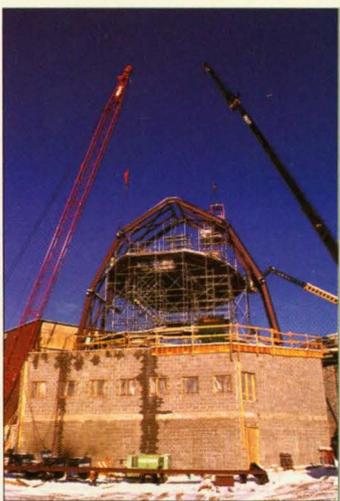
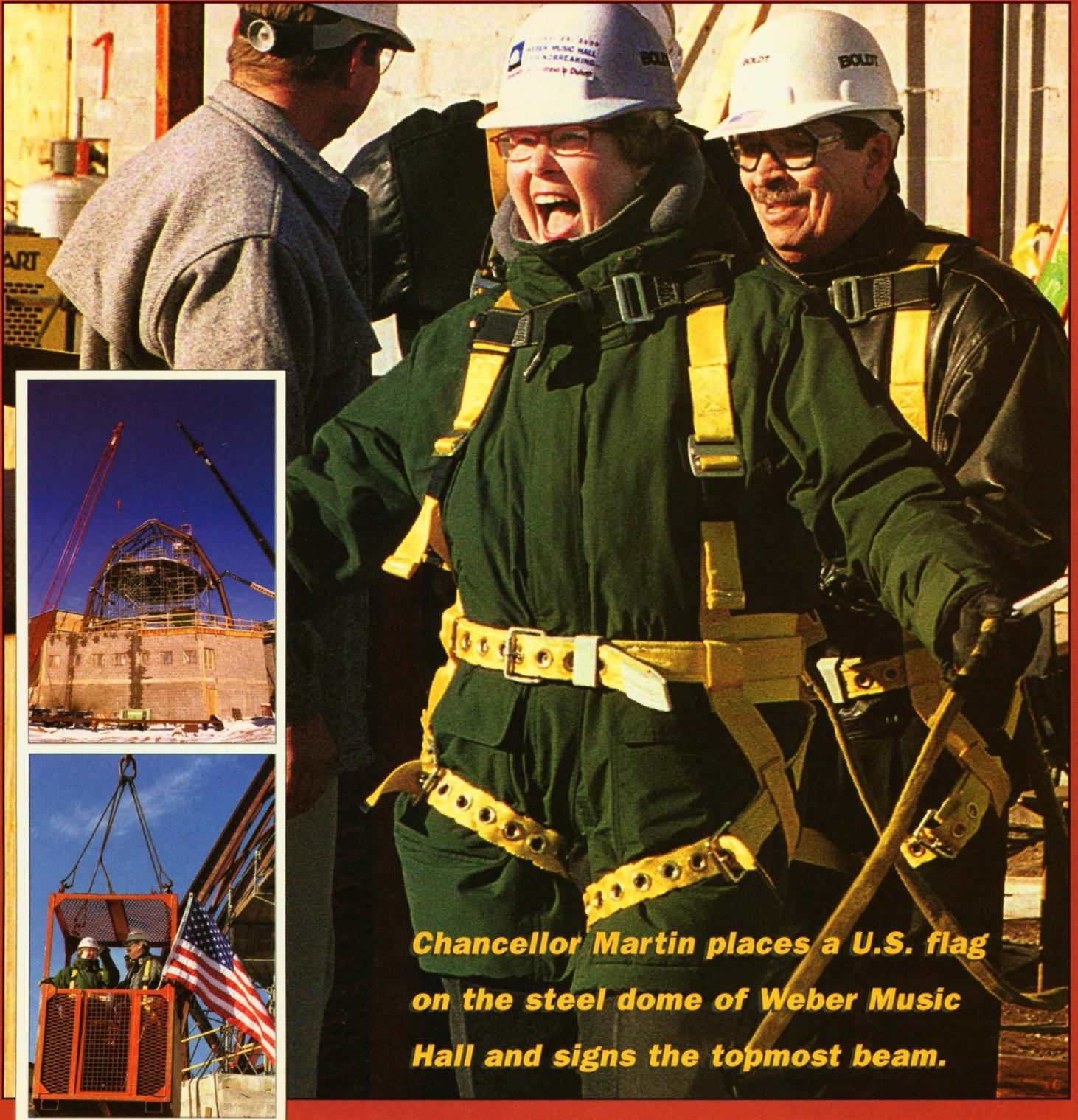


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***Chancellor Martin places a U.S. flag on the steel dome of Weber Music Hall and signs the topmost beam.***

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UMD students are familiar with success. Here are brief profiles of four of our best. (l-r) **Travis Amiot**, senior marketing and communication student, is a Best of Class Scholar. He received a Kathryn D. Plotnicky Scholarship and is the 2002-03 Student Association Vice President for Student Affairs. **Sarah Pollema**, senior biology major, conducted undergraduate research studying toadfish physiology at the Marine Biological Laboratory, in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She received an honorable mention for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and she is the captain of the UMD Cross Country Team. **Navada Russell**, junior business and economics major, is a Rasmussen Student Athlete Scholar and she played on UMD's NCAA Division I Women's Hockey Team during both of the last two National Championship years. **Andrew Bennett**, senior theatre major, received the Irene Ryan Acting Award for his performance in *The Movie Game*, the UMD production that won the American College Theatre Festival competition and played at the Kennedy Center in spring of 2002.

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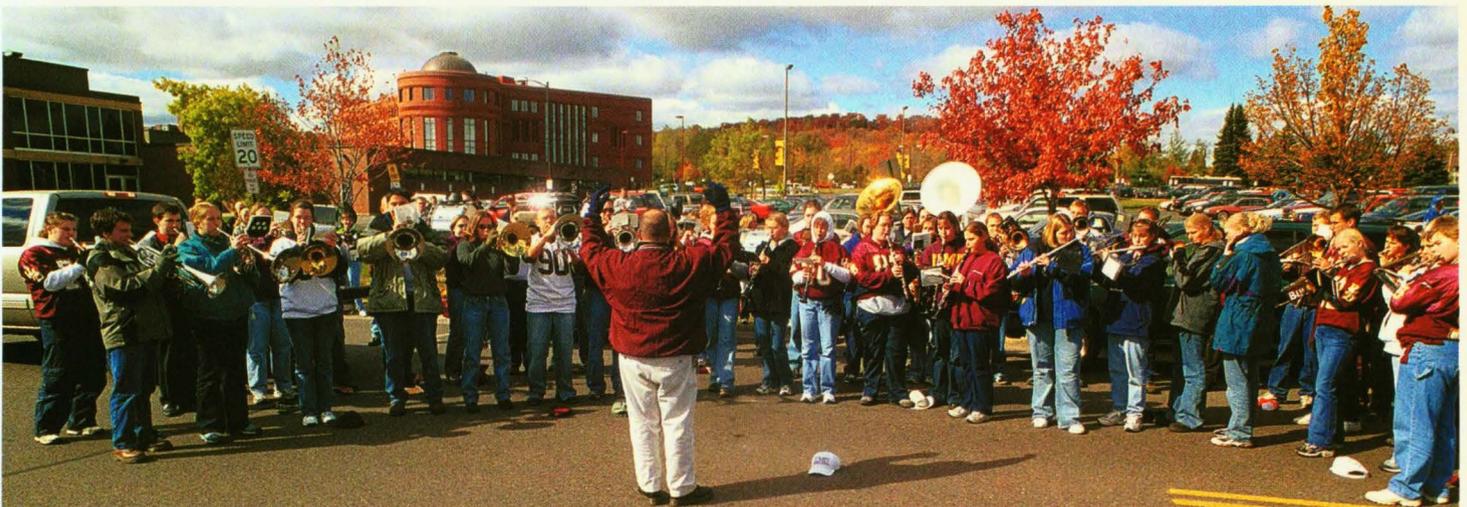
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ABOVE: The UMD Pep Band plays before the Homecoming football game.

BACK COVER: Workers secure the roof of the new Weber Music Hall, which will open in October, 2002.

# Letter from CHANCELLOR MARTIN



## Reflections from Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin

Dear Friends of UMD:

This past academic year has added another year to the proud history of UMD and our growing reputation as “A Great University on a Great Lake!” As I have said before in conversations with many of you as I have traveled across the country to meet alumni, I wonder what could happen in succeeding years that could match or exceed the UMD accomplishments of the preceding year. And once again, as it has been for the past six years, the litany of achievements presents a proud contribution to our past history and our expectation for the future.

On February 13, with pride and deep appreciation I placed the U.S. flag at the peak of the Weber Music Hall, signifying the halfway point or “topping off” in the construction of the steel shell that will brace the copper dome. From the top of the dome structure I had a unique perspec-

tive to see how UMD is changing. To the north, the sun glistened off the copper dome of the UMD Library, which is now sharing the skyline with the Weber Music Hall. To the west, scaffolding laced around the new seven-story residence hall, which will provide housing next fall for 250 students. Soon that side of campus will be joined by the James I. Swenson Science Building, which has just received legislative funding approval. As the landscape of the campus changes, the impressive new facilities speak to our on-going commitment to teaching and our commitment to UMD as a learning community.

While they were unable to share in the special “topping-off” celebration, I was deeply grateful for UMD alumni Mary Ann and Ron Weber, whose generous gift provided the foundation for the \$9 million Weber Music Hall construction. Our students eagerly await being able to perform next October during the Weber Music Hall grand opening gala October 24 and 25. Also, we plan to celebrate the generosity of alumnus Jim Swenson and his wife, Susan Swenson, at the October 3 - 4 groundbreaking for the Swenson Science Building.

We view the learning community of UMD as a community that involves outstanding academic programs, support for faculty research, supportive services across the campus, campus recreation activities, and strong athletic programs, all of which are contributing factors to a successful academic community. Our record for the past several years, including this immediate academic year, speaks well for our faculty, staff, and our students!

The mission of UMD is to provide the strongest possible undergraduate education with selected graduate programs and a keen emphasis on research, specifically preservation of the environment and fresh water resources. The Large Lakes Observatory, Natural Resources Research Institute, and Sea Grant Program all contribute to our work on the structure of our ecosystems through the biological sciences and geographical sciences, and water research. This research contributes to protecting and strengthening our ecosystem in northeastern Minnesota, the nation, and the world. An important aspect of all of our research is the work being done through our undergraduate research program as our undergraduate students part-

ner with our faculty in the research that is conducted in a variety of areas of research. The undergraduate research program is one of the leading academic opportunities for students at UMD. Undergraduate research takes place across the campus in the arts and humanities as well as in the sciences, and provides UMD students with a foundation for graduate study that is unparalleled.

Throughout the campus, students and faculty have been involved in a variety of external service activities in support of individuals who are in need of assistance. Student athletes and other members of the student body are involved in tutoring. Education students volunteer in schools across the city and region. Students work with Northwood Children's Services and Woodland Hills residents, and work throughout the non-profit community in the Duluth area. This work focuses on taking advantage of student willingness as well as expertise. In addition to the work with organizations, our students have had successful blanket drives, food drives, and book drives – all to assist those individuals throughout our society who are often unable to provide themselves with basic essentials and learning opportunities.

Last fall UMD engineering students, Mike Anderson, Mike Lackore, Dave Halverson, and Joe Higgins, under the

direction of Professor David Wyrick, won an international mechanical engineering design competition. They designed a fishing pole to be used by paraplegics that is operated by the flow of air blown into an apparatus. Our students defeated the major engineering schools from across the U.S. in solving this problem. Obviously we are extremely proud of Professor Wyrick and

*“From the top of the dome structure I had a unique perspective to see how UMD is changing... the sun glistened off the copper dome of the UMD Library, which is now sharing the skyline with the Weber Music Hall.”*

our student designers.

*The Movie Game*, a comedy written by UMD 2001 alumnus Adam Hummel, was recently performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., having been selected as one of four productions from across the nation to participate in the American College Theatre Festival. This is the second time in four years and the fifth time since 1985 that UMD has received the American College Theater Festival's highest honor. *The Movie Game* was directed by Tom Isbell, UMD associate professor of theatre who received the 2002 Horace T. Morse Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. Professor Isbell, who exemplifies our faculty's commitment to our students' success, is featured in this issue of Bridge in a special section on UMD faculty.

As this academic year has come to a close our women's hockey team repeated their success as Division I NCAA National Champions. The Frozen Four was held at the University of New Hampshire, and in the first round the UMD Bulldogs defeated Niagara University (4-2), and in the final game defeated Brown University (3-2) for their second National Championship. No other hockey team has won back-to-back national victories, and the University of Minnesota Duluth Women's Ice Hockey Team became the first women's team in Minnesota to win national championships. We congratulate Coach Shannon Miller and the members of the UMD Women's Ice Hockey Team. And as this issue goes to press, we will again travel to the White House to be recognized by President George W. Bush for the success of our women's hockey team.

Hopefully, you will share in my pride for all of the accomplishments of our faculty and of our students and will visit campus soon to see the evolving UMD skyline. It is an exciting time, and it would not be possible without the support of so many of our alumni and friends!

– Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin



Page 2, Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin joins the UMD Women's Hockey team on the ice after the championship game in Durham, New Hampshire. Page 3, Theatre Associate Professor Tom Isbell, School of Fine Arts Acting Dean Patricia Dennis, Chancellor Martin and alumnus Adam Hummel at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

# Campus Updates

## HOOK, LINE AND SIPPER

A team of students flaunted the talent of UMD's Industrial Engineering Department by winning the international design competition at the American Society of Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition in New York City. ASME is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the educational, technical, and research issues of engineering, and sets industrial and manufacturing standards around the world.

ASME competitions have challenged students to create things like a somersault mechanism, a stair climber, a liquid transport mechanism, a machine that could retrieve rocks from Mars, and other complicated oddities.

This year UMD's Mike Anderson, Dave Halverson, Mike Lackore, and Joe Higgins were part of an ASME team that designed and constructed a fishing rod that would allow a quadriplegic person to cast a lure. The rod and reel were to be controlled by using a "sip and puff" technology, and were judged on the accuracy of the cast. The assignment was inspired by the lack of outdoor sporting equipment powered by this "sip and puff" technology for persons with disabilities. For instance, a quadriplegic may control a wheelchair by utilizing this technology yet they can't partici-



Students Mike Anderson, Joe Higgins, Mike Lackore, and Associate Professor David Wyrick with their hardware

pate in certain sports in which this technology could easily be applied, like fishing.

The project began in the fall semester of 2000 as the students used trial and error as their method to success. Their design took them to first place in the regional competition in South Dakota, and won them a trip to the ASME competition.

Still, these young men did not stop! After perfecting their product even further, losing bulk and duct tape to present a cleaner more efficient version of their design, they joined 12 university teams from the U.S. and India in the international competition in New York.

Is it that these students are from the land of 10,000 lakes that they were able to create such a capable piece of equipment? After all, Minnesotans have been known to fish in extreme situations. Perhaps their success can be attributed to the superb Industrial Engineering Department at UMD, led by David Wyrick, associate professor and head of the department. All speculations aside, no one is surprised by the brilliance of these minds, or doubts the success of this exceptional university and students.

— Carly Schnedler

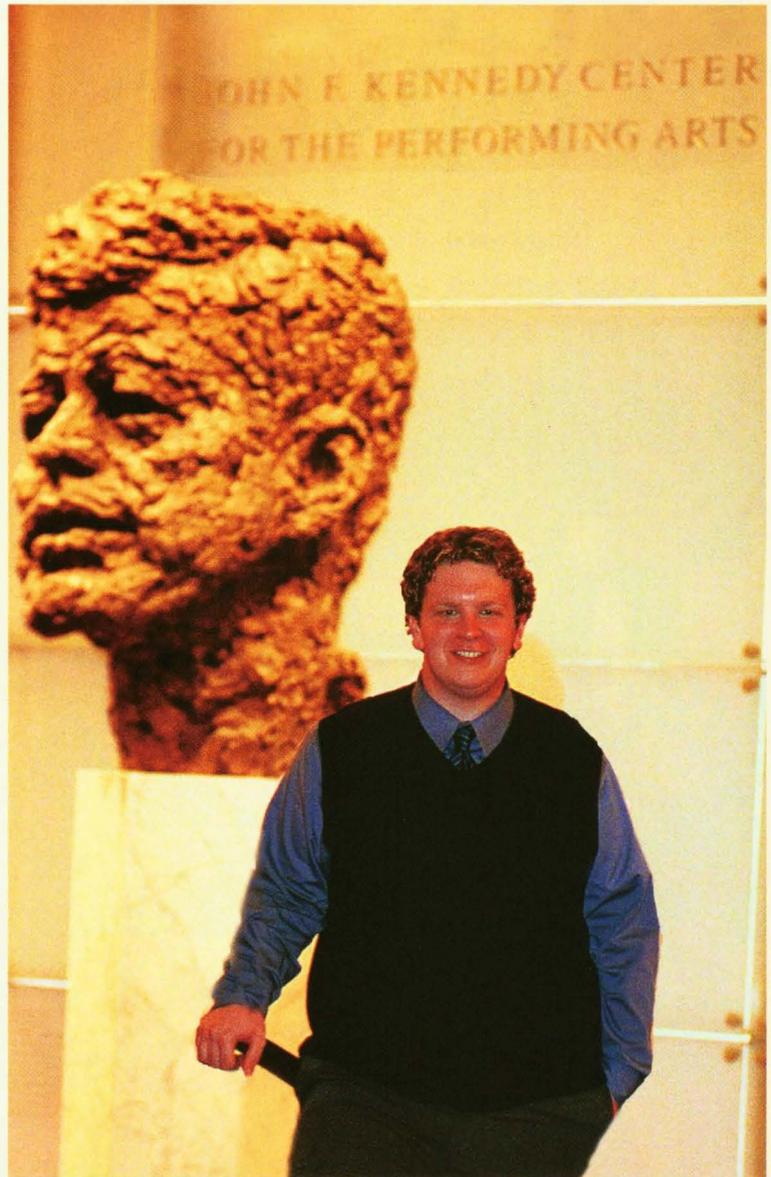
## UMD PLAYS A COMEDY GAME

*The Movie Game*, a comedy written by UMD alumnus Adam Hummel, was selected by the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) to be performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., in April. This marked the fifth time that the UMD Department of Theatre has been selected to present a production at the Kennedy Center. This is the highest honor a college theatre program can receive. *The Movie Game* was one of only four full-length plays selected from over 600 participating productions nationwide to be performed at the festival.

