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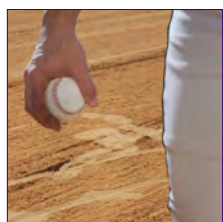
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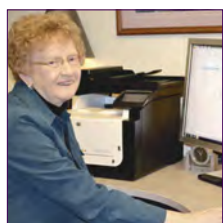
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## A STUDENT'S-EYE VIEW

Each fall, I look forward to the energy and enthusiasm of residence hall move-in day. Although I don't envy students and their families the task of lugging boxes and bags of their belongings up to their new rooms, watching them settle in and get comfortable on campus offers me a great opportunity to see the University through their eyes.

That view has been improving over recent years. For the first time this fall, students were welcomed to the Margaret R. Preska Residence Community—300 to the semi-suite style units in the newly constructed building and 200 to renovated rooms that used to be part of McElroy. It's been rewarding to watch that space take shape, and I can only imagine how exciting it was for those first students to unpack in their rooms, wander around the lobby and explore the building with their roommates and friends.

It wasn't that long ago that the first residents of the Julia A. Sears Residence Community, which opened in 2008, had a similar experience. We've worked hard to update and renovate the rooms in our other residence halls as well. Recent projects in both Crawford and McElroy have made the traditional double rooms in those buildings more comfortable and inviting. And we are offering creative housing solutions to students as well, including making apartment-style housing available for 250 students in a University-leased facility adjacent to campus.

Our goal is to create a campus where students feel comfortable living, studying and socializing. We want them to enjoy being here, wherever they come from and whatever their goals. We want them to share our pride in everything about this University, from its academic excellence to its facilities.

Our student-athletes are another source of pride for the campus community. The Mavericks have a long history of success, from the three national championships the wrestling team won in the 1950s and '60s to the national title that the women's basketball team won in 2009 and all of the other accolades in between. I look forward to the day that our men's and women's Division I hockey teams net titles as well. The community is looking forward to seeing the impact new men's coach Mike Hastings is able to have on the team, and to seeing students fill up the seats at the Verizon Wireless Center for games as well.

Please join us in Mankato to watch our men's and women's hockey teams play this winter, or catch a road game against one of our Western Collegiate Hockey Association competitors. I also encourage you to visit campus during Homecoming week, September 24-29, and see our improved residential life facilities for yourself. However you connect with Minnesota State Mankato this fall, I guarantee it will boost your pride in the Mavericks.

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# newsbriefs

- Minnesota State Mankato student **MAI VANG** was one of just 15 students from across the nation—and the only student from a college or university in Minnesota—to be **NAMED A BARBARA JORDAN HEALTH POLICY SCHOLAR**. Jordan scholars receive financial support to study in Washington, D.C. Vang worked with U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's office on health policy issues and focused on issues affecting racial and ethnic minorities and underserved communities.
- **DR. WALTER B. ROBERTS JR.**, a professor of counselor education at Minnesota State Mankato and a nationally recognized expert on bullying, was appointed as a co-chair of a state task force formed by Gov. Mark Dayton to research and provide policy remedies to bullying in Minnesota schools.
- **LINDA BAER** was named Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Baer, whose career includes leadership positions with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and Bemidji State University, replaces Scott Olson, who left to become president of Winona State University.
- **KRISTINE RETHERFORD** '73 is the new Dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing. Her long career includes serving as chair of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.
- The Department of Special Education offers the state's first approved undergraduate program for **ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST (ABS) LICENSING**. An ABS license allows one to work in several disability areas, including autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities and emotional disabilities, in grades K-12.
- Dance instructor **DAN STARK'S "CRASH"** was selected for performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C.

## SPACES

- Doors opened this fall to the Margaret R. Preska Residence Community, which provides housing for nearly 500 students in new and renovated spaces. The first floor is also home to the New Student and Family Program offices and classrooms.
- An alumni tour of Gage Towers this fall will be a last hurrah before the \$5 million demolition of the iconic residence halls begins.
- An upgrade to the heating and air conditioning systems in Morris and Armstrong Halls next spring will improve energy efficiency and climate control in the buildings.
- A new \$28 million Clinical Sciences building is in the design phase, pending legislative approval in 2014. Plans for the 56,000-square-foot building include labs for nursing, dental hygiene and speech and hearing.
- A former "shell space" in the basement of The Taylor Center was renovated into a 135-seat classroom that opened for students this fall.
- A Center for Faculty Development with conference rooms, a classroom and consultation spaces, opened in the lower level of Memorial Library last summer.

## FOUR DECADES OF DENTAL HYGIENE

It's been 40 years since the first students in Minnesota State Mankato's Dental Hygiene Program graduated. Professor Emeritus Dr. Bob Fonda, who founded the program, remembers the early days.

### Q: WHAT ROLE DID YOU PLAY IN THE FOUNDING OF THE PROGRAM?

A: I had been a dentist in private practice in Iowa, but long hours spent bending over patients caused some health problems. I was looking for a new opportunity, and after a number of discussions with the University, I was asked to create the program, literally from the ground up. I had to hire faculty, design, plan and teach classes, pursue accreditation and supervise the construction of the clinic.

### Q: WHAT'S THE MOST UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE YOU HAD DURING YOUR TENURE?

A: During the height of the Vietnam War protests on campus, for some reason someone dropped a teargas-like substance into the top vents of our building. At first we didn't know what was happening, but the entire staff—patients and everyone—was weeping from the fumes. We had to evacuate the building. —Kelly O'Hara Dyer '89

*A profile of Dr. Fonda and the founding of the Dental Hygiene Program appears in the online version of TODAY at [today.mnsu.edu](http://today.mnsu.edu). ☞*

# ART IN THE EVERY DAY

Lynda Jacobsen '67 sees the beauty in everything from blues skies and sunsets to ice cream parlor chairs.

For as long as she can remember, art has been an important part of Lynda Jacobsen's life. She credits her mother for instilling in her an appreciation for beauty in the things around her. "In our growing up years, our mother taught us to appreciate the beauty in everyday things," Jacobsen says. "She taught us to appreciate the blue skies and sunsets."

Although art was always a passion for her, Jacobsen didn't understand that art had merit as a profession when she was young. It wasn't until she was a student at Mankato State College that she was encouraged to pursue her interest in it. Since then, Jacobsen has been working to help others fully appreciate the value of art to one's life and to the vitality of the community—as a teacher, a volunteer and an artist with an unusual exhibit at the Carnegie Art Center in Mankato.



## TAKING ART SERIOUSLY

Jacobsen grew up on a farm in the southwest corner of Minnesota. As a child, she displayed natural artistic talent. “I have always loved art. But in school, do you know when we did art projects? If we were done with everything, we could go sit in the back of the room and draw. That was art,” she says. “At the time, our school didn’t offer any formal means for expression.”

