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Inauguration Ceremony to Celebrate UMM's History, Progress and Unique Mission

Plans for the inauguration of David Johnson as the third chancellor at the University of Minnesota, Morris are well underway.

The plans call for a luncheon for the visiting delegates and family and friends, followed by the inaugural ceremony beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the P.E. Center of the UMM campus. A reception, open to the public, will immediately follow on the lawn near the Humanities Fine Arts Center. The reception is sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association, the Morris Campus Student Association, and the West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

The inaugural festivities will capture the history of UMM which is housed on a 100-year-old campus. Before opening its doors just 30 years ago, UMM was first a boarding school for Indians, then served high school aged youths as the West Central School of Agriculture.

Johnson is only the third chancellor in the 30 year history of UMM. Named chancellor last September, Johnson succeeds Jack Imholte, who stepped aside to return to teaching history. Imholte, who had served as provost and chancellor since 1970, succeeded UMM's first dean and provost, Dr. Rodney Briggs. Both Briggs and Imholte will play a role in the inaugural ceremony.

Prior to being named UMM's chancellor, Johnson was dean of the college and professor of sociology at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. A native of Grand Rapids, Minn., Johnson earned a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus, and his master of arts and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is a 1981 graduate of the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.

All alumni and friends of UMM are cordially invited to attend the inaugural ceremony and reception on Friday, May 10, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Physical Education Center.

Thirty Years Bring New Measures of Excellence Updated Facts and Figures

UMM, earlier the site of an Indian school (1887) and the West Central School of Agriculture (1910), enrolled its first freshmen in 1960. It now has an alumni body of 6000. 70% of its building area was constructed between 1955 and 1973. From its inception, UMM's mission is to be a residential, undergraduate, publicly funded liberal arts college which is also a coordinate campus of a major land grant university. No other institution of higher education in the nation has that combination of characteristics.

There have been dramatic improvements in several measures of excellence in this historically strong institution. Note the following comparisons between 1987, the year the present seniors were freshmen, and 1990, when the present freshmen arrived:

- Freshman-to-sophomore retention improved from 79% to 86%, freshman-to-junior from 57% to 60%. The graduation rate, already among the highest within the University, can be expected to improve as well.
- With controlled freshman enrollment and improved retention, the critical mass of upper class students has increased substantially. 34% of the student body were freshmen then, 24% now.
- The median high school rank has increased from the 85th to the 92nd percentile. In 1987, 60% of the freshmen came from the top 20% and 26% from the top 5% of their high school class; this year 85% and 39% did so. The new class includes 22 National Merit and 46 University of Minnesota Presidential Scholars.
- The total number of degrees granted grew from 226 in 1987 to 268 in 1990. The largest increases were in the sciences, mathematics and social sciences.
- There were 90.5 teaching faculty in 1987, 114 now, reducing the student faculty ratio from 17.4 to 15.8:1.

Among pertinent facts about UMM are the following:

- In 1986 UMM was featured in *Money* as one of ten outstanding small, public, liberal arts colleges in the nation. Since then it was ranked as one of ten best regional liberal arts colleges in the Midwest by *U.S. News and World Report* and as one of 13 "Gems in Higher Education" in *Changing Times*.
- 88% of the students come from Minnesota, 30% from the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. 55% are women, 7% minority students. They come from 83 of its 87 counties, 21 other states, and 11 foreign countries.
- Over the past decade more than 75% who enter the labor market immediately after graduation do so at the professional-managerial level, 60% of these in outstate Minnesota, 20% in the metropolitan area. About 20% go directly to graduate or professional schools.
- The cost of attending UMM for a Minnesota resident who lives on campus is about \$5,700. Over 85% of students receive some form of financial aid, \$6,947,000 last year.
- Future plans include greater internationalization, improvement of minority retention, development of the Student Center, and solidifying of ProsPer, the General Education program which includes such requirements as speaking, writing and computing across the curriculum.

From the President: Ron Jost ('69)

Recently, University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo proposed a \$60 million reallocation of funds in an effort to improve the University's performance and make better use of available funds. Some \$40 million will be shifted within areas to strengthen initiatives that beg for additional resources. Another approximately \$20 million will be taken from existing programs and re-distributed to areas of higher priority. Though the decision to streamline and refocus may have been inevitable, the economic problems facing the legislature had an obvious influence.

The reallocation program is a proactive response to the pending monetary crisis. The net effect is that various departments and schools will suffer and others will benefit. The most controversial decision was to close the Waseca campus within the next two years. There has been a strong alumni and community response to the decision and there remains a chance that an alternative solution could be reached. UMM stands to benefit from the reallocation and published reports have stated that an additional \$500,000 would be available for various programs at UMM.

My purpose for commenting on President Hasselmo's reallocation proposal and the fact that the state is experiencing a substantial monetary shortfall is that nothing can be taken for granted. UMM is not in any danger of experiencing the same fate as Waseca. The high quality of education and academic performance of UMM are well known throughout the state and nationally.

However, as alumni, it is our responsibility not to become complacent. To insure that UMM continues to be a superior academic facility we, as

alumni, must actively support the school whenever and wherever possible. This support may come in the form of volunteering time and energy for various projects and events, serving on committees, contributing articles to *UMM to You*, attending UMM events, or just talking about the UMM experience whenever the opportunity arises.

The reallocation proposal has been fostered as a result of budgetary constraints. Therefore, perhaps one of our most important means of showing support is through our monetary contributions. We are all aware that in today's environment, nothing happens unless there is money available. A quality academic program has a price tag. It is not my intent in this letter to crusade for financial support from alumni but rather, to encourage an open-mindedness. I believe that many alumni **want** to contribute, however, they are not sure of the various programs or usage of funds. In the future, the Alumni Association intends to work closely with the development office to inform alumni about gift giving programs and the fact that many employers have a matching gift policy for academic institutions.

