

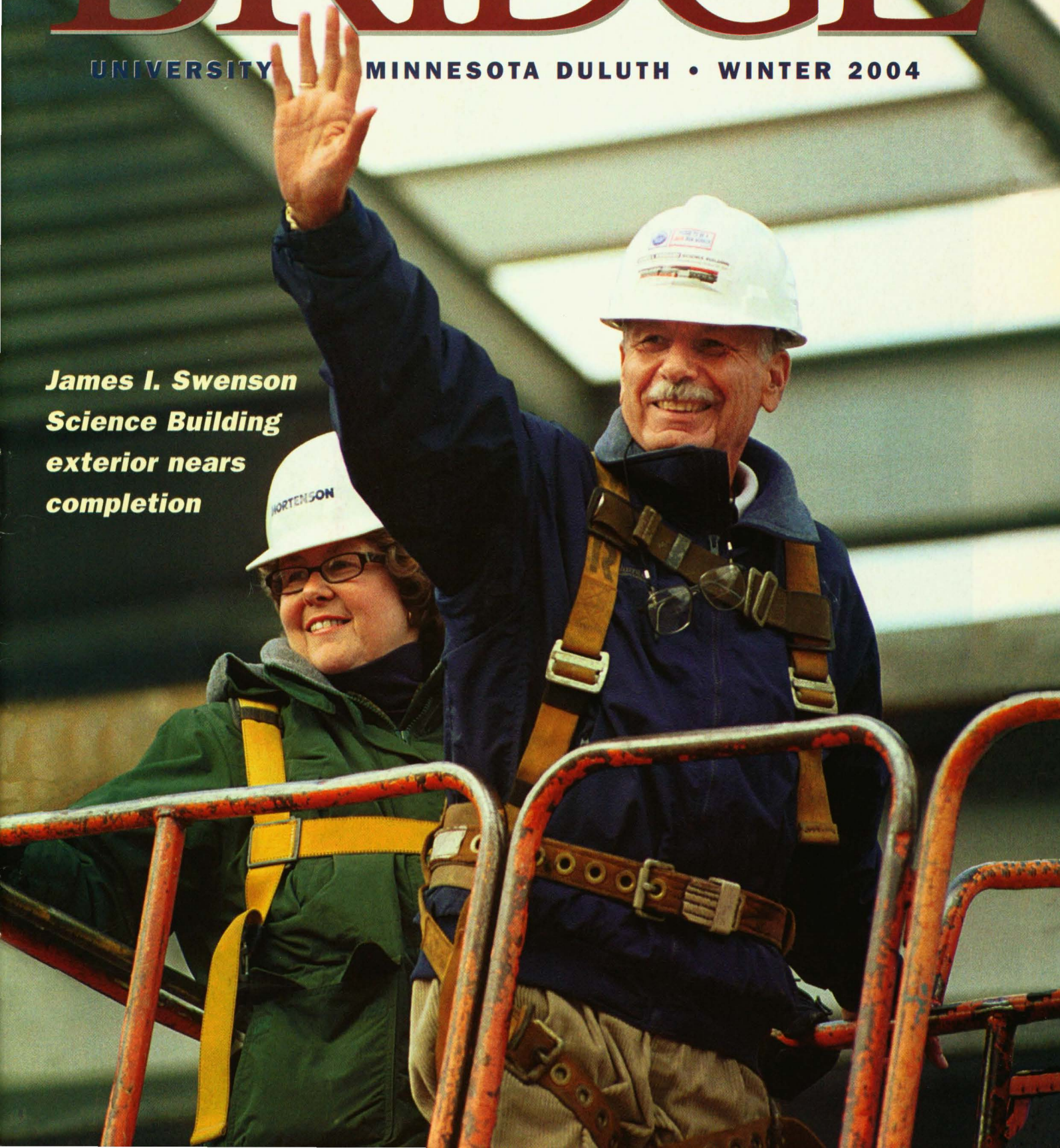
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**Above:** School of Fine Arts Dean Jack Bowman conducts the Sinfonietta de Paris and the UMD Symphony Orchestra at the second annual Weber Music Hall concert in October, 2003.

**Cover:** UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin, and alumnus Jim Swenson "Top Off" the James I. Swenson Science Building. See the story on page 14.

# *A Letter* from **CHANCELLOR MARTIN**

UMD is on the move, aspiring to new heights. The cover of this issue makes a strong statement about why UMD continues to achieve success in varied ways across the campus. Over the past few years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in “topping off” two buildings at UMD, and in this instance, I was with Jim Swenson “topping off” the James I. Swenson Science Building. As we complete another year at UMD, we celebrate another year of enormous successes and of equally keen potential. We celebrate the Labovitz gift to build and name the Labovitz School of Business and Economics. And as we celebrate the Labovitz gift, we listen to extraordinary music in the Weber Music Hall. Across the UMD campus, as the year 2003 comes to a close, we have many things to celebrate and much to look forward to in 2004.

We continue to have an outstanding faculty: fine teachers, outstanding in their success in the areas of publication

and attracting significantly high numbers of research dollars to UMD. The dollars raised for contract research at the University of Minnesota Duluth is twice the amount of dollars raised cumulatively by all other colleges and universities in the state of Minnesota, excluding the Twin Cities campus. We are fortunate to have superb teachers. These individuals are willing to spend time and energy mentoring students, include students in undergraduate research, include students in the authoring of articles, include students in a variety of performance opportunities, where students and faculty perform side by side.

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* recently published an article (December 12, 2003), “What Makes a Teacher Great.” As I read the article I was struck by the number of faculty we have engaged in many of the same pedagogies as the four individuals identified as “Professors of the Year.”

We have faculty equally involved in



Above: The Swenson Science Building construction began in early 2003. The expected completion is 2005.

mastering the utilization of technology within the classroom and taking students well beyond the confines of a classroom with the development of electronic portfolios. We have faculty for whom lecturing is both the delivery of information and the facilitation of discussion probing that information. All of these pedagogical attributes are the basis of the success of faculty and certainly of our students at UMD. The best faculty are passionate and knowledgeable about their subject matter, and equally committed to varied learning strategies. You should be proud that the culture of UMD includes the same strong teaching today that many of you have described from your days at UMD.

In addition, we are especially pleased with the 94 percent graduation rate for our student athletes — 94 percent of those who have participated in intercollegiate athletics for four or more years graduate with a degree from UMD.

We are a fine university and you should be rightly and justly proud of all that is being accomplished on our campus and beyond! But you should also remember that much of what has been accomplished has been because of your support. Your support of financial aid, faculty development, technology, and our new library, provide the resources and the environment for faculty and students to excel.

This is indeed the future of UMD, to excel, to be interested and interesting, to prepare students to be willing to discuss and express their opinions because they have the knowledge base to do so, and faculty who are eager to work with these students. That is the future of UMD. A strong and supporting base of alumni and friends, faculty and students who are willing to work together to excel in their disciplines and a campus that continues to provide new and invigorated facilities as laboratories for teaching and learning.

My best to each of you for a Happy and Healthy New Year and thank you for enabling us to have as much to celebrate as we have!

—KATHRYN A. MARTIN

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# TOP HONORS



A new program takes flight at UMD

On a warm Friday afternoon in November most UMD students would be relaxing after a week of classes. Instead, five honors students chose to go on a guided hike in the Bagley Nature Area, 55 acres of forest and trails on the northwest part of campus. These five students — Margaret Perko, Sheena Stueber, Topher McCulloch, Kristin Zinsmaster and Robert Shipp — are among a group of 29 enrolled in the UMD honors program. The program, which began this fall, allows a selected group of students to take part in honors classes, activities, and specialized on-campus living arrangements.

As the group moved through the park, their camaraderie was apparent. “What’s wrong with this tree?” Stueber asked the first question, gesturing to a huge growth on the side of a tree along the trail. “How fast can a maple tree produce syrup?” asked Shipp. Questions, answers, and more discussion continued nonstop throughout the two-hour hike. Topics ranged from Duluth history, trout stream habitat and tree species to nature, and recreation.

“It’s amazing that we were able to recruit such a dynamic class in our first year,” said Anna Marie Roos, assistant professor of History and acting director of the UMD Honors Program. “We’re nascent! We don’t even have an Honors Scholarship to offer yet.”

What UMD does offer is specially designed seminar courses, high-powered mentoring, and the ability to use honors courses to meet liberal education requirements. The offerings were enough incentive to draw students with high ACT scores, high class rank and high overall GPAs to UMD. Some of the students graduated first or second in their high school class and therefore received a UMD Best of Class Scholarship which comes with 50 percent of their tuition paid.

In fall of 2003, UMD only offered two honors courses, but as each year brings a new group and students move into upper classes, UMD will add options. UMD expects a lot from the honors courses. They need to meet a liberal education requirement, be offered in a seminar format, and stretch students intellectually. Student-centered learning is emphasized, and a high degree of interaction between faculty and students is a priority. As students progress, they will also be expected to work on undergraduate research projects for presentation at UMD’s



Undergraduate Research Fair, the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, and/or the National Collegiate Honors Council. In spring 2004 the two honors classes are Natural Disasters offered by Associate Professor John Goodge in Geology, and Global Issues offered by Professor Dennis Falk in Social Work.

John Colombo, a College of Science and Engineering honor student from St. Cloud, Minnesota said, "We know that the program is still in its infancy. Part of it is up to the students to make it something of value."

Colombo is taking one of the two honors composition classes, Cyber Theory and Practice, taught by Jo Mackiewicz, assistant professor of composition. Colombo said, "I'm pretty impressed with Professor Mackiewicz. She's easy to relate to, and she has a lot more energy than other teachers I've had." Roos agrees. "Jo Mackiewicz teaches her passion, and that's what we want from all our teachers."

Photo, top of page 4: Part of the inaugural class of honors students attends the UMD play, *Guys and Dolls*. Standing: Alexander Brandt, Lyrik Wilberts, Kristen Zinsmaster, Natasha Matt, Margaret Perko, RaeAnn Levang, Justine Hall, Brianna Leidholm, Anne Kalinowski, Stephanie Schenck, Amanda Bartels, Jess Harstad, Ellen Colby. Front Row: Topher McCulloch, Taryn Runck, Anna Marie Roos (Director), Sheena Stueber, Katie Hines, Laura Irving.

Other photos: Honors faculty Kate Maurer, assistant professor of composition (bottom of page 4) and Jo Mackiewicz, assistant professor of composition (top of page 5) with the honors students.

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Cyber Theory and Practice, with only ten students enrolled, is a class that Colombo probably wouldn't have been exposed to, if not for the honors program. "The class is applicable to the real world and it helps me to articulate the way I feel about my life and technology," Colombo said. "With the small class size there is more interaction and that facilitates ideas

and class discussion."

Sheena Stueber, an honors student from New Ulm, is in the Labovitz School of Business and Economics. She took the other Fall 2003 offering, Rhetoric of Pop Culture, taught by Kate Maurer, assistant professor of composition. Stueber said, "When I arrive at the Pop Culture class, everyone is chatting, catching up. Everyone knows each other and we are comfortable with each other, even Kate, the teacher." The pre-class discussion naturally leads into the pop-culture topic of the day: icons, gender roles, body and self, sports, music, and television.

"The class gets personal, we all share, even Kate... it's a different class than a lecture because we are really getting to know our professor," Stueber said.

Colombo is one of the students living in an honors wing of Griggs Hall. Through activities and classes, students are encouraged to interact with each other. Roos, whose previous experience includes a position as the Assistant Director of Honors at Salisbury University, knows that rapport between students is a key ingredient for success and it's something that faculty and administrators can't control.

Earlier this fall they attended UMD's production of *Guys and Dolls* as a group. "I was sitting next to Vice Chancellor Vince Magnuson, who is a great supporter of the program, and I noticed a card passing between the students and I was kind of curious to know what it was," said Roos. "After the play they presented the card to their fellow student, who was in the play. It was at the moment I saw the card being passed around I knew this program was going to be a success."

— Samara Mackereth and Cheryl Reitan

# *thriving*

*with a boost from UMD*

## UNCOMMON SUCCESS STORIES

**Six UMD alumni have found ways to thrive in a changing world and to make a difference to the people around them**

### **GORDY AND RUBY PAPPAS**

To Gordy '47 and Ruby (Mattson) '45 Pappas, music and memories of UMD intertwine. These two music teachers, who grew up in Duluth, formed a relationship in their college years that has taken them through a lifetime of musical adventures.

It started after college with their first years as teachers. In Richland, Washington, Gordy taught high school band and Ruby taught a musical kindergarten. Former UMD Professor Dr. Eric Sandin, who was hired as the Richland vice superintendent, recruited Gordy and Ruby, along with a cadre of other UMD graduates including Bud (Clarence) Schultz and Meg Hodgson, to the growing community in the 1950s.

After 12 years in Richland, Gordy and Ruby Pappas moved to Castro Valley, California. Gordy once again took up band in the San Leandro schools, and Ruby took on the role of itinerant music teacher, traveling with her musical offerings to all the schools in the school district. The couple's

musical talents permeated their growing home as well, as they raised their five children, who are all musicians. Gordy and Ruby held reunions with the Richland gang every year or two, and made music together.