Several *Movie Game* student actors were recognized in Washington D.C., as some of the best theatre students in the nation. Adam Hummel won the Region V student playwriting award as well as the national Mark Twain Comedy Playwriting Award for *The Movie Game*.

In addition, Andrew Bennett was chosen as one of two actors, selected from over 350 students in ACTF Region V, as a finalist for the national Irene Ryan Acting Award. Brook Carl received the Region V Barbizon first place award in makeup design for the Fall 2001 UMD production of *Cabaret*, and represented Region V at the national festival. Jeffrey Peterson was chosen as the Region V Barbizon first place award winner in scenic design for *The Movie Game*.

Below: Adam Hummel, playwright. Bottom: *The Movie Game* cast (l-r): Dave Strong, Kathryn Helbacka, Ryan Gallagher, Andrew Bennett, Jessie Rae Johnson, Jason Peterson, Carolyn Jensen, Jessica Lind, Jaime Tintor.



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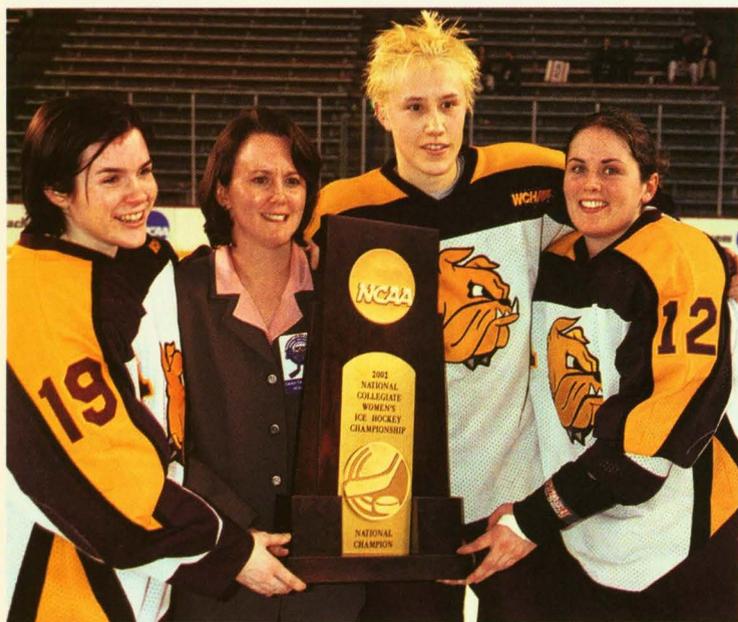
## UMD WOMEN GRAB THEIR SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

UMD became the first repeat national champions in women's college hockey on March 24, 2002 when the Bulldogs claimed their second-straight NCAA Women's Frozen Four championship by defeating Brown University 3-2 in the title game in Durham, New Hampshire. Sophomore forward Tricia Guest scored the game winning goal with just 4:56 minutes remaining in regulation play while Kristina Petrovaskaia and Erika Holst also added goals in the final game. Goaltender Patricia Sautter recorded 33 saves to keep Brown's high-powered offense in check.

Forward Joanne Eustace and defenseman Larissa Luther were selected to the Frozen Four All-Tournament team for the Bulldogs. Maria Rooth was named an NCAA All-American (first team) for the second year in a row and was also an All-WCHA first team selection for the second time in as many years. Fellow junior wing Erika Holst earned a spot on the All-WCHA second team. The Bulldogs finished their third season of varsity hockey with an overall record of 24-6-4.

Unique among the nation's elite teams, UMD's roster includes five 2002 Olympians. Rooth and Holst helped propel Sweden into the medal round, Tuula Puputti and Hanne Sikio skated with Finland, and Petrovaskaia was a member of the Russian entry. In addition, Jenny (Schmidgall) Potter, who skated with the Bulldogs in 1999-2000 and is expected to rejoin UMD next season, played for the silver medal-winning U.S. team at the 2002 Winter Games.

The Bulldogs will set their sights on a third consecutive national crown next March. That's when UMD will host the 2003 NCAA Frozen Four at the DECC in Duluth.



Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, chair of the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee joins UMD hockey players (l-r) Michelle McAteer, Maria Rooth, and Navada Russell. In the spirit of fun, the players and Coach Miller dyed their hair either maroon or gold for the Frozen Four tournament.



## JAMES I. SWENSON SCIENCE BUILDING: TAKING SCIENCE STUDENTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

UMD is changing again. It is embarking on its fourth new construction project in a five-year period and this time the science programs will feel the welcome impact.

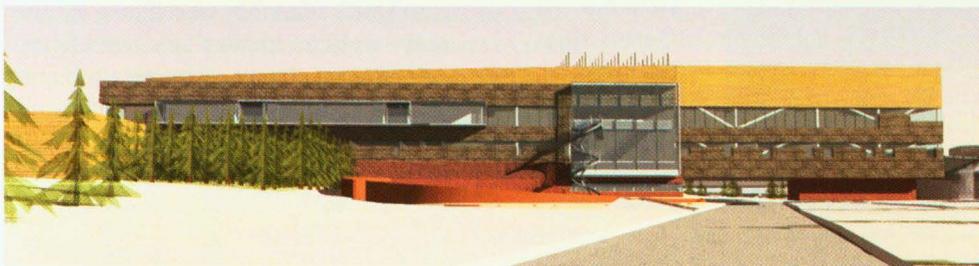
This spring the Minnesota Legislature approved the final funding for the new UMD James I. Swenson Science Building. And it is just in time. Chemistry and biology have changed dramatically since the construction of the Chemistry (1948) and Life Science (1968) Buildings. The two science buildings simply have not been able to accommodate the growing number of students and the changing practices of scientific research and education.

UMD science alumni and faculty have made vital contributions to research, industry, medicine, health care, and science education throughout the history of UMD. To strengthen UMD's tradition of educating talented scientists, UMD's science programs have added new instruments, new programs, and increased undergraduate research opportunities. Now, they will add a new building to house all of the activity, including chemistry and biology teaching laboratories and increased facilities for faculty and staff research.

UMD is grateful to Jim and Susan Swenson, who through the Swenson Family Foundation, have made a generous gift to UMD to help fund the new building. Jim, a 1959 chemistry graduate, is a strong advocate for undergraduate research opportunities at UMD.

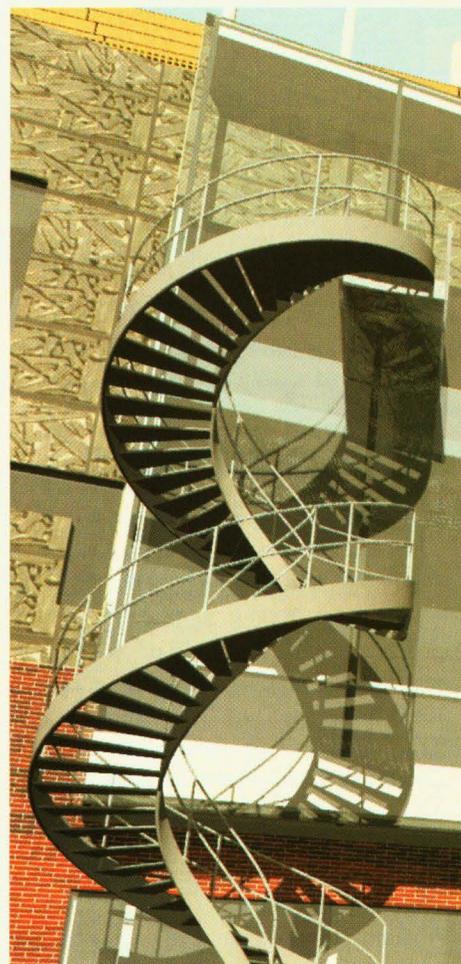
The groundbreaking ceremonies for the new science building will be held next October 3 - 4. For more information please contact the College of Science and Engineering at 218-726-6995 or toll-free 866-999-6995.

Top left: An architect's drawing of the James I Swenson Science Building from Kirby Drive.  
Bottom left: The interior courtyard. Right: the exterior stair.

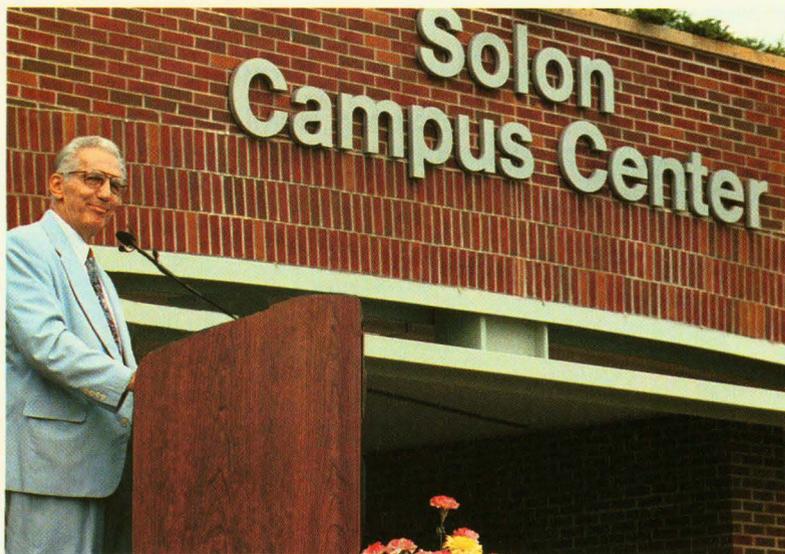


### James I. Swenson Science Building Facts

- 89,000 gross square feet (GSF)
- three floors
- adjacent to the Life Sciences Building on Kirby Drive
- Anticipated completion —  
Fall Semester, 2004
- Architects: Carol Ross Barney,  
Ross Barney & Jankowski, Chicago;  
Ken Johnson, Stanius Johnson, Duluth



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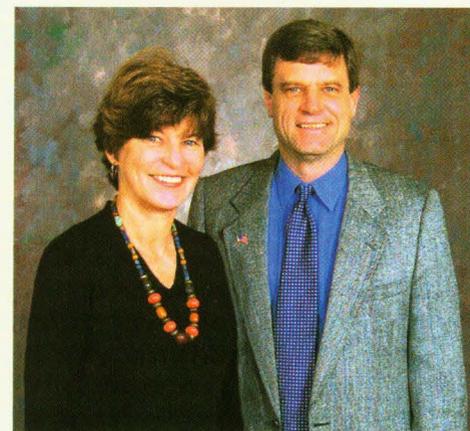


## SOLON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

UMD lost a good friend in the passing of Minnesota State Senator Sam Solon on December 28, 2001. Just last summer UMD renamed the Campus Center the

Solon Campus Center in honor of Solon and his long lasting and often fierce commitment to UMD's projects and programs. His widow, Yvonne Prettner Solon, UMD alumnae (BS '79, MA '81), has established a scholarship in her late husband's name.

Those wishing to honor the memory of Senator Solon can make a gift to the UMD Sam Solon Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o UMD University Relations, 1049 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. For information contact Elaine Hansen at 218-726-6793 or Maryann Soleim at 218-726-8993.



## NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR FOCUSES ON THE FUTURE

Patty Delano, shown here with Alumni Board President, John Kratz, is the new UMD alumni director. As a native Duluthian, Patty has watched the development of UMD and is excited about the positive impact UMD has on students, alumni and the community. She and the Board hope to build strong connections with UMD alumni by developing an interactive website, creating an e-news letter, designing an alumni career mentoring program, and expanding social activities. She would love your ideas. To contact her, email her at [pdelano@d.umn.edu](mailto:pdelano@d.umn.edu) or call 218-726-8829.

## TAKING THE BUS SERIOUSLY

The U-Pass Program, established at UMD in September 2000 to address the construction-related reduction of on-campus parking, was an overwhelming success in 2001-2002. The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) provided an average of more than 2,000 rides daily. That's up from the 1,000 rides per day it provided during the same period the first year.

Campus parking congestion has been minimized as a direct result of the U-Pass Program. It will continue to be difficult to find convenient on-campus parking during UMD's expansion, but it won't be impossi-

ble, thanks to the U-Pass program. More than 700 campus parking spaces will be eliminated by the time UMD is done with campus construction, which is expected to continue for the next two years.

According to John Brostrom of UMD Auxiliary Services, "Parking has essentially become a 'non issue' on campus since the implementation of the U-Pass Program, even though enrollment has surged the past three years from 8,504 in 1999, to 9,087 in 2000 and to a record enrollment of 9,380 in 2001."

The U-Pass Program at UMD, which includes special campus routes and "free rides" for students, faculty and staff, is 80 percent funded through a federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant, with UMD

providing the 20 percent local share.

The U-Pass Program is part of a long-range plan to move the student union and create a high-tech transit center at UMD. This transit center will be more than just an area to wait for the bus. It will include informational kiosks and electronic schedule displays with "real-time" bus arrivals and transit information. This Intelligent Transportation Systems technology, which uses Global Positioning, will integrate the DTA into a statewide transportation communications initiative.

The first phase of the construction, the student union area in Kirby Plaza, will start in fall 2002, and the UMD transit center construction will follow in the second construction phase.

## PROFESSOR FOR A DAY

UMD's School of Business and Economics (SBE) hosted its first "Professor for a Day" last October. Eighteen SBE alumni returned to campus for a day of activities, which included speaking to classes, participating in panels, one-on-one sessions with students, a "Breakfast with the Dean," and a reception with members of the SBE Board of Advisors, SBE faculty, student volunteers and SBE student organization officers.

Other alumni who participated in the "Professor for a Day" were: Amber Kellen (BBA '00); Dr. Joseph Leek (MBA '99); Richard Nichols (BS '76); Chris Steele (BAc '80); Ed Wegerson (BA '75, JD '78); and Tom Wiedell (BS '70, MBA '01).

Participating alumni represented Best Buy, Moline Machinery, General Mills, Pillsbury, Allele, Minnesota Power, US Bank, DTE Energy, Miller-Dwan and McGladrey & Pullen. The alumni hold positions such as chief financial officer, senior vice president, president, director of marketing, human resource director, vice president of finance, senior accountant and tax staff.

The event was a success. Alumnus Jerry Zanko said, "It was obvious to everyone who participated that the day took a great deal of planning and hard work, and the results bear that out. I was proud to be a part of the program, and I would willingly volunteer to participate in the future."

The School of Business and Economics intends to make the "Professor for a Day" an annual event. To volunteer your expertise to this or other events, contact Elaine Hansen at 218-726-6793.

— Cory Otto



Top: Tony Larson (BAc '97) a Senior Accountant at Moline Machinery, Ltd., and Don Moline (BA '54), a member of the SBE Board of Advisors and chair of the Moline Machinery Board of Directors discuss Tony's classroom presentation on "International Accounting: Real World Applications." Moline, who holds a degree in business from UMD, recently endowed two SBE scholarships.

Center: Todd Fedora (BBA '87), a senior vice president at M & I Bank in Superior, Wisconsin explains his views to a class on how to seek employment. Seated behind him are Jodi Nelson and Jerry Zanko.

Bottom: "Breakfast with the Dean": (back row from left) Jerry Zanko (BA '71); Col. Timothy Cossalter (BA '72); Bill Benson (BA '78); Fred Schusterich (BS '77, MBA '85); Dean Kjell R. Knudsen; Steve Lauring (BS '83); Tony Larson (BAc '97); and Gary Ludwig BBA '96. Front row: Shawnee Belka Stephenson (BAc '99); Deb Bradt (BA '81, MBA '94); Jodi Nelson (BA '89); and Trish Doucette Tenold (BBA '99, BAc '99).