One of the goals of this year's Alumni Association is to promote greater involvement by alumni. Gift giving is one of the primary methods because it is important for the continuation of academic excellence and also insures that the diplomas or credits we received while at UMM will have increasing value. Finally, since it is the Alumni Association's intent to maximize involvement, it is just as important to receive many smaller donations as it is to receive a few larger ones. The process, however, cannot begin until **you** make the first commitment.

Goal Reached for Henningson Memorial

Farmers. Professors. Political activists. Community leaders. Friends. Former students. Through this broad and diverse base of support, the goal for the Bert Henningson Memorial Book Collection has been achieved.

Bert Henningson graduated from UMM in 1969 and was a UMM assistant professor of history from 1983-85. He died in 1988 after nearly two decades of working in the political and academic arenas on behalf of the people of western Minnesota. The memorial collection will reflect Bert's interest in 19th and 20th century U.S. agricultural and populist history. His personal books will also be included.

Bert enjoyed working with people at a grassroots level. He was involved with agricultural issues in the farm movement, fighting farm foreclosures and the construction of high voltage power lines throughout western Minnesota. He also worked in government, advocating for farmers and farm policy as agricultural adviser to former U.S. Representative Richard Nolan and as a consultant on farm issues for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

On Saturday, May 18, a formal dedication of the Henningson Memorial Book Collection will be held at the UMM Briggs Library beginning at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those who would like to contribute to the endowment should make checks payable to the UMM Bert Henningson Memorial and send them to: Vivian Heltemes, Fund Development, UMM, Morris, MN 56267.

UMM Studio Arts Alumni Invited to Submit Work

The Humanities Fine Arts Gallery on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus will present an exhibition of work of studio arts alumni from Sept. 22 to Oct. 20, 1991, to celebrate and honor those who have continued creative work in the visual arts.

All former students of UMM studio arts classes are invited to participate. Graduation or completion of an art major is not required.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Division of the Humanities, the art history and studio arts disciplines and the UMM Alumni Association.

Works in two-dimensional media on canvas or pane should be framed and prepared for presentation. Works on paper should be matted and framed under plexiglass. Two-dimensional work should not exceed 60 inches in height or width. Three-dimensional work should not exceed 100 pounds.

Studio arts alumni may send slides of up to six recent works; two or more slides of each work should be sent if the work is three-dimensional. Please indicate which side of the slide is up for proper orientation for projection.

All entries must be received by March 29, 1991. Notification of work selected will occur on May 17 for delivery to the UMM gallery between Sept. 7-13. The show will open on Sept. 22 and a reception will be held for alumni on Oct. 18 during Homecoming weekend.

Entry forms and slides and selected works may be sent to the UMM Alumni Exhibit, Humanities Fine Arts Center, University of Minnesota, Morris, Morris, Minnesota 56267. For more information or to receive an entry form, call the Office of Alumni Relations, University of Minnesota, Morris, phone (612) 589-6066.

Nominations Sought for UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors

Nominating committee chair Nick Ripperger ('72) invites interested alums to volunteer for the UMM Alumni Board. The twelve member Board governs the Alumni Association, sets policy and creates a vision to guide future directions. The Board meets five times per year in Minnesota locations, primarily in the Twin Cities and Morris.

A pool of potential candidates is being developed. Volunteers from "outstate" Minnesota are particularly

welcome at this time, especially those from the 60's and 70's. Deadline for volunteers is April 15.

A ballot will be sent via the June *UMM To You*. New Board members will be installed at the annual meeting held at UMM on Friday evening of Homecoming Weekend, October 18, 1991. For further information contact Nick Ripperger, at home (612) 729-1651, or at the office (612) 349-2023; or Maddy Maxeiner, director of Alumni Relations, at UMM.

1991 Career Fair Needs You

"Fun...useful...rewarding..." "A great opportunity...making a difference..." "Having something to offer the students..." "Making me feel immediately 15 years younger."

Alumni enthusiastically endorsed the 1990 Alumni Career Fair, and urge you to join them for next year's Fair.

The purpose of the Alumni Career Fair is to show students the broad variety of occupational pathways pursued by alumni, and to underscore the value of their undergraduate experiences — both in and out of the classroom.

Students gain valuable perspectives, make connections, and absorb new ideas for planning their college years and pursuing their career objectives.

Career expertise is not necessary. You need only be knowledgeable about your own experiences, and willing to speak informally with students on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. The atmosphere is easygoing and students' questions cover a wide range of issues. It's amazing what alumni know!

The 1991 Alumni Career Fair is scheduled for Homecoming Weekend, Friday, October 18 at UMM. Last year 50 alumni started celebrating a day early by giving their time to talk to students.

Come for the Career Fair, and stay for Homecoming Weekend. Interested? Contact Maddy Maxeiner, director, Alumni Relations at UMM; (612) 589-6066.

Chancellor's Choice Dave Johnson

I knew it already after only five months in the job, how Maddy Max-einer was going to be about these columns. Firm. Just like Miss Gilstad, my junior high English teacher. When Miss Gilstad's theme assignments were due, they were due, no ifs, ands or buts. But it's good that Maddy is tough about deadlines for I'm a procrastinator. And I do have much about which I need to talk to you, the alumni.

Several topics about which I want to write must be delayed in order that you get a report about a topic which has certainly received attention in the Minnesota media. I refer to the efforts to reallocate resources within the University of Minnesota and about the implications for the Morris campus. It is a premature report because I write this in mid-February and the actions of the Regents concerning the plan will be taken in early March. Nonetheless, UMM is in the news now and you need to know how your *alma mater* is regarded.

The project about which I write involves a plan to reallocate \$20 million dollars from some programs within the University to others which in the final analysis are judged to be more central to the mission of this great land-grant institution. Historically when the University has had programs which deserved enhancement it has gone to the Regents and through them to the legislature for new money. Rather little has been eliminated. But that isn't the way we — any of us — can operate in the tough fiscal and political climate of 1991.

