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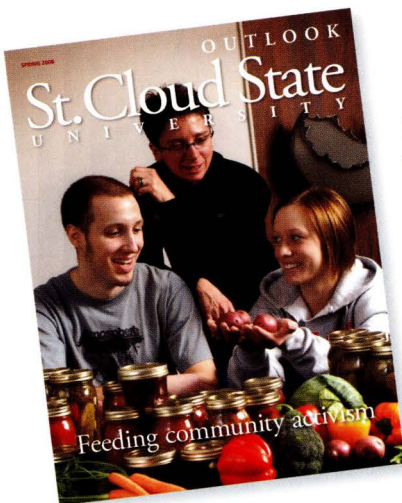
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COVER PHOTO: Sociology faculty member Tracy Ore discusses the relationships between food and global political and social issues with sociology majors Matthew Davich, senior from Little Falls, and Dawn Mikkelsen, May '08 graduate from Shoreview. The jars are filled with food Ore canned from the community garden she helps organize.



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From the President

Celebrating student success, activism

The most vivid memories from my first year as president of St. Cloud State will undoubtedly include the celebrations of student success that occur every spring on our campus. In April and May our calendar is filled with events that showcase student talent, reward student initiative and honor student achievement.

It's been a pleasure to discover the traditions my new university home has developed over the years to make these celebrations truly special for the students they recognize. And it's been a joy to witness the pride and excitement they engender in the students whose initiative and hard work are publicly rewarded with scholarships, awards, certificates, or appreciative applause.

One of the most stunning of these memories is of the magnificent first local presentation of the Holocaust Oratorio, "To Be Certain of the Dawn." This ambitious production of our student singers and musicians with their counterparts from Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict was a truly momentous concert.

Another outstanding memory is our Multicultural Student Services awards banquet, during which 74 individual awards were given out for student leadership and achievement. The mood was electric as enthusiastic students celebrated with pride in their academic and activist accomplishments.

Many of these students demonstrated concern this year for the well-being of their colleagues and their university as they got involved with issues surrounding swastika drawings and related incidents on campus. Many responded with positive action, organizing speak-outs and panel discussions and advising faculty and administrators how students were being affected by these bias-motivated incidents.

A number of our students have expressed feelings of fear and intimidation as a result of insensitive words and actions of others on campus and in the community. It's not uncommon for students of color to encounter racist remarks or gestures as they pass others.

These incidents also point out the gap that exists between the targets of these degrading assaults and those who fail to understand their impact. Even though we're all members of one community, we differ on how the campus should characterize these acts that threaten some among us more than others. For one, I do not think that we can ignore their significance.

During the last several months there has been considerable discussion of these issues, as well as about the university's response to these troubling incidents. I believe that by listening to the voices of concerned students and openly discussing our options, we have chosen



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the right path between the rocks of too little and too much attention to the motives behind and the consequences of these actions.

Because our foremost concern is for our students and our responsibility to prepare them for the future, we will continue talking about these sensitive issues. We will not dismiss them by accepting the position of those who say, "Since I am not offended by these symbols, nobody should be offended." When students question their personal security, their ability to focus and learn is hampered. Their insecurity strikes at the heart of what we are about as a place for teaching and learning.

We don't claim to have all the answers at St. Cloud State University. We will keep questioning and examining possible solutions. It is not an easy path to take but, I believe, it is the right one.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and the strength of community at the end of this successful academic year, we are reminded that St. Cloud State University must be a place where people from all races, religions and traditions can be assured they are welcome to experience all the richness of our learning community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Earl H. Potter III".

Earl H. Potter III, President

Bringing St. Cloud State University to you!

President Earl H. Potter III will be traveling around Minnesota this summer to visit with SCSU alumni and friends.

WATCH FOR INVITATIONS TO BE MAILED THIS SUMMER.

University News

Non-discrimination efforts recognized

An initiative to provide a welcoming, non-discriminatory environment in Central Minnesota – Create CommUNITY – has been recognized for its ongoing efforts by the Washington, D.C.-based Aspen Institute Roundtable for Community Change.

A spokesperson for the institute said the St. Cloud program, one of four community-based non-discrimination efforts to receive recognition, was chosen as an example for the nation. “We picked St. Cloud because some of the lessons you’ve learned are ones we wanted others to be able to benefit from,” Anne Kubisch, co-director of the Aspen Institute Roundtable, told the St. Cloud Times when the recognition was announced.

