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FROM THE PRESIDENT



NOW AND THEN

As we move closer to our sesquicentennial, it's fitting that we take a closer look at the future of our academic colleges and Minnesota State Mankato as a whole. In the coming months, you will be hearing much more about our new focus in the area of agriculture, our emerging strategic partnerships and the plans each of our six colleges has for new and growing degree programs, research opportunities and much more. This is all part of an exciting academic master planning process that will serve to transform our University.

Earlier this fall, Provost Marilyn Wells introduced the University's Academic Master Plan 2015-2018. This plan came together with the help of numerous campus and community stakeholders and represents many months of hard work by several people. As I hold the plan itself in my hands, I can tell you all that it was worth the time and effort that went into it. Thank you, Provost Wells, for leading the charge in this integrated planning process and for helping us create a framework on which to build our future.

As I consider how the Academic Master Plan will guide the University in the coming years, however, I'm also giving serious thought to how the past has shaped us. Minnesota State Mankato will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2018, an occasion that has given me a reason to reflect on the past 150 years. It's incredible to think about how we've grown from a normal school serving 27 students in 1868 to a comprehensive university with more than 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled today.

We are already in the early stages of planning the festivities for our 150th birthday. I've designated R. Kent Clark, the vice president of advancement, and Paul Hustoles, the chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, to be co-chairs of the planning committee. They will be working with the campus and the community to come up with the best ways to honor our history—but I want to include all of you in the process as well.

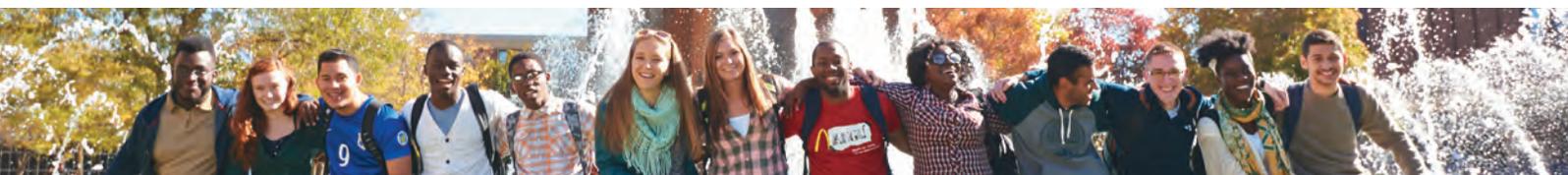
Please feel free to send us stories, photos or mementoes from your time here. Share any ideas you have for how to celebrate. And then, please plan to take part in some or all of the events that will take place during our sesquicentennial celebration.

We look forward to hearing more from you, and to sharing our celebrations with you, too. You are all part of Minnesota State Mankato's history, and we hope you will be part of its future as well. ☺

President Richard Davenport
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It's incredible to think about how we've grown from a normal school serving 27 students in 1868 to a comprehensive university with more than 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled today.

- New leadership: **ROBERT “BOBBY” FLEISCHMAN** became the new associate provost in July; he had previously served as dean of the College of Business and Management at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. **MIKE GUSTAFSON** was named vice president of Strategic Business, Education and Regional Partnerships, a position he had held in an interim role since 2014. **STEPHEN STOYNOFF** was named dean of Global Education and **BRIAN MARTENSEN** was named dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology; both had served as interim deans since 2013.
- Gov. Mark Dayton appointed social work professor **NANCY FITZSIMONS** to the Minnesota State Council on Disability.
- Men’s hockey head coach **MIKE HASTINGS**, who has led the Mavericks to the most wins of any Division I team over the past three years, agreed to an **EIGHT-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION**.
- Construction on a **NEW DINING HALL** near the Preska Residence Community began in July; the new facility is expected to open in January 2017.
- **PATRICK SEXTON**, the director of the athletic training education program, received the **2015 SAYERS “BUD” MILLER DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD** from the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Executive Committee for Education.
- School of Nursing faculty **SANDRA EGGENBERGER, PATRICIA YOUNG** and **NORMA KRUMWIEDE** **EDITED A NEW TEXTBOOK**, “Family-Focused Nursing Care,” which was recently published by F.A. Davis Company.
- **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES** is participating in a five-year grant program focused on **PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING AMONG 18-20 YEAR OLDS AND MARIJUANA USE AMONG 18-25 YEAR OLDS**. There are seven colleges and universities participating in the grant program, which is administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
- **ANNELIES HAGEMEISTER**, chair of the Department of Social Work, was named the **2015 SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR** by the National Association of Social Workers—Minnesota. She was honored for her outstanding leadership and service to the profession and community.
- The **MAVERICK MACHINE** marching band hit a record number of participants during its second year at the University, with **117 MEMBERS**. The previous incarnation of the band maxed out with 110 members.
- **CHANDLER HOLLAND**, director of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management, received the **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The award recognizes significant contributions and outstanding service at the campus level.
- The Minnesota State Mankato **MAVERICKS** ended the 2014-2015 athletic season ranked **FIFTH IN THE FINAL LEARFIELD SPORTS DIRECTORS’ CUP STANDINGS**—the 14th straight year that the Mavericks have finished in the top 25 in the country.
- The **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY** was among 147 engineering schools nationwide, and the first in Minnesota, to sign an American Society for Engineering Education declaration that commits it to **PROVIDING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS** to pursue meaningful engineering careers.
- Dallas-based data management provider **FPX COMMITTED MORE THAN \$686,000** over the next three years to “Project FPX,” an internship program that provides students in the Computer Information Science Department with real-world experience in the areas of software testing and development. FPX has an office in Mankato, as well as other locations worldwide.
- Minnesota State Mankato’s **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**, a federal TRIO program, was selected by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs to receive a **GRANT WORTH MORE THAN \$1.6 MILLION** over the next five years. The office will receive \$322,026 this year, with similar funding anticipated for each of the following four years. ♪



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May 30, 2015

Proud to announce that I will be extending my lacrosse career at Minnesota State Mankato next year
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@Brettstaniforth,
June 25, 2015

Accepted into my #1 college choice...Minnesota State University Mankato
@Deanna_rose97,
Aug. 27, 2015

Super excited to see that former Maverick @athielen19 made the Vikes roster!
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@KG_22022,
Sept. 6, 2015



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Promoting a Healthy Campus

Haley Deike talks about why Minnesota State Mankato is smoke- and tobacco-free, and the efforts underway to promote that policy.

In the last 10 years, the number of daily smokers at Minnesota State Mankato has decreased by 64 percent. “That’s a great start,” says Haley Deike, the former campus Tobacco Health Educator who is currently working with the American Lung Association to support the University’s efforts. “But we know that there is more to accomplish to ensure the campus is clean, safe and healthy for all students, staff, faculty and visitors.”

One of the most important parts of Deike’s efforts has been to make sure that everyone on campus knows that there are resources available to help them quit smoking when they are ready. She was also charged with making sure people understand the University’s policy related to smoking and tobacco use and curbing violations of that policy.

Q: What is the basic premise of the University’s tobacco policy?

A: The University adopted a Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free policy in July 2011. This means Minnesota State Mankato prohibits all smoking, tobacco use, e-cigarettes and tobacco sales on all property or vehicles it owns, operates or leases. The policy includes all students, staff, faculty, contractors and visitors.

Q: Why is it important for the University to have such a policy?

A: Minnesota State Mankato is committed to promoting a clean, safe and healthy living, learning and working environment for all students and employees of the University. The policy also protects students and employees from exposure to secondhand smoke on campus.

According to the 2012 Surgeon General’s Report on Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults, tobacco use peaks from 18-25 years of age—which means college attendance could be a turning point in choosing not to use tobacco and prevent a new generation of lifetime smokers.

Q: What resources are available for smokers trying to abide by the policy, and how can people access those?

A: Students, staff and faculty can receive a free quit kit that includes mints, flavored toothpicks, coffee straws, Play-Doh and free quit resources. The quit kits are great tools to distract and delay if a craving hits while on campus. Students can also access nicotine replacement therapies and prescription medication through Student Health Services. The University also promotes QUITPLAN, a free resource to everyone in Minnesota. This resource offers email, phone and text coaching as well as a starter kit that includes free nicotine replacement patches, gum or lozenges. Their goal is to do everything they can to help conquer nicotine addiction.

Q: What efforts are underway to help make people more aware of the policy?

A: We are currently implementing new landscaping, signs and language for signage in certain “hot spots” around campus. We have also added frequently asked questions to the webpage and a new “hot spot” report form so the University can be made aware of violators.

Q: What makes this so challenging?

A: There are differing opinions on tobacco-use and enforcement. Our campus has a no-smoking and no-tobacco policy, but it is not a no-smokers policy. We welcome anyone to our campus as long as they respect the policy while on campus.

Q: What is the ideal outcome to the work you are doing?

