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#### A WARMER, DRIER TODAY

It’s freezing. Your mail might be warped from soaking in old snow. Flatten it out on the radiator, give it an hour to dry, and celebrate the fact that this may be the last time you’ll walk to the mailbox to fetch your winter issue of *TODAY*.

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## REAL-WORLD REWARDS

**I**t's easy for me to see how proud our students, alumni, and faculty members are of this great institution. I can walk almost anywhere on campus, or in the Mankato community, and see people clad in purple and gold clothing proudly bearing the Minnesota State University, Mankato logo. Purple and gold banners line our streets. And at every event I attend, on campus or off, people are eager to talk about the University and what it means to them.

I don't wear my purple and gold tie every single day, but my pride in Minnesota State Mankato is constant. The fact is, our students make me proud. Our alumni make me proud. Our faculty members make me proud, too. And the way we've been able to support students and faculty in these tight budget times makes me extremely proud.

Our cover story on the Maverick Fund student investment team is a great example of all those things. The Maverick Fund shows how our campus community is applying a real-world, problem-solving mindset to the big issues we face as a society. Thanks to a collaboration between our Finance faculty and the Foundation Board, students have the opportunity to invest actual dollars—an experience that will not only inform their future careers, but may also help our Foundation think more broadly about investment options in this time of economic uncertainty.

Similar stories are playing out all across campus as well, with students and faculty bringing big ideas and a hands-on, problem-solving mindset to critical issues in a variety of disciplines. Students in Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering Technology are testing hybrid engines at the Minnesota Center for Automotive Research. Education majors are bringing Science Zone, a traveling enrichment program, to rural classrooms. And civil engineering students are working with their professor and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop customized de-icing options. We're solving real problems for real people in new, exciting ways.

Another way I see the pride so many of you feel for this University is in the success of our recent fundraising efforts, which have defied the norm. Funds raised in 2010 totaled more approximately \$9 million, one of the top five years in the institution's fundraising history. Within that achievement, faculty and staff giving set an all-time 32-year historical record of more than \$730,000, greatly surpassing the goal of \$400,000—a remarkable statement of employee commitment during a year of difficult budget news, and a testament to the pride and trust Minnesota State Mankato has earned on campus, in our community and beyond.

Knowing our business students are managing a portion of the Foundation's funds as part of their education makes it all the more exciting for many of us to watch the market these days. But the bigger investment, with the more rewarding return, is the one we make in our students.

I hope you'll join me in making that investment this year—you can do that right now at [mnsu.edu/giving](http://mnsu.edu/giving).

I know, without a doubt, that you'll join me in experiencing the rewards. ☞

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# newsmakers

- Longtime faculty member and former College of Science, Engineering, and Technology Dean **JOHN FREY** was named **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MINNESOTA CENTER FOR ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE**. The center is a consortium of academic institutions, led by Minnesota State Mankato, that serves as a resource in areas of continuing education, emerging technology, and future worker development.
- Minnesota State Mankato's **MBA PROGRAM** was listed as **ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST IN THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S "BEST 300 BUSINESS SCHOOLS" FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**. The program was cited for offering night courses and eight-week modules. Student commentary in the report noted "a great atmosphere and small classes, along with a wealth of resources and technology and outstanding faculty."
- College of Allied Health and Nursing **DEAN EMERITUS KAYE HERTH RECEIVED THE OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD** at MnSCU's annual academic and student affairs program excellence competition. Herth was dean of the College from 1998 until 2010, leading its expansion into doctoral programs, a research center, and other initiatives.
- Electrical and computer engineering students spent a year working with **ST. PAUL FIREFIGHTER JOVAN PALMIERI** to **DEVELOP A SAFETY DEVICE DESIGNED TO PREVENT BACKING-UP ACCIDENTS**. The device, Back Safe System, is a lighting alarm that improves upon the simple use of hand signals by a spotter in situations where emergency vehicles have to navigate through blind spots in reverse.
- Recent graduate **MARJORIE PLOEGER** was part of the largest-ever civilian **SEARCH FOR WORLD WAR II SOLDIERS MISSING IN ACTION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND OF NEW GUINEA**. Ploeger and a 32-member search group known as the MIA Hunters identified 92 plane crash sites and a burial mound of American, Japanese, and Australian soldiers.
- Alumni Association past-president **TIM HUEBSCH** was recently named to the **MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL BUSINESS JOURNAL'S "40 UNDER FORTY" LIST**. The list honors business professionals from the Twin Cities metropolitan area who are active in the community, successful businesspeople, and under 40 years of age.
- Former University administrator **MARK JOHNSON** has been named the University's **INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR TECHNOLOGY AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**. Johnson replaces **MARILYN DELMONT**, who is now associate vice chancellor for information technology for the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- **JESSICA FLATEQUAL, DIRECTOR OF THE LGBT CENTER**, has been named one of **GO MAGAZINE'S "100 WOMEN WE LOVE."** The magazine's list includes **ELLEN DEGENERES, MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, RACHEL MADDOW, ROSIE O'DONNELL, AND MELISSA ETHERIDGE**.
- Alumnus **RICHARD C. NASH HAS BEEN APPOINTED ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD**. In that role, Nash will serve as the administrative head of the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs and the leader of the Minnesota National Guard.
- **MAVERICK ATHLETES TOOK PART IN MANKATO'S NIGHT TO UNITE** August 31, enjoying block parties, cookouts, and other celebrations of neighborhood safety in the Highland Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park areas of Mankato. In the process, they were also able to offer information about Minnesota State Mankato athletic programs.
- Minnesota State Fair goers had a chance to see the **20-FOOT STEEL BRIDGE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY ENGINEERING STUDENTS AND FACULTY**. Featured at MnSCU's State Fair booth, the bridge was designed to promote courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and address the demand for college graduates proficient in those subjects.
- **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY RON SCHIRMER** was among a group of archeologists who took part in a **SIX-MONTH DIG AT THE RANELIUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE** in Dakota County's Spring Lake Park Reserve. The dig, led by the Science Museum of Minnesota, was intended to offer insight into the significance of the Mississippi River to those who lived along it from 700 A.D. to 1400 A.D.
- Minnesota State Mankato doctoral student **KERRY DIEKMANN** was one of 10 students nationwide selected to serve as a **NATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**. Diekmann will provide AAUW staff with information about student needs and ideas for combating sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace and will promote AAUW and its programs on campus.



# Secret to Success

Diana Clawson decided as a child that she wanted to be a Secret Service agent someday. Today, that's exactly what she is.



Even over the phone, it's easy to hear a broad grin break out on 28-year-old Diana Clawson's face as she patiently answers a pressing question about her job: While she's at work, does she really tuck one of those little earpieces in her ear and snake a curly little cord down the back of her jacket?

The answer? Yes. Apparently, the movies and television shows depicting the Secret Service got that part right.

Clawson breaks into a full chuckle after confirming that she does indeed occasionally sport an earpiece, usually when she's trying to be somewhat unobtrusive as she travels around the country with the President, senior staff members, or the First Family. She says that surprisingly, the defining images that most of us conjure up when we hear the term "Secret Service agent" are apt.

"You know what people see on television, it's actually pretty accurate," Clawson says. "You get the guys in the black suits, the females in the black suits, with the sunglasses and the earpiece. That's pretty much the image that they really do have."

Clawson, who graduated from Minnesota State Mankato in 2005 after studying law enforcement, political science, and Spanish, is a member of the U.S. Secret Service, the federal agency charged with both protecting national and foreign political leaders and pursuing federal investigations. She was admitted to the agency training program in 2007. In 2010, she was honored as the Distinguished Young Alumna by the University. Both are honors of which she's very proud.

Clawson is now a full, serving member of what is known as the Uniform Division within the Secret Service. She lives in Woodridge, Va., a town about 30 miles away from her job at the White House in Washington, D.C.

She says that while she recognizes that being part of the Secret Service is an unusual job, she sometimes forgets that others might see it as an exotic one. "I went to college for this, stayed focused throughout school on my goal, and eventually got this job," she says. "I'm very lucky, very fortunate to have this career. It always amazes me, and I definitely still have that sense of pride in it."