In this period of economic crunch across the nation and world, some signs of deterioration within the University of Minnesota must be addressed. Faculty must be strengthened. The importance of undergraduates must be re-emphasized. More who enroll in the University should be graduating and that means more resources to advisement. These are among the reasons that President Hasselmo is leading us in a campaign to strengthen the University through internal reallocation.

Reallocation is painful. No part of this vast University is without quality, without purpose, without loyal constituents. Nonetheless, after intense searching on every campus, in every college at the Twin Cities, some fundamental changes have been proposed to the Board of Regents. The College of Education in the Twin Cities would be changed so that it would no longer prepare undergraduates for teacher licensure but would leave that function to Duluth and Morris and reallocate its efforts to graduate education and research. Radio station KUOM would not continue. The Waseca campus would close in June, 1992, its students encouraged to attend other institutions. The UMD dental hygiene program would go. The Mineral Resources Research Laboratory in the Institute of Technology would no longer be funded. Central administration would take major cuts in its operations.

The twenty million dollars thus captured could then go to the other side of the balance sheet and be used to

enrich the most central and excellent aspects of the University. There could be an infusion of new funds for colleges and campuses which enroll 84% of the University's undergraduates: CLA, IT, Duluth and, I am pleased to report, Morris. Substantial dollars could fund imaginative proposals for minority retention, internationalization and library collections.

If the Regents approve the plan, the Morris campus will receive \$500,000 in new money over the next few years. We are beneficiaries because we have a plan which received favorable review. Even more than that, we benefit because we — you — have developed through these thirty years an outstanding reputation for this place.

What it all means if the plan is approved is that our new general education, Project ProsPer, will get some badly needed help. ProsPer, a bold development in General Education, requires among other things that UMM students take classes which involve them in computing, speaking and writing across the curriculum. Future UMM students will have to study a foreign language. They will have to complete a physical education requirement which emphasizes fitness and wellness, some of which we will fund by our own internal reallocation. We will phase out our health education major and transfer resources to this new graduation requirement.

We'll also have some money for new initiatives. We can take steps to increase the internationalization of the campus. We'll improve our staffing of the new Student Center for it must be an informal education center, not simply a lounge area. We can make a contribution to help improve minority retention.

Wherever you are living, I hope this report from the Morris campus is informative to you. By the time you read this we will know more about the University's plan for improving quality through internal reallocation. At least you now know that we have had a strong endorsement from the central administration. We'll do our best to keep you informed.

With that, I change the subject to speak of my enthusiasm to meet as many of you as possible. Recently I was able to combine a trip to Washington, D.C. with the opportunity to meet alums **Andrea Beard** ('85) and **Blane Dahl** ('87) and to make plans with them for a forthcoming alumni gathering there. There is talk of a Chicago area gathering. On the more local scene Maddy, Vivian Heltemes ('77) new development director, Ron Polworth from University Relations and I will be going to Alexandria and Fergus Falls soon to speak to groups there about developments at UMM. If those trips are successful, we'll expand our schedule of visits to other communities in the area. We do reunions and visits because we know very well how crucial you, our alumni, are — your continuing loyalty, interest and help, financial contributions and, above all, your good will.

Talk to you next deadline.

A MESSAGE TO ALUMNI

Why does UMM ask for private support?

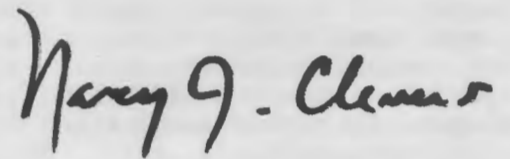
"I don't understand. UMM is a state-funded institution of higher education. So why are we asked for private contributions?"

The key phrase in the above paragraph, "state-funded," doesn't tell the entire story. Yes, we do receive legislative funding and a portion of tuition revenue, but not enough to adequately serve a student population of nearly 2,000 students. We do not have those very much needed dollars that allow for creativity in teaching and learning. Whether it is used for new band instruments or expanding opportunities for study abroad, your help is needed. If we are to maintain the excellence of our programs, we must ask you to help in providing for that creative edge.

By now all alumni should have received a letter requesting contributions for the annual fund. Traditionally, the annual fund has supported the Freshman Academic Scholarship program. Unrestricted gifts to the annual fund have been used to bring visiting lecturers to campus, to purchase equipment, and to support faculty research projects.

Our goals for this year are to increase the number of alumni participating in the annual fund and to increase the amount of the average contribution. Last year 9% of the alumni body contributed to UMM. The national average of alumni participation in four-year public institutions is 18%. Last year the average UMM alumni contribution was \$31.00. We would like to increase the average contribution to \$50.00.

Please respond at your earliest opportunity. Help us to continue the tradition of excellent education at UMM.



1991 Alumni Annual Giving Chair

Concert Choir to Perform at Historic World Theatre

UMM alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend the premier Twin Cities performance of the University of Minnesota Morris Concert Choir at the historic World Theatre in St. Paul, Minn.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Hodgson, will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21. A reception hosted by the UMM Alumni Association will immediately follow the performance.

Concert Choir tickets are available through all TicketMaster locations (612/989-5151, phone orders accepted); Dayton's, and Great American Music stores. General admission is \$6.00. Alumni are encouraged to invite friends, relatives and neighbors to attend this gala event. Special guests include University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo and UMM Chancellor David Johnson.

The concert tour program consists of Renaissance and early Baroque pieces composed by Palestrina, Schutz, Antonio, Bach, and Gallus; contemporary choral motets by Tchaikovsky, Rene Clausen, Hugo Distler, and John Rutter; Christmas pieces; Swedish

Folk Songs; and American Folk Songs and Spirituals. There will also be several pieces performed that were written and/or arranged by Dr. Hodgson and a piece written for the UMM Concert Choir by Knut Nystedt.

Dr. Hodgson, a member of the UMM faculty since 1978, received his bachelor's of arts degree from St. Olaf, Northfield. He received his master's degree from Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, and obtained his doctoral degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana. He was a runner-up in the Metropolitan Opera auditions. He frequently serves as adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor throughout Minnesota and North and South Dakota.