But that didn’t prevent her from participating, practicing and appreciating the art around her. “I used watercolor, because I had access to the little Prang sets in school. I would enter the ‘Draw Me’ art contests and I would get congratulatory letters back. But when they found out I was only nine years old, the correspondence stopped,” Jacobsen says, smiling.

As a high school senior, Jacobsen was advised to become a teacher. Initially, she planned to be a school psychologist and was studying English and psychology. “In my junior year, my college advisor informed me that my plan required a graduate degree. At that point, I dropped psychology and jumped into art,” she says. “It was the first time I took art seriously as a class. I mean, who thought of art as something to study? I was so pleased to know that I could get credit for doing art work.”

In 1967, Jacobsen graduated with a B.A. in English and an art minor. After teaching English for a short time, she enjoyed a full career teaching art to students of all ages—from kindergarten to high school.

## ART ALL AROUND US

Jacobsen retired from teaching when she moved to Mankato in 1988. She soon reconnected with Minnesota State Mankato; as a community member, Jacobsen has served on the Alumni Foundation Board, participated in interviews and provided input into various project designs during the redesign of the Centennial Student Union. Lynda and her husband Darel Jacobsen have also provided financial support for various University projects.

One of their most important contributions, in Lynda’s mind, has been the ongoing funding of art scholarships. Because of their deep understanding of the critical role art plays in shaping our culture and their longtime love of the visual arts, Lynda and Darel have made a \$100,000 trust bequest through their final will, which will be used to support a graduate fellowship in visual art.

During budget cuts, funding for the arts sometimes looks like an easy target. But Jacobsen feels that the times at which people have limited monetary wealth are the times when lessons in art appreciation are the most important. “My mother taught us to see beauty in things around us,” she says. “You don’t have to have a lot of money. But if you develop an aesthetic sense, it can give you great joy and improve your quality of life immeasurably.”

Jacobsen routinely finds beauty in everyday objects. In fact, she has a unique collection of an everyday object.

“I have a chair collection, which is kind of an odd passion,” she admits. “I have been collecting chairs for a long time, but I don’t just collect chairs because they are collectable. They have to be aesthetically pleasing to me.”

Her admiration of beauty in design motivated her to purchase the first piece of her collection when she was just a child. She could see it from her school, and she was fascinated by it.

“My first chair was sitting outside underneath a clothesline across the street from the school. It was an ice cream parlor chair. Irene Hixson owned it,” Jacobsen remembers. “The bottom had fallen out and she put her clothespin bucket in it. So it was sitting out there all the time. And oh, how I admired that chair. I really wanted that chair. I finally persuaded my mother to go with me and I asked Irene Hixson to sell me that chair. She glanced at me with a puzzled look and said, ‘Well, where would I put my clothespins?’ Eventually she decided that, for about \$5, she could buy a bag for her clothespins that hung on the clothesline. So if I wanted to buy the chair from her for \$5, I could. And I bought my first chair. That chair has gone everywhere with me.”

Jacobsen was 12 years old at the time and probably didn’t realize the significance of that purchase. Now, nearly 55 years later, she is an avid art collector and expert in chair design.

“My husband and I have been to different parts of the world and visited museums all over. Invariably, we find a collection of mid-century modern chairs on exhibit,” Jacobsen says. Her own collection includes the work of several designers and architects, such as Eero Saarinen, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Harry Bertoia, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, George Nelson, Verner Panton, Arne Jacobsen and others.

But Jacobsen doesn’t usually look in design shops or retail stores for her chairs.

“I am not one who goes out and buys all new chairs at retail prices,” she says. “A person could buy them new, but what fun is that? I have found them at second-hand stores, garage sales, on Ebay, even in the ditch. If I find a chair that is a worthy collectable, I buy it. Sometimes they require quite a bit of work, but I get a lot of joy out of it—reupholstering or doing repairs to bring something back to life.”

## SHARING HER PASSION

One of the things Jacobsen likes most about her collection is that the pieces are recognizable. “Chairs are such a universal item. We all use them every day and in every way,” she says. “Even though these collectable chairs are somewhat precious, we live with them and use them.”

As more people became aware of and voiced interest in her collection, Jacobsen began thinking it might be fun to display it. She shared the idea with Hope Cook, a retired Minnesota State Mankato art faculty member and long-time Carnegie Art Center volunteer. Cook agreed that it was a good idea.

“The Carnegie is constantly evolving as a visual art center,” Cook says. “Although Lynda doesn’t describe herself as an artist, she lives her life as a visually thinking and engaged person. Her collection includes sculptural pieces with which we all have a connection.”

Jacobsen has been preparing for the show for nearly a year—creating paintings, designing banners and building a giant chair to be displayed outside. “I try to do something related to the show every day,” she says.

It seems that even though Lynda Jacobsen has far more chairs than the average person, she doesn’t sit down for long. ☞

## EXHIBIT INFORMATION

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# Going for the Goal

THE MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO MEN'S HOCKEY PROGRAM STARTS THE 2012-13 SEASON WITH A NEW COACH AND A NEW DEFINITION OF SUCCESS.

There comes a time when a hockey player, skating with the puck through the neutral zone, has to make a difficult decision: Should he fire the puck into the corner and battle to get it back? Should he head off the ice for a line change? Or should he keep the puck on his stick, carry it across the blue line, try to beat the defender and attack the net?

Minnesota State University, Mankato faced such a dilemma when it came to the future of its men's hockey program during the 2011-12 season—a season that began and ended with uncertainty for the Mavericks.

During the previous summer, several college hockey conferences—including the prestigious Western Collegiate Hockey Association, which Minnesota State Mankato has belonged to since 1999—began breaking up, with plans to reform and rebuild prior to the 2013-14 season. After the shakeup, Minnesota State Mankato remained in a barely recognizable WCHA.

On the ice, meanwhile, the Mavericks limped to a second-straight 11th-place finish in the 12-team WCHA. Attendance at the Verizon Wireless





Center in downtown Mankato dropped significantly, as did overall fan interest in and booster support for Minnesota State Mankato hockey, as the year went on.

Dump and chase? Go to the bench for a breather? Attack the net? Minnesota State Mankato opted to go for a goal.

"We're going to do what it takes to be a force in hockey," University President Richard Davenport says. "We are committed to that."

## CHARISMATIC COACH

In April, Minnesota State Mankato showed off its aggressive new style of play by hiring Mike Hastings as the Mavericks' new coach.

Hastings had been the associate head coach at the University of Nebraska Omaha for the previous three seasons but was also well established as a head coach in the junior ranks. It was only a matter of time before a college team would come calling for him to take its reins, and Minnesota State Mankato got to him first.

