58

Died: Jan. 12, 1989, Arlington, Va. •

Americans to college in Minnesota during World War II.

"We were accepted on campus," says Suzuki. "I was fearful and I would have picked up on any hostility." In a collection of memories compiled by the Class of '46 in celebration of its

50th reunion, Suzuki wrote: "Macalester College was a haven in a world of madness. Without Macalester College, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Turck was a devout Presbyterian and active in the church on a national level. He called himself a prohibitionist, yet tolerance guided his daily life. "Every generation has to make its own decisions," Turck said. "I know what's right for

me, but I don't want to pass judgment on others."

Turck started out as a lawyer in New York City. Between 1920 and 1926, he taught law at Tulane University in New Orleans and at Vanderbilt University in Nashville before becoming dean of the law school at the University of Kentucky. He served as president of Centre College in Danville, Ky., from 1927 to 1936. Before coming to Macalester, he was director of the Department of Social

'[To] be a worthy son or daughter of Macalester, you must listen to your hopes and not your fears.'

— Charles J. Turck, May 23, 1958

Education and Action of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

He helped turn a provincial college into a cosmopolitan one. He improved opportunities for minority and international students. At the same time, he opened the eyes of many white students to the value of other cultures. "Perhaps Mac's greatest influence has been to allow me to be intrigued, rather than threatened, by people from different backgrounds," Betty Lou Hicks Riley of Laguna Hills, Calif., wrote in 1996 in her Class of '46 memory book. "It has made life a wonderful adventure."

Turck retired from Macalester in 1958. He went on to become executive director of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. Later, he worked for the Protestant Council for New York City and served as an education consultant.

"The 20 years I spent as president of Macalester I regard as the most important and useful of my life," Turck wrote to President Bob Gavin in January 1989.

A few days later, the 98-year-old president emeritus died suddenly. He was wearing his Macalester tie. •

Rebecca Gonzalez-Campoy '83 is a free-lance writer who has profiled Mary Gwen Owen, Margaret Doty, J. Huntley Dupre and other great figures in the college's history for Macalester Today. She lives in Shoreview, Minn.

Money, England, ethics, soulmates, abolitionists

The History of Money
by Jack Weatherford (Crown, 1997.
288 pages, \$25 cloth)

Jack Weatherford, a professor of anthropology at Macalester, chronicles the 3,000-year existence of money from the invention of coins in Lydia to the coming "era of electronic money and the virtual economy." In doing so, he relates stories and histories from throughout the world to show how money directly affects everyone's lives.

Money is a purely human invention that grew out of necessity and, subsequently, united the world by serving as the focal point of modern culture, Weatherford says. "Money has created a unified world economy," he explains. "Although fluctuations in

politics, religion, technology and even the weather can play a role in any of these endeavors, money constitutes the basis of the entire system and forms the crucial link in establishing value, facilitating exchange and creating commerce.

Money unites them all together into a single global system. It is the tie that binds us all."

A Practical Companion to Ethics
by Anthony Weston '76 (Oxford University Press, 1996. 120 pages)

This book is intended as an accessibly written, concise introduction to the basic attitudes and skills that make ethics work, such as thinking for oneself, creative and integrative problem solving, and keeping an open mind. Anthony Weston, who teaches philosophy at Elon College in North Carolina and serves as master teacher in Elon's Global Studies Program, seeks to illuminate the broad kinds of practical intelligence required in moral judgment. He also offers practical instruction in problem solving by demonstrating

how to frame an ethical problem and deal effectively with ethical disagreements.

England for All Seasons
by Susan Allen Toth (Ballantine, 1997. 237 pages, \$19.95 cloth)

Like her two previous, widely read books on the subject, Susan Allen Toth's new book "is a personal account of my independent, often idiosyncratic travels in England," she writes in the introduction. "It is intended as an encouraging guide and a friendly, if highly opinionated, companion for other independent-minded travelers."

In *England for All Seasons*, the longtime English professor at Macalester ranges over such topics as the country's famous weather, favorite galleries and museums, great gardens and glorious desserts.

Constellation
by Greg Mulcahy '80 (Avisson Press, Greensboro, N.C., 1997. 153 pages, paperback)

Greg Mulcahy's new novel is a fragmented and disjointed version of the American Dream, circa 1996, and loosely based on the characters in *Hamlet*. Like that drama, the novel is replete with ambition, suspicion, greed, subterfuge, the occasional apparition and concentrated violence.

A portion of the book first appeared as "Franchise" in Mulcahy's *Out of Work*, a collection of short stories published by Alfred Knopf.

Mulcahy lives in St. Paul.

Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History, Volume IV
edited by Jack Salzman, David Lionel Smith and Cornel West (Simon and Schuster/MacMillan, 1996)

Macalester history Professor Peter Rachleff contributed the essay "Richmond" to this book. In it, he explores the development of the African American

community in Richmond, Va., from the origins of slavery to the present.

Rachleff also contributed to *We Are All Leaders: The Alternative Unionism of the Early 1930s*, edited by Staughton Lynd (University of Illinois Press, 1996). Rachleff's essay, "Organizing 'Wall-to-Wall': The Independent Union of All Workers, 1933-37," analyzes the spread of horizontally structured, community-wide unionism from Austin, Minn., to 13 cities in the Upper Midwest during the Great Depression.

The Only Piece of Furniture in the House
by Diane Glancy (Moyer Bell, 1996. 159 pages,
\$18.95 cloth)

"My father, Wood Hume, worked for the railroad. We followed him from town to town through Texas and Louisiana in the tomato-red sun that sank into the plains. I learned to read on highway signs."

Thus begins Diane Glancy's second novel, the story of Rachel Hume and her itinerant Southern family. The most permanent home for the 11 children is with their grandmother in Madill, Texas, where the young and naive Rachel meets and begins an awkward courtship with Jim, a soldier at the nearby Army

base. Rachel's religious and family background leave her unprepared for married life in the barracks, where the other young women shock her by smoking and having affairs. Profoundly homesick, Rachel almost dies in childbirth. She must resolve the differences in her new adult life with memories of a beloved childhood.



Susan Allen Toth



Jack Weatherford



Diane Glancy

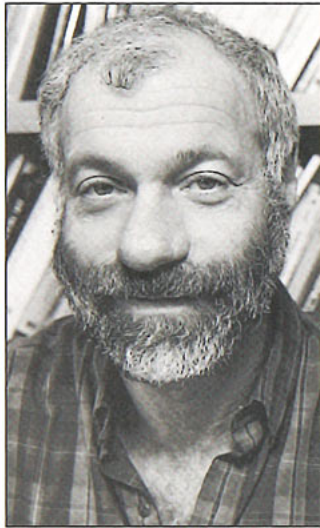
Glancy, a professor of English at Macalester, is also the author of *The West Pole* (University of Minnesota Press, 1997). Juxtaposing personal essays, Cherokee myths and imaginative sketches, Glancy, who is of Cherokee, German and English descent, explores the ways that the structure of Native American storytelling reflects and shapes her own sense of identity.

**From Stalemate to Soulmate:
A Guide to Mature, Committed,
Loving Relationships**

by Michael Obsatz (*Augsburg Fortress*, 1997. 110 pages)

Michael Obsatz, a professor of sociology at Macalester, is a couples counselor and therapist and a workshop facilitator. He writes regularly for *Marriage* magazine, *Stepping Up* and other periodicals.

In this book, Obsatz proposes 25 ways in which couples can keep their love growing. Short chapters offer practical ideas to help couples develop and share life goals; learn to trust one another and God; resolve conflicts harmoniously; manage household tasks; learn to laugh and play together; agree on family finances; get along with in-laws; and nurture one another's spirits.



Michael Obsatz

**Holy Warriors:
The Abolitionists and
American Slavery**

by James Brewer Stewart
(*Hill & Wang/Farrar, Straus
and Giroux*, 1996. 244 pages,
\$12 paperback)

This is the second, revised edition of an important work on abolitionism by Jim Stewart, a longtime professor of history at Macalester. The first edition, published in 1976, has been reprinted 21 times over the past two decades and appeared in a Japanese edition in 1993.



Jim Stewart

Revised to take into account an "avalanche of scholarship on the abolitionist movement" in the last 20 years, *Holy Warriors* offers an analysis of how the antislavery movement reinforced and transformed the dominant features of pre-Civil War America. Revealing the wisdom and naivete of the crusaders' convictions and examining the social bases for their actions, Stewart demonstrates why, despite the ambiguity of its ultimate victory, abolitionism has left a profound imprint on the national memory.

"As I revised [this book]," Stewart writes in the acknowledgements, "several dozen talented Macalester College undergraduates criticized the drafts, much improving both style and content. One student in particular, Carissa Baquiran [98, Alpine, N.J.], made fundamental interpretive suggestions."

**AMA Handbook for Managing
Business to Business Marketing
Communications**

by Roger S. Peterson '67
and J. Nicholas De Bonis
(*NTC Publishing Group*, 1997.
288 pages, \$39.95 cloth)

This book, published in conjunction with the American Marketing Association, is intended as an easy-to-use primer to the entire marketing process for anyone managing business-to-business communications. It covers every step, including checklists of do's and don'ts. It defines all terminology and offers simple forms and examples to make building a marketing program manageable.

Roger S. Peterson '67 operates his own marketing communications firm and writes a column for *Trade Show Week*. He lives in the Sacramento, Calif., area.

**Investment in Learning:
The Individual and
Social Value of American
Higher Education**

by Howard R. Bowen
(*Johns Hopkins University
Press*, 1997. Paperback)

This is a new edition of a 20-year-old study of higher education by the

late Howard Bowen, who was a distinguished economist and president and chancellor of several universities. Written in response to demands for efficiency and accountability, the book argues that the non-monetary benefits of higher education so far outweigh the monetary benefits that "individual and social decisions about the future of higher education should be made primarily on the basis of non-monetary considerations."

The new foreword to the book was written by Macalester President Michael S. McPherson and Morton Owen Schapiro, a dean at the University of Southern California. They call it "a classic contribution to our understanding of the complex ways in which higher education contributes individually and socially."

**A Dictionary of Buddhist and
Hindu Iconography — Illustrated —
Objects, Devices, Concepts,
Rites and Related Terms**

by Fredrick W. Bunce
'57 (*D.K. Printworld
Ltd., New Delhi, India*,
1996)

This is the second book by Fredrick Bunce, who holds advanced degrees from Cranbrook Academy of Art and Ohio University. His first book, *An Encyclopedia of Buddhist Deities, Demigods, Godlings, Saints and Demons*, was published in 1993. He is a member of the faculty at Indiana State



Roger Peterson '67

University, where he was formerly chair of the art department. He lives in Terre Haute, Ind., and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he plans to retire this June.

Birder's Dictionary

by Randall T. Cox '73 (*Falcon Press*,
Helena, Mont., 1996. 186 pages,
\$8.95 paperback)

Randall Cox, an amateur ornithologist and practicing attorney in Gillette, Wyo., wrote this concise, nontechnical reference book for casual birdwatchers. The book, which is small enough to fit in a pocket or backpack, includes 10 illustrations by Denver artist Todd Telander. ●

Good work

Dave '53 and Nancy Kachel '55 enjoy service, travel and each other

by Jan Shaw-Flamm '76

MORE THAN 45 years ago, when a Presbyterian girl from Willmar and a local boy from St. Clair and Cleveland avenues came to Macalester, they found that the emphases on service and internationalism mirrored their natural inclinations.

Today, they continue to uphold those values through their support of Macalester, and through far-reaching projects in the spirit of their alma mater.

David B. Kachel '53 and Nancy Brown Kachel '55 are easy to talk with and fun to

**'Life has been good all along,
but the best is right now.'**

— *Dave Kachel*

listen to. The hard part is catching up with them, as their "retirement" takes them from an Elderhostel in California to a service project in Scotland, with a pause in between to help build a house and savor some special time with their grandchildren.

Early in the existence of the Great Scots (see page 14), the Kachels became involved in the group by planning, and in some cases presenting, programs for those 55 and over, including, "A Living Will: Don't Leave Your Senses Without It!"; "The Spiritual Tasks of Later Years" and "Rx for Positive Aging."

Dave also served on the Alumni Board during the 1970s, has volunteered for the career network program, is a member of M Club and has worked on his class reunion committees, particularly the 40th in 1993. Together, the Kachels have joined others in the Heritage Society in securing the future of Macalester by including the college in their estate planning.

Dave doesn't equivocate about what Macalester did for him: "Top of the list — it brought me Nancy Brown." The couple met and married as students.

"Macalester broadened my social awareness and cultural awareness," Nancy said. "Having grown up in lily-white Willmar, it helped me develop more openness to people of varied backgrounds. The professors



"You've saved the best for last": Nancy Brown Kachel and Dave Kachel

and people I met there were certainly stimulating and had similar values to mine."

"Mac for me was a broadening of horizons," Dave recalled, "and that came through not only the stimulation of professors, but equally so through the speakers who were brought to convocation and chapel. You want to assume maturity on the part of college students to take advantage of great opportunities, but [without attendance requirements] I would have been playing pinochle in the old student union or shooting

pool instead of hearing what proved to be the most powerful influence. And that is, the parade of people who were brought through there with a great sense of world awareness and the cause of justice. André Trocmé from the village in France where they saved all those Jews by hiding them — people of that stature.

"These speakers, the Christian organizations and the example of the faculty reinforced in a powerful way my sense

of calling to the Christian ministry," Dave added.

From Macalester, Dave went on to Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill. Family and other responsibilities required Nancy's attention, but when the children were older she completed her degree at Metro State and

became a licensed social worker.

In 1968–69, in the middle of Dave's 25-year career as a Presbyterian pastor, the whole family spent 15 months in Heidelberg, Germany, where Dave

was a guest pastor in a German congregation. Dave and Nancy have returned more than a dozen times to Germany, in 1980 spending a month behind the Iron Curtain volunteering in a children's home, and in 1995 devoting another month to service in a sheltered workshop.

In their most recent pre-retirement jobs, both provided services to the elderly, Nancy at Methodist Hospital as coordina-

**'We have a great interest
in the next generation and
the generations after that.'**

— *Nancy Kachel*

GIVING BACK *continued*

tor of senior services, and Dave at the Wilder Foundation as director of education and community relations in the Division of Services to the Elderly. Now officially retired, the Kachels are "doing what we feel energized by and fulfilled by."

"We've found what works best is combining service and travel," said Dave. They plan a year in advance the opportunities in which they will participate. At Holden Village, a Lutheran spiritual retreat center in Washington's North Cascade Mountains, they worked as volunteer staff, and they planned this month (May) to serve in a similar capacity at the Iona community, an ecumenical community integrating work and worship, off the coast of Scotland.

They're busy at home in Bloomington, Minn., as well. They have a beloved family, including four children and seven grandchildren. In "the most fulfilling part of my retirement," Dave builds homes as part of a group of retired men and women who work every Tuesday for Habitat for Humanity. Nancy substitutes as a community volunteer with MOVERS, a group of retirees she founded while working at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. They even have a volunteer paper route delivering "Good Age" newspapers, a monthly paper for older adults and their families.