The 68-member choir has entertained audiences in the Midwest, Canada, on the East Coast and in Europe. The World Theater concert will be the last stop on the choir's four-day tour of Minnesota.

For further information contact Dr. Ken Hodgson, UMM Concert Choir, UMM Division of Humanities, Morris, MN 56267, or call 612/589-6237.

UMM Concert Choir Spring Tour Itinerary

Sun., April 14	2:00 p.m. Herman High School
Wed., April 17	7:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn.
Thur., April 18	7:30 p.m. Dassel-Cokato, Cokato, Minn.
Fri., April 19	7:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church, Faribault, Minn.
Sat., April 20	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Recording Session, University of St. Thomas Chapel
Sun., April 21	3:00 World Theater, St. Paul, Minn.
Mon., April 22	8:15 UMM Recital Hall, Home Concert

History Class Studies Old-Time Radio



UMM students Corinne Leuthner (center) and Kim Jones (right) turned over reports and tapes from interviews with Stevens County residents conducted to determine the role radio has played in their lives. Receiving the reports was Jack Imholte, professor of history and director of the West Central Historical Archives, which is located in Briggs Library on the UMM campus.

Pre-television radio, which dates from the 1920s through the 1950s, did have an impact on the lives of people who lived during that time period, according to research done last fall quarter by the Honors Topics in History class at UMM.

The instructor for the class, Professor Harold Hinds, said that this class was unique because, "The students played an important role in the class." Not only were interviews of community members conducted by the students, but much of the class consisted of the students working together in small groups.

The class began by studying how mass communication mediums influence an individual's view of the world. Critical studies of the medium of pre-television radio were read and analyzed. During this time period radio consisted of comedy shows, quiz shows, drama programs and soap operas.

During the second part of the class students interviewed several senior citizens in Stevens County. These interviews consisted of five parts, including the background of the individual being interviewed, when the individual was first exposed to radio, which programs this person listened to, how the radio was used (for example, was it a social time, or while doing housework), and were certain programs actively chosen and what meaning was received from these programs.

"I was amazed by how much people actually remembered, like theme songs and commercials from over 50 years ago," said Kim A. Jones, a sophomore at UMM from Crystal, Minn.

The class found that the majority of people listened to the radio during this time for entertainment, and not information. People often had to choose the programs they would listen to since many of the early radios were battery operated; listening time was, therefore, limited. It was also found that people would alter their schedules in order to listen to a particular program.

One interviewee would bathe her youngest son regularly from 9:00 until 9:30 so that she could listen to a specific serial. "I didn't have any other time to take off," stated Martha Sheelk, who has spent most of her life in Stevens County. Doris Erdahl, Donnelly, Minn., remembers listening to a ball game so that she could tell her brothers the details when they returned from the fields.

"Even in the Depression people would pay to charge batteries; radio was that important during this time," said Corinne Leuthner, a sophomore at UMM from Victoria, Minn.

The results of the research, including the interviews and papers, are now a part of the West Central Historical Archives located in the Briggs Library on the UMM campus.



Andy Lopez returns to UMM's smaller class size and good teaching conditions.

Andy Lopez Returns From Leave

Dr. Andy Lopez, professor of computer science and director of computing services at the University of Minnesota, Morris, returned this fall from a one-year leave of absence spent at Texas A&M University. While in Texas, Lopez taught introductory and data structures courses, including honors sections, and ran the computing services for the computer science department.

Lopez describes A&M as "wealthy, or at least they act that way," but he said that "UMM is friendlier and a more democratic place."

"At UMM, the administration is fair and respectful of a variety of opinions. They are more autocratic at A&M. The department heads and people in power make all the decisions," said Lopez.

There is a great difference in the type of students Lopez had contact with. "There are very capable students at both universities, but at A&M we taught mostly science and engineering majors, not the business and English students that we teach here," said Lopez. "Students work so hard at things here. They are more responsible than at many other institutions."

One major difference Lopez sees between the universities is class size. "I taught two sections of the second introductory course, each of approximately 175 students at A&M. At UMM, the class size is around 45 students."

"They teach a different curriculum and have different ways of presenting their computer science program. Their interest is in graduate school, not undergraduates. As a result, our students were the lowest priority for getting any service. This makes you learn to appreciate UMM's facilities," said Lopez.

Lopez enjoyed the opportunity to exchange information with other A&M faculty who were teaching the same courses at the same time that he was. "It is nice to be exposed to different styles of teaching. We don't normally get that here because there is usually only one person teaching the course from intermediate to advanced," said Lopez.

In addition to teaching at A&M, Lopez conducted research in networking. "I was working to integrate a variety of technologies to provide a common networking procedure. I hope to continue this research at UMM," said Lopez.

Back at UMM, Lopez is concentrating on teaching and running UMM's computer center. There is an expansion of current computer facilities due to take place in another two to three years once space and money become available. This summer, additional computers were placed in the computer center and the library, bringing them to full capacity. By 1992, the east end of Behmler Hall is set to be converted from a plant services storage area to additional computer space, including 24-hour access.

Despite the year off, Lopez isn't considering returning to A&M permanently. "I wouldn't mind the money they have for equipment, but conditions are better here," said Lopez.

"It is good to get out of town and see what other places have to offer in the areas of resources and operational set up. You see what is possible," said Lopez. "We have wonderful students at UMM and a lot of people cooperating to modify the curriculum and make changes under Project ProsPer. The next move should be to add an international dimension to UMM."

Class Notes

CLASS OF 68

Peggy Michels, associate director for the Humphrey Institute's Project Public Life, was one of five faculty members to receive the Outstanding Teacher Award at Metropolitan State University's fall faculty conference last September. Michels was nominated for the award by graduating seniors and chosen by current students.

Jim Perry led the Fridley high school football team to victory in the state Class A championship game last fall as the school's head coach.