"This charismatic coach is just outstanding," Davenport says. "This guy is a winner. He loves winning. And he instills that value and that drive in players."

The 46-year-old Hastings has learned from and worked with some of the best coaches in college hockey. In 1986, the Crookston, Minn., native began playing college hockey at St. Cloud State under the legendary Herb Brooks, who coached the University of Minnesota to three national championships in the 1970s and was the architect of the "Miracle on Ice," the United States Olympic Team's upset over the Soviet Union and run to the gold medal in Lake Placid, N.Y., in 1980.

Over the last four years, Hastings has worked as an assistant to Don Lucia at Minnesota and Dean Blais at Nebraska Omaha, both of whom have won national championships—Lucia twice with the Gophers and Blais twice with North Dakota.

"I've been fortunate enough to be around some pretty special people," Hastings says.



Hastings has accomplished some pretty special things himself. He was the coach and general manager of the Omaha Lancers of the United States Hockey League, a junior-level league that develops and prepares an abundance of players—and coaches—for college and professional hockey. Among the USHL alumni on Minnesota State Mankato's current team are standouts Eriah Hayes, Jean-Paul LaFontaine and Zach Palmquist, among others.

In 14 seasons with the Lancers, Hastings never had a losing record. His teams went 529-210-56 with three USHL titles and two national championships. He was named the league's Coach of the Year twice and General Manager of the Year five times. If there was any doubt about how that community felt about Hastings and his accomplishments, in 2009 Hastings was named to the Omaha Hockey Hall of Fame.

"He's got something that's indefinable, that causes his players to win games," Davenport says. "I like his approach. He's not a neophyte. He's a very experienced, seasoned coach who has high standards, which I think match and parallel the high standards of the University. It was a very easy decision to hire him."

One of the Mavericks' captains this season, defenseman Tyler Elbrecht, played for Hastings's last Lancers team and is looking forward to reuniting with his old coach.

"He's going to be a good fit for this team," Elbrecht says. "He knows how to push guys to the limit and be the best they can."

Hastings hit the ground running, going out on the recruiting trail the night he was hired. Over the spring and summer months, he proved to be the man Davenport and Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman thought he would be

when they hired him. "I think he's incredibly committed, passionate and extremely hard-working," Buisman says. "He's anxious to get out there on the ice with the student-athletes. He's been a champion for the program and the community. He's doing good work out there for the program."

During his introductory press conference on April 16, Hastings said expectations "are going to be special" for hockey. Davenport echoed that, saying that the hockey team and other athletics are the "window to the University."

"We definitely need to have a winning record, a winning team," Davenport says. "We need to be among the top teams in our conference consistently. And we need to get in the NCAA tournament. We need to regain our fan base. ...

"I'm not going to be happy if we're not winning."

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

Winning requires Minnesota State Mankato to put more resources into hockey, Davenport says. Some of that will be directed at the wish list that Hastings developed when asked what the program needs to recruit top players and win games.

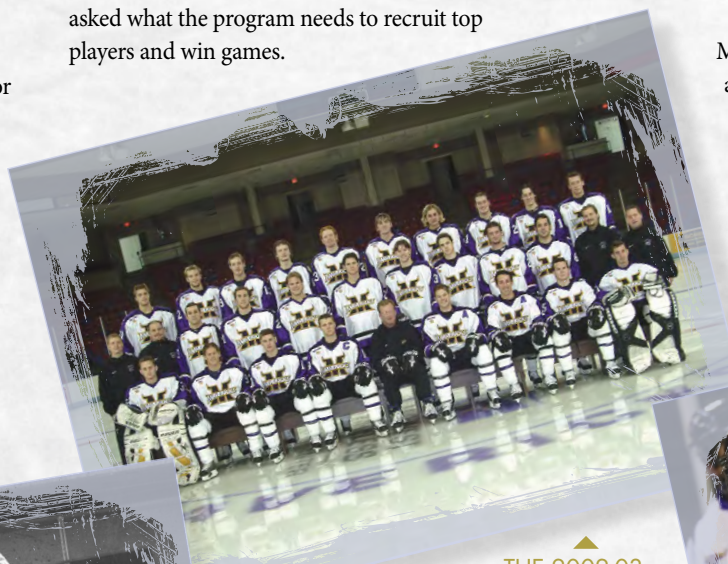
One of Hastings's requests was for better facilities. The University was already in the process of assisting in the city of Mankato's push for upgrades to the Verizon Wireless Center. Plans have been drawn up to make the downtown arena the Mavericks' permanent, everyday home—not just their game rink—in the future and be a significant improvement from the practice facilities at All Seasons Arena a few blocks from campus. The Verizon Wireless Center would be home to the women's hockey team as well.

"I have seen a commitment," Hastings says. "I know the commitment is there from the top down. It's never waived. I have the utmost confidence in the University's commitment to excellence. There are a lot of layers that encompasses."

## CONFERENCE CONUNDRUM

With the massive changes coming to college hockey and the WCHA next year, it might have been easy for Minnesota State Mankato to take a more conservative approach with its program—to dump the puck deep and then sit back and play defense.

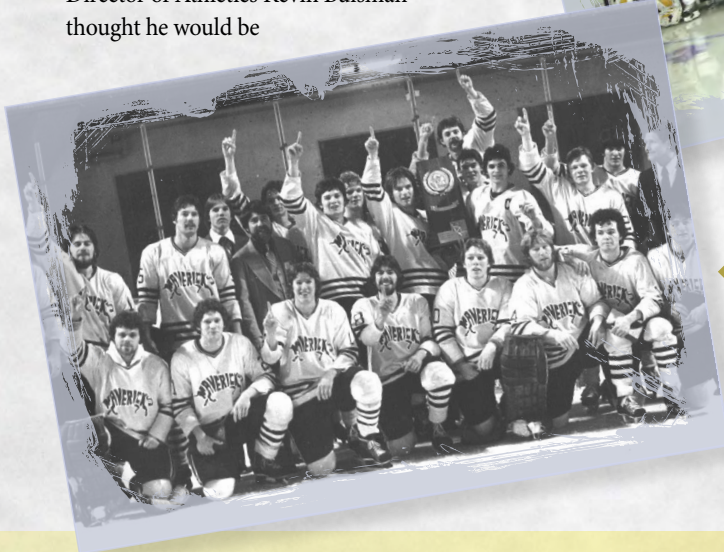
In the summer of 2011, Minnesota State Mankato was among a group of programs left behind by an exodus of some of the top teams in the WCHA, as well as some of the Mavericks' biggest rivals.



THE 2002-03 TEAM THAT EARNED A BERTH TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT.