In 1983, after Gordy had taught for 37 years and Ruby for 24 years, they retired, if you can call it that. Between their tennis dates and walks, they are both active, with, you guessed it, music. Ruby still plays the organ, substituting in churches all over the area. Gordy plays in four bands and one ensemble. He continues to write arrangements, as he did at the Duluth State Teachers College and UMD, only now he does it on the computer.

Music and memories of their time in Duluth are intertwined. After all, they got to know each other while they were both at the Duluth State Teachers College. They knew each other in passing from a performance in an all-school orchestra. She had gone to Denfeld High School and played the cello; he had gone to Central and played trumpet, but it was in DSTC's Olcott Hall that their friendship got stronger. Olcott Hall seems to be a place

that holds their strongest memories. They still can recite together the quote from Plato that was mounted on the wall of the grand staircase, "Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other; for rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul, making the soul of him who is rightly educated, graceful."

Most of their classes were in Old Main. "We only remember the uphill climb," said Ruby. "In rain or shine, wind or snow, I climbed up to Old Main from my home near downtown Duluth. Going down wasn't nearly as memorable." The music classes were held in Olcott Hall. On some days, they would spend all day in the East Hillside mansion. "After class we would heat up a meal in the little kitchen, sprawl out on a couch to take a nap, and then practice for hours," Gordy said. The recitals were held in the Olcott Hall entry. While each music student performed on the little patio right in front of the door, 30 to 40 classmates would sit on stairs or on the floor. "It was cozy. It's where we held our parties. We'd crowd in for programs and awards presentations," he said.



The music majors, also called the Buckhorns, were a close group. They had to be. Each year they went on the road for a week, across Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, to recruit high school students to Duluth. They traveled in a bus, with a couple of cars following to haul equipment. "We'd roll into a high school in the morning, set up the equipment, and perform for an assembly. Then we'd pack up, drive again, and give an afternoon performance at a second school," Gordy said. The choir and the orchestra traveled with Jackson Ehlert and his sister Nyda Ehlert, who ran the music department. The students wrote all the arrangements, adapting popular songs by the Fred Waring group, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. "The men wore tuxedos, the women wore formals," Ruby said. The curtain would go up and on stage, Ruby, with her brown hair worn in a bob, would be at the piano, ready to play Gordy's arrangement of "Rhapsody in Blue."

If you were to look in the yearbook from 1945, you will see the word Buckhorn after the names of students who belonged to the music club. The Buckhorn tradition originated on one of these musical

recruitment trips. The students would stay with families in the community and on a rare occasions, a motel. One night, a few years before Gordy and Ruby joined the club, Jackson Ehlert discovered that a couple of his orchestra players were not in the Wisconsin motel where they belonged. They were at the Buckhorn tavern and from that day forward, the music class took the name.

Ruby and Gordy would have graduated together, except for World War II. Gordy enlisted and was in the Army for three and a half years. He came back to finish his degree just as DSTC changed to UMD. Ruby stayed nearby. She gave sixth and seventh graders piano lessons.

Ruby and Gordy have set their lives to music and in so doing have enriched the lives of all of those

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Ruby Pappas and Gordy Pappas.



Above: The Swingphonic Orchestra in April 1942. We don't know all of the people in this picture. If you can help us out, call the UMD Alumni Office at (218) 726-7164. First row (l-r): Mary Wigg, not known, Beatrice Quaderer, violins; Ruby Ann Mattson, piano; Marie Blewett, not known, not known, violins. Second row: Jackson Ehlert, conductor; John Kolarik, not known, trombones; John Barnes, Richard Johnson, cellos; Donald Carlson, Ruth Hann, George Lampert, Harry Bianco, Blanche Graton, clarinets and saxiphones. Third row: Gordon Pappas, Robert Jackson, Ruth Buckley, trumpets; William Grimmer, Jane Holmes, percussion; William Hill, string bass; Lloyd Hawley, bassoon; Bob Ballou, bass clarinet; Lavonne Sebring, flute; Robert Bigelow, oboe.



Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin, Alayne and Chuck Berkins

around them, their friends, their fellow musicians, their classmates, their colleagues and their family. At a recent family gathering, all five of Ruby and Gordy's children performed making yet another day a symphony.

## ALAYNE BERKINS

Alayne (Cole) Berkins '69 says that the skills she acquired at UMD, her research work in the library and her study of the French and Spanish languages, served her well. She left UMD for Wayzata, Minneapolis, and the Tampa area where she lives with her husband, Chuck, who graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 1970. Even though she has moved far from Duluth, she has kept part of UMD with her.

After graduation and a five-year stint teaching school in Wayzata, Berkins joined the Latin American Division staff at the First National Bank of Minneapolis as a translator and interpreter. Berkins was helping make transactions, sometimes as large as \$15 and \$20 million, with banks in Central and South America for companies like Pillsbury, General Mills, Cargill and American Hoist and Derrick. "I was thank-

ful for the small classes and the personalized attention I got at UMD because I needed to be precise when I translated documents," she said. "I couldn't have received a better education than I did from teachers like Professor Richard DeLuca for Spanish and Yolande Jenny for French."

Berkins also had used her language proficiency as a work study student. She worked in the UMD library making \$1.42 an hour. "They had me take care of the foreign periodicals," she said. "And we did research for different professors. Because we were given topics from such diverse fields, I was able to learn about the nature of research and the nature of inquiry. I still use those research skills today."

When the famous sculptor, Jacques Lipschitz, came to UMD from France to dedicate the sculpture of Daniel Greysolon Sieur du Lhut, which stands in Ordean Court, Berkins was there, conversing with him in French. The encounter had a powerful impact on her. "When Lipschitz left to go back to France, he started to cry," Berkins said, "I asked him what was wrong and he told me that it was hard for him to leave his creation, Sieur du Lhut; they had been together for so long."

Berkins was a classmate of Eric Eskola, known to Minnesotans as the host of "Almanac," a Public Broadcasting System program. "I talked to Eric a few years ago," she said. "We both remembered each other

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from the library. Eric was a mass communication student and he had a long commute from his home to UMD. Once there was a storm and the roads were bad, so he didn't get his books to the reserve desk on time. The fines for reserve items were calculated by the minute so when he came in, he looked devastated. I was able to waive the fine for him and he has never forgotten it."

Berkins is able to use her language and research skills in the company, Rochester Electro-Medical Inc., she and her husband, Chuck, now own. Chuck's father founded the company, which began operating in Rochester, Minnesota, to make special devices for doctors that worked out of the Mayo Clinic. As doctors left the Mayo Clinic and set up practices in hospitals around the country, they needed the same medical equipment as used in Rochester. Berkins can relate to her customers' needs because of her own curiosity and desire to come up with answers and solutions. Now, the Berkins have over 1,000 customers who buy diagnostic equipment, including St. Luke's, St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic, and

Miller Dwan hospitals in Duluth. Rochester Electro-Medical Inc. makes over 450 different devices. The equipment makes brain wave recordings and in other ways assists with surgery and procedures for patients with epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease, and even sports injuries.

Berkins say that UMD prepared her in ways she didn't realize at the time. Looking back on her education, Berkins says she learned life lessons at UMD in addition to her studies. "Dr. (Raymond) Darland handled a time of tremendous unrest with dignity and grace. They were turbulent times. During the Vietnam War, student protesters got nasty. I watched them throw things over the railing in Ordean Court at employment recruiters from corporations that had military contracts. Through it all, Dr. Darland respected both sides. He was an absolute academic and yet he was a down-to-earth leader who could relate to all of the students. He was a tall Northern Great Plains man with a doctorate; just the right man for the right time."

Not all of campus life was so emotionally charged. Berkins remembers meeting Alice Tweed Tuohy when the Tweed Gallery was dedicated. Berkins was also a sports fan. "It was the football and hockey games that pulled the whole UMD spirit together," she said. Ralph Romano was director of athletics and his wife Barbara was advisor for the Sigma Psi Gamma Sorority. "We would go to the games to see Keith 'Huffer' Christiansen play," Berkins said. "I still watch sports on television to catch a glimpse of former UMD hockey player Glenn 'Chico' Resch." Resch was one of Berkins' classmates who went on to play with the New York Islanders.

"It was a portrait of an era," Berkins continued. "The hockey games were played at the old Duluth Curling Club near Leif Ericson Park. It wasn't heated and we sat on wooden benches, rink side, wearing our Kickerino boots. The side walls were only three feet high so occasionally people in the arena would get hit by the hockey puck."

At her graduation ceremony, Vice President Hubert Humphrey gave the commencement address. "This was my first experience with national security. We were in the gymnasium and it was wide open.

Any one could have gotten in there. But we were told not to shake hands with the vice president. And we didn't."

At UMD, Berkins' quest for knowledge was encouraged, from the mastery of languages to the joy of perpetual inquiry. "I truly believe that I got such an excellent education at UMD because the university existed for the students. I had small classes and teachers that paid attention to me and that made me really learn."

## JEROME KLUN

When Jerome Klun '61, arrived at UMD, he didn't know that he would meet a professor that would change his life. Klun came from the secure world of Ely, Minnesota, where he worked at his father's grocery business, "Klun's Store," along with his five younger brothers and one sister. His weekends and summers were spent working in the store and watching his father butcher meat and entertain the citizens of Ely. His dad cracked jokes from behind the meat counter to his waiting crowd of customers. As often as possible, Klun slipped away to canoe the lakes of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, or to survey gigantic Mallet steam engines as they departed from Ely iron ore mines for Duluth pulling tons of high grade iron ore. Klun didn't attend UMD immediately after high school. He first attended Ely Junior College, now called Vermilion Community College but after he graduated, UMD was his next stop.

The first fall at UMD he car pooled home to Ely on the weekends to work in the store, but soon his major in zoology and a minor in chemistry took up too much of his time. Another event was to interfere with trips home to Ely. Klun met Dr. Huai

Chiang, then associate professor in the UMD Biology Department, now a Professor Emeritus of Entomology, Fisheries, and Wildlife at the University of Minnesota. Chiang introduced Klun to the concept of working with interrelated disciplines, especially organic chemistry, entomology and biology, and that introduction was to forever change Klun's life. Klun became one of Chiang's star students and as Klun began looking at graduate school, Chiang recommended him for a research assistantship at Iowa State University. Before and after coming to UMD, Chiang had spent 20 years researching the European corn borer moth. In a 1961 UMD biology lab, Klun was struck by Chiang's research record, and made a comment to a fellow student. He said, "20 years is an awfully long time to study one insect and I can't imagine how Dr. Chiang did that." These words would come back to haunt Klun. His quote made it into Chiang's autobiography many years later because Klun went on to Iowa State to pick up European corn borer research where Chiang left off. Klun did his Ph.D. dissertation on the European corn borer and subsequently studied the insect for a total of 16 years.

Klun received his Ph.D. from Iowa State in 1965 but stayed on to do research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the University. Between 1965 and 1977, Klun's major interest was in the sex pheromone chemistry of moths. He was fascinated by discovering the exact chemical signals used by females to attract their mates. Klun's fascination paid off. He became one of the first entomologists in the world to chemically identify the sex pheromone of an insect. The first was the silk worm in 1956; the second was the cabbage looper in 1960; and the third was the

Jerome Klun's most recent research has far reaching implications... His current study is now on the protection of humans against vector (blood born) diseases, such as malaria, certain types of encephalitis, West Nile Fever, and yellow fever.



Jerome and Harriet Klun

European corn borer, identified by Jerome A. Klun. Departing from Iowa in 1977 for a USDA position in Beltsville, MD, he went on to elucidate the intricacies of moth sex communications, the genetic basis of the European corn borer sex pheromone communications, and identify sex pheromones of some of the most economically important moths in agriculture such as the corn earworm and the tobacco budworm. The pheromones he identified are used today to monitor moth populations worldwide.

Studying chemicals that affect insect behavior took Klun to his current endeavor involving mosquitoes. Working out of his laboratory just outside Washington, D.C. at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Klun is engaged in a collaborative effort with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, MD to develop a new standard military insect repellent. "There are no better places to conduct this research than Walter Reed and the Agricultural Research Center. They are state-of-the-art facilities, unrivaled world wide, and it is an honor to be able to conduct research in them," Klun said.

His current studies are focused on protection of humans against insects that are vectors, disease-carrying pests, of malaria, dengue, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, yellow fever, and other diseases. Klun wants to change the emphasis from killing the insects to protecting humans from being

bitten by vectors. He is looking for environmentally peaceful ways to produce a barrier between us and arthropods like mosquitoes, sand flies, ticks, and chiggers. The research has implications for civilian and Department of Defense (DoD) uses.

In case of DoD, the only protection military forces now have against vector-borne diseases is a repellent known as DEET. The compound was discovered over 50 years ago by early founders of the USDA laboratory where Klun now works. DEET was developed to protect armed forces, but the repellent comes with undesirable qualities. It is unpleasantly sticky when applied to skin. It dissolves plastics, such as sunglass lenses. Worst of all, people suspect it does harm to humans, and while there is no proof, it is perceived as being involved in the Gulf War syndrome. Klun said, "Because of these factors, many troops resisted using the DEET they were issued upon deployment, making them susceptible to the many diseases vectored by mosquitoes and other blood-feeders. Historically, armies have been brought to their knees not by sword and canon but, by insect-borne diseases. Knowing this, military commanders wished to develop a replacement for DEET that troops would use without hesitation and bring protection back to the war fighter. This is where my current collaborative research with the military has come into play."