# EMBRACING *the* Journey

## The career paths of five faculty members converge on the campus of UMD

*A resume, a curriculum vitae and a blurb on the inside of a book cover might look like a detailed blueprint for a carefully planned professional life. But in reality, many UMD professors have pursued academic careers that more closely resemble the map of an explorer, with unexpected twists, turns, obstacles and opportunities.*

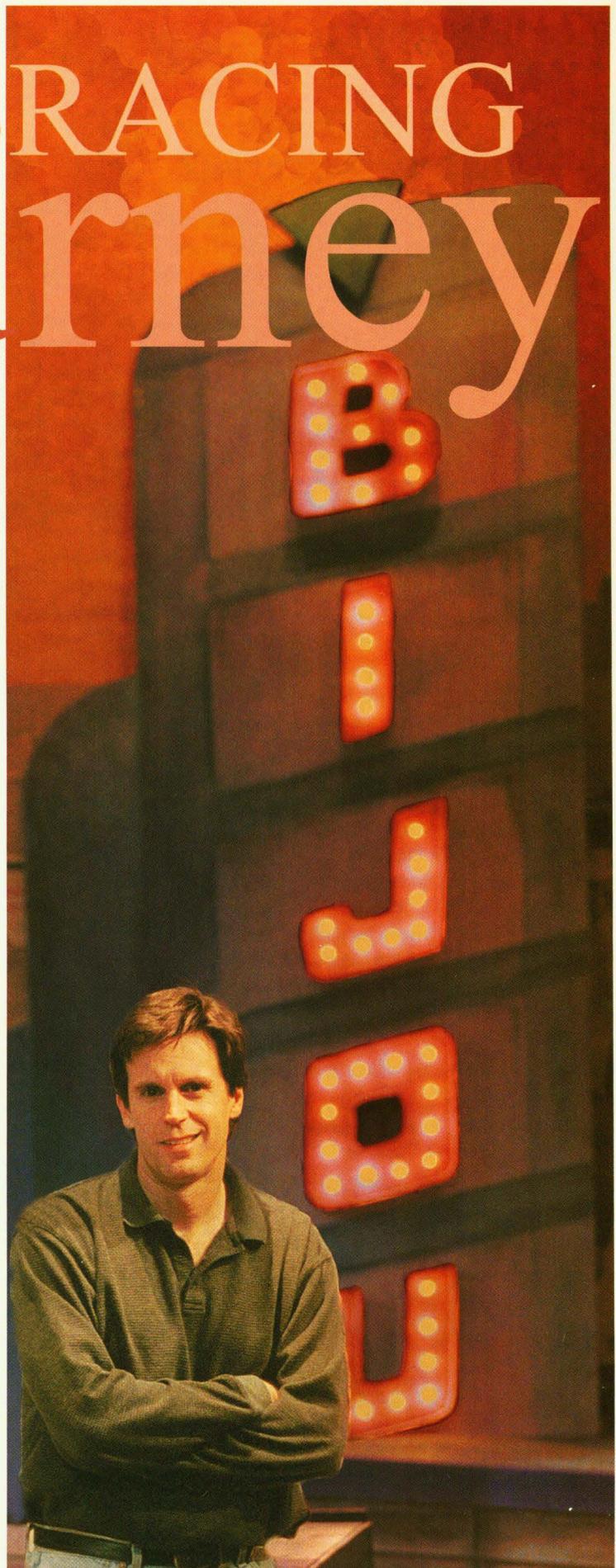
*This look at the career paths of five UMD faculty members shows the impact of seemingly insignificant events — a brief conversation in a hallway, a colleague on sabbatical — which can have unexpected, and lasting, consequences.*

### Tom Isbell

Associate Professor Tom Isbell knows all about plans. After graduating with a master of fine arts from the Yale Drama School, he contracted with an agent and they came up with a plan: Tom was looking for film and theater work but he wasn't interested in television. Two weeks after moving to New York City, he landed a general interview with producer Bert Metcalf. Isbell remembers, "When I got home, there was a call from the agent with an offer for a TV show. When I reminded him of our game plan, he told me how much money they were offering and I said, 'Forget the game plan. I'll take it!'"

Isbell grew up near Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and then went to the University of Illinois where he earned his BFA. He began his acting career with the solid academic credentials of a graduate degree from Yale. It was no surprise that his first TV role led to others and eventually took him to Los Angeles.

Isbell laughs when he recalls a highlight from that chapter of his life. Isbell played a sexual harasser on the show *Sisters*. One morning his own sister called from Chicago and told him to turn on the *Today Show*. "Katie Couric was interviewing a woman who had written a book on sexual harassment. When they showed a clip from my show, Katie Couric said, 'I saw that episode and that guy was so 'skeazy' he made my skin crawl.'" Isbell said, "skeazy isn't even a word. I thought, I've been to the mountaintop. Katie Couric called me



Tom Isbell

## “Skeazy isn’t even a word ...Katie Couric called me skeazy on national TV. There’s nothing else to live for.”

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The next career move had little to do with talent or opportunity — and a lot to do with seismology. Isbell decided that the 1994 North Ridge earthquake was his last one. While in Los Angeles, Isbell taught extension classes at UCLA, and found the experience more satisfying than TV work. Teaching was always something he wanted to do. “My family was a university family, and I grew up near the University of Illinois. The earthquake provided the impetus I needed to change careers, and I sent my application to UMD three days later.”

He said, “I looked for a school with an interesting program and four seasons that was far away from tectonic plates.” Flying into Duluth for his interview — in April — Isbell’s plane was delayed until early in the morning because of a snowstorm. “It was fun to see the snow,” he says. He started that fall. “And,” he says, “it has been a very fun chapter.”

UMD has provided Isbell with a brand new series of adventures and he is appreciative of the freedom and support he has found. He currently serves as vice chair for the regional playwrighting division of the Kennedy Center’s American College Theater Festival. Next year he will become chair. What that means, he says, is that he gets to travel around and see what other drama departments are doing.

“It’s tempting for me to go to a bigger school with a bigger theatre program, but it would be a dangerous step because there’s no guarantee that I’d be allowed the kind of creative freedom I’m allowed here,” he said.

While acting and teaching in L.A., Isbell also found time to explore life as a playwright, producing several one-man plays based on the life and times of real people including John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Walt Whitman and Isbell’s father. That talent created an incredible opportunity for the theatre department when Isbell applied for a grant that would allow him to write and produce an original play at UMD.

The result of the grant was *Dear Finder*, a drama about the Holocaust based on documentation recovered after the end of the war. “It was a real risk,” Isbell says. “The script reads like an encyclopedia, but the college told me to go for it, so we kept working.”

In 1997, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to consult with historians at the Holocaust Museum. Gary Gordon, a member of Duluth’s Temple Israel, guided the writers and actors, who also attended Friday night services. Seven student writers pooled their findings, meeting every night for five weeks in the summer.

“We ended up with a four-hour script. I started trimming. The faculty got behind it, and we put it on the schedule for the fall of ’98. There was no turning back.” Isbell cautioned actors that the material was tedious and dark. He told them if the audience seemed offended or walked out, they should just keep going.

The audience wasn’t offended; they embraced it. “There’s nothing more satisfying in the world,” Isbell says, “than an audience that understands what you’re going for.” *Dear Finder* played to sold-out audiences and was subsequently nominated for inclusion in the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Isbell also directed *The Movie Game*, the UMD play that was included in the ACTF at the Kennedy Center this April (see the story on page 5).

Isbell is pleased to be able to launch students on their own journeys. And the university is pleased as well. This spring, Isbell received the 2002 Horace T. Morse Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

“We encourage student participation in everything,” he said. “Because we’re not a graduate program, students get a wide range of experience as actors, designers and now writers. Since 1985, we’ve taken five shows to Washington for the American College Theater Festival — that’s amazing.”

## Sabra Anderson

Sabra Anderson’s long professional journey with UMD has been filled with unplanned detours. She looks back and smiles at the list of all the things she said she would never do.

“Well, I never wanted to be an administrator. I came to UMD in 1969 to teach mathematics because that is what I love to do.” In 1977, the new Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences recruited Anderson to serve as associate dean. “I said no,” she remembers distinctly. “Then he asked again. I agreed under one condition: I would advise him as long as my administrative position was at zero percent.”

Apparently the dean’s understanding of percentages differed from that of his star mathematics professor. He left to do research in the Middle East and was incommunicado on Anderson’s first day when a faculty member (who was medically incapacitated) confronted a local sheriff with a shotgun. The new associate dean was called in to handle the situation and get help for the faculty member. “That was a lot of administration for the first day on the job,” Anderson says. “Over time, of course, it grew to more than zero percent. Even though I came to enjoy it, I eventually left the position and went back to teaching math and later became chair of the department.”

While Anderson was teaching math and directing UMD’s Study in England program, the College of Letters and Sciences was reorganized; science and engineering became its own school. And the new school needed a new associate dean. “I agreed under one condition,” she says, recounting a now familiar strategy. “I knew very little about engineering so I asked to have nothing to do with it. When I returned from England, what was my first project? Coordinating the accreditation process for the engineering department! So I learned a lot about engineering and we got accredited.”

When the dean of the College of Science and Engineering retired, the search for his replacement began at Anderson’s door, a door she closed quickly and firmly. “I did not apply,” she says. “But when the first search ended with no candidate, I applied the second time around, got the job and spent 10 years at it. And it turned out that I loved it.”

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Anderson quickly discovered she had opened a new door that few women had passed through. “Of the approximately 250 schools of engineering in America,” she says, “I was only the second woman to become dean. Even now, there are fewer than 10.”

As Anderson struggled to become accepted by her peers, her husband Dennis, history department chair at the College of St. Scholastica, also confronted stereotypes. “At the annual meetings, there are always special activities for wives,” Anderson explains. “One year when we checked in, they handed Dennis — a great big flowered brooch. I tried to get him to wear it to the banquet but he was too polite. He continued to attend conferences with me and the group of spouses sort of adopted him as their mascot.”

Anderson was accepted by her colleagues at UMD and by engineers in the Duluth community. And she’s pleased with the growth and development of the new school under her direction.

Computer science grew and expanded. The electrical and computer engineering

program was established. And close partnerships have formed between the College of Science and Engineering, the Large Lakes Observatory, the Natural Resources Research Institute and the School of Medicine. “Look at the Duluth businesses that have developed partly because of UMD, for instance, Cirrus Design. I remember when the Klapmeier brothers came to Duluth looking to see if this would be a good place to build their first plant. They wanted to locate in a community with an engineering college. Our industrial engineers worked with them on their first aircraft designs and they’re still collaborating.”

Her position as dean posed one other challenge she was unprepared for. “You’d think I’d know better by this time, but when I was appointed, I told Chancellor Ianni that I wouldn’t do any fundraising. He assured me that deans were not expected to help raise funds. Since then, development has become part of everyone’s responsibility. We hired a development officer to help and I discovered it was fun. I learned there are people who want to

give money away and you just have to convince them to give it to you.”

By her own admission, 10 years was enough time away from a job she loved and she returned to the Study in England Program. “I had been separated from close connections with students for about 15 years,” Anderson says. “In England, we spend a lot of time with the students. It’s wonderful to take 50 students, most of whom have no travel experience, and spend a year abroad with them. Their perspective on the world changes. And I changed, too.”

At each fork in the path, Anderson asked for a promise. And each time, the promise disappeared after the job began. “But each time,” she admits, “I discovered something new. I like administration. I like engineering. I like fundraising. I just had never done it before.”

## Paul Sharp

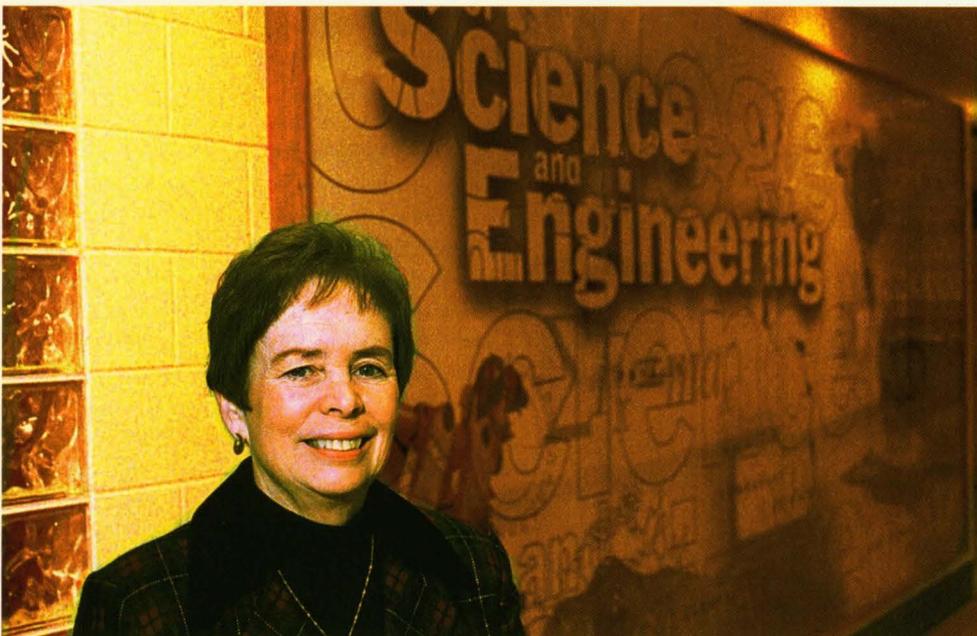
In the field of diplomacy, Professor Paul Sharp had done it all before — or at least a lot of it. Throughout his career in international studies, he quietly researched and published books and articles on diplomacy. At UMD, he directed the Royal D. Alworth Jr. Institute for International Studies, a 14-year-old public policy program administered through UMD’s College of Liberal Arts.

Then, as the events of September 11 unfolded, everyone searched for answers. Why did our international relationships yield such catastrophic results? How can we resolve the conflict? Sharp was prepared to guide the dialogue.

“Even though events were moving quickly, we very deliberately tried to help people make sense out of the crisis. Those of us who study diplomacy would make poor journalists. Rather than coming up with quick explanations, we take an historical viewpoint to give distance to the situation.”

Sharp’s career has included some geographical distance as well. A native of Great Britain, he notes, “I have lived almost half my life in North America, which was an unanticipated development. I don’t belong on either continent, really. I

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Sabra Anderson

am perpetually an outsider. It lends a different perspective and an interesting vision, but you pay a price.”

Sharp met his wife, Janny Walker, when she was a student with the Carleton College year-abroad program. After they married, Sharp applied for entrance into British Ph.D. programs but established himself at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, instead.

By 1984, Sharp found that he was finally able to stop battling for grants after receiving a lectureship from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. “That’s when I knew it was real,” he says. “I knew I had a chance at making a living at what I was interested in.” Shortly thereafter, he and Janny were both able to find positions at Minnesota colleges.

While teaching at St. Olaf and then UMD, Sharp published books and articles addressing foreign policy in Ireland, Great Britain and Russia.

At UMD, Sharp found the resources and encouragement he needed to continue his research. His most memorable project was a book entitled, *Thatcher’s Diplomacy: The Revival of British Foreign Policy*, published by Macmillan in the U.K and the U.S. It sold out in hardcover and was released in paperback — a sign of success, especially for an academic work. In it, Sharp argued that Thatcher was one of the few leaders of her time tackling the big issues in international relations. “She was a fascinating study,” Sharp says. “Most people know her from the Cold War and for her partnership with Ronald Reagan, but I think that her policy toward the European Union is far more interesting. She was asking the right questions related to reconciling national independence with membership in this emerging organization.”

Then at a conference, Sharp’s work made a transformation. He met four people — two from Great Britain, one from Israel and one from the United States — who were “enthusiastic about the work I was doing,” Sharp says. “They offered advice about how to shape it and who to consult. They even pushed me to set up a diplomatic studies section of the International Studies Association in the United States.” Sharp was named section chair and now sits on the governing

council for the association.

He still seems amazed by this turn of events. “I was sort of plucked from obscurity.” Sharp’s work now examines the theory of diplomacy, drawing upon all of his experiences related to political and cultural diplomacy. “Even people who hate each other need to talk. I’m interested in understanding the discussions and the challenges involved for foreign ministers, ambassadors and diplomats. These are the people who actually communicate with each other.”

Besides teaching undergrads, Sharp employs his interest and passion for diplomacy to bring world events to the shores of Lake Superior. He directs the Alworth Institute, which sponsors seminars, conferences and round table discussions of policies with international consequences. Programs presented by the institute have had a strong following since it was established in 1987.

When the United States was thrust into the international spotlight this fall, Sharp and his colleagues were prepared to share their expertise within an established structure designed for intelligent public discourse. They responded immediately by scheduling a series of noon presentations on campus and a large group presentation on understanding Islam at a local church. That session drew an audience of more than 300 people.

“These presentations, like my classes, do not advocate for any one position,” Sharp says, “As a professor, I introduce the students to arguments. Similarly, the Institute provides a platform for discussion. But the Institute takes no position itself, other than advancing its mission to increase international understanding.”



Paul Sharp

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### **Helen Mongan Rallis**

Helen Mongan Rallis, associate professor and head of the education department, has journeyed the farthest of the five to arrive at UMD. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and educated at Rhodes University and the University of the Witwatersrand, Rallis taught for three years at a white school. It was in this South African classroom that Rallis observed firsthand how profoundly teachers could affect young minds by what and how they taught, and by the ways in which they treated their students. “The nature of the learning experience not only

affects what students remember," she says, "it affects how they feel about themselves."

From an early age she knew apartheid and racism were wrong. Her family employed a black woman, Maria Khumalo, and Rallis couldn't make the connection between the racism she saw on the streets and her love for a woman who was part of her family. "She was like a mother to me. We held long discussions in the kitchen and those conversations are still with me today." As a geography and physical education teacher, Rallis refused to join the South African Teacher's Council for Whites "because of its apartheid stance and its policy which refused to allow non-Christian religious viewpoints. I knew I would ultimately have to join the council, give up teaching or leave the country," she says.

She supported the anti-apartheid movement but couldn't condone the increasing violence in South Africa and realized that she could contribute more by leaving than by staying.

Her sojourn to the U.S. began by visiting her brother, who was attending the University of Miami, Coral Gables, where she eventually enrolled to work on her masters in geography. Her thesis dealt with the effect of apartheid on squatters in South Africa. She then was accepted at Penn State where she worked on her doctorate in curriculum instruction.

On every step of her way, Rallis has acted from honesty and integrity. That is easier to do when one is in the mainstream of a population, but infinitely more difficult when one is from a minority population. "I couldn't go back to South Africa; my calling was here in the United States but I couldn't get a green card." Other people in her situation — young, educated, and personable — simply married an American. And so, even as an affirmed lesbian, Rallis married as well, into a very happy, albeit unconventional marriage. She married a good friend, the gay friend of her brother, and a man that she says, "I loved, and still love, very much."

But life took its turns and after she completed her Ph.D., she developed a strong relationship with a woman. Rallis and her husband divorced.

And that brought her to UMD where she "fell in love with the program and fell in love with the people in the department

and their spirit of collaboration." One person who was especially influential to her as a "mentor, role model and friend" was, then head of the education department, Terrie Shannon.