Among other initiatives, Create CommUNITY has sponsored a series of interfaith discussions, offered cultural awareness education and developed diversity seminars. An example is the “Continuing the Conversation on Race” seminar held in St. Cloud last fall, an event that attracted more than 600 people.

Create CommUNITY was formed in 2003 as a broad-based collaborative of community organizations, including the mayor’s office and St. Cloud State, to work together to reduce racism in St. Cloud and the area.

Reaccredited

St. Cloud State has received continued accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), maintaining the University’s accredited status as a member of the North Central Association.

The HLC said that the next comprehensive accreditation evaluation for St. Cloud State will be in 2016-17. As expected in response to such significant institutional changes as adding a doctoral program, the HLC will require a progress report regarding faculty work load and assessment of learning in the University’s new doctoral program in higher education administration in 2010. The HLC also pre-approved new courses and degree programs at off-campus sites in Minnesota as well as distance education degrees through MnOnline.

The reaccreditation followed more than two years of self-study by the University and a team visit from an HLC accreditation team in April 2007. The University was first accredited with membership in the North Central Association when it was still St. Cloud Normal School in 1915.



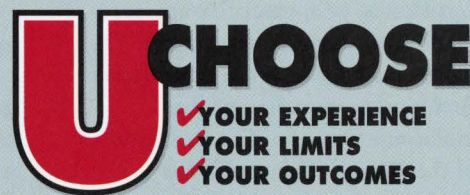
Smart choices

Since fall 2007, students at St. Cloud State have had access to U-Choose, an interactive presentation that helps them make informed choices about alcohol use. U-Choose presenters help students understand how high-risk drinking can lead to negative consequences, doing it in a way that is fun, interactive, positive and intellectually stimulating.

U-Choose (www.stcloudstate.edu/uchoose) has been very popular: more than 1,100 students have voluntarily signed up and participated.

The alcohol education and awareness program also has gotten the attention of Greek houses on campus and landlords with area rental properties. Delta Zeta sorority will require completion of the program for students who want to live in the sorority house, and other sororities and fraternities are considering the same requirement. St. Cloud rental property owner Patrick Mastey '99 will be making U-Choose completion a requirement for renting a unit beginning this summer, a decision that will affect approximately 150 renters a year.

The Delta Zeta and landlord decisions led to extensive media coverage of U-Choose: in addition to newspaper, television and radio coverage in Minnesota, the story made the Feb. 21 online and print editions of USA Today.





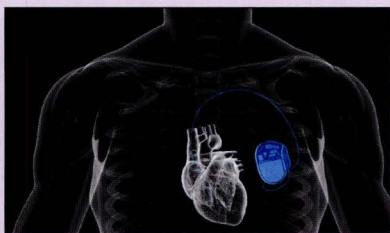
Holocaust survivor story spread far and wide

A podcast series developed by student radio station KVSC 88.1 FM to tell a Holocaust survivor's story in a way that fits the learning style of today's students is now being used not only at St. Cloud State, but in classrooms in such locales as northern Alberta, Canada.

The podcasts share the story of Holocaust survivor Henry Oertelt's journey from Berlin teenager during Hitler's rise through his incarceration in five concentration camps and his eventual rescue by U.S. soldiers liberating Europe in 1945.

Now the series is being used to teach students at Fort McMurray Composite High School, where English teacher Krista Saunders' ninth-grade students are studying Oertelt's book, "An Unbroken Chain, My Journey Through the Nazi Holocaust."

This spring KVSC arranged to "bring" Oertelt himself to the Canadian classroom by way of a teleconference. The Holocaust survivor made a presentation to St. Cloud State students – that event was telecast to the Canadian ninth-graders, who then interacted with Oertelt during a Q&A. Find the podcasts at www.KVSC.org.



Regulatory affairs expert heading program

Charles "Chuck" Swanson, recognized worldwide as an expert in medical device regulatory affairs, has been named director of the St. Cloud State Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs and Services (MS-RAS) Program.

During nearly 30 years of leading regulatory affairs at Medtronic, Minneapolis, Minn., Swanson played an influential role in both the establishment of government policies in the area and many of the guidelines and procedures in use today by the Food and Drug Administration.