Klun might have found an entomological "Holy Grail." His lab, in the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), was

granted a patent on a variation of a repellent discovered by ARS researchers more than 20 years ago. Klun recently identified one version of the original repellent, based on a piperidine nucleus, a molecule found in trace amounts in black pepper, that is three to four times more effective at preventing yellow-fever transmitting mosquitoes from biting than the original repellent. It's also the optimal version against the species that transmits West Nile virus. The new compound should become available to the general public and the military in the near future.

Klun's latest research has identified, not just the one variation, but dozens that are candidate compounds for testing. It is possible that piperidine-based isomers can be identified for use against ticks and other disease-transmitting arthropods, as well as mosquitoes.

Klun still returns home to the northland and credits his childhood in northern Minnesota with instilling in him a robust work ethic and a curiosity about nature. In the fall of 2002, Klun was inducted into the UMD Academy of Science and Engineering, and his family came to the celebration. Harriet Klun, Jerry's wife, said the gathering was a milestone. Jerry's brothers told him that they were inspired when he left the grocery store in 1959 and went to college at UMD and then on to a Ph.D. It made his brothers believe in themselves. "Klun's Store" no longer exists in Ely, in part, because none of Jerry's five brothers stayed on to mind the store. Instead, they went on to become a lawyer, a state agency administrator, a 747 aircraft captain, and two Ph.D. organic chemists. Jerome Klun's interest in the natural world and biological science continues to be a compelling driving force in his life, and UMD is delighted to have played a pivotal role in it all.

## MARY ALICE CARLSON

Mary Alice Carlson '96 had been to the nursing home before, to meet with the families of Alzheimer patients, to conduct training for the staff and to visit the residents. In some ways, it was familiar territory. But Carlson brought something special. She had Daniel, a golden retriever that belongs to her friend. The wheelchairs poured into the hall.

Nurses and residents wanted to look. There was competition for who got to pet Daniel first. Then, a nurse's aide wheeled a patient, we'll call him Harry, into the hall. Carlson had seen Harry many times. He was in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's. Harry doesn't communicate; he doesn't even watch television. But that day was different. As if the dog knew, he pulled Carlson to Harry's side. Harry smiled and then he quietly spoke. "Oh, my good lad," Harry said. "My good son, I have been looking everywhere for you. My good lad, I am so glad you are home."

Carlson, a 1996 graduate of the education psychology master's program, credits UMD with giving her confidence and credentials. At UMD, Carlson learned to blend her caring nature with strong professionalism. The combination makes Carlson a powerful influence in the care of Alzheimer patients.

Carlson doesn't get to bring Daniel to nursing homes often enough. Usually, her position as the Duluth Center Director of the Alzheimer's Association, Minnesota-Dakotas Chapter, keeps her busy with other projects. The Alzheimer's Association is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers through support, education, advocacy, and research. Carlson travels through 12 Minnesota counties, to facilities such as the Silver Bay Veteran's Hospital, the Benedictine Health Center and the Lakeshore Lutheran Home. In addition to providing information and support to families, she helps educate the public and health care professionals.

She is one of the people in northeastern Minnesota who is trained to help families set up a plan for an aging parent. "I try to help them build a safety net," she said. When a family receives a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, they are in for a long illness. Carlson can help them anticipate what issues will arise as the illness develops. "There is a lot to consider. Where does the parent get placed? Who will be the primary care givers? How can the care be divided evenly, so no one feels dumped on?" These

are all questions that if answered up front, avoid problems later on.

Carlson also regularly meets with the wives of Korean and World War II veterans who have Alzheimer's. "It is an honor and a privilege to spend time with these brave women," she said. Often, her task is to encourage respite care. "Women of the WWII generation sometimes are reluctant to leave their homes, or to let someone else in. They take their marriage vows seriously. They have to be convinced that getting a little help isn't breaking a promise. If they don't get relief from the grueling demands of caregiving, they get sick themselves."

Carlson said that if she had one wish, it would be to be out of a job. "I want to live in a world without Alzheimer's disease. We haven't seen the tip of the iceberg. Minnesota's population is aging. Until we find a cure, my job is only going to get harder." Carlson holds workshops for families, she brings in experts to train medical professionals, she conducts family meetings and she personally answers a significant number of the calls that come in on the Alzheimer's Association hotline.

Carlson organizes the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, a benefit that raises over \$50,000 each year for direct services for the Alzheimer's Association, Minnesota-Dakotas Chapter. Carlson freely gives out her phone number, 218-726 4819, so people can contact her to make a pledge or volunteer.

UMD was a turning point in Carlson's journey. She started with a free course at Fond du Lac Community College, and, even with her two children at home, it didn't take her long to realize that she thrived in the higher education environment. She took more classes. By the end of her second year, she received an A.A. degree and also was nominated for the Student of the Year and she received the Fond du Lac Community College Human Service Award for her work in grief support. "I got a hint of my future calling when I developed a grief support program in rural Minnesota. I realized a need and acted on it," she said.

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With these achievements in her first two years in college, it is no surprise that the College of St. Scholastica recruited her to continue her studies in psychology. She graduated with an undergraduate degree from CSS. Now, every fall, Carlson teaches an abnormal psychology class at St. Scholastica.

It became UMD's turn to pursue Carlson. She was chosen from almost 100 applicants to take one of the 14 open slots in the education psychology master's degree program. She credits the UMD faculty for getting her through. She said Assistant Professor Jane Hovland, "always went the extra mile for me. She understood that I had kids at home and that I had to drive 50 minutes each way to get here, through Minnesota winters." Carlson said Professor Uwe Stuecher commanded respect. "You never had to guess what was expected with Professor Stuecher and I appreciated that," she said.

Carlson's highest praise goes to Associate Professor Eugene Grossman. She cites time after time that Professor Grossman assisted her in her studies. But encouragement meant the most after Carlson's final comprehensive written exam. Each candidate was given five and a half hours to answer seven questions. When Carlson found out the results of the exam, she passed on six of the seven questions, she was devastated. "I cried for four hours." And then at 11 p.m. Carlson's phone rang. It was Gene Grossman. "He told me he had been at a conference and wasn't able to contact me earlier. He asked me to meet him the following day and we would schedule a study plan and a rewrite," Carlson said. "Very few phone calls have meant as much to me as that call."

Carlson's job is draining. She uses a variety of strategies to stay mentally and physically healthy. She doesn't have an answering machine at home and she has made a commitment to ride her horse at least once a week. "That was another thing I learned at UMD. I can't help others if I am exhausted. I realized that I have to stay balanced in order to be truly compassionate."



Julie and Doug Huseby

## DOUG HUSEBY

Doug Huseby, '66, talked to a group of UMD business and economics students at the Professor for a Day event in the fall of 2002. "If you have a vision and you are passionate about it, you can start a small business," he said. "Every year, add to the business, solve your problems, use common sense, and above all surround yourself with people who have the skills you lack. Not everyone can do everything well and that's O.K. Once you gather people you trust, work as a team."

Huseby knows how to become an entrepreneur, because he has done it. From a 500 square foot pole barn 28 years ago to today's 300,000 square foot furniture showroom, the largest retail space of its kind in Minnesota, Huseby has built Becker Furniture World to a destination shopping store. The recent expansion to double the space was a gamble that is paying off. "We believed that if we didn't expand, it would be an even larger gamble. With gas prices rising, it is more expensive than ever to drive to the tiny town

of Becker, Minnesota and we needed to make it worth the trip," he said. The store, with its \$10 million expansion now open, is filled with thousands of items for living rooms, bedrooms, offices, kids' rooms, dining rooms, and patios. There is a leather store, a billiards room, and a half dozen exclusive lines of furniture. From \$100 close-out items in the Outlet Store to \$7000 pool tables and \$10,000 dining sets, there is something for everyone. Hundreds of people make the trip, often driving more than an hour, just to see the vast selection.

Huseby is far from the UMD undergraduate classrooms of Richard Sielaff and John Boyer where he first got the vision to own a business. In fact, he was recently honored for his accomplishments when he was named the 2002 Ernst & Young Minnesota Entrepreneur of the Year. Over the years, Huseby has learned the furniture trade inside and out. His buyers import leather couches from Italy, several shipping containers at a time. He can talk about advertising, promotions, signage, and placement, in detail. But the merchandise isn't his only concern.

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Doug Huseby

“Take care of your customers, take care of your employees and be honest,” he said. His managers, under the leadership of Jim, his oldest son, do a great job of overseeing this philosophy.

The employees chat with Huseby as he moves through the store. He has an open door policy. He meets with his sales people on a regular basis. He asks that employees talk to him about the business. “The sales people come up with great suggestions and whenever we can, we act on them immediately.”

The atmosphere of the store is pleasant. Customers and employees seem to do a lot of smiling, and employee wellness is Huseby’s primary interest. “I talk to other employers and they put thousands of dollars into the maintenance of their equipment and buildings,” Huseby said. “But they are forgetting their most valuable asset of all, their employees.” Huseby is concerned about his employees, and some of them are his family. His two sons and his wife, Julie, also work at Becker Furniture World. Even his daughter’s children get in the act. They appear in the store advertising.

Huseby has a unique, even radical, approach to the health of his employees and his family and it is an approach that yields surprising results.

If you look around Becker Furniture

World, you see a water cooler with filtered water about every 100 feet. There are air purifiers through the showrooms. You feel fresh air circulating through the space and in the center of the store is a cafe that serves healthy foods. A new restaurant just opened with 130 seats for more options for employees and customers. Clean water, air and food are key components of Huseby’s strategy.

Behind the scenes there are even more surprises. Dr. Brent Schneideman, a chiropractor, has a clinic for employees in a corner of the store. A medical doctor visits once a month. They are part of the Wellness Program. Employees are charged reduced fees to see the medical practitioners and they receive a reduction on their insurance premium if they participate. This revolutionary health plan begins with an assessment from which a nutritional program is customized to the employee. The store also holds two wellness seminars a month. Healthy eating, vitamins, minerals, other natural remedies are main components of the system. Exercise is important for health, too, but that is rarely a problem. Most employees get plenty of exercise by taking customers around the store.

Only about a third of the employees participate in the plan, nevertheless, the results are phenomenal. Annual sick days for Becker Furniture World employees are one fifth that of the industry average. The health insurance premium for the company has risen only two percent in the last year, compared to the regional average of 16 percent.

All this seems reason enough for Huseby to receive the title of Minnesota Entrepreneur of the Year, but there is more. The company operates a foundation with projects like “Jessica’s Beds” to provide beds for homeless children. They provide financial support for a camp in Brainerd for handicapped children. They even helped drill wells for families in Africa during the recent drought.

From family, to employees, to the underprivileged, all the way to UMD classrooms full of UMD students, Doug Huseby makes an impact. He has an answer to that, “The more I give, the more I get back.”

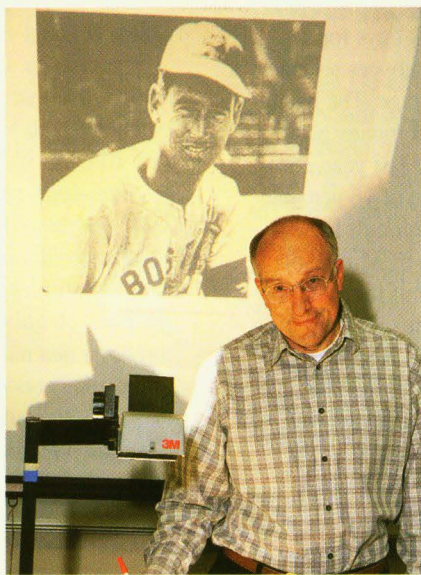
— Cheryl Reitan

# Campus Updates

## GALLIAN NAMED MINNESOTA PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Professor of Mathematics Joseph Gallian was named the 2003 Minnesota Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Gallian was honored at an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C., in November. For this award which salutes the most outstanding professors in the United States, Gallian was selected from among nearly 400 top professors in the country. Criteria for the award includes “extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching, demonstrated by impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; a scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community, and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.”

Gallian has taught at UMD for over 30 years. Since 1977 he has directed an annual undergraduate research program. The program allows Gallian to select six to eight of the best undergraduate mathematics students in the nation for a ten-week UMD summer research program. Over the years 118 students have participated in Gallian’s program. Most have presented their findings at the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, and to date over 100 of the students’ papers have been accepted for publication in mainstream professional journals.



Gallian teaches a freshman seminar called Mathematics and Sports.



## REACHING FOR THE SKY

In October, 2003, less than two years after Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin “topped off” the new Weber Music Hall, Martin and alumnus Jim Swenson were hoisted to the top of UMD’s latest addition. They celebrated the completion of the building’s tallest point by crowning it with the American flag. The \$33 million James I. Swenson Science Building, which is slated for completion in January 2005, was made possible by a \$7.5 million gift from Jim Swenson, a 1959 UMD chemistry graduate, and his wife Susan, through the Swenson Family Foundation and \$25.5 million in state funding.