Rallis says, "The department lets me know that I am valuable because of who I am, not in spite of who I am. I grew up seeing oppression. I come from a historically oppressed minority and I am a foreigner in this country. I bring a perspective that helps us teach students to be good teachers, not just for mainstream children, but for children from all kinds of situations." She says the gay and lesbian university students are especially encouraged to have a role model, "who is an 'out lesbian' in a leadership position."

Rallis, who has developed a specialty in teaching technology in the classroom, has been on the front line of bringing technology to all parts of UMD. For that work and for her strength in the college

classroom, she received the 1995 Horace T. Morse Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Now, because of all of these positive experiences at UMD, she is excited about the opportunity to give something back to the university. She has taken the department head position. One of her first challenges was to hire nine new tenure-track faculty into the program. "It is exhausting and exhilarating and I couldn't have done it without Assistant Department Head Bruce Munson." The Education Department has grown to 1,250 students in Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education and Graduate Education programs. She says, "We needed new faculty and we need them right away, and my department, with its incredible spirit of collaboration, counted on me to help make it happen."



Helen Rallis

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## FACULTY PROFILES

### Jon Pierce

Professor Jon Pierce began working on his Ph.D. in 1972, working out of an oak-trimmed Bascom Hall office at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. It was from this office, gazing out at the waters of Lake Mendota, that the ideas for his life's work first began to take form.

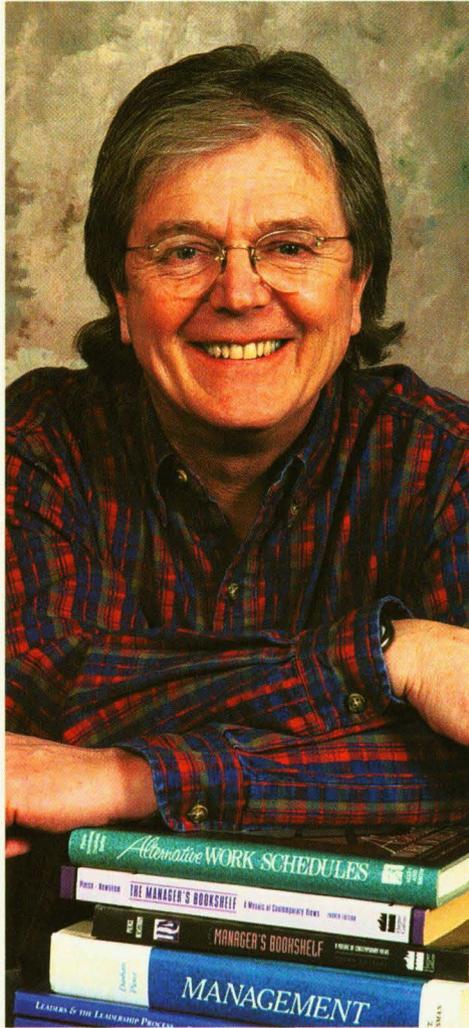
When Pierce enrolled in the doctoral program in organizational behavior, the graduate school faculty that he chose to study under were involved in research about complex organizations and their individual effects. Madison was a powerhouse in this particular field at this particular time. It was, he says, "like finding a pot of gold at the beginning of the rainbow."

"Two groups of outstanding scholars — a group of organizational sociologists and a group of organizational psychologists — just happened to be in Wisconsin at the same time I was there. It was an intellectually rich environment. And there weren't many doctoral students, so those of us who were there got a lot of close attention and assistance."

Pierce recognized his good fortune and took full advantage of the mentorship available. While he was still in graduate school, he published articles in several top journals in the field, including the *Academy of Management Review*. "I left with a doctorate from a very strong program — and a friendship with an advisor who became a colleague and a real cheerleader throughout my entire career."

While studying the structure of complex organizations, Pierce was intrigued by the relationship between the individual and the organization. "That interest in organizational psychology has defined my research agenda. I wanted to explore the connection that attaches individuals to organizations."

One recent concern that has caught up with Pierce's research is the issue of corporate loyalty. "In my generation and certainly my parents' generation, it was not uncommon for employees to work for one company for life. They became very loyal, very dedicated organizational members. There are a lot of question marks now as to how loyal this new generation of employees will be, especially as they experience sudden, massive layoffs and organizations without 'heart and soul.' By



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the time some of our UMD graduates are out of school for 10 years, they're on their third or fourth job.”

Pierce was hired at UMD right out of graduate school and continued to publish while he taught. His very linear academic career path took an interesting leap when he co-authored an article addressing the concept of employee ownership. In the article, Pierce noted briefly that physical ownership is not as critical as psychological ownership. “In other words,” he explains, “owning something doesn't necessarily mean you'll take care of it.”

The editor was intrigued by the concept and recommended to Pierce that he write an entire article on that specific topic. This suggestion presented Pierce with a new quest that combined his favorite disciplines: psychology and organizational behavior.

In search of the origins of psychological ownership, Pierce traveled to the University of Waikato, in New Zealand, as a visiting scholar in the psychology department, spending several months researching literature addressing child development and animal territorial behavior. He started his new adventure with a new question: Is there a human tendency toward possessiveness or is it a learned behavior? He is now busy designing surveys and gathering data, methodical work that demands commitment and perseverance.

Teaching for the School of Business and Economics at UMD, he says, enables him to pursue research that is both compelling and valuable. “I have been intimately interested in each of the major research agendas I've had through the years and I've been able to stick with it until I decide I want to explore something else. This career has afforded me incredible freedom.”

As we see from these five journeys, UMD students are gaining powerful lessons in life-long learning from some real pros who have shaped careers — and lives — by remaining open to choices and risks.

— Molly Stein and Cheryl Reitan

# alumni notes

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## 1948

**Violet C. Tabb**, of Columbia Heights, MN, was chosen as the 2000 Columbia Heights Humanitarian of the Year. She works for a company that sends Christian booklets, Bibles, and tracts to third world countries.

## 1951

**Floyd L. Bergman** (BA 1951, MA 1961) and his wife, Virginia Bort Lawson Bergman, reside in Hilton Head, SC. Floyd received his master's of arts degree in 1961. Although Floyd retired from teaching and school administration, he is still busy reading and writing books to go along with the five educational books he has already published.

## 1956

**Ben Korgen**, of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, accepted the International Scholar Athlete Hall of Fame induction award named for Fridtjof Nansen. Korgen holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from UMD, a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in physical oceanography from Oregon State University.

## 1958

**John Andrew** received the Sacramento Publishers Association's 2000-2001 Award for the best non-fiction book for his work *The Hanging of Arthur Hodge — A Caribbean Anti-Slavery Milestone*. John resides in Gold River, CA, and is the retired chief counsel of government relations for J.C. Penney Company, Inc.

## 1959

**Janet M. May**, of Eden Prairie, MN, was honored by the Midwest Direct Marketing Association as the 2001 recipient of the William H. Holes Long Term Achievement Award. Janet is the president and partner of Volkart May & Associates, Inc. **Patricia (Nyman) Opitz** spent nine years teaching in the Moundsview school system until she and her husband, Stan, bought Anderson Pharmacy in St. Paul in 1971. After 30 years, the couple is retiring. They will continue to live in their lake home in New Brighton, MN, and they plan to travel.

## 1963

**Arnold L. Luukkonen** has been retired for four years, but he is still researching, speaking, and writing about the history of exploration and trade in North America. He has written the glossary *Terms of the Trade* and the feature article "Tales of the Old Northwest Trail." Arnold visits most of the sites that he writes about, from coast to coast and north to the Arctic Circle.

## 1966

**Dr. George** and **Elaine Ahlgren**, Duluth, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. George is a retired biology professor from UMD. Elaine is a retired retail clerk. **Bill Shipley** retired as the head of the art department at Trinity School in New York City. His art gallery in Wilton Manors, FL, is devoted to contemporary painting, sculpture and works on paper.

## 1968

**Susan K. Woods** retired from her speech pathology position in the Amityville schools after over 19 years. Susan had previous assignments in Lindenhurt, NY, and with the New York City school system.

## 1970

**Dr. Dennis L. Nelson** and his wife, **Joyce M. Nelson** (1970, ME 1975) of Little Falls, MN, are retired and keep active gardening and traveling.

## 1971

**Douglas A. Benson** was appointed the grant activities manager for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. He was promoted from his former position as the executive director of the Minnesota Board of Government Innovation and Cooperation. Douglas is also a Ph.D. candidate in organizational development from the University of Minnesota.

**Richard J. Swanson** was elected into the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in October of 2000. He has been the head girls basketball coach for Duluth Denfeld for 15 years. Dick has accumulated a 240-115 career coaching record with six Lake Superior Conference titles, a Region 7AA title and two region runner-up finishes.

## 1972

**Phil Johnson** is a senior project manager for Learning Byte International. Phil is also working with the U.S. Olympics effort as the national coordinator for the women's pole vault.

## 1974

**James H. Danzl II** and his wife, Tamara (Smith) Danzl reside in Manhattan, IL. Tamara graduated from UMD in 1975 and James graduated in 1974. James is the director of marketing for Transtar/Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway Co.

## 1975

**Michael Johns** has been the executive director of a rural regional planning commission in Missouri for the past 21 years. He also teaches a class on state and local government at the local community college near his home in Trenton, Missouri.

**Mike Nelson** is the director of the California Oil Museum in Santa Paula, California. He also chaired a session on the history of geology at a recent meeting in Los Angeles.

**B. Howard Penix**, of Muscatine, Iowa, served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, and later held positions in administration, as well as a political liaison. He also worked in information technology and technology training.

## 1977

**Vicki (Lundberg) Gornick**, of Chisholm, MN, was selected as the Finlandic Foundation National Performer of the Year for the year 2000. She has been on tour throughout the U.S. performing Finnish organ music. Her CD, Finnish Mixtures was released in June of 2000.

## 1980

**Martha M. Markusen**, of Duluth, was appointed as the president of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. Martha joined the law firm in 1986, and focuses her practice in the areas of trademark, commercial finance, licensing, franchise and business law.

## 1978

**Vicky Knickerbocker** was awarded an educational stipend to attend an international teaching seminar for Holocaust educators in Israel. Vicky attended the seminar with three Holocaust survivors who were employed at Oskar Schindler's armaments factory during World War II.

## 1981

**Mark Deeg** received his bachelor's degree in 1981 and his doctor of philosophy and doctor of medicine degrees in 1988. He is the associate professor of medicine and biochemistry at Indiana University.

**Ellen Elness** has been serving as a medical missionary in the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan for the past nine years. After receiving her bachelor's degree in 1981, Ellen returned and finished her doctor of medicine degree in 1985.

## 1982

**Ron Hagland** (BA 1982, MSW 2001) of Cloquet, MN, was hired as the executive director for the Duluth Art Institute. Ron worked for 10 years as a human resources executive and for 17 years in nonprofit groups. For the past eight years, he has operated his own human resources consulting business.

## 1983

**Candace L. Dale** recently became board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA). To fulfill the requirements of becoming certified, Candace had to undergo peer review from judges, complete extensive documentation, and successfully complete a day-long exam.

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Athletic Department at 218-726-7230.

## 1984

**Robyn Wahlberg Campanaro** received the highest recognition an actuary can achieve in the United States when she was named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) in May.

**Cheryl (Rattel) Carson** lives with her husband, Steve, and their two daughters in Allen, TX. Steve works for Alcatel in the Switch Products Division. Cheryl spent part of the past year on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

## 1986

**Todd Kneebone** (BA 1986, MSW 1995) and Christine Oliver, both of Duluth, were married in June. Todd is a psychotherapist at the Human Development Center in Duluth. Christine graduated in 1989 from the University of Wisconsin Superior, and is pursuing her master's degree in social work from UMD.

**Mark Oestreich** and **Victoria Anstett**, both of Duluth, were married in October of 2001. Victoria is a waitress, and Mark is a controller for the Jamar Company.

## 1987

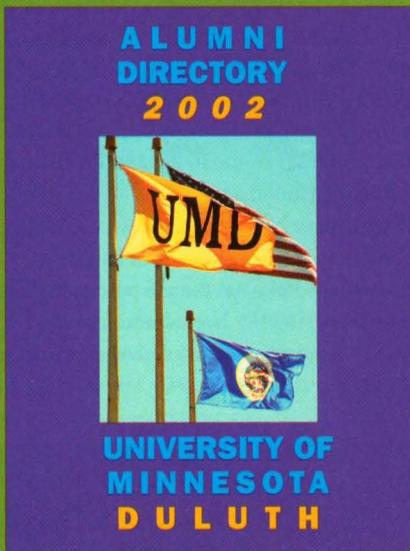
**Suzanne Anderson** of Duluth, and **Brian Rauvola** (BA 92) of Two Harbors, MN, were married in July of 2001. Suzanne is an administrative assistant for the Northland Foundation. Brian is a teacher with the Lake Superior school district.

**Tom Dahl** manages investigation and remediation projects for the RETEC Group, Inc. in St. Paul, MN. Tom is a member of a nationwide train derailment response team and also assists attorneys with gathering and interpreting data.

**James Huber** (MS 1987) received his Ph.D. in interdisciplinary archaeological studies from the University of Minnesota in December of 2001. James and his family will soon be moving into their new home in Vinton, IA.

**Caroline (Kornmann) Moe** gave birth to a son, Erik, in June. Caroline and her husband Scott live with their "new bundle of joy" in Mora, MN, where Caroline is the commissioner of finance for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

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**Jean (Pehkonen) Schunck** and Christopher Schunck were married in March on the island of Maui, HI. Jean is a software engineer for Tivoli Systems, a branch of IBM. Chris is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and works for Advanced Micro Devices. The couple resides in Austin, TX.

## 1988

**Thomas Johnston** and his wife of 11 years, Sheryl Waddick, Lakeville, MN, have two daughters. Thomas is an information technology technical specialist for Brown Printing Company. Sheryl works as a Minnesota state peace officer of standards and training.

**Adam J. Schattschneider** was promoted to full professor of music with a commendation for artistic contribution and leadership at Bluffton College. Adam also has released an instrumental CD entitled Broken Boundaries. Adam, and his wife, Kelly, and their daughters Leah and Haley, reside in Bluffton, OH.

**Brenda (Sward) Beuschel** attends Viterbo University, working towards her master's degree in education. Brenda, and her husband Samuel, have four children. The family resides in the "quiet countryside" of Jude, WI.

## 1989

**Sally (Drews) Armitage** works for Planned Parenthood, teaching classes for youth at risk. Sally and her husband, David, had their second child in July. The family lives in Golden, CO.

**Brian Helmken**, of Plymouth, MN, is the vice president of office leasing with CB Richard Ellis. Brian's wife Kay gave birth to triplets on September 13, 1999.

**Scott Nocton** is a senior hydro-geologist with Widseth Smith Nolting in Brainerd, MN. Scott works on watershed management, solid waste, and lake restoration projects. Scott and his wife, Chris, have three daughters. The family resides in Merrifield, MN.

**Brian Pelletier** recently joined CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association, as the director of global communications. Brian and his wife, Melanie, reside in Chicago.

## 1990

**Tim Allison**, JD, and Vickie Ideta were married in April of 2001. Tim is the executive director and CEO for Tim Allison and Associates, and Vickie is a project manager

in the technology industry. The couple resides in Santa Barbara, CA.

**Robert Slabodnik** and his wife, Ellie, have a new baby daughter, Zoé Kathleen Slabodnik, born in November. Robert was honored by KOMO-TV in Seattle as one of the Top 20 Teachers in the Puget Sound area this past spring. He is a French teacher and department chair of world languages for the Sedro-Woolley school district.

## 1991

**Jim Sales** and Tina Alcala, Duluth, were married in March. Jim works as an information technology professional for NRRI and Tina teaches at the Marshall School.

## 1992

**Michael Kerttula** and Lisa Kirsh, both of Duluth, were married in September. Michael graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications and is employed by Qwest in Minneapolis. Lisa graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Superior in 1997. She is employed by Park Nicollet Health Systems.

**Erika (Laven) Hammerschmidt** married Steve Hammerschmidt in September of 2000. The couple had their first baby in July of 2001. Erika was the band director at Orono High School for one year. Prior to that, she worked on her master's degree in music education at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Erika also gives private horn lessons and is a substitute teacher in the Orono school district.

**Mary L. Morse** (MA 1992) is an assistant professor of English at Rider University in New Jersey. Mary is busy setting up and teaching courses for the new Workplace Writing Program. She also teaches courses in Medieval and Renaissance literature.

**Anthony Radloff** and Kimberly Mickendrow were married in June in Duluth. Kimberly graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in 1999 and is a parole officer for Arrowhead Regional Corrections. Anthony graduated in 1992 from UMD, and is a police officer in Duluth.

**Jackie Weick** and **Darren Vogt**, (1994) were married in October of 1997. The couple is living in Duluth with their new daughter, Peyton. Jackie is a senior registered sales assistant for Dain Rauscher. Darren is an environmental biologist for the 1854 Authority.

## 1993

**Troy Bonkowske** is working as the economic development and planning director for the city of Jordan, MN.

**Armen Chilian** moved to Ontario, Canada. Armen is a field geologist for the natural gas production branch of Ontex.

**Colleen (Gallagher) Roess** is a center director for the Children's World Learning Centers. Colleen and her husband, Steve, welcomed their daughter, Madeline, into their lives in March.

**Tracey Mehrkens** and her husband, Mike Lenarz, Woodbury, MN, are both members of the class of 1993. The couple has two daughters, Sophia and Sydney.