THE 1979-80 TEAM AFTER WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

CURRENT PLAYER JEAN-PAUL LAFONTAINE, A MEMBER OF THE WCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM IN 2011-12





The Big Ten announced it would be adding hockey as a conference sport, taking Minnesota and Wisconsin from the WCHA. Davenport said that scenario had been under discussion for a long time and didn't come as a surprise to him when it happened.

The shocker came when North Dakota, Denver, Colorado College, Minnesota Duluth and Nebraska Omaha announced that they would also be leaving to start a new super conference with Miami (Ohio) of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. Named the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, the league later added St. Cloud State, a sixth WCHA member, and Western Michigan to its league.

Suddenly, the WCHA had gone from one of the most tradition-rich conferences in college hockey, one with 37 national championships to its name, to a league on the brink. With Davenport in a new leadership role in the WCHA, the league eventually invited the remaining CCHA schools to join, and they accepted. In 2013, Minnesota State Mankato will be in a WCHA with current members Bemidji State, Alaska Anchorage and Michigan Tech, as well as Northern Michigan, Lake Superior State, Ferris State, Bowling Green and Alaska (Fairbanks).

"I just didn't want to see the WCHA deteriorate," says Davenport, the chair of the President's Council for the league. "I think we have a bit of a climb as we restore our reputation and legacy. I think we need to step up to the plate as a conference and be competitive and disprove any myths that we're a weaker conference."

Hastings has bought in, too.

"Really, we want to take the lead," he says.

Where some saw big problems on the horizon, Minnesota State Mankato sees an opportunity. Hastings, Davenport, Buisman and many others at Minnesota State Mankato believe the Mavericks can be the best team in the revamped conference. Winning regularly could mean regular trips to the NCAA tournament, something the Mavericks have done just once since upgrading to

Division I and joining the WCHA. "I think we're going to be more competitive than we ever have been," Davenport says.

Taking the program's entire history into account, that prediction could mean great expectations.

Minnesota State has had hockey since the 1969-70 season, when Don Brose started the program. The first teams played outdoors and used old football jerseys for uniforms. But within 10 years, Brose and the Mavericks were celebrating an NCAA Division II national championship.

Eventually, the University decided to upgrade to Division I and applied to join the prestigious Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The Mavericks began WCHA play in 2000, and after a surprising fourth-place finish that first season, Brose was named the league Coach of the Year. Having taken the program out of nothing to participate in the best college-hockey conference in the country, Brose retired after 30 years and more than 500 victories. The coaching reins were handed to his longtime assistant, Troy Jutting.

Jutting, a former Mavericks player, had success, too. He was twice named WCHA Coach of the Year and took the Mavericks to the NCAA tournament after the 2002-03 season. Jutting coached for 12 seasons (22, including 10 years as an assistant) before he was reassigned to a new role as special assistant to Davenport last April; he then accepted an assistant coaching position at Nebraska Omaha.

Hastings is just the third coach in program history.

"This was a year to step back and take a look at our hockey

program in general, to dissect it and look at what we need to do to keep it alive," Davenport says. "A new, fresh face, a new approach and a new attitude sometimes gives you a chance to back up and start over again fresh. Not to take away from our previous coach."

Hockey is the only Division I sport at Minnesota State Mankato; the rest play at the Division II level. Because of that caliber and the extra attention that goes with it, improvement and sustained success are vital. A winning team, the president says, will reflect well on the University as a whole and fits in with the overall short- and long-term vision of the University.

"There is kind of a crescendo," Davenport says, "an echo that occurs that when you're good, everybody knows you're good. And guess what? Everyone wants to be part of a winner." 🚩

*Shane Frederick has covered the Mavericks hockey team for The Free Press since 2000.*

**"I think we're going to be more competitive than we have ever been."**

— PRESIDENT DAVENPORT



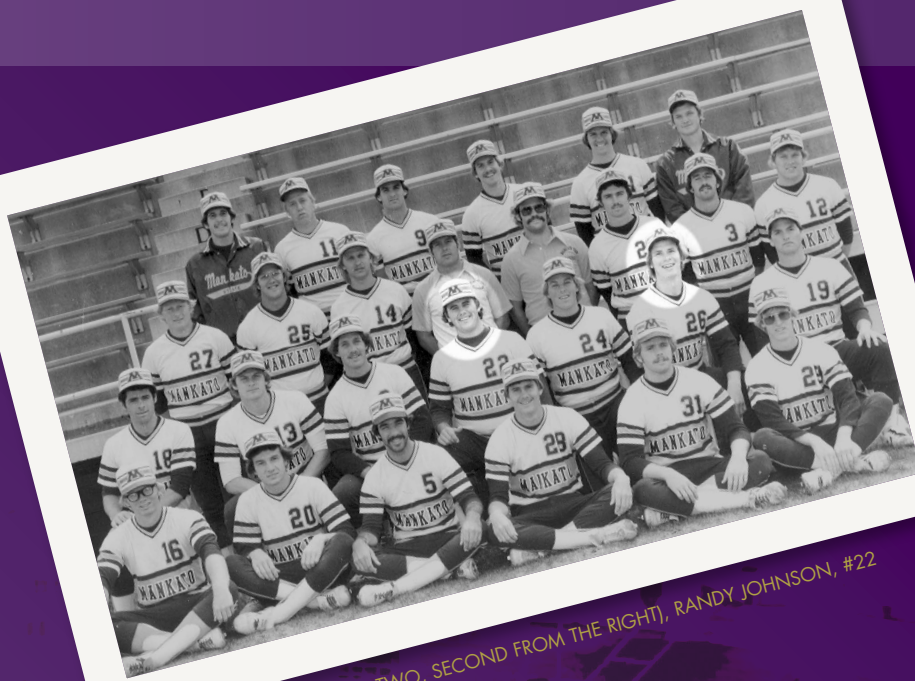
KEVIN BUISMAN (LEFT) AND RICHARD DAVENPORT (RIGHT) ANNOUNCE THE HIRING OF COACH MIKE HASTINGS (CENTER) IN APRIL.





# TWICE THE MEMORIES

*The two best finishes in Minnesota State Mankato baseball history have much in common.*



GREG ODEGAARD, #26 (ROW TWO, SECOND FROM THE RIGHT), RANDY JOHNSON, #22 (ROW TWO, FOURTH FROM THE LEFT).

What they were witnessing was 32 years and 2,500 miles from the topic of discussion. But for Greg Odegaard and Randy Johnson, it had to seem much closer than that.

It's not that it would be unusual for Greg and Randy to discuss their memories of being teammates on the 1980 Minnesota State Mankato Mavericks baseball team that went to the College World Series and finished third. After all, those are the moments that etch their way into a young man's memories forever.

The intrigue is that this conversation happened in the stands of the 2012 College World Series, as the former teammates watched their sons—Matt Odegaard and Nolan Johnson—etch eerily similar memories of their own.