CLASS OF 69

Lorlee Bartos collaborated on a recently published book of photographs and is also displaying some of her work in Dallas where she resides. Her photography uses hand coloring and multi-media techniques she learned in UMM studio art courses.

James Nichols has been appointed to the position of economic development coordinator for Sibley County. Former state senator and agriculture commissioner, Nichols will return to farming full time at his Lake Benton farm home, making the commute to Gaylord, the Sibley county seat, twice a week to fulfill his duties as coordinator.

Lee Temte has been hired as loan consultant with J. Edwards LTD, a Minneapolis mortgage broker. He organizes personal, home equity and business loans. Lee ended 10 years of insurance/membership sales with Minnesota AAA in July, 1989, and was a tour operator to Thailand before being hired by J. Edwards in November, 1990.

CLASS OF 73

Leo Katzner received his MBA from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in December of 1989. He is currently the vice president of operations for Cima Labs, Inc. of Brooklyn Park, Minn.

CLASS OF 74

Debra Smith is the publicity director for the Northern Sun Conference providing sports information to all media outlets for the conference. She operates out of Northern State University in Aberdeen.

CLASS OF 75

James Hamilton has joined the St. Paul law firm of Spence, Rieke & Thurmer, P.A. Hamilton, a 1985 cum laude graduate of William Mitchell College of Law, will practice primarily in the areas of commercial, real property and construction law.

Professor Millard Gieske Dies January 30



Millard Gieske, professor of political science.

Dr. Millard L. Gieske, 59, professor of political science at the University of Minnesota, Morris, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, in St. Paul.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at St. James Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

Born May 29, 1931, in St. Paul, Dr. Gieske earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors from Hamline University, St. Paul, in 1953, followed by his master of arts degree in 1957 and his doctoral degree in 1965, both from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

He joined the UMM faculty from 1962 to 1965 and from 1978 to the present, serving in the political science discipline. He was acting chair of the Division of the Social Sciences from September 1984 to December 1985. He also served in various capacities at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, including assistant dean of the Graduate School from 1965 to 1973, as a professor in the political science department, and as director of programs in the office of international programs.

A respected leader in professional organizations, Gieske served as president of the Minnesota Political Science Association from 1982 to 1984 and twice served on its executive board, from 1977 to 1979 and from 1984 to 1987. He served as a consultant to the Governor's Advisory Council on State-Local Relations of the State Planning Agency in 1988.

As an author, Gieske wrote numerous articles for such newspapers as the *Minneapolis Tribune* and the *Rochester Post Bulletin*. His most familiar book, *Minnesota Farmer-Laborism: The Third-Party Alternative* was published by the University of Minnesota Press in 1979. His most recent book, *Perspectives on Minnesota Politics* appeared in 1984. He had several book manuscripts underway, including a biography, *Knute Nelson and American Conservatism* and *The Norwegian-American in Republican Politics: Knute Nelson of Minnesota*. He wrote numerous book reviews for such publications as *American Historical Review*, *Minnesota History* and the *Minneapolis Tribune*.

In addition to his writing, Gieske presented scholarly papers at such conferences as the American Historical Association in Hamar, Norway, on "The Americanization of a Norwegian Immigrant."

Gieske is survived by his wife, Emilie, and daughter, Michelle; son and daughter-in-law Greg and Jodi Gieske, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and daughters and sons-in-law Linda and Jim Freiling, South St. Paul, and Nancy and Brad Nissen, Palatine, Ill.; six grandchildren; by aunts and uncles, Louise Soderman and Clarence Gieske, both of West St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stephens, Winona, Minn.; and other relatives and friends.

The family requests memorials be sent to Millard Gieske Memorial Fund, University of Minnesota, Morris, 312 Behmler Hall, Morris, Minn. 56267-2113.

Science and Math Division Chair To Step Down



Jim Olson is preparing to step down as Division Chair.

Dr. James Olson, associate professor of chemistry and chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Morris, has announced that he will step down from the position to return to full-time teaching at the end of the 1990-91 academic year.

In his letter to UMM Chancellor David Johnson, Olson wrote, "I have enjoyed remarkable support from you and Jack (former UMM Chancellor Jack Imholte), all of the vice chancellors and, indeed, the entire campus. The faculty and staff in the Division of Science and Mathematics have been particularly supportive over the years... the Division is in a healthy state, making significant contributions to the campus as well as the entire University. We have been able to hire impressive young faculty, and they are doing an excellent job."

Chancellor Johnson, in his prepared acceptance statement, wrote, "Even in the short time that I have been here, I have become highly aware and greatly appreciative of your leadership... You will be greatly missed, and I know that I speak for many of us in saying that we regret your decision. I know, too, that we understand the affirmation of the importance of teaching that lies behind that decision."

Olson, who came to Morris as instructor for the West Central School of Agriculture in 1959, was among the original faculty members when UMM opened its doors in the fall of 1960. Olson served as acting co-chair of the Division from 1967 to 1968, as acting chair from 1968 to 1970, and again from 1977 to 1978, at which time he received his first appointment. He received consecutive five-year appointments in 1984 and 1989. Olson received his bachelor's degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, his master of science degree from North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D., and his doctoral degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

A search committee, chaired by Dr. Michael Korth, associate professor of physics, is in the process of finding a new chairperson of the Division of Science and Mathematics. Additional committee members are Wilbert Ahern, chair of the Social Sciences Division; Nancy Carpenter, assistant professor of chemistry; Sen Fan, associate professor of mathematics; Jim Gremmels, associate professor of English; Ellen Ordway, professor of biology; and a student yet to be named.

The committee is to report its recommendations to Chancellor Johnson and Elizabeth Blake, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, early this spring.

Class Notes

CLASS OF 76

Donald "Twig" Webster can be seen in several television commercials broadcast throughout Minnesota, having moved back to the state last summer. In addition to appearing in a variety of TV spots and industrial films, Webster produces film and video programs, and is doing graduate work on the Twin Cities campus in cinematography.