**Krista (Mehling) Steen** was married to Douglas Steen in July. Krista is a recreation therapist for the Minnesota Department of Corrections in Moose Lake, MN. Douglas is also employed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

**Dan Summers and Katie MacDonald**, both of Superior, WI, were married in July. After receiving his bachelor's degree in communication, Dan became a claims adjuster with State Farm Insurance in Duluth. Katie graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in 2001. She is working as an oral surgeon assistant with Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Associates in Duluth.

## 1994

**Clarke Davis** and Dr. Brian Campbell were married in June of 2001 in St. Paul, MN. Clarke is a product analyst for Achieve Healthcare Information Systems. Brian received his Ph.D. in music theory from the University of Minnesota and is an assistant professor at St. John's University in St. Cloud, MN.

**Timothy Fergestad** and his wife, **Jennifer Fergestad** (1993, MS 1995) recently moved to Wisconsin for Jennifer to do a residency in surgery and for Tim to complete his second post doctorate. Tim graduated from the University of Utah with his Ph.D. in Neuroscience and Jennifer graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine with her MD.

**Kelly Greenwalt** and Lori Spilde were married in November in Duluth. Kelly is a police officer for the city of Duluth. Lori is employed by PaineWebber.

**Robert Gruba** was married in August to Stacy Kraak. Stacy is a registered nursing

assistant at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, MN. Robert is a producer for KSTP-TV in St. Paul.

**Jennifer Kucera** and Justin Hoffmann, both of Duluth, were married in July of 2001. Jennifer works for independent school district #99. Justin is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University.

**Dee Lund** is an image-processing analyst for the Illinois State Geological Survey. She is working on a project to create a database of historic aerial photographs of Illinois. Dee resides in Urbana, IL.

**Steve Patronas** and **Karin Vukson**, both graduates of UMD, were married in August of 2001. Karin is a registered nurse for St. Mary's in Duluth. Steve received his political science degree in 1994, and is an associate vice president for Dain Rauscher.

**Lynette** (St. George) **Carney** (MS 1994) and **Scott Carney** (MS 1997) had their first child in December of 2000. The new family resides in Duluth.

## 1995

**Jason Bolz** is enrolled in a full-time MBA program at the University of Colorado-Boulder. This summer, Jason worked as a Business Development intern with Array Biopharma in Colorado.

**Lori Cole** and Scott Engen, both of Duluth, were married in August of 2001. Lori is a sales representative for Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals in Duluth and the co-owner of Always & Forever Bridal in Superior. Scott is a sales representative for Superior Beverages.

**Lori (Schilling) Danielson** and Brent Danielson, both of Cloquet, were married in December of 2000. After receiving her bachelor's degree in psychology and criminology, Lori returned to the University of Wisconsin-Superior for her master's degree in family counseling. She is a mentor Duluth coordinator for Copeland Community Center in Duluth.

**Kristi Duncan** (MIS 1995) married **Derek Plante** in July, 2001. Kristi graduated with her bachelor's degree in criminology and sociology, and later with her master's degree in industrial safety. Derek is a professional hockey player and played for Team USA in the Winter Olympics.

**Bonnie Helmbrecht** married John Daugherty in September. Bonnie and John live in Dallas, TX. Bonnie is a computer consultant for

Syntegra, Inc. in Dallas, TX.

**Jennifer (Gunderson) Ondrus** and **Stephen Ondrus** (1997), were married in July of 1999 in Minneapolis. Both Steve and Jennifer teach in the Raleigh Edison School in Duluth. Steve is a third-grade teacher and Jennifer is a first-grade teacher.

**Rhonda Hakala** and Jason St. George, Shakopee, MN, were married in April in Duluth. After receiving her bachelor's degree in business, Rhonda is now the human resource manager for Minnesota Air, Inc. in Bloomington, MN. Jason is a sales marketing representative for APS International.

**Ryan** and **Melanie Hoff** of Stillwater, MN, were married in July. Ryan is working as a senior tax analyst for Andersen Corporation and Melanie is an instrumental music teacher for Independent School District #196.

**Carrie Jacobson** earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology in October of 2000. She is also a captain in the United States Army and is stationed in San Antonio, TX.

**Katherine Lyle** and Duane Buyaert, both of Cloquet, MN, were married in October of 2000 in Duluth. Katherine and Duane are both employed by the Independent School District #94 in Cloquet.

**David McLaughlin** and Heather (Anderson) Thornburg were married in August at the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, MN. Dave works for the Carlton County Health Department. Heather graduated in 1997, and is the senior secretary for UMD's School of Business and Economics, Student Affairs Office.

**Jim Peterson** and Alessandra Galhardo Alves were married in June of 2001 in Recife, Brazil. Alessandra earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Faculdade de Ciencias da Administracao de Pernambuco in Recife in 1997 and a master's degree in business administration from ESADE in Barcelona, Spain, in 2000. Jim received his master's degree in business administration from Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis in 2000.

**Russ and Sara Soukup** (1995), have a new addition to their family, Trent Stephen, who was born in June. Russ is working as a quality manager for Penstar and Sara is an academic advisor for the Rochester Community and Technical College.

**Dawn Sheetz** and **Arlo Lehtinen** (1995), have two children, Shawn and Maggie. Shawn was born in September. Arlo is a manager at an AmericInn Motel.

**Cameron R. Seybolt**, of St. Louis Park, MN, graduated from the University of Minnesota law school in 1998, and has joined the Fredrikson & Byron law firm as an associate in the estate planning service area. He advises clients regarding estate and tax planning matters, and also prepares wills, trusts, and related documents.

## 1996

**Amy Lou (Asche) Anderson** was married to Kent Anderson in July of 2000. The couple resides in Richfield, MN, where Amy Lou is an occupational therapist for The Therapy Place. Kent graduated in 1996 from St. Lawrence University in New York.

**Lori Lukovsky** and Charles Noris Jr., both of St. Paul, were married in July. After graduation, Lori earned her doctorate in chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Missouri. She is a chiropractor and acupuncturist for Chiropractic Services, Ltd. in Arden Hills, MN. Charles is a territory manager for Cheney Industries in Plymouth, MN.

**Lee Monson** and Becky Ingemansen were married in September of 1995. They have two children, a son Gabriel and a daughter Elizabeth. The family lives in Champlin, MN. Becky graduated in 1994 with a bachelor's of science degree in biology. Lee is a project architect with Born.

**James Musielewicz** and **Sylvia Barry** (MS 2001) were married in Duluth in August of 2000. Sylvia is a member of the research team for Harvard University's Long Term Ecological Research Program in Massachusetts. She coordinates the project between several researchers in the U.S. and several researchers abroad. Jim is busy working on his master's degree.

**Tara Sobtzak** and **Daniel Radloff** (\*99), both of Duluth, were married in August of 2001. Tara earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1996. She is a teacher in the Duluth public school district. Daniel is an engineer for Mielke Electric in Duluth.

**Quin Sweetman** and **Andrew Karsnia** (MIS 1997), both of Portland, OR, were married in October of 2001. Quin is in communication and public and media relations for the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette-Portland area. Andrew is an environmental health and

safety consultant for the Environmental and Occupational Risk Management Company in Portland.

**Jessica Palmer** and **John Pederson**, both of Duluth, were married in December of 2000. Jessica (class of 1996) is a nanny in Duluth. John (class of 1998) graduated with his bachelor's degree in secondary education and is a director of information technology for the school district of Superior, WI.

## 1997

**Kent Adamson** (MS 1997), of Houston, TX, joined a new group at Geoquest called Intouch/Geoframe Central Support. The group supplies the support for Geoquest's field personnel. Kent's new position calls for some travelling, including destinations such as Norway and the United Arab Emirates.

**Mary (Schwieters) Beckedahl** and her husband Bryan were married in April in Rochester, MN. The couple resides in Chatfield, MN, where Mary is an intake program social worker for Olmsted County.

**Jared Goldesberry** of Thief River Falls, MN, was named the executive director of the Northland Community and Technical College Foundation. Jared will assist the foundation to obtain private gifts for scholarships.

**Jared Granley** and **Melinda Zapp** (MS 1998) were married in February in Duluth. Melinda is a research assistant with the City of Superior Wastewater Treatment Plant. Jared is a senior risk analyst for Minnesota Power in Duluth.

**Laura Habert** (BA 1997, MBA 1999) and Brandon Thorsvik (1999), both of Hermantown, MN, were married in August in Duluth. Laura received her master's degree in business administration in 1999.

**Bryan Hill** and Jessica Couchard, both of Minneapolis, were married in July in Duluth. Jessica received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concordia University in St. Paul. She works for Marquette Bank in St. Paul. Bryan is a certified public accountant in structured finance for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Minneapolis.

**Stephanie Hrovat** and Jeffrey McCann, both of Minneapolis, were married in September. Stephanie and Jeffrey are employed by American Express Financial Advisors.

**Jodi Ierino** and **Damien Paulson** (BA 2001), both of Duluth, were married in October of 2001. Jodi is a fourth grade teacher in Duluth. Damien works for Max Gray

Construction and is a football, basketball and baseball coach in Duluth.

**Michael Karstens** and Gretchen Graff-Dolezal were married in June of 2001 in Duluth. Gretchen is a medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee. Michael is a law student at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee.

**Sherry Kohlts** and Dennis Kozelka were married in September in Duluth. Sherry is a clinical research assistant for oncology clinical trials at St. Mary's. Dennis is pursuing an electrical apprenticeship from Lake Superior College.

**Billie Jo Kruse** (BA 1995, MA 1997) and Peter Steen were married in June in Moose Lake, MN. Billie is a guidance counselor at Barnum High School. Peter is a social studies teacher at Barnum High School, and the owner of Steen Rental in Moose Lake.

**Dr. Jessica Lavan** graduated from the University of Minnesota's Medical School with her Doctor of Medicine degree in 2001. She has since started a family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

**Elizabeth Lind** and Jeffrey Mayne were married in June. Elizabeth is a free-lance graphic designer in Duluth. Jeffrey is a dispatcher for Minnesota Power.

**Joshua Sadek** and his wife, Tiffani, were married in July of 2000 in La Paz, Bolivia. The couple is in their second year of teaching at the American Cooperative School in La Paz.

**Scott A. Stai** (MS 1997) received the master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary in May at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Scott served as an intern at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church under the guidance of Reverend Steven McKinley.

**Carl Svendsen** and **Jennifer Miller** (1999) were married in September in Deerwood, MN. Carl is a staff accountant for Eikill & Schilling Ltd. in Duluth. Jennifer is an accountant for McGladrey & Pullen L.L.P. of Duluth.

**Susan Vartmann** and Mark Rauschenfels were married in September. Susan graduated with a criminology and sociology degree, and is employed by UMD.

## 1998

**Tim Amundson** (BA 1998, MBA 2001) and Emily DuBois were married in March in Duluth. Tim is a work director for Wells Fargo. Emily is working as a dietician.

**Paul Fassbender** graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Law and will be joining the litigation section of Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson, & Drummy in Terre Haute, IN.

**Jodi Grayson** and Daniel Kiminski, both of Esko, MN, were married in October. Jodi is an associate with Baldwin and Mattson in St. Louis Park, MN. She is also a public affairs specialist for the 148th Fighter Wing Minnesota Air National Guard. Daniel is an operator with Northland Bituminous, Inc, and a sno-cross mechanic for the World Snowmobile Association.

**Ann Larson** (ME 1998) and Kevin Anderson were married in July in Duluth. Ann is a first grade teacher in Duluth. Kevin is attending the University of Wisconsin-Superior pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology.

**Kelly Lussier** (MIS 1998) and Angie Dowell, both of Duluth, were married in December of 2001. Angie graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Kelly works for Kolar Auto in Duluth.

**Emily Marino** and **Geoffrey Welles** (1999) were married in Duluth in July of 2000. The

couple lives in Hutchinson, MN. Emily is employed by the Hutchinson school district as a music teacher. Geoffrey is an art teacher for the Dassel-Cokato school district.

**Danielle Mason** and John Stenvers, both of Ferndale, WA, were married in August. Danielle is a lab manager for Samson Rope Technologies in Ferndale and John is a truck driver for VanBoven Gravel.

**Jason Miller** and **Shivon Ringdahl** (1998) were married in July in Duluth. Jason is working for K-Byte Hibbing Electronics. Shivon is the youth and intergenerational ministries director for Peace Church and a first grade teacher at Summit School in Duluth.

**Sara Ouellette** and Mark Stone were married in April in Duluth. Sara is a job recruiter for Atlantic Recruiting in Raleigh, NC. Mark is a service consultant for Johnson Lexus in Raleigh.

**Karl Pracht** graduated in May of 2001 with his master's degree in geology from the University of Montana. He is working as an intern with the U.S. Geological Survey in the Philadelphia area. Karl is helping investigate the hydraulic properties of an aquifer beneath an old industrial area.

**Laura Sorenson** and Josh Edwards were married in December, in Superior, WI. Laura is a refractive coordinator with Northern Refractive Surgery Center in Duluth. Josh is employed by Burlington Northern Railway.

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**Andy Stenlund** and **Kristine Squillace** (1998), were married in July of 2000. Kristine is a research associate at R&D Systems in Minneapolis and in the fall of 2001 will start her graduate program at the University of Minnesota in clinical lab research. Andy is an engineer with Remmler Engineering in St. Paul.

## 1999

**Karri Alwin** moved to Watertown, WI, to teach and coach for the Watertown Unified School District. Karri will teach 9th-12th grade Physical Education and is also coaching the volleyball and track and field teams.

**Kyle Anderson** and **Stephanie Graham** (BA 2000) were married in August of 2001 in Mankato, MN. Stephanie is pursuing her master's degree in speech-language pathology at the University of Minnesota. Kyle is pursuing his doctorate degree at Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, MN.

**Shawnee Belka** and **Jon Stephenson** (2001), both of Duluth, were married in May.

Shawnee is a certified public accountant for McGladrey & Pullen L.L.P. in Duluth. Jon returned to UMD to attend medical school.

**Tamara Diedrich** and Jason Aronson were married in November of 2000. Jason is a geologist for L.F.R. in Scottsdale, Arizona. Tami is working on her Ph.D. at Arizona State University.

**Michael Elling** and Jo Lynn Libal, both of Duluth, were married in January. Jo Lynn graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in 1999. She is a credit analyst for Republic Bank in Duluth. Michael is a financial analyst for St. Luke's hospital in Duluth.

**Jessica Fisher** and Kevin Saba were married in May. Jessica is working for Lerner Publications in Minneapolis as a marketing production coordinator. Kevin is a district network specialist for Independent School District #622 in St. Paul.

**Gina Fremont** and Brandon Cole, both of Duluth, were married in June of 2001. Brandon is a store manager at Office Max in Shakopee, MN. Gina is a kindergarten teacher in Burnsville, MN.

**Melissa Fritts** (MS 1999), of St. Paul, MN, has been working in the Environmental Health and Safety Division at 3M. Melissa's job takes her to 3M plants across the U.S.

**Courtney Hardtke** and Brandon Lambert, both of Salinas, California, were married in December of 2001 in Duluth. Courtney and

Brandon are both English teachers at San Benito High School in Hollister, California.

**Brandi Lassi** and Andrew Merfeld were married in July in Ely, MN. Brandi is a third grade teacher for the St. Louis Park school district. Andrew is a high school teacher in Winsted, MN.

**James Lord** and Kelly Hiukka were married in May in Duluth. James and Kelly are both employed in Duluth.

**Tanya Nelson** and **Aaron Loveland** were married in October in Rogers, MN. Aaron (class of 2000) is a computer consultant for U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray. Tanya does night billings for Reinhart Food Service.

**Annie Palmer** of Duluth, and Jonathan Lund of Mound, MN, were married in June. Annie is a science teacher in Minneapolis. Jonathan is an engineer with Rosemount Inc. in Chanhassen, MN.

**Jeff Romfo** and Erika Jarvenpa, both of Charleston, SC, were married in June. Jeff is working for Environmental Management and Engineering Solutions as a remediation consultant. Erika is an occupational therapist for Interim Healthcare.

**Mike Santi** and **Alicia Boehne** (2000) were married in September in Columbia Heights, MN. Mike is employed by Knight Ridder.

**Marti Wolford** and Ryan Graham were married in July. Marti is a speech language pathologist for the Maercker school district. Ryan is a project manager for Spike Enterprises.

## 2000

**Cristen Cannon** and Scott Christensen, both of Duluth, were married in September of 2001. Cristen is an accountant with St. Louis County. Scott is employed by Anderson Furniture.

**Russell Carter** and Jennifer Mahoney were married in July in Duluth. The couple resides in Minnetonka, MN. Jennifer is a Spanish teacher at Edina High School. Russell is a firmware verification engineer for Seagate Technologies in Shakopee, MN.

**Kari Dresback** and Jon Thralow were married in January in Hawaii. Kari is pursuing her master's degree in cellular biology at UMD.

**Joseph Esler** and **Alyson Haun** (BAS 2001) were married in September of 2001. Joseph is a second lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force.

**Michael Newfield**, of St. Paul, was married to Nicole Fridgen in June, in Virginia, MN.

Michael is a student at the University of Minnesota College for Veterinary Medicine. Nicole is completing her internship at North Speech and Occupational Therapy Clinic in Maple Grove, MN.

**Emily Iverson** and Ryan Sharrow were married in May in Duluth. Emily is a counselor for Northwood Children's Home. Emily is also an assistant coach of the YMCA swim team.

**Jamie Makowsky** and Rick Somerville II were married in October of 2000 in Superior, Wisconsin. Jamie is a third grade teacher for the Pulaski Community School district in Wisconsin. Rick graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Superior and is a service team leader for Schneider National in Green Bay.

**Cindy Sampson** and Dave Foster were married in August of 2001 in Duluth. Cindy works for Uniprise in Duluth. Dave graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Superior and is a physical education teacher for the Cromwell-Wright school district.