As director of St. Cloud State's MS-RAS, he will chart the direction and continued evolution of the program, which was launched in September 2007. Along with developing and refining the curriculum, he will manage delivery of the program and with his reputation is expected to attract the best and brightest regulatory affairs professionals as adjunct instructors.

Classes in the master's program continue to be held on nights and weekends at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

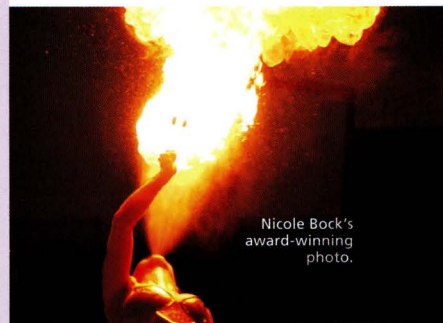
Honors chronicled

St. Cloud State's student newspaper, the University Chronicle, was honored with 14 college division awards during the Minnesota Newspaper Association's annual convention in January. The newspaper took a first place in typography and design, an honorable mention for general excellence, and second-place honors for its editorial page, advertising excellence and use of photography.

NINE AWARD WINNERS ARE:

- **JAMI MARQUARDT '06**, Clarissa – First, general reporting.
- **ADAM KRITZECK '07**, St. Cloud – Second, feature writing.
- **MEREDITH THORN '07**, Elk River – First, column writing.
- **ASHLEY VLASAK**, senior, New Prague – Second, column writing.
- **BOUNYOO PHILAVANH '07**, St. Cloud – First, news photography, Second, illustration.
- **ALISON REESE '07**, Olivia – First, advertisement.
- **NICOLE BOCK**, senior, Elk River – First, feature photography.
- **JAMESON VERMAAT**, Cottonwood – First, sports/action feature photography.

The University Chronicle, funded with student activity fees through Student Government, has been produced by students since 1924.



Nicole Bock's award-winning photo.

To Be Certain of the Dawn

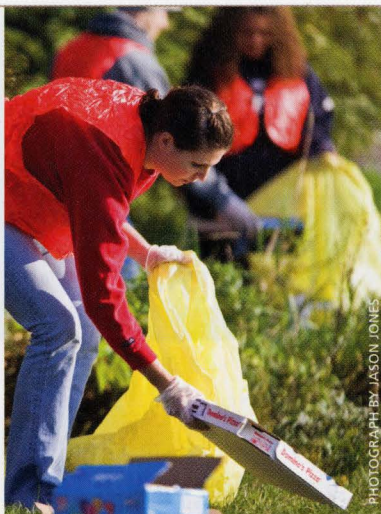
Musicians to premiere Holocaust oratorio in Europe

Choirs and orchestras from St. Cloud State, Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict, the St. Cloud State-sponsored Cantabile Girls Choir and faculty soloists and instrumentalists will present the European premiere of "To Be Certain of the Dawn" to audiences in Germany, France and Switzerland during a cultural exchange tour May 20 to June 4.

The exchange, which will include a performance at Natzweiler-Struthof, a former Nazi concentration camp in France, is the result of collaboration by music departments at the three universities, the St. Cloud State Department of Jewish Studies and the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education.

"To Be Certain of the Dawn," by composer Stephen Paulus and librettist Michael Dennis Browne, was commissioned in 2001 by the Rev. Michael J. O'Connell of the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, to honor Holocaust victims as well as survivors and their descendants. The group that will be performing in Europe also presented the oratorio in two free concerts for the Central Minnesota community in April, when the Boys' Choir from Saint John's University joined them.

Performers on the exchange tour will participate in a curriculum guided by the St. Cloud State Department of Jewish Studies and the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education that includes visits to churches, mosques, synagogues, museums, universities and the European Union Parliament.



"Adopt a Highway" is one of many community service projects that have benefited from sorority participation.

Greek news

SORORITY TOPS IN SERVICE

The St. Cloud State chapter of Delta Zeta is one of the top three sororities in the national organization in hours given to service by its members. The women in the Theta Mu chapter completed an average of 42 service hours per person in a single semester. Community service projects that have had Delta Zeta participation include Tramp-o-line-athon, Adopt a Block/Adopt a Highway and Trick or Treat for Cans. Six hundred women have belonged to the St. Cloud State chapter since it was established on campus in 1966.

