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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

A number of you wrote to me about the proposed merger of speech-communication and journalism. Some of you wrote to the CLA dean, as well. Dean Rosenstone announced in late January that he would NOT recommend a merger of our two departments. Instead, he is proposing the creating of a School of Journalism and Communication. One unit within that school would be labeled "communication studies," and would include several mass media subject areas, but also areas such as interpersonal and intercultural communication. Dean Rosenstone has told us that he has no plans for the new SJC to duplicate what we do; rather, he regards the listing of those areas as a way of holding the door open for any members of our department who may wish at some future time to seek a closer affiliation (including possible transfer of faculty lines) with the School to do so. For their part, the present faculty in journalism indicate no desire to have those areas as part of their academic responsibility. The department of speech-communication will remain a separate and integral unit for the foreseeable future.

I feel that our viability as an independent department will be further enhanced by the "self-survey"/external committee review process which is going on just now. We completed our self-survey in mid January, and the external review committee (Ellen Wartella from Texas; Bob Sanders from SUNY Buffalo; Joe Cappella from Annenberg East) visited us on February 5 and 6. The committee's report will be prepared over the next three months, but various remarks made by committee members indicate that they were generally positive about our accomplishments, and were very impressed by the enthusiasm for the department expressed by our graduate and undergraduate students. Our surveys of past and present students, conducted last November by mail and in class, show high levels of satisfaction with our course offerings and quality of teaching. We have much about which to be pleased, and just as much about which to be proud. That certainly includes our alumni! Thanks for your support over the years, and for your many accomplishments, which benefit us greatly when we're reviewed, even though the ultimate credit certainly belongs to you.

Don

SENIOR FACULTY

Last November, Rosita Albert presented a paper on the Development and Validation of an Intercultural Sensitizer for Facilitating Intercultural Communication at the "East-West Communication: Challenges for the New Century" conference held at the David C. Lam Institute in Hong Kong.

A chapter by Esther Yook (Ph.D. 1996), Rosita Albert and graduate student Inah Ha on Korean/African American stereotypes has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming volume about Korean/African American socio-economic conflict to be edited by M. Asante and E.J. Min and published by University Press of America.

J. Vernon Jensen's book review of Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela appeared in The Howard Journal of Communications, Vol. 8, No. 4 (Oct.-Dec. 1997).

Amy Sheldon has been invited by President Mark Yudof to be in the inaugural group of the Faculty Ambassador Program because of her expertise, reputation and well-documented communication skills. Faculty Ambassadors will share their expertise with diverse stakeholders and civic groups in the state of Minnesota. Her recent publications include:

- Sheldon, A. 1997. Talking Power: Girls, Gender Enculturation and Discourse. In R. Wodak (Ed.). Gender and Discourse, 225-244. London: Sage.
- Sheldon, A. and D. Johnson. 1998. Preschool negotiators: Gender Differences in double-voice discourse as a conflict talk style in early childhood. In J. Cheshire and P. Trudgill (Eds.). The Sociolinguistics Reader. Vol. 2 (Gender and Discourse), 76-99. London: Edward Arnold.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Sue Weber will present "Benefit or Burden: The Use of Parliamentary Evidence Briefs in Preparing Students for an Enlightened Debate" at the Central States Speech Convention to be held April 1-4, 1998 in Chicago, IL.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

Robert Brookey

"Re-inventing the male homosexual:

The rhetoric and power of the 'gay gene'"

Advisers: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell & Jacquelyn N. Zita

Jennifer McGee

"Net of a Million Lies: Rhetoric and Community on
Three Usenet Newsgroups"

Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

ALUMNI NEWS

Sara Hayden (Ph.D. 1994) received the B. Aubrey Fisher Award for her article "Re-Claiming Bodies of Knowledge: An Exploration of the Relationships Between Feminist Theorizing and Feminine Style in the Rhetoric of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective" published in the Spring, 1997 issue of the Western Journal of Communication.

Jonathan Hess (Ph.D. 1996) was the recipient of the 1998 Interpersonal Dissertation Award.

Elayne Shapiro (Ph.D. 1993) was awarded tenure at the University of Portland.

Shinobu Suzuki (Ph.D. 1994) has accepted the position as an associate professor in the Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan.

Marsha Vanderford (Ph.D. 1982) and David Smith's book The Silicone Breast Implant Story was recently published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

Thank you for your "bits and pieces" for COMPOSTING. Next Issue: March, 1998.

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SENIOR FACULTY

On June 19, 1998 ROSITA ALBERT will make a presentation on Brazilian culture at the Brazil and Minnesota Symposium organized by the Minnesota International Center. She will also be on sabbatical leave next year and will be spending her year as a visiting scholar in the Psychology Department, Harvard University.