While Clawson is quick to acknowledge that the image of the black-clad Secret Service officer is accurate, what most people might not realize is that those particular agents—known as Special Agents within the group—are only the most recognizable part of the sprawling agency.



As a federal law officer, Clawson wears a uniform, a badge, and her gun at all times. Other parts of the Secret Service include canine units, plainclothes officers, emergency response teams and, many more highly specialized groups that serve in a variety of capacities.

"For instance, I have arrest powers where the Special Agents don't actually have that," she says. "They can detain people, but they have to have either local law enforcement arrest a person, or have one of us—the federal officers—arrest them. If you see pictures of people standing on top of the White House looking through binoculars with an array of weapons with them, that's also part of the uniform division. If those guys have to react, it's something that's pretty huge."

## LONG TIME COMING

During a family trip to Washington D.C. as a young teen, Clawson noticed the uniformed people lining the White House roof and was fascinated by how they were calmly but efficiently monitoring the crowds of tourists. Her parents explained that those people were law enforcement agents who belonged to the Secret Service.

Then and there, Clawson decided that's what she wanted to be, too.

Unlike many young students who spin blithely through a series of career dreams, Clawson stayed firmly and purposefully committed to her goal. She followed it to the halls of Minnesota State Mankato and eventually to the grounds of the White House.

Clawson's acceptance to the Secret Service was a protracted affair. She studied law enforcement at Minnesota State Mankato, where she loved the feeling of the college and enjoyed the professors with whom she studied.

After graduation, she applied to the Secret Service. That began a nearly two-year period—complete with a 12-step interview process—before she was eventually accepted into the program. Even then, she faced another six months of training at the special academies where agents are taught the specific aspects of their job.

Today Clawson carries her service weapon with her at all times, including when she travels. But before her admittance to the Secret Service, she had never touched a gun. "That was okay, though, because that way, I didn't have to unlearn any of the bad habits

that other people develop," she says. "I was nervous, but [the Secret Service] has a very specific way they want to teach us."

During her day-to-day duties, Clawson is part of a four-person team of officers who work in the Joint Operations Center of the White House, a communications hub responsible for monitoring activity in and around the White House grounds.

"Basically, I work where all of the radio communications take place," Clawson explains. "Say the President is in Chicago for a couple of days, and now he's arriving back at the White House.

Every single move he makes has to be monitored. Whether he's coming in via limo in a motorcade or via helicopter, we're constantly getting information on that and watching him on camera. A lot of what we do is [monitor and coordinate] the movements for him and the family members and guests who come to the White House. We need to know where everyone is at every minute of the day, and we also need to know anything that is going on within a certain block radius of the White House. We need to know that in case we need to react in some way, like is there a fire in a building nearby, what's the wind direction, that kind of thing."

Clawson arrives at work at 10 p.m. each evening; she takes part in a briefing that fills in the night shift officers about any arrests that have taken place during the day, any planned protests scheduled for the coming day, or any other unusual activity that's taken place of which they need to be aware. During her shift, she monitors the communications from other officers on the grounds constantly and stays aware of all activity in and around the White House.

She also travels regularly with the President, Vice President or members of the First Family when they tour around the country. "I love that," she says. "I really, really

like to get out and see different cities, and [the government officials] go everywhere."

While Clawson is often in close proximity to the President or other dignitaries, she says that she doesn't usually speak with them as part of her duties. Other members

of the President's detail, especially the Special Agents who are constantly at his side during public appearances and other travel, do form a more intimate relationship with the family.

"[President Obama and the others] don't really need to know those of us behind the scenes," Clawson says, noting that it's different for the agents who are with him all day, every day.



## DREAM JOB

Clawson speaks with great feeling about being part of the Secret Service. Words like "integrity," "honesty," "courage," and "respect" are sprinkled freely throughout conversations about her profession. It's obvious that she feels working for the agency is equal parts dream-come-true and professional calling. But she is also charmingly candid when talking about some of the odder aspects of her job.

For instance, she notes that a regular caller to the communications center is a man from another country who always asks to speak directly to her as he complains about a variety of problems he sees in the government. She says she always takes the calls, noting that, "if it keeps him from doing something crazy, that's good enough for me."

As part of her job, she's charged with constantly evaluating intent and potential problems that might arise from individuals. "We have to determine if they're a threat or not," she says. "We're kind of the buffer zone."

And as part of that buffer zone, Clawson says she still can't imagine having either a better or a different job.

"I'm incredibly lucky," she says. "It always amazes me." ☺



# Maverick Money

Minnesota State Mankato's Foundation took a risk when it allocated a portion of its endowment to be invested and managed by a finance class this fall—but the benefits to both the students and the University will extend beyond financial gains.

BY SARA GILBERT FREDERICK

*“Investment knowledge is something that everyone can take with them as an asset for their personal lives.”*

—Maverick Fund student Alex Kral





Michael Robinson admits that he was a little uneasy when he registered for Finance 493 last fall. The class, which was being offered for the first time ever, was designed to allow a small group of students to actually invest a portion of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation's endowment fund. Robinson and his four classmates would act as investment managers and would be accountable for the fund's performance over the course of the year.

"At first, I was very nervous," Robinson says. "When I realized that we had less than one percent of the Foundation's money, however, I was able to relax."

That realization might have calmed Robinson's nerves, but it hasn't caused him or any of his classmates to take their task less seriously.

Even though the \$250,000 that has been set aside for them to manage does indeed represent less than one percent of the total endowment, the class is quite aware that it is, in fact, real money. They know that the decisions they make will impact whether the fund grows or whether it loses value. And they know they will be responsible for the outcome either way.

But they also know that the class is about real-world thinking, and that real professionals roll with changes as they come. They think and act with confidence, even when the economic environment is unpredictable. They find ways to turn visions into reality.

It's no wonder it's called the Maverick Student Investment Fund.

The idea of allocating funds for students to invest is not unique to Minnesota State Mankato. Similar classes are available at other colleges and universities, including the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University. The idea has been bouncing around between Steve Wilcox, the chair of Minnesota State Mankato's Finance department, and the Foundation Board's investment committee for a number of years as well. All it took were the right pieces to fall in place for the class to come to fruition this fall.

That started happening in 2006, when Adam Mans, who graduated from Minnesota State Mankato in 1987, joined the Foundation board—a group of 29 men and women, mostly alumni, who help raise funds for Minnesota State Mankato. The board also sets policies for the investment and use of contributed funds, and many of its members were once on the receiving end of the kinds of scholarships they raise today. They know the value of a Minnesota State Mankato education, and they welcomed Mans and his ideas into their ranks.

Mans, a managing director at Marquette Asset Management in Minneapolis,


had recently hired a young analyst who had been through a similar program at the University of St. Thomas. "He talked about what a good experience it had been, and I thought it sounded like a great idea," Mans says. "So I brought it up at the next investment committee meeting, and everybody seemed to agree."

Not long after that, Mans mentioned the idea in a conversation with Wilcox, who was pleased that Mans supported an idea he had suggested previously and felt strongly about. When Mans became chair of the board's investment committee in May 2008, the time was right to champion the idea. "I was in a position to make sure that it got attention," he says.

"Everybody on the committee was enthusiastic about it."

Mans says that it was an easy sell among his fellow board members because they recognized that it would create an opportunity for students to gain hands-on, real-life experience. They agreed that such a class would complement the more theoretical coursework already in the curriculum and that it would fit the University's emphasis on learning in a real-world environment to a tee.

"It's a completely different experience when there is actually money to be invested, and there are actual recommendations to be made," Mans says. "The students will be responsible for the performance of the fund, and they will have to represent it to



their client—which in this case is the Foundation.”

Although the committee, and the Foundation board as a whole, supported the idea, they also wanted assurances that the risks inherent with handing a large sum of money over to college students would be minimized. Mans suggested setting up an advisory committee, made up of people managing funds for a living, to have oversight over the Maverick Student Investment Fund. “The goal is not necessarily to second guess the decisions the students make,” Mans explains, “but rather to provide oversight from a fiduciary responsibility standpoint.”

That, too, mimics circumstances that the students may encounter in their future careers. Any of them who work for a mutual fund company in the future, for example, will likely start their careers as analysts supporting the manager of a particular portfolio. Their job will be to analyze the stocks in a particular sector and to make recommendations to the manager—who, like the advisory committee, will have final approval of all allocations. “It’s very much something they will encounter in this line of work,” Mans says.