CLASS OF 77

Kent Meyers is an adjunct faculty member in the English department at Black Hills State University and is an Artist-in-the-Schools for the Dakota Arts Council. He recently won the *Black Warrior Review's* literary award for best short story, and has had another of his short stories published in two anthologies of western area literature. Zindie (Ziemke) Meyers gave birth to their third child, Jordan, in July. Jordan joins brother Derek, 7, and sister, Lauren, 4, and parents in their Spearfish, S.D. home.

Steven Severson is serving in the army in Operation Desert Shield, currently stationed in Saudi Arabia. He is working in computer maintenance on tanks.

CLASS OF 81

Debra Peterson received her Ph.D. in speech communication last December from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She is currently teaching speech communication at St. Thomas University, St. Paul.

CLASS OF 83

Julie (Bystol) Critz is now teaching in the Glenwood system at Nordgaard elementary. She lives in Starbuck with her husband, Mitch, and daughters Jessica, 5, and Mikayla, 2.

Shelby Herman and Chris Ireland were married in May, 1990. Shelby is manager of provider relations at MedCenters Health Plan, a health maintenance organization in Minneapolis. Chris also works for MedCenters as a claims examiner.

Charles Mitzel was recently promoted to the position of assistant actuary at the corporate headquarters of the Wausau Insurance Companies.

Lt. Jon Peterson is serving with the First Infantry Division as a fire support officer in Operation Desert Shield. He and his wife Jana Groothius Peterson ('81) had a baby girl, Katie Arleen, on September 10, 1990.

Beverly (Winteroud) Jinkerson and Jerry Jinkerson were married on November 16 in St. Louis, Mo. Beverly is a sales representative with Honeywell's residential and building controls division.

Faculty and Staff Corner

Vice Chancellor and Dean **Bettina Blake** was the keynote speaker at a Bush Regional Conference in Faculty Development, February 21-22. The conference theme was "Questions of Balance." A comparative analysis of freshman programs at UMM and at St. John's University/College of St. Benedict entitled "Process vs. Content: A Tale of Two Colleges" was given by **Peter Whelan** and Victoria Littlefield. UMM students **Eric Carter** and **Amy Schwarzrock** also participated in the presentation. **Bert Ahern**, history, helped to organize the conference.

Dr. C. Frederick and **Dr. Edith R. Farrell** attended the national convention of the Modern Language Association in Chicago over the Christmas break. They were there primarily to convene the annual meeting of the North American Marguerite Yourcenar Society/La Societe Marguerite Yourcenar, of which Edith Farrell is president. One of the principal subjects discussed at the meeting was the international colloquium on Marguerite Yourcenar to be held at UMM in July 1992.

Roland Guyotte, director of general education; **Peter Whelan**, inquiry coordinator; and UMM students **Eric Carter** and **Cathy Crea**, discussed UMM's general education program and the Inquiry course before a group of faculty and staff at the Fergus Falls Community College on Nov. 26.

Dan Huna, refrigerator mechanic in the heating plant, was deployed to active duty with the North Dakota Air National Guard, 119th Fighter Interceptor Group, Civil Engineering, on Tuesday, Jan. 29. He will be located at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and will serve from six months to two years. According to Huna, 50 from the Civil Engineering group have been dispersed throughout the United States. He is a Tech. Sgt. in the Air Force.

Dr. I. A. Khan, associate professor of English, spoke to the Morris Literary Club on the Middle East Crisis Monday, Nov. 26, at the Morris Public Library.

Karla Klinger, director of Continuing Education's Adult Advising Center conducted a workshop at the fall conference of the Minnesota Association for Continuing Adult Education. She reported on changes in services to adult learners in western Minnesota based on comparisons between 1983 and 1989 surveys of 15 regional post-secondary institutions.

Judy Kuechle, assistant professor of education, was recently appointed by former Governor Perpich to a three-year term on the Environmental Education Advisory Board. Kuechle has also been awarded a \$28,500 grant from the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Improvement of Environmental Education Among K-6 Teachers.

Maria-Luisa Rodriguez Lee, associate professor of Spanish, presented a paper, "Maria Grever: Poet-Composer" at the Colloquium on Literature and Film: Race, Gender and Marginality held at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown on Oct. 4-7, 1990. The session was on Latin American Women Writers.

Ron Pollworth, director of University Relations, received the President's Award at the annual banquet of the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce held Monday, Dec. 3. The award is given to one board member for outstanding service and contributions. Pollworth has been instrumental in getting funds for four new entry signs to Morris which will read, "Welcome to Morris, Home of the University of Minnesota, Morris."

Dennis Svendsen, director of the UMM Concert Band, was guest conductor and presented clinics for three combined bands representing 23 area schools before the Thanksgiving recess.

Ted Underwood, professor of history, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections Grant for research in London, England during his leave winter quarter. He will use the manuscript collection at the Library of the Society of Friends in pursuing a project on 17th Century religious radicalism.



Lois Norby, right, of the UMM business office, recently received an outstanding service award for 25 years of service to the State Capitol Federal Credit Union. Presenting the award was **Charles F. Happach**, president and CEO of SCCU.

Lois Norby, accounts supervisor in the business office at the University of Minnesota, Morris, recently received the "President's Service Award" from the State Capitol Federal Credit Union for "25 years of outstanding service."

Norby was presented the award in special ceremonies at UMM. Presenting the award was Charles F. Happach, president and CEO of the State Capitol Federal Credit Union (SCCU).

In his remarks, Happach said, "People like Lois Norby have been the reason why SCCU has flourished by providing SCCU members in greater Minnesota with personal and professional service above and beyond the call of duty. Lois epitomizes the grassroots strength and foundation of the credit union industry."

Alumni Invited to Attend Robinson Abbott Retirement Tribute

Alumni and colleagues of Dr. Robinson Abbott, professor of biology, are invited to attend a special occasion honoring his retirement on Friday, May 17, 1991 at UMM.