FRATERNITY MEMBER NAMED PEER MENTOR

Senior Kyle Hartman, St. Cloud, was chosen to participate as a mentor in the national Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Future Quest camp, a leadership development program for new fraternity members, in Brookston, Ind., in January.

Hartman was selected because of his experience as a leader in the St. Cloud State chapter, Theta Rho, of TKE. He has been chapter president, recruitment chairman and historian, was president of the St. Cloud State Greek Council and helped lead his chapter in successfully lobbying for creation of the Greek adviser/leadership director's position in the St. Cloud State Center for Student Organizations and Leadership Development. Hartman is majoring in political science with a minor in public administration.



London calling

St. Cloud State was well represented when the city of St. Cloud was honored during the presentation of the LivCom Awards in London last December. The city received a Gold award in "The Most Livable City" category as well as the "Planning for the Future" award. President Earl H. Potter III and his wife, Christine Marshall Potter; faculty professors Debra Leigh, Dick Andzenge and Howard Bohnen; and alumni Teresa Bohnen '81 '84, president of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, and Dave Kleis '89, mayor of St. Cloud, were present for the celebration.

Front Row: Matt Glaesman, St. Cloud city planning director; Joe Nathan '88, city media services supervisor; Dave Kleis '89, mayor of St. Cloud. Middle Row: Penny Cassavant, director of institutional advancement, St. Cloud Technical College; Shelly Glaesman, wife of Matt Glaesman; Debra Leigh, professor of dance at St. Cloud State; Create Community member Susan Williams, wife of Mike Williams, city administrator; Dick Andzenge, City Planning Commission member and St. Cloud State criminal justice professor; Christine Marshall Potter, wife of St. Cloud State President Earl Potter; Angela Nathan, wife of Joe Nathan; Carla Chapman, city planning technician. Back Row: Mike Williams, Earl Potter, Harry Beckers, Dave Tripp, Metro Bus executive director. Not pictured are Teresa Bohnen '81 '84, St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce president; Howard Bohnen '72, St. Cloud State assistant professor of finance, insurance and real estate; and their daughter Zoe Bohnen





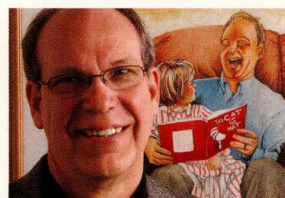
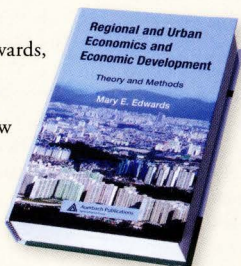
TRISTA BALDWIN

Assistant Professor of English Trista Baldwin, who joined St. Cloud State in 2007 to teach playwriting, is one of 12 members of the Workhaus Collective, founded to fully produce original plays under

the artistic leadership of each playwright. The Workhaus Collective's inaugural production was Baldwin's "Doe," which later went on to the Tokyo International Festival. Baldwin's work has been produced by The Guthrie, Chicago Dramatists, Stark Raving Theatre, Urban Stages and other groups around the country; she wrote the award-winning "Party Red Pants"; and she was commissioned by The Guthrie to create "Wade the Bird," first read at the Children's Theatre Company, Minneapolis. Her newest work is "Sand," about three young American soldiers in the Middle East.

MARY EDWARDS

Professor of Economics Mary Edwards, director of the master's program in applied economics, addresses economic cause and effect in a new college textbook published by Auerbach Publications. "Regional and Urban Economics and Economic Development: Theory and Methods" is designed to teach students how to analyze varying factors as they relate to the economic progress of a region or urban area. Contents range from measuring income inequality and "government hierarchies and local game playing" to assessing transportation congestion issues.



GLEN PALM

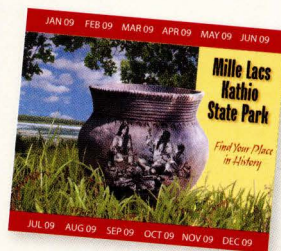
Professor Glen Palm, child and family studies, has been teaching parenting classes at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-St. Cloud since 1995. His goal

is to help incarcerated fathers establish and maintain healthy relationships with their children. Fathers in the weekly classes discuss such topics as communicating with children from a distance. The men can also create DVDs of themselves reading a children's book, which are sent to their children.