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL has been voted chair of the CLA Assembly for the 1998-99 academic year.

AMY SHELDON along with Joan Backenko of Linguistic Technologies has received a \$191,807.00 grant from Technology Partnership Fund, Minnesota Technology, Inc. to work on solving some problems in speech-to-text processing.

DAVID RARICK will be on sabbatical leave next year doing research in the areas of media ethics and new communication technologies.

MARY VAVRUS (co-editor with Catherine Warren from North Carolina State University) has signed a book contract from University of Illinois Press for Across Disciplines and beyond Boundaries: Tracking American Cultural Studies.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

ROBERT BROOKEY has co-authored with Udo Schuklenk (Monash University) an article entitled "Biomedical Research on Sexual Orientation: Researchers Taking Our Chances in Homophobic Societies" which will appear in an upcoming edition of the Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

BROOKEY also had the article "Keeping A Good Wo-man Down: Normalizing Deborah Sampson Gannett" accepted which will appear in an upcoming edition of Communication Studies.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

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"Culture and Communication:
Styles of Handling Interpersonal Conflict Among
Koreans and Americans"
Adviser: Rosita Albert

Recent Ph.D. Degrees (continued)

BARBARA KAPPLER

“Refining Intercultural Perspective-Taking”

Co-advisers: Donald R. Browne & Michael Paige (Education)

TAMMY SWENSEN LEPPER

“Using Cognitive Maps to Assess Ethical Sensitivity
for Ethical issues Related to Organizational Communication”

Adviser: David L. Rarick

CATHERINE ORR

“Representing Women/Disciplining Feminism:
Activism, Professionalism, and Women’s Studies”

Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Recent M.A. Degrees

JOSHUA GUNN

“The Rhetoric of Gothic Subculture”

Adviser: Robert L. Scott

GRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WENDY BJORKLUND, 1 yr. term position, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.

BASMA IBRAHIM, 1 yr. full time associate faculty, Concordia College, St. Paul, MN.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

SARAH STREITZ, a senior in the Dept. of Speech-Communication is traveling to Guatemala on June 16, 1998. She will be teaching English for 10 weeks (as well as giving tetanus shots). Sarah is also the winner of three prestigious undergraduate awards: the Selmer Birkelo Award, the Marguerite Garden Jones Award and the Presidential Leadership and Service Award.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Marguerite Garden Jones Graduate and Undergraduate Awards

William Wittkopf, Graduate Award
Sarah Streitz, Undergraduate Award

The George Montgomery and Anna Florence Frizelle Reid Memorial Award

Naomi Rockler

The Arle and Billy Haeberle Graduate Student Award

Shannon Skarphol Kaml

The Stuart A. Lindman Broadcasting Award

Sundae Rae Bean

Undergraduate Speech Association Award

(through generosity of Harold Stassen)
Christi Linehan

Robert L. Scott Book Award

Les Opatz

Graduate Student Supplemental Research Funds

Wendy Bjorklund

Graduate Student Travel Funds

Robert Brookey, Karyl Daughters, Christine Garlough, Michael Mackey, Jennifer McGee, Lisa Millhous, Angela Ray, Naomi Rockler, Shannon Skarphol Kaml, Elizabeth Weber, Susan Wildermuth

Your editors wish you all a relaxing, fun-filled summer. Next COMMPOST will feature alumni news on so please continue to submit those "bits and pieces" to your editor.

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ALUMNI EDITION

MOYA BALL (Ph.D. 1988) just completed a chapter titled, "Ernest G. Bormann: Roots, Revelations, and Results of Symbolic Convergence Theory," to be published in a book edited by ANDREW KING (Ph.D. 1968) and Jim Kuypers. She also presented a paper, "Political Language and Lyndon B. Johnson's Search for a Honorable Peace" at a conference of the International Society for Political Psychology. The paper will be featured in a forthcoming book.

CHARLES BANTZ (M.A. 1973), Vice Provost, Arizona State University, presented "Technological Challenges and Strategies" at the Universities Project Symposium Perspectives on Autonomy: Academic Systems, Goals and Social Responsibilities, in Salzburg, Austria. This project supports the development of Central and Eastern European Universities as their countries make the transition to democracy.

GRETCHEN BARBATSIS (Ph.D. 1979), Michigan State University, was asked to serve as a faculty member for the National Doctoral Honors Seminars inaugurated by NCA this year. The three seminars sponsored for 1998 are devoted to mass communication, interpersonal/organizational communication, and rhetoric and are hosted by Northwestern University. Her mass communication seminar colleagues include Sam Becker (U of Iowa), Bob Avery (U of Utah), and Thom McCain (Ohio State).