A: The ideal outcome would be a clean, healthy campus where no one violates the tobacco-free policy. My goal is to keep the policy positive and educational while offering resources to those ready to quit. ☞

—Sara Gilbert Frederick

“Our campus has a no-smoking and no-tobacco policy, but it is not a no-smokers policy.”



An Innovative Idea

A new partnership between Minnesota State Mankato and Taylor Corporation gives students valuable experience—and provides a valuable service to a multi-billion-dollar company.

Taylor Corporation recently unveiled a new logo. It's on the signage at the company's North Mankato headquarters and positioned at the top of the company's website as well.

That design was conceived of by Khurram Mohammad '15, one of more than a dozen Minnesota State Mankato students to serve as "innovation architects" at Taylor Corporation's Innovation Center.

The Innovation Center was the brainchild of Deb Taylor, now the CEO of Taylor Corporation. It was her dream to create a space that would foster the kind of innovation necessary for Taylor Corporation and its subsidiaries to thrive while providing real-world experiences to students from Minnesota State Mankato and other universities.

That resulting partnership between the College of Business and Taylor Corporation

was so successful that it was honored by Greater Mankato Growth last fall with the Brian Fazio Business Education Partnership Award—a "tremendous honor," according to Taylor's Senior Vice President, Online Marketing and Innovation, Glenn Bottomly, Ph.D.

Bottomly points to projects that have been tackled by students since the Innovation Center opened in August 2013 as examples of the partnership's success. Besides the new logo, innovation architects have designed and launched a new website for Garvey, a Taylor subsidiary, and conducted full-blown empirical research projects, including a recent survey of 300 customers for a Taylor company. More projects are coming in all the time, Bottomly reports.

Each of those projects demonstrates benefits to each of the stakeholders: Taylor Corporation and its subsidiaries benefit from the energy

and enthusiasm students bring to projects completed in the Center. Minnesota State Mankato and other universities benefit from the opportunity to promote the partnership to current and prospective students. And students benefit from the real-world experience they have at the Innovation Center.

"It's the kind of outstanding learning experience that makes them more prepared for the workforce," Bottomly explains. "And if they choose to turn that experience into pursuing a career at Taylor, then it is better for us, too. Then we close the circle."

Megan Chilman, the first Innovation Architect two years ago, is now the full-time coordinator of the Innovation Center and continues to work with Luke Howk, the internship and external partnership coordinator for the College of Business, to find and place interns. Four other former interns have also accepted full-time positions within Taylor or one of its subsidiaries. "At Taylor, we strive to be an employer of choice," Bottomly says. "It's exciting to see recent college graduates choosing to start their careers with us."

Bottomly is excited to see the Innovation Center continue to grow and thrive. He looks forward to the day when more "corporate mentors" can be involved in coaching the students, and to creating more connections and opportunities for students as well. But for now, he's plenty busy feeding projects to the Innovation Architects.

"Success breeds success," he says. "So our internal Taylor customers tend to come back to us." ☞

—Sara Gilbert Frederick



HONORED ALUMNI



Eight alumni were honored at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony in April, including (from left) Robert Rauenhorst '89, Linda Koerselman '81, James Connors '68, Christopher Dietz '10, Jay Abdo '96, Mark Stenzel '69, Donald Mitchell '07 and Coventry Royster Cowens '68 **(1)**. The event included videos of each honoree shown before a packed house at Ostrander Auditorium **(2)**; Lisa Cownie **(3)** from KEYC-TV served as the emcee.



PLAY TIME

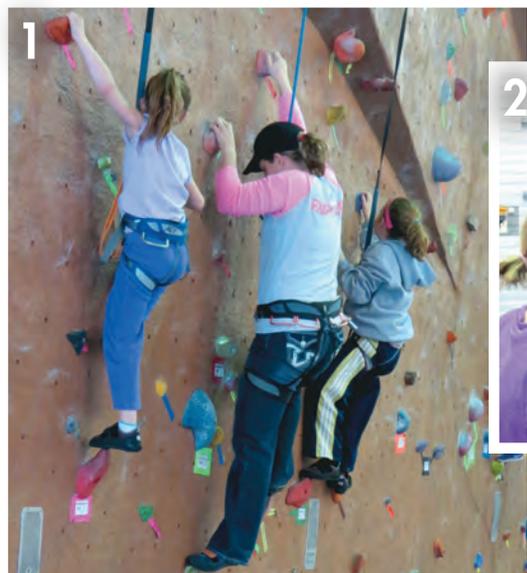
Minnesota State Mankato alumni were invited to enjoy the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota before its Grand Opening in May. Among the almost 200 people who took advantage of the sneak peek were Carrie Altomari (center) with her daughters Olivia (left) and Cecilia **(1)** and Ethan Buch, the son of Ryan '12 and Laura Buch '96, '05 **(2)**.



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CLIMBING THE WALLS

Alumni and friends, including employee Wendy Schuh and her daughters Cami and Avery (1), took advantage of the opportunity to use the Campus Recreation climbing wall last spring. Paula Heyer '07, Brian Laingen and Angela Danks received instructions from Campus Recreation graduate assistant Micah DeLong '15 (2) at the event (3).



BLUE LINE CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Former and current Mavericks hockey players joined coaches and community members for the annual Dan Meyer Blue Line Club Golf Classic in July. Minnesota Wild center Ryan Carter golfed with Andrew Heydt '09 (1), who works in the Wild front office. Coach Mike Hastings, Michael Jacobs and Dennis Miller '82 (2) got ready for the shotgun start as Assistant Coach Todd Knott (back) practiced putting. Jordan Nelson (left) and Clint Lewis (3) were among the current players who participated in the fundraising event as well.



Connecting Campuses

Once upon a time, there were two Minnesota State Mankato campuses—one downtown, known as Lower Campus, and one on the hill, known as the Highland Campus. In 1979, those campuses were consolidated on the Highland Campus. But a connection to Lower Campus lives on, in the stone arch that sits beside the Bell Tower.

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- 1 The arch itself was pulled from the former laboratory school on Lower Campus.
- 2 The arch is part of the Alumni Plaza and has become known as the Alumni Arch.
- 3 The Alumni Plaza was dedicated in July 1993.
- 4 Bricks honoring alumni, celebrating milestones or thanking friends and family can be purchased from the Alumni Association.
- 5 More than 1,000 names are etched on more than 600 bricks in the plaza.
- 6 Newly inscribed bricks are placed prior to Homecoming each year. ☞



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DREAMING BIG

How a bag of discarded clothes helped one student redefine herself—and establish a philanthropic organization in the process.

By Drew Lyon

When Kylene Feltes was considering colleges during her senior year in tiny Prescott, Wis., Minnesota State Mankato was her first—and only—choice.

In Prescott, everyone knew everyone. Everyone knew Feltes' family. Everyone knew Feltes.

"I knew I wanted to go to Minnesota State Mankato and I loved it right away, absolutely," says Feltes, who graduated in May 2015 with degrees in management and marketing. "I thought the coolest thing at first was to walk into a room and nobody knew who I was."

Thanks to Dream Closet, her philanthropic organization that offers free clothes and accessories to low-income families, people now recognize Feltes when she enters a room.

And that's fine with her.

"I found my identity again," Feltes, 22, says. "I think it's so cool when people ask, 'Are you the person who does Dream Closet?'"

Dream Closet's business model is simple. Feltes and her team collect gently used clothes from donation boxes on campus and throughout Mankato. Once a quarter, those clothes are beautifully arranged on racks and tables and

given away to the community. For free. No strings attached, no questions asked.

"I really just want to make it so that people get there and they're wowed and excited," Feltes says. "Dream Closet will always be free. I don't want people to think that they owe us anything."

Feltes started Dream Closet because she felt she owed something not only to her new community, but also to herself.

A lifelong dancer, Feltes' high school dance team had been perennial state champs; she made the Mavs' squad as a freshman. But then a back injury hampered her performance, and her brother's wedding fell on the same day the team was set to compete in nationals. Feltes took it as a sign.

"When that competition was taken out of my life, I thought, 'What do I do with myself?'" she says. "Once I didn't have dance, I didn't know who I was."

Feltes sequestered herself in her bedroom after leaving the dance team. "I was lost," she admits. "I didn't know what to do."

Then she looked at a bag of clothes in her room, garments she'd barely worn and would likely never wear again. "I remember it like it

was yesterday," she says. "Why would I sell it to a consignment store for five dollars when I could just give it away to somebody?"

Thus, the idea for Dream Closet was hatched. But Feltes wasn't versed in the logistics of organizing a full-scale event. She consulted with professors in the College of Business and her mentor, Sheri Sander-Silva of the YWCA. "They helped bring me down to earth," Feltes says. "It's good to have a lot of ideas, but it's also good to have someone next to you who helps make them more viable."

In December 2013, Feltes launched Dream Closet in a conference room in the Centennial Student Union. She was afraid no one would show up.

Much to her surprise, at least 100 people came. Within 20 minutes, the 17 tables and two coat racks full of clothes were empty.