Located on Kirby Drive, just off College Street, the three level structure will house the departments of chemistry and biology and usher in state-of-the-art design for science education and research in the 21st century. The expansive 110,000 square foot layout incorporates two wings: a research wing and a teaching wing. The new building replaces laboratories built in 1949 (chemistry) and 1968 (biology) and will be utilized by over 1,000 students per semester.



## BUSINESSMAN, BENEFACTOR, AND ALUMNUS

This past October, students in the Labovitz School of Business and Economics were joined by the public to hear a special presentation by UMD benefactor Joel Labovitz during the annual "Professor for a Day" event.

In May, 2003, Duluth natives Sharon and Joel Labovitz presented \$4.5 million to UMD to name the school and a proposed building the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE). The gift is the largest ever for the Labovitz School of Business and Economics and the second largest for UMD. The gift is dedicated to the construction of a new building for the UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

UMD is going to the Minnesota Legislature in 2004 with a proposal for the structure. Joel Labovitz is the former CEO of the Maurices clothing chain, and LSBE alumnus.

"Professor for a Day" is hosted by the Labovitz School of Business and Economics and provided students with the opportunity to meet with 18 UMD LSBE alumni and talk with them about career choices and opportunities.



Sharon and Joel Labovitz at the press conference announcing the naming of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics

## AWARD FOR INNOCENCE

A locally produced documentary has won a regional Emmy Award nomination from the National Television Academy's North Central Chapter and has been submitted to PBS for national broadcast. "Starting in Innocence" follows UMD associate professor Tom Isbell and his students through the creative and emotional process they experienced while producing the stage play, "Dear Finder."

"Dear Finder" is the Holocaust play produced by the UMD Theatre Department and selected for performance in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. "Starting in Innocence" tracks the changing perceptions and attitudes of the white, non-Jewish, Midwestern writers, cast and crew as they meet survivors, read personal accounts and watch films about the Holocaust.

## DESIGNING A WAY OF LIFE

More than 30 graphic design students at UMD designed posters for the October 24 "Take Back Your Time Day" campaign, a national movement to draw attention to the problems of overwork and time pressures in America. Their posters and other art work were honored at a lecture and book signing.

The posters serve as illustrations in the new book, *Take Back Your Time* (Berrett Koehler, 2003), edited by John de Graaf, award winning filmmaker and former public affairs director of KUMD Radio. The posters can also be seen on a special Timeday poster site (at [www.timeday.org](http://www.timeday.org)) designed by UMD student Katie Just. Recent UMD graduate Jessica Backer, '03, crafted the logo used for the national campaign and throughout the book.



Kevin Vang, brother of Dan Vang, and classmate James Klussman (l-r) recited the Oath of a Pharmacist at the opening ceremony for the College of Pharmacy.

## PHARMACY COLLEGE OPENS

The University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy celebrated the grand opening of its Duluth expansion on October 22. This marks the first expansion in the College of Pharmacy's 110-year history. The expansion grew out of the overwhelming number of applicants and the knowledge that Minnesota has one of the highest demands for pharmacists in the country. The College of Pharmacy Duluth has begun with 52 first-year students whose curriculum emphasizes pharmaceutical care in Greater Minnesota. The college is led by Stephen Hoag, senior associate dean and head, who is excited about the opportunity to provide more services to the underserved areas of the state. "The program will emphasize opportunities and advantages of rural practice, and we expect to be successful in serving Greater Minnesota. Our new students are outstanding and show considerable leadership abilities. We have been impressed with the level of support from UMD and the community," he said.

Recurring funding for the program will come from the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center (AHC) Education Endowment funded with tobacco settlement funds. Start-up funding has come from the AHC Endowment and private funding.

## HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION 2003

Notable child psychiatrist Dr. Robert Krell was the keynote speaker at the 2003 Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Memorial Lecture last April. Krell was one of the “hidden children” during the Holocaust. These children hid their Jewish identity in convents, orphanages, with strangers and on the run. Some hid in hay lofts, forests, basements and sewers. Others were kept in ghettos and concentration camps, or left to fend for themselves, wandering in search of food and shelter. Krell’s presentation was titled: “Personalizing the Theoretical: A Hidden Child’s Perspective.”

The Holocaust Commemoration Program also presented composer Allan Friedman’s cantata, entitled “With Perfect Faith.” The concert, performed in the Weber Music Hall, was conducted by Friedman. The readers for the concert were Rabbi Amy Bernstein and Dr. Ben Yokel. Solos were performed by soprano Rachel Inselman and others. Friedman said that his cantata, “reminds us that even in the depths of the Holocaust, Jews found time to celebrate life, and now, after the tragedy, that life and beauty still exist.” Allan Friedman is currently in his third year of the Boston University Doctor of Musical Arts program in choral conducting. He is a Duluth East High School graduate, and the son of alumni parents Fred (Class of 1969) and Alana Friedman (Class of 1969, M.A. 1979).

## HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION 2004

The year 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Series. The 2004 program features a major art exhibition and lectures by participating artists. The program, entitled, “The Holocaust as Subject,” is sponsored by the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Committee in partnership with the Tweed Museum of Art. The featured artist of the event is Samuel M. Bak, a renowned painter, who will speak at 4 p.m. on April 20, 2004 in the UMD Ballroom. Several of Bak’s paintings will be on exhibit in the Tweed Museum of Art from April 13 to June 13. In addition, the Tweed Museum has purchased one of Bak’s paintings, “Creation of War Time II” (1999) as well as one of his sketches.

The program will also feature the work of three additional artists who work with Holocaust themes. Graphic artist and printmaker, Art Spiegelman is best known for his *Maus* books which tell the story of the Holocaust in the comic book genre. Photographer Debbie Teicholz and installation artist Ellen Rothenberg will also be featured.

In keeping with the theme, on April 15, Dr. Stephen Fienstein, director of the Center on Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota, will lecture on Holocaust Memorials Around the World.

Justin Rubin, UMD associate professor of music, will add to the commemoration with a performance work entitled “6,000,000” in which people will participate by attempting to draw 6,000,000 short black lines to represent each of the Jewish victims of the Holocaust.



Allan (center) is shown here with his father and mother, Fred and Alana Friedman.



## ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL: A RUMBLE OF BEAUTY, AN UPROAR OF LOVE

This January marked the beginning of more than another calendar year. As actor/director Roberto Benigni stated it, the Italian American Festival 2004 is “a rumble of beauty and an uproar of love.” This festival celebrates an exchange of art, academics, and culture between Duluth, Minnesota, and Palermo, Italy.

Over several months, Duluth and Palermo are sharing a number of cultural experiences. The first of many musical and theatrical productions was held in October as the UMD Departments of Music and Theatre along with the Conservatorio Statale di Musica of Palermo joined forces to perform *Guys and Dolls* in Duluth. They also brought the production to Palermo in January.

The Big Band Show presented their first tribute to Italian Americans in January in Palermo. They continue their tour in Hibbing, Minnesota, on April 16 and Duluth on May 1.

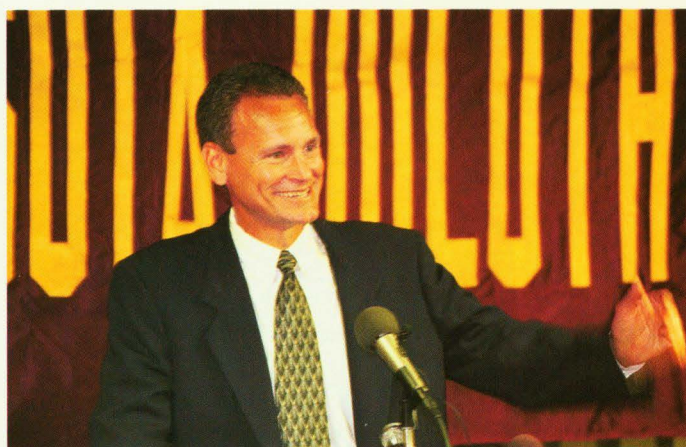
On April 22, Duluth will host the world premiere of the musical *The Secret of the Talking Bird*. The Italian opera, *La Traviata* will be performed in Duluth April 29 - May 2 and again in Palermo in August.

Opening in January, original works of art created by UMD Art and Design faculty and Duluth area artists, as well as a selection of Tweed Museum of Art American paintings, were exhibited at Palazzo Sclafani in Palermo. On April 28, the Tweed Museum of Art and North Shore Bank of Commerce will feature original art from Palermo’s Accademia di Belle Arti.

“Crossing the Waters: Italian American Connections” shifts the focus from art to academia. The conference is intended to encourage dialogue among international scholars, to celebrate and increase the understanding of ethnic and cultural traditions, and to explore the past, present, and future connections between ethnic heritage in the United States and communities of origin in Europe. It will feature prominent speakers on the Italian American experience. The conference is hosted by UMD and the Università degli Studi di Palermo in collaboration with the College of St. Scholastica and the University of Wisconsin Superior.

The crowning event of the Italian American Festival 2004 will be the Italian American Heritage Celebration in Duluth on May 1 with special activities presented by Italian heritage clubs including entertainment, Italian culinary treats, a bocce ball tournament and an evening Heritage Banquet. Duluth high school bands, orchestras, and choirs will present a concert of Italian American music.

For more information, see the web site at <http://www.italiafest.us>



## CALLING THE PLAYS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

UMD head football coach Bob Nielson assumed his new position as the Director of Athletics on December 1. Nielson has been head football coach at UMD since 1999. In the fall of 2002 he was a finalist for the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year.

Before joining UMD, Nielson was named NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year for 1998 by the *Football Gazette*, served as associate athletic director and head football coach at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from 1996 to 1999, and athletic director and head football coach at Wartburg College from 1991 to February 1996.



## THREE FIRSTS

Shannon Miller, (left) the first NCAA women’s hockey coach with a national championship team, and Kathryn A. Martin, (right) the first woman chancellor in the University of Minnesota system, meet with former first lady, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in Washington, D.C. They attended a reception in May 2003 for the UMD women’s hockey team in honor of its third NCAA national championship title.



UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin and CSE Dean Jim Riehl (center) honored Dick Ojakangas, William Mularie, James I. Swenson, Robert L. Senkler, and Laurence Skog at a ceremony in September, 2003.

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ACADEMY HONORS

UMD College of Science and Engineering (CSE) inducted five new members into the Academy of Science and Engineering in September. The Academy was established to give public recognition to distinguished alumni and special friends of CSE, who have brought distinction to themselves through their participation, commitment, and leadership in their chosen profession.

**Laurence Skog**, a 1965 Biology graduate from UMD, was honored for his work with the Smithsonian Institution, and his research in Biology and Botany that has led to 129 reviewed scientific publications, three new genera and more than 20 new species of plants that he has described, and at least two species of plants named for him.

**James I. Swenson**, a 1959 UMD graduate in Chemistry, earned this honor through his industry-leading circuit board manufacturing company, Details, Inc. The generosity of Jim and Sue Swenson through the Swenson Family Foundation has been a powerful and enabling force in the lives of countless students.

**Dick Ojakangas**, 1955 UMD graduate of Geology, joined the faculty at UMD in 1964 and has been called the conscience of the department. Throughout his tenure he has published at least 99 papers, reports, maps and books. In 1999 his Ph.D. dissertation (published in 1964) was recognized as a "classic concept in Cordilleran Geology," a high honor.

**William Mularie**, a Physics and Mathematics graduate of UMD in 1961, was honored for his success in a number of private and government organizations. In 1996 he retired from 3M after 30 years of employment in the private sector. Mularie also worked as general manager and director of the CAT-ARC Division of Perkin-Elmer Corporation, vice president of VacTec Systems, and director of the National Media Laboratory. Mularie held government positions including deputy director for science and technology for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (for which he received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Award), office director for the Information Systems Office of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and science and technology directorate of the Central Intelligence Agency. He is currently CEO of Telework Consortium.

**Robert L. Senkler**, a 1974 UMD graduate in Mathematics and Statistics, was recognized for his work with Minnesota Life. In 1974 he started as an actuarial trainee in the Individual Insurance Division. In 1994, after a number of achievements and promotions, he was named president and chief executive officer of Minnesota Life. One year later he was also elected chairman of the board.

## FAMILIES ARE HIS PRIORITY

Duluth School of Medicine alumnus Dr. Eric M. Ossowski has been named National Family Physician of the Year at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Dr. Ossowski entered the School of Medicine, Duluth (SOMD) in 1973 and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Twin Cities in 1977. He returned to Duluth in 1997 to complete his residency in Family Practice. Currently, Dr. Ossowski is Chief of Family and Primary Care Medicine at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

— Student Intern Amelia Anderson worked on Campus Updates.  
Susan Beasy Latto was a contributing writer.

# Eddy Foundation

The lasting legacy of Edwin H. Eddy is a foundation for the treatment of communication disorders, which is now in its 22nd year at UMD. Edwin Eddy, born in 1906, grew up in Duluth as the only child of a prestigious family - and he stuttered. Unfortunately, his stuttering affected his relationships with people. As a child and throughout his adult life, he was a quiet, shy individual with few relationships beyond that with his parents. Reports from people who knew him indicate that he rarely engaged in conversations. When he died in 1981, he was not married, and had no children or other survivors. That could have been the end of his life story.