Following a Westminster Abbey sermon on the wedding at Canaan in which Jesus turns water into fine wine, the Kachels found themselves concurring with the wine steward's comment. "You've saved the best for last," Dave repeated, "and I think that's how we feel about retirement. Life has been good all along, but the best is right now. Now we're well and we're able, and we can afford to do some things, give some money away, and support by money and deeds some things we believe in."

Among all the good causes with which they are familiar, the Kachels are consistent in their support of Macalester. In Nancy's words, "We have to be aware all the time of the resources, all kinds of resources, for young people. We have a great interest in the next generation and the generations after that."

Added Dave: "Our support of Mac is an ongoing thank you for a job well done." ●

Jan Shaw-Flamm '76 is a free-lance writer in St. Paul who delights in finding role models for the second half of life.

Alumni clubs

ALL OVER the United States and abroad, alumni regularly get together to discuss career paths, current events, community service work, the arts and a host of other topics. The 11 listed below are just a few of Macalester's alumni clubs. For information about alumni activities in your area, please call the contacts listed below or the Alumni Office at (612) 696-6295 or 1-800-662-6374.

Boston

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(H) (617) 864-1869

Julie Schultz '93
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Chicago

Molly McGinnis Stine '87
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Denver

Caryn Davis Hanson '71
(H) (303) 752-0715

Pat Gould Smith '79
(H) (303) 377-1479

Great Scots

(alums 55 and older
in Twin Cities area)

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San Francisco

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Shirl Ahrens '62
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Washington, D.C.

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"Just for Fun"
Mac Tennis Mixer and Golf Outing

COME SOLO OR BRING A GROUP for two just-for-fun mixers: "Mac Hac" golf/lunch at Keller Golf Course Friday, May 23, and "Mac Racq" social tennis at Macalester's courts Saturday, May 24.

It's part of Reunion-Commencement Weekend, May 23-25, and you're invited!

Questions? Call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6261, or 1-800-662-6374

CELEBRATE!
SENIOR WEEK COMMENCEMENT REUNION '97

Great Scots! Just try to keep up with them

Vital, engaged and fun, Macalester's 55-and-up group still loves to learn

by Jan Shaw-Flamm '76

ROLLIE DELAPP '43 AND Betty MacKnight Haan '43 had an idea: Macalester should come up with programs aimed specifically at older alumni.

They approached Alumni Director Karen McConkey, who quickly agreed. "When an idea comes from alums," she says, "it's usually successful."

The first gathering of what was to become the Great Scots was held in March 1992 in Weyerhaeuser Hall. The event featured alumni presenters Dave Kachel '53 and Nancy Brown Kachel '55. "Our work revolved around education for older adults," said Dave Kachel. "It was a natural fit, so we jumped in. It's academic, fun and a chance to see friends."

The Great Scots have evolved into a spirited group of Macalester alumni who plan programs of special interest to those who are 55 years old and over. Meeting once each in fall, winter and spring, "the

'Learning is a lifelong experience. I wanted to be close to the college because Mac did so much for me.'

— Rollie DeLapp '43

Great Scots have been phenomenally successful," McConkey says. "Between 60 and 80 alumni and friends attend each of their programs at Macalester. That's a wonderful turnout."

The usual format of a Great Scots gathering includes a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by an hour's presentation by the featured guest or guests. After a short break, there is a time for questions and discussion before the meeting concludes at about 11:30.

"It provides a chance for retired alumni to stay in touch with the college," said Haan, who has long been active in alumni affairs. "I think the interest [in Macalester] grows after about 25 years. After 50 years, you get nostalgic and want to remember those days and old friends."

DeLapp, a retired junior high and high school principal, still works as a consultant



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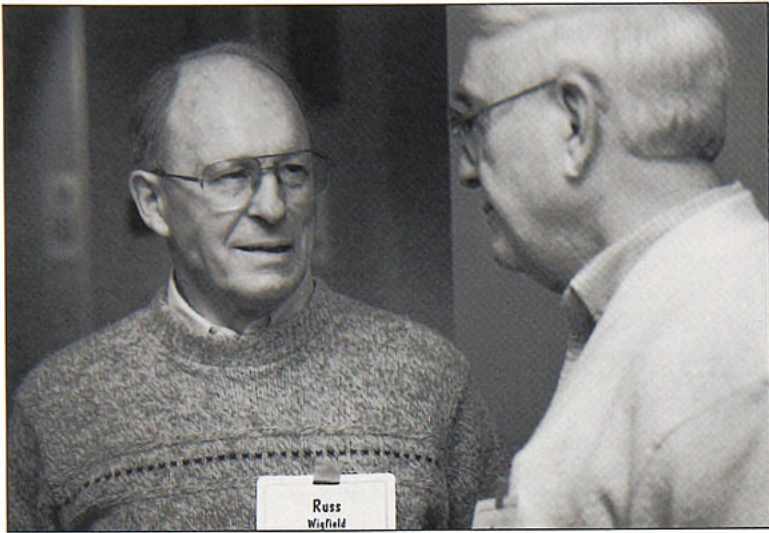
Top: A joke by Professor Roger Mosvick '52, the speaker at a recent meeting of the Great Scots, provokes laughter among his listeners. **Above:** "I go away feeling like I've learned something, and it's a lot of fun," Esther Torii Suzuki '46, left, says of the Great Scots gatherings. Here, she and Marna Honeycutt Hinners '48 share a laugh.

and administers a scholarship program for minority students. "Those people who attended Mac, many are active physically and all [are active] mentally," he said. "And we all felt we should be growing. Learning is a lifelong experience. I wanted to be close to the college because Mac did so much for me."

For Russ Wigfield '43, his work on the Great Scots' planning committee is just the latest in his many years of association with and service to the college. He returned to campus in 1956 as assistant chaplain, served for eight years, then returned in 1979 for seven years as chaplain. "We've used

'It's a really nice gathering, like going home.'

— Esther Torii Suzuki '46



Former Macalester Chaplain Russ Wigfield '43, left, shown here with Douglas Young '49, is still contributing to the college as a member of the Great Scots' planning committee.

mostly our own faculty or alums as presenters," Wigfield said. "Having faculty who know the college and have a sense of feeling for the alums is a vital part of the leadership that we've had."

Topics for the events reflect the broad range of interests among older alumni. At

and aging, the role of religion, indigenous peoples and the celebration of life.

While most of the topics are upbeat, the

the most recent meeting this past March, Professor Roger Mosvick '52, chair of the Communication Studies Department, discussed "Effective Communication."

Other programs have addressed such topics as South Africa, Japan, memory

planners haven't shied away from other concerns of the group. Philosophy Professor Martin Gunderson spoke on "How Grim is the Reaper?" Reflecting the vitality of the Great Scots, "risk-taking" is one of the topics under discussion for future programs.

What motivates the Great Scots to show up at 8:30 a.m. when the temperature is sometimes 20 below?

"It's a really nice gathering, like going home," says Esther Torii Suzuki '46, a retired social worker. "I go away feeling like I've learned something, and it's a lot of fun. Fellowship and friendship are very important things, and this is a fine group of people." ●



PHOTOS BY JIM HANSEN

"It's been such a long time...."

Class reunion events for all the 2s and 7s

IF YOUR CLASS YEAR ENDS in a 2 or a 7, this is your special year. Class members will gather on campus for their own social hours on Friday and dinners on Saturday, May 23-24, 1997.

It's part of Reunion-Commencement Weekend, May 23-25, and you're invited!

Questions? Call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6261, or 1-800-662-6374



Barbershop revisited

Mic Hunter '79 of St. Paul speaks to alumni and friends about his book, *The American Barbershop: A Closer Look at a Disappearing Place*. Hunter spent 14 years photographing barbers and their shops across the country and 100 of his photos appear in the book, which is both a cultural history and a personal reminiscence. The Jan. 23 alumni event was held in an appropriate place — the William Marvy Co. near campus, one of only four barber pole factories in the world.

CELEBRATE!
SENIOR WEEK COMMENCEMENT REUNION '97

Calendar of alumni events

HERE ARE SOME of the events scheduled for alumni, parents, family and friends. More events are being added all the time. For more information on any of the following, call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6295, except where noted. The toll-free number is 1-800-662-6374. You may also call the campus events line, (612) 696-6900.

Please note: Music, dance, theater, visual arts events and lectures are all listed in the Spring 1997 Arts & Events Calendar, which was mailed in January to all Twin Cities area alumni. If you did not receive the Spring Arts & Events Calendar and want a copy, please call (612) 696-6295.

May 13: Happy hour for recent grads in Seattle, 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Leschi, 102 Lakeside (questions: call Amy Kirkman Brim '89 at 206-725-4755)

May 13: Happy hour for recent grads in Portland, Ore., 6-8 p.m., McMenamins, 2927 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., Beaverton (questions: call Kim Gehrman-White '86 at 503-524-3668)

May 16: Alumni event: evening of theater with Conrad Feininger '81, starring in *Travels With My Aunt*, 8 p.m., Round House Theatre, Silver Spring, Md. (call Ramona Burks '76 at 703-525-9790)

May 18: Minnesota AIDS Walk from Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis; to register with Mac Aids Walk Team, call Associate Alumni Director Jen Patti '91 at 696-6026 or stop by Alumni Office

May 21: Happy hour for recent grads in Boston, 6-8 p.m., Cambridge Brewing Co., 1 Kendall Square (questions: call Carrie Norbin '94 at 617-864-1869)

May 23-25: Reunion and Commencement (Commencement is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25, during Memorial Day Weekend)

May 27: Monthly meeting of Macalester Book Club, 7-9 p.m., Alumni House, 1644 Summit Ave., St. Paul (call Laura Robertson Rasmussen '85 at 483-0647)

May 28: Happy hour for recent grads in Washington, D.C., 6-8 p.m., Capitol City Brew Pub, Union Station (questions: call Shelley Churchill '89 at 202-333-0751 or Cara Woodson Welch '89 at 202-626-7442)

early June, date TBA: St. Paul Saints game and barbecue

June 3-16: "Westering Home," alumni trip to Scotland and England with Mary Smail and Sandy Hill '57 (sold out)

June 17: Happy hour for recent grads in Portland, Ore., 6-8 p.m., McMenamins' on Broadway, 1504 NE Broadway,

Suite 900 (questions: call Kim Gehrman-White '86 at 503-524-3668)

June 25: Happy hour for recent grads in Washington, D.C., 6-8 p.m., Sequoia's, 3000 K St. NW (questions: call Shelley Churchill '89 at 202-333-0751 or Cara Woodson Welch '89 at 202-626-7442)

July 12: 30th anniversary of Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth; Mac alums who attended its programs are invited to call (612) 696-6590 for more information

Aug. 22-24: Alumni event at Ashland, Ore., Shakespeare Festival, with Professor Sears Eldredge (call Associate Alumni Director Jen Patti '91 at 696-6026 or 1-800-662-6374; e-mail to: patti@macalester.edu)

Sept. 12-14: Alumni Leadership Conference at Macalester for alumni leaders throughout the country

Sept. 27: "Festschrift" for Walt Mink to commemorate the late professor's career in teaching at Macalester (see page 3)

Oct. 2-4: Fourth Annual Macalester International Roundtable on the theme of "Nature, People and Globalization," with keynote speaker Thomas Lovejoy of the Smithsonian Institution (696-6332)

Oct. 17-19: Fall Festival and Parents' Weekend (696-6295 or 1-800-662-6374) ●

Join alums Down Under in '98

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and travel to Australia with Macalester alumni and friends next year.

In January 1998, Lynda LaBounty, professor of psychology, will host an alumni trip to Australia. Professor LaBounty is a seasoned traveler to Australia and will take alumni and friends on a wildlife tour of the country. You can:

- experience the penguin parade on Phillip Island;
- see wild kangaroos at the Trowunne Wildlife Park;
- snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef; and much more.

For more information, call Associate Alumni Director Jen Patti '91 at 1-800-662-6374 or (612) 696-6026. ●



Water world

A lively group of Macalester alumni and friends sailed through the waters of the Virgin Islands this past Feb. 1-8 on a Macalester-sponsored trip. They enjoyed snorkeling in some of the world's best waters, hiking through tropical locales and beachcombing on nearly deserted islands. *Top row*, from left: Nick Pishnery, Ann Barclay Creed '73, Jeanne Flipp Gibbs '67, Coy Replogle, Amy Wissinger Averett '79 and Ben Averett. *Middle*: Brooke Foster, Associate Alumni Director Jen Patti '91, Sabrina Vanden Broeck, Carolyn Giffei Spencer '49 and Marcia Giffei Danahy '51. *Bottom*: Peter Vanden Broeck '83. "What a wonderful experience," Marcia wrote.



The annual Christmas candlelight service in Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel. From the beginning, Macalester's Presbyterian roots "encouraged a lot of diversity in the student body, to facilitate vital exchange and to reflect the world," says Professor Calvin Roetzel.

THE PRESBYTERIAN PARADOX

Macalester — a nonsectarian campus — recently graduated a record number of religious studies majors. Other signs also suggest a strong renewal of interest in spiritual questions.

by Jon Halvorsen

IF MACALESTER'S CHAPLAIN ever initiated a Sunday morning worship service on campus, she estimates that only 30 of Macalester's 1,800 students would show up.

Nearly half of Macalester's students, when asked last fall about their religious affiliation, left the question blank.

If you judge a community by the number who attend formal religious services, secularism rules at Macalester, an institution which has produced 250 to 300 ordained Presbyterian ministers since its founding in 1874 by a Presbyterian minister.

But faculty and staff who specialize in religion, as an academic subject or a vocation, agree that when it comes to religion, Macalester is like the iceberg: most of what matters is beneath the surface.

The dynamics of Presbyterianism drove Macalester toward engagement with the wider world, and

no institution or individual remains unchanged by that experience. If you fly the United Nations flag for 50 years, the world will come to you, too, and bring its religions with it. Students who identify themselves as Roman Catholics now outnumber Presbyterians and Lutherans combined. Jewish students nearly equal Presbyterians. Islam (15 students), Buddhism (7), Hinduism (5) and the Eastern Orthodox Church (10) are also part of the mosaic of faiths.

But leaving denominations and definitions of "religion" aside, consider the following:

- Some 88 students signed up for "A History of God" class taught in January 1996 by the college's Presbyterian chaplain and associate Jewish and Catholic chaplains — and 15 other students were on the waiting list.

- Other campus events that are not officially "religious," but carry an unmistakable spiritual dimension, are very popular. A public lecture on

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the Dead Sea Scrolls drew 400 to 500 people — many of them students — and an Earth Day Banquet attracted a sell-out crowd of 75.

- The Religious Studies Department has one of the highest teaching loads — the number of students per faculty member — of any department, a reflection of its popularity on campus.