"I remember Sheri saying to me, 'Kylie, this could actually be a thing.' And I thought, I guess it could, but I didn't think about doing it long-term," she says. "It just took off after that."

Dream Closet events have since expanded to include used handbags, jewelry and shoes.



There are clothes for women, men and children. There are also craft and food vendors and face-painting. Birthright International has a booth in support of young mothers and families.

“Kylie had this big idea, this spark,” Sander-Silva says. “And that little spark grew into a larger movement. It’s all Kylie—her drive and passion.”

Giving Back

It takes more than Feltes’ drive and passion to pull this off four times a year. She’s got a team of fellow students who help her out—sometimes just by storing bags of clothes to be given away in their closets. And the faculty in the College of Business have been particularly supportive as well.

“I know they’re excited,” says Feltes, who spent the summer using her skills as an intern at the Taylor Corporation Innovation Center. “It’s great to see how people are starting to be familiar with it.”

Brenda Flannery, the dean of the College of Business, lauded Feltes’ business acumen and enthusiasm. “Ideas are easy, but implementation is hard,” Flannery says. “Kylie had a vision

that she’s seen through and is engaging with other people.”

Feltes insists that the students who volunteer at the event interact with the clients. She sees Dream Closet as more than just a free-for-all clothes giveaway. It’s also community outreach. “Everybody has a story to tell,” Feltes says. “That’s why I love talking to people. I tell the volunteers, ‘Don’t let someone walk out of this room without saying hi or talking to them, because they have so many stories to tell.’”

Feltes’ next plan is to expand Dream Closet throughout the state. She’s in the planning stages

of coordinating a Dream Closet function this holiday season at the University of Minnesota.

“In five years, I would love to see it on at least 20 colleges,” she says. “The concept is so portable, and it would be unique to each place. I always say that it’s by the community, for the community.”

Eventually, Feltes hopes to coordinate Dream Closet events nationwide.

“Dream Closet has been a dream come true,” she says. “I found myself again. I’m not the dancer anymore. I’m the Dream Closet girl.” ☞



The POWER of a PLAN

Minnesota State Mankato's first integrated Academic Master Plan will enable the University and the students we serve to achieve new levels of greatness.

By Sara Gilbert Frederick



Shirley Murray has already seen one of the impacts that the University's first-ever integrated academic planning process, and especially the academic maps that came along with it, can have.

Murray is the student relations coordinator for the College of Allied Health and Nursing. For the past seven years, she has advised students in the College about what courses they should take when in order to earn the degree they want. But this year, for the first time, she has a document that shows them how to plan each semester in order to graduate in four years.

"Now, we have something concrete we can show them," Murray says. "We can say, 'Yes, indeed you can get done in four years, and here's how.' It doesn't work for everyone, but it shows that it's possible."

The maps Murray is using with students are just one element of the sound and thorough academic planning endeavors led by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Marilyn Wells. Another big outcome is the Academic Master Plan 2015–2018, which was launched in August. The goal was to empower the University to prepare for and shape the future by developing an intentional path forward.

"One of the primary goals at the forefront of this process was to intentionally define the kind of institution that we want to be," Wells explains. "We can't be all things to all people, so we need to prepare for and shape the future rather than let the future happen to us."

Minnesota State Mankato is a large and comprehensive university with both undergraduate and graduate programs. We are now well positioned to define our areas of distinction within academics, research and industry by 2018 in order to have the most impact. We aim to advance a set of shared values and principles that are clearly a part of our character as an institution and are most important to the whole University community. We are ready to put big ideas in place, and to have a real-world impact now and for the next 150 years.



*"If you fail to plan,
you are planning
to fail."*

—Benjamin Franklin

*“It’s a positive first step.
It’s not perfect, but
we have to start with
something and then
continue to improve it.”*

—Shirley Murray

The Planning Process

By the time Provost Wells arrived on campus in the summer of 2013, conversations about an integrated academic planning initiative were already underway at Minnesota State Mankato. By the following spring, however, the new Provost introduced the topic to the University as a whole and started formalizing a way forward with the process.

One of the key components was to include the entire University community not only in discussions about the plan but also in the creation of the final document. Faculty, staff, administrators and students were given the opportunity to attend open forums and to accept roles on one of the four Extraordinary Education Task Forces (see sidebar) that were established to address specific elements of the plan.

“It was critical to work closely with each of the bargaining units and divisions of the University from day one and to be sure that everyone felt included,” Wells says. “We had to have buy-in from everyone, including the Greater Mankato community, to make this work.”

Anne Dahlman, the director of the Honors Program and a faculty member in the Department of Educational Studies, said the Provost worked hard to make sure everyone had an opportunity to comment and be involved in the process. “Everyone was invited to the table,

and there were multiple points at which input was taken into consideration,” she says. “It was a very open, transparent process.”

Dahlman says that the inclusion of students was likewise critical. The Academic Engagement Programs and Opportunities task force, which she co-chaired, included two student representatives. “The student voice has to be there,” she says. “We really needed to include them in this process, to ask them what they want and what is important to them. They were very receptive to being involved as well—to be honest, I think they were hungry to do more.”

The process required a fairly significant time commitment from those involved. “It was a time strain,” admits Murray, who served on the Academic Advising task force. “The amount of meetings and deadlines was challenging, but a lot was accomplished.”

Putting the Plan in Place

Now the meetings are over and the deadlines have been met. And now, the University’s Academic Master Plan 2015–2018 is in place. In August, the Provost officially introduced the plan and released a document detailing the task forces’ recommendations and outlining each of the six college’s plans for new and growing academic degree programs, research and other signature programs.

One of the highlights that emerged from the planning process are 12 overarching

Extraordinary Education Task Forces

Early in the spring of 2014, after a series of listening and visioning sessions both on campus and in the community, four task forces were formed to focus attention on the areas that had emerged as having highest priority and interest. A dean and either a faculty member or an administrative services staff member were named as co-chairs of each, and all bargaining units and divisions of the University were represented as well. The four Extraordinary Education Task Forces, as they were named, were:

- ▶ Teaching Excellence & Innovation
- ▶ Academic Advising
- ▶ Academic Engagement Programs & Opportunities
- ▶ Research, Scholarly & Creative Activity

Areas of Distinction (in alphabetical order)

- ▶ Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- ▶ Business, Management and Financial Services
- ▶ Creative and Performing Arts
- ▶ Data and Information Services
- ▶ Education and Human Services
- ▶ Engineering, Manufacturing and Technology
- ▶ Global Communications, Media and Information Technology
- ▶ Health Care and Biomedical Sciences
- ▶ Integrative and Applied Disciplines
- ▶ Marketing, Sales and Professional Services
- ▶ Public Policy and Administration
- ▶ Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

areas of distinction—academic, research and industry—for the University by 2018, and as we look to the next 150 years (see sidebar). These will help us to further define where “we can hang our reputational hat,” Provost Wells says. “These areas will provide a framework for carefully selecting where our growth should occur and for identifying opportunities for even greater success.”