Not all of the students enrolled in Finance 493 this fall are looking for work as

analysts after graduation. Robinson, for example, will be heading directly to law school, and his classmate Philip Runden is focusing more on accounting. None of the five participants know for certain what kind of job they’ll find when they finish college. But all of them are quite sure that the experience they’ve had with the Maverick Fund, as it is commonly called, will matter in one way or another.

“Even if I don’t enter portfolio management, this will be worthwhile and relevant,” says Alex Kral. “The markets and the economy will more than likely have a strong effect on my career. And investment knowledge is something that everyone can take with them as an asset for their personal lives.”

Every Tuesday night last fall, Finance 493 convened in a classroom on the second floor of Morris Hall. The instructor, John Hylle, a bond portfolio manager for Federated Insurance, sat with the students at a round table at the front of the room. Instead of lecturing about how and what to invest in, he talked with the students about policy statements, stock sectors, and benchmarks as if they were colleagues. Instead of assigning textbook chapters or lengthy reports, he encouraged them to do internet research and went to the library with them to study certain sectors of the stock market.

Hylle admitted that he and the students figured out how to approach the class together. Although he’d taught in the University of St.



Thomas's MBA program for seven years, this was his first experience with an investment course that involved real money. There were some challenges—especially finding relevant, timely resources for his students to use in their research—but like professionals, they worked together to iron those out. “This is all new territory,” he says. “It’s been very exciting. I couldn’t ask for five better students to start with; they’ve been working very hard already.”

By the end of October, Hylle and his students were preparing to make their first presentation to the Foundation board at its November meeting. They were working on the policy statement that would clearly designate the stocks in which they would—and would not—be willing to invest. They were talking about the sectors that would be represented in the portfolio. They were planning to offer the S&P 1500 as their benchmark. And they were hoping to receive the thumbs-up from the board to make their first purchase of 10 stocks.

When Mans visited their class one Tuesday evening, they were eager for his advice about how to prepare for that presentation. His answers were simple: Keep it short, and show them you’ve been thoughtful. “You’ll each get between 90 seconds and two minutes to tell about your recommendation,” he explained. “You have to be quick, and you have to be to the point. The goal is for you to get comfortable explaining to your client what you’ve done.”

Pending board approval, the class will be able to actually pull up their account, see the \$250,000 that’s been deposited there, and then begin buying the stocks that will make up their portfolio. By the time the spring semester starts, the class will need to watch those stocks, evaluate their performance, and recommend what to change and when. “That’s the exciting part,” Mans told them. “I’m looking forward to you all being able to do that.”

For most of the first five students, the hands-on nature of Finance 493 has been an entirely new experience. Although they may have had the opportunity to work in mock portfolios or to engage in hypothetical situations, more often they are studying theory and learning the fundamentals of finance. This is different.

“We are making actual decisions and investing real money,” Katelyn Zimmerman says. “Rather than finding solutions to made-up scenarios or cases, we are in charge of making decisions that affect organizations outside of the class itself.”

All of them agree that the hands-on nature of this course enhances what they’ve learned in their other classes. “Without these experiences, students may go into their professional careers with only textbook theory,” Kral says. “I think people will remember and care more about their real-world experience than what they learned from a textbook.”

Being part of the inaugural class hasn’t always been easy. Finding the resources they need to make informed decisions has been a challenge, for example. But just as they take their responsibility for the Maverick Fund seriously, they also feel a strong obligation to help set the direction for the future of the course.

“What we are doing is important,” Robinson says. “We are just paving the way for future classes who will hopefully be able to be more productive. This kind of class is important for any school of business to be competitive, and there’s a sense of pride in knowing that future students will build on the foundation that we started.”

There’s also a sense of pride in putting this experience on their resumes. Runden believes it will help give him and his classmates a necessary edge in the job market. “It makes

market, it’s important to give them these opportunities.”

His opinion is seconded by classmate Ethan Regan. “When you can show a potential employer that you partook in an activity that had real-world consequences and you can explain the why behind the outcome, it shows competence on your part as a potential employee,” he says.

But it’s not just potential employers who may be impressed. Prospective students, potential donors, and the wider community in general will likely also see the value of this opportunity. “I think it’s a selling point,” Regan adds. “You’re saying, ‘We let our students handle real money because we trust the knowledge that they’ve acquired throughout our business program.’”

The students see this commitment to their class as evidence that the University is dedicated to improving the educational experiences it offers. They see it as an investment not only in their futures, but in the future of the University as well. They are grateful that the Foundation is willing to trust them with a portion of their portfolio. And they are hopeful that they can return the favor to the Foundation.

“Providing us with this endowment shows the trust that the Foundation has in its students,” says Zimmerman. “And in addition to this fund benefiting us, we hope that it can benefit the Foundation as well.”

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–Alex Kral

students from Minnesota State Mankato more marketable,” he explains. “Many other universities offer programs like this, so for our graduates to be able to compete in the job





# MAVERICK SPORTS

## FOOTPRINTS OF SUCCESS

*In his first nine seasons, Matt Margenthaler has raised both the profile and the expectations of the men's basketball program.*

From the beginning, those who paid attention to Minnesota State Mankato men's basketball knew Matt Margenthaler was different. His foot-stomping, voice-raising, sideline-storming antics exuded competitiveness and demanded perfection. His fiery timeout speeches echoed through an arena sometimes silenced by an opposing team's scoring run. He commanded attention and required results.

Even in his first season—a difficult one in which the Mavericks earned just nine wins—it was clear that Margenthaler meant business. And nine years later, business is good.

Margenthaler's 191-81 (.702) record at Minnesota State Mankato doesn't begin to tell the whole story. His past six teams have won more than 20 games each, a mark the Mavericks hadn't reached since the 1989-90 campaign. The 2006-07 team won a school-record 28 games and advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals for the first time in school history. In 88 years, Minnesota State Mankato's men's basketball team has made eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Six have come under Margenthaler.

As he enters his 10th season at the helm of the Maverick men's basketball team, Margenthaler has proven that his approach attracts attention because it deserves it.

It didn't happen overnight. Margenthaler was hired in 2001 to replace retiring longtime head coach Dan McCarrell and usher in the second Maverick basketball season at Taylor Center. With Minnesota State Mankato's sparkling new Bresnan Arena came the promise of a higher level of recruits and, in turn, a more successful program. It was Margenthaler's job to deliver on that promise.

"Coach McCarrell did a great job here, and I just wanted to build on that," Margenthaler says. "I didn't feel any real pressure, but that's probably mostly because I wasn't real smart."

The admitted naiveté of the rookie head coach wore off quickly. A six-year assistant with the South Dakota State men's basketball team, "The Competitive One" had grown accustomed to a type of success that was in short supply during his first year at the helm of the Mavericks.



"It was tough," Margenthaler admits. "It was the longest year of my life. I like to joke that I had hair when that year started. It was definitely challenging, but I learned a lot about myself and about what it takes to be a head coach at this level."

That knowledge has since paid dividends for fans of Maverick basketball. So has the support of the University's administration. "We had good talent, even then, just not enough of it," Margenthaler explains. "We needed more of it, and the University getting us more scholarship money enabled us to go out and do that."

One would think that after eight consecutive winning seasons, a coach's edge might wear thin. Perhaps his approach and sideline demeanor would relax. Every blown call wouldn't grate on him as evidently. Frustrating plays would less frequently lead to verbal explosions. Not with this guy.

"I've tried," Margenthaler says. "It's just not me. It's not my style. I've tried to be the guy who just sits on the bench, but it doesn't work for me. I've learned I just have to be myself, and that's who I am. My players know I'll be the first to run out and high-five them, but I'll also be the first to kick them in the tail. I think they respect that. They know I have their back, and I know they have mine."

If a pair of dents mark the hardwood in front of the home team bench at Bresnan Arena, they come courtesy of Margenthaler's heels. That's where he's stomped in frustration, spun in disbelief, and leaped in celebration. These are Margenthaler's footprints, and although they may someday be sanded out of the arena floor, they will remain forever on a program he put on the map.