For Greg Odegaard, the experience was almost reflective of his own. For Randy Johnson, it was an opportunity to watch his son experience a moment he was oh-so-close to having during his own collegiate career.

In 1980, Minnesota State Mankato's baseball team, under fourth-year coach Dean Bowyer, lost nine of its first 13 games, and then got red hot. Using a 13-3 conference record to catapult into regionals, the Mavericks dropped their first game before reeling off three wins by a combined 20 runs to earn a berth in the Division II College World Series in Riverside, Calif. There, the Mavericks defeated the No. 1 ranked team in the country in its first game, but dropped two of the next three to finish third—a finish that for the next 31 years stood as the best season in Minnesota State Mankato baseball history. On that team was senior Greg Odegaard, a veteran leader, and upstart underclassman Randy Johnson, who ultimately didn't make the trip to the College World Series because of roster limitations.

The 2012 Minnesota State Mankato baseball team, under fourth-year coach Matt Magers, won 16 of its first 19 games, lost consecutive games only once and won seven straight to gain entrance to the Division II College World Series in Cary, N.C. But the team promptly dropped its first game before stellar pitching and defense earned it three straight wins, placing it one game away from a guaranteed second-place finish. Despite carrying a 5-0 lead into the eighth, the Mavericks fell 6-5 in that game against Delta State, earning the school's second third-place finish in the DII College World Series.

"It was heartbreaking, especially as a senior," Matt Odegaard says. "Looking around the infield at those other seniors, it was difficult. But that's the game of baseball, and it's just one of those games that got away. It will stick with me for a long time, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been there."

But the real story isn't about heartbreaking losses or missed opportunities. It's about Maverick lineage, and tales told in families with baseball in their blood.

Picture, for instance, young Matt Odegaard, visions of his own baseball future dancing like a knuckleball, raised around stories of Maverick success.

"He was always reminding me how good he was back in the day," Matt says of his father, laughing. "He kind of rubs it in my face a little bit—and I give it right back. It's fun to hear those stories of how he played back in the day, and now I've got some of those stories too."



Randy Johnson made the trip to North Carolina to watch his son Nolan compete on a stage that narrowly eluded him during his own college career. The elder Johnson, who didn't make the trip to California in 1980 and later competed in a regional final loss, had just one bit of advice for his son.

"He just told me to have fun and enjoy it," Nolan explains. "No matter what happens. Going to the College World Series is an accomplishment in itself, and you can't hold your head down even if you don't win the last game of the season. He just said enjoy it, have fun, and that memory will last forever."

Nolan and Matt will forever remember the remarkable run of their 2012 Mavericks team, just like their fathers recall Mavericks successes of the early '80s. But there's a funny thing about fathers: Both Randy and Greg relish the success of the 2012 team more than their own success decades ago.

"For them to have the run they did and be on the cusp of getting to the finals and just coming up short was really something," Greg Odegaard says. "There was an excitement there that he'll never forget. And that I've never forgotten. We get together with old teammates quite a bit and talk about our own World Series. We had a great run ourselves, but these guys, they duplicated it and then some. It was a lot of fun for me, and a lot more fun watching my son go through it." 🐮



## OFF THE FIELD

■ Senior softball pitcher **Kendra Huettl** earned a litany of awards in 2011-12. Huettl, who graduated with a nursing degree and finished her academic career with a 3.99 grade point average, was named a Third Team Academic All-American by Capital One in 2012. She was tabbed the Capital One Academic Scholar Athlete of the Year in Division II for softball, earned the NSIC's Kelly Award as the top female student-athlete in the league, the Georgene Brock Award as Minnesota State Mankato's top female senior student-athlete, and received an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, which is awarded annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically.

■ The inductees into the **Minnesota State Mankato Hall of Fame** this year include: men's cross country/track & field national champion Dale Bahr (1991-95); men's basketball All-American Pat Coleman (1992-96); men's hockey goaltending great Ken Hilgert (1984-88); and former softball stand-out Theresa Mackey (1991-94). Slated for induction in the builders category are local businessmen Fred Roufs and Lon Coulter, who passed away in 2010 and will be inducted posthumously. The North Central Conference champion Mavericks football team from 1987 will be inducted as a team. The Jim Schaffer Service Award will be presented to Al Dorn, and the Minnesota State Mankato Athletics Philanthropic Award winner is Bremer Bank. Those interested in attending the dinner on Friday, September 28, may register by calling (507) 389-3235 or (888) 234-3796 or online at <http://alumni.mnsu.edu/hof>.

■ **Joel Nielsen**, who punted for the Mavericks from 1984 to 1985, was named Alumnus of the Year by the Minnesota State Mankato Sport Management program and was honored at the Cambria Dinner of Distinction in April.

■ Ten Minnesota State Mankato teams scored points in NCAA postseason competition and **completed the 2011-12 season ranking 21st in the final Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings**. Posting top-25 team finishes in 2011-12 NCAA postseason events were baseball (third), men's indoor track & field (16th), men's outdoor track & field (17th), women's softball (17th), women's soccer (17th), women's golf (21st) and wrestling (23rd). 🐮

# A Great 48

During her tenure at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Verone Nelson saw everything from business suits to bell bottoms and electric typewriters to personal computers.

After nearly a half century of quietly performing her duties as the administrative assistant to the dean of Minnesota State Mankato's College of Business, Verone Nelson wasn't ready for the hoopla surrounding her retirement at the end of June.

First, a front-page article in the Mankato *Free Press*—"must have been a slow news day," she quips—then an interview with TODAY Magazine, followed by a grand retirement ceremony in the Centennial Student Union.

"I could stand up here and talk all day about her," former Dean Marilyn Fox told Nelson's family, friends and colleagues at the retirement reception in the South Ballroom. "A Verone doesn't just come into your life; she remains there and becomes a part of it."

"Look at all the people here," said University President Richard Davenport as he addressed the capacity crowd. "Every time I've seen Verone the last 10 years, she's always smiling."

All the praise lavished upon her has been flattering, Nelson concedes, though a little overwhelming for someone unaccustomed to the spotlight.

"I don't really like publicity," she says. "I'm not that type of person. But it's sure been fun, after all these years. I've been getting cards galore since *The Free Press* article came out."

A week before her retirement became official after 48 years at Minnesota State Mankato, Nelson granted TODAY her second—and final, she said with mock firmness—exit interview in her longtime Morris Hall office.



*"I was thinking of trying for 50, but then I thought, 'No, I don't need to do that.'"*





"I've been thinking about [retiring] for a couple of years, but just wasn't ready," Nelson says. "Finally, this year I thought, 'I want to travel, I want to have some free time, too.'"

Nelson admits that she was tempted to stay for two more years to make it an even 50 for her career. "I was thinking of trying for 50, but then I thought, 'No, I don't need to do that,'" she says, laughing. "Isn't 48 enough?"