- A total of 24 students who majored in religious studies graduated from Macalester in May 1996. "That's the largest number since I came here in 1969," says Professor Calvin Roetzel. "And I suspect that it's the largest number ever in the history of the college." This month, 18 more religious studies majors are expected to graduate.

"It's such a paradox to me," says the Rev. Lucy Forster-Smith, the college's Presbyterian chaplain since 1994. "When I came here, people said to me

in the interview process, 'You're going to have a tough row to hoe. You have to realize this is not a religious campus, and people are pretty apathetic about the chaplaincy.'

"My experience has been the opposite here," she says. "I've been in ministry in higher education for 17 years, specifically working with students. I'm finding that those [spiritual] questions are even more pronounced now than they were 17 years ago. . . . I've seen much more interest on

the part of students in religious questions than I ever have before — even at Macalester. And 'even at Macalester' is not the case — *more so* at Macalester than even the college I served before."

Last year, Macalester and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), represented by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, signed a new "covenant agreement" that reaffirms, and restates, the historic ties between the two. The covenant spells out their "common convictions," as espoused through "three primary shared values": internationalism, diversity and service. The covenant also states their "distinctive principles." For example, to the synod, "Truth is in order to goodness. . . to promote holiness," whereas for the college, "Learning is to serve the community."

The covenant has a down-to-earth, financial side: In order for the college to use scholarship money held in trust through the Presbyterian Foundation, it must be listed among the nation's 68 Presbyterian-related colleges. The chaplaincy remains the most visible sign of Macalester's ties to the Presbyterian Church. Forster-Smith works with

associate Jewish and Catholic chaplains — Rabbi Bernie Raskas and Father Roc O'Connor.

Macalester's Presbyterian connection was one of the things that attracted Calvin Roetzel to the faculty 28 years ago. An ordained Methodist minister who grew up in Arkansas, Roetzel says Presbyterian-affiliated colleges "tend to have a very high academic vision. That tradition almost necessarily encouraged a lot of diversity in the student body, to facilitate vital exchange and to reflect the world. Macalester's strong international tradition goes back to its Presbyterian roots."

When Macalester dropped its graduation requirement of one religion course in 1970 — along with mandatory chapel attendance — enrollments in religion courses plummeted for several years, as expected, Roetzel says. By 1979, they had rebounded. "At that time, we had a lot of students taking courses in the department, but not many majors," he recalls. "I remember one year we had two majors graduating, and another year four or five graduating."



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— *Ishmael*, *Moby-Dick*

STUDENTS' RELIGIONS

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1,796

- 815 left question of religious denomination blank
- 233 Roman Catholic
- 144 Lutheran
- 81 Presbyterian
- 75 Jewish
- 59 Methodist/United Methodist
- 48 Unitarian
- 34 Episcopal
- 19 United Church of Christ
- 19 Baptist
- 15 Islamic
- 11 Christian
- 11 Quaker
- 10 Eastern Orthodox

(21 other denominations listed; source: fall 1996 survey by Registrar's Office) •



The Macalester Jewish Organization sponsors open Shabbats — Jewish Sabbath services — every other Friday evening in Kirk Hall's Formal Lounge. Here, students say a blessing over a loaf of bread called challah, a traditional part of Shabbat, before breaking the bread and sharing it.

The number of religious studies majors has grown dramatically — to 41 students this spring. The Religious Studies Department — already a strong one with veteran faculty members David Hopper, Jim Laine and Roetzel, and supplemented by part-time teachers such as Rabbi Raskas — became even stronger in the last few years when it added Ann Braude, who has a special interest in religion in America, and Anthony Pinn, who teaches African American religion and the history of black religious thought. The department also regularly invites alumni back to campus — alumni who majored in religious studies but went on to careers in law, physical therapy, journalism, business and other professions — “so that students can see some of the flexibility of the major,” Roetzel says.

“But after all is said and done,” Roetzel adds, “I think the increased interest is probably not really due to us [in the department] but to a national surge. There are so many areas of life in which religion is obviously playing an important role — in politics, foreign policy, international relations, as well as students’ own personal attempts to get in touch with their roots.”

In Ann Braude’s introductory course “Religion in America,” students are assigned to research their ancestors’ religious traditions. “This is the first encounter that many of those students have had, intellectually, with the tradition, and this [project] has been enormously successful,” Roetzel says. “The reason is that, in a society that’s very rootless and

secular, this puts students in touch with those roots again, to help them deal with a very important issue of our own day — personal identity. They realize they can’t understand who they are unless they understand that dimension of their past.”

Eily Marlow ’97 (Waukesha, Wis.) was an active Presbyterian when she came to Macalester and

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— Chaplain Lucy Forster-Smith

began a spiritual journey. An atheist in her freshman year (“That was the ‘intellectual’ thing to do”), she began working at the end of that year as a caregiver for people with AIDS at a Minneapolis hospice. “I started realizing the importance of a spiritual life.” She now thinks of herself as a “feminist Christian” and attends a Unitarian church, although she has not yet committed herself to any denomination.

A double major in religious studies and communication studies, Marlow expects to continue

working in the AIDS community in the Twin Cities for a year or two after graduation. Ideally, she would then go on to earn a master's degree in divinity and a master's in social work at the same time. She is considering becoming an ordained minister, but is not sure whether she would go into AIDS ministry or parish ministry. Sharply critical of the Christian church's attitude toward women and other issues, Marlow "started to think about where I wanted to fight my battles. I want to stay with Christianity because I want to save my tradition;

"in process," she is still a member of the United Church of Christ back home. But she has also attended a dozen churches in the Twin Cities, from the Quaker meeting place on Grand Avenue to Anglican and Roman Catholic congregations and, lately, a Lutheran church. "There are still communities of faith that, even if I don't agree with all the tenets, it's worthwhile to become part of that community. . . . I hope that is something I can do when I settle in a place for a time — find a community in which I feel comfortable. . . . I haven't found it yet, but I've learned a lot about what I'm looking for," Vande Wall says.

Jason Scarborough '97 (Merrimack, N.H.) grew up Catholic. Although he became disenchanted with Catholicism at about age 14, he thinks of himself as a spiritual person and has retained the interest he's had in religion since childhood. A religious studies major, he is writing an honors thesis on the New Testament for Professor Roetzel and has been accepted into the master of arts program at Union Theological Seminary. He plans to go on for a Ph.D and teach religion, perhaps in a liberal arts college or prep school. "I could pursue what I like to do, which is write on these [religious] issues, while actually being able to make it in the world. I've had some experience teaching — I've student-taught and worked in language-immersion programs. I enjoy teaching. So that would be the ideal situation," Scarborough says.

Lizzy Slatt '98, who grew up in New York City, notes that it's common for college students away from home for the first time to seek and assert their own identity. In her case, however, her years at Mac have helped reinforce her already strong sense of Jewish identity.

Active in a youth group within Reform Judaism in high school, she joined the Macalester Jewish Organization in the second semester of her first year. She is now director of the MJO, which helps support Jewish identity and culture on campus by sponsoring religious services, educational programs and social action projects. In her three years, the MJO's open Shabbats — Jewish sabbath services — have grown to become twice-monthly events that attract an average of 45 to 50 people. A significant minority of the students who attend aren't Jewish.

"The service itself is educational," says Slatt, a psychology major who expects to minor in religious studies. "The people I've interacted with have always come to open Shabbats or any of our events, if they're not Jewish, with the sense of, 'I'm really

I don't want to get kicked out of it. I want to help mold it and make it less destructive."

Another senior, Holly Vande Wall '97 (Hingham, Mass.), may be the only Macalester student ever to have a double major in religious studies and chemistry. "I was in [Professor] Cal Roetzel's New Testament class in my first year, and after that I just didn't quit. The course offerings [in religious studies] are really interesting, and it's a nice change from chemistry. . . . They [religion and science] don't connect terribly often. But my sense about science is that we're getting tremendously powerful technologically, and we'd better have a philosophy to go along with that. Science without philosophy is a dangerous thing."

Vande Wall is leaning toward a career in science communication. But she expects religion always to be part of her life. Describing her own faith as

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Two friends in faith, Macalester Chaplain Lucy Forster-Smith and Eily Marlow '97, in Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel. "Lucy is so amazing," Marlow says. "She keeps her Christian tradition but still opens up the opportunity for people of all denominations to feel comfortable with their spirituality."

interested in this, I'd like to learn more about it. Thanks for doing this program so I have the opportunity.'"

Andy Overman, a professor of classics who joined Macalester's faculty in 1993, knows several religious

deeper and deeper into scholarly research of religious issues, "the world gets bigger and bigger. Someone says, 'You might lose your faith.' What they really mean is that you're less grounded in a specific [religious] system. And that's probably true for me."

Overman says that religion is hardly at odds with a liberal arts college.

"Liberal arts is sort of a religious endeavor," he asserts. "What I mean is that by definition or design, liberal arts pursues questions of ultimacy and meaning.

That's how liberal arts got started. People ask, 'What is the purpose of life? What is my place in that?'

"You don't graduate from Macalester and say, 'I am a physician' or 'I am an accountant.' We graduate people who can engage all these various aspects of life and become interpreters of the world. . . . There really should be a kind of close dance, or wrestling match, between religion and education in a liberal arts setting." ●

NUMBER OF GRADUATES
IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
(MAJORS AND CORES)

1987	'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
4	3	5	11	14	15	17	16	13	24	18

traditions first-hand. His parents are Episcopalian; he attended a Catholic university; he became a Congregationalist minister. He left his job as an associate pastor in Edina, Minn., when he became engrossed in the scholarly side of religion during graduate school in Edinburgh, Scotland. He now specializes in religion, culture and ethnicity in the Greco-Roman world and has led archaeological digs to Israel and Ukraine.

Asked about his own personal faith, Overman replied, "Some days, God is a hope I have. On other days, it's implausible." He notes that as he gets

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The Religious Studies Department regularly invites alumni back to campus to meet with students and answer the question "What do you do with a major in religious studies?" Dan Soneson '75 was one of four alumni from diverse professions who met with students over a pizza lunch recently in Old Main. Soneson went on to earn a Ph.D. in German, taught at Montana State University and is now a full-time instructor in German at Macalester.

ADVOCATE FOR THE ACCUSED: ATTORNEY CEAN SHANDS '89

by Andy Steiner '90



WALK INTO Sweeney's Bar & Restaurant in St. Paul any week-night and you're likely to find

Cean Shands '89 on a corner stool, his suit offset by an off-kilter baseball cap.

If you pull up a stool and listen, you'll soon learn that Shands is no ordinary patron. The conversation around his end of the bar tends to center on such topics as torts and hearings, motions and appeals — the kind of talk only a lawyer could love.

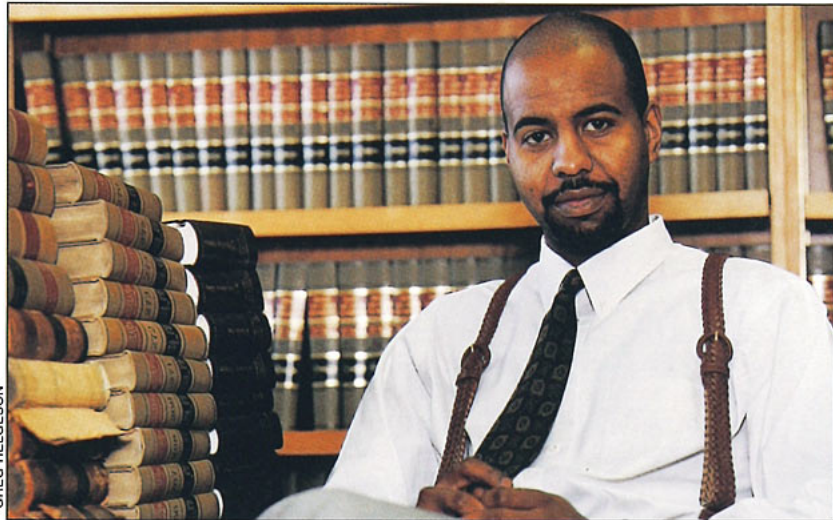
It's a good thing, then, that Shands is a lawyer. He and his lawyer friends often gather at the same spot for a few hours.

"This is old school," Shands says, clearly reveling in the smoky mix of beer, camaraderie and debate. "I view my evenings here as a kind of continuing legal education: I learn from my more established colleagues, I get valuable legal advice for no cost. Best of all, we talk the law."

Shands has been talking the law for four years now, ever since he earned his law degree from Hamline University. A political science major at Macalester, Shands combined his scholarly interests at Hamline, earning a master's degree in public administration at the same time as he studied law. "I thought as a lawyer I could make a difference in the world."

In 1992, law degree in hand, Shands parlayed his interest in social justice into a position at the Neighborhood Justice Center (NJC), a small, non-profit criminal defense firm that maintains offices in two of St. Paul's poorest neighborhoods. Shands describes NJC as an "alternative to the public defender's office." The firm's attorneys offer services to indigent people accused of a crime.

"Even though from outward appearances my clients and I have very little in common, I usually identify with them," says Shands, who works out of NJC's Selby-Dale office. "To be blunt, poor people and people from minority groups get picked up and interrogated by the police far more often than do white people. There's a sense of suspicion of guilt that shadows the actions of poor and minority people. It's a fact. It's easy for me to empathize because solely by the grace of God and a little luck I am not the accused."



"I thought as a lawyer I could make a difference in the world," says Cean Shands '89, photographed in the library of the Neighborhood Justice Center in St. Paul's Selby-Dale area.

NJC's small staff keeps a busy schedule. Most of Shands' clients have been accused of felonies — from assault and rape to welfare fraud, drunk driving and drug possession — and many of their cases go to jury trials, an exhausting process for even the most seasoned defense attorney.

"In 1996, I had about 17 jury trials, and only three of those trials were misdemeanors. The rest were felonies," Shands says, adding, "Some of my clients have been accused of crimes I find personally objectionable. Sure, I have clients I do not like, but I dislike prosecutors more."

Shands credits several Macalester professors — including Peter Rachleff, Anna Meigs and, especially, Karen Warren — with planting seeds of thought that, even years later, continue to bloom.

"Karen Warren's feminism class taught me about critical thinking and argument," he says. "Her way of looking at the world, of approaching an argument — I use it to this day as an effective tool to persuade juries."

His love of debate, combined with an innate legal acumen and a fire for justice, make Shands "one of the most up-and-coming defense attorneys in the state of Minnesota," according to Richard John Coleman, a former St. Paul prosecutor who is now Shands' colleague and mentor.

"Cean is doing what all good defense attorneys do: holding the feet to the fire of those who are supposed to be judging, prosecuting or on the streets enforcing the law," Coleman says. "He's making sure that the law is properly carried out." ●

Andy Steiner '90 wrote about Elee Wood '93 of the Minnesota Children's Museum in November's issue.