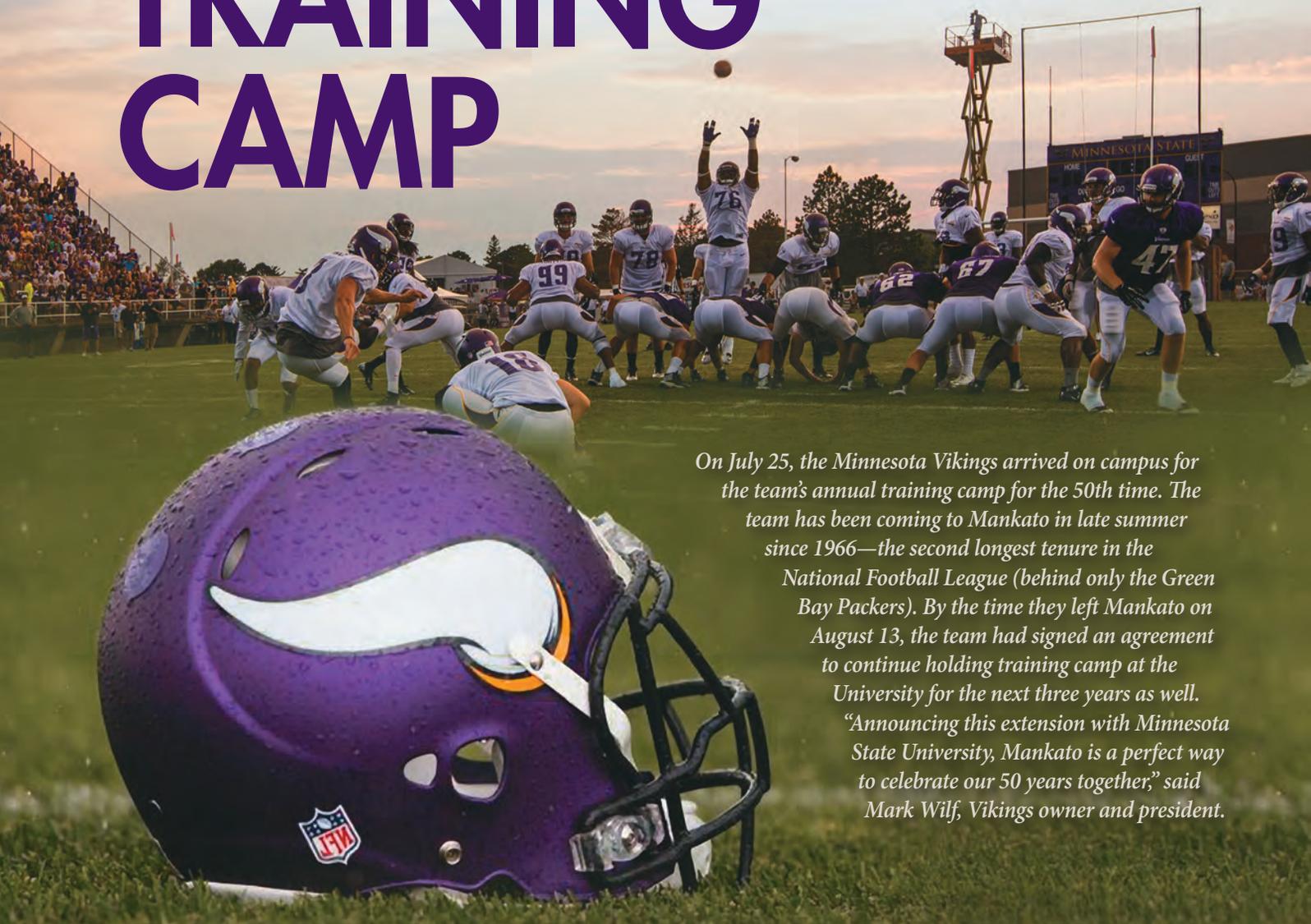
The plan is not, however, a final product. Those involved in the planning process recognize that there will be changes and updates to the plan throughout its three-year span. “It’s a positive first step,” Murray says. “It’s not perfect, but we have to start with something and then continue to improve it.”

“We have direction,” Dahlman adds. “We have an idea of where we are going. We have a vision. This was the right first step. I think our Provost is leading us into the future.”

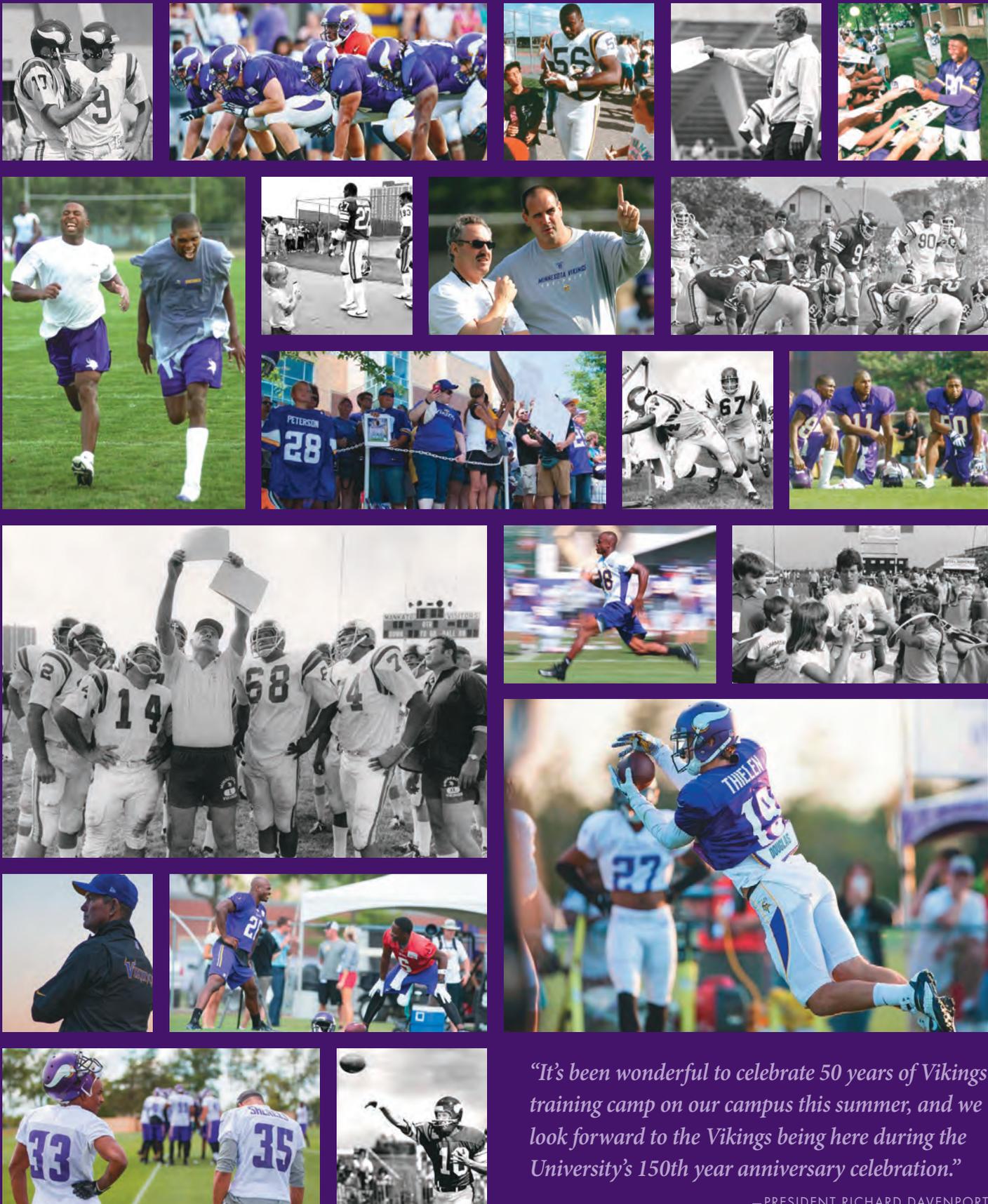
Indeed, the Provost is thinking well beyond the plan’s three-year period—which leads up to Minnesota State Mankato’s sesquicentennial year in 2018. “As we cross into our next 150 years, this positions us for who we will be in the future,” Wells says. “This plan is for 2015 through 2018, but it’s a vision for how we plan for the next 10 and 15 years as well.”

More information about the process, as well as the formal Academic Master Plan document, can be found at <http://www.mnsu.edu/academicplan/>. ↗

50 YEARS OF VIKINGS TRAINING CAMP



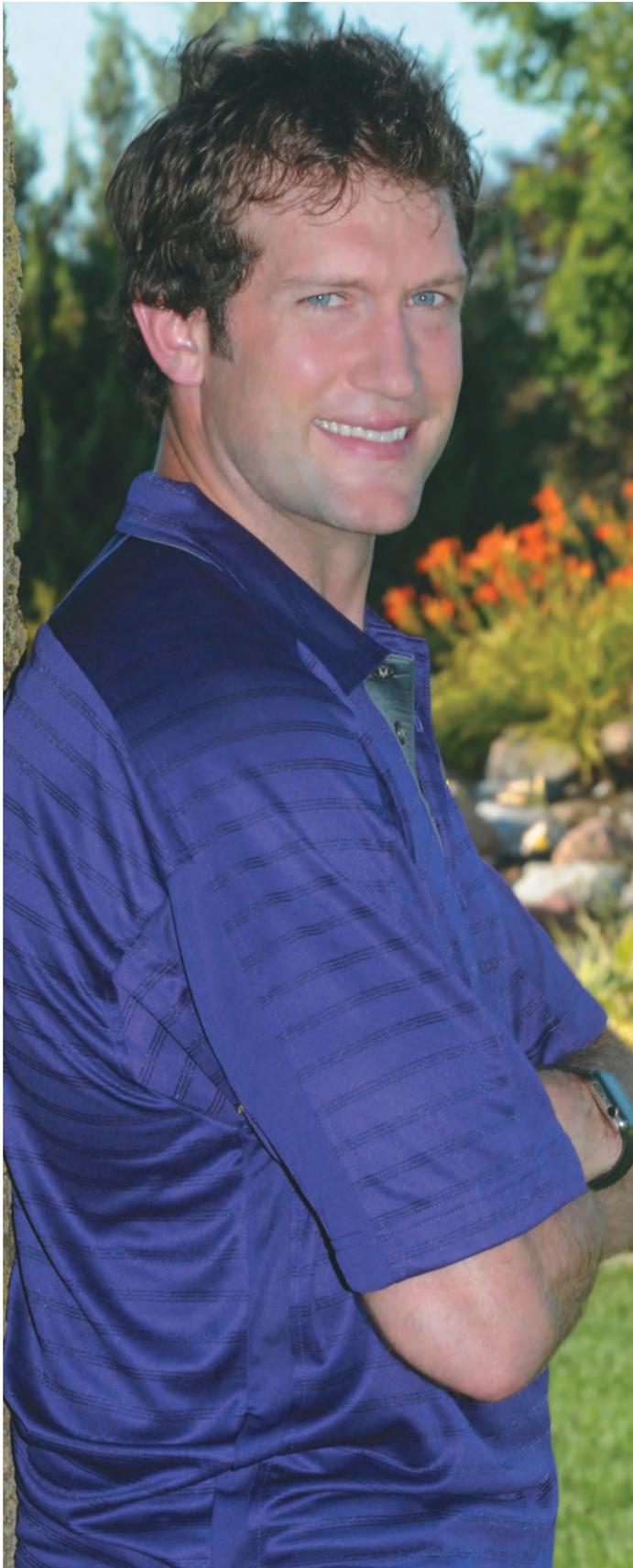
On July 25, the Minnesota Vikings arrived on campus for the team's annual training camp for the 50th time. The team has been coming to Mankato in late summer since 1966—the second longest tenure in the National Football League (behind only the Green Bay Packers). By the time they left Mankato on August 13, the team had signed an agreement to continue holding training camp at the University for the next three years as well. “Announcing this extension with Minnesota State University, Mankato is a perfect way to celebrate our 50 years together,” said Mark Wilf, Vikings owner and president.