A series of alumni presentations will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the afternoon will culminate in a social hour following the presentations. An evening banquet will follow, held in the Food Service Building.

Dr. Abbott has been a member of the UMM faculty since 1961. He announced earlier this year that he would retire at the end of the 1990-91 academic year. His retirement plans include staying in Morris and continuing his stewardship of the herbarium, a collection he has tended throughout his tenure at UMM.

UMM alumni are cordially invited to participate in this occasion honoring Dr. Abbott and his many contributions to UMM. For further information, contact Professor Van Gooch at UMM, (612) 589-6372 or (612) 589-6300.

Class Notes

CLASS OF 84

Jon Toop was appointed to the position of office manager/accountant for the new Minnawaska Area High School last November.

Ronald Ziegler and **Dr. Lois (Lutter) Ziegler ('85)** announce the birth of their son, Jared Garth, born January 19, 1991. Ronald is the community development director for the City of Pine Island, and Lois is a chiropractor with her practice in Goodhue, Minn.

CLASS OF 85

Jeff Kletscher recently received the Teacher Spotlight Award for excellence in teaching from the Floodwood schools where he is a high school math/computer science teacher.

Michael Koehn received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in St. Paul last December. He plans on opening offices in Hot Springs, S.D., where he, his wife Lisa and their two children now reside, and another in Edgerton, S.D.

CLASS OF 86

Kelly Krebs is the new coordinator of student activities for Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He recently returned to the state to assume his new responsibilities at Augsburg and says, "It's great to be back in Minnesota!"

CLASS OF 87

Lance Bradley graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in January.

Al Shofe has been appointed to the position of special assistant to the governor by Governor Arne Carlson, having served previously as director of political operations for the Carlson-Dyrstad campaign and as a member of the transition team for the new administration.

Jeff Williams is now the educational software marketing representative for the Computer Curriculum Corporation of Sunnyvale, Calif. He is based in Milwaukee, Wis.

CLASS OF 89

Bruce H. Claasen died January 23, 1991, at Stevens Community Memorial Hospital after collapsing while playing basketball. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chokio.

Steve Lovsness died February 17, 1991, of a ruptured spleen. Funeral services were held at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Cottonwood, Minn.

Jo Lynn Newman Bosak was married last December to Christopher Bosak. Jo is currently working for National Health Plans (AETNA) in Minneapolis as a claims examiner. Chris is a construction inspector for the Minnesota Department of Transportation in Eden Prairie.

Spring Sports Preview

BASEBALL

The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) Cougars baseball team expects to have a good season this year, with 49 men trying out for the team, and six returning starters.

According to head coach Mark Fohl, the pitching staff looks good as does the defense. They will be working on their offense, getting batters that will perform well for them, in order to be a competitive team. Coach Fohl sees defending Conference Champions Winona State University as one of the toughest competitors, as well as the University of Minnesota, Duluth, who won the district tournament last year.

They will begin play with a game against St. John's University on March 22, in the Metrodome. Following this they will leave for their Southern Trip where they will participate in a 10-game tournament in Joplin, Mo., before returning home and beginning regular season play.

SOFTBALL

The Cougar softball team also expects a good season, according to Coach Sheila Perkins. She stated that they expect to be an improved team this year, expect to win more, and move up a step in the conference. The key for UMM will be working on their offense so that they hit well, for they have a strong defense. They are returning their entire infield, all of which have at least two years of experience, with the exception of one player. The Cougars will be returning nine players, and adding eight new ones.

They will participate in an indoor scrimmage against Northern State

University on March 23. The team begins conference play on April 2, when they will host Southwest State University.

GOLF

The men's golf team for UMM will be returning seven players this season: Jeff Hoppe, David Notch, Carter Ross, Brett Barrett, Grant Schmit, Tom Notch and Tim Lloyd. Grant Schmit played very well in the conference last year, according to Coach Gary McGrath, and missed All-Conference by only three strokes in a 54-hole, two-day tournament.

The Cougars will be out and practicing as soon as the weather permits, and will participate in at least two tournaments. These will be at Benson, hosted by Northern State, and at Ferguson Falls, hosted by Moorhead State University, which will be a two-day, 36-hole tournament that determines qualifiers for the NAIA.

UMM has some experience working for them, and hopes to see Grant Schmit and Jeff Hoppe continue to do well this season.

The women's golf team for UMM has six returning players, and will possibly add two more. The six returning players are Emily Bowron, Tracy Hansen, Mary T. Brual, Jill Hakes (which are the top four), Terry Lang and Allisa Winter. UMM has a good nucleus of players, said Coach McGrath, and may possibly have an individual invited to a small college national tournament, in which the coaches pick the players and teams.

The Cougars are scheduled to compete in a tournament in mid-April,

hosted by St. Thomas, as well as a state tournament in Fairmont, Minn., hosted by Mankato State University. They may also possibly add one or two more invitations to their roster. Coach McGrath said that the Mankato State University will be the team to watch for this season.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team is hopeful this season as they will return four of their top six players. Returning for UMM will be Jennifer Carpenter, Sara Strabala, Jennifer Nietz, Jill Marchenko, Noelle Morton and Amy Beste, who will be returning from a year off. They will also be adding some new freshmen as well.

Coach Perry Ford anticipates a good season, with their main objective finding a number one player. The number one player from last year's team had to transfer from UMM to get into her major. UMM has a good nucleus, so they just need to fill all the slots. They averaged a record of about 10-4, or 10-3 the last couple of years, and expect to do well again. The team to watch for, according to coach Ford, will be Southwest State University, who are, as he put it "In a class by themselves."

The Cougars will start practice about the second or third week in March, and will then compete in a two-day, five-team tournament in Aberdeen, S.D.

MEN'S TENNIS

UMM men's tennis team should also be pretty strong this season, according to student player/coach John Norlander. They have a core of returning

by Karen Weiher ('92)

upperclassmen, which include J. D. White, Tim Smith, Brian Clauson, Nick Kopp, Jason Thiner, Mark Wilson, and Chris James.