BILL GORCICA

Professor of Art Bill Gorcica was chosen to design the 2009 Minnesota State Parks Annual Vehicle Permit, now on sale. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which awarded the project to Gorcica, expects approximately 300,000 vehicles will carry the permit in a year's time. The four-color permit features Mille Lacs Kathio State Park on Mille Lacs Lake.

Gorcica, who has taught multimedia art and graphic design at St. Cloud State since 1996, also has received a Bush Foundation Visual Artist Fellowship in Three-dimensional Art and won a Fulbright Scholarship in painting and graphic arts that was used for a 10-month residency in Krakow, Poland. Find a portfolio of his artwork at www.billgorcica.com.



KATE MOONEY

Accounting Professor Kate Mooney '84 has been reappointed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty to the Minnesota Board of Accountancy, which examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. Mooney, who has been on the nine-member board since 2006, was appointed to a four-year term. She has taught at St. Cloud State since 1986, has served as department chair and is chair of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, a \$70 million social service agency that serves 300 communities.



RICHARD HANSEN

Professor Richard Hansen, director of bands, has been invited to present a document, "American Musical Culture in a High Tech Society: Advancements or Demise," for the 20th anniversary Oxford University Round Table of Scholars July 23-28. He will join invited presidents, governors, education ministers, congressmen, businesspeople and scholars from around the world to dialogue on the topic of balancing science and technology culture with arts and humanities. Hansen, who has taught at St. Cloud State since 1983, also conducts the SCSU Wind Ensemble, which is performing with the Michigan State University Wind Symphony on a CD, "American Connections," to be released by the Innova label in June.

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

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CONNECTING THROUGH
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Teachers and mentors whose vision, creativity and compassion are inspiring local and global educational experiences that develop character, understanding and community spirit

Students whose enthusiasm, energy and community engagement are preparing them for the challenges of an interdependent world and the rewards of impacting the greater good

Graduates whose passion, perspectives and commitment to careers of service are challenging the status quo and bring new meaning to the phrase "making a difference"

PEACE BUILDING BEGINS WITH COMMUNICATION

connected

During spring break Eddah Mutua-Kombo flew halfway across the world to deliver the same basic message in her native Kenya that she offers in her classroom and her community: Peace-building begins with communication.

Invited by the Commonwealth Secretariat communication and public affairs office, London, to address journalists and leaders in a country healing after a period of political crisis and violence, the St. Cloud State assistant professor of communication studies encouraged them to give greater voice to women, children and other traditionally disadvantaged groups. "Allow them to express their pain in their own language and terms," she told her audience. "Do not dehumanize them by ignoring them."

Mutua-Kombo believes individuals need to learn how to build trust in each other through interaction and to develop one-on-one friendships before they can create the kind of connections that make a difference in community, national and world relations. "It's in the mind that we construct war, but it's also in the mind that we construct peace," Mutua-Kombo said. Getting students to think about how they can help construct the ideals of peace is a powerful lesson she offers in a variety of ways.

For students in Mutua-Kombo's intercultural communication classes, the Communicating Common Ground Program in local public high schools provides a unique opportunity to get personally involved in applying their teacher's philosophy with a racially and culturally diverse group of local young people.

Mutua-Kombo developed the grant-supported program with St. Cloud school district administrators after hearing first-hand from her neighbors the challenges that immigrants face in the community. Worried parents are asking for help with children who are sometimes driven to anger and frustration by harassment and discrimination they experience in local schools, she said.

Participation in the program is giving Mutua-Kombo's St. Cloud State students tremendous insight into the intercultural problems that exist in many Minnesota communities. Sitting down to converse with the diverse mix of young people is giving them the tools to understand and tackle these issues. "I didn't realize there was this much conflict between cultures and ethnicities," said Nicole Lemmer, a sophomore communication studies major from Lindstrom, Minn. "I can tell we're impacting the kids. They need someone to talk to about these problems."

During the series of six afterschool sessions aimed at fostering conversation and problem sharing, the Technical and Apollo high school students talk about barriers they encounter and the mocking and verbal abuse they experience from other students who lack understanding and sensitivity to people who look and dress differently from them. But this diverse group is clear about why they've come together.