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KAREN WARREN'S

FEMINISM CLASS


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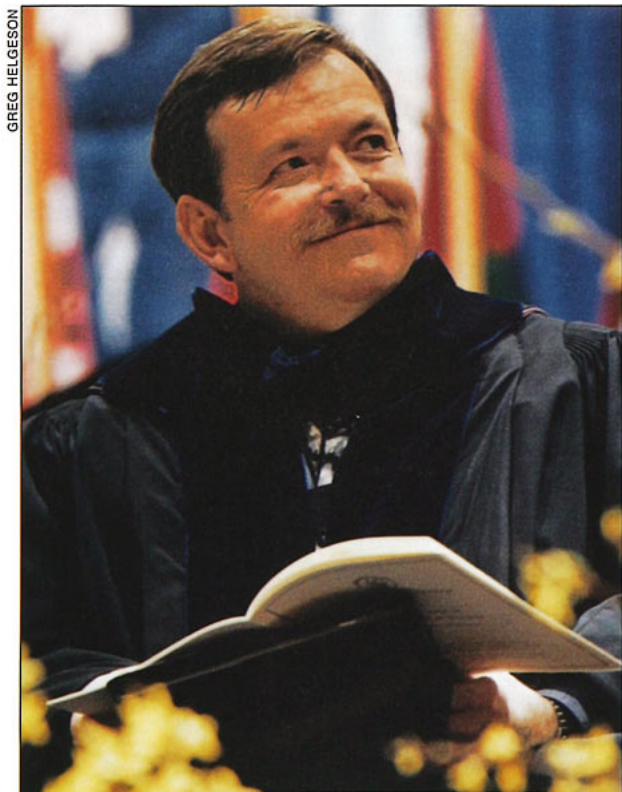
ABOUT CRITICAL

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GRAND OCCASION

'This is a great job,' Macalester's 15th president told listeners at his inauguration.  Students, faculty and alumni across the generations joined Michael S. McPherson for the celebration, which was



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marked by colorful flags,  banners and academic regalia, stirring music and thoughtful reflection. That evening, the community and its new president kicked back  at a 'Post-Inaugural Pre-Millennial Party.'



Left: President McPherson with his wife, Marge, left, and Professor Ruthanne Kurth-Schai, who as chair of the Faculty Advisory Council formally greeted him on behalf of the faculty.

'ESSENTIAL TENSIONS':

PRESIDENT MCPHERSON'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

In his inaugural address, entitled "Essential Tensions," President Michael S. McPherson spoke of the inherent tensions among the laudable goals of a liberal arts college, and of how Macalester should embrace these tensions rather than avoid them. Here is an excerpt from his address:

ALL THESE TENSIONS are essential to who we are and to what we want Macalester to be. I'm too much the economist to deny that we face tradeoffs and choices in managing our way through these various tensions. It would be far too easy merely to want to have it both ways. But I do want to say that we must search for creative and constructive ways to embrace both poles of these various dichotomies — between the scholar and the teacher, between diversity and community, between the global and the local, between the active and the contemplative. We must embrace these dichotomies and tensions and we must turn them to our advantage.

I don't mean to imply that this is easy. In fact, we are trying to do something quite difficult here. In the United States only about 3 or 4 percent of college students have an undergraduate experience similar to what we offer here — that is, education at an undergraduate residential college devoted to the liberal arts. Large, challenging questions face

our college and similar ones. Can a college with fewer than 200 faculty offer a genuinely international educational experience? Can a small college offer a serious education in science without graduate students and without large research teams? Can we justify the residential nature of our educational offering, the educational importance of living and conversing together in a world dazzled by the Internet, distance learning and the virtual university? Can we continue to keep our college affordable to students of all social and economic backgrounds?

I firmly believe that the answer to all these questions is yes. But we won't be successful if we simply try to replicate the formulas and the practices of yesterday, nor if we are content to mimic the current practices of other leaders among today's liberal arts colleges.

How then do we face our challenges? I believe that our college must on one hand be relentlessly clear about our underlying purposes and goals. And on the other hand we must be adventurous, open-minded and creative about how we meet those goals.

To my mind, foremost among the defining purposes is the notion of an education that is intellectually demanding and committed to critical thought. And with that, a commitment to our college as a community of learning, where all aspects of our community's life, from athletics to

classes to life in the residence halls, must serve that basic aim of learning. And then, an awareness that the community we are ushering our students into is a global and a highly diverse community whose characteristics must be reflected here.

How do we pursue these purposes? At the most basic level, we bring a set of young people to our campus and we try to help them so to arrange their lives, so to organize their experiences, that after four years they become educated, or rather, that they begin well the lifelong process of becoming educated. It's useful to think of college in this way, to think of a student moving through four years of experiences, some of them planned by us, many of them serendipitous.

Along the way we think of a student being challenged, surprised, entertained, dismayed, amused, baffled, excited, disturbed, affirmed. Out of that sequence of experiences and challenges emerges, somewhat mysteriously, a person with greater maturity, more breadth of understanding, a greater ability to act intelligently and with judgment. This rather high-flown description is more than a little distant from what we really do all day every day. But in the final analysis, *everything* we do — the exams, the syllabi, the lectures, the annual snowball fight, the inauguration of the president, even, dare I say, the raising of funds — is simply an incident, a means to creating that special kind of environment where learning happens.

An important implication is that *everyone* who works at Macalester — faculty and staff — is in a fundamental sense an educator. And we are truly blessed here to have a faculty and a staff who understand that. So the why's of our education, our goals and purposes, I believe are in this sense very clear. But the how's, questions about the best ways to accomplish these great

and elusive purposes — the how's must be continually under construction, to borrow a term from this year's first-year orientation.

So I hope in the years ahead that we will think together in sustained ways about how to accomplish our basic ends. Can these amazing new technologies of networks and computing that President [William] Bowen [of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation] spoke of, can they help us to shape the experiences of our students in more challenging and more productive ways? Can we figure out how to maintain our small scale and our close engagement among students and between students and faculty and staff, while still offering a range of opportunities that will prepare students for this extraordinarily varied and diverse world? Can we find ways to sustain among our faculty that quest for learning and scholarly accomplishment that is essential to the long-run vitality of our learning community?

I wish these were merely rhetorical questions for which I had easy answers. In reality they are difficult and challenging questions that we all have to work on together. Is it worth the effort? Are we presumptuous to think that "little Macalester" will offer fresh answers to these questions which challenge all liberal arts colleges? Not in the least. We are a young institution, as these things go. We have recently been invigorated by magnificent gifts that have secured for us a measure of financial strength that allows us to proceed with confidence. And I know we can count on the continued support of our alumni and our friends as we move ahead. Moreover, the nation and the world need good

answers to these questions.

The idea of the liberal arts college, the small, intimate place where professors and students work together in the common cause of learning and critical thinking, that idea is one of the animating ideas of American higher education. The continual renewal of that idea is an obligation that all of us who are devoted to this wonderful place must share. Together we must embrace the tensions created by our challenging role — tensions that are essential to our self-understanding and to our future. •



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Above: The president addresses the Macalester community. Below: Students with some of the 124 flags carried during the ceremony. The flags represent the nations of Macalester students over the years and the college's historic commitment to internationalism.



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COURAGE, GOOD HUMOR, COMPASSION

William G. Bowen, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and former president of Princeton, delivered the keynote address at President McPherson's inauguration. His subject was "New Days, Old Values." A brief excerpt:

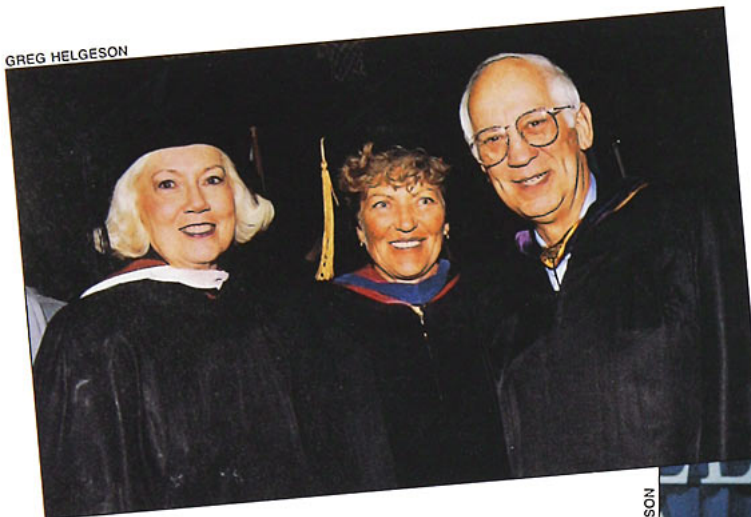
THE MOST OUTSTANDING liberal arts colleges, of which this is clearly one, are extraordinary "assets in being" that deserve the very best that we can give them. As Macalester now faces "new days," it will, I am confident, continue to draw sustenance from "old values." This college is blessed with an exceptionally gifted new president:

an educator of brain, to be sure, who is fully capable of thinking through the implications of "new days" for Macalester — but also an individual of courage, good humor and compassion.

I salute Macalester and its new president as you embark together on what I am sure will prove to be a great journey. As people in medieval times used to say, Godspeed. •

Keynote speaker
William G. Bowen

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Above: Alumni Board members Ruth Chalsma Ranum '52, left, Shirl Ahrens '62 and Edward Borkon '53 don academic dress for the inaugural procession.

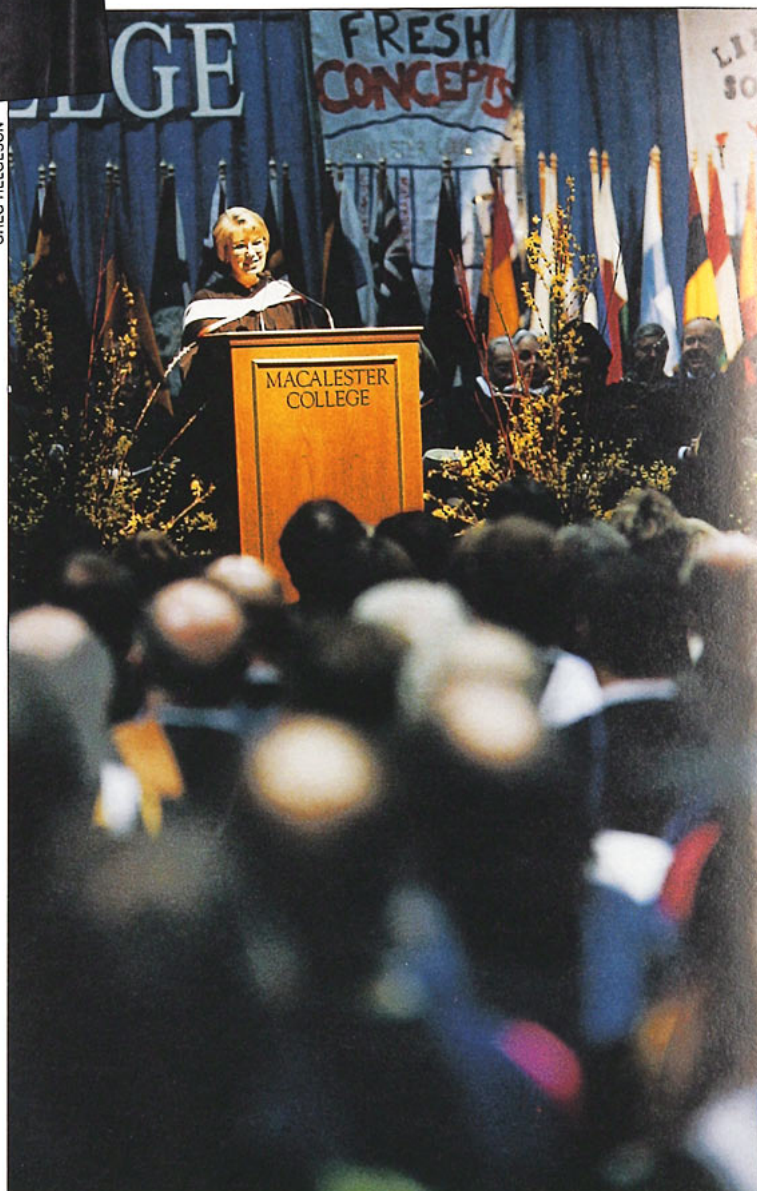
Right: Kay Yost Crawford '69, chair of Macalester's Staff Advisory Council, welcomed the chance to wear her cap and gown as she greeted President McPherson on behalf of the staff (see Quotable Quotes on page 7).

Below: A view from the entrance to the Field House.



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MIKE HABERMANN





Left: Three of his peers joined Mike McPherson for a discussion in Weyerhaeuser Chapel two days before his inauguration. Grinnell President Pamela Ferguson, Carleton President Stephen Lewis and University of Minnesota President-elect Mark Yudof, as well as McPherson, shared their views on the future of liberal arts education.

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President Mike McPherson, in his inaugural address



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Above: Richard Ammons, right, vice president for development at Macalester, talks with Macalester Trustee James Carter at the reception. The Rev. Lucy Forster-Smith, Macalester's chaplain, center, and Reatha Clark King, head of the General Mills Foundation, are visible in the background.

Left: Timothy Hultquist '72, chair of Macalester's Board of Trustees, welcomes everyone to the inauguration.

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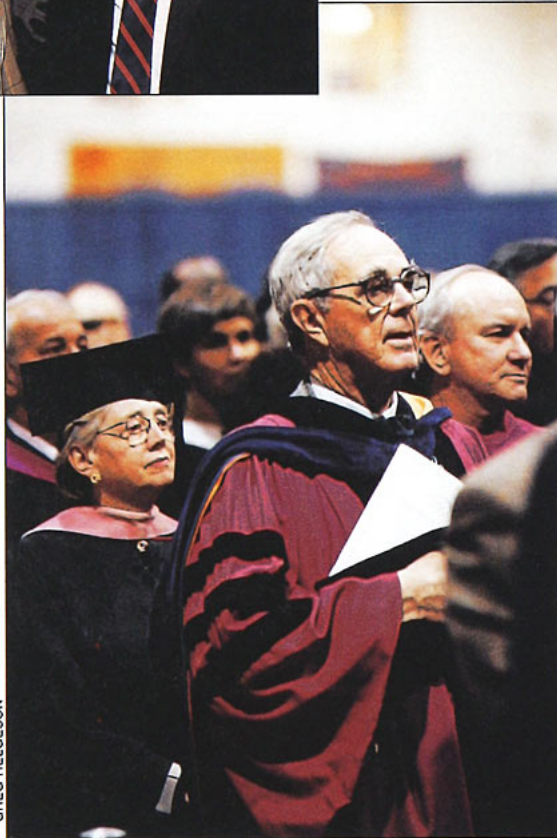
Right: *The Traditions*, the Macalester men's a cappella ensemble and one of several musical groups that performed at the post-inaugural party, take advantage of a good photo opportunity.

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Above: Former President Bob Gavin, right, now acting president at Haverford College, shares a light moment with Dean of Admissions Bill Shain.

Right: Former Associate Alumni Director Mary Smail, former President John B. Davis, Jr., and philosophy Professor Henry West were among the audience.