Nelson, who served under eight deans, has "watched this University be transformed," Davenport said. Her easygoing, affable demeanor, among other attributes, will be missed at the University.

"No matter how busy things got, there's always a calmness with Verone," current College of Business Dean Brenda Flannery says. "She's just a caring, generous and gentle person. You feel like when you're around her, everything's going to be OK."

Nelson, 66, was raised on a farm north of Nicollet. After graduating from clerical school, she began her run at the University in May 1964, when she began working in the College of Education on the Old Main campus. She was promoted to administrative assistant in the College of Business in 1966 and remained in that department for another 46 years.

Raised in an era of limited professional opportunities for women, Nelson says she's proud to have witnessed career options expand.

"Back then, if you were a woman, you were either a nurse, a teacher or a secretary," she says. "I don't think we had any women in business classes, and now there's so many ... I should have been taking classes all these years!"

Of course, the fashion trends have evolved dramatically during Nelson's tenure. From miniskirts to mullets, bell-bottoms to baggy jeans, formal to casual, Nelson has seen it all.

"Oh yes, that's been very interesting," she says. "The culture has really changed; everyone was wearing suits back then. It's not like that anymore."

A relic from yesteryear sat prominently on Nelson's desk: her vintage electric typewriter, a reminder of times gone by.

"Typewriters were the only equipment we had to type tests and letters until we received office computers in the early 1980s," she says. "It's amazing how technology has changed over the years, but I like working on computers much better."

Nelson plans to enjoy her retirement with her two daughters and three grandchildren. An avid traveler, she hasn't wasted any time plotting trips; she had planned an Alaskan cruise in July and a visit to Boston in August.

Although she knows it will be a big adjustment to not come into the office anymore, Nelson says that she's ready to relinquish the personnel and budget duties that were part of her days in Morris Hall. "It's been fun, all the variety," she says. "It's never been boring. I'll miss the faculty, staff and students. But I've given myself enough time to prepare for retirement. I took my time and that helped." ☞



#### PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

VERONE NELSON SHORTLY BEFORE HER RETIREMENT IN JUNE 2012; NELSON WITH MORGAN THOMAS, THE FIRST DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS; NELSON WITH FORMER DEAN MELVIN STANFORD (RIGHT) AND RICH PAULSON, A FORMER PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT; NELSON WITH NORB HARRINGTON, AN ALUM WHO STARTED THE VERONE NELSON SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP; NELSON WITH (FROM LEFT) RENEE GRAMS, CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, DEAN BRENDA FLANNERY AND GRADUATE ASSISTANT ELIZABETH JOHNSON AT HER RETIREMENT PARTY IN JUNE.



# maverick scene



**(1)** Christopher Prantner and Wendy Sandstrom '00, '09 at Minnesota State Mankato Night at the MoonDogs. **(2)** University friends John and Sandy Stephanie at a Minnesota Lynx basketball game in June. **(3)** Jessica Manthei '99, Mat Peot, Tony Nagel '98 and Tyler Roethe enjoy Minnesota State Mankato night at the Twins. **(4)** Distinguished Alumni Award winner Jerry Lee '77 (right) and his wife Annette Lee with Quinsey Foster.



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**(1)** Distinguished Alumni Award winner Chris Schmidt '01 with his mother, Nancy Schmidt, at the ceremony last April. **(2)** Cathy and Al Annexstad at commencement ceremonies in May, where they each received an honorary doctorate from the University. **(3)** Facilities Management Project Manager Brittany Mitchell '07 (center, black shirt) gave a group of emeriti a tour showing off the results of the ongoing campus beautification campaign, including (from left) Leonhard Mickelsen, Oliver Mulford, David Popowski '63, '65, LaDonna Boettcher and Brian Boettcher '62, '68.

# class notes

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## 1950s

**KEITH APPEL, '56, '59, '62**, Anchorage, AK, has retired as chairman of the art department at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He has been a producing artist for many years.

## 1960s

**JOHN ANDERSON, '64**, Beach Park, IL, has been appointed as director of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association and also as director of Central Electric Railfans Assoc.

**MARILYN GOODRICH, '67**, Santa Monica, CA, was married on January 14. She retired from Santa Monica College in June 2010 and has taken up golf.

## 1970s

**DENNIS MARTIN, '70**, Kingsville, TX, is a tour guide with King Ranch.

**DEANNA SNOW BEISE, '70**, Winnebago, MN, recently retired as manager at Kato Engineering Employees Credit Union.

**STEPHEN JAMES, '72**, Hastings, NE, retired in May after 36 years as a counselor at Hastings Senior High School.

**REV. LINDSAY HARDIN FREEMAN, '77**, Long Lake, MN, is an ordained Episcopalian priest who has served several churches around the country. She is the author of three books and has received a number of awards for her excellence in religious journalism.

**JENIFER (SCHELLBERG) PANERAL, '79**, Houston, TX, is a senior vice president and COO of Concierge Asset Management, a multi-housing company. She also is a certified property manager and was named Executive of the Year in 2001 by the Houston Apartment Association.

## 1980s

**BRIAN ROEGERS, '80**, Sioux Falls, SD, is the executive director of The McCrossan Boys Ranch near Sioux Falls, a private, nonprofit organization for troubled boys between the ages of nine and 20.

**BRUCE CARLSON, '81**, Zimmerman, MN, is a vice president/project manager/EEO with Park Construction.

**EV (ELLI) AMBROS, '83**, Warrenton, VA, is an academic advisor with George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

**TIM COLLINS, '83**, Cave Creek, AZ, is a senior vice president/SBA lending manager with BNC National Bank. His wife,

**MICHELLE (CHAPMAN) COLLINS, '83**, is a first grade teacher with the Cave Creek Unified School District.

**NATALIE TYRRELL, '86**, North Las Vegas, NV, is serving as the first woman chief judge of the justice court. She was first elected in 2009.

**WESLEY "WES" ALBERS, '88**, San Diego, CA, is a detective sergeant with the San Diego Police Department who recently published his first novel. He continues to work in both areas.

**JASON AMBORN, '88**, Maplewood, MN, is a safety director with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. He also has been a volunteer firefighter and EMT for 21 years.



**SIOBHAN (FUSILLO) BREMER**, who graduated in 1988 with an MFA in Acting, appeared in the Guthrie Theater's recent production of *The Sunshine Boys*. The show ran at the Guthrie from July 17 until September 3. Bremer is pictured here, center, with actors Ray Birk and Michael Goetz—the Sunshine Boys.