"We're here to share what we have in common," one said. "We've come so we can diminish racism and coexist although we have different backgrounds and opinions," said another.



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Eddah Mutua-Kombo leads a discussion with St. Cloud high school students about transforming lives through communication.

"I try to teach them to be a little bit smarter," Mutua-Kombo said, "to try to work out a strategy for how to change things – to engage others more. If you can't transform the way 100 people think, transform one, and bring in allies, one by one."

"She's very, very committed," Lemmer said of Mutua-Kombo's efforts to foster community and global intercultural communication through her teaching. "I'm learning so much. It's made me stop and think before I say things – to be sure I'm not saying something that would hurt someone."

Mutua-Kombo is not only a teacher and a mentor to the different communities she touches, she's a role model. "Education will set you free" is advice she has lived.

"I tell my students I have to pinch myself that I'm a professor standing before students in the greatest nation in the world."

Her journey to St. Cloud State began humbly in rural Kenya. "Mother couldn't afford to keep me and sent my sister and me to live with our grandfather," she said. "I walked barefooted the 10 kilometers to and from school and did homework by natural sunlight, as the single lamp was reserved for times when I would be preparing for national examinations."

"That background is in my mind all the time," said Mutua-Kombo, who studied hard and at 14 got into a missionary girls' boarding school – a place with electricity and opportunity. "I did well and proceeded to go to national school where substantive academic preparation paved my way at the University of Nairobi. It was an exciting time – the '80s movement for women's rights, UN meeting in Nairobi, people fighting for an end to apartheid." Mutua-Kombo, who went on to earn her master's degree at the City University of London and doctorate at the University of Wales, thought about all the possibilities for what she could do with her education. But in the end she said she was honored, privileged and blessed to become what her grandfather always encouraged her to be – a teacher. A teacher whose message just might change the world.

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WHAT A GARDEN CAN

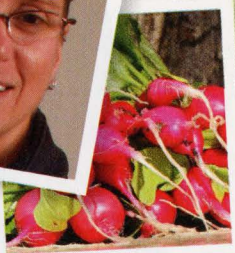
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SOCIOLOGY AND THE
GLOBAL POLITICS OF FOOD

For Associate Professor Tracy Ore, food is far more than something to be consumed. In her teaching, she uses food as a main ingredient for enlightening students about global political, environmental and economic issues. In her community advocacy, she employs it as a significant tool for building community and sharing culture.



Tracy Ore



St. Cloud resident Chris Kerr shares his carpentry and gardening skills as he builds new relationships in the community garden.

Through her “Sociology and the Global Politics of Food” course and its outgrowth, a community garden that’s building connections between campus and community, Tracy Ore helps students examine societal issues connected to the growing, production and distribution of food.

“Through food a lot of things can be seen,” said senior Dawn Mikkelsen, a sociology major from Shoreview who took Ore’s class. The course helps students explore a range of topics, including how globalization affects farming communities and how to make discerning food choices at the grocery store. “She makes you see food in a different light,” Mikkelsen said.

Ore helps her students apply something as common as food to issues as complex as politics and economics of society, said senior Deanna Tatro, Little Falls, who as a class project researched sugar cane – a food item she took for granted – and discovered how it affects the people who grow it and how political agendas affect its production. “Sociology classes always give me aha moments, but a class like this inspires me even more.”

It’s important to Ore that her students understand where food comes from and how it’s connected to people’s surroundings and their health.

"We have problems with people getting access to food," she said, pointing out that for those without resources, food pantries are not a long-term solution. Some of her students have gotten involved in studying people's accessibility to food in St. Cloud, including identifying pockets in the community where grocery stores and bus routes to food sources are not readily available. The project has produced a 30-page document that will be sent to city leaders, asking for an assessment of food accessibility in Central Minnesota.

Ore contends that when people have more connection with their food and understand where it comes from, it can change their relationship with food. She takes her students to a poultry processing plant and to the community garden on campus to expand their thinking about the sources of food.

As the driving force behind the successful community garden on Fifth Avenue, north of the St. Cloud State Women's Center, Ore has given faculty and staff, students and neighbors a way to come together and connect as they plant, nurture and share food and flowers. Volunteer gardeners get down and dirty as they till and weed and harvest, but they also have fun sharing summer cookouts and taking home fresh-picked produce.