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WE ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING QUITE DIFFICULT HERE. IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY ABOUT 3 OR 4 PERCENT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE OFFER.

President Mike McPherson, in his inaugural address

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Above: Mac Jazz gets ready to perform on one of the two stages in the Field House during the post-inaugural party.

Right: Dancers enjoy one of the evening's six musical groups.

Below left: The Macalester Festival Chorale, conducted by Professor J. Michele Edwards, performs "Like a Needle Guide Us in Your Weaving."

The composition by Libby Larsen, with text by Chris Granias, was commissioned for the inauguration.



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Above: A variety of student organizations created banners to decorate the Field House for the celebration. Here, Nicole Houff '98 (Crystal, Minn.), left, Samara Rafert '00 (Newark, Del.) and Maya Winfrey '00 (Shelburne Falls, Mass.) make a banner for the Art Alliance.

Left: Mike and Marge McPherson display some of the gifts they received from the college's Development Office. They include a crown for Mike and a life-size doll to take his place at the dinner table when he is away on fund-raising trips.



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Above: Marge and Mike McPherson at home on the big day.

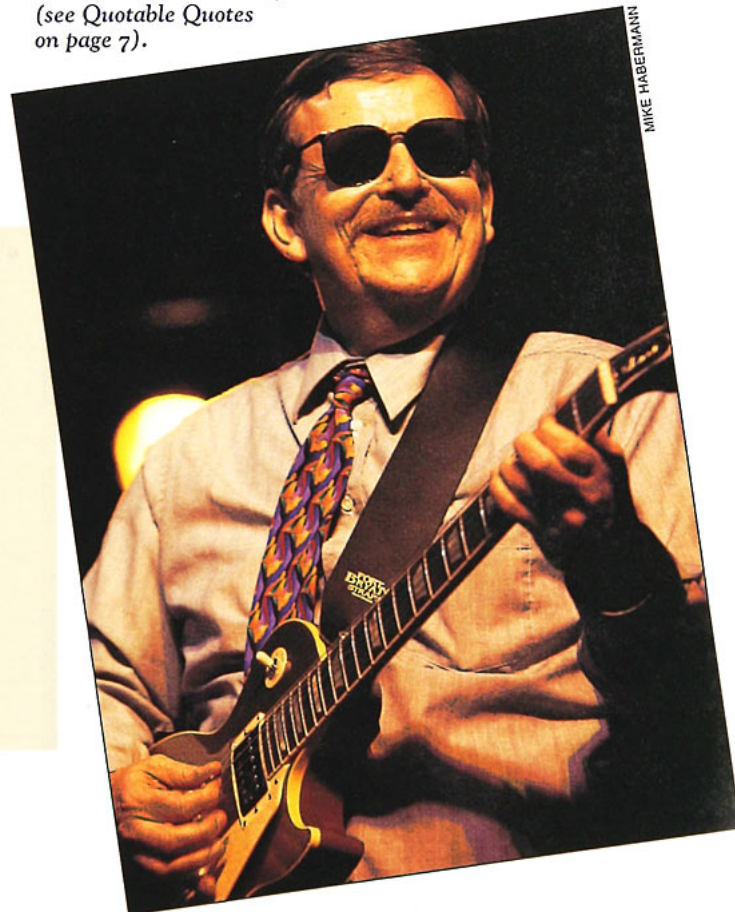
Left: Alumni Board member Lynne McHugh Gehling '77 and her 3-year-old daughter Elise enjoy the face-painting portion of the party.

Below left: Professor Jan Serie, one of the emcees for the party, introduces the Generation Gap, a jazz group comprising faculty and staff.

Below: President McPherson makes a guest appearance at the party with the band Catfish Blue, which includes his sons, Steven and Sean (see Quotable Quotes on page 7).



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UNRAVELING MEDICAL MYSTERIES

She's an epidemiological investigator with a government agency.

He's an AIDS research scientist with a multinational pharmaceutical manufacturer.

They come at their viral foes from different directions and with different weapons.

But both W. Gary Tarpley '74 and Louisa Chapman '75 grapple daily with some of the most urgent medical issues of our time.

OF MICE AND MEN AND MEDICINE:
LOUISA CHAPMAN '75

by Carolyn Griffith

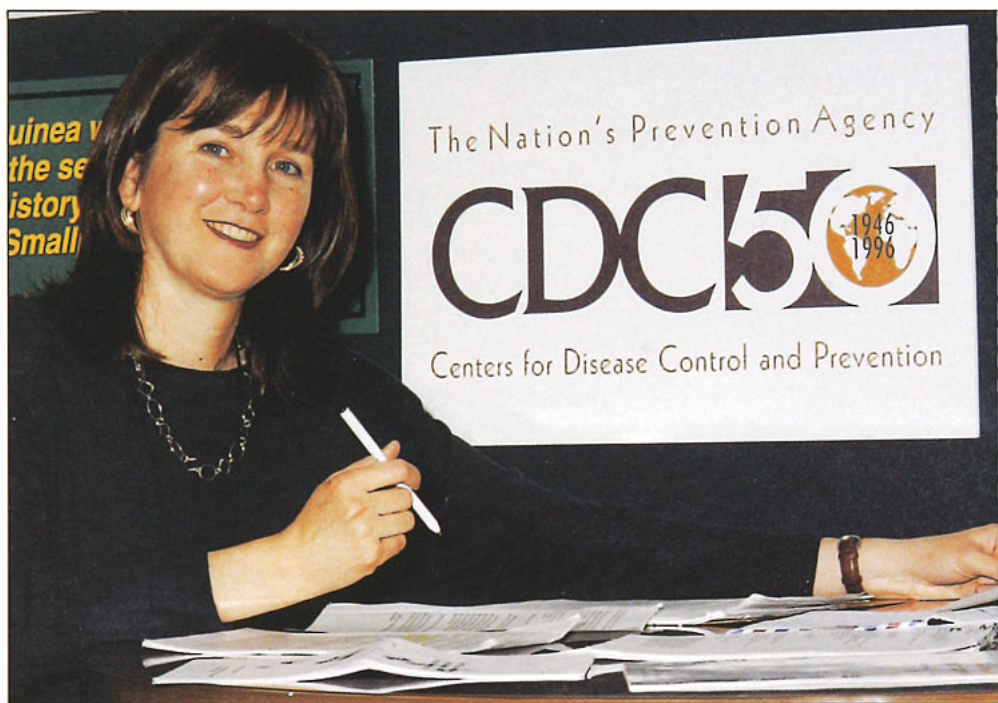
WHAT DID PIÑON NUTS have to do with the sudden deaths of two Navajo championship runners?

That's what Louisa Chapman '75, a medical epidemiologist for the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC), helped to determine. She drew not only on her scientific training, but also the awareness of cultural crosscurrents that she first developed as a white Southerner at Macalester at the tail end of the civil rights movement.

"I had never really thought of myself as a Southerner before," says Chapman, who grew up in Arkansas and North Carolina, "but at Macalester everybody else perceived me that way." Much to her surprise, racist views were imputed to her, solely on the basis of her accent and skin color. "When I was growing up, people who were bigoted expressed their views freely — so if you didn't say that kind of thing, that indicated something about you. In the Midwest, I came to learn, many people held certain assumptions, but did not express them."

Chapman rates the training she received at Mac in biology as first-rate. But she values equally the experience of being a minority, and working to understand the "givens" of the dominant culture.

Carolyn Griffith, a St. Paul free-lance writer, reported on the college's Communication Studies Department in February's *Macalester Today*.



That cultural sensitivity proved valuable when she traveled to a Navajo reservation in the Southwest's Four Corners area in 1993 to investigate an outbreak of hantavirus for the CDC, the U.S. Public Health Service's national agencies for control of infectious and other preventable diseases. "I remember the day we stepped off the plane — there was a headline in the newspaper about Navajo healers who described three previous outbreaks of this same disease, all when there was an abnormally large crop of piñon nuts," she recalls. While there were those who scoffed at this information, Chapman and investigators like her pondered the connection, and included lots of questions about piñon nuts as they interviewed residents.

"The piñon nuts turned out to be a marker for ecological change," she explains. The piñon nut abundance was due to above-average rainfall, which also produced an ample food supply for mice, whose population ballooned. Mice carry the hantavirus, which is potentially lethal to humans, and people

Louisa Chapman has spent nine years with the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

became exposed when they breathed in dust contaminated with an overabundance of rodent urine.

While the CDC's epidemiologists were unable to discover an effective vaccine or cure at the time, they did develop guidelines for preventing the hantavirus' spread. To limit human contact with mouse urine, Chapman says, they recommended keeping piles of brush — popular nesting sites — away from houses, storing food in rodent-proof containers and dampening suspect areas before sweeping to prevent urine-soaked dust from flying into the air. "Ironically, Native American traditions for leading a healthy life paralleled our guidelines — they believed in separating the worlds of rodents and men."

Chapman has been with the Atlanta-based CDC for nine years, and likes its brand of "consequential epidemiology," where, as she puts it, you step into a "dirty experiment" — one devised by nature, with no controls — and try to improve the quality of people's lives. "I'm a really pragmatic person. I like asking questions, and then seeing the answers applied to make a real difference."

Today, her work focuses on another area of human-animal interaction: the risk of human exposure to non-human retroviruses in the process of transplanting animal tissue into people, known as xenotransplantation. "For the last three years there has been increasing use of non-human tissue in humans," Chapman says, citing developments such as transplanting porcine pancreatic islets into diabetics to produce insulin, using fetal pig brain tissue in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease and using animal liver to shore up the function of failing livers of patients awaiting transplants from human donors.

Pointing out that the AIDS virus is believed to have originated in primates, and that hantavirus doesn't make rodents sick but can kill humans, Chapman says that the potential dangers of xenotransplantation extend not only to tissue recipients, but also to health workers involved in research and transplant processes. "Do we risk benefiting an individual at the expense of the community?" she asks.

Her role includes developing a CDC database to collect data among people exposed to animal tissue through their work and quantifying the risk of disease; working collaboratively with other public health agencies to develop and publish guidelines on safe transplantation practices; and publicizing xenotransplantation issues to surgical transplant teams, veterinarians, biomedical researchers and other involved groups.

Chapman came to Macalester planning to major in biology, fairly certain that a medical career was in her future. "I thought I'd go back to the mountains and practice family medicine," she remembers. But

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the road to an M.D. proved longer and more arduous than she'd anticipated, and along the way serendipity stepped in. After an undergraduate independent study experience in Colombia, a year of student teaching in the Dominican Republic, three rejected med school applications, an M.S. in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and, when she finally did complete med school at UNC, the departure of her adviser in the middle of an infectious-disease fellowship, she was accepted into the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1988.

"Life is not linear," Chapman says with a laugh. "I remember I went back to Mac when I was rejected for medical school for the second time but had the option to pursue a master's in public health. I talked to one of my old professors, Emil Slowinski, about not being sure I wanted to do this. He told me, 'Most people aren't sure what they want to do. The ones who succeed are the ones who pick an option and apply themselves to it.'"

OF CHEMICALS AND COCKTAILS AND CURES: W. GARY TARPLEY '74

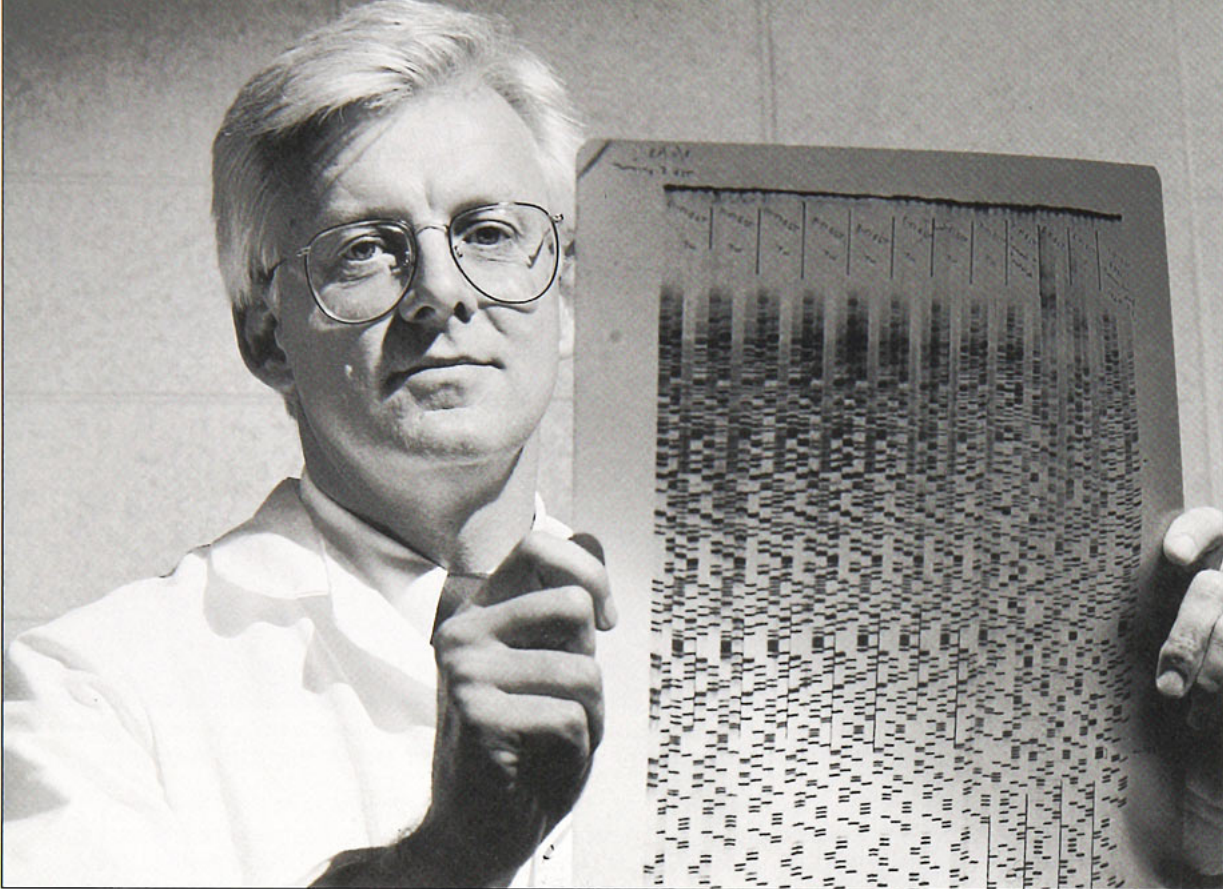
by Carolyn Griffith

AS A VICE PRESIDENT and research scientist for Pharmacia & Upjohn, a multinational pharmaceutical company, W. Gary Tarpley '74 works in concert with far-flung colleagues to combat AIDS at the molecular level.

This complex, evolving disease takes on a slightly different face depending on where you find it — and the efforts of Tarpley's team's reflect their foe's essential nature, drawing on worldwide scientific perspectives to devise multifaceted strategies of attack.