**Stephanie Sandberg** and Michael Van Staagen were married in February on the Explorer of the Seas cruise ship. Stephanie is a staffing specialist for Manpower in Duluth. Michael is an engineer and designer for Cirrus Design in Duluth.

**Melissa Schwab** and **Craig Honkola** (MIS 2000) were married in Rice Lake, Wisconsin in July of 2001. Melissa is a personnel analyst for St. Louis County. Craig works as a health and safety management assistant for Northeast Service Cooperative in Mountain Iron, MN.

**Terry Steele** is in the second year of graduate school. He is working towards receiving his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry, and is immersed in the fields of organic synthesis and cell biology.

**Sarah Stone** and Erik Skafte were married in October of 2001. Sarah is employed by Hirshfield's Design Studio in Minneapolis. Erik is employed by Silver Lake Dental in New Brighton, MN.

**Robert Troolin** and Stephanie Koenig were married in October of 2000. Robert is working as a bailiff for Goodhue County in Redwing, MN. Stephanie is a nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

**Timothy Wade** and Amanda Bass, both of Duluth, were married in September of 2001. Amanda is a licensed practical nurse at St. Mary's and for the Duluth Clinic Health System. Timothy is a billing analyst for

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**Jamie Zywicki** and Joshua Orhn, both of Duluth, were married in June of 2001. Joshua is an attendant with Minnesota Power in Duluth. Jamie is a market consultant at Midwest Communications for KTCO-FM radio in Duluth.

## 2001

**Janelle Butterworth** and Christopher Johnson were married in June. Christopher is a police officer for the city of Mankato, MN.

**Katherine Kauzlaric** and **Brian Feiro** (2001), were married in December of 2000 in Duluth.

**Christi Seppi Sickel** (ME 2001) and Craig Sickel were married in December of 1999. Christi is a special education teacher for Mesabi East School District. Craig is employed by Ken Waschke Auto Plaza in Virginia, MN.

## Passing

**Frances Z. Alden**, '30 and '65, passed away in January at the age of 90. Frances was a fourth-grade teacher in Proctor.

**Richard H. Arnold**, '60, of Tucson, Arizona, died in October of 2001. Richard was a high school art teacher and a golf coach. After retiring early, he enjoyed golfing, painting, and traveling.

**James Walsh Bianco**, '51, died in May. After graduating, James served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps until he was honorably discharged in 1953. In 1967, James purchased the First National Bank in Cass Lake and served as the president.

**Myron Elliott Bruzonsky**, '62, passed away in January in Duluth. Myron was born in Duluth, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from UMD. He worked for the Ben Overman Finance and Real Estate Co. for many years.

**Glenn W. Burke**, '69, died in May. Glenn was a charter member, the first president, and later the secretary and fire marshal of the Rice Lake Township Volunteer Fire Fighters. Glenn was also a boy scout, receiving the Silver Scout in recognition for his 32 years of service.

**John E. Burns**, '52, died in November of 1999, in Oklahoma City, OK. John earned his MBA from Oklahoma City University in 1972 and worked for AT&T for 36 years until his retirement in 1988. John was also a major in the Air Force Reserves.

**David R. Carlson**, '72, of Duluth, passed away in May at the age of 54. David worked

for Burlington Northern Railroad. He was a past president and member of the Lake Superior Transportation Club, and also a member of the National Model Railroad Association.

**June Carlson**, '64, of Duluth, died in October of 2001. June and her husband, John, were married in 1939. After graduating from UMD, she taught at Duluth East High School until her retirement in 1985.

**Bette (Dickson) Casteel** died in August in Corrales, NM. Bette published two books, *Old Town, Albuquerque* and *Dental Probe*. Bette co-founded an artist co-op gallery in Corrales in the late 1950s and served as the president of the New Mexico Art League in 1958-1959.

**James R. Cleary**, '63, passed away in January. James taught in Henderson, MN, and Edgerton, MN. While teaching, he also worked for the Duluth Missabe and Iron Range Railway for 37 years as a conductor.

**Hildegard N. Danburg**, '38, died in July in Baton Rouge, at the age of 91. Hildegard and her husband Dwight lived in Seattle, Norwich and in Greenwell Springs.

Hildegard was a kindergarten teacher for the Lutheran school for nine years. Hildegard and Dwight were avid travelers, visiting all 50 states and 32 foreign countries.

**Larry DeCaigny**, '73, passed away in November. Larry taught in Barnum, MN, and Aitkin, MN, until he was appointed postmaster of Sawyer in 1980. He also owned and operated the Sawyer Store for 22 years.

**Mary Jean Ekman**, '56 and ME '76, died in September. She taught in the Hoyt Lakes and Roseville area schools. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority for outstanding female educators. Mary Jean also played in the St. Paul Civic Orchestra and was a member of the senior royalty for the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

**Rosina Lydia Engman**, '62, died in June. Rosina was a teacher in the Eveleth, Parkville, and St. Bonifacius schools. She was also an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority.

**Conrad McCormack Fredin**, JD, '48, died in June. Conrad briefly attended the Duluth State Teachers College and St. Thomas before graduating from Carleton College. After receiving his law degree from the University of Minnesota, Conrad served on the Editorial Board of the Minnesota Law Review and later worked for three other Duluth law firms.

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**Eva Mae (Bloomgren) Glinsman**, '51, died in July in Rochester, MN. Eva Mae taught physical education at Duluth Central in the 1950s. Eva Mae also taught in Illinois and in the Cambridge-Isanti school districts.

**Francis R. Gnotta**, '65, died in July in Proctor, MN. Francis was a veteran of the Korean War, and served in the Minnesota Air National Guard. Francis was also a brakeman for the DM&IR Railway and then later worked for the St. Louis County Social Service Department for 25 years, until his retirement in 1992.

**Dr. Volker G. Goldschmidt** died in October. Volker taught at the UMD Medical School and at Duluth's VoTech (Lake Superior Community College). Volker attended the Universities of Goettingen, Tuebingen, and Munich in Germany before immigrating to Seattle in 1952.

**James Good**, '80, died in November in Duluth. James was a teacher in the Duluth school district for many years. He loved gardening, nature, reading, and teaching.

**Richard Gottschald**, '58, died in November. Richard served in the Air National Guard for six years. He was a prominent television and radio personality in Duluth. Richard began his news-broadcasting career with WKLK in Cloquet, MN. He was also the co-founder of KUMD.

**Mary J. (Borgen) Grace**, ('51, MA '69), passed away in September in Moose Lake, MN. Mary graduated with her teaching certificate in elementary education from the Duluth State Teachers College in 1951 and later returned to receive her master's of art degree in 1969. Mary taught for more than 33 years. Mary also had two children with her husband, Duane Grace.

**Roger E. Gunderson**, '58, died in December of 2001. Roger was an accountant for Modern Distributors, WEBC Radio, the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center and Grussendorf's Nursery.

**Robert L. Hall** (MA '70) died in October of 2001, in Grand Rapids, MN. He served as a radio operator and gunner on B-24 bombers for the Army Air Corps until 1946. Robert graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in English before receiving his master's degree in English.

**Frederick W. Hart**, '48 and ME '49, died in September. Frederick, of Crosslake, MN, was a student at Drexel University in Philadelphia while serving in the Air Force and later in World War II. Frederick taught in the Duluth school system for 37 years, primarily at Duluth

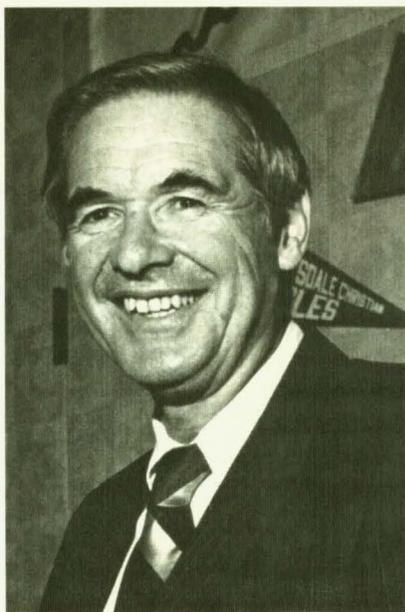
## REMEMBERING DAN DEVINE

*Dan Devine, UMD alumnus, a head football coach for 22 years at three colleges and for four tumultuous years with the Green Bay Packers, died in May at the age of 77. Devine was head coach for three years (1955-57) at Arizona State and 13 years (1958-70) with Missouri, head coach and general manager (1971-74) with the Packers, then head coach for six years (1975-80) at Notre Dame.*

*Daniel John Devine was raised by an aunt and uncle in Proctor, Minnesota. After serving in the Army Air Forces during World War II, he came back to UMD to earn his B.S. degree. While at UMD he met and married Joanne Brookhart. Their first two children, the twins Jennifer and Mary Jo, were born while Devine was at UMD. He graduated in 1948. His children Dede, Daniel J (Tiger), Sarah, Lisa, and Jill completed the family.*

*After coaching, Devine returned to Arizona State to become chief executive of its main booster club and then director of a new campus program to combat substance abuse. He later became athletic director at Missouri.*

*Devine was inducted into UMD's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.*



Central where he also coached.

**Bruce Hassinger**, '65, passed away in November in Denver. Bruce was a professional geologist. Bruce and his wife, Sally, were married in June of 1969.

**Wallace F. Heikkinen**, '52, the first captain of the UMD hockey team, died in January. Wallace was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II, serving as a navigator in the Army Air Corp and attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant. He worked for the Soudan Mine from 1952, until its closing, and for the City of Tower as the City Clerk and Treasurer.

**Linda Rae (Griffin) Hilsen**, '68 and '73, died in Duluth in January. Linda received her master's degree in English in 1973. She was an instructor and then an associate professor at UMD. Linda was a doctoral candidate from the University of Minnesota's educational leadership program

**Roderick V. Hood**, '32, died in June. Roderick was an insurance executive for Liscomb-Hood-Mason for 55 years. He was the first Minnesotan, and only the sixth nationwide, to earn the insurance designation of Charter Property Casualty Underwriters. Roderick was with Duluth Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Chamber, Duluth Jaycees, and Duluth Builders Exchange.

**Chester "Chet" Isakson**, '57, died in October. Chet was an avid Harley rider and a

member of the Hog Riders and Retread Cycle Clubs. Chet coached Little League baseball, girls softball, and all stages of youth hockey. Chet retired from Alliant Tech Systems in 1994.

**Melvin A. Jacobson**, '52, died in December of 1999 in Yuma, Arizona. Melvin served in the Korean War as battalions supply sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star. Melvin owned and operated Mel's IGA Supermarket for 31 years.

**Martha Jane (Ostmoe) Jarrells** died in June. After graduating, Martha taught home economics at Oltman Junior High and in the St. Paul Adult Evening Program for many years. For the last ten years, Martha had been an employee of Land O'Lakes department of Consumer Affairs in Arden Hills, MN. Martha and her husband, Bill, were married for 31 years. The couple had two children.

**Alta R. Johnson**, '34, died in September in Duluth. Alta taught in Akeley and Sandstone, MN. After marrying Elmer T. Johnson in 1940, Alta devoted herself to raising their five children. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Trinity Chapter 242 D.E.S. as well as a member of the Three Lakes Development Association, AARP, SOAR and the Wally Byam Air Streamers.

**Dennis M. Johnson**, '69, died in December. Dennis was a youth counselor and served as the director of Upward Bound.

**Darlene Johnson**, '59, died in March. Darlene was an elementary teacher at Julius Barnes. She was also a tutor and a substitute teacher for many years. Darlene was a fantastic cook and baker. She loved gardening, crafting, and knitting.

**Donald G. Johnson**, '55, died in February. Donald graduated from Northwestern School of Agriculture at the age of 17. During World War II, he served in the Mediterranean area, China, and Guam. He was also involved in the Korean War. He served in the armed services for 42 years. Donald was also a science teacher at the West Junior and Morgan Park schools.

**Gerald K. Johnson**, '54, of Roseville, MN, passed away in May. Gerald was 69 years old. After college, Gerald was a member of the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Germany.

**Marion Elmi Johnson**, '58, died in December of 2001. Marion and her daughter graduated from UMD the same year. Marion was honored as the St. Louis County Teacher of the Year during her teaching career. She also wrote a novel, *A Finntown of the Heart* in 1998.

**Earl Norman Juntunen**, '52, of Esko, MN, died in April. Earl was an artist and designer, and worked for architectural firms in Duluth, Virginia, and Minneapolis. Earl was also an Army veteran serving in the Korean War.

**Edward N. Kerola** (MSA '48), of Virginia, MN, died in April. Edward was a graduate of Virginia Junior College, Ohio State University, UMD, and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Edward was the superintendent of schools in the Tower, MN, area from 1956 until his retirement.

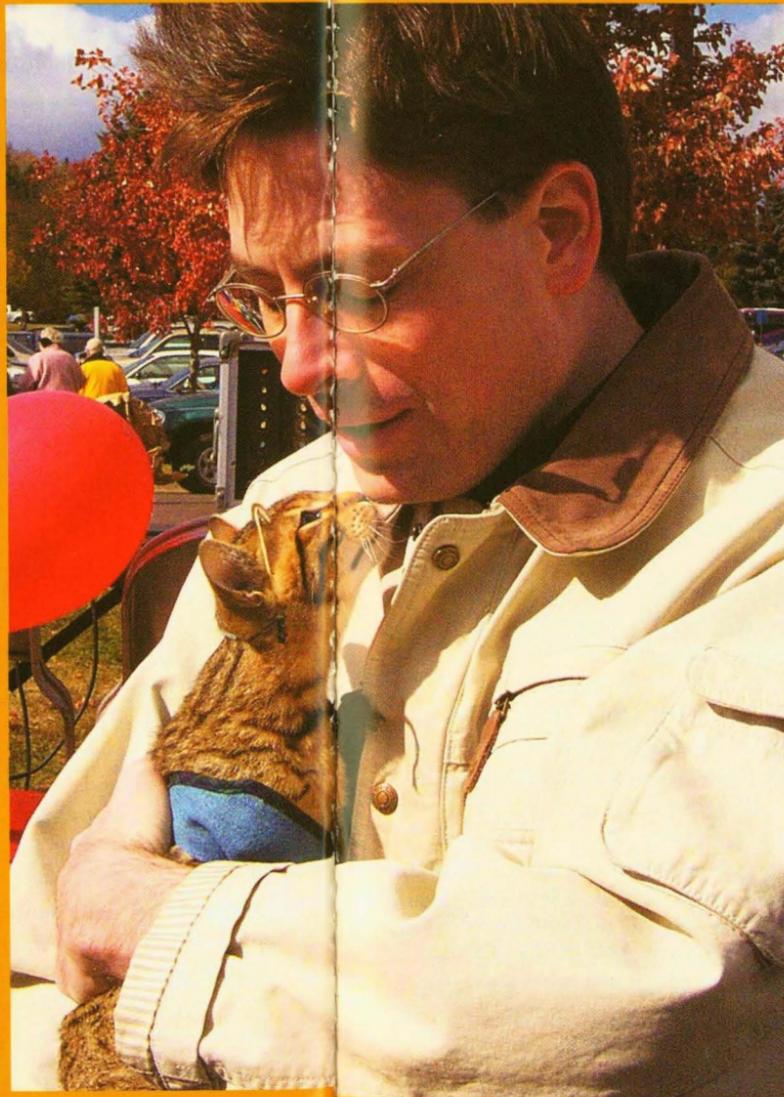
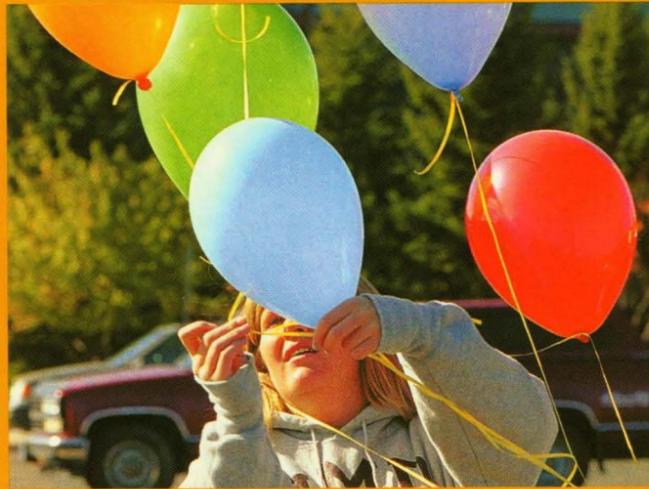
**Gertrude Link Klippen**, '55, died in July. In 1939, Gertrude and her husband, Herbert, were married. Gertrude taught for 40 years at elementary schools in Orr and Proctor, MN.

**George Louis Kloepfel**, '70, died in September. George and his wife Florence Ellefson were married for 52 years. George served with the Army in France and Japan during World War II. He worked for the Postal Service, completed his business administration degree and then worked for the Minnesota Sales Tax Compliance Office.

**Emelia A. Komulainen**, '28, died in September. Emelia married Einar Kormulainen in 1943. Emelia taught for over 33 years in the Gilbert and Buhl schools.

**Ellen M. Korpi**, '60, of Grand Rapids, MN, died in July. Ellen graduated from the Duluth State Teachers College in 1928. Ellen taught

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in school district #318 for 32 years.  
**Perry Landgren**, '36 died in November in Maryville, TN. Perry received his bachelor's degree from the Duluth State Teachers College, and taught in rural Minnesota. Perry later served as a meteorologist in Alaska and Ohio for the U.S. Navy.  
**Robert J. Marchetti** died in July. In 1988, Robert received the Distinguished Service Award for participation in starting the UMD Engineering School. The local I.E.E.E. chapter named its scholarship for engineering students the "Robert J. Marchetti Scholarship Fund."  
**Wilma I. Mills**, '45, passed away in January of 2000. Wilma taught in various schools in St. Louis County where her special interests were art and music.