"To be honest, I figured I would be here for three or four years, have some success, and move on to the next place," Margenthaler says. "But I absolutely fell in love with Mankato and the people here. The next step for our program is to reach the Elite Eight. And I really want to win a National Championship. But if that never happens, seeing a player grow up in front of you and graduate a better person, that'll be enough. I appreciate that more and more the longer I'm in this." 📌

## OFF THE FIELD

■ Former Army paratrooper and current Minnesota State Mankato student Patrick Nelson has been awarded the NFL-Tillman Scholarship, which is granted to those who have served the country while furthering their education. The scholarship was created in memory of former Arizona Cardinal Pat Tillman, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2004, and is meant to provide access to educational opportunities and encourage a life-long commitment to the service. Nelson served in both Iraq and Afghanistan for a total of 39 months before retiring from the military. He is a senior majoring in history and sport management. Nelson also currently serves as an intern within the University's athletic department as the athletic ticket manager.

■ Minnesota State Mankato's women's cross country/track & field coach Jen Blue finished first in the women's division at the inaugural Mankato Marathon in October. Blue, a Mankato native running in her fourth career marathon, turned in a personal-best time of 3:06.29 and finished :01.31 ahead of her closest competitor in the 26.2-mile course. Blue's time placed her 21st overall in the race, which featured more than 2,000 runners. Blue is in her 11th season as head coach of the women's cross country and track & field teams.

■ The Minnesota State Mankato wrestling team is rated #7 in the NWCA NCAA Division II preseason poll. The Mavericks finished sixth at last year's NCAA championship meet.

■ The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference has announced that Minnesota State Mankato will host the league's 2011 baseball tournament, which will be held at Franklin Rogers Park in Mankato, May 8-14. The Mavericks, who went 44-16 last year, are the defending league and postseason tournament champions. 📌





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**(1)** Kristine '68 and James '68 Connors, the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation President, at the Foundation's Gala last September. **(2)** Mary Davenport with Hal Peper '55. **(3)** Millie Roberts '54, Marisa Roberts, current student Aleah Roberts, and Mark Roberts '10, at the Alumni Legacy Brunch, part of the 2010 Family Weekend at Minnesota State Mankato. **(4)** Shyamal "Sam" Roy '77, at the Gala. **(5)** Darin Hoechst '98, with Xander and Nicole at Franklin Rogers Park for the annual Minnesota State Mankato night at the MoonDogs in July.

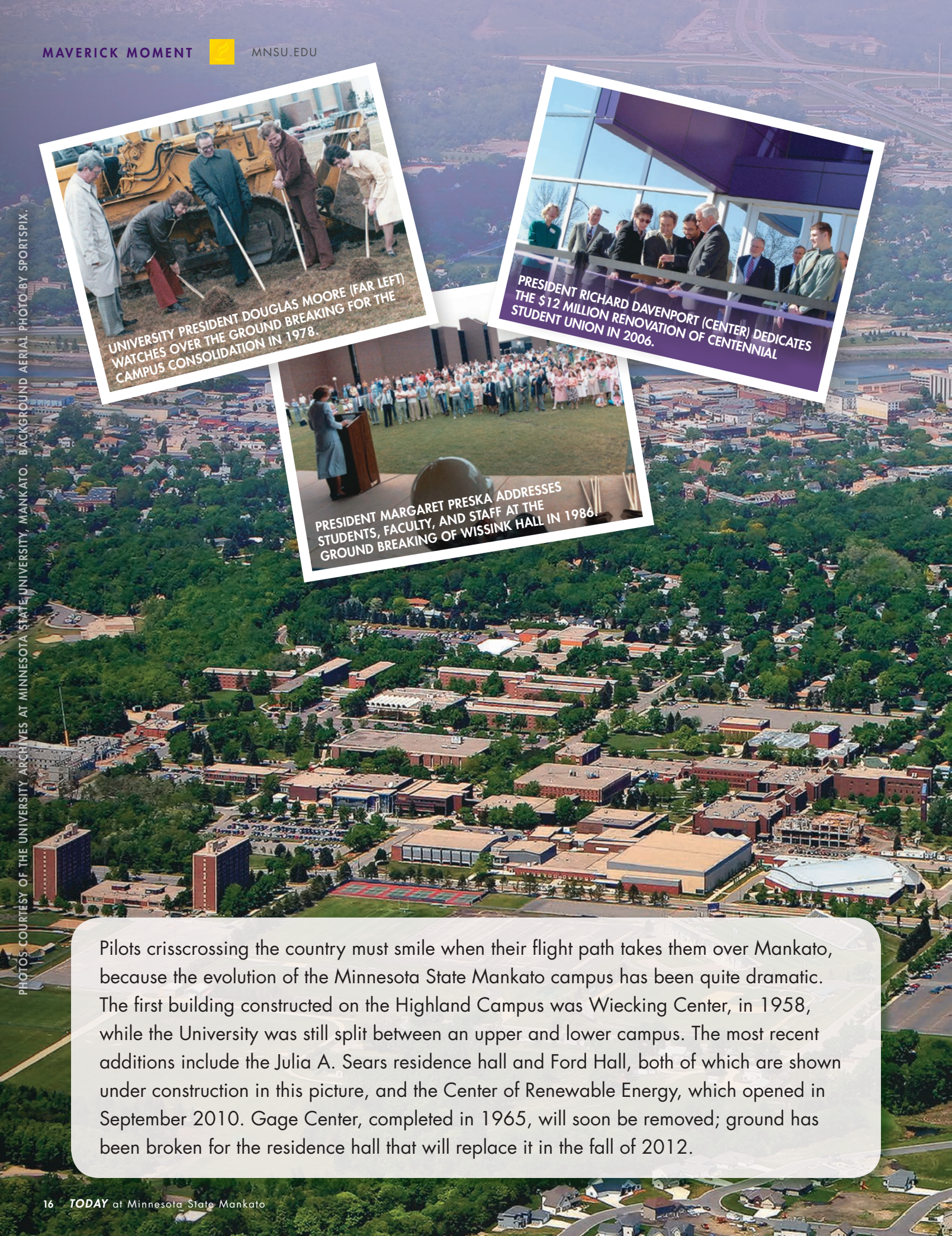


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**(1)** Christal Barnett, student Colin Barnett, and Curtis Barnett '82 at the Alumni Legacy Brunch. **(2)** Angelo Braye, student Angelo Braye, and Karen Braye '81 at the Alumni Legacy Brunch. **(3)** Current players joined with alumni for the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Soccer Game. **(4)** Kate Hansen '00, '06, Jen Myers '05, and Nikki Dose '02 at the On-Campus Alumni Luncheon. **(5)** Win '52 and Shirley '82, '85, '90 Grundmeier with President Davenport (who auctioned off his Gala tie for scholarship dollars) at the Gala, where the Grundmeiers were honored as the Volunteers of the Year.





UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DOUGLAS MOORE (FAR LEFT) WATCHES OVER THE GROUND BREAKING FOR THE CAMPUS CONSOLIDATION IN 1978.

PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVENPORT (CENTER) DEDICATES THE \$12 MILLION RENOVATION OF CENTENNIAL STUDENT UNION IN 2006.

PRESIDENT MARGARET PRESKA ADDRESSES STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF AT THE GROUND BREAKING OF WISSINK HALL IN 1986.

Pilots crisscrossing the country must smile when their flight path takes them over Mankato, because the evolution of the Minnesota State Mankato campus has been quite dramatic. The first building constructed on the Highland Campus was Wiecking Center, in 1958, while the University was still split between an upper and lower campus. The most recent additions include the Julia A. Sears residence hall and Ford Hall, both of which are shown under construction in this picture, and the Center of Renewable Energy, which opened in September 2010. Gage Center, completed in 1965, will soon be removed; ground has been broken for the residence hall that will replace it in the fall of 2012.



# facultyemeritus

## THE MUSIC MAN

BY CAROL JONES

Dr. Allen Wortman is doing something in retirement that he never did during his tenure as a music education professor at Minnesota State Mankato: He's carrying a planner. "I never needed a schedule before," he laughs. "I was just always at school. Now, if I don't have my schedule, I don't know where I'm supposed to be."