"With the way HIV replicates and spreads — throughout both the body and the world — it became clear early on that we'd have to treat it with combinations of drugs," Tarpley comments on today's "cocktail" approach to controlling this pandemic. Isolates of the virus differ throughout the globe, and "every day, jumbo jets bring people from all over the world into contact with each other," he explains.

In the continually growing and changing body of knowledge that classical scientific research represents, Tarpley's studies build on those of his grad school mentor, Howard Temin, who won a Nobel Prize for his work in virology. Tarpley's own leadership has been recognized with Pharmacia & Upjohn's highest honor — its Achievement in Science and Medicine Award — a multi-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to support his research, and by his 1995 appointment to the NIH's Council of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).



Gary Tarpley studies an x-ray film showing the DNA sequence of specific HIV genes. Detection of changes in DNA sequences in these genes often predicts the development of drug-resistant forms of the virus.

"My laboratory cloned two essential genes of HIV-1 and, using recombinant DNA methods, produced the protein-product of these genes. Our team used a variety of methods to identify chemicals that specifically interact with these proteins and inhibit their function," Tarpley explains. HIV-1 and HIV-2, he notes, are related retroviruses. HIV-1, considered the more pathogenic of the two, is the major cause of AIDS. "We were able to show that these chemicals potentially block the growth of HIV-1 in human cells. These chemicals, or antivirals, have entered clinical trials in AIDS patients, and one of them has now been shown to be safe and effective," he says.

Tarpley, who remembers reading scientific and technical journals as far back as middle school, came to Mac knowing he wanted a career in science. "[The late Professor] Jim Smail got me excited about molecular biology, the genetics of human development and differentiation," he notes. "I had originally planned on pursuing a medical degree, but after taking several of Jim's classes, I realized I was more interested in a career in basic scientific research."

Small classes and lots of attention enabled Tarpley to build a solid foundation in scientific training, preparing him to take full advantage of the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities he encountered when he went on to the University of Wisconsin at Madison for a Ph.D in oncology. A postdoctoral fellowship at UW, working with Temin on viral oncology, followed.

"Dr. Temin taught me the molecular biology of viruses. I learned how they parasitized human cells, turning them into virus factories. My training in his laboratory has influenced my entire scientific career," Tarpley says.

Tarpley had worked at Upjohn as a research associate before going to graduate school, and rejoined the Kalamazoo, Mich.-based company in 1984 to research cancer and viral diseases. For the last eight years or so he's had his own lab, focusing on treatments for HIV-1. Last year, Tarpley was appointed to NIH's 15-member NIAID Council, whose role is to review research funding opportunities and provide commentary on the national strategy for dealing with HIV.

In 1996, when Upjohn merged with the European company Pharmacia, Tarpley was promoted to vice president for discovery research, a position that involves coordinating interactive efforts among Pharmacia & Upjohn's research programs in Milan, Stockholm and the U.S. "As a result of the merger, the company is very global. We are trained as scientists and as such, speak the same language — but people are influenced by their immediate environment, particularly in their training. The ways we approach a problem can be very different, and that's exciting."

Tarpley "absolutely loves" scientific research, and working in collaboration with the wealth of expertise assembled at a major pharmaceutical company. "It's a great challenge to discover a potential new medicine for a devastating disease like AIDS. To be successful requires a talented group of scientists from several disciplines."

Tarpley sees his own contributions very much as part of science's evolution. "I would like to think that my generation of scientists will rigorously apply our intellect, and leave the field in better shape than it was when we entered it," he says. ●

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LIFE LESSONS ON THE MISSISSIPPI

*What do you get from a
2,301-mile canoe trip?
Calluses and confidence,
say two '96 grads*

by Jan Shaw-Flamm '76



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"If you can canoe the Mississippi, you can do anything," a barge worker told Cindy Ryberg, left, and Toni Schaeffer, shown back at Mac after their journey.

WITH A 17-FOOT canoe, 300 pounds of gear, a Rubbermaid tub of food and a roll of duct tape, '96 grads Toni Schaeffer and Cindy Ryberg

took on the Mississippi, paddling 2,301 miles from the river's origins in Minnesota to where it meets the salty waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Friends since their sophomore year at Mac, the native North Dakotans share an interest in science. Schaeffer was a biology major with substantial work in mathematics and geography. She had an aluminum Grumman canoe and five summers of experience guiding canoe trips in Minnesota's Boundary Waters. Ryberg majored in geology, with

minors in French and history. Her canoeing experience was limited, but she possessed the guts to accept the challenge of the trip of a lifetime.

"I've had a lot of canoeing experience,"

said Schaeffer, "but there were some things I never dreamed I would do with an open, fully loaded canoe in the middle of the Mississippi. Even though every crew boat slowed down for us, their waves could be six feet high by the time they reached the canoe. Seventeen feet in front of me, Cindy's whole body might be higher than my head."

For most meals the duo took a break on terra firma, which held its own charms. "Thanksgiving was spent in a construction pit," said Schaeffer. "We had cous-cous, a can of baked beans and applesauce."

"We heard something growl or snarl one night while we were eating supper," recalled Ryberg. Only after the fact did the two realize it was most likely a bobcat in the trees overhead.

Near the end of the trip, in one of the most dangerous stretches, the canoeists were looking for a place to get water when, Schaeffer recalled, "A tugboat crew yelled, 'Do you need anything? Do you need your water jug filled?'" On board the tugboat the women were offered not only water but dinner, showers, clean clothes and the phone number of the captain's mother in case of any problems.

At the offer of a shower, "We were just ecstatic," said Ryberg. "We hadn't had a shower since Memphis."

Probably more important was the crew's advice to call the Coast Guard facility which monitors traffic on the river. After calling in on their marine band radio, the canoeists rounded a blind curve in New Orleans to find "all the barges were waiting," said Schaeffer. "We found out they had stopped traffic on the Mississippi for half an hour for us to get around that point."

Asked what they got out of the sometimes grueling trip, they replied in unison: "Calluses!" "And," said Ryberg, "biceps and triceps."

In a more serious vein, Schaeffer added, "Confidence in being able to take on a major project. A barge worker with years of experience on the river told us, 'If you can canoe the Mississippi, you can do anything.'"

Since the trip, Schaeffer has been doing biochemical genetic research on oak trees at Penn State with plans for a Ph.D. in ecological/molecular plant physiology. Ryberg has been planning for graduate school with a career goal of working in environmental public policy, particularly hazardous waste.

"I'm more willing to trust people now," Ryberg said. "Complete strangers offered us the use of their car and the clothes off their backs. I used to see that bumper sticker, 'Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty,' and think it was trite. Now I can appreciate it." ●

CANOEING THE MISSISSIPPI

Set out: Sept. 11, 1996, from Minnesota's Itasca State Park, origin of the Mississippi

Arrived: Dec. 1, Mile 0, Head of Passes, 97 miles downriver from New Orleans

Distance: 2,301 miles in 68 days of paddling

Granola consumed: 60 pounds •

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and Gail Beresford Schiffer '66. Chris cares for mentally retarded patients in group homes. He and Julie live in New Ulm, Minn. • Jason Star graduated from The Basic School and Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va. The 26-week course is designed to prepare newly commissioned officers for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force. • Rosemary Valenta is now an assistant account executive with the consumer products division of the Minneapolis office of Shandwick USA, an independent public relations consultancy. She had been an intern with Shandwick since last October.

1995

Eleanor Brown and Alex McDowell '92 were married last Oct. 12 aboard the Potomac Spirit in Alexandria, Va. "Is this the only marriage of a Siren and a Trad?" they ask. Mark Laskowski '94, Sara Hayden '93, Sarah Mitchell '93, Michele Carter, Dyani Blair '94 and Bekah Savage '96 were present at the wedding. The newlyweds live outside Philadelphia, where Alex works for a registered investment advisor and Eleanor works for the Spirit of Philadelphia. Their e-mail address: EleanorMB3@aol.com • Catherine Koons recently spent five months working and living at Hancock Field Station in the National John Day Fossil Beds in Oregon. She now teaches at an elementary school in Portland, Ore. • Shannon Landwehr works at a middle school and coaches in Mankato, Minn. She is also enrolled in a graduate program in secondary school counseling. • As of last September, Hunter Lowery had spent one year with the Peace Corps in Madagascar. He is working on a black lemur forest project and investigating

the feasibility of establishing a national park. Hunter's address: c/o GTZ, BP 118, 207 Hellville Nosy Be, Madagascar • Lyungai Mbilinyi has completed an internship at a Twin Cities law firm and is pursuing an M.A. in social work at the U of Minnesota. She was also accepted into the M.A. public administration program. • Michael Scarlett is in his first year of teaching history and geography at Hazel Park Middle School in St. Paul. • Claire Sun Yung Shin married Christopher Cross last Sept. 21. They live in Minneapolis.

1994

Still in medical school at the U of Vermont, Jason Cook wrote that he is "finishing the clinical core of excessive information and entering the first year of rotations." • Nicole Fallon lives in Nice, France, and works in Monaco. She welcomes news from classmates and contact with alums going to France. Nicole's address: 7 Rue Neuve, 06300 Nice, France; phone: 33-4-93-92-39-44 • Lizbet Santucci works for Habitat for Humanity and was recently transferred to Fiji. "It's been great," she wrote. Her new address: P.O. Box 632, Nausori, Fiji Islands, South Pacific; e-mail: hfhfiji@pactok.peg.apc.org • Shannon Hyland Tassava received her master's degree in clinical psychology from the U of Illinois-Chicago. "Unfortunately I am in a Ph.D. program so [I] have a few years to go," she wrote. She would love to hear from Macalester friends, especially Jeff Nelsen '95, Raf Salas '95 and

by Robert Kerr '92

1996

Leah Bowe and Erik Davis were married last Oct. 19 in British Columbia. Leah works as an administrative assistant with the Perfect Employment Agency and Erik is a computer analyst with the Landor Corp. They live in Seattle. • Andrea Petro lives in St. Paul and works as a GIS specialist in the research and planning division of Dayton Hudson Corp. • Chris Schiffer married Julie Kasper last Aug. 10, reported Chris' parents, Dan



Weddings for the '90s

Below left: Alex Birky '92 and Oscar Rios Pohirieth were married Sept. 1. See 1992 class notes for details. *Above right:* Briana Lindquist '92 married Brian Bednarek Aug. 2. Pictured (back row from left) at the sand-volleyball reception are Tom Swanson '90, Annelies Lindemans '92, Mike Robl '91, Briana and Brian, Kevin Marshall '91, Kirk Findlay '91 and Chuck Taylor '91. Front row: Seema Sarup Swanson '91, Bliss Baldwin '92, Gayle Brownlow '92 and Katharine McBride Rosacker '92. See 1992 class notes. *Far right:* Alex McDowell '92 and Eleanor Brown '95 were married Oct. 12. Pictured (from left) are Mark Laskowski '94, Sara Hayden '93 (Sarah Mitchell '93 is hidden behind her), Alex, Michele Carter '95, Eleanor, Dyani Blair '94 and Bekah Savage '96. See 1995 class notes.



Brandt Krueger '95. Shannon's address: 526 W. Cornelia Ave., #3, Chicago, IL 60657; phone: (773) 525-7804; e-mail: u16406@uic.edu • Karen Woodard Warwick and her husband, Aaron, announced the birth of their first child, Sophia Marie Warwick, last Oct. 4. Karen was on maternity leave from her job in the accounting department at Best Buy's corporate offices. She and her family live in Minneapolis.

1993

Last year, Stephanie Erickson moved from North Carolina to Decatur, Ill. She works as a reporter for the daily *Herald & Review* and builds pages for the newspaper's Web site (www.herald-review.com). In her spare time, she volunteers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Stephanie's address: 2371 E. Decatur St., Decatur, IL 62521; e-mail: serickson3@aol.com • A portrait of Rudy Perpich taken by award-winning photojournalist Ethan Hyman so impressed the late Minnesota governor's wife that she had copies of the photo given to the 1,300 people who attended Perpich's funeral. Ethan, who took the photo when he worked for the Hibbing newspaper, now works at the Rochester, Minn., *Post-Bulletin*. • Kyla McFarland and P. Scott Morton were married last Aug. 17 at their home in Stevensville, Mont. "What a great day," Kyla wrote. She sends congratulations to Kate Archibald on her marriage. • Catherine McNaught has moved and now works as a health reporter for the Tallahassee *Democrat*, although she has been "eyeing Florida State U's law school." She also keeps busy running and racing sailboats. "I still haven't unpacked completely, so I can't find some addresses," Catherine wrote. "Drop me a note and I'll scribble a letter." Her address: 1207-A Carson Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310 • Paul Moghtader has moved to Evanston, Ill., to attend the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He previously spent three years in Boston, where he worked for a bank. • Jerome Pion is spending the year as an exchange student at Tsukuba U in Japan. His e-mail address: S002051@ipe.tsukuba.ac.jp

1992

Contact for May 23-25 Class Reunion (Memorial Day Weekend): Jen Simonds, 4121 20th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55407-3407; (612) 721-5594 (h) • Erica Birky married Oscar Rios Pohirieth on Sept. 1, 1996, in Lincoln, Neb. Mac friends at the wedding included Sarah Cada '91, Lea Grundy and Rebecca Toth Juras. Erica said Sarah and her husband, Cole Martin '90, are doing their residencies in Iowa City; Lea is completing a master's in public policy at UC-Berkeley; and Rebecca has rejoined her husband, Vygis Juras '93, in Lithuania after having her second child, Stas, last Oct. 24. Erica continues to manage a shop which markets crafts from developing countries. She and Oscar would welcome visitors, and mail to: 3704 38th St. Ct., Lincoln, NE 68510; e-mail: ebirky@s-cwis.unomaha.edu • Laura Bodem finished her master's degree in education last summer, and is in her second year of teaching world history at Jefferson High School in Bloomington, Minn. She lives with Cheryl Rose, who is pursuing an M.B.A. at the U of Minnesota. • M. Pawla Gaudino and her son, Anthony (3), live in Washington, D.C. Pawla is getting ready for grad school. "If you live in the area, come visit," she wrote. • Mariam Ispahani lives in Minneapolis and is busy doing research and working with



Friends in Israel

Three alumnae reunited in the summer of '96 in Zfat, Israel. Pictured (from left) are Kathryn Tiede Hottinger '90 of Hawick, Minn., Esther Chaya Benisti (Abigail Falb '90), who lives in Zfat, and Abigail Frost '90 of New York City. Esther's three children, Menacha-Mendel, Rivka and Menacha-Rahel, joined in the fun. See 1990 class notes for more information.

adopted children and their parents. She invites friends to contact her. Her phone number: (612) 204-9224; e-mail: mariam@skypoint.com • Last fall, Kathleen Kerr received the Phi Delta Kappa Award for excellence in student teaching for her work teaching history at Nicollette Junior High School in Burnsville, Minn. Kathleen currently teaches ninth grade history in Fridley, Minn. • After modeling, recording songs and working at restaurants in Paris, Matt Lewis has returned to the U.S. He lives in San Francisco, where he has worked in advertising sales and hopes to record an album this spring. • Briana Lindquist married Brian Bednaiek last Aug. 2. Among the alums at the reception were Tom Swanson '90, Annelies Lindemans, Mike Robl '91, Kevin Marshall '91, Kirk Findlay '91, Chuck Taylor '91, Seema Sarup Swanson '91, Bliss Baldwin, Gayle Brownlow and Kathie Rosacker. Briana lives in the Milwaukee area and works for Deluxe Data on the New York State Medicaid program. Her e-mail address: brie@execpc.com • Axel Lund of Copenhagen, Denmark, recently received his master's degree in law from the U of Copenhagen and a subsidiary degree in Middle East Studies. He now works at the Danish Ministry for the Interior. Axel sends special greetings to "Christine, Arpana, Sule, Sitta, Rose, Peter, Bill and Carsten. Macites in the vicinity of Denmark are always welcome." • After an internship at an architectural firm in her native Tanzania, Anina Mbilinyi is pursuing an M.A. in architecture at the U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. • "I wish I could be there to join all my friends, but Greece is too far away from Mac," wrote Andigoni

Moschi of Thessaloniki, Greece. "Sarah and Rachel, I miss you lots!" Andigoni's phone number: (031) 345309 • Lauren Wilson lives in Boston and develops ESL textbooks for Houghton Mifflin. Last September, Lauren had a "little reunion" in Chicago with Amy Knox, Dan Schacht '91 and Steve Frenkel '91. Lauren reports that Steve lives in Chicago and works as a free-lance feature reporter for public radio, Amy is beginning a career as a midwife in California and Dan, who also lives in Boston, has begun his first job as a social worker.