Fortunately, it was not.

Despite leading a private life, he apparently spent considerable time pondering how to have a positive impact in other ways. When he died, his will established a foundation to be used to help people with communication disorders, such as stuttering. The Edwin H. Eddy Family Foundation was established in 1982 at the First National Bank (Wells Fargo) with initial funding of \$1.6 million. The designated purpose of the trust was for research, education, and treatment in communication disorders. Some of the money has been designated for scholarships for students specializing in the field of communication disorders.

The financial support of the Edwin Eddy Foundation has had an enormous impact on the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the UMD College of Education and Human Service Professions. Since the first year of awarding scholarships in 1982-83 to undergraduate and graduate students in the department who maintain a prerequisite grade point average, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$800,000 to students to pursue their academic aspirations in communication disorders. Student recipients frequently express their gratefulness to the Foundation in letters of thanks. In 1995, an additional scholarship was funded by the Eddy Foundation to recognize one outstanding graduate student, and is used to attract top-caliber students to the graduate program. The impact of these scholarship awards is far-reaching, especially when one considers that at least three of the current clinical instructors in the department were Eddy Scholarship recipients themselves when they were students in the department, and now have the opportunity to impact student learning as instructors.

A lecture series devoted to specific communication disorders topics has also been funded by the Edwin Eddy Foundation through the department, and attracts nationally and internationally known speakers three times per year to UMD, reaching an average audience of 75 – 100 speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and other related professionals.

The Foundation has also provided on-going financial support for the Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, which is the clinical practicum unit of the department. Each year, the Foundation provides substantial fee assistance for approximately 30 individuals to access the diagnostic and treatment services of the clinic. These individuals frequently report that they would not have been able to receive the services without the assistance of the Edwin Eddy Foundation. Additionally, the Foundation provides significant funding to purchase updated materials and equipment to use in therapy and diagnostic sessions. It also provides support for special clinical programs such as Fluency Interact, a program for parents of children who stutter. The funding from the Edwin Eddy Foundation has provided the basis for creating a regional clinic for speech-language-hearing disorders that has a reputation of providing high caliber services to approximately 80 clients per semester.

Edwin Eddy interacted with minimally few people during his lifetime, but he found other ways to leave a positive legacy with incredible impact on hundreds of people upon his death. He may not have realized the far-reaching impact the Foundation would have when he established it, but one has the sense that he would be pleased with the outcome.

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Kristen Eklund, (right) the winner of the Robert F. Pierce Scholarship for Academic Excellence from the Edwin H. Eddy Family Foundation is shown with Mrs. Joyce Pierce (left).

# IRAQ & UMD

## In our hearts and minds

News about reconstruction and humanitarian efforts in the Middle East reaches us every day at UMD. We heard from Amber Benning, who gave up her position as Student Association President last year when she was called into active duty. She's back now, but was stationed in Kuwait and ran missions into Iraq from April to December, 2003. We've been in contact with alumnus Donald Uram, who was hired to work on a project in the southern Iraq town of Samawah to implement a local governance program. We've also received e-mail and photos from *Dallas Morning News* photographer Cheryl Diaz Meyer who just completed her second visit to Iraq.

### AMBER BENNING

Last fall, Specialist Amber Benning, 428th Quartermaster Company, Kuwait wrote:

"I've been overseas for seven and a half months now and things are going well. I'm living about an hour north of Kuwait City at Camp Victory. We are a lot closer to 'civilization' since we moved here in late September. It's certainly not home but now we have bunk beds, which is a blessing after sleeping on a cot for five months! We are living in large tents that hold about 50 people so privacy is non-existent. Time alone is almost impossible to come by... it's a good thing that I like people and that I can sleep through just about anything!

"Over the months the desert has become more bearable. The temps only reach the 80s now whereas in July and August it was hitting 140-150 degrees almost everyday. That heat was so hard on everyone. The breeze was like to burst of hot air you get when you open an oven, only it was constant. Now it gets cold at night; I had to ask Mom to send me some 'long johns' so I wouldn't freeze during guard duty! Another good thing about the

change of seasons is that the sandstorms are few and far between...

"This will be the first year in my life not seeing snow... I never thought that I would miss it so much!

"I've been very blessed. I've met some truly wonderful people and I've been safe. I certainly can't complain. We've been to Iraq only a handful of times and we've had no incidents to date. We are lucky, and I pray every night that our good fortune continues."

### DONALD URAM

Donald Uram, who graduated from UMD in 1981, doesn't know Amber Benning, but during his two months in Iraq he saw many military personnel like Benning in dangerous situations. "The people I was with were fairly safe. We were civilians and our job was to start rebuilding services for the Iraqi people. It was the military personnel who were in danger. I saw them, in their uniforms, rebuilding schools, rebuilding hospitals and they were targets for terrorists."

Uram left his job as the Director of Management and Budget for the city of Eden Prairie to work for RTI in Iraq. RTI is a research organization with 2,200 scientists, experts and researchers who help universities, government, industry and other nonprofits around the world solve problems, from drug development to education reform.

After a training period, he landed in Samawah, a city of about 150,000 people in an area that had been largely neglected by Hussein's regime. "Samawah and the southern part of the country had taken the brunt of Iran-Iraq war and the first Gulf War," Uram said, "The conditions are still very poor and you can imagine how frustrated people became when the temperatures reached 130 degrees and there was a sporadic water supply, no electricity, and fuel shortages."

Uram's task was to assess 20 different ministries or departments, and try to understand what services they could rely on and what still needed to be provided. He traveled to offices with his interpreter and assessed the condition of each service.

During his stay, Uram sat down with 30 different department heads from the 20 ministries to gather information to use in preparing a six-month spending plan. This plan included such basic services as electricity, water, fuel, sewer, education, health, oil distribution and also youth and sports. "I felt very strongly about helping the children. It is just as important as the other services," he said. Uram knows the value of athletic activity. Back in the states, Uram is a triathlete and has participated in two Ironman distance triathlons. "Those kids need something healthy to do; they need to feel self-respect. One way for them to feel pride is to form athletic teams."

Uram felt safe the entire time he was in Iraq, but safety came with a price. "We couldn't live with the locals. The housing just wasn't available, and even if it had been, there were security issues," he said. "We stayed in a hotel and ate at the CPA compound. It seemed like every day I ate chicken and rice."

Uram's team wasn't allowed to go to restaurants, but Emad, an English professor serving as the head translator, was able to make special arrangements. "Emad grew up in Samawah; he went to college in Basrah; and he knew everybody," Uram said. Emad was able to secure a private dinner at a Samawah restaurant for the team.

"Every day, Emad sat right next to me," Uram said. In addition to translating the interviews with the ministry directors,



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Cheryl Diaz Meyer

Emad translated the information documents, which contained complicated finance jargon. "Emad was always trying to teach me Arabic," said Uram. "First off, I learned 'Al salaam a'alaykum!' which is hello and goodbye."

Uram made it back to Minnesota safely. He said, "While I knew it was potentially dangerous, I didn't let it bother me. I've never let fear dictate what I do with my life. This was something I wanted to do. I only regret that I couldn't stay to see some of the projects completed."

## CHERYL DIAZ MEYER

World traveler, award winning photographer, and Duluth native, UMD alumna Cheryl Diaz Meyer covered the war in Iraq for the *Dallas Morning News*. Then, in November, 2003, Diaz Meyer returned to Iraq for a several week stint to work on stories about reconstruction. Both times, she shared her story and her photographs with the United States.

In Iraq last spring, she saw serious action and nightmarish incidents. After coming within 20 feet of exploding bombs, Meyer had the prayer, "Please make it stop" running continuously through her head. But she didn't

retreat. Instead she continued to photograph the Iraqi people and the American soldiers who shared with her their firsthand account of the war and its effects.

During the war, Meyer kept a daily journal throughout her assignment in the Middle East for the *Dallas Morning News* where she is a senior staff photographer. "She recorded history," said her boss, Ken Geiger, the director of photography at the Dallas newspaper. "She did a marvelous job."

Diaz Meyer graduated from UMD in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in German and from Western Kentucky University in 1994 with a degree in journalism. Shown above in an Iraqi orphanage, Meyer has covered news in Afghanistan, the Philippines, and Guatemala.

Travel is not uncommon to her. On the Iraqi assignment, she first covered war-related stories in Bahrain and later was embedded for over a month with the Second Tank Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Meyer's mother, Sylvia Meyer, at home in Duluth, tracks her daughter's movements through photographs on the internet. When Diaz Meyer travels, each picture is reassurance to her mother that she is safe.

— Cheryl Reitan



Specialist Amber Benning, driver and Specialist Patterson, assistant driver, with their five-ton tank and pump unit used for fueling vehicles.

# UMD's Dan Devine

*a tribute by Ben Korgan*

## A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, ESPECIALLY THE FALL

Fans of American football love it when an exceptional quarterback emerges to guide the destiny of their favorite team. This is the kind of guy who rises from the nether regions of the depth chart to surprise his coaches and provide enough fireworks on the field to entertain and even thrill thousands of people. When World War II ended and veterans spilled into colleges to bulge football rosters already full of younger players, UMD had a quarterback that fit this description. His name was Dan Devine (1924-2002). Before the war, Dan had been a versatile, multi-sport athlete at Proctor High School near Duluth. He served in the Air Force during the war. When he was discharged, Dan was recruited to play basketball at the Duluth State Teachers College (DSTC). Dan played basketball well and became captain of the team. He also tried out for football as a quarterback.

Lloyd Peterson was the head football coach. Lloyd focused on fundamentals, loyalty, discipline, and courage. He was willing to give almost anyone a chance to play football, even someone without previous athletic credentials.

Lloyd sized up Dan in the earliest workouts. Dan was older and more expe-

rienced than many other players. He had married fellow student JoAnne Brookhart and seemed to know what he wanted. Dan was good-natured, focused, and respectful. He radiated personal depth, including the impression that he had moral resources he could either use or transfer to others. Noticeably possessing the taste and talent for leadership, Dan had ready followers among the other players. Dan's moves, ball-handling, and passing were perfectly adequate, but his strong points were more philosophical than physical.

Lloyd recognized Dan's special character, but was concerned about his physical dimensions. Dan was only five feet, nine inches tall. Lloyd wondered if Dan could take a physical pounding or see over the bigger linemen on pass patterns. Lloyd did some soul-searching and penciled Dan in as the fourth-team quarterback.

Before the first game, Dan was quarterbacking the second team. During this first game, the team fell behind, the offense faltered, and Lloyd put Dan in at quarterback. The team came alive. Dan directed a brilliant and desperate drive that led to an unexpected victory. From that point on, Dan was the starting quarterback.

By the fall of 1947, Dan was captain of the football team. His wife JoAnne was homecoming queen. Lloyd gave Dan more and more responsibility and free-

dom. Lloyd treated Dan as a coach playing on the field. Dan called his own plays, modified plays in the huddle, and called for key substitutions. He became a highly proactive idea generator and master of concealing his intentions.

Dan majored in history and graduated in 1948. His was the first class to receive a University of Minnesota degree. In his first position after graduating from college, Dan became the head football coach at East Jordan High School in Michigan. With 200 students, East Jordan was the smallest school in its conference. In the two years before Dan arrived, East Jordan had lost every game in football. At the start of his first season as a coach, Dan installed new "wrinkles" he had dreamed up. He began to devise the first offensive play of the first game.

In the first game, East Jordan won the coin toss and elected to receive. An East Jordan halfback fielded the kickoff deep in his own territory and was stopped in his tracks. On the first play from scrimmage, the East Jordan quarterback faked the ball to the fullback off right guard, withdrew the ball and handed it behind his back to the right halfback who bolted off left guard and raced to a quick touchdown.

This was more than a touchdown on the first play. It was a sign of what was to come. At season's end, East Jordan was undefeated. At the end of Dan's second season, East Jordan was still undefeated. The news media reveled in the "miracle turnaround" at East Jordan.

During these events, Michigan State University (MSU) had developed one of the most formidable football teams in the nation. The head coach at MSU was Clarence "Biggie" Munn, a master delegator who set standards worth emulating for organization, discipline, and assembling a great staff of assistants.

Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty was Biggie's leading assistant and primary recruiter. Duffy was friendly and outgoing. He liked almost everyone he met. Duffy was full of fun and the players loved him. In the locker room, he liked to sing and harmonize.