"Doc," as many students call him, came to Mankato in 1966 in pursuit of professional development. He stayed because of the people. "The most enjoyable work I did was with students," Wortman says. His students knew it, too. His door was always open to them.

In addition to teaching, Wortman worked in musical theatre. "Ron Olauson [a former theatre arts professor] stopped me in the hall one day asking if I knew anyone who could help with musical theatre," Wortman remembers. "I said I could do it, and before you knew it, we did about 50 musicals together."

Although many remember Wortman's work in musical theatre and as director of the University's concert choir, he is perhaps most well known for his association with the Ellis Street Singers, a show choir that began under his direction in 1969.

"It was really the students who started the group," Wortman says. "They came to me and asked if there was any way to start up a show choir. So, we gathered a group of singers and musicians, pitched in five dollars each, bought some sheet music, and picked a rehearsal time."

The group performed locally, nationally, and internationally for 25 years and boasts more than 250 alumni. At least 60 of those alums returned to campus during the 2010 Homecoming festivities for an Ellis Street Singers reunion—the third, and reportedly last, such gathering of the group.

Members of the ensemble report that Wortman shared more than his love for music with them. "Doc's approach of providing encouragement, structure, expectations of



performance, and a sense of team and family are the same skills written about in case studies and management texts as hallmarks of effective leadership, the type of leadership that engenders a sense of loyalty in others," says Cynthia Vlasich, who performed with the Ellis Street Singers in 1980.

"There were two things I tried very hard to instill in my students, both in the classroom and by example," Wortman explains. "First, as a teacher or director, it is not about you, it is about the students. You can't let your ego get in the way of their success. And second, music is important in the life of humans. It reaches a part of a person that perhaps other areas of academia or life don't reach. It allows people to express themselves, even if they don't perform. They can experience feelings through music."

Since retiring late in 1995 Wortman has continued bringing music to people's lives. He has served as a facilitator on the Mankato Diversity Council, worked with his wife Bette and the Merely Players, Mankato's community theater organization, for several

years, and directed the regional Kiwanis Club Chorale for about as long. He goes to Arizona for the winter months and directs two choirs there.

And he has no plans to slow down. "If I wasn't doing something, I think I might just sit around, fall asleep, and die," he says with characteristic dramatic flair.

This fall, the reunion of the Ellis Street Singers kept him plenty busy. He helped prepare the invitations, ready the registration, and set up the schedule. "He just loves to connect with people," says Annette Roth, director of development for the College of Arts and Humanities. "Relationships begin with faculty touching students, and Dr. Wortman is a master." ✍

### AL AND BETTE WORTMAN CHORAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

*Al and Bette Wortman would like to establish the first choral music scholarship with a focus on the vocal jazz program, which comes nearest to the objectives of the Ellis Street Singers. He asks alumni with fond memories of their trips and performances to consider helping current Minnesota State Mankato students receive those same opportunities. For more information, please contact the University Foundation at 507-389-6180.*



# classnotes

Your classmates are eager to hear about you!

## 1940s

### JOHN NELSON, '47,

San Diego, CA, spent time in a number of engineering positions after receiving his master's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1948.

## 1950s

### NORBERT REZAC, '54,

Burnsville, MN, plays in the St. Paul Police Band and the St. Paul Postal Band as well as other bands now that he is retired.

### DONALD LANGR, '56,

Mason City, IA, and his wife, **CLARE LANGR, '60**, have retired.

### DUANE LEBRUN, '58,

Redwood Falls, MN, retired in 1996 after 35 years of working in social services/human services in Lac Qui Parle, Murray, Redwood, and Faribault-Martin-Watonwan counties. He has seven adult children and is loving life.

## 1960s

### DAVID BRUELS, '60,

Seattle, WA, is semi-retired, and owns Interlake China Tours, Inc., in Seattle. Through this business he provides private custom tours to China. He has been selected to do the Seattle China Garden Association Tour of China in 2011.

### DORI HELLEVIK, '60,

Minneapolis, MN, has taught English, Spanish, and piano, and has been in the banking industry for the past 20 years.

### WILLIAM BRUSS, '62,

Fort Collins, CO, is a retired administrator from the Poudre School District. He worked for 32 years in various education roles.

### JAMES MATSON, '63,

Longboat Key, FL, has been traveling with his wife and recently rode zip lines and ATVs with her.

### RONALD LEE, '64,

Chanhassen, MN, is a retired elementary and middle school teacher who worked in the Eastern Carver County schools.

### KATHLEEN MCCOY, '64, '72,

Rochester, MN, is a childcare "Granny" at the Mayo Clinic's Don Abraham Healthy Living Center.

### DELBERT BROBST, '65,

St. Cloud, MN, is the director of K-12, 5-12, and 9-12 student teachers at the College of

St. Benedict and St. John's University in St. Joseph, MN. He also is the editor-in-chief of the 1955 Katonian yearbook. He and his wife, Kathleen Schulstad, have three adult children.

### DON PHILLIPS, '66, '73,

St. Cloud, MN, retired from the VA Medical Center where he was a kinesiotherapist. He is enjoying retirement.

### GERHARD SKAAR, '66,

Pensacola, FL, is a retired U.S. Naval aviator.

### CHARLES ARCHER, '67,

Sebago, ME, is president of ArcherSchoen Associates; he retired as assistant director, FBI. He and his wife have five children.

### CHARLES OVERBY, '67,

Big Stone City, SD, earned his master's degree from Minnesota State Mankato and also holds a bachelor of science and specialist degrees. He spent more than 40 years in education as a teacher, principal, Director of Special Education, and superintendent. His experience has included such notable public schools as Bloomington, MN (11 years); Marshall, MN (five years); and Fort Dodge, IA (two years). His accomplishments have been in the best interest of children and education.

### BRUCE FREDERICKSON, '68,

Blaine, MN, is a retired pastor who continues to serve his church during a pastoral vacancy. His wife, **ANN (MISHEK) FREDERICKSON, '68**, is a retired teacher. Together they enjoy traveling, organizing tours, and spending time at their lake home and timeshare on Maui.

### PAUL LAWRENCE JR., '68,

Springdale, AR, retired from Cargill, Inc.

### DANIEL OLSON, '68,

Bend, OR, retired from General Electric as a senior scientist. He holds 55 U.S. patents, has more than 20 peer-reviewed journal publications, and has received a number of awards.

### MICHAEL BAARTS, '69,

Racine, WI, is a sales representative with Walsroder Packaging LLC.

### SCOTT JUHL, '69,

Woodbury, MN, is retired.

### REV. JERRY ROBERTSON, '69,

Lake Mills, IA, retired June 7 after 35 years with the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## 1970s

### CYNTHIA (BALLOU) PORTZ, '70,

Pipestone, MN, recently retired after teaching elementary music for 35 years in the Pipestone school system and three years in Illinois.

### DAVID SKAAR, '70,

Hutchinson, MN, was selected as Mr. Hutchinson at the Hutchinson Water Carnival. He will serve as a community ambassador for the city during this coming year.

### P. TYRRELL, '70,

Northwood, IA, recently retired after 31 years of teaching. He continues to work as a studio potter/clay artist.

### DAVID WISTRICILL, '70,

Forest Lake, MN, is retired.

### BONNIE FERGUSON, '72,

Kenmore, WA, is a LCSW and substance abuse professional who retired in June. She worked on her doctorate at William and Mary for four years.

### ED FULLUM III, '72,

Uniontown, PA, is a retired teacher who also coached football and basketball.

### PATRICIA ROWE, '72,

Millersburg, PA, recently published her fourth book, *The Other Side of the Desk*, which is a memoir of 50 years of teaching.

### JAY PETERSEN, '74,

Tucson, AZ, is an artist in music, art, film, and writing. For 33 years he has been a visual artist, as a writer he has contributed to the Western Music Assoc., his work has been in films, and he has done voice-overs. He also has spent time with AmeriCorp National Service with homeless veterans.

### DAVID SCHORN, '74,

Flossmoor, IL, is a consultant with Mackay & Co. Prior to that, he worked for Navistar for 33 years, and retired in 2007.

### CHRISTINE AUSTIN-ROEHLER, '75, '84,

Waconia, MN, is a health promotion coordinator with Wright County Public Health who received the 2010 MOAPPP Individual of the Year award for her work in teenage pregnancy prevention.