SANDRA BERKOWITZ (Ph.D. 1994), Wayne State University, had the lead article "Empathy and the 'other': Challenging U.S. Jewish Ideology" appear in Communication Studies, 1997. The article is based on her dissertation, completed under the direction of Karlyn Kohrs Campbell. She also had a piece "Transforming the Quest for Meaning: A Case Study in Public Argument (co-authored with graduate students J.P. Zompetti & S. Aonuma) published in the recent proceedings of the 1997 NCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation.

DOUGLAS BOYD (Ph.D. 1972) continues his world travels. Experienced though he is, he got kicked out of Syria this summer because the Syrian authorities found his passport "out of order." Since he had taken an intercity taxi from Amman, Jordan, and was turned back at the Syrian border, it was a long, hot ride.

DAWN BRAITHWAITE (Ph.D. 1988) is now president-elect of the Western Speech Communication Association.

BARRY BRUMMETT (Ph.D. 1978) will be receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in November, 1998.

J. LOUIS CAMPBELL, (Ph.D. 1978) Associate Professor at Penn State, Altoona Campus is working on the final two chapters of his public speaking textbook which will be going to press soon. He is also gearing up to add technology to his public speaking and small group classes claiming that he is a little slow when it comes to things like Power Point presentations. What ever happened to a piece of chalk and a blackboard?

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL (Ph.D. 1968) was one of the Honors Faculty for the Rhetoric section of the Doctoral Honors Seminar sponsored by NCA held at Northwestern University July 29-August 2. Her senior colleagues were Tom Benson (Penn State), Tom Goodnight (Northwestern), and Bruce Gronbeck (Univ of Iowa). Naomi Rockler was one of our graduate students who was selected to participate.

CYNTHIA CARVER (Ph.D. 1994), Associate Professor and Chair of the Speech Communication and Theatre Department at Concordia College-Moorhead was asked to serve as a guest editor for a special edition of the National Forensics Association Journal which will be dedicated to research related to wellness and forensics. She also was elected this spring to the National Council of the American Forensics Association.

JUDY CHAYER (M.A. 1986) continues to work as an independent consultant subcontracting with The Wilson Learning Center, one of the world's largest training organizations. Past clients include ECOLAB, Honeywell, Norwest Mortgage, and Hubbard Broadcasting.

JAMES CHESEBRO (Ph.D. 1972), Indiana State University, is the new editor of Critical Studies of Mass Communication.

ADRIENNE CHRISTIANSEN (Ph.D. 1990), Macalester College, has been named Project Director for a \$330,000 3-year grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation. The grant will help Macalester faculty transform teaching and learning using computer technology.

ROBBIN CRABTREE's (Ph.D. 1992), New Mexico State University, article "Mutual Empowerment in Cross-Cultural Participatory Development and Service-Learning: Lessons in Communication and Social Justice from Projects in El Salvador and Nicaragua" was published in the recent Journal of Applied Communication Research. She, along with L.A. Ford, also wrote the chapter "Communicating about emerging infectious diseases in the borderlands: hantavirus education for rural, border and migranta populations" which appeared in Border Health: Research and Practice on the U.S.-Mexico Boarder. Editors: J.G. Power & T. Byrd.

SISTER SHARON DEI (Ph.D. 1989) will resume teaching at St. Augustine's Major Seminary, Jos, Nigeria after spending the last year in Pittsburgh caring for her ill Mother. (If anyone has extra textbooks in the areas of intercultural communication, public speaking, and electronic media they would like to donate to her mission please contact Bea Dehler, your COMMPOST editor for her mailing address.)

KIM ANDREW ELLIOTT (Ph.D. 1979), for the past year or so, has been a host of a Voice of America weekly program dealing with all sorts of occurrences at all sorts of radio stations around the world. He gets lots of listener response.

GUSTAV W. FRIEDRICH (B.A. 64) University of Oklahoma, was named a Presidential Professor. He also received the Kenneth E. Crook Faculty Award from the College of Liberal Studies.

BILLY GOLFUS (M.A. 1989) has won a Guggenheim Fellowship in the category of screen writing for 1998. Although this award is for overall accomplishment, it specifically recognizes the merit of Billy's documentary, "When Billy Broke His Head ... and other tales of wonder." In addition he has won for 1998 a script development grant from the Independent Television Service.

MITCHELL HAMMER (Ph.D. 1982), American University, advised the Japanese government during the Peru crisis situation last year that lasted over two months. His edited book (with Dr. Randall G. Rogan and Clinton Van Zandt) Dynamic Processes of Crisis Negotiation was awarded "Best Book of 1997" at the June, 1998 annual conference of the International Association of Conflict Management in Washington D.C.

ROBERT HARIMAN (Ph.D. 1979) co-edited with Francis A. Beer Post-Realism: the Rhetorical Turn in International Relations, Michigan State University Press, 1996.