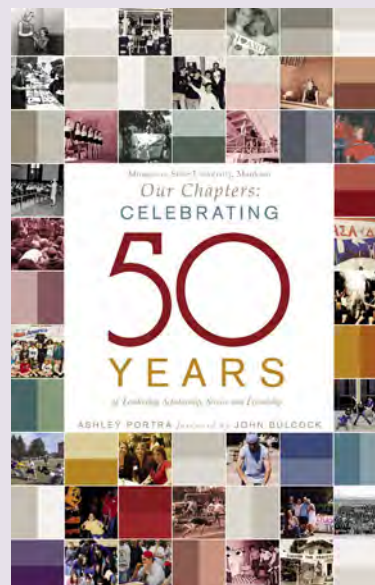
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## GOOD TO BE GREEK

On February 4, 1959, the Minnesota State Mankato Student Senate officially recognized the first social fraternity on campus: Alpha Beta Mu. In the more than 50 years since, the history of the Greek community has been intertwined with the history of the University, resulting in a fascinating story that is told in the new book, *Our Chapters: Celebrating 50 Years of Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Friendship*.

Author Ashley Portra, an MFA Creative Writing student, interviewed dozens of past and current fraternity and sorority members to craft a narrative that tells why the Greek community has been one of the most enduring segments of the University population and illustrates the impact it has had on the lives and careers of its members.

The release of the book, which is available for \$20, coincides with a 50-year Greek reunion planned during Homecoming in the Hearth Lounge at the Centennial Student Union. A gathering is scheduled for September 29 at 7 P.M. For more information, visit [maverickgrees.com](http://maverickgrees.com).



## 1990s

**DAVID THOMAS, '91**, Dassel, MN, owns Jimmy's Pizza and a restaurant consulting business, RestaurantRenew.com, which helps business owners get more control and profitability from their operations.

**SARAH LEA (SOLLER) BECKIUS, '97**, Belle Plaine, MN, is a social worker with The Lutheran Home who recently received the Caregiver of the Year Award from the Scott Scene county newsletter.

**DAVID HAUGH, '97**, Mankato, MN, is in his third year as the instrumental music director at St. Peter High School. Prior to that he spent 12 years at NRHEG High School in New Richland, MN. He and his wife welcomed their first child, Milena, on October 10, 2011.

**SARA (SCHAEFFER) LARSON, '97**, Madison, WI, is an assistant attorney general in the criminal appeals unit with the Wisconsin Department of Justice. She and her husband have three young children.

**DEREK SKILLMAN, '97**, Kasson, MN, is a corrections sergeant with the Minnesota Department of Corrections in Faribault, MN. He and his wife, Katie, married in October 2011 and have two children.

**ALLISSA SCHMIDT, '99**, Owatonna, MN, is a design department manager with Viracon Co., an architectural glass fabricator. The Minneapolis Public Library's glass facade is an example of the company's work. Schmidt also helped with the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium.

## 2000s

**RENEE (BLANCHET) DWYER, '01**, Rocky Hill, CT, is happy to announce the birth of her second child, who was born in February 2011.

**JENNIFER (BLENDERMANN) NELSON, '02**, Lakeville, MN, is an educator and coach with the Lakeville Public Schools. During the 2011-12 school year, she was named 3AAA Section Coach of the Year. She also reached 100 career wins as the varsity head coach for Lakeville South Volleyball.

**PHILIP WACHOLZ, '06**, Albert Lea, MN, is a civil/environmental engineer with the City of Albert Lea. His wife, **AFTON WACHOLZ, '05** is an athletic trainer with the Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea.

# class notes

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## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF DENTAL HYGIENE

It's been four decades since Minnesota State Mankato awarded degrees to the first graduates of the Dental Hygiene program. This fall, those first graduates—and all the rest from the subsequent years—are invited to celebrate the program's milestone anniversary during a Homecoming reunion.

Plans for the celebration include the opportunity to march as a group in the Homecoming parade as well as a dinner in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom on Saturday, September 29. A special highlight at the event will be the introduction of *The First 40 Years: Building a Dental Hygiene Program*, a new book covering the program's humble beginnings, its commitment to community outreach and its evolution over the years. Dr. Bob Fonda, who was recruited to start the program in 1969, will be on hand to sign copies of the book for alumni.

For more information about the Dental Hygiene reunion and book, visit [facebook.com/MSUDentalHygiene](https://facebook.com/MSUDentalHygiene).



**TYLER HILDRETH, '06**, North Liberty, IA, is the assistant equipment manager with the University of Iowa.

**DONALD MITCHELL, '07**, Portsmouth, VA, recently was successful in defending his PhD dissertation at the University of Minnesota in Educational Policy Studies & Leadership.

**DEANNA SCHWEHR, '08**, Burlington, VT, is the head teller at Opportunities Credit Union. Her husband, **BLAKE FRINK, '08**, is an employment advisor with the Howard Center. The couple has been married for two years.

**ANTHONY THOMASON, '09**, Peoria, IL, is a teacher's aid at Limestone High School. He and his wife welcomed their son, Cayden James, on May 28.

**ASHLEY (SKAALERUD) INABINETTE, '10**, West Columbia, SC, is an administrative assistant with Nucor Building Systems. Prior to this she was in social work, but has moved with her





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husband while he completes his education. She is looking forward to returning to her field.

**MIKE McLAUGHLIN, '11**, Mankato, MN, was chosen by Rep. Tim Walz to attend the State of the Union Address in Washington D.C. McLaughlin is a war veteran.

**MOLLY CARMODY, '11**, Marshall, MN, is planning to attend Creighton School of Law in the fall.

**DAVID SHEDLOCK, '11**, Newton, IA, has had his book *With Christ in the Voting Booth* published. The book includes a forward written by former Arkansas governor, Mike Huckabee. ☞

## NEW MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO KOREA ALUMNI GROUP FORMS

Last May, a group of faculty and staff from Minnesota State Mankato traveled to Seoul, South Korea, to visit with potential exchange partners and a growing group of University alumni there. One of the highlights of the trip was a gathering held in a hotel in the 1988 Olympic Village, with graduates from every decade from the 1960s on in attendance **INCLUDING ALUMNUS AND EMERITI INTERNATIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR FROM 1972 TO 1998, DR. KUHN LEE**. The gathering generated so much enthusiasm for reconnecting with the University that the participants decided to form an official Minnesota State Mankato Korea Alumni group on the spot and to continue gathering and reaching out to other interested alumni. For more information about the group, contact the International Student and Scholar Services Office at 507-389-1281 or 800-627-3529.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### HOMEcoming 2012 – SEPTEMBER 24-29

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER. 24

- Homecoming Kick-off and Tie-Dye, 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., Minnesota State Mankato Mall

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Athletics Hall of Fame, 6 P.M., Centennial Student Union Ballroom
- School of Nursing Reunion, 5 P.M. to 9 P.M., Old Main Village