### JOANN BREDE, '75,

Stillwater, MN, is a social worker for Family Focus, Inc. in Minneapolis.

Please use the form on page 23 to share your news. Class Notes are listed by decade and baccalaureate date.

**TYRONE DAVIS, '75,**

Chicago, IL, is a retired parole administrator who recently spent 10 days with his wife driving Pacific Coast Hwy. 1 from San Diego to San Francisco.

**ALBERT JORGANSON, '75,**

Albert Lea, MN, retired three years ago and is traveling with his wife, Susan.

**KATHLEEN THOMPSON, '75,**

Livermore, CA, recently founded KT Global Enterprises, LLC (CA/NV). She earned her master's degree in business from John F. Kennedy University in Concord, CA.

**ARLEN WITTROCK, '75,**

Pocatello, ID, is a public affairs consultant with ON Semiconductor.

**PATTY BURSETH, '76,**

Crystal Lake, IL, cofounded Mission Save a Smile with her husband, Dr. Chris Burseth, in 2007. The charity provides dental care to impoverished communities.

**EARL HENSLIN, '76,**

Brea, CA, owns Henslin & Associates. After earning a doctorate in clinical psychology, he has been working in the field and has developed a specialty in applying spect brain imaging to daily clinical practice. He has written or co-written nine books.

**ANDREW SCHMIDT, '76,**

Chanhassen, MN, is the co-owner of Floor Coverings International in Edina, MN. He and his wife, Jean, have been married for four years and have five children between them.

**JOANNE HERZOG, '77,**

Reno, NV, is a retired registered nurse who served more than 31 years with the Veterans Administration.

**LINDA M. NELSON, '77,**

St. Paul, MN, has been named principal in the tax department of Olsen Thielen, a certified public accounting and consulting firm.

**MARION HAMILTON, '78,**

Lincoln, NE, has had many career paths over the years. The first changed after she became blind, only to have her vision restored. She works a great deal lobbying for people with disabilities and incorporates her art into her work.

**S. LOUISE RANKIN, '78,**

San Mateo, CA, has been named a partner in the San Francisco office of Jones Day, a law firm of 2,500 attorneys around the world.

**WILLIAM TETZLAFF, '78,**

Ocala, FL, retired after working in economic development for the City of Minneapolis for 31 years.

**RODNEY WINTER, '79,**

St. James, MN, retired in 2009 after teaching in St. James for 41 years. He has been doing some substitute teaching and some traveling with his wife, Linda. They have three adult daughters.

**1980s****JOEL BUYS, '80,**

Forest Lake, MN, is a doctor of chiropractic with Buys Chiropractic. He has been practicing for 26 years.

**SCOTT KORMANN, '80,**

Overland Park, KS, is the vice president, national accounts, with Russell Stover. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children.

**YUEN NG, '80,**

Corona, CA, is a senior consultant with Delta Computer Consulting, Inc.

**CINDY HINKLEY-SEIPP, '81,**

McHenry, MD, was an executive director with Brightview Senior Living before starting her own senior care consulting company, CHSeipp Consulting.

**JUDITH MARTINZ-SONES, '81,**

Chanhassen, MN, is the dean of students with Fridley Public Schools.

**VICTORIA MYRON, '81,**

Spencer, IA, wrote *Dewey, the Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*, which was on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for 47 weeks. She has three books published and three more coming out soon. She spends most of her time writing or touring, and she's opening a bookstore in Spencer. New Line Cinema is releasing a movie of her book, with Meryl Streep starring as her.

**DANIEL NECHKASH, '81,**

Bloomington, MN, is a senior EH&S/industrial hygienist.

**ELIZABETH ERICKSON, '82,**

Boone, IA, is a regional education coordinator with Beuna Vista University. She earned her doctorate in leadership from Drake University in 2006 and has been published several times.

**LORI HAMEISTER, '82,**

Eyota, MN, runs Little Bit of Country Daycare, and has a son and a daughter attending Minnesota State Mankato.

**STEVEN UKASICK, '82,**

Minneapolis, MN, recently was named co-executive chair of the Twin Cities Polish Festival. Prior to this he was president and executive board director of the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota.

**THOMAS PESCH, '83,**

Chanhassen, MN, is a shareholder with Olsen Thielen in Eden Prairie.

**LINDA SAUNDERS, '83,**

Willmar, MN, is a communications teacher at Willmar Senior High. She and her husband have three children.

**BONNIE NELSON DUFFEY, '84,**

Alameda, CA, is a music teacher in the Alameda Unified School District.

**JANET BREMSETH, '85,**

Alden, MN, is the business manager for the Alden-Conger Public School District. She has been with the district for 23 years. She and her husband have three children.

**TRACY SHIELDS, '85,**

Davis, CA, is a business and nonprofit executive in northern California, where she serves on several community boards. She received her MBA from Columbia University in New York.

**DANNY NESSLER, '86,**

North Mankato, MN, is the owner of Promotions Powerhouse, which sells all types of promotional products.

**TODD SCHULL, '86,**

Lakeville, MN, is a regional sales manager with Electronic Arts.

**JOEL KALTON, '87,**

Prior Lake, MN, is a senior database administrator with CIGNA in Eden Prairie, MN.

**JOHN COTNER, '88,**

Fredericksburg, VA, is a senior instructor at Drug Enforcement Administration Clandestine Laboratory Training and Research Center in Quantico, VA. He is also working on his graduate degree in industrial safety management at Texas A&M University.

**BARBARA DEMASTER, '88,**

Eagan, MN, recently became the assistant superintendent of elementary education within the St. Paul Public Schools.

**RODNEY FRANTA, '88,**

Apple Valley, MN, is the director of purchasing for DALCO Enterprises in New Brighton, MN.



# classnotes

**KAREN GREENE, '88,**

Lakeville, MN, is director, account services, at Insuresoft, LLC.

**WILLIAM HARVEY, '88,**

Champlin, MN, is an account manager with Target Commercial Interiors. He and his wife are enjoying raising their three children.

**JAY PETERSON, '88,**

New Carlisle, OH, is the director of development for Dayton Contemporary Dance Company in Dayton, OH.

**GENE SOLYNTJES, '88,**

Las Vegas, NM, retired and moved from Seattle to New Mexico where he and his wife have a small ranch house at the end of the Rockies.

**GREG GEISELHART, '89,**

Greensboro, NC, is the director of sales with WirelessCar.

**DIANE JACOBSEN, '89,**

Fairfax, MN, welcomed her fifth grandson last spring.

**TODD STAHL, '89,**

Farmington, MN, works for Johnson Controls, Inc. in Milwaukee, WI, where he recently took on a district management position.

**THERESE VOUGHT, '89,**

Roseville, MN, along with her husband, has opened Right Fit Running, a specialty running shoe store in Mounds View, MN.

**COREY WAGNER, '89,**

Hayfield, MN, is the activities director at Hayfield High School. His wife, **JANA KAMPMAN WAGNER, '89,** is an FACS teacher at the same school. They recently became grandparents.

**1990s****PAUL HASTAD, '90,**

Knoxville, IA, owns Hastad Computer Repair.

**MATT HOLDEN, '90, '02,**

Savage, MN, has been teaching in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage school district since 1992. This fall marked his 19th season of coaching football at Burnsville High. He and his wife recently welcomed their fourth baby.

**VICTORIA LOUIS, '90,**

Hampton, VA, lives in Virginia.

**CHRISTOPHER MEYER, '90,**

St. Paul, MN, recently was appointed vice president/credit officer for Bremer Financial Services Corp. Prior to this he was president of CornerStone State Bank in Belle Plaine, MN.

**PAULA PATER, '90,**

Eau Claire, WI, is an education facilitator with Sacred Heart Hospital who works in the social service arena. She runs an injury prevention program that works to prevent unintentional childhood injuries to kids 0-14 years.

**STEVEN POWERS, '90,**

St. Paul, MN, is a teacher in the St. Paul Public Schools and enjoys international travel. In 2007 he spent a good amount of time in Vietnam. This past summer he was named a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar.

**LISA EDWARDS, '91,**

Cypress, TX, is a program director for elementary education with the Aldine ISD.