SARA HAYDEN, (Ph.D. 1994) University of Montana, was promoted to associate professor. She also received the B. Aubrey Fisher Outstanding Journal Article Award and the University of Montana faculty prize for Outstanding Research or Creative Activities in the Study of Women or Gender. These awards were in recognition of the article, "Re-claiming Bodies of Knowledge: An Exploration of the Relationship between Feminist Theorizing and Feminine Style in the Rhetoric of the Boston Women's Health Collective," which appeared in the spring 1997 edition of the Western Journal of Communication.

LAURIE HAYES (B.A. 1966), Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies at Colorado State University, is busy organizing a NCA panel with alums JOLENE KOESTER (Ph.D. 1980) and MARLENE FINE (M.A. 1972) and others on "Speech Women in Higher Educational Administration."

LANCE HAYNES (Ph.D. 1982) was promoted to professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

JONATHAN HESS (Ph.D. 1998), Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, presented "An Ancient Idea Whose Time Has Come: An Ethic of Civility for Communication In Interpersonal Relationships" at the Fifth National Communication Ethics Conference, Hickory Corners, MI.

YOSHIHISA "SAM" ITABA (Ph.D. 1995) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Kanda University of International Studies, Tokyo, Japan.

KATHERINE KELLEY (Ph.D. 1989) will continue teaching for one more year at Akita, Japan, Minnesota State University Campus located in Northern Japan.

HELGA KESSLER (M.A. 1982) works as a Public Relations/Public Service Manager for the City of St. Paul Water Division.

ANDREW KING (Ph.D. 1968) is beginning a term as editor of the Quarterly Journal of Speech. He is also department chair at Louisiana State University.

JAMES KLUMPP (Ph.D. 1973) is now President of the American Forensic Association for the next two years. His edited volume Argument in a Time of Change which is the proceedings of the 1997 Alta Conference on Argumentation is now available from NCA.

JOLENE KOESTER (Ph.D. 1980) continues to be completely engaged in her work as provost at California State University - Sacramento. Ron Lustig and she have a third edition of their textbook Intercultural Competence coming out within the next month.

BECKY SWANSON KROLL (Ph.D. 1981) has moved from Senior Project Associate at Rainbow Research to a full time position as a Trial Consultant at the National Jury Project, the oldest trial consultant firm in the country. She continues to work with JEREMY ROSE (Ph.D. 1994) who is also a trial consultant.

TIM KUHN (M.A. 1995), currently working on his Ph.D. at Arizona State University, had an article "The Discourse of Issues Management: A Genre of Organizational Communication" published in a recent edition of Communication Quarterly. This article began in Speech 5-615 course, was revised in R. L. Scott's rhetoric seminar and uses the U-2000 campaign that he worked on when he worked in Morrill Hall, all at the U of MN.

JAMES KUSHNER (Ph.D. 1976) recently visited Folwell Hall for the first time since graduation. He says he missed Minnesota and we know he does. In his position as Asian-Pacific Market Research and Product Development Director for R.J. Reynolds, he lives in Malaysia and commutes weekly to his office in Hong Kong, where there may be no ice fishing but where there are other compensations.

ROBERT LITTLEFIELD's (Ph.D. 1983) book Voices on the Prairie: Bringing Speech and Theatre to North Dakota has been published by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies.

JANE LOEB (M.A. 1988) is assistant director of marketing at Eddie Bauer world headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

RICH McCLEAR (M.A. 1975) has one of the more interesting jobs on the planet -- helping democracy-minded groups in the Balkans and Central Europe establish and maintain radio stations that provide alternative sources to official government stations. It's a particularly tough job in places such as Serbia, Croatia, Albania and the Slovak Republic, but Rich and his wife Suzie have been doing it for a few years now, and have been declared "persona non grata" only a few times!

JENNIFER McGEE (Ph.D. 1998) has accepted a one year assistant professor position at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.

KAREN MUSOLF'S (Ph.D. 1994) book From Plymouth to Parliament: A Rhetorical History of Nancy Astor's 1919 Campaign is scheduled for publication by St. Martin's Press later this year.

LIZ PAISNER (M.A. 1990) is in charge of Community Relations for Eddie Bauer in Seattle, Washington.

PATRICIA PALMERTON (Ph.D. 1984) received the Burton and Ruth Grimes Outstanding Teacher Award of the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts at Hamline University. She is also now Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts and Communication Studies.

SEAN PIVEC (B.A. 1993) recently completed his M.A. degree in Telecommunications Studies from Penn State University. Since graduation he has been working for GTE Network Services in a management training program which provides him with supervisory experience in Texas, Missouri and Washington state in various operations including local and long distance telephone and digital cable television.