“It’s been wonderful to celebrate 50 years of Vikings training camp on our campus this summer, and we look forward to the Vikings being here during the University’s 150th year anniversary celebration.”

—PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVENPORT

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CHANGE of PLANS

Hockey got in the way of David Backes' original career goals—but the bachelor's degree he recently received is opening new opportunities as well.

By Sara Gilbert Frederick

David Backes had a plan for his future when he came to Minnesota State Mankato in the fall of 2003—and it didn't include hockey.

"I was going to get a degree in engineering, go to law school and become a patent lawyer," Backes says. "Then hockey got in the way."

Backes concedes that he knew that might happen. By the time he came to Mankato, he had already played two years of junior hockey and been drafted with the 62nd overall pick in the National Hockey League's Entry Draft by the St. Louis Blues. But even so, Backes figured that his odds of becoming a patent lawyer were far better than becoming a professional hockey player.

"I knew that playing in the NHL was a possibility—but a slim one at best," he says. "So I thought it was more important to stay focused on school and be glad for the opportunity to play hockey while I was there."

He was so focused on academics that he had a 4.0 grade point average as an electrical engineering major. But he was also so dedicated to the sport he had played since grade school that by the end of his junior year, he had amassed 119 points (goals and assists combined) in 115 games. That combination earned him Academic All-America honors. It also hastened the Blues' desire to sign the young forward to a professional contract, which happened shortly after the 2005-06 hockey season ended.

"I didn't expect to leave early," says Backes, who finished his junior year before signing with the Blues. "That wasn't my plan at all. That's just the way it worked out."



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But that's not the end of the story. Because the 31-year-old Backes, who has played nine seasons with the Blues and has twice represented the United States in the Olympic Games, wasn't satisfied with that as the ending. He wanted to finish what he had started in Mankato. And so, in 2014, he officially graduated, earning a Bachelor of Science in Applied Organizational Studies with a focus on nonprofit leadership.

"It was very important to me to finish up and get my degree," he says. "I realized that there's life after hockey. I'll be able to play professionally until I'm 35, maybe 40. I need to have a degree for the next 40 years, too."

From Lawyer to Leader

Backes' dream is no longer to be a patent lawyer. Instead, his focus has shifted to the foundation that he and his wife Kelly, who graduated from Minnesota State Mankato with a degree in health science, started in 2013. That foundation—Athletes for Animals (athletesforanimals.org)—sharpened Backes' focus on nonprofit leadership as he finished his degree.

"We really want to be able to use the platform we've been given to effect social change," he explains. "We're in a position to be able to do something and to have a positive impact. So I wanted to be able to focus on the nonprofit end of things."

David and Kelly started Athletes for Animals to bring awareness to the plight of homeless pets and to encourage people—including other professional athletes—to adopt them. Backes

made headlines early in 2014, when he returned from the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, with two puppies he and Kelly rescued there. But the couple's obsession with animals started long before then.

"It actually started in Mankato," Backes says. "We volunteered at BENCHS [the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society], walking the animals there. We didn't think it would be responsible to have our own pets then, because we were living in apartments. So those were our surrogates at the time."

Before they left Mankato, they made their first adoption: Polly, a cat who still lives with them in St. Louis, along with another cat and four dogs.

Backes recognizes that his role as a professional hockey player allows him to bring attention to something he cares deeply about. He also knows that it was his experience at Minnesota State Mankato that prepared him to go pro.

"Those are critical years in the development of a hockey player, between 19 and 22," he says. "They were big years for me in terms of maturity—physically and mentally. I had the opportunity to take on leadership roles at Mankato, which helped me grow as a person, too."

That's one of the reasons he's committed to staying connected to his alma mater. He regularly returns to play in the annual Dan Meyer Golf Classic, a fundraiser for hockey scholarships, and recently provided financial support for the renovations underway at the



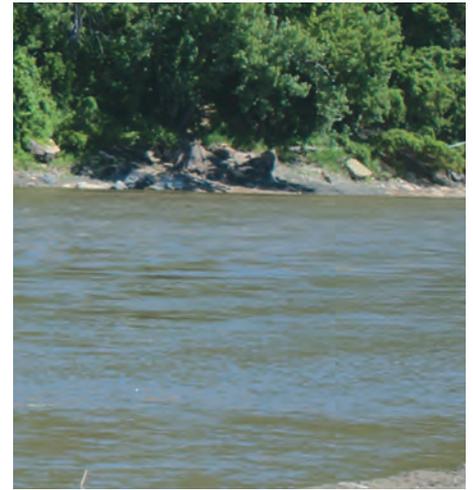
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Verizon Wireless Center. His schedule—and the birth of his first child, Stella—makes it hard for him to watch the Mavericks in action, but he continues to follow the team as much as he can.

"It's really been great to watch the evolution of this team, now with a new facility and a coaching change," he says. "I think some hard decisions had to be made for the betterment of the team, but the result is a No. 1 ranking. There's a lot of pride in this program right now."

Such success makes it easier to bring in talented recruits—some of whom may have the same opportunity that Backes did to go pro. Like him, they will likely take it.

"It's everything you imagined it would be," he admits with a smile, "and then some." 🐾



Like a River

Emily Javens' career path mimics the rivers she works with: not necessarily straight, but persistently flowing in the right direction.

By Jeff Iseminger

If you know that Emily Rhody Javens '96, '01, '03 comes from a long line of strong women, then you'll be utterly unsurprised at this: She's a water resources engineer in a male-dominated field who oversees multi-county projects.

The academic path Javens took to that career has been more of a mindful meander than a straight, predictable shot. After graduating from high school in Willmar, Minn., she was drawn to the curricular combinations of mathematics and science at Minnesota State Mankato.

Javens earned her first bachelor's degree with an earth science major and mathematics education minor, which launched her into three years of teaching junior high and high school students. But something was gnawing away at her: "I needed to be challenged more, scientifically and mathematically."

So she returned to her alma mater to complete a second bachelor's degree, this one in mathematics. While earning that degree

she heard about the University's new civil engineering program. "I told myself, 'Yup, I'm doing that,'" she says. "And it was the best thing I ever did."

It was, however, a hard thing to do, as veterans of advanced calculus can attest. "I had to take Calculus 3 twice," says Javens. Her reaction to the do-over? "Engineering is an exercise in tenacity, so I might have stumbled, but I couldn't stop."

No more than her mother stopped as one of the few women of her era to earn a college degree in mathematics. No more than her grandmother stopped running a large nursing home as a registered nurse, in an era when few women worked out of the home. No more than her great-grandmother stopped as a young widow running her South Dakota farm.

"Those women in my family gave me the confidence to know that I can figure out the next challenge I'll face," she says.



Emily Javens (lower right) with (clockwise from upper left) her mom, Kim Rhody; her grandmother, Gloria Gerberding, her daughter Kendra and her great-grandmother, Nellie Scott, in a photo from 1998.



A Way with Water

So persist Javens did. She was among five graduates who earned the first civil engineering degrees from Minnesota State Mankato in 2003.

Just before her graduation, Dr. Jim Wilde joined the civil engineering faculty; he has provided leadership ever since for a program that's grown from five to an average of 25 graduates a year. "Not only that," he says, "it looks like the program will continue to grow."

Wilde says that Javens and her classmates, once established in their profession, showed their belief in the goodness of giving to such a strong program: They jointly established an annual scholarship for a civil engineering student at Minnesota State Mankato.

Their quintet has flourished in a rainbow of careers with strikingly different hues. Their individual specialties are nuclear energy, water parks, roads, structures and, in Javens' case, water resources.