**MARK THEILEN, '91,**

Lino Lakes, MN, recently was appointed warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Faribault, which is Level-3 medium security and the largest prison in Minnesota.

**TOM TIPPLE, '91,**

Hayfield, MN, is an information services supervisor with Federated Insurance. He is a founding member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

**LAURIE RATHKE, '92,**

Grafton, WI, is a crisis management supervisor with Ozaukee County, where she has worked for the last 15 years.

**DAN BOEDIGHEIMER, '93,**

Colorado Springs, CO, is the manager of standards and training for Flight Options. He was awarded his Ph.D. in Aviation Safety from Northcentral University.

**STEVE KNOWLTON, '93,**

Prior Lake, MN, is a self-employed home improvement specialist who ran across the United States last summer to help raise money for the Foundation for Crohns disease and colitis.

**DIXIE MOORMAN, '93, '05,**

Janesville, MN, is a quality assurance auditor with Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories in New Ulm, MN.

**LEE WAAGE, '93,**

Minneapolis, MN, is a data governance manager with Target Corp.

**LORI (WEISHAUP) FULLER, '94,**

River Falls, WI, is a music teacher in the Ellsworth elementary schools. She and her husband have two boys.

**ANGIE (HANSEN) HOOD, '94,**

Lu Verne, IA, welcomed her son, Axton Matthew, on June 29.

**CARRIE MOGA, '94,**

Farmington, MN, is a special education case manager with CSEC.

**DOUGLAS SCHULZE, '94,**

Normandy Park, WA, is the city manager of Normandy Park.

**CHRISTIAN OKADA, '95,**

Woodbury, MN, is a supervisor in loan servicing with Wells Fargo.

**CHRISTINE (MEYER) OSTBYE, '95, '99,**

Minnetonka, MN, is a special education teacher with the Eden Prairie Schools in MN. She and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, Owen Edward, on June 15, 2009.

**JENNIFER RASMUSSEN, '95,**

Maplewood, MN, is the director of therapeutic recreation with Ecumen, where she has worked for the last eight years.

**MARY ROBBINS, '95,**

Mankato, MN, is a social worker with Le Sueur County Social Services.

**JEFFREY ANDERSON, '96,**

Minneapolis, MN, is an instructor and student at the University of Minnesota. He legally married his long-time partner, Leo, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

**DEAN LOTTER, '96,**

St. Paul, MN, is the city manager of New Brighton, MN, and is one of two candidates being considered for city manager of Edina.

**JODI BENNETT, '97,**

Mankato, MN, is in her 14th year of teaching, and her husband, **JASON BENNETT,** recently was promoted to detective in the Mankato Police Department. They have two kids, one with Rett Syndrome. The family, along with many volunteers, help run an annual fundraiser for Rett Syndrome in Mankato.

**MICHELE BOERBOOM, '97,**

Mankato, MN, is a records coordinator with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office.

**TRACEY FOGARTY, '97,**

Rochester, MN, is an interior designer with Schmidt Goodman Office Products, Inc. Her husband, **CHRIS FOGARTY,** recently took on the new position as principal of Century High School in Rochester. They have two daughters.



**LORI HALL, '97,**

Emmetsburg, IA, is a news editor with Emmetsburg Publishing Co. She married on May 24, 2008 and welcomed son, Jacob, on Aug. 28, 2009. She also has an 11-year-old son.

**BRYAN KARRICK, '97,**

Cologne, MN, is a meteorologist with WeatherNation, LLC, after working for 12 years at KCCI-TV in Des Moines.

**JULIE WEBBER, '97,**

Owatonna, MN, is a national recognition sales manager with Black Forest. She and her husband have two boys.

**WALTER SAVAGE, '98,**

Monrovia, CA, is a retired broadcaster and writer who writes under the name W. Jack Savage, and is the author of three books.

**MATT DUROSE, '99,**

North Mankato, MN, is a detective commander with the Mankato Department of Public Safety.

**NANCY EICKHOFF, '99,**

Robbinsdale, MN, is a vocational counselor with Hennepin County who, along with her husband, welcomed their first child, Alexis Alison, on July, 7.

**2000s****MELISSA GISH, '00,**

Glenville, WV, is an assistant professor of English at Glenville State University. Prior to her position here, she was granted tenure at New Mexico State University-Carlsbad.

**JOE MCINTOSH, '00,**

Minneapolis, MN, recently accepted a position with Oracle Corp. selling to utility companies throughout the United States.

**DENISE NELSON, '00,**

Williston, ND, is a CRNA at Mercy Medical Center. She recently graduated from anesthesia school at the University of North Dakota. She and her husband have three children.

**MING-CHIEH (ERIC) YANG, '01,**

Coralville, IA, is a senior technology process engineer with Pearson.

**SHANE HOFMANN, '01, and TRACIE DALE, '02,**

Brooklyn Park, MN, married on June 4 at Wedgewood Cove Golf Course in Albert Lea. He is a senior loan officer with TCF Bank, and she is a DAPE teacher/coach for Richfield Public Schools.

**DANA ANDERSON, '02,**

Itasca, IL, is the assistant director of admissions at Argosy University, Chicago. In September she and her husband welcomed son Joichiro Yamamoto Anderson into their family.

**JESSICA DEFORREST, '03, '08,**

Oakdale, MN, is a teacher within the South Washington County Schools. She also coaches girls' soccer at Woodbury High School and practices athletic training through the Institute for Athletic Medicine and OSI Physical Therapy.

**SEAN JOHNSON, '04,**

Bloomington, MN, is a worship and music assistant at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, MN. He married his wife, Becky, in 2005, and graduated in May with his Master's in Sacred Music in Conducting from Luther Seminary in conjunction with St. Olaf College.

**KATHRYN WHITE, '04,**

Bloomington, MN, is a consultant with CRE, Inc. She and her husband welcomed their son, Landon White, in May.

**KEILCHI MATSUDA, '05,**

Akita, Japan, is leaving an assistant customer agent position with Delta Airlines Inc. to move to Cranfield, United Kingdom, to work on a postgraduate program at Cranfield University-UK.

**AMANDA JOHNSON, '05,**

Eagan, MN, is a strategic account manager with StayWell Health Management in St. Paul. She and her husband, **PAUL JOHNSON, '06,** welcomed their first baby, Charles Harlowe, on March 11.

**KATIE BURKHART, '06,**

Maple Grove, MN, is the director of marketing and operations with Tressler Law. She married her husband on May 8.

**ERIN PRICE, '06,**

Bismarck, SD, is an assistant professor of English at Bismarck State College.

**DAVID STORDALEN, '06,**

St. James, MN, teaches music in the St. James and Butterfield/Odin school districts. He recently was promoted to Warrant Officer in the Army Reserve, and is bandmaster and commander of the 188th Army Band in Fargo, ND. He has been in the Army and National Guard for 23 years.

**SARAH WINKELMAN, '06,**

Maple Grove, MN, along with her husband, Joe, welcomed their daughter, Kierra Braelyn, on Jan. 17, 2009.

**ELIZABETH DEY, '07,**

Waseca, MN, is the director of music and liturgy at Sacred Heart Church in Waseca, where she married her husband Mike in April.

**MICHAEL LANGE, '07,**

Minneapolis, MN, is an inside sales consultant with Thomson-Reuters who also is attending Argosy University, working on his MBA.

**DONALD MITCHELL, '07,**

Rochester, NY, is a graduate recruitment and retention specialist for the University of Rochester.

**JOSEPH BACH, '08,**

Mankato, MN, is an assistant branch manager with Wells Fargo Financial in Mankato.

**MELISSA DEYO, '08,**

West Salem, WI, is president of the Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association. She also is an adjunct instructor for a few colleges, including Minnesota State Mankato.

**ANNE ELVECROG, '08,**

Devils Lake, ND, moved from Minnesota to take her dream job as director of social services at a small nursing home.

**ANDREW MAKEPEACE, '09,**

Mankato, MN, is an assistant swim coach at Minnesota State Mankato.

**MICHELLE (FREDICKSON) BERTRAND, '10,**

New Ulm, MN, is a staff accountant with Roth Herzog & Associates.