Duffy marveled at the East Jordan turnaround and arranged to meet Dan. They liked each other almost immediately. Duffy suggested that Dan might work



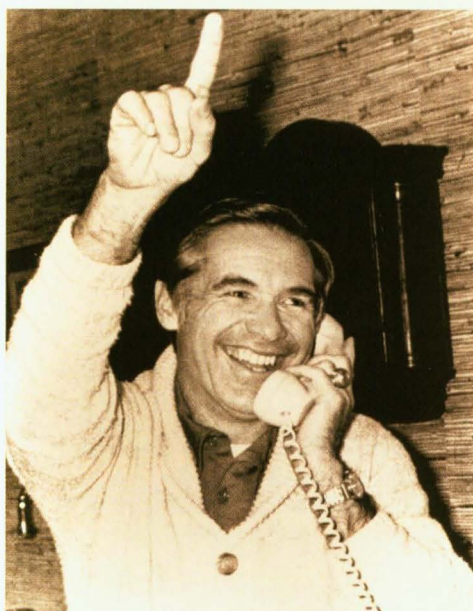


Photo: The University of Notre Dame

Dan Devine in his office after his 1977 Notre Dame football team won the national title.

on a master's degree at MSU while helping out in football as a graduate assistant.

Dan and JoAnne moved to East Lansing where Dan enrolled as a graduate student in guidance and counseling. At his first MSU football practice, he was one of fifteen graduate assistants.

Biggie observed that Dan did everything asked of him exceptionally well. He appointed Dan to the regular coaching staff, then to the position of head junior varsity coach. When Biggie retired, Duffy became head football coach, with Dan as backfield coach, lead assistant, and primary recruiter.

Meanwhile, the president of Arizona State University (ASU) recognized that his football program was crumbling. He needed new leadership, but could not afford a "big name" coach. The ASU president contacted Duffy for advice, Duffy recommended Dan, and Dan became the head football coach at ASU. Dan felt unprepared, but drew upon the influences of Peterson, Munn, and Daugherty, fused them in his mind, then garnished and overwrote them with his own ideas. The result was unique and impressive. Dan quickly rebuilt the ASU football team into a contender for the national title.

Don Faurot, the athletic director at the University of Missouri, had been monitoring Dan's progress for years. When Dan had proven himself at ASU, Faurot offered him the head football position at Missouri. Dan accepted it primarily because it would ensure the financial security of his family.

When Dan arrived, Missouri possessed another crumbling football program. Dan quickly rebuilt it into another contender for the national title. Dan's successes at ASU and Missouri led the Green Bay Packers to offer Dan the positions of head football coach and general manager. Dan was tempted by the opportunity to prove himself as a professional head football coach and accepted both positions. At the time, Green Bay had slipped from past glory and had become one of the worst teams in professional football. Dan quickly built Green Bay into a conference champion, but soon decided that he belonged in college football.

Before long, Notre Dame offered Dan their position of head football coach. For years, Dan had thought of this position as the ultimate pinnacle he could reach. He also knew that this position would be difficult. Wealthy alumni would have wanted someone else. The fans would have high expectations. They would be upset if Dan seemed inferior to Ara Parseghian, the departing head coach.

Dan weathered many psychological storms at Notre Dame, but had the moral resources needed to survive and excel. He soon was the head football coach of a national champion. The steps he had taken to move upward in his journey seemed miraculous. Could any other coach start so modestly, then soar upward so quickly or so far?

Dan's overall college coaching record was breathtaking. In 22 seasons at Arizona State, Missouri, and Notre Dame, Dan's teams won 172 games, an average of almost 8 wins per year. Against 13 of his era's best teams, including Alabama, Nebraska, and Michigan, his record was 53 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie. In coaching duels against Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant, the winningest major university football coach of all time, Dan's record was 3 wins and 0 losses. Since Bryant coached for 38 years and

Devine for 22, it is clear that Dan was likely to have eclipsed Bryant's record if he had continued in coaching.

But Dan's record is not the whole story. Dan thought of football as a game, not "showbiz" or a format for advertising. His players were college students who liked to play football, not commodities to be used up, spit out into society and ignored on graduation. He built his record with a 94 percent player graduation rate without bending the rules or allowing outsiders to corrupt his players.

Why did Dan give up coaching so early? He sacrificed his position to help take care of JoAnne, who had contracted multiple sclerosis. A discussion of Dan's many awards, honors, honorary degrees, and roles as a humanitarian leader and fundraiser could fill the pages of a book. He lectured on motivation and team-building throughout America and in several foreign countries, and was forced by time considerations to turn down hundreds of projects and positions.

Any reasonable analysis of Dan's three duels with Bear Bryant would conclude that Dan must have had one of the best football minds ever. Anyone who can grasp the full complexity of modern American football also must recognize that a wonderful football mind also must be a wonderful mind admirably suited to excel in virtually any field. This means that Dan's story should be enlightening and inspiring to anyone wishing to move upward in a competitive environment.

Dan Devine's life was a life well lived, full of human connections and spiritual bonds many seek but stumble in their efforts to find. We in the extended UMD family can go beyond the simple satisfaction that Dan Devine was once one of us. We can recognize that his performance reflects on us, because people like us provided the love, support, encouragement, and competition he needed to become a college graduate and take the next step upward. In return, Dan demonstrated that one of us could step up and contribute at any level of performance.

— Ben Korgan, Class of 1956

# alumni notes

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## 1949

**Marilynn (Nelson) Basarich**, who lived and taught in Hibbing, MN for many years went back to college and completed her library science certificate and she preceded to work for 26 years at the Hibbing High School Library. Marilyn has a daughter, son and two grandchildren. She currently lives in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

**Barbara (Heim) Millner** has been active in the choral music field since graduation. She has two children and currently lives in Edina, MN.

**June (Neilsen) Johnson** taught for many years in the Minneapolis public schools and now is a very active volunteer. She returned to school and received her MBA degree in 1959 and now lives in Wayzata, MN.

## 1950

**Ione Thompson Goodman** and her husband, Lowell, live in Radnor, PA where she currently works as a volunteer tutor. After UMD, she received her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. They have one son.

**Priscilla (Michell) Runquist**, White Bear Lake, MN, has three children and eight grandchildren and enjoys the arts and traveling.

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## 1951

**Mary (Swanstrom) Patterson** has three children and four grandchildren and she splits her time between Cambridge, MN and McGregor, MN.

## 1962

**Patricia Richard-Amato** is a professor emeritus at California State University in Los Angeles. In 2003, she released the third edition of *Making It Happen: From Interactive to Participatory Language Teaching: Theory and Practice*.

**Michael Fedo**, a resident of Coon Rapids, MN, published another novel, *Indians in the Arborvitae*, in April of 2003. The work is Michael's seventh book. Among his previous works is *The Lynchings of Duluth*.

## 1963

**Michelle (Cunningham) Mills**, who graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1961, attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and later graduated with her doctor of ministry degree in 1968. She was a Unitarian parish minister from 1968 to 1970, an assistant professor for the Nursing department at Westminster College from 1970 to 1972, and then taught and practiced nursing in the United States and Canada until her retirement in 1994.

**Sandra (Schwieger) Reed** of Peoria, AZ, retired in March of 2002 after 19 years with American Express Financial Advisors and six years with American Express Travel Related Services in Phoenix.

## 1965

**Peter Esala**, of Tower, MN, reached mandatory retirement age as a master sergeant in the Army National Guard after 37 years of service.

## 1970

**Jim Godsey**, of Mankato, MN, became the executive director of the Traverse des Sioux library system in January of 2003. Jim was the director of the Council Bluffs, Iowa public library from 1996-2003.

**William Arel**, '70 and **Barbara (Woitel) Arel**, '71, are living in Roxboro, NC. Barb is a coordinator for Person Company Head Start. Bill is an administrator and finance manager for the Diocese of Raleigh. Bill enjoys singing with the North Carolina Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus chorale. Barb participates in fundraising music programs, including the Red Stocking Revue.

## 1974

**Dr. Paula Rudolph**, MA '74, was named California's 35th assembly district "Woman of the Year" for her leadership and the significant ways in which she has contributed to her community. Paula serves as the sexual harassment and Title IX officer at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

## 1976

**David Hough** received his master's degree in geography from York University in Toronto in 1979. He is currently the community development director in Casper, WY.

## 1978

**Kimberlie** and **Dale Ignatius** reside in Rochester, MN. Dale is the associate director of human resources for Olmsted County. The Minnesota Counties Human Resource Management Association recently named Dale the 2003 Human Resource Professional of the Year.

**Stephanie Mattson**, of Newark, OH, is an assistant professor of chemistry at Denison University in Ohio. Mattson earned her doctorate from the California Institute of Technology. She previously served as a senior scientist at Owens Corning, the Science and Technology Center in Ohio, and as an adjunct professor at the Central Ohio Technical College.

## 1980

**Elaine S. Hansen**, '80, MBA '03, has been appointed Director of the UMD Center for Economic Development. Hansen was most recently Director of Development for the UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics. She served as the commissioner of Administration for the State of Minnesota, Director of Finance for the City of Duluth and as CFO for Miners Technology, Inc.

## 1982

**Kristine Anderson**, of Esko, MN, and **Patrick Dwyer**, of Duluth, were married in May. Kristine received her certificate of gerontology from the College of St. Scholastica. She is employed with the Lutheran Social Services and Carlson County Public Health department. Patrick received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from UMD in 1986 and his master's degree in education from the College of St. Scholastica. He is an instructor at Lake Superior College and a lieutenant colonel in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

## 1984

**Kevin Klinkerfues**, of Wheat Ridge, CO, was named Tartan High School Distinguished Alumnus for 2002. Since 1996, Kevin has been a statewide trainer and developer of curriculum for recidivism prevention for the Colorado corrections system, and has developed and facilitated a program for high-risk offenders that is a model for similar programs throughout Colorado.

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UMD sorority sisters (Sigma Phi Kappa) have been getting together at a Two Harbors resort for the past ten years. This year Patty DeLano, alumni director, and Tricia Bunten, development director, were able to spend a sunny afternoon hearing their stories and enjoying their company. Next summer they will be including a tour of the campus. We love to hear from alumni that get together. Please send us a photo to share in future issues of the Bridge. Shown: (l-r) Marilyn Nelson Basarich, Mary (Swanstrom) Patterson, June (Nielsen) Johnson, Barbara (Heim) Millner, lone (Thompson) Goodman, Kitty (Kathleen Bocklund) Potter, Priscilla (Michell) Runquist, Pauline (Coutier) Elder, and Phyllis (Hock) Spencer.

## 1986

**Thomas Smuda**, of Hershey, PA, was promoted to vice president of United States field sales for Hershey Foods. Thomas has worked for Hershey Foods since 1987 when he began as a sales merchandiser in St. Paul.

## 1987

**Dorian J. Beaulieu** was invited by the People's Republic of China to be a guest artist at the 2002 International Ceramics Exposition in Foshan, China. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Duluth. Dorian is on sabbatical from his teaching position at Lake Superior College while he works on his second master's degree. He recently received the Maddy Simon's Art Advocacy Award for his tireless efforts to promote the arts in the Duluth area.

**Skeeter Moore** has joined UMD as the Director of Development for Athletics. "I'm scoring goals for UMD again," he said, "but this time it is off the ice, providing opportunities for UMD's student athletes."

## 1988

**Eddie Yaroch**, who once wrote and directed a one-act play in the Marshall Performing Arts Center, has recently released his first full length feature film, *Class President*. The 90-minute film premiered in South Dakota in August 2002. In April 2003 it made its Minnesota debut at the NorShor Theatre in Duluth. A portion of the proceeds made from the film's Minnesota debut were donated to the UMD Theatre Department.

## 1989

**Jim Armstrong** of North Branch, MN, and **Holly Harris** of Lino Lakes, MN, were married in February in Jamaica. Both work for Wells Fargo in Roseville, MN.

**Christopher Grillo** is director of security at Pearson Education in Bloomington, MN. He is on the advisory board for the Computer Security Institute and the UMD LSBE Department of Accounting advisory board.

**Michael Kuhns** is the European sales manager for the Donaldson Company. Michael and his wife Agnes have two sons. The family resides in the Brussels, Belgium area.

**Kristen (Olson) Ross** and her husband, Dr. Gregory Ross, have three children, Jake, Elana, and Brice. The family lives in Lakeland, MN. Kristen is a registered dental hygienist with Southill Dental Group in Stillwater, MN.

## 1990

**Michael Booth** played the character Mr. Praed in the Guthrie Theater's production of George Bernard Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. This is the latest in a string of roles at the Guthrie and other United States theaters. Michael received his master's degree in fine arts from Rutgers University.

**Kristin Bruss** was promoted to branch manager of MinnCO Credit Union's Cambridge, MN, office. In her new role, Kristin will be responsible for overseeing all member services, loan services and teller areas of the Cambridge MinnCO branch. Kristin and her family are longtime residents of Cambridge.

**Carrie Ceryes** and Kurt Bloyer, both of Los Angeles, were married in April. After receiving her bachelor's degree in theater in 1990 from UMD, Carrie earned her master's degree in theater from Rutgers University in New Jersey in 1992. She is an actress and aquatic business owner. Kurt is a PGA golf professional.

**Mark Record** and Tricia Bordson, both of Duluth, were married in September. Tricia is employed by Northland Obstetrics & Gynecology. Mark is a general accounting manager at Luigino's Inc.

## 1991

**Vicki Sosnowski**, of Duluth, and Brad Pixley, of Pine City, MN, were married in May. Vicki received her bachelor's degree in accounting from UMD in 1991. Brad is an electrician for Integrity Electric.