LAURINDA WRIGHT PORTER (Ph.D. 1981), St. Cloud State University, is researching American Indian Communication developing a speciality in Lakota/Dakota communication. In her spare time she designs and creates Lakota ceremonial items, dance clothing, and artifact reproductions which she sells at powwows.

JAMES PRATT (Ph.D. 1971) along with his wife Ila June Brown, Assoc. Professor of Music, UW-River Falls presented a paper entitled "Folksong in the Modern World: Indo-Trinidadian Chutney" at an international conference which celebrated the centenary of the founding of the Folk Song Society in 1898. The conference was held at the University of Sheffield, England.

LINDA PUTNAM (Ph.D. 1976) returned from Israel where she attended the ICA Convention and was inaugurated as President-elect of the International Communication Association. She will be planning the 1999 conference in San Francisco. She also was appointed as Director of the Program on Conflict and Dispute Resolution in the Center for Public Leadership Studies, part of the George Bush School of Government and Public Affairs.

DONALD RUBIN (Ph.D. 1978) was plenary speaker at the 3rd annual meeting of the Ukrainian Teachers of English, in Vinnytsia, Ukraine last January. Even six years in Minneapolis did not prepare him for the experience of wearing topcoat and hat and watching his breath freeze in an auditorium barely heated above freezing. He is department chair at the University of Georgia.

YUJI SATO (M.A. 1994) has accepted a new associate professor position in the Dept. of English at Kumamoto Gakuan University teaching public speaking, small group communication, and intercultural communication.

BARBARA SHARF (Ph.D. 1976) accepted a new position as professor at Texas A & M University in the Department of Speech-Communication and the Department of Humanities in Medicine.

JUDY SIMS (Ph.D. 1990) was selected as one of 75 educators to attend the International Radio and Television Society Foundation Faculty/Industry Seminar, "The Impact of Media on Children." She was also a member of the winning case study team that received the Stephen H. Coltrin Award for Excellence in Communications Education. Her article "Communication Consultants as Sensemakers: Applying the Team Metaphor" was accepted for publication in the 1998 Pennsylvania Speech Communication Annual.

SHELLEY SMITH's (Ph.D. 1997) recent publications include "Ethics in Intercultural and Diversity Training: A Guiding Perspective" in the Journal of the Northwest Communication Association and "Application of Intercultural Communication Theory and Training to the Teaching of Culture" (chapter 4) with Michael Page and Inge Steglitz. This chapter will appear in Transforming Second Language Education: Making Culture the Core by Dale L. Lange, Editor. Shelley will be an assistant professor at Mankato State University starting this fall.

INGE STEGLITZ (Ph.D. 1993) has been promoted to assistant director of the Office of Study Abroad at Michigan State University.

NATHAN STORMER (Ph.D. 1997) just completed a research trip to Minnesota's Owen H. Wangensteen Historical Medical History Library for a book on medical rhetoric about abortion from 1880 to 1973. The study was funded by the Women in the Curriculum/Women's Studies Program at the University of Maine.

SHINOBU SUZUKI (Ph.D. 1994) accepted an associate professor position at Hokkaido University, Japan. Her article "In-Group and Out-Group Communication Patterns in International Organizations: Implications for Social Identity Theory" appeared in the April, 1998 issue of Communication Research.

MARSHA VANDERFORD (Ph.D. 1982) has been promoted to professor at University of South Florida.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The ICA meeting held in Jerusalem July 20-24, 1998 was well attended by old Gophers that included Charles Bantz, Douglas Boyd, Linda Putnam, Donald Rubin and Barbara Scharf. Akiba Cohen who was a visiting professor here in the 1980s and is now Chair at Tel Aviv University, was the local host. Former Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner Shimon Peres was the keynote speaker.

At about the same time two alums from the University of St. Thomas, THOMAS ENDRES (Ph.D.1986) and DEBRA PETERSEN (Ph.D. 1990) attended an international conference on organizational communication and technology held in Rome on July 15-17. The conference, "Communication: Organizing for the Future," was co-sponsored by the National Communication Association, the International Communication Association, and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy's National Research Council).