**Gudrun Mobroten**, a graduate of the Duluth State Teacher's College, passed away in February. Gudrun taught young children for 45 years.

**Bennett Isaac Moyle**, '68, of Edina, MN, died in July. After graduating, Ben worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis, and later formed his own consulting firm, B.I. Moyle Associates, Inc. specializing in software for IBM mainframes.

**Leslie L. Nys**, '50, died in February in Minneapolis. He and Kathleen Beaudin were married in 1941. Leslie was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked at the U.S. Steel Plant in Duluth until his retirement in December of 1973.

**Pearl M. Nordin** passed away in July. Pearl was a cook at St. Ann's Hospital and at UMD until her retirement. Pearl was a member of the Meadowlands Senior Citizens and the VFW Women's Auxiliary 3044.

**Helmer Helarious Ogren II**, '43, died in January. Helmer and his wife Beatrice were married 53 years. He worked for Boeing, Honeywell and Northern Ordinance before going back to college to receive his teaching certificate and teaching at White Bear Lake High School.

**Dr. Dale W. Olsen**, (MA '55), died in June. Dale was a political science professor at UMD for 35 years until his retirement in 1997. He received the Student Association Outstanding Teacher Award in 1975. Dale also served on the Duluth Planning Commission, the Duluth Charter Commission, and many other agencies.

**Reverend Willis Aron Olson**, '52, passed away in September. Willis earned his master's degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin. Willis married Lydia Wipf in 1946. He was a pastor in the Gethsemane, Adolf, Stillwater, Anoka, Randall, Hudson,

and Ironwood Covenant churches throughout his career. Willis also taught biology for 20 years until his retirement.

**John W. Osborne**, '58 and MA '73, died in October. John graduated in 1958 with a bachelor of arts degree. After college, John served in the Army for two years. John worked as a teaching principal in the Finlayson schools. He later served as the superintendent of the school district until his retirement in 1987.

**Donna M. Osterman**, '60, died in December of 2001. Donna and her husband, Atlee, were married for 59 years. Donna taught for 44 years in Swatara, Kettle River, Tamarack, Palisade, Aitkin, Jacobson, Bennetville, White Bear Lake and in Cloquet.

**Nelda S. Pake**, of Buffalo Grove, IL, passed away in March. Upon obtaining her degree in engineering, Nelda worked as an aeronautical engineer for Curtiss Wright Corp. After marrying and having five children, Nelda stopped working until the early 1960s when she returned as a secretary for Altrusa International Inc., and later at Rand McNally as an editor. Nelda journeyed to the Middle and Far East to gather information for the Rand McNally travel guides.

**Ruby Pedersen** passed away in November in Duluth. Ruby graduated from the Duluth State Teachers College. She taught at Nettleton Elementary School. For 30 years, Ruby was a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital.

**Florence (Bell) Peterson**, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College, died in January in Moose Lake, MN. Florence taught at Blackhoof Valley School, and later worked for West Publishing in St. Paul. She married George Peterson in June of 1930.

**Major Boyd M. Phelps**, '42, died in March, in Duluth. After college, Boyd joined the U.S. Navy, and then signed over to fly with the Marine Corps. He was a B25 bomber pilot during World War II, where he won the Distinguished Flying Cross. Boyd also spent time in Korea during the Korean War. He and his wife, Phoebe Reed, were married in 1943.

**Evangeline B. Piper**, '69, died in June. Evangeline and Bertram Piper were married in 1932 and together celebrated 68 years of marriage. Evangeline was key to setting up the Duluth Building Trades Welfare Fund office, but most of her career was spent as a teacher in North Dakota and in Duluth.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2002, on September 27 and 28. It's a great event, as you can tell from the photos from last year. Above left: Frances Knobloch and Harvey Winthrop helped organize the 50th class reunion. Below left: The chemistry department built a rocket float for the Homecoming Parade. Top right: Bill Salmela, Bob Rice, Les Nummela, and Bill Bianco reminisced about the early days of UMD at the 50th Class Reunion brunch. Bottom right: Tony, a three-month old kitten owned by Mary Russell, won the pet lookalike contest. Tony, who sported a pair of home-made glasses, looked more like Duluth television personality, meteorologist George Kessler than any other pet.

**Vivian P. Priest**, '53, died in February in Two Harbors, MN. Vivian taught in Iowa and Nebraska for 22 years before moving to Two Harbors in 1950. She was the principal of John A. Johnson Elementary School, then worked as a Title I director until retiring in 1977.

**Walter "Bud" Saunders**, '55, passed away in September. He was an Eagle Scout, and later a Korean War veteran. Bud and his wife Susan were married in 1955. He worked for Reserve Mining Co. for 31 years.

**Ethel Beatty Schnauffer**, '60, died in Colorado Springs in November. Ethel was the daughter of the first park ranger at Fort Wilkins State Park in Michigan. Ethel graduated from the Northern State Teacher's College in Michigan in 1932.

**Walter Ross "Skip" Seaquist**, '71, of Duluth, passed away in September. "Skip" worked as an independent insurance salesman in Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, and Deer River.

**Florence Soderlund Sheeks** died in December. Florence graduated from the Duluth State Teachers College. Florence worked for Fanny Farmer Candies, Independent Cleaners, and as a seamstress.

**Leonard Stone**, '62, died in October in Dallas, TX. Leonard was a meteorologist with the United States Air Force, a Vietnam veteran, and a network engineer.

**Sister Agnes Marie Stopnik**, OSB, '48, died in February. Sister Agnes Marie entered the Duluth Benedictine community in 1936. Her years of teaching were spent at many Minnesota schools, including St. Bridget's, St. Anthony's, St. Clement's, Assumption, St. Leo's, and St. Joseph's.

**Gordon Strand**, '57, died in St. Louis Park, MN, in November. Gordon was a past president of GIIA Society and a member of the Methodist Hospital Stroke Group.

**Ronald Sundeen**, '68, passed away in December. Ronald and his wife of 51 years, Virginia, had 10 children. He worked for Enger and Olson for 20 years, and later owned a plant nursery and worked as a real estate agent in Gainesville, FL.

**Joanne Margaret "Peggy" Taylor**, '55, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away in October of 2000. Peggy, and her hus-



UMD students Gary Hoefs, Pete Cooner and Jason Sonnek, under the guidance of Bridget Rogers, tackle computer security testing for Sandia Laboratories.

## COMPUTER INTERNSHIPS AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Bridget Rogers is back at UMD, but this time, she is not here as a student. This time she is assisting her employer, Sandia National Laboratories, in offering an internship program to UMD students.

Rogers graduated with her B.A. in 1986 and was part of the class of 1989, the first graduating class of the Master of Science in Computer Science. She said that UMD gave her a great base. In fact, after she graduated, every job she applied for, she received.

Judging from her experience at UMD, it is no wonder that she is sought out by employers. Rogers told a story about an assignment given to her class by math Professor Joe Gallian. On Friday, Gallian handed out a take-home test consisting of eight math word problems, or those "blasted puzzles," as Rogers called them. "He told us we could use any method to solve the problems. Well, the first one took me four hours to solve, so I knew I had to change my approach. I decided to program my little Macintosh computer and let the computer solve the rest. On Monday, I was the only one in the class to get all eight right," she said.

Rogers proposed an internship program to Sandia in 2000, and it met with approval. Sandia is a defense laboratory operating under the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Last summer UMD computer science students Pete Cooner and Gary Hoefs worked on the UMD campus testing security systems or "conducting vulnerability assessment" as Sandia calls it. This summer, Jason Sonnek will join them.

UMD is the first institution of its type to be selected for this program and Rogers says, "We are really pleased with the results."

band, Herb, were married in 1952, and resided in Duluth and Worcester, Massachusetts before moving to Cape Girardeau. Peggy was a volunteer for Women of Domestic Abuse, taught English to adults, and reading to children.

**Vida Wold**, '56, died in November. After graduating from the Duluth State Teachers College, Vida taught in many places, including the Willow River school district for 34 years. She enjoyed children, gardening, hunting, and traveling.

# Speaking Proper English

## 20 years of "Study in England"

Bob and Mary Evans gave us this snapshot of the first Study in England group taken in Birmingham, England in May of 1982 (bottom left), and 20 years later in Duluth (top right). And while we are showing Study in England Program photos, we might as well show you the second year reunion of the 1999-2000 group (top left).



**1981-1982 England 20th Reunion** (top right) Seated: Lee Bjerk, Bridget Sivanich, Jim Griffin, Tracy Zank, Jerry Bentley and Lori Harris Ward. Standing beside steps: Mary Evans, Don Ireland, Jarrow Wahman. First standing row: Sheryl Green Abell, Scott Cover, Dan Cook, (back) Ed Favorite, Denny Cameron, Julie Berger Engebratson and Bob Evans. Back row: Chris Dreis, Ken Fischer, J.R. McConnell, Bob DeBoer, Andrew Hine, and Kerry Fillmore.

**1999-2000 England Reunion** (top left) Standing in back: Katina Eklund, Sharon Larson, Tara Haynes, Adrienne Milan, Marilyn Russel-Bogle, Bob Evans, and Abby Wallin. Row in front: Lisa Crosby, Jeremy Rubel, Stefan "Denis" Novobilsky, Tom Denaway, Jeanna Thyen, Judy Trolander, Mary Evans, Anton Mett, and Nick Slattery. Left side floor: Katie Carlson, Liana Kerzman, Jay McBain, Jillian Forte holding Aurora and Missy Peschiman. Right side working forward: Eric "EZ" Antonson, Amy Softich, Ryan Bernard, Mary Bue, Lee Ann Akevik, Jen Wren, Ronnie Eastling, Jamie Block, Shannon Wahl, and Mike Geronime.

**1981-1982 Study in England group**(bottom left).

# UMD's Promise

# & Past

“The Large Lakes Observatory, the Center for Fresh Water Research and the new program in pharmacy at the medical school have tremendous potential.”

*We had the chance to catch up with some UMD alumni recently and they had some interesting reflections on how UMD has changed over the past few decades.*

## PROMISE

Steve Fox '74, and his wife, Connie Fladeland, have watched UMD and the city of Duluth mature. Because Fox's family lives in Duluth, they have made regular visits from their home in Wayzata, Minnesota, up Interstate 35 to Fox's boyhood haunts.

“We have seen the changes as they occurred,” says Fladeland. “One of the most significant for me is the transformation of Duluth into a tourist destination. There is a lot more to see.”

Fox agrees, “The number one difference, by far, is the addition of the Lake Superior Boardwalk. It is a real asset, as is the Canal Park area which ranks as one of the top scenic spots in the state. When I was in school at UMD, northeastern Minnesota had a depressed labor market and the Canal Park area was light industrial. It wasn't very prosperous. I never envisioned that it would become such a popular attraction.”

“We love the lake; we love the cold and snow,” said Fladeland, “so when we get invited up, we come.”

Fox and Fladeland stay involved with UMD because education is important to them both. Fladeland, who just received her Ph.D. in education from the University of Minnesota, is the principal of the Schumann Elementary School in Orono, Minnesota. Her dissertation examined why teachers decide to teach. She looked at

factors that include salary, work schedules, and the knowledge that teaching can make a difference to children and the community.

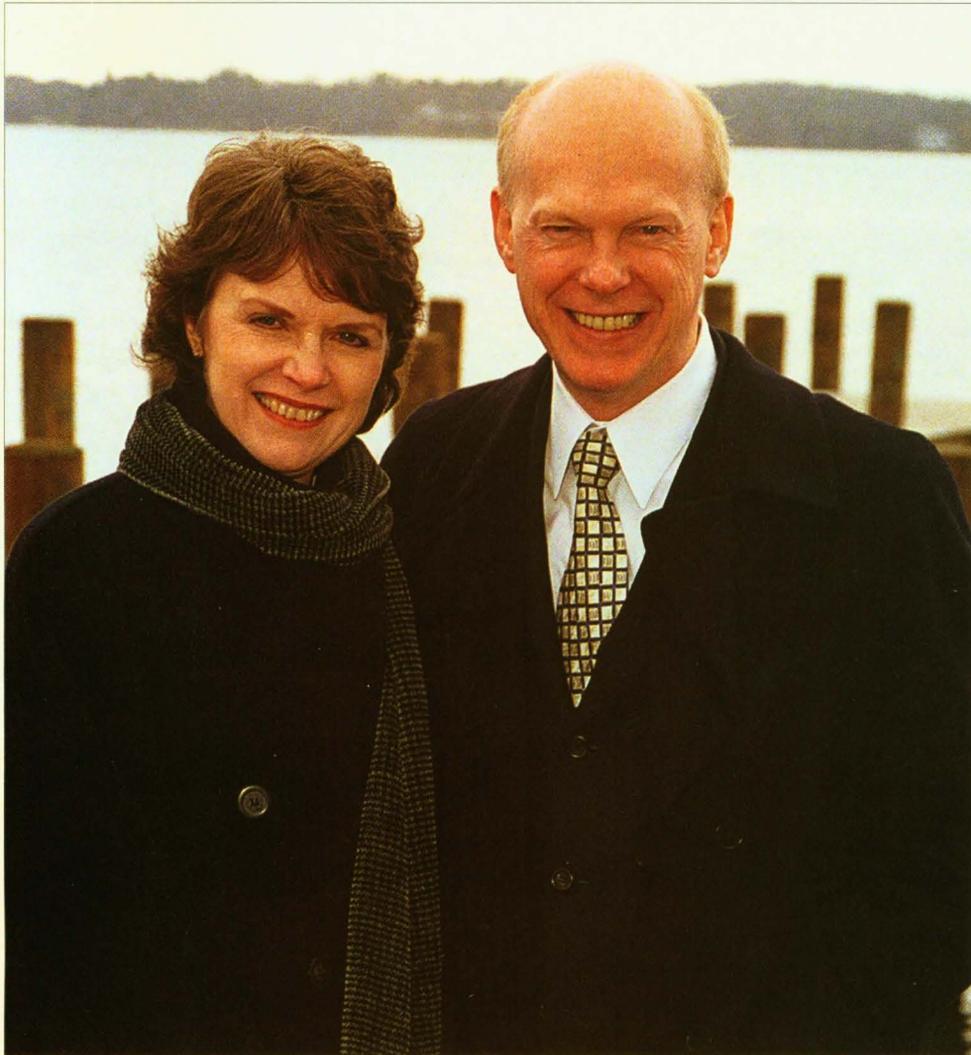
Fox is proud of her achievement. He said, “Connie has given me some insight about the school system and, of course, I am interested. Education was always valued in my family. Higher education was a topic that got respect.”

That concern for a university education has brought Fox, who received the UMD Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997, closer to UMD. He now serves on the Chancellor's Council and consults with Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin on UMD issues. She relies on him for marketing advice, and he is happy to give it.

“UMD has grown and prospered right along with Duluth,” he said. “The new residence halls are the result of a booming student population. I think the students are as captivated as I am by the quality of departments like the Center for Economic Development and the engineering program.”

UMD has a lot of competition for Fox's time. In addition to his position as publisher of *Minnesota Monthly Magazine*, *Midwest Home and Design*, *TC Taste*, *WHERE TC*, *Minnesota Retreats*, the *Official Guide to the Twin Cities* and other publications, Fox also serves on the board of directors of a number of non-profit organizations. The list reads like the *Who's*

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Connie Fladeland and Steve Fox

*Who of Minnesota Art Organizations* and includes the Minnesota Opera, the Loft, the MacPhail Center for the Arts, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, the University of Minnesota School of Music, the Dale Warland Singers, the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

He has come a long way from the young college student slumped in Joe Huey's corner booth. "I can only hide from the past for so long," he said. "If I walk just a block from my Minneapolis office to the Loon Cafe, I'm reminded of my college days again. You see, the Loon Cafe bought the seats from Joe Huey's Duluth restaurant when it closed. History lives on."

Regardless of the other organizations that now take his attention, Fox is attentive to developments at UMD. "I have been

especially aware of the changes under Kathryn Martin. She is invigorating; she throws herself into projects and the results have been phenomenal." Fox enumerated some of the programs that have been recently initiated. "The Large Lakes Observatory, the Center for Fresh Water Research and the new pharmacy program in the medical school have tremendous potential," he said. "Of course, the new library has transformed UMD. In my mind, it wouldn't have been as stunning or occurred as soon without Kathryn." Fox says he only has one concern. He asked, "How long will we be able to retain the remarkable leadership of Chancellor Kathryn Martin?"

## PAST

When Susan Meyer and Dan Shogren talk about UMD, they reminisce about more than classes, sports and parties. They attended UMD from 1969-1973, during a time when world politics, particularly the Vietnam conflict, were on everyone's mind.

On May 4, 1970, at the end of Meyer and Shogren's first year on campus, a student demonstration against the Vietnam War at Kent State ended with four student deaths. UMD closed the school. Meyer and Shogren were sent home along with the other UMD students, with about a month left before the end of the year. Meyer said, "We could choose to schedule a final exam or keep our midterm grades. Some of our classmates used the month off to work on the upcoming presidential election."

Shogren remembers sitting in the Griggs Hall TV lounge and watching as the numbers were called for the Vietnam War's first military lottery draft. "It was a huge deal," Shogren says. "Most of my friends were in that room that night. My roommate made the comment that if the Minnesota Vikings lost the Super Bowl, he would enlist. We thought he was joking and no one understood his reasoning. But the Vikings did lose and when school started again in January we found out he had joined the Army."