**TAMMY HOPPE, '10,**

Rock Rapids, IA, took on a fixed-term assistant professor position at Minnesota State Mankato in educational studies, K-12 and secondary education (KSP) upon graduating. ☞

A number of Minnesota State Mankato graduates recently signed on with Minnesota Reading Corps (MRC) to provide extra support to kids who are at risk for not reading at grade level. Some of the places where they'll be working are elementary schools, preschools, Head Starts, and Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classrooms. They are **KAREN BELL, '93; SALLY GALLAHER, '04; JEREMY JASPERS, '05; STACY MADSEN, '05; HALEY LEONARD, '08; JENNIFER KEARNEY, '09; BENJAMIN HAMBORG, '09; and SAMANTHA DEITZ, '09.** MRC recruits and trains AmeriCorps members and places them statewide.



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## 1930s

Mathilda H. (Berg) Gray '31  
 Harriet Anna Marie (Hintze) Tetzloff '32  
 Margaret Marie (Johnson) Knutson '35  
 Constance Catherine (Hughes) O'Danovich '35, '39  
 Marcella H. (Sonnek) Terhurne '36  
 LaVon Ellen (Hensch) Waterman '37

## 1940s

Anita Elizabeth (Ella) Heitschel '40  
 Jane Elizabeth Mahlmann '40, '58  
 Mildred Mae (Dossett) Wiste '41  
 Arthur Frederick Mellenthin '43  
 Janet Lucile (Miller) Piculell '44  
 Mildred Elaine (Kampert) McAdams '46, '69  
 Margaret Lucille Brecht '47, '53, '60  
 Edwin L. Schultz '48  
 James Philip Crawford '49  
 Joyce Marie (Dahl) Greischar '49  
 Elwood Clive Guanella '49

## 1950s

Betty L. (Gannon) Bisch '50  
 Laverna Alda (Gilb) Julich '50  
 Martha Rita Murray '50  
 Mary Ann Joyce (Rice) Nelson '50  
 Florence Mildred Ottum '51  
 Donald Raymond Hager '52  
 Mary K. Anderson '53  
 Joyce Marie (Carlson) Eaton '53, '64  
 John Kelly Gruenfelder '54  
 Richard L. McCarthy '55  
 Paul Casper Bolin '56  
 Vernon G. Klenk '56  
 John Herman Rentz '56  
 Jeanne Marie (Monson) Swenson '56, '58  
 DeVere Leonard Anderson '57  
 Porter John Ashley '57  
 Robert William Juni '57  
 Richard Ellsworth Olson '57  
 Wendell Ross Arnold '58, '61  
 Louis E. Besser '58  
 Duane Milton Freier '58  
 Ronald Edward Head '59, '68  
 Harold Oliver Jensen '59  
 Leo Charles Schultz '59

Ronald Eugene Willadsen '59  
 Virginia M. (Arndt) Young '59

## 1960s

Neil J. Duwenhoegger '60, '63  
 Marcella Lillian (Bienapfl) Hillegas '60  
 Eldora S. (Novy) Paulsruide '60, '68  
 Richard Lyman Wagner '60  
 Karen A. (Halsted) Coggins '61  
 Edgar Allen Immer '61  
 William George Parkos '61  
 William D. Schulz '61, '66  
 Leon W. Christ '62  
 Raymond J. Foley '62  
 Loretta C. (Tierney) Hammer '62  
 Lenus E. Thorstad '62, '65  
 Carol A. (Tupa) Johnson '63  
 Michael Robert Kindig '63  
 Eulala Pauline (Burns) Byers '64  
 David Francis Heinze '64  
 Anne T. (Mason) Mason '64  
 Amy Eliza (Hermudson) Brown '65  
 Bentley Emmett DeMars '65  
 Andrew David Keller '65  
 Thomas James Linder '65  
 William C. Griffis '66  
 Jane Misae (Miyahira) Kupau '66  
 James Albert Manderfeld '66  
 Joseph Clement Meyer '66  
 Ethel Lydia Rose (Hass) Schmalz '66, '77  
 Maxine Annabelle (Peterson) Sweatt '66  
 Carol Ann (Nelson) Finney '67  
 Patrick F. Kortuem '67  
 Lorraine M. (Haight) Messer '67  
 Ava Eleanor (Schultz) O'Brien '67  
 Lillian Lorraine (Starkman) Schuler '67  
 Dorothy Emelia (Hudrlik) Powell '68  
 Gloria J. (Vandewege) Schaffer '68  
 Philip Roy Swan '68  
 Keith Rueben Johnson '69  
 Donald John Keller '69  
 Ruth Ann (Cravens) McNeal '69  
 Karen Marie (Faulds) O'Brien '69, '70  
 Harry LeRoy Page '69  
 JoAnne Carol (Holmseth) Peterson '69  
 Ilene Karen (Christensen) Scheid '69  
 Gary Kent Wilson '69, '72

## 1970s

Lon Stewart Coulter '70  
 Stuart Kurt Fankhanel '70  
 Carol Jean (Heinecke) Silliman '70  
 Lawrence Daniel Whalen '70  
 Ross Michael Franzen '71  
 Rodney Kenneth Kjarum '71  
 Bobbie Jan Kroman '71  
 Scott David Montgomery '71  
 Steven J. Muller '71  
 Penny Carolyn (Peteler) VanBeek '71  
 Gayl Rose (Schumann) Walerius '71  
 Anita K. Beck '72  
 Susan Kay (Wittwer) Boyum '72  
 Garry Edward Grunzke '72  
 David Allen Jacobs '72  
 Wayne B. Lindstedt '72  
 Larry Donald McCall '72  
 Rita Louise (Gallagher) Rosenberg '72  
 Phillip Lynn Abodeely '73  
 Walter John Glashan '73  
 Theodore P. Heikkila '73  
 Karria J. (Lee) Larson '73  
 Deborah Kay (Hartwig) Schammel '73  
 Louis D. Sickmann '73  
 Charles Allen Cook '74, '81  
 Juanita F. (Fuller) Haack '74  
 Stephen John Luck '74  
 Peggy Ann (Duff) Ripperger '74  
 Keith Robert Seid '74  
 Gene Leo Smail '74  
 Charles D. Boyer '75  
 Marian Alice (Caudle) McIlvenna '75  
 Pamela Elaine (Graf) Rowe '75  
 John Frederick Thiewes 1975  
 Jeffrey James Bishop '76  
 Nona Mae (Osland) Janning '76  
 Thomas Andrew Orchard '76  
 Peter W. Bauer '77  
 Craig James Bertholf '77  
 Penny Susanne (Nickel) Gray '77  
 James Leinhart Knoepfle '77  
 Richard Thomas Steimke '77  
 Jeffrey Alan Cleland '78  
 Olga O. (Oliver) Dahlen '78  
 Carol Ann (Fleisher) Griggs '78, '95  
 James M. Kotz '78



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Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Todd Michael Sand '78

Michael Senu Olusegun Yedoni '78, '83

Patrick James Crowley '79

James Buford Hamilton '79

Daniel Alan Lord '79

Willibalda (Huelskamp) Seifert '79

#### 1980s

Barbara Theresa (Meidl) Farrell '80

Lois Lynn (Mills) French '80

Julie Christine (Paisley) Munson '80

James P. Penn '81

Ann Marie (Trench) Marino '82

Dale D. Else '83

Edwin Anthony Gass '83

William Byron Haugen '83

Marti James Povlitzki '83

Dianne Carol Triplett '83

Holly Ann (Berglund) Royce '84

Mitchell Jerome Savage '84

Stacey Lynne (Chase) VanDerMeulen '85

Armella Rosalia (Henning) Willaert '86

Thomas Richard Davis '87

Mary Ann (Mills) Hodge '87

Terry Lee Humiston '87

Jose Luis Sanchez Ibanez '88, '93

Joseph Ernest Winter '88, '93

Teresa Marie (Schulz) Roberts '89

#### 1990s

Beverly Van Nuys (Van Nice) Ham '90

Timothy Dale Vagts '90

Todd Donald Feige '92

John Wilbert Creighton '96

#### 2000s

Angeline Marie Stadler '05

Daniel Gregory Gulbrandson '08

#### FRIENDS AND ATTENDEES

Mary H. Andruzzi

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