The Sixth Biennial Conference on Public Address will be held at the University of Iowa in September. A special program will recognize the work of Ernest G. Bormann with an award for distinguished service to the profession. Alumni and other speech folks presenting papers include:

"Framing Feminism: Women's Liberation in the News:
BONNIE JEAN DOW (Ph.D. 1990)

ISSUE SESSION: The Visual Representation of Politics
Panel Chair: ROBERT L. SCOTT

PLENARY SESSION: Visual Rhetoric and Public Address
Chair and discussion leader: ROBERT D. HARIMAN (Ph.D. 1979)

Alumni planning to present papers at the 1998 Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender Conference this October in Maine include:

"Dress Reform: A Mid-Century Avenue Toward Equality"
KATHLEEN TORRENS (Ph.D. 1997)

"All My Life I've Wanted to Be Good: the Rhetoric of Mary Fisher, Aids Activist"
JENNIFER MCGEE (Ph.D. 1998)

"Francis Wright: A New Aspasia or a Priestess of Beelzebub?"
KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL (Ph.D. 1968)

"Embodied Humanism: Performative Argument for Natural Rights in the Solitude Self"
NATHAN STORMER (Ph.D. 1997)

“Diet, Don’t Riot: A Discourse Analysis of Women’s Communication About Their Bodies”
CHARLOTTE KROLOKKE (Ph.D. 1996)

BETH HASLETT (Ph.D. 1971) will participate in a round table discussion on “Phases in the Life of an Academic Woman” and BONNIE JEAN DOV! (Ph.D. 1990) will serve as respondent to the “Construction (Deconstruction) of Identities through Visual Discourse” paper presentations.

WHAT ARE THE EMERITUS FACULTY ARE DOING?

ERNEST BORMANN is writing some non-fiction that includes a book chapter on Huey Long and a book with ASAKO UEHARA (Ph.D. 1986) about communication in Japan America. He is also writing some fiction including The Mystery of the Ghost Herd and is looking for an agent. When he is not on the U of MN golf course getting lots of strokes for his money, he works on his lawn, sits on his porch rocking, and is taking it easy.

J. VERNON JENSEN continues to research communication ethics and was honored at a reception at the Fifth National Communication Ethics Conference last May. In his spare time he continues to golf and play tennis. Recently he and his grandson Dan Kantar finished 2nd in their section of the Senior Tennis Club Grandparent/Grandchild Tournament.

WILLIAM HOWELL continues to play table tennis and recently has added golf to his list of interests. Every afternoon after an hour of table tennis he goes to the putting greens and tries for that hole in one. At age 84 he continues to enjoy watching tennis on tv, keeps up with the Minnesota Twins, and reads the New Yorker and Time magazines. Both he and his wife Jessie are in good health and good spirits and greet all the alumni who remember them.

GEORGE SHAPIRO has gained expertise in marking items with color coded dots (what to keep and what not to keep), packing boxes, carrying boxes, and unpacking boxes. He and Jan sold their home on Mt. Curve Blvd. in St. Paul and are in transition as they decide where they want to live. For now they plan to live on Madeline Island during the summer and in Arizona in the winter. Fall and spring plans are being worked out.

OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Robert L. Scott Retirement Celebration has been scheduled for Friday, April 30, 1999. An afternoon reception will be held at the Weisman Art Museum and the evening dinner will be at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Additional information will be forthcoming. (Warning! The calendar indicates a full moon that night.)

GRADUATE STUDENTS

CHRISTINE GARLOUGH's article "South Asian Street Plays and Feminist Resistance: Promoting Change Through Cultural Performance" was accepted for publication in the forthcoming edition of the Third World Conference Proceedings. She also presented "Rethinking Silence in Focus Group Interviews: Techniques and Implications for Communication Research" at the Southern States Communication Theory Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

SHANNON SKARPHOL KAML received a top four paper recognition from the Central States Communication Association, Communication Theory Division, for her paper "The Ideological Eye: A Literature Review of the Intersection of Vision and Ideology." She also presented "Toward the Possibility of Rhetorical Memorial."

MICHAEL TIFFANY will be teaching half time, beginning this fall, at St. Paul Academy and Summit School.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

RANDALL LEE FERGUSON

"The Anti-Revolutionary Rhetoric of Thomas Chandler,
Myles Cooper, Charles Inglis, and Samuel Seabury:
An Analysis of Metaphor"
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

SANG-CHUL LEE

"Republic of Korea President Kim Young-Sam's
Rhetoric in the 1992 Campaign and the First Year in Office:
An Institutional Study of Presidential Rhetoric in Democratization"
Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

ELIZABETH MURRAY has been selected as the recipient of the Judy Burton Scholarship for Honors Students for 1998-99 in the amount of \$2,550.

MEI-LIN KROLL's essay "My Name Is . . ." will appear in the new edition of Intercultural Competence by Jolene Koester and Ron Lustig.

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The NCA Annual Convention is just a month away as I write this, and we're looking forward to greeting a good many of you at the Minnesota party -- Saturday from 7:30 to 9 P.M. in the Hilton's Hotel's Green Room. As you're preparing for your visit to the Big Apple, where the cost of living rivals the skyline, consider donating to the department's Graduate Student Travel Fund. We'll have a sizeable contingent of our fine grad students on hand, and we'd like to be able to offset their travel expenses with a little more than we usually are able to provide. See you on the 21st, if not before.