## 1992

**Cynthia Benoit**, MA '92, of Big Lake, MN, and Mark Scott, of Princeton, MN, were married in October. Mark is a programming engineer in Fridley, MN. Cynthia earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in communication disorders.

**Troy Duncan** joined the Grant Thornton Company in April as the director of business risk services. Troy had been a senior manager with PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

## 1993

**Jeanne L. Devaney**, MSW '93, and Christopher Carroll are to be married in July. Jeanne is a medical social worker for St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic. Christopher is an associate professor in the UMD Electrical and Computer Engineering department.

**Barbara Kinney** and Ronald Erjavec were married in October of 2001. The couple resides in Eveleth, MN with their new baby, James. Barbara is a teacher with the St. Louis County school system.

**Amy Puglisi** and Michael Hoyt, both of Superior, WI, were married in June of 2002. Amy is a biologist for Computer Sciences Corporation. Michael is a firefighter for the city of Superior.

**Traci Saba** and **James Kubisiak**, MS '97, were married in October, 2002. The couple lives in Apple Valley, MN. Traci is a senior business consultant with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.

**Lisa Seales** and Douglas Gordon, Minneapolis, were married in September, 2001. Lisa completed her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota in 2001. She is working as a psychologist with an organizational consulting firm in Minneapolis. Doug is a lead software developer with a healthcare company in Golden Valley, MN.

## 1994

**Kevin Wold** and Jodi Carlson, of Farmington, MN, were married in October of 2000. The couple has one child, a daughter born in June of 2002. Kevin was recently promoted to senior human resources generalist at Northwestern Travel.

## 1995

**Sara Jayson** and Ray Peterson, both of Duluth, were married in October. Sara is a public relations specialist for St. Mary's/ Duluth Clinic. Ray earned his law degree from Hamline Law School. He is an associate attorney for Maki & Overom-Chartered.

**James Peterson** received his master's degree in business administration in 2000 from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. He and Alessandra Galhardo Alves were married in Brazil in 2001. The couple lives in Munster, Germany where James is employed by the BASF Corporation.

**Karen White** left Imation in the summer of 2002 to join North Dakota State University's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering. The center specializes in the miniaturization of electronics, specifically the development of microsensors. Karen and her husband, Jim, have two sons. The family resides in Barnesville, MN.

## 1996

**Tony Dierckins**, M.A. '96, and Jerry Paulson, both of Duluth published two books of vintage postcards called *Greetings from Duluth, Volumes 1 & 2*, with reproductions of hand-painted postcards featuring historic scenes from the Twin Ports and Lake Superior region. Among the images are the Aerial Lift Bridge, Enger Tower, Hotel Duluth, old Central High School, the view from Skyline Parkway, ruins of the Minnesota Point Lighthouse and Split Rock Lighthouse.

**Carrie Miller** and Jeremy Jensen, both of Minneapolis, were married in March in Cozumel, Mexico. Carrie has taught second grade at Breck for the past six years. Jeremy is a golf apparel sales representative.

**Steve Sweere**, an Owatonna, MN native and UMD theater graduate, will make his Guthrie Theater debut this spring in Charles Mee's romantic comedy, *Wintertime*. Steve's previous works include positions with the Twin Cities Small Theater Mafia and the Loading Dock Theatre Company.

## 1997

**Nathaniel Koch**, of St. Louis Park, MN, and Katherine Scott, of Fridley, MN, were married in August. Katherine graduated from Gustavus Adolphus and is a kindergarten teacher in the Minneapolis public schools. Nathaniel is a financial analyst for Anderson Windows in Stillwater.

**Jordan LaFleur** and Michele Maciejewski, both of Duluth, were married in August. Michele is the inventory control manager at Kolar Autoworld. Jordan is a sales representative for American Bottling Company.

**Thomas Nelson** and Angela Lancour, both of Two Harbors, were married in April. Angela is employed by Superior Health Medical Group. Thomas is a teacher and coach for the Lake Superior school district.

# UMD 2004 Alumni Events

## February 14 — Duluth

**5:30 to 7 pm Break the Ice Bulldog Reception  
Appetizers and Cash Bar, Duluth DECC, French River Room  
7:05 pm, UMD Bulldogs vs UM Gophers mens hockey**

## March 6 — Madison

**5 - 6:30 pm Break the Ice Bulldog Reception, appetizers and cash bar  
Staybridge Suites, Madison West, Free shuttle to game  
7:05 pm, UMD Bulldogs vs UW Badgers mens hockey**

## April 2 — Minneapolis

**UMD Graphic Design Exhibit and Reception  
Oslund and Associates**

## May 7 — St. Paul

**5 - 6:30 pm, Summit Brewery Bulldog Reception  
Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin and the UMD Alumni Association invite  
all alumni to enjoy jazz, Summit brews, hors d'oeuvres, friends,  
a brewery tour, and the latest news from UMD**

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**Dawn Raway**, of Dublin, OH, received her master's degree in business administration in January from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She is a sales account manager for 3M and the Ohio Government Transportation Safety Representative.

## 1998

**Karin Kongsjord**, MA '98, is pursuing her doctorate at Hamline University in St. Paul. Karin and her husband Randy were married in '98. The couple's son Joel was born in October of 2002. The family resides in Maplewood, MN.

**Lori Kostynyk** of Duluth, and Timothy Kulas of Cloquet, MN, were married in October. Lori works in the chemical dependency field at the Miller-Dwan Medical Center. Timothy is an engineer for the Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway.

**Darrell Sawyer** and Jamin Darwin, both of Northfield, MN, were married in July. Jamin earned her master's degree in physical therapy from the College of St. Scholastica. She is a physical therapist. Darrell is a social studies teacher and a coach in Northfield.

## 1999

**Dr. Jonathon Delf**, D.D.S. graduated from the University of Minnesota with his D.D.S. degree in June of 2003. Jonathon is currently working for Lake Superior Dental Associates.

**Leah Hill** and **Brandon Kohlts**, both of Duluth, were married in March. Leah, a 1999 UMD graduate, is a communications specialist and event planner for America's Byways Resource Center. Brandon, a 2000 UMD graduate, is a planner for Arrowhead Regional Development Commission.

**Mike Hubbell** of Apple Valley, MN, and **Trista Quast** of Buffalo, MN, were married in May. Trista received her bachelor's degree in communication for the College of St. Benedict. She is an event planner for Job Boss Software in Edina, MN. Mike is employed by RBC Dain Rauscher in Minneapolis.

**Anthony Olson** and **Melissa Scanlon**, both of Duluth, were married in August. Melissa graduated from the College of St. Scholastica. She is a first-grade teacher at St. James School in Duluth. Anthony is a supervisor at Northwood Children's Services in Duluth.

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**Dr. Teresa Venditto** and **Brian St. George**, both of Minneapolis, were married in January. Teresa received her doctor of medicine degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. She is a physician at the Duluth Family Practice Center in Duluth. Brian is a geographic information systems specialist for Scott County, MN.

**Kristen Wendling** and Adam Estvold, both of Woodbury, MN, were married in July. Kristen is a funds development manager for the American Red Cross in Minneapolis. Adam earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from North Dakota State University. He is an engineer for Andersen Windows in Bayport, MN.

## 2000

**Tara Olson** and **Thomas Coombe**, both of Ely, MN, were married in June. Tara, a 2000 UMD graduate, works for the Ely Echo newspaper and coordinates the Ely Area Foodshelf. Thomas, a 1992 UMD graduate, works for the Ely Echo newspaper and coaches high school baseball.

**James Stroop III** and Christine Wise, both of St. Paul, were married in September. Christine works in project management for Benchmark Learning. James is a manager at Sam's Club.

## 2001

**Rebecca Amos** and **Gregg McCall**, both residents of Duluth, were married in September. Rebecca, a 2001 graduate, is a pharmaceutical representative for Johnson & Johnson. Gregg, a 2000 graduate, is a financial consultant for US Bancorp Investments.

**Brenda Fowler** and Josh Schomberg, both of Duluth, were married in September. Brenda is a counselor for Northwood Children's Services. Josh is a draftsman for Billman Construction.

**Ryan Homstol** and Rhonda Rendulich, both of Eagan, MN, were married in August, 2002. Rhonda earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin, Superior. She is a teacher at the Peace of Mind Education Center in Woodbury, MN. Ryan is an orthopedic representative for Smith and Nephew Orthopedics in Bloomington, MN.

**Robert Lietha** of Bennett, MN, and Joann Schaller of Lake Nebagamon, MN, were married in August. Joann is a head cashier at the Hermantown Menards, and Robert is a carpenter.

**Megan Loppnow** of Duluth, is the new Promotions Assistant and PSA Director at WDIO-TV.

**Rob Nurminen** and Kari Hull were married in September of 2002. Kari, a graduate of the College of St. Scholastica, is an assistant supervisor and inventory coordinator at Lake Sonoma Winery in Geyserville, CA. Rob is a mortgage banker for Provident Funding in Santa Rosa, CA.

## 2002

**Jillian Hicks** of Zim, MN, and Drew Lamoureaux of Virginia, MN, were married in October. Jillian received her bachelor's degree in marketing in 2002. She is a loan processor for First Minnesota Mortgage in Hibbing. Drew is a personal banker for Wells Fargo in Eveleth, MN.

**Rachael Klein**, MA '02, and Scott Lind, both of St. Cloud, MN, were married in October. Rachael earned her master's degree in counseling psychology from UMD in 2002. She is employed by the Central Minnesota Sexual Abuse Center. Scott is employed by INH Property Management and Granite City.

Navy Ensign **Reynard K. Moore**, of San Diego, received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

**Michelle Meinke** of Two Harbors, MN, and Ryan Hallman, of Phoenix, were married in April. Michelle is an assistant manager for Paradise Valley Jewelers. Ryan is a security officer for Maricopa County.

## 2003

**Miranda Edel**, MA '03, joined Lake Superior College as an instructional technologist. Miranda received her bachelor's degree from UMD in 2001 and her master's degree in 2003. Miranda will be assisting in the development of online courses and other computer based learning solutions.



Opolo Winery, Paso Robles, California

Opolo Winery, owned by Rick Quinn, who attended UMD in the 1970s, sustained damage to barrels and cases of wine during the recent Santa Barbara-Paso Robles earthquake. Fortunately, no one was injured and there was no structural damage to the winery. Quinn said, "Opolo wines are shaken, not stirred," and he hinted that the winery may come out with a "Seismic Syrah."

## Passing

**Marion L. Abbott**, of Flossmoor, IL, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College, passed away in April.

**James H. Aird**, '50, of Duluth, died in February. Jim served as a sergeant in the Air Force during World War II. Jim was the director of pensions and insurance at the U.S. Steel Plant in Duluth and later for St. Louis County.

**Aaron R. Allshouse**, '98, of Woodbury, MN, died in February. Aaron was employed as a realtor at Re/Max Results.

**Albert J. Anderson**, '61, of Minnetonka, MN, passed away this past year. Albert taught for 35 years in the Duluth and Robbinsdale public schools.

**Helmi Anderson**, of Hermantown MN, died in July. Helmi graduated from Duluth State Teachers College. She was employed at J.C. Penney and at Garon Knitting Mill.

**Verena M. L. (Swanstrom) Atkins**, of Pike Lake, MN, died in August. Verna was a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College before working for the Social Security Administration at its inception

during the Depression. Later, she worked at the War Production Board during World War II, Brown and Bigelow Advertising, the Letter Shop, and Olafson-Genereau Realty. **Marjorie Austin**, '42 and '59, of Enid, OK, died in October. Her broad range of experiences included working as a nurse, establishing the first school for training psychiatric assistants in Minnesota, being listed in the "Who's Who of American Women," and serving as the associate dean for UMD's School of Business and Economics until her retirement in 1986.

**Richard Beck**, '70 and '93, passed away in March. Richard worked as a safety director for Ruan Trucking in Rogers, MN.

**Stephen E. Bolf**, '69, of Duluth, passed away in September. Stephen served in the Army before marrying Mary Louise Kall in 1973. He worked as the general sales manager at KBJR and later WDIO TV. Stephen was a member and served as the president of the Duluth Lake Superior Ad Club.

**Madelyn A. (Kluetsch) Bonsignore**, '42, of Fairfax, VA, died in November. Madelyn, born in Proctor, MN, was a writer, editor, lifelong social justice activist, and world traveler.

**Marguerite A. Brandenhoff**, '70, of Bloomington, MN, died in July. She initially began her career as an elementary school teacher. She worked in the computer industry and taught business classes at Normandale Community College.

**Kathleen M. Bush**, '70, of Duluth, passed away in July. Kathleen taught at Cathedral High School from 1970 to 1971 and went on to become a homebound teacher for the Hermantown and Proctor school districts. She served on the Proctor school board.

**Mary A. Camp**, '61, of Lake Elsinore, CA, passed away in March. Mary was a teacher in Los Angeles for 33 years.

**Jessie L. (Schelin) Campbell**, a graduate of the Duluth Teachers College, passed away in October. Jessie taught in a rural school district until her marriage to William Campbell in 1926. The couple later made their home in Washington.

**Arlene E. Clay**, '57 of Duluth, died in August. During her 30-year teaching career she taught in Minnesota and Florida.