Getting married? Having a baby?

MACALESTER TODAY is happy to print news of alumni weddings and news of births — after the event(s).

We do not print wedding plans or news of pregnancies in class notes.

This is the policy followed by most other alumni magazines. •

1991

Chad Baasen graduated from medical school in 1995. He is currently serving on a general medical officer tour in the Navy, based in Japan, before beginning a residency in emergency medicine at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. • Brian Bull's interview with Mike Nelson, the head writer and host of the TV show "Mystery Science Theater 3000," aired last Dec. 16 on the Twin Cities radio station KNOW. "Special thanks to Jeff Conrod '92 for his helpful instruction in digital editing," Brian wrote. • Emily Cooper graduated from the U of Minnesota Law School, passed the Ohio bar and accepted an associate position at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Toledo, Ohio. She is looking forward to being licensed in Michigan, as well. "I still keep in touch with Cindy Nelson and would love to hear from other classmates," Emily wrote. Her address: 3001 Algonquin Parkway, Toledo, OH 43606 • Michael Gregory of New Orleans is in his second year of medical school. Last summer he spent two months in West Africa doing research in

WWW employment resource for alums

MACALESTER ALUMNI can access JOBTRAK, a national jobs database that lists thousands of employment opportunities yearly.

This resource is accessible through the Macalester Career Development Center Home Page on the World Wide Web: www.macalester.edu/~cdc/

Alumni interested in this resource should call the Career Development Center at (612) 696-6384 to obtain the Macalester password. •

an urban teaching hospital in Ghana. He took a three-week vacation in Honduras this past winter. Michael's e-mail address: mgrego@sumc.edu • **Jon Hollister** of Kaneohe, Hawaii, recently began a judicial clerkship with Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang. • **Mark Opitz** received an M.S. in urban and regional planning last December from the U of Wisconsin-Madison, where his wife, Lisa Propp Opitz earned an M.A. in English in 1992. Mark is now an alderperson in their hometown of Middleton, Wis., and works as a transportation planning analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Lisa works as a supervisor at Pleasant Company Publications, which publishes historical fiction for children. Their e-mail address: AldOpitz@aol.com • **Deb** and **Peter Rasche** have lived in St. Louis for three years. Peter works as an analytical research chemist for Mallinckrodt, Inc. He and Deb were looking forward to a trip to the Florida Everglades last December. • **Meg Rummel** returned to the U.S. for one year to work on a master's degree in education at the Harvard U School of Education. She plans to return to Munich, Germany (her home since 1993), after completing the program. She ran into Frank Barnes at Harvard, and enjoyed seeing old faces from Macalester when she was in Minnesota last winter. Until this June, Meg can be reached in Boston at: (617) 493-7427 • **Mattie (Cookie) Stevens** is currently working on a Ph.D. at Stanford U. She has an M.A. in public policy and law from LaTrobe U in Australia and was about to complete a J.D. with a specialization in international legal affairs at Cornell Law School. "I want to know what my folks are up to," she wrote, particularly **Beverly Sears '89**, **Keith Williams '89**, **Dwayne Williams '89**, **Cean Shands '89**, **Gonzalo Flores**, **Rebecca Johnson Kuruvilla**, **Barbara Carlson Musch**, **Maya Hambright**, **Urania Lloyd '92** and **Henry Anderson '92**. Mattie's e-mail address: enygma@leland.stanford.edu • **David Wolkoff** is "alive and well, and doing a residency in psychiatry at the U of Hawaii." David welcomes visitors. His address: 3318 Anoi Place, Honolulu, HI 96822; phone: (808) 988-5642 • **Charles Youel** has worked as a copywriter, both through agencies and as a free-lancer, since 1991. He lives in Minneapolis.

1990

Christopher Franklin is in Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship and studying orchestral conducting under Professor Max Pommer. • **Virginia Moran**

Heinrich and Jeffrey Heinrich are the proud owners of a new home in Woodbury, Minn. "Feel free to drop us a line," Virginia wrote. Their address: 8978 Spring Lane, Woodbury, MN 55125-4855 • Last October, the Raleigh, N.C., *News & Observer* profiled **Andrea Hickie**, who volunteers with Piedmont Health Services in Chapel Hill through the Student Action with Farm Workers internship program. She is a graduate student in public health at the U of North Carolina. • **N'nali Mbilinyi** married **Ramadhani Segule** in July 1995 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Her sisters, **Anina Mbilinyi '92** and **Lyungai Mbilinyi '95**, returned home to help organize the wedding, and were also on hand to assist in the birth of N'nali's first child, **Marjorie Tunu Naila Segule**, on July 23, 1996. N'nali now lives in Durham, N.C., and is completing a Ph.D. in economics at Columbia U. • **Eric C. Nelson** has started a law practice in criminal defense in Minneapolis. "Defending the rights of the accused is the most rewarding work of my life," he wrote. • **Tim Nixon** is back in the Twin Cities. His e-mail address: tnixon@westpub.com • **Masami Suga** received her Ph.D. in textiles and clothing last year from the U of Minnesota. Masami's new address: 231 Arundel St., #4, St. Paul, MN 55102; phone: (612) 229-0599 • Three friends reunited last summer in Zfat, Israel. **Kathryn Tiede Hottinger** of Hawick, Minn., and **Abigail Frost** of New York City went to see **Esther Chaya Benisti (Abigail Falb)**, who lives in Zfat. Esther and her husband, **Schlomo**, have three children. When she's not

Minnesota Blockbuster McKnight Film Fund Development grant, and **Mary Beth Bresolin** plan to direct a feature-length film, *Space Girl Blues*, from a script by Laura's husband, **Bruce Pavalon**. Laura and Mary Beth have also made a documentary, *He Would of Rode a Harley*, which has been shown in New York, Amsterdam, Sweden, London and Berlin. Laura and Bruce live at 1615 Altivo Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026; phone: (213) 661-2922 • Last December, **Dwayne Williams** was hired as executive director of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society in Providence, an organization dedicated to researching and cultivating black heritage and history.

1988

Roberta Casey and her husband, **Steve Conery**, announced the birth of their second son, **Ian James Casey Conery**, last Oct. 11. They live in St. Paul. • Last October, *Distribution Channels* profiled **Barbara Fritz**, vice president of operations for her family's business, **Fritz Co. Inc.** The wholesale distributor of candy, tobacco, groceries and other items is based in Newport, Minn. Barbara also works on recordings of contemporary Christian music, works with clay in her own art studio, gardens and cycles on long-distance trips. • **Lucy Patterson Murray's** son, **Miller Robert Murray**, was born May 15, 1996. Lucy is on maternity leave from her teaching job at Rocky Mountain Academy in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. • **Amy Phenix** and **Justine**

Ketola celebrated their 30th birthdays last Oct. 19 at Table of Contents in Minneapolis. The restaurant's proprietors, **Jim Dunn** and **Sam Ernst**, joined them, as well as **Barry Markus '89**, **Alicia Phillips '92**, **Felix Hill**, **Alfredo Chiclana '87**, **Bruce Pavalon '89**, **Laura Schroeter '89**, **Molly Ready '89** and **Anna Sochoky**. • **Guy Renkert** has been named vice president of corporate development at Metropolitan Industries Inc., which is based in Canton, Ohio. Guy, who will continue to serve as general manager of the Meredith Collection, a division specializing in glazed, hand-

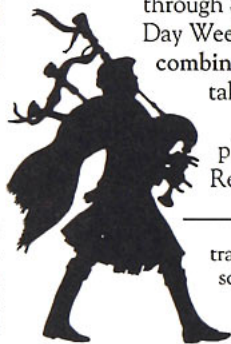
molded, decorative wall and floor tile, has been with Metropolitan since 1994. • "I'm finally doing what I've been dreaming of for so long," wrote **Suzanne Vargo**. "I am sole pastor of a small church in Colby, Kan." Suzanne's address: 545 W. 4th Street, Colby, KS 67701-2045; phone: (913) 462-3409; e-mail: suzanne.vargo@ecunet.org • Elementary school teacher **Suzanne Voigt** was recently joined by **Georg Leidenberger '87** at the American School Foundation in Mexico City. Georg teaches in the high school social studies department.

Reunion's ahead

IF YOUR CLASS YEAR ends in "7" or "2," this is your reunion year.

Reunion will be held at Macalester Friday through Sunday, May 23-25, 1997, Memorial Day Weekend. Once again, Reunion will be combined with Commencement, which will take place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

To find out what your classmates are planning, see "Contacts for Class Reunion" in this class notes section. •



traveling, **Abigail Frost** tutors schoolchildren. Kathryn graduated from Harvard Divinity School and now has an internship as a Lutheran pastor at a small church in central Minnesota, where she lives with her husband, **David**. Each would love to hear from Mac friends. Esther's address: 234/8 Canaan, Zfat, Israel. **Abigail Frost**: 175 Riverside Dr., Apt. 11F, New York, NY 10024. **Kathryn**: c/o Tiede, 4750 Bouleau Road, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

1989

Andrea Innes-Michailov is living in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. "Please write!" she said. Her correct e-mail address: kroom@mbbox.digsys.bg • **Anne Tuttle Kidder** lives in St. Paul's Mac-Groveland with her husband, **Ted**, and son, **Austin Thomas Edward Kidder**, who was born Dec. 11, 1995. Anne is a financial analyst for Norwest Bank. She'd love to hear from friends. Her e-mail address: StPaulian@aol.com • **Eizaburo Nishikawa** was recently assigned to Singapore by **Nissho Iwai Corp.** • **Laura Schroeter**, the recipient of a 1996

1987

Contact for May 23-25 Class Reunion (Memorial Day Weekend): **Molly McGinnis Stine**, Apt. 14B, 2700 North Hampden Court, Chicago, IL 60614; (312) 327-1851 (h) • **Laura Comer** and **Scott Burchill '85** live in St. Paul with their two children and a "multitude of animals." They wrote that "Scott saves theatrical souls by teaching them computer-speak" in his job as systems manager at the Ordway Music Theater, while Laura, an instructor with We Can Ride, "saves equine souls by intro-

ducing them to people with disabilities." • Robert Dado lives in White Bear Lake, Minn., with his wife, Mary, and their children, Caitlin (7), Steven (3) and Megan (born Oct. 21, 1996). Robert received a Ph.D. in neuroscience in 1992 from the U of Minnesota, where he is now a fourth-year medical student. After he finishes school this June, he plans to do residency training in anesthesiology, followed by a fellowship in pain management. • Sarah Evans earned a master's degree in journalism, with a specialty in photojournalism, from the U of Missouri-Columbia in 1991. She now lives in Minneapolis with a "fabulous guy" named Bruce and does editorial news and commercial work with her own photography business. • "I have several 'new' things in my life," wrote Angelica Garcia Figueroa. A daughter, Alicia Xochitl Figueroa, was born April 19, 1995, joining siblings Angelica and Humberto III. Angelica also has a new address in Concord, Calif., and a new position as a Spanish teacher at St. Agnes School in Concord. "I hope many of

born on Sept. 18, 1996, they traveled to Portland, Ore., for maternity leave. Nancy and her family now live in Geneva, Switzerland. • Julia Kirtland won the U.S. Women's Marathon National Championship in February in Columbia, S.C. She won going away in a time of 2 hours, 37 minutes and 46 seconds. Last year, the Road Runners Club of America selected Julia, who lives in Harpswell, Maine, as one of its four "Roads Scholars." The Roads Scholar program was launched to provide financial assistance to promising competitive runners. • Christian Koch was named president of TEC Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of H.B. Fuller Co., effective this month (May). Chris was previously business manager for Foster Products, another H.B. Fuller subsidiary. He will work at TEC's headquarters in Palatine, Ill. • Molly McGinnis married Bob Stine in Chicago on Sept. 21, 1996. Molly continues to practice law with Lord, Bissell & Brook and enjoys serving on Macalester's Alumni Board. She and Bob hope to see many Mac friends at Reunion. • Nadine Isele Plunkett lives in Little Canada, Minn., hopes to attend graduate school soon and would love to hear from classmates in the area. Her new address: 235 E. Viking Dr., #159, Little Canada, MN 55117; phone: (612) 415-0828 • Paul Raushenbush graduated from Union Seminary in New York City in May 1996. He now works at Seattle First Baptist Church as a youth and young adult coordinator, as well as at the Lambert House, an activities center for sexual minority youth.

• Inell Rolle Rosario completed medical school at the U of Minnesota in 1992 and expects to complete a five-year residency in otolaryngology in Milwaukee this June. She then plans to start private practice with St. Paul Otolaryngology Head & Neck, PA, in July. She and her husband, Luis, have two children, Kendra (4) and Santano (5). • Yvonne Sonoda married Scott Sauer, "an avid ice fisherman and future famous singer," on April 19, 1996. They live in Bloomington, Minn.

manager for the Great American Beer Festival. He then spent three weeks rafting in the Grand Canyon and returned to Washington for another season on ski patrol.