Don

Terry Kinney and colleagues in the U of MN's Center on Speech, Equality and Harm have received a renewal of a \$20,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation (St. Paul) for their study of a series of discussions by young people about the nature of hate speech.

Edward Schiappa lectured on "Constructing Reality through Definitions: the Politics of Meaning" for the U of M's Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing & the Minor in Composition, Literacy, and Rhetoric Studies, October 8.

The summer 1998 issue of *Argumentation and Advocacy* is a special issue inspired by Robert L. Scott's 1967 essay "On Viewing Rhetoric as Epistemic." The issue looks back on the thirty years that have passed since the publication Scott's article to reflect on how the study of advocacy has changed in the last thirty years and how those changes have been facilitated by imagining rhetoric to be epistemic. The issue was edited by Robert A. Brookey and Edward Schiappa and includes essays by John Lyne, Robert Hariman, and Ron Greene, with a response by R. L. Scott.

Amy Sheldon has been working as a Co-Principal Investigator on a technology partnership grant with the Minnesota based Linguistic Technologies. She and Dr. Joan Backenko, VP for Research at LTI, are working with U of MN graduate students to analyze the nature of false starts, place holders, and repairs which impede the automatic recognition and processing of speech. They are analyzing medical reports of patient examinations phoned in by health care workers. The grant is in the amount of \$191,807 and it is funded by Minnesota Technologies, Inc.

Mary Vavrus's article "Working the Senate from the Outside In: The Mediated Construction of a Feminist Political Campaign" was published in the current edition of Critical Studies in Mass Communication, September, 1998.

On October 1st the team of Karyl Daughters, Christine Garlough, Amy L. Jester, Julie R. Mactaggart, Jennifer J. McGee, Les J. Opatz, Naomi Rockler, Edward Schiappa, Michael Tiffany, Anna C. White, & Brent Whitmore released a report titled "Squeeze Play: The Campaign for a New Twins Stadium." The report was the product of a two-quarter research seminar organized by Schiappa in winter and spring quarters 1998. The report received a fair amount of local media exposure including coverage on Minnesota Public Radio, two local t.v. stations, and in the Pioneer Press and Star-Tribune. Copies of the report were requested by the Minnesota state planning office, the state legislative reference library, and the Governor's Task Force on Sports Facilities. The report is available on-line at <http://www.com.edu/twinsreport>.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Naomi Rockler's article "From Magic Bullets to Shooting Blanks: Reality, Criticism, and Beverly Hills, 90210" has been accepted for publication in the Western Journal of Communication.

Will Wittkopf has taken a position with Lands' End in Dodgeville, WI. He will be working as a quantitative analyst in their direct marketing division. In his spare time he continues to work on his doctoral dissertation and plans to finish by June, 1999.

ALUMNI NEWS

Lisa M. Baumgartner (Ph.D. 1994) will oversee all aspects of M&R Strategic Services, a full-service government and public affairs firm representing non-profit, business, association, and political clients acting in the public interest. Her responsibilities will include expansion of M&R public relations capabilities and creating a full media training center within their Washington office.

Jonathan Helmberger (B.A. 1998) is spearheading Business Technology and Communications, Inc.'s (BTCI) electronic commerce initiative for small and medium sized businesses using Lotus and IBM e-business technology. BTCI is a Minneapolis-based Lotus Premium Business Partner celebrating their 15th anniversary this year. (Note: BTCI founder is Jerie McArthur, Ph.D. 1979.)

Sam Itaba (Ph.D. 1995) recently coauthored 20-seiki no shogen, 4 volumes (Tokyo: ALC Press), written and edited based on The Great Speeches on the 20th Century, which includes 69 English-Language speeches. He also wrote a book titled Idioms for the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) (Tokyo: Obunsha).

Jerie McArthur (Ph.D. 1979) recently gave a presentation entitled "Leadership Change" to the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Directors in Stillwater, MN.

Gregory Olson (Ph.D. 1988) and Moya Ball (Ph.D. 1988) both had chapters published in Doing Rhetorical History: Concepts and Cases, by Kathleen J. Turner, Ed. Greg's chapter is titled "The Deciding Factor: The Rhetorical Construction of Mansfield's Credibility and the Eisenhower Administration's Policy on Dienem." Moya's chapter is titled "Theoretical Implications of Doing Rhetorical History: Groupthink, Foreign Policy Making, and Vietnam."

Linda Putnam (Ph.D. 1976) is spending part of her sabbatical leave from Texas A&M University working on the Harvard Negotiation Project at Harvard Law School.