They began practice on the 18th of February, and tentatively have a date of competition set for March 2, at Macalaster College. The Cougars look to have a good year and lots of support at their home meets.

TRACK

UMM's track team will return all but one of their members from last year's men's team, which is more experience than they usually have, according to coach Brian Borland. The quality of the team members is also better than usual, and the talent is more balanced, so they hope to have a very strong team.

Chris Hill, past conference shot-put champion, will be again strong in field events, as will Scott Cooper in the long jump, and Jeremy Frie, who is UMM's top sprinter. UMM will have a total of about 11 men for their team. The toughest team competition, according to coach Norland, will be Moorhead State University. They have been, and most likely will be, strong adversaries.

For the women's track team, they expect to have about six or seven members this outdoor season. They are in the rebuilding phase of the program right now, so they are small in number. Jennifer Heitman will be a strong hurdler and sprinter for UMM, and Julie Bensen will be the top distance runner, and Diane Schroeder will be strong in field events, especially the high jump.

**Reunion
Class of 1971
and Friends**

**Homecoming
Oct. 18-20
UMM**

**Alumni
Career
Fair**

Cougars vs. Winona State

**UMM Head
Football Coach
Stan Zweifel
Resigns**

Stan Zweifel, head football coach at the University of Minnesota, Morris since 1987, has resigned to take a position as assistant coach of the football program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

"Stan has been an exciting coach to watch and an enthusiastic colleague. I've enjoyed working with him and having him as a part of the Cougar coaching staff," said UMM athletic director Mark Fohl. "We'll all miss him, but we wish him much success, too." A search to find a replacement is underway.

During his four years at UMM, Zweifel led the Cougars to the Northern Intercollegiate Conference title his first year. He ends his UMM career with a 21-20 record.

A native of Evansville, Wis., Zweifel earned his bachelor's degree in English and coaching from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and his master's degree in physical education administration from Mankato State University. He has held previous collegiate coaching positions at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley; Yankton (.S.D.) College; and Mankato State.

Class Notes

CLASS OF 90

Clair Angland was appointed district agent in the Alexandria area for National Travelers Life insurance company.

Beth Kopitzke is the new staff reporter for the Granite Falls *Advocate Tribune* in Clarkfield.

Keith Lipinski is the new head coach in wrestling for the Mountain Lake Schools.

Harvey Nelson recently began working at the Adult Client Training Service in Bird Island, Minn., as an assistant program coordinator.

What's New With You?

Job change, marriage, additions to the family? Want to let others know about further educational pursuits, awards, or hobbies? Send your news to Class Notes.

Next deadline May 15, 1991.

Events Calendar

- March 26 UMM New York Arts Tour, Babcock Gallery, New York, New York, hosted by owners John Driscoll ('71) and Jeanne Baker ('69). Alumni are invited to join the UMM tour for coffee, muffins, and a talk about the gallery given by Jeanne Baker. 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Jeanne Baker at (212) 767-1852.
- April 5 & 6 Jazz Fest Weekend
13th Annual UMM Jazz Fest featuring pianist Toshiko Akiyoshi and saxophonist Denis DeBlasio. 7:30 p.m., Morris Middle School Auditorium. General admission \$5.75. Tickets must be purchased in advance! Send ticket orders to office of Student Activities.
Saturday evening performance by UMM Alumni Jazz Ensemble led by Greg (Bud) DeGier. Alumni reception following.
- April 6 UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting. 2:00-4:00 p.m., Behmler Conference Room. All welcome.
- April 21 UMM Concert Choir performance at the World Theater, downtown St. Paul, Minn. 3:00 p.m. Reception following. See article page 3 for ticket information.
- May 10 Chancellor Inauguration Day
3:00 p.m., UMM PE Center
Reception following sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association, the West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Association, and the Morris Campus Student Association. All alumni are invited.
- May 17 Retirement Party at UMM honoring Dr. Robinson Abbott. Afternoon talks, social hour, and evening banquet. For information contact Dr. Van Gooch, UMM ext. 6372.
- May 18 Cougar County Jam, Stevens County Fairgrounds
- May 18 Dedication of Bert Henningson Memorial Book Collection. 4:00 p.m., Briggs Library, UMM Campus
- May 22 Annual Student Leaders Recognition Banquet, UMM
- June 14 Commencement Ceremonies, UMM Mall
4:00 p.m. (Note time change)
Reception at 2:00 p.m. sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association
- Oct. 1 Driggs Distinguished Lecture
8:15 p.m., HFA Recital Hall. Paul L. Murphy, University of Minnesota Regents Professor of History, speaking on the Bill of Rights.
- Oct. 18-20 **HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

Cougar County Jam Planned Saturday, May 18, 1991 Noon-6:00 P.M.

Stevens County Fairgrounds

The Cougar County Jam Committee invites alumni to join students and Morris area residents for an afternoon of live music and activities at the Stevens County Fairgrounds in Morris, Minnesota.

Bands lined up for the day include: Northern Zephyr Smoke, from Bemidji, Minn.; Bleach, from Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mental Giants, from Minneapolis, Minn. Entertainment between bands will feature a limbo contest, performances by the UMM Jazz Ensemble and the Juggling Club, and Lip Sync demonstrations.

A variety of activities will be offered on the midway throughout the afternoon. Enjoy the dunking booth featuring UMM faculty and staff posing as targets; the UMM annual horse show; Lions bingo; Women of Today quilt sales; and pork and beef meals provided by the Stevens County Pork Producers and West Central Cattlemen's Association.

Admission is \$5 at the gate, or \$4 if purchased in advance.

UMM To You



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Dr. Farah Gilanshah, assistant professor of sociology, and Kara Bloemke ('91). Bloemke is the 1990 undergraduate winner of the Minnesota Gerontological Society Student Paper Competition. Dr. Gilanshah is her adviser.

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