1984

Alison Albrecht and her husband, David, announced the arrival of their first child, Audrey Rose Parry, last Sept. 16. They live in Hopkins, Minn. • At a Macalester football game last fall, John Coldagelli of Maple Grove, Minn., saw Todd Hyde '86, Jane O'Brien Nygaard '85 and Herb Gysler '86, who was "wearing his natural fur sweater." John added, "The afternoon was topped off with old stories by Delwin Davis '85. What a great day." • Katie Robben Fox and Thomas Johnson Fox '86 have returned to the U.S. after five years in Frankfurt, Germany. Thomas works for a financial software firm in San Francisco, and Katie stays at home with their children, Björn (4), Anders (2) and their newborn, Linnea. • Bob Horwitz lives in Evanston, Ill., where he works as an investigator for a local civil rights agency. With his part-time solo law practice, he also works as a court-appointed attorney representing parties in the Abuse and Neglect Division of Cook County Juvenile Court. • Rachel Mielke Miejan of Woodbury, Minn., is a graduate student at St. Mary's and is exploring the field of holistic healing. She is married to Tim Janulewicz Miejan. "We met on America Online and created our own last name," Rachel wrote. Friends can call her at: (612) 735-2863

1983

Merrill Boone married Jan Skelton last Sept. 15. "We love the Washington, D.C., area and recently bought a house near the Metro," Merrill wrote. He is still an attorney with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. Their e-mail address: jammerrill@aol.com; phone: (703) 527-5030 • Last November, the Auburn, Maine, Public Library selected Steve Norman as its new library director. Steve, who previously served as director of the Waupun, Wis., Public Library, planned to begin his new job this past January. • Anne Stafstrom recently earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the U of Texas at Dallas. Anne lives in Dallas and is a marketing manager for Baylor Health Care System. • Kathy Trost received her doctorate in clinical psychology in 1992, and currently works in private practice with offices in Berkeley and Walnut Creek, Calif. She married Darrell Christian in 1993, and their first child, Isaac, was born in February 1996. They live in Lafayette, Calif. • Peter VandenBroeck's second child, Paul Kenyon VandenBroeck, was born in January 1996. Peter, who lives in Ridgewood, N.J., sends greetings to Rich Sudo, Jim Street and Jeff Sanders.

1982

Contact for May 23-25 Class Reunion (Memorial Day Weekend): Ruth Gregory, 2139 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105: (612) 698-5337 • Paintings and drawings by Sarah B. Davis are on exhibit through May 31 at the Table of Contents restaurant in St. Paul, next to the Macalester campus. "If you live in the Twin Cities or plan on attending Reunion, I hope you'll have a chance to visit the restaurant and see the show," Sarah wrote. • Julie Branch lives in upstate New York with her husband, Brad Warner, and her children, Guthrie

"It's been such a long time..."

Class reunion events for all the 2s and 7s

IF YOUR CLASS YEAR ENDS IN A 2 OR A 7, this is your special year. Class members will gather on campus for their own social hours on Friday and dinners on Saturday, May 23-24, 1997.

It's part of Reunion-Commencement Weekend, May 23-25, and you're invited!

Questions? Call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6261, or 1-800-662-6374

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my 'old' Mac friends will get in touch with me." Her address: 1773 Elm Road, Concord, CA 94519; phone: (510) 686-3755 • Annelies Hagemester and her husband, Hugh Killam '89, announced the birth of a daughter, Marin Grace, last Oct. 30. Marin joins an older brother, Nathan. Annelies and Hugh live in St. Paul and are looking forward to her 10-year reunion this month. • In addition to working as a full-time free-lance translator, Viviana Hernandez-Chesnut of Los Angeles has been a "full-time mom" since the birth of Vanessa Yemanjá Chesnut June 12, 1996. Viviana's husband, Andrew Chesnut '86, lectures at UCLA and was looking forward to the publication of his Ph.D. dissertation on Brazilian Pentecostalism this spring. • Nancy Jackson was married in 1994 to Raul Rodriguez, whom she met in graduate school at the U of Texas-Austin. After Xavier Tomás Rodríguez Jackson was

1986

Fisha Nsilo-Swai-Martin has worked for the past two years with Citibank Tanzania Limited, where she is an account officer in the marketing department. She has a son, Curtis (3), and lives in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. "Any Macalester grads [are] welcome to visit — Citibank is easily found," Fisha wrote.

1985

Stephen Barnes of Leavenworth, Wash., works as a mountain bike guide in Utah and Colorado, and as a commercial whitewater guide in Washington state. Last fall he worked as operations and security

On the scent of the supernose

A device to sniff out land mines? Erik Severin '91 is working on it

ERIK SEVERIN '91 keeps a straight face in the photo of him that appears in *Discover* magazine: He is wearing a clothespin on his nose, as if he had just smelled a piece of rotting fish.

The "clothespin" was a gag dreamed up by the magazine's photographer. But Severin has used the smell of rotting fish as part of his serious scientific research.

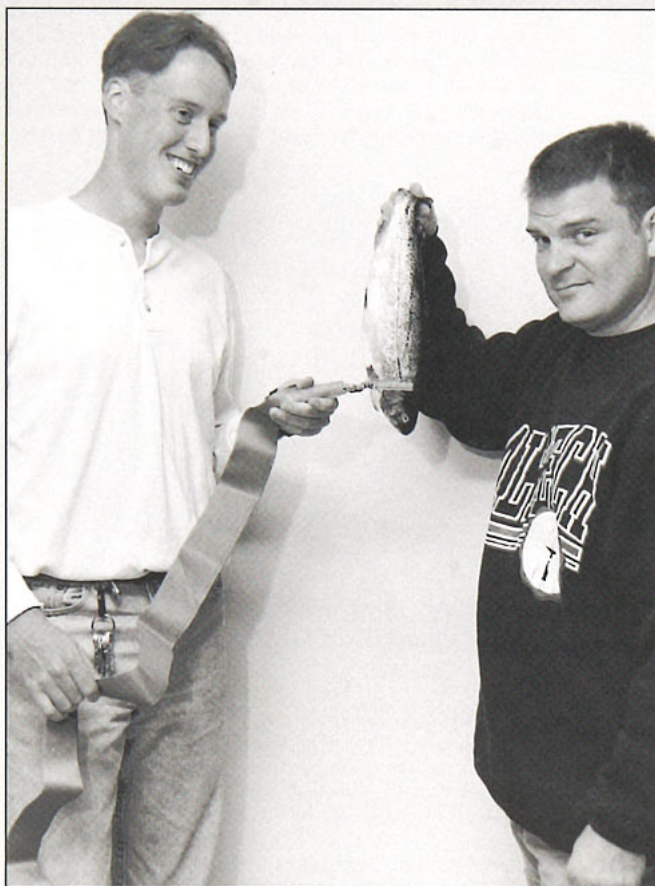
Since the fall of 1994, the graduate student in chemistry, building on the work of others, has been busy researching a sophisticated smelling device at the California Institute of Technology. The device's technical name is an array-based sensor apparatus, but it's also known as an "electronic nose" or "supernose."

As the *Discover* article last September explained, such noses "will serve as sensors and aromatic arbiters in uses so widespread that they may someday do for odors what the computer chip has done for pretty much everything else."

The article in the national science magazine also exposed the work of Severin and his Caltech colleagues to many people outside the field of chemistry, generating lots of phone calls, e-mail and even business proposals.

"We are trying to develop a sensor system that is cheap, versatile and robust," Severin said via e-mail. "The applications are quite varied, from flying on the shuttle about a year from now to sniffing out land mines. The shuttle work is being done, in part, to begin to evaluate the sensor system as a candidate for the future space station air quality system. The land mine detection work is very important due to the lasting destructive effect of land mines long after the soldiers have gone home."

The focus of Severin's research is to develop the system and understand the mechanism by which the elements are working.



Erik Severin '91, right, and fellow grad student Brett Doleman test an electronic nose in a lab at the California Institute of Technology.

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While another graduate student, the only other permanent researcher on the project, focuses on data analysis and classification techniques, Severin makes the individual sensor elements. He has built an elaborate automatic vapor sampling and data collection system.

Severin says the sensor system he is working on differs from traditional methods of detection, such as the oxygen sensor in a car engine or a pH meter that measures the acidity of water.

"If a soda manufacturer wanted to detect if her batch of Coca-Cola changed from week to week, she would need to make a sensor for each of the 700 to 800 compounds in Coke. The new method of sensing uses a 'pattern recognition' approach. So one would build a system of sensors where all the sensors respond to everything, but to varying degrees. Then one looks at the pattern that is generated rather than the response of a particular sensor. This has a further

benefit in applications like the space shuttle where you don't necessarily know everything you will need to detect."

Severin expects to earn his Ph.D. at Caltech in 1998. After that, he may work for a small start-up company, or start his own company.

"There is some talk of a company being started to develop and market this 'nose' technology. I may get involved in that. Even if I got involved in academic research, my focus would be on 'devices.' I like gizmos, and would like to work, as the chemist, on a team that is developing new devices."

He welcomes e-mail from others interested in his research. His address: severin@cco.caltech.edu •

(11) and Hannah (9). Julie earned a master's degree in professional studies from New York City's Pratt Institute, and now works as a registered art therapist in Troy, N.Y., in addition to working on her own art. • Jane Law and Bill Catlin announced the birth of their son, Edmund Law Catlin, on June 1, 1996. They live in St. Paul. • Kathryn Linafelter and Christopher Johnson were married Sept. 21, 1996, at Macalester's Weyerhaeuser Chapel. "It was a cool, rainy day, but somebody (Campus Programs?) arranged for sunshine during the ceremony and photos," reported Kathryn.

Kathryn and Christopher spent their honeymoon in Germany, and then returned home to Chaska, Minn., to renovate their historic brick house. • "It was a kick to serve as press secretary for the Illinois delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago," wrote Porter McNeil of Springfield, Ill. • Beth and Joseph Marty became parents last December with the arrival of Jonathan Edward. Joseph is currently the special assistant for Middle East and South Asian affairs to the U.S. undersecretary of state. "I've just logged my eighth stand-off with Iraq," he wrote, "and enjoyed working on the United Nations secretary-general

replacement process which brought Kofi Annan '61 to the head of the UN." • A Canadian resident since 1986, Toni Otteson-Pitman lives in London, Ontario, with her spouse, her son, Nick (9), and her daughter, Grace (6). After eight years as a "stay-at-home mom," Toni has returned to the work force and expected to be certified as a computer support specialist this spring. • In 1996, Stephanie Reuer "fulfilled my life-long dream of singing on stage with Placido Domingo. Well, OK, so I wasn't Violetta to his Alfredo, but I was privileged to sing in the Washington Opera's production

Ideology and pragmatism: a sea change in China

by William H. Sun

IMAGINE THIS: Chinese President Jiang Zemin visits the White House and demands that his host subsidize American Communists as China does for all parties allowed to exist. President Clinton may like the idea deep down, if he can decide which party gets how much and save all the trouble of fundraising, but he will have to scoff at his guest's impudent request, won't he?

This won't happen, of course. It might have in the 1970s, though. But nowadays the Chinese are no longer ideological zealots as in the Cultural Revolution. They are too busy working on raising their living standards.

It is now the American ideologues who have problems understanding the pragmatic Chinese. According to our media, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "made a good start in her brief visit to Beijing" because she dared to deliver a lecture on human rights.

It is commendable that Secretary Albright wants to act not only as a protector of America's economic interest but also as an altruistic Samaritan. To help the Chinese people who she thinks are severely repressed, however, she needs to learn more about them, at least their major concerns.

A year and a half ago, on my first trip in eight years back to the China where I had lived for 30 years, I was stunned to learn that most people were not so concerned about human rights and dissident issues any more. Many old friends who had been dissidents and Tiananmen activists in 1989 surprised me by saying it is in the Chinese people's best interest to concentrate on the economy, to expand and empower the new middle class, and to open up the entire system gradually and legally.

Having seen the dismal conditions in Russia, my friends strongly preferred the Chinese gradual reform to the Russian shock measures, which could have given people more freedom than they needed and thrown one-fifth of the world's population into chaos.

My observations in the streets of Beijing, Shanghai and in the villages of a rural mountain area finally convinced me that their views mirrored the general sentiment of the people. Only then did I realize how insightful the ailing leader Deng Xiaoping was in regard to the Chinese people's psyche.

Now Deng is gone, at age 92. He lived just long enough to accomplish what was



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crucial to the Chinese people — channeling their energy from ideological propaganda and political sparring, his predecessor Mao Zedong's favorite games, into improving their daily life, even though he kept the Marxist label intact. He even succeeded in turning people's attention from appraisals of the unfortunate Tiananmen bloodshed to building the market economy and thereby building the people's morale, a task nobody believed was possible six years ago.

Along the way, he also decreed that open dissidents should be put in prison, a practice Americans rightly deplore. But the most effective way to help the dissidents is quiet negotiation, not heavy-handed pressure with the media meddling around, which often backfires. In fact, I suspect the so-called top priority of human rights on Albright's Beijing agenda was simply an exaggeration by the media.

If the media want to help Chinese dissidents instead of vying for higher ratings, they should remember that at least two top dissidents, Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan, were rearrested after their release precisely because of their contact with some provocative Western media.

The question is: Do Chinese people care for what the Western media say about China? Not always. Eight years ago, everybody wanted to have a peek at CNN; today, more and more information is available, and they would more likely resent what they hear from the West, for example, whenever a report smacks of a lecture.

I noticed this sea change from the new meanings given to a simple line of a play concerning U.S.-Chinese relations my wife Faye Fei and I wrote. Ten years ago, I went to Shanghai for the opening of *China Dream*. This play about a Chinese actress' experience in America quickly became the talk of the town.

One night Jiang Zemin, then mayor of Shanghai, came to the theater. Everybody was excited and anxious, for his nodding or frowning could make or break the production. We were particularly nervous about one line. In one scene the leading lady in her dream returns to China and sees her former boyfriend, a farmer, seeking investment and dressed awkwardly in a Western suit. As she offers him some advice, he retorts bluntly: "Send us dollars, no lectures!" We were afraid the satirical tone of the line, which always got a big laugh, might offend the mayor.

We all looked at his face attentively during that scene, until he laughed with the rest of the audience. Relieved, I asked him about that line after the show. He said, smiling, "It's true. Some people do say things like that." So everybody thought it was funny then, including China's future president. We never fancied that this amusing line, "Send us dollars, no lectures," would in a few years become a solemn national sentiment as well as a policy position for President Jiang to reiterate to his Western counterparts.

But I was impressed that night that Mr. Jiang not only endorsed our play, which is really about international communication, but showed keen interest in the practical side of our theme. Knowing we had a production scheduled soon in New York, he asked me to send him an English script so he could find out how our lines about the Taoist philosopher Zhuang Zi were rendered in English. I happily complied the next day. I hope he has read it and found something helpful in his talks with Americans. ●

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They'll have this dance

The Class of '97 held its Senior Dinner Dance in February. Taking advantage of a great photo opportunity are (from left) Katie Kelley (Mankato, Minn.), Kristen Nelson (Forest Lake, Minn.), Andy Williams (Overland Park, Kan.), Chris Morgan (Seattle, Wash.), Rob Davis (Northfield, Minn.) and Savitri Santhiran (Singapore).

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