Harvey Rappaport (M.A. 1973) who joined CBS in 1974 and for the past 11 years, has been CBS Broadcast International's (CBI) Director, Production and Operations, has been named its Vice President of Operations. He will oversee all after-sales program services for CBI's extensive international client list. Harvey started as a mail clerk in 1974 and was one of the founding members of CBI when it began in 1982.

Eileen Scallen (M.A. 1983) just completed her two-year term as Associate Academic Dean of Hastings College of Law, University of California. She is spending the first four months of her sabbatical in Connemara, West Ireland, then will be spend spring semester as a visiting professor at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN teaching Evidence and Wills and Trusts.

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National Communication Association Convention Participation (Professors & Graduate Students)

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ROSITA ALBERT
- Paper: Conflict Across Ethnic Borders: An Investigation of Ethnic Stereotypes
Stereotypes Between Koreans and Blacks in Southern California
ROSITA ALBERT with
EUNKYONG YOON, James Madison University & INAH HA, University of Minnesota
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DONALD R. BROWNE
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KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL
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EDWARD SCHIAPPA & BRENT WHITMORE
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ANNA WHITE & JULIE MACTAGGART
- Paper: Public Attitudes: What Were They Thinking?
KARYL DAUGHTERS & CHRISTINE GARLOUGH
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CHRISTINE GARLOUGH

Panel Chair: Competitive Papers in Latina/Latino Communication:
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MICHAEL MACKEY

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BECKY L. OMDAHL

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Communication Impacts the Challenge of Americans Working with Russians
LISA MILLHOUS

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Communication on Relationship Formation in the 21st Century
SUE M. WILDERMUTH

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BECKY L. OMDAHL

Paper: The Effects of Interpersonal environment and Emotional Reactions in
the Workplace on Organizational Satisfaction and Commitment
BECKY L. OMDAHL & JANIE H. FRITZ, Dequesne University

Paper: Representing the Self
ANGELA RAY

Paper: Sojourner Truth's Book of Life
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The Case of the Incredible Shrinking Women
MARY VAVRUS
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ANNA WHITE
E. SUE WEBER
- Paper: Kenneth Burke's Metabiology and an Ethics of the Golden Rule
BRENT WHITMORE
- Paper: The Story of an Hour: An In-Depth Look at One American Woman's Quest to be
Free--Body and Soul, Free!
SUSAN WILDERMUTH

DEPARTMENT NEWS

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL had the lead article "Inventing Women: From Amaterasu to Virginia Woolf, in Women's Studies in Communication Vol. 21, No. 2 (Winter 1998).

JOSHUA GUNN's article "On Gothic Music and the Inevitability of Genre" has been accepted for publication in Popular Music and Society.

In early December KATHLEEN HALL JAMIESON visited the U of MN campus and presented "Issue Advocacy in Political Communication."

Emeritus J. VERNON JENSEN's article "Young American Scientists Aid Genesis of Public Lecturing in Late 19th Century Japan" was published in World Communication (Vol. 27, No. 1), 1998, pp. 13-27.

TERRY KINNEY taught one of the fall quarter freshmen seminars, a new U of MN program initiated by President Mark Yudof.

ANGELA RAY's article "In My Own Hand Writing": Benjamin Banneker Addresses the Slaveholder of Monticello appeared in the fall 1998 issue of Rhetoric and Public Affairs.

RECENT PH.D. DEGREES

Rick Malleus
Student Stereotypes of Southern African Business Persons:
An Intercultural Study
Adviser: Rosita Albert

Amy Matten
Close Relationship Dialectics: Young Adult Friends' Perceptions and
Interaction Patterns
Co-advisers: Becky Omdahl & David Rarick

RECENT M.A. DEGREE

Marj Schneider
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

RECENT B.S. DEGREE

Beatrice Dehler
Areas of Concentration: Speech-Communication & Public Health

New Positions

PEGGY KENDALL has accepted a full-time faculty position in the Department of Communication at Bethel College, St. Paul, MN for fall of 1999.

MICHAEL TOLLEFSON accepted a tenure track, assistant professor position at University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

ALUMNI NEWS

MILTON BENNETT'S (Ph.D. 1977) book Basic Concepts of Intercultural Communication is now available through Intercultural Press.

PETER EHRENHAUS (Ph.D. 1979), Portland State University, was selected by students as a recipient of the 1997-98 John Eliot Allen Outstanding Teaching Award.

LING-HUI HSU (B.A. Honors, about 1993) is now editor of Discover Taipei a new English language bi-monthly magazine, published by the city of Taipei, Taiwan.

DAVID LAPAKKO (Ph.D. 1998) was promoted to Associate Professor in the Dept. of Communication at Augsburg College, St. Paul, MN.

DOUGLAS THOMAS'S (Ph.D. 1992) book Reading Nietzsche Rhetorically has been released by Guilford Publications, New York.

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