"My passion as an engineer is clean water," says Javens. "I design and oversee the construction of projects that clean up our rivers and streams."

Her favorite river, she says, is the Minnesota—but right now her work is focused on the Yellow Medicine, a 107-mile long squiggle on the map that flows into the Minnesota River at the Upper Sioux Agency State Park, southeast of Granite Falls. She's managing a Yellow Medicine watershed project as an engineer for the consulting company RESPEC. She works out

of her Mankato-area home, where she lives with her husband, Travis Javens, and their 16-year-old daughter, Kendra.

The project is called "One Watershed, One Plan." It's a sea change in water quality management, because all 10 government units in the four-county Yellow Medicine watershed have joined forces to clean up the river, instead of picking away at the problem, unit by unit.

Which puts pressure on Javens, who facilitates project meetings of 30-plus people. "I try to have all of them leave the room still friends," she says with a smile.

She freely gives out smiles layered with laughter—surely a boon for managing meetings, especially when combined with her intelligence. "Emily's innovative style and strong technical skills," says Julie Blackburn, a colleague of Javens at RESPEC, "align with her ability to facilitate diverse stakeholders toward a shared vision."

Javens believes her gender may be at work, too. "Men and women think differently," she says. "For example, when I lead a meeting, I make sure everyone is comfortable before starting," whereas a man might jump straightaway into the agenda.

She did experience some gender discrimination as she advanced in her career. But that's never happened on a construction site, often a second home for civil engineers—and often chock-full of men.

"People there tell me it's clear that I come to learn," she says. "They also tell me that some male engineers act like they know everything."

Javens' love of learning floods another facet of her life: teaching. "I love to teach," she says. "I share my passion for the subject and watch to see my students light up."

At Minnesota State Mankato, she's taught hydrology in civil engineering and erosion control in construction management. She also leads workshops in erosion control across the state for the University of Minnesota and speaks in schools for the Greater Mankato Diversity Council.

"I ask girls—I plead with them—to consider mathematics and science careers," says Javens. "I tell them I need you on the teams I work with because of what women can offer."

What women can offer is often called "soft" skills—being sensitive to the human side of work, for instance. Except "soft" is bloated with linguistic bias; the Oxford English Dictionary cites one meaning as "involving little or no exertion or effort."

But there's nothing "soft" about what it takes to go back to college and flip from education to engineering, then deploy both disciplines as a successful water resources engineer.

Indeed, all of that is hard. And to that intimidating truth, Javens says she can imagine a rollicking good response from her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who would simply say:

"So what?" 🌀

classnotes

► 1950s

CALVERT BELDEN '51, Robbinsdale, MN, was a history teacher, track and cross-country coach for 34 years.

MARIAN (BEMIS) JOHNSON '52, White Bear Lake, MN, is a retired college professor and athletic director who continues to work in the world of women's sports. She is a women's sports historian, the author of "Daughters of the Game" and an active public speaker.

ROBERT STANFORD '53, Longview, WA, is a retired pastor who served for 35 years. Prior to that he was a region staff for seven years.

► 1960s

BEVERLY HANSON '63, Brooklyn Park, MN, retired from teaching after 35 years. She has been a world traveler and an active volunteer.

CARL WITT '63, Johnson City, TN, retired from financial management with IBM Corp.

JOHN POWERS '64, Montevideo, MN, retired from his position as purchasing agent for the American Red Cross Chapter in St. Paul, MN, where in 1993 he was honored by Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American National Red Cross.

GAIL (PETERSON) COWDIN '65, Bella Vista, AR, retired after teaching for 37 years in the Anoka-Hennepin school district. She recently self-published her book, "Deception and Redemption," a murder mystery set in Minnesota.

LYNDA SOUTHWORTH '65, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, is retired and fills her time teaching high-intensity water aerobics and as the grounds chairman for the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club.

DALE ANDERSON '66, St. Michaels, MD, is the director of university human resources at University of Maryland, College Park.

JUDY HEIFNER '66, Morris, IL, taught physical education and health education for 28 years before retiring. She also coached many different sports, and had athletes who made it to state tournaments in tennis and track and field.

SHARON (OLSON) NELSON '66, St. Michael, MN, is retired.

LEE VAE (SIMONSON) HAKES '69, Aitkin, MN, is a retired teacher.

► 1970s

CLIFFORD JAMES '70, Eden, UT, resides in Utah.

DARRELL LEE '70, '73, Maple Grove, MN, recently retired after serving 10 years as the CFO of MOCON, Inc.

DARWIN KILIAN '70, Rochester, MN, retired from IBM and went on to establish Kilian Bros. Trucking, Inc., where he retired as secretary/treasurer.

JUDY (PURFEERST) HANSCOM '72, '82, Hackensack, MN, retired from the nursing faculty at Riverland Community College in Austin. She held several nursing positions prior to teaching.

KATHLEEN SKELLY '74, Wyoming, MN, retired from teaching, which she did for more than 40 years.

S.M. RAMONA KRUSE '74, Rochester, MN, recently retired from higher education.

GREG WAGNER '77, Longmont, CO, is a chief probation officer with the City of Longmont. His wife, **WENDY (KANNE) WAGNER '76**, is a registered nurse with First Lutheran Church. The couple enjoys outdoor activities and their three grandchildren.

HARRIS NELSON '76, Columbia, MO, is retired after 44 years of various positions in public education, during which she received a number of awards. She and her husband of 44 years have two adult daughters.

LOIS HATCH MOOSE '76, Rapid City, SD, is retired.

ROBERTA (LYLE) MALEY '76, Waverly, IA, is a co-director/teacher for Little Lambs Preschool.

MARTIN DENTINGER '77, Victoria, MN, retired from Truth Hardware in Owatonna.

PATRICIA (MONAHAN) ADAMS '78, Houston, TX, is co-owner of Adams Automotive, which she runs with her husband. She made the career switch from dental hygiene to automotives when she became pregnant with the first of her three children.

GREGORY FRIES '79, Apple Valley, MN, retired from the Metropolitan Airports Commission after 32 years. For the last 20 years he managed the St. Paul Downtown Airport.

LAN EVENSON '79, Mankato, MN, is a men's clothier for Graif Clothier in Mankato.

ROBERT WENDLAND '79, Windom, MN, retired after selling his business, Stag Clothiers.

DEBORAH RAY '79, Clinton, MD, lives in Maryland.

► 1980s

SUSAN WITMAN ERICKSON '80, St. Paul, MN, is a barista at Starbucks at 3M.

LAURIE (GOCHE) SUTHERLAND '80, Scottsdale, AZ, is the enterprise project manager with Avnet, Inc.

SUSAN HARRINGTON '84, Hendersonville, NC, retired from the army, recently wrote the book, "A Glimpse of Heaven," and started a business to help other authors and artists become published.

DIANE (NICKEL) DUBEJ '85, Apple Valley, MN, is a Certified Public Accountant with her own practice. She also is a member of the National Association of Professional Women's group and received an award this year for outstanding woman of the year. She has two sons and maintains an active lifestyle.

MICHAEL KORTE '85, Fort Meyers, FL, lives in Florida.

ERIC AHLNESS '86, '88, White Bear Lake, MN, is the diversity and global inclusion director, North America, with Cargill. His wife, **LORI (FORD) AHLNESS '93**, is the president of the board of directors with the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Association.

We love to hear about baby Mavericks! Tell us about any new additions to your family with an email to alumni@mnsu.edu—the Alumni Association would like to send a gift to you!

HEIDI (HOFMANN) HOOVER '87, Apple Valley, MN, is a dietetic internship director with VA HealthCare System.

JOHN RYAN '89, Santa Maria, CA, is the manager, services/supports with Tri-counties Regional Center. He also is the public relations director for the California Square Dance Council.

► 1990s

CHRIS RASMUSSEN '90, Berwyn Heights, MD, recently was named the vice president of programs and research with The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in Washington D.C. Prior to this he was the president for research and policy analysis at the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

JASON KENDALL '90, New York, NY, is an adjunct professor with William Paterson University. He also has a monthly astronomy segment on Al Roger's "Wake Up with Al" on the Weather Channel.

JEFF SCHREIBER '92, Kasota, MN, is a pilot with Sun Country Airlines.

MIKE LINDEMOEN '92, Edina, MN, is an implementation project manager with Accenture Mortgage Cadence. His wife,

GINA ALBERTI '97, is a vice president, project manager with Wells Fargo.

JENNIFER (GROSCHEN) DRAVES '93, Maple Grove, MN, is the regional sales manager with Contec DTx.

CAROLYN STORY '93, Seattle, WA, is the nutritionist for Vital Energy Center, which was started by her husband. Prior to this she held a number of teaching positions in various countries. Her focus now is nutrition, eating habits and academic success in children.

STEVEN MORROW '93, Eagle Lake, MN, recently was promoted to senior systems analyst for Davisco Foods International, Inc. His wife, **KERRI '91**, is a registered nurse with the Mayo Clinic Health System.