Luckily, everything was not always so serious. Meyer and Shogren met each other at UMD and started dating. Meyer says that the story of the first time they met has a familiar ring. "Our roommates were going out together and they introduced us to each other." They were typical college students of that era, "Dan wore army surplus clothes, he had one khaki field coat that he wore all the time, and I remember the tie-dyed things," she said. "Now, I look back and I can't imagine why anyone liked them!"

Shogren and Meyer said that the campus was a lot smaller then. There were only about 5,500 students. Shogren's degree is in political science and history; Meyer's is in history. They readily recall their professors. Meyer fondly remembers Maude Lindquist, her advisor. Shogren remembers Ronald Huch and John Kress. They both had, as Shogren puts it, "the riveting Dr. Gerhardt



Dan Shogren and Susan Meyer receiving the Trustees Society recognition award from UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin.

Von Glahn,” Jim Maclear, and Dr. Julius Wolff. Shogren and Meyer recently found Wolff’s book, *Shipwrecks of Lake Superior*, in a bookstore and bought a copy.

They both agree, a lot has changed at UMD and in Duluth. Shogren said they were surprised when they revisited the campus, “We were busy with our jobs and

lives in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and there was almost a 20-year period when we didn’t make it up to Duluth at all. When we did come back, the transformation was amazing.”

Chancellor Ianni invited them to reconnect and when Chancellor Martin came on board, she encouraged the couple

to stay involved.

“The school has almost doubled in size since we went to school,” Meyer said. “And the city has really changed.” Shogren, like Steve Fox and so many other UMD students, also remembers the Chinese restaurant, Joe Huey’s, where he said, “we had many late night meals.”

Shogren and Meyer get up to Duluth and to UMD often. Shogren serves on the Tweed Advisory Board and the Chancellor’s Council, a group that consults on UMD issues. Shogren says that he is “infected by Kathryn Martin’s enthusiasm. UMD is fortunate to have her.”

Shogren and Meyer take time out of their very busy lives for UMD. Meyer is a 3M supply chain manager and Shogren works for a computer circuit board company, Dynamic Details, Inc. Every year they host a holiday party for their friends from UMD and many of their classmates get a chance to catch up on each other’s lives. Even the roommate who enlisted in the service in 1969 shows up for the festivities.

— Cheryl Reitan

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colleges to do the same, "We were then able to plan a series of three workshops and a culminating conference called Cultural and Global Perspectives on Terrorism." Over 100

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students attended each of the workshops. It was obvious from the interest that students were looking for answers.

The workshops purposefully included global topics instead of focusing on the Middle East. "The response was amazing," said Deputy. "We learned that terrorism is everywhere. A student from Columbia told us how terrorism tore up her family. A Jewish woman talked about frightening events she witnessed in New York City, a faculty member from South Africa gave a personal account of life in South Africa during apartheid, and a person from an area college talked about conflict in Ireland. Perhaps the most powerful moment for me was when a Native American faculty member on one of the panels asked us if we thought terrorism came to the U.S. on September 11. He assured us it has been here for a long, long time."

People felt an overwhelming need to make changes in their lives and to work for social justice. "When students asked me what they could do, my answer was to encourage them to start with their own education and personal development and after that commit to influencing family and friends, their communities, their state, their nation, and ultimately the world," said Deputy. "I saw the process in action. After one of the workshops I ran into a psychology student and right there in the bank lobby we talked about how to make a difference in society. I saw her recently and she told me she has joined the Peace Corp."

*UMD's reaction to the events of September 11 was immediate, heartfelt and inspiring and in dozens of ways every day, we reminded each other that our sense of community is our strongest asset.*

— Cheryl Reitan



Above: UMD students attended candlelight vigils and interfaith services immediately after the September 11 attacks. Shown are, (left-right, front) Katie Jo Stadther, Heather Nelson, Ryan Meehl, (second row) Mike Hendrickson, Jill Nickelson and Mark Carlson.

*The tragic events of September 11, 2001 and their aftermath have affected our campus community deeply, leading us to attempt to "understand the unthinkable," to ask questions and seek answers. Here, a student and dean talk about how the events shaped the year at UMD.*

Jill C. Nickelson, junior, exercise science major, left her physics class on September 11, 2001 and saw something unusual. She said, "A crowd had gathered by the Kirby Information Desk; they were listening to the radio. That's when I heard what had happened. It suddenly became very important for me to check in with my mom." Nickelson called her mom immediately and then called a friend in New York.

Nickelson said that she didn't comprehend the whole situation that morning, "UMD had classes all day so it wasn't until that afternoon, when I got home, that I saw the television images."

She said that at first, things were different at UMD. Student organizations collected mittens, socks and funds for the victims and rescue workers in New York. "Everyone became more serious, but then gradually my friends got back to normal. But I do feel changed. I realize now that I was leading a

sheltered life, I took my life for granted. I never thought anything like September 11 could happen in the U.S."

Nickelson said, "That day has stayed with me. It was as strong as a slap in the face. I have a new understanding about the way America is viewed around the world. I used to feel invulnerable because we are the most prosperous country in the world. But our government is not put on a pedestal by many nations. The attack made me realize that we have serious problems in the U.S."

Paul Deputy, Dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions, was in a Transformational Leadership Seminar on September 11. "We were all stunned," he said, "but after the shock wore off, we agreed that the world needs transformational leadership now, more than ever." Deputy came out of his session resolved to make a difference at UMD.

A week later biology Professor Raj Karim came into Dean Deputy's office with an idea and together they devised a plan to present workshops and forums on terrorism to the campus. Vice Chancellor Vince Magnuson had agreed to provide some funding and Deputy pledged financial resources from his college. Deputy challenged the other



# Nifty Fifty

**UMD sponsored a walk down memory lane during the 50th Reunion held at homecoming last October.**

The 1951 reunion committee, June Hendrickson, Frances Knobloch, Tony Stauber, Bill Anderson, Don Cook, Don Lundstrom and Nancy Magnuson, did a great job of organizing the celebration. Their class had something unique to celebrate: they were the first graduating class with members that attended all four years at UMD. There were many highlights including a commemorative wall hanging presented by the class of 1951 to UMD, and a musical interlude presented by Kathryn (Reid) Giddings and Norma (Bergerson) Nummela, both music majors. It was a special chance to hear stories about the early days of UMD.

The following are excerpts of conversations with five of the 1951 graduates.

**Tony Stauber** received his bachelor of science degree at UMD, and he taught industrial arts for the next 17 years in West Duluth junior high schools, followed by 20 years in administration as Duluth's local program director.

Like many others he went to UMD on the G.I. Bill. "We were a serious group," he

said. "We wanted an education." Stauber, who was with the military police for the occupied forces in Japan, remembers marching in a military parade review down Toyko's Ginsa Street before General Douglas MacArthur. "The attack on the World Trade Center brought back a sight I had all but forgotten. I remembered the day I arrived in Yokahama when the streets were still smoking from the bombing."

At UMD, Stauber got right to work. His teacher, Gordon Voss, headed up the industrial arts program and was the advisor to Sigma Iota Epsilon, the professional business fraternity. Voss and Frank Kovach took the class on field trips. "It was a wonderful way to learn," Stauber said. "We went to the paper and match factory in Cloquet to see them make toothpicks, fiberboard tile and clothespins." The factory later became Potlatch. "We carpoled and I drove my '34 Chevy. We saw the whole paper operation starting from peeling the logs, to cutting the veneer, and then grinding the logs into pulp." The class watched as the pulp was rolled tighter

Shown above: Aino Maria (Lepisto) Husen, Bill Bianco, Tony Stauber, June Hendrickson. Front: Jeannie (Peterson) Rice

and tighter until it turned into paper.

Stauber had fun, too. He was the homecoming parade chairman and, as was only fitting, his industrial arts float, which included a huge working buzz saw, won first prize.

**Allan Apter**, who received his degree in business and economics, is a strong supporter of UMD. He has been a Presidents Club member for many years and last fall he met the current UMD student who is this year's recipient of the School of Business and Economics scholarship Apter established.

His memories of UMD are exceptionally clear. He remembers exact conversations, like the one when he was driving to his job in his father's wholesale produce business and he picked up a classmate waiting for the bus. The classmate said that she doubted if the military would call men back to the Korean War, but she was wrong because that Saturday, Apter received a telegram recalling him to active duty in the Air Force.

Apter had to leave UMD but he wasted no time with his schooling. He attended summer school and took the special correspondence classes that UMD set up. "I was sitting in the barracks a lot of the time so I put the hours to good use," he said. When he got back to Duluth to finish school, UMD was "bursting at the seams, every course was a great big class."

**"We carpoled and I drove my '34 Chevy. We saw the whole paper operation starting from peeling the logs, to cutting the veneer, and then grinding the logs into pulp."  
— Tony Stauber**

Apter, who bought his first stock at age 13 with his paper route money, found himself helping his teacher with a class in corporate finances. Since graduating, he has stayed in the world of finances, first working at his father's business, then working for a brokerage house as a board member, and later moving into corporate securities with a Twin Cities firm. He retired in 1994 and has been active with his own funds since then.

Apter has a good memory for faculty members. He was in Dr. Robert Heller's first geology class and they became good friends. His minor was political science, so he took classes from Dr. Von Glahn. He even remembers listening to Armas Tamminen describe learning English in the

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**— Bill Bianco**

Brookston/Gilbert school. They realized Tamminen had Apter's mother (a Duluth State Teachers College graduate) for his grade school teacher.

**Jeanne Peterson Rice** has a long history with UMD. She attended the lab school on the lower campus up to the eighth grade and remembers many of her teachers, including Miss Staples, Miss Malm, and Miss Wilcox. When she got back to UMD for college, most of her classes were held at Old Main, however the art classes were held in Tweed Hall, the music classes in the Olcott House and science classes were on the new campus.

Her toughest class was physics and she and her classmates had to walk "across the prairie" up to the new science building. "Our legs got so cold, sometimes we had to turn back," Rice said, "At that time, young women never wore slacks."

She said everyone in her class went "without fail to every football and basketball game." Of course, she had to go to the football games because her father was Lloyd Peterson, the UMD football coach who inspired the young player, Dan

Devine. Devine went on to coach football for Arizona State, Missouri, the Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame. Rice said, "I remember Danny very well. He was dedicated and humble. He wanted to play so badly that he never complained, even when the team practiced at Ordean where they only had cold water for the showers." (See the story about Devine on page 25).

Then, another young man caught her eye. It was Bob Rice, who transferred from the U of Florida and played quarterback for UMD after Devine. They married after graduation and after moving around the country settled in Clearwater, Florida. They have seven children and still operate a family owned carpet and rug retail business.

**Bill Bianco**, like so many of his classmates, fit a service career into his college career. He enrolled in Duluth State Teachers College after graduation from Denfeld in June 1947 and completed two years at UMD prior to service in the Navy. Upon his return he graduated with a degree in business administration.

Bianco and his UMD classmate Paul Davidson were both pilots. Davidson, who later became Duluth's city engineer, was known because of an extraordinary feat he performed as part of his military career. He was serving as an Army Air Corp pilot, and he had to fly a B-24 out of Karachi, India, (now Pakistan) to the U.S. It was a difficult assignment because on this flight, he was without a radio operator/navigator. He flew halfway around the world using "dead reckoning."

Bianco and Davidson took it upon themselves to help Kitty Bockland, a UMD and Denfeld High School classmate, run for homecoming queen. Kitty's election committee printed postcard-sized cards that said "Kitty for Queen." Bianco said, "Near the date of Homecoming, Paul came flying with me, sitting in the back of a Piper Cub. We flew low over the campus, at about 500 feet, and Paul opened the door and dumped the box." Planes are supposed to maintain an altitude of 1000 feet over a city, but even at that low height, the cards flew all over the neighborhood and never hit the campus. Bianco continued, "Then the fog came in off the lake and I got lost. Paul was laughing and yelling that he flew all the way to the U.S. from India and never got lost and he wasn't about to get lost in Duluth. Finally I saw the water tower in Proctor and was able to land. Someone

from the airport authority met us and asked if we dropped anything out of the plane. We denied it, of course, but when we got out we saw dozens of cards caught in the tail of the plane. I got grounded for six months but Kitty became queen.”

Adventures didn't end for Bianco. After graduating, he got married and was working for Northwestern Bell, when he was called back into the service again to go to Korea. He attended officers candidate school and served in the Marines before leaving active duty. He became an assistant vice president of a bank in Rochester, Minnesota, and later moved to Bismarck, North Dakota, where he started Bianco Realty and was a broker-owner for 30 years until his recent retirement.

**Aino Husen** lived in Duluth, so she had a little different experience than the students in the dorms. For one thing, she rode the bus to school every day. She remembers arriving on campus the first day and seeing her classes filled with servicemen returning from

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to wear out than  
rust out...”**

**— Aino Husen**

World War II. Some of them were 10 years older than the rest of the class. “It made everything we were learning so much more important,” she said. “There was a real purpose to our lessons.”

One of her interests was music so she joined the choir and the glee club and she took piano lessons. Like Rice, she practiced music in the Olcott House and she gave her senior recital at Tweed Hall.

“There was wonderful comraderie,” Husen said, “and an exciting feeling that UMD was brand new, even though they were just getting organized.” For instance,

the club Intervarsity Christian Fellowship had to meet in an Old Main stairwell because there was no where else to go.

One of her most memorable moments was when Olga Lakela taught her how to use a microscope in botany class. “Dr. Lakela was an exceptional teacher, and she was easy to learn from,” Husen said.

UMD Husen kept going to school. She got her master's degree in educational psychology and child psychology from the University of Minnesota. She then worked as a reading specialist in the Minnetonka, Minnesota, public schools for 32 years.

After Husen retired she made five trips to Africa as a global mission volunteer teaching English to African Lutheran pastors. She is considering going on a sixth trip in 2002. “Well,” she laughed, “the bishop of my church told me it's better to wear out than rust out, and that sounds like pretty good advice.”

— Cheryl Reitan

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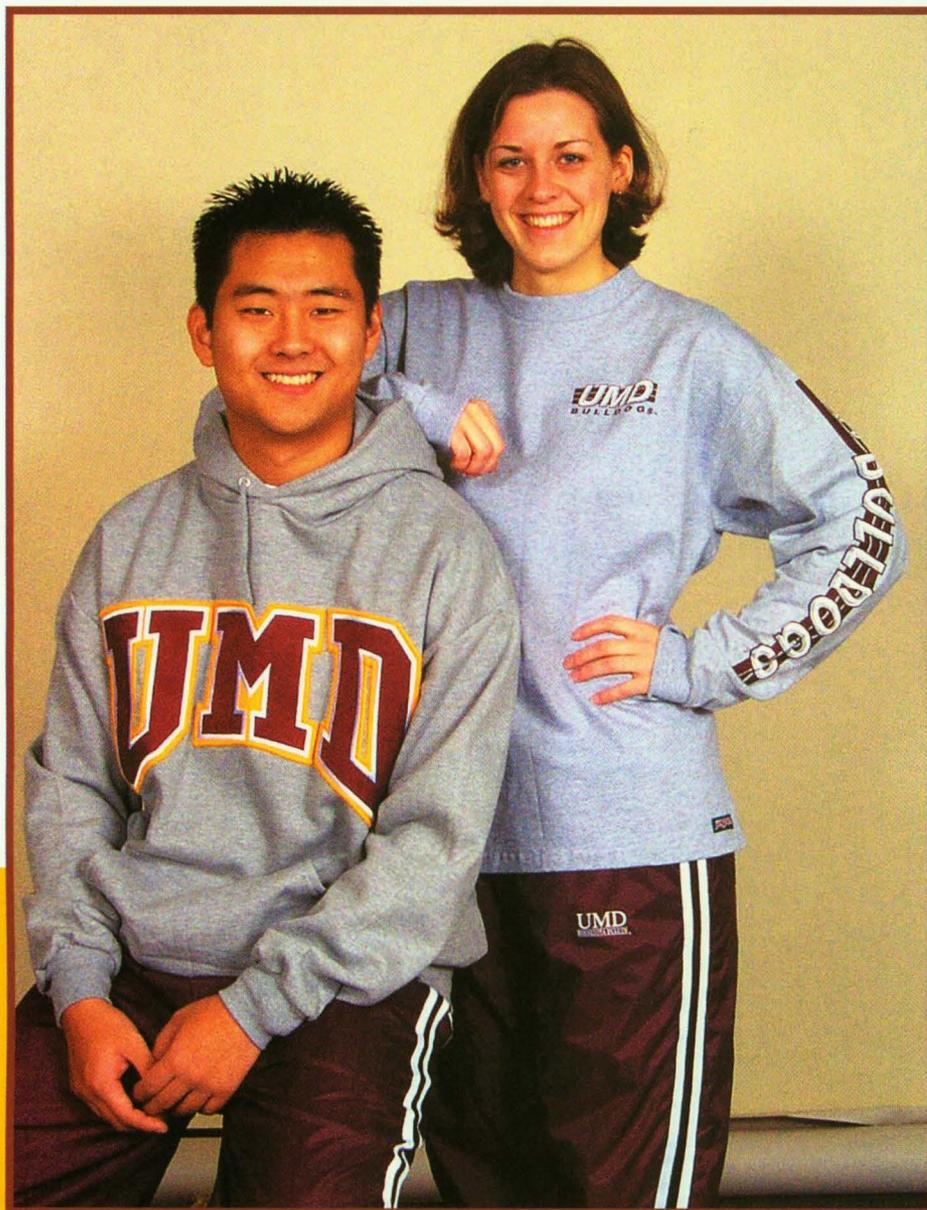
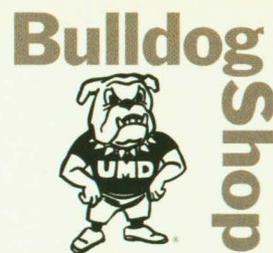
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