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Homecoming Alumni & Friends 5K, 9 A.M., Outdoor Track behind Gage Towers
- President's FREE Community Pancake Breakfast, 10 A.M. to NOON, Alumni Tent behind Blakeslee Stadium
- Homecoming Parade, NOON, Minnesota State Mankato Campus
- Alumni Tent and Maverick Family Fun, 1 P.M. to 4 P.M., Alumni Tent behind Blakeslee Stadium
- Homecoming Football vs. Concordia University, 2 P.M., Blakeslee Stadium
- Golden Mavericks Reunion, 4 P.M. to 6 P.M., Centennial Student Union 253/4/5
- Touchdown Club Tent, sponsored by the College of Business, during the football game, Blakeslee Stadium
- Truman and Reta Wood Silent Auction and Scholarship Dinner, 5 P.M., Centennial Student Union Room 284 ABC
- Dental Hygiene Reunion and 40th Anniversary Celebration, 6 p.m., Centennial Student Union Ballroom
- Greek Life Reunion, 8 P.M., Centennial Student Union Hearth Lounge
- Step Afrika!, 8 P.M., Bresnan Arena

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## ALUMNI

### 1930s

Olga A. (Allen) Erickson '32  
Margaret Grace (Thomas) Hopkins '33  
Irene Gertrude (Flemming) Quade '34  
Irma Lucile (Endicott) Brooks '35  
Lois Victory (Blomsten) Hand '37, '48  
Isabel Anetta (Jenson) Loken '37  
Elaine (Roberts) Ressler '37, '58  
Hilda Veronica (Loughrey) Brekke '39, '55  
Hugh Erwin Fairbairn '39

### 1940s

Willis G. Gale '40  
Addison Ray Getty '40  
Pershing Benard Hofslund '40  
Mildred Alvena Evangeline Johnson '40  
Bernice Synva Georgina (Eitheim) Miller '40  
Elizabeth Nichols '40  
Warren H. Berg '41  
Lorraine A. (Wall) Discher '41, '63  
Charles Sumner Allen '42  
Dorothy Lucille (Schmidt) Fixsen '42  
Leta Bernice (Davey) Wohlenhaus '44  
Eileen Lois (Meschke) Genheimer '45  
Audrey Pauline (Soder) Pierce '45  
Glenn Milton Boeck '46  
Betty Lou (Davis) Carr '46  
Edith E. (Crane) Hopman '47, '55, '71  
Stanley A. Kuhl '47, '57  
Earl Clair Anthony '48

### 1950s

Doris Ann (Krinke) Appelwick '50  
Leverne Carroll Overson '50  
Ramona Delores (Eisen) Rudningen '50  
Milford Robert Thompson '50, '60  
Gerald Merle Kanne '52  
Robert G. Heyer '53  
Jean Emily (Haferman) Mullin '53, '63  
Adele Ona (Nelson) Madsen '54  
Jean Andersen (Andersen) Miller '54, '59  
Raymond James Orbell '54  
Clifford Earl Seabern '54  
Elroy W. Burgeson '55, '73

Esther Ruth (Schneider) DeVine '55  
Eva Marie (Hicks) Piper '55, '60  
Elizabeth Lou (Wellner) Worley '55  
James Edward Heckler '57  
Richard Ellis Lee '57  
Delores Darlene (Sorenson) Neumann '57  
Norma Eunice (Howard) Raymond '57  
William C. Robertson '57  
Rodney J. Brannon '58, '61, '73  
Joseph W. Leach '58  
Harry Richard Neisen '58  
Karl Adolph Adolphson '59

### 1960s

Sandra Jean (Pieper) Mittelstaedt '60  
Elizabeth Ann (Hilstad) Peterson '60  
Wayne William Prosch '60  
Frances Kathryn (Piehl) Blank '61  
Sandra Lee Diamond '61, '78  
Otto Ignatius Werner '61, '72  
Elizabeth M. Neuwirth '62  
Elouise Ann (Bengston) Olson '62  
Janice Marie Schaller '62  
Ellen Ann (Parish) Bradshaw '63  
Helen Marlene (Zwenke) Sogge '64  
Betty Grace (Stivers) Eckhardt '65  
Cora J. (Finhart) Breiter '66  
Gary Wayne Kubly '66  
Richard Dale Peterson '66  
Christian Albert Rohrer '66, '67  
Sandra Jeanne (Hoyt) Smith '66  
Susan Rae (Brown) Swanson '66  
Cecily Ruth (Hogan) Ulrich '66  
Edward David Villwock '67, '69  
Dean W. Bohnsack '68  
Bethel Lorraine (Krueger) Perkins '68  
Nancy Lee (Kruse) Rohrer '68  
Joseph A. Haisman '69  
Phyllis O. (Jensen) Heath '69

### 1970s

Joan V. (Davidson) Kuth '70  
Terrill K. Minnick '70  
Thomas Edward Ommen '70, '74, '78  
Gary Lee Schubert '70

James M. Wee '70  
Jean Cecelia (Lorentz) Batalden '71  
Ronald Otto Berg '71  
Richard R. Chapman '71  
Gordon P. Gits '71  
Carolyn Marie (Uppstrom) Hendley '71  
Richard Edward Murray '71, '76  
Ronald Dean Reese '71  
Beverly Jean (Hansen) Best '72, '79  
Hazel A. (Schuler) Custer '72  
Dennis Mark Kozitza '72, '79, '82  
Sandra Arlene River '72  
Ronald Richard TePoel '72  
Gloria Ann (Hawley) Grice '73, '76  
Michael Leo Moeller '73  
Karyll Jean (Simpson) Nelson '73  
Glen F. Proechel '73  
Verdene Mae (Stroebe) Anderson '74, '82  
Susan Mary (Adrianse) Benson '74  
Deborah Kay Stai '74, '78, '80  
Herbert E. Schewe '75  
Sharon L. Taft '75  
Alice Jean (Brandon) McFarlin '76  
Luverne Jewel Olson '76  
Marjorie Ann (Hartman) Sime '76  
Linda Marie (Zachman) Cookshaw '77  
Roger D. Hill '78  
Gary Merlin Wiederhoeft '78  
Robert Eugene Peterson '79

### 1980s

Robert Clarence Norman '80  
Sarah Ann (Hudtloff) Stang '80  
Douglas William Steinhoff '80  
Darla Kay (Hagedorn) Petersen '81, '94  
Gary Wagner Swenson '82  
David Aaron Cady '83  
Betty Lou (Higgins) Janssen '83  
John Richard Morley '83  
Georgette Michaela Bush '85  
Ronald Lee Bluvas '86, '92  
William Allen Ostrom '86  
Anne Marguerite (Hocking) Gower '87



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### 1990s

Steven Wayne Hewitt '90

Paul Edward Meffert '91

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