**Jeff Frahm**, '86, died in February. Jeff lived in Silver Bay, MN nearly his entire life. He and his wife Renee were married in 1990.

**Elsie Fenstad**, of Little Marais, MN, died in August. Elsie, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College, taught grades one through eight. After World War II, Elsie and her husband, Arthur Fenstad, operated Art's Cabins in Little Marais until 1980. Elsie taught during the 1960s and retired in the mid-1970s.

**Karen Gabler**, '95, ME '00, died in April. Karen was committed to educating children and assisting working parents in raising their children. She worked as an assistant professor in UMD's Department of Education, as the director of the Positive Operations for Youth program and as an early childhood educator at Lakeview Christian Academy.

**Wendell Glick**, who became internationally known as a Thoreau scholar while imparting his broad knowledge of literature to UMD students for more than 30 years, died at his home in Duluth in July. He was 87.

**Roger J. Gordon**, MA '62, of Duluth, died in July. Roger served in the Army during the Korean War. He later graduated from Bemidji State University and UMD. Roger and his wife, Dorothy Livingston, were married in 1958. Roger was an elementary school principal for 32 years before his retirement in 1993. In 1986, he received the National Distinguished Principals Award. May 22, 1986 and June 8, 1993 were declared Roger Gordon Day by the governor and mayor to celebrate Roger's many accomplishments.



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Two new programs will be offered this spring to UMD alumni. Once a month, UMD will send UMD VIEW, a brief e-mail newsletter to alumni and friends. Beginning in summer of 2004, the UMD alumni web page will give former students access to an on-line alumni directory. It's a great way to stay connected.

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**Jerrold T. Hanson**, '56, MA '61, of Ohio City, CO, passed away in August. Jerrold taught in Minnesota before joining the faculty of Western State University and served as chairman of the Department of Education. In 1988, Jerrold was named dean of graduate studies and chair of the division of education at Peru State College. In 1995, he joined the faculty at Western New Mexico University to serve as interim dean of education and later returned to Peru State to serve as interim dean of education. Jerrold and his wife, DeAnn, were married for 41 years.

**Irja A. Hautaluoma**, of Esko, MN, passed away in January. Irja, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College and her husband were married in 1932. She lived in Ishpeming, MI, Crosby, Deer River, and Esko MN.

**Lloyd R. Hawley**, '42, of Duluth, died in June. Lloyd and his wife, Carroll, were married in 1944, just before Lloyd was shipped overseas to serve under General Patton in World War II. After the war, Lloyd was a member of the Duluth Symphony for many years and later opened the Hawley Music store.

**Ann (Sullivan) Houghton**, '57, died in August. Ann was a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Convent and Pine Manor Junior College. Ann was a district manager with H&R Block in Burlington, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

**Klaus P. Jankofsky**, UMD English professor and expert in Medieval literature, Shakespeare, and modern Arthurian literature passed away in November. Jankofsky taught at UMD for many years and in 1996, an anonymous donor established the Klaus P. Jankofsky Medieval-Renaissance Lecture Fund in his honor.

**Sheila M. Jauhola**, '70, Duluth, died in June. Sheila was a substitute teacher and tutor in the Duluth and Proctor schools and later worked for J.C. Penney.

**Earl D. Johnson**, '40, formerly of Two Harbors, died in April. Earl served in the Army during World War II. He was employed as a mortician in the Twin Cities and California before retiring to Mesa, AZ.

**Floyd T. Johnsen**, '49, of Duluth, passed away in August. Floyd served in World War II and later married his wife, Kathryn. Floyd was the past president of several organizations including the Henry A. Anderson Agency, Inc., Duluth Regional Care Center, Mended Hearts, and Gichie Gumme Kiwanis Club. He was a driving force in creating the first group home in Duluth for the mentally retarded. Floyd was a Hickson Award recipient for his volunteer work.

**Irene S. Johnson**, a Duluth State Teachers College graduate, died in March. Irene, a Chisholm, MN, resident since 1946, taught elementary education in Finlayson, Chisholm, Bear River, Orr, and Alango.

**Ronald D. Johnson**, '57 and MA '66, a Finland, MN, resident since 1980, died in May. Ronald served in the Army during the Korean War. Ron was an art teacher at William Kelley High School in Silver Bay.

**James J. Kaim**, '56, of Side Lake, MN, passed away in September. Before attending UMD, James served in the United States Marine Corps and was married to Mary McHardy. After graduation, James served as a commercial lender with the First National Bank of Chisolm. He also served on the Hibbing City Council and as the treasurer for the Township of French.

**Albert C. Kane**, '33, of Duluth, passed away in January. Albert and RoseAnn Feinstein were married in 1939. Albert worked at Walgreen Company of Chicago and in 1946 he joined U.S. Steel, working at the steel mill, the iron mining division, and the fleet operation. He was also in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

**Cara L. Kolosky**, '90, of Cloquet, MN, died in June. After graduating from UMD, Cara went on to receive her master's degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Superior. Cara established four assisted living homes in the Cloquet and Duluth areas. She also worked as a consultant for Carlton County Human Services.

**Muriel E. Kosiak**, '52, of Two Harbors, died in October. Muriel worked as a teacher in Brandon, International Falls, and Duluth. She and her husband, William, were married in 1951 and worked with many others to establish the Community Health Center.

**Paul J. LaTour**, '63, a resident of Duluth, died in July. Before his retirement in 1997, Paul was an environmental supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

**Arthur J. Letourneau, Jr.**, '49, of Duluth, died in August. While serving in the Army during World War II, Arthur taught business and algebra at the 386th Regimental School. After he was discharged, Arthur graduated from UMD and married his wife, Jeanette Flynn. He worked for the DM&IR Railroad and as a business education instructor for the St. Louis County schools.

**Anne L. Mason**, '35, of Boise, Idaho, died in March. Anne was the oldest surviving child born to immigrant parents from Finland. Anne taught in Bemidji, MN and later in California.

**Edward W. Maher**, '42, of Glenwood, MN, died in July. After graduating from UMD, Edward earned his master's degree in administration from the University of Minnesota-TC and worked in the Cloquet schools.

**Paul Monson**, UMD Biology professor for 32 years, died in August. He served as the curator of the Olga Lakela Herbarium and over the years collected 6000 specimens, roughly 10% of the herbarium's collection.

**Louise R. Muller**, '62, of Grand Rapids, MN, died in May. Louise graduated from UMD with a teaching degree and went on to teach in the Grand Rapids school district.

**Eugene Neil**, '68, formerly of Two Harbors, died in April. Eugene served in the Army during World War II. He worked for Cooperative Light and Power. He also served on the Lake Superior School District Board of Education.

**Steven E. Novack**, '79 and '82, passed away in December of 2002. Steven worked as a social worker for St. Louis County. He was the president of the Figley Field Institute.

**Peter J. Oppel**, '66, of Lake Nicholas, MN, died in July. After graduation, Peter entered the Air Force, serving in Vietnam. Peter then worked as an economist for the State of Minnesota and later Minnesota Power. Peter was a member of both the Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota Workforce Investment Boards.

**Lempi (Erickson) Pagnucco**, '22, of New York, passed away in April. Lempi and her husband, John Pagnucco, were married for 69 years. Lempi and John's passion for mineralogy was channeled into The Pagnucco Mineral Collection at UMD.

**Edward A. Palcich**, '38, of Hibbing, died in March. Edward graduated from the Duluth State Teachers College. He completed his graduate work at the University of Minnesota-TC and the University of Montana. While in the Army, Edward was selected to assist in establishing the first United States blood bank in the Southwest Pacific.

**Kathryn (Wall) Pearson**, '92, of Duluth, died in August. After graduating from UMD, Kathryn received her registered nursing degree at Northland Community College in Minneapolis. She worked as a telephone triage nurse at SMDC.

**Alma Pederson**, '33, of Duluth, died in August. Alma and her husband, Carl, were married in 1935. She was a teacher for the former Jackson School, a caseworker for the former Family Welfare Society, the public relations director for the Duluth YWCA and director of the West Duluth Clinic.

**Robert A. Petersen**, '86, of Duluth, died in August. Robert and his wife, Darlene, were married in 1975. Robert worked for Davidson Printing, Art Craft Display, the Duluth Transit Authority, Lake Superior Paper, and most recently, as a supervisor for the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. He was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Gold Wing Touring Association, and Lake Superior Honda Group.

**Alta Beckett Quinn**, a graduate of the Duluth Normal School, died in March. Alta resided in Duluth. She taught in many Minnesota schools and the Northwoods Children's Home.

**Lois (Konshok) Reini**, '41, and MA '57, passed away in July. Even before receiving her bachelor and master's degrees in education, Lois was teaching in Bemidji, MN. After receiving her degrees, she taught elementary school in the Duluth Public Schools.

**Clara A. Robinson**, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College, passed away in August. Clara, of Burnett, MN, began teaching in a school located in a logging camp. Her teaching career spanned nearly 40 years, until her retirement in 1982.

**Joseph T. Rogina**, '49, a Superior, WI, resident, died in May. Joseph's bachelor's degree was in biology and industrial arts. He received his master's degree in educational administration from the UWS. Joseph served in World War II as an Army military policeman. He worked as a biology and industrial arts teacher and student counsel advisor at Superior's Central High School. He was inducted into the Superior School District's Educational Hall of Fame.

**Sharon A. Roseen-Dillingham**, '76, a resident of Duluth for 26 years and a recent resident of Minneapolis, died in May. Sharon worked at the Duluth Clinic and UMD for many years. Sharon also worked with children at Patches and the Chum Center, several out-reach programs in Duluth. Sharon and her husband, Rick, were married in 2003.

**Joann E. (Williams) Saaf**, '77 and '80, a resident of Duluth, died in July. Joann and her husband, Dwight Saaf, were married in 1973. Joann worked for the Duluth Police Force and then in the Registration Office at UMD while she earned her bachelor's degree in criminology.

**Pauline E. (Wiechman) Schendel**, '74, died in August. She was a volunteer for the Life Care Center and a long time member of Morning Star-Fellowship. Pauline and her husband, Herbert Schendel, were married in 1952 in Cosmos, MN.

**Troy A. Sikkink**, '99, of Duluth, died in February. Troy was set to graduate from medical school in May and planned to go to work as a general surgeon. Troy and his wife Eileen were married in 1997.

**Thomas H. Stowe**, '60, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, died in February. Thomas was a former Air Force Reserves fighter pilot and captain with United Airlines. Thomas leaves behind a 20-year chili party legacy. Each year on the first weekend in October, he opened his home to dozens of neighbors and friends to participate in a chili-recipe contest.

**William T. Strang**, '51, of Duluth, died in May. William and his wife, "Ginny," were married in 1952. William worked as a rate administrator for Minnesota Power.

**Thomas O. Stromquist** '92, of Minneapolis, died in January. Thomas was a Troop 15 eagle scout, and served as a sergeant in the 148th Fighter Wing of the Minnesota Air National Guard. He worked for BendTec in Duluth.

**Hildur Swanson**, a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College, passed away in early 2003.

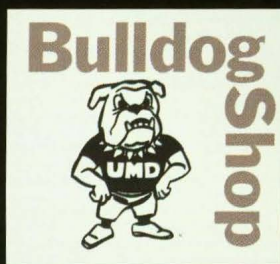
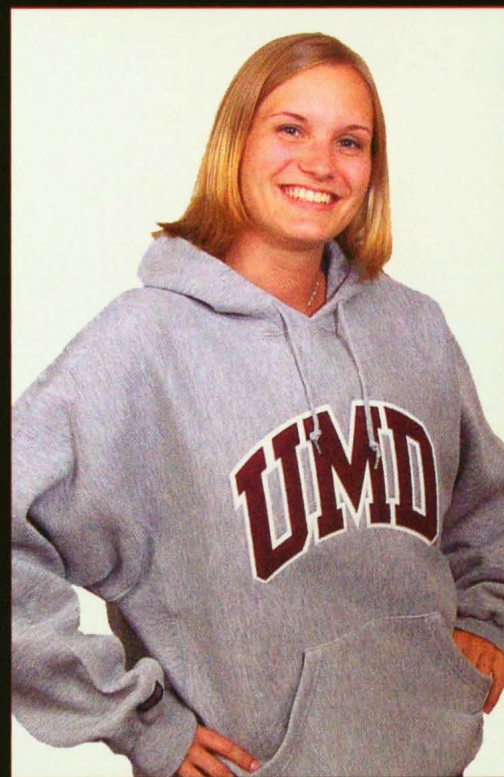
**Gerald J. Waldholm**, '84, of Proctor, MN, died in July. Gerald was admitted to the bar as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota in 1988 and admitted as attorney and counselor of District Court in 1991. He served as a legal arbitrator. Gerald also served on the board of directors for the Eleventh Judicial District Bar Association and was involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**Guy H. M. Warren**, '33, of Duluth, died in September. While attending Duluth State Teachers College, Guy won \$2 for entering and winning a school newspaper contest naming the school hockey team the Bulldogs. After graduating, Guy earned his master and specialist degrees in education at Superior State University (now the University of Wisconsin, Superior). Guy and his wife, Theo, were married for 72 years.

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