MARILYN (PANKRATZ) BARNES '94, Mankato, MN, is a realtor with Century 21 Landmark Realtors. Prior to this she was a childcare provider for 22 years, and received the Child Care Advocacy Award at Minnesota State Mankato.

KENT SYVERSON '95, Willmar, MN, has been published in "Writers' Digest" and "Covenant Companion" magazines.

JONATHAN ICE '96, Albuquerque, NM, is a blindness skills instructor with the New Mexico Commission for the Blind. He took on this position after working for 17½ years with the Iowa Department for the Blind.

BRENDA L. EIBFRIED '98, Mankato, MN, recently joined Eide Bailly Partnership in the Mankato office. She works with audits, agreements and with banks regarding embezzlement and fraud issues.

PATRICK RAFFERTY '98, Los Angeles, CA, is directing a short action/adventure film called "Run Wild," which he has been wanting to create for many years.

DAVID TURNHAM '98, Maple Grove, MN, recently was promoted to vice president of sales with Griffin International. His wife, **ANNE '99**, recently joined the Bee Squad with the University of Minnesota. She also has an online graphic design business.

LISA NANNI-MESSEGE' '98, Geneseo, IL, along with her husband, was a screenwriter on the romantic comedy made-for-television movie, "Romantically Speaking." The movie aired on the PixL channel.

KENYATTA BOLDEN '99, Edina, MN, is vice president, corporate counsel with Prudential Financial.

DIANA RAJCHEL '99, San Francisco, CA, recently published her book "Divorcing a Real Witch: for Pagans and the People that Used to Love Them."

JEFF DAWSON '99, Norwalk, IA, is a detective in the crimes against persons section, robbery homicide unit with the Des Moines Police Department.



Remembering Arnoldus Gruter

On Monday, August 31, Dr. Arnoldus Gruter died after a long illness.

Gruter served as Artist in Residence at Minnesota State Mankato and was the creator of the iconic "The Wave" sculpture that sits between Centennial Student Union and the Memorial Library and of Chthonic, which is next to the fountain.

In 2010, Gruter told The Reporter that he had made a total of 15 sculptures during his tenure at the University. He explained the two most famous examples this way:

"The sea is the symbol for The Wave. I see the sea as a symbol because the sea is always there, there is no beginning and no end, it is static and dynamic, so it's the same thing as a university. There is the static part of the professors, students and buildings, and the dynamism are the new ideas that are consistently passed back and forth.

"The other sculpture symbolizes the static and dynamic as well, it is two black fists, one is the body of the university but the other is the ideas, they cannot support one another without each other."

Gruter, who was born in The Netherlands, would have turned 85 in September.

classnotes

► 2000s

ROBB REIMER '01, St. Louis Park, MN, recently took on a new position with Travelers in St. Paul. He and his wife, Barb, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary and have two kids.

J. ANTHONY JOSEY '03, Rockville, MD, is a procurement analyst with the U.S. Department of State where he works in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

KEIICHI MATSUDA '05, Nagoya, Japan, is a human factor specialist with Mitsubishi Aircraft and a member of the Flight Deck design team of Mitsubishi Regional Jet.

ANDREW ANSEL '06, Baltimore, MD, recently became the senior associate, philanthropic partnerships, Pew Research Center, at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington D.C.

► 2010s

MUHAMMAD ZAFAR '10, Apple Valley, MN, is a data quality analyst with Target Corporation, where he received the VP award of leadership during his first year of employment there.

JAKE ENGELMAN '10, Englewood, CO, is a GIS specialist with Tetra Tech Inc.

ASHLEY PORTRA '13, Mandan, ND, is in communications at the Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple.

EMILY NIENKERK '13, St. Cloud, MN, is an LADC with the St. Cloud Metro Treatment Center.

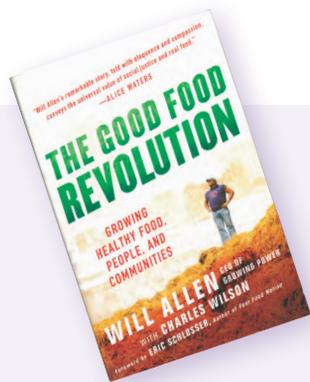
ANNALIS PITTS '13, North Mankato, MN, is a late night library technician for the State of Minnesota at Minnesota State Mankato. She participates in the River Valley Wind Ensemble and is getting married on October 17.

CAITLYN CARDETTI '13, Sartell, MN, is running the New York City Marathon on November 1 for the Alzheimer's Association's Athletes to End Alzheimer's team.

LINDSAY (BROWN) HENDERSON '15, St. Peter, MN, recently began her new position as area coordinator in residential life at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. She married her husband, Peter, in June.

Memories in the Making

As Minnesota State Mankato approaches the 150th anniversary of its founding, we invite you to share your memories of the University and any ideas you have for how best to celebrate the sesquicentennial with us. Please send stories, photos and other memorabilia to us via email at 150th@mnsu.edu or by mail to University Advancement, 224 Foundation Center, Mankato, MN 56001. We look forward to hearing from you!



JOIN US FOR THE 2015 COMMON READ: "THE GOOD FOOD REVOLUTION"

This fall, Minnesota State Mankato students, faculty and staff will be reading "The Good Food Revolution" by Will Allen—and alumni and friends are invited to read it and participate in the Common Read events as well!

The fall schedule of events for the Common Read includes everything from film showings to food tastings. Will Allen's daughter Erika, who serves as the National Projects Director in Growing Power's Chicago office, will also be coming to campus in November to speak. The public is welcome at all events.

- October 8, 2–6 P.M.: Big Hot Taste Testing, Riverfront Hy-Vee
- October 14, 6:30 P.M.: Film Showing, "Place at the Table"; Ostrander Auditorium Room 245, Centennial Student Union
- October 15, 2–6 P.M.: Big Hot Taste Testing, Riverfront Hy-Vee
- October 21, 4–6 P.M.: Environmental Committee Lecture, "The Necessity of Sustainable Agriculture for Healthy Communities in Rural Minnesota," George Boody, Executive Director of the Land Stewardship Project; Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union
- October 22, 2–6 P.M.: Big Hot Taste Testing, Riverfront Hy-Vee
- October 21, 7 P.M.: Film Showing, "Fresh Meat"; Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union
- October 27, 3–5 P.M.: Minnesota State Mankato Faculty Panel on Food & Social Justice; Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union
- October 29, 2–6 P.M.: Big Hot Taste Testing, Riverfront Hy-Vee
- November 4, 4–5:30 P.M.: Public Lecture, "Putting Dinner on the Table in Chaucer's London," presented by Dr. Martha Carlin, Professor of History at University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee; Room 253, Centennial Student Union
- November 5, 2–6 P.M.: Big Hot Taste Testing, Riverfront Hy-Vee
- November 10, 7:30 P.M.: Common Read Public Lecture, "Evening with Erika Allen"; Centennial Student Union Ballroom
- November 16, 1–5 P.M.: Regional Food Access Gathering afternoon sessions: Food on a Budget; Hungry Kids & Education; The MN Food Charter—A Tool for Change and Activism; Centennial Student Union
- November 16, 6–8 P.M.: Regional Food Access Gathering, Keynote address: "Farm to Fork: The Sibley East School Garden," presented by Jeff Eppen and Tim Uhlenkamp; Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union

More information about the Common Read and the schedule of events can be found at mnsu.edu/learningcommunities/commonread or by contacting Monika Antonelli at monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.



OCTOBER 5-11

Monday

8 P.M.: Homecoming Bonfire, Fireworks,
& Pepfest - Blakeslee Stadium

Tuesday

7 P.M.: Dodgeball Tournament,
Myers Fieldhouse

Thursday

7:30 P.M.: Titanic, Musical performed by
the Theater & Dance Department

Friday

7 P.M.: Homecoming Concert -
Jerrod Niemann

7 P.M.: Volleyball vs. Minot State -
Bresnan Arena

2 P.M.: Women's Hockey vs. North Dakota -
All Seasons Arena

7:07 P.M.: Men's Hockey vs. Nebraska-Omaha -
Verizon Wireless Center

7:30 P.M.: Titanic, Musical performed by
the Theater & Dance Department

Saturday

9 A.M.: Homecoming 5K Run - Fitness Trail

9-11 A.M.: President's Free Community
Pancake Breakfast, behind Blakeslee Stadium

NOON: Homecoming Parade, Warren Street

1 P.M.: Men's Soccer vs Minot State -
Soccer Fields

1 P.M.: Alumni & Friends Tent,
behind Blakeslee Field

1 P.M.: Women's Soccer vs. MSU Moorhead

2 P.M.: Homecoming Football vs Augustana,
Blakeslee Field

2 P.M.: Titanic, Musical performed by
the Theater & Dance Department

2 P.M.: Women's Hockey vs. North Dakota -
All Seasons Arena

4 P.M.: Volleyball vs Mary - Bresnan Arena

5 P.M.: Hockey Night in Mankato -
Verizon Wireless Center

7:07 P.M.: Men's Hockey vs. Nebraska-Omaha -
Verizon Wireless Center

7:30 P.M.: Titanic, Musical performed by
the Theater & Dance Department

**For a complete, up-to-date Homecoming schedule,
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► 1930s

Donna Marian (Newman) Landgren '35
Bernice G. (Schjoll) Boe '36
LaVerne Marcella (Koopman) Scully '36
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Loretta G. (Feit) Weinandt '38

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Alice Ordella (Rugroden) Gulbrandson '43
Billie Virginia (Jensen) Hansen '43
Ruth Jane (Snyder) Keel '43
Rose Mary (Cox) Klein '43
Marion Shirley (Stolp) Larson '43
Francis Elroy Siegfried '43
Lois Marion (Krause) Kohlhoff '44
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Vernita Mary (Berle) Dummer '46
John Burton Nelson '47
Jean Katherine (Horn) Olson '47
Myrna Ferol (Miller) Thomas '47
Loy W. Young '47
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Ruth Mae (Evert) Schultz '48
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Vera Mae (Randall) Wigley '48, '60
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Marion Rosamond Hoban '49

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Sylvan H. Thiesse '50

Phillip Henry Winship '50
Dickran Boranian '51
Elaine Helen (Farm) Brandenburg '51
Emil Lyle Schroeder '51
Jacqueline Alayne (LaBelle) Snyder '51, '70
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Ronald F. Dauffenbach '53
Rosalia Gertrude (Lake) Lendt '53, '61
James Peter Blackstad '54
Maxine M. Nichols '54
Brenda Margaret Pauline
(Johnson) Anderson '55
Paul E. Mattson '55
John Henry Quirk '55
Curtis Anthony Boettger '57
Robert R. Burns '57
Gloria Ida (Stark) Pudewell '57
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James Chessrun Barber '59
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Helen Louise (Mihm) Ehrich '59
Marland Clarence Montgomery '59
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Gene Lysle Wooldridge '61
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David Leo Zimmer '62

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Gordon Theodore Hirsch '64
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Sverre George Solheim '69
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Kathleen Evelyn (Kepp) Waller '69
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Phyllis Ann (Weber) Wilmes '69

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 Joan Marie (Freking) Barker '74
 David F. Falkenhagen '74
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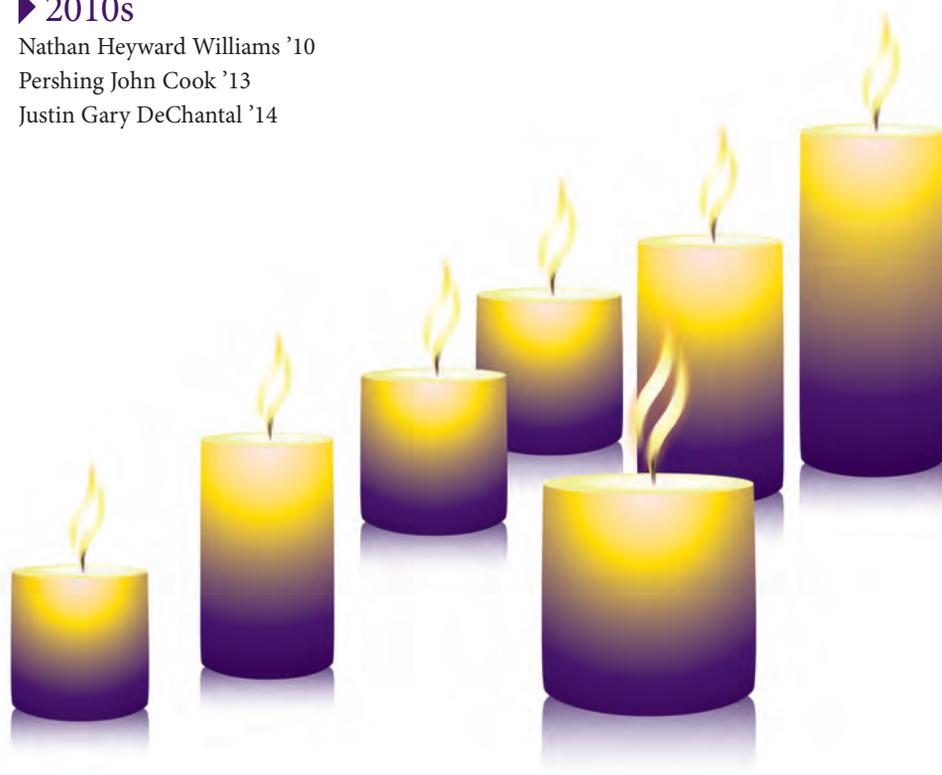
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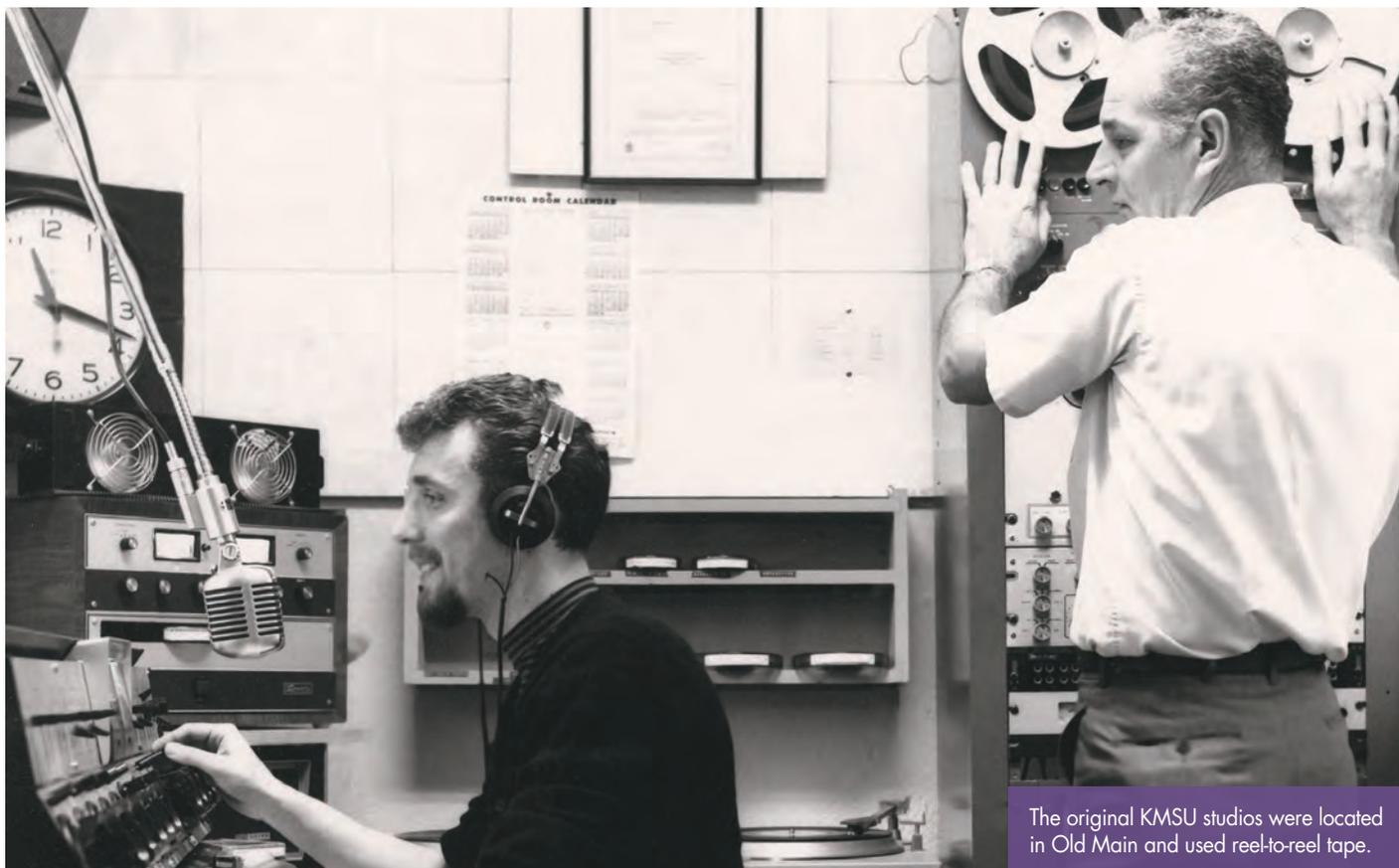
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Since then, KMSU has broadcast Russian language lessons, broken the news of President Kennedy's assassination to the campus community and played everything from blues, jazz and rock recordings to live performances and readings. It has moved from Old Main to the student union to its current home on the second floor of the Alumni and Foundation Center.

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