Creating a sustainable garden on a piece of land on campus that for years had been just a place to dump snow has been a learning experience.

It also has been an enjoyable journey for Ore and her fellow gardeners, including Assistant Professor of English Catherine Fox, who has been a faithful volunteer from the beginning, and "garden ambassador" Holly Santiago, a university videographer.

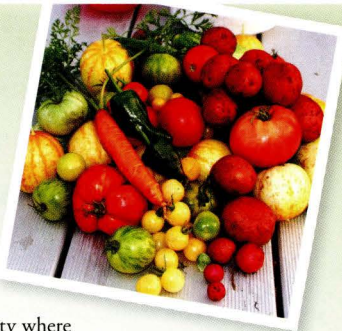
Three years ago when she first put a shovel into the ground of the garden, Ore hit rock-hard soil one inch down. "You couldn't find a worm," she said. But with the right planning and care, the spot that Ore calls a "perfect location right there on the front door of the campus" has flourished.

"The garden is my connection to the University," said St. Cloud resident Chris Kerr, who has been involved with the community garden for three years. "It brings all kinds of people with similar interests together," he said. "It transcends race, generations." When Ore mentioned it would be nice to have a compost bin, he responded by building one for the garden and turning it into a fun project for a group of willing volunteers.

"Everybody's equal in the garden," said Ore, who has become a student of every aspect of producing, preserving and using food. "I got into it more as a way of meeting people. It's been pretty amazing how people have come together to plant things and to grow not just food, but to grow community."

Through the garden and through her teaching, Ore spreads awareness and understanding about investing in the earth and investing in people, about preserving the environment and preserving community.

"Any class with her is just amazing," Tatro said of Ore's ability to relate the common threads in sociology. "Family, money, food – it's all related."



"IT'S MY CONNECTION TO THE UNIVERSITY."

Chris Kerr,
Community garden volunteer



"Garden ambassador" and University videographer Holly Santiago digs into spring planting at the community garden north of the St. Cloud State Women's Center.



Students in Tracy Ore's Global Politics of Food course learn first-hand how food brings people together.



"I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT WAS MEANINGFUL."

Service trip co-leader Tim Sahli.

Below: Students on the service trip found the children they worked with delightful. With a group, below, is St. Cloud State student Chae Ri Park, Korea.



Brandi Bongers, junior from Faribault, with children at the reservation.

meaningfulSPRINGBREAK

STUDENTS CHOOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR SPRING BREAK

Build your resume. Serve your community. Learn conflict resolution skills. Problem solve. Practice team building. Learn leadership skills.

All are good reasons for students to sign up for one of the trips the University's Volunteer Connection office offers as an alternative to the beach trips many choose for their annual one-week spring semester break. But there's an even better reason, according to Tim Sahli, who was one of two student leaders for this year's volunteer service trip to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Lame Deer, Mont.

"Instead of sitting on a beach drinking a Corona," said the junior Spanish education major from Sartell, "I wanted to do something that was meaningful." That was Sahli's motivation in 2007, when he took his first trip to Lame Deer to work with young people. The experience was so worthwhile, in fact, that this year he applied to be one of two student leaders for the trip – the only way to be certain he could participate a second time.

Alternative spring break trips are so popular with St. Cloud State students that there's a competitive application process and first-timers are typically given priority, according to Jim Knutson-Kolodzne, staff trip advisor for the last two years and director of the American Indian Center on campus. "They want as many students as possible to get this opportunity," Sahli said of the Volunteer Connection interest in bringing a new group of students to Lame Deer every year. This year 10 students, including Sahli, had that opportunity.

The group's assignment was straightforward: participate in activities such as crafts, games and sports with children in grades one to six and join high school students for open gym nights, all at the community center. "We're not going out there to save

anyone or change their lives," Sahli said before the trip. "We're just going to help the community."

Sahli and his classmates came away with more than team building, problem solving and leadership skills. "These are some pretty awesome kids," Sahli said of the youngsters he's met during two trips. "They're really loving, they're thankful for what they have, they appreciate what comes into their lives."

Each time the visitors returned to the community center, Sahli said, "You could see the kids' faces light up ... they really tried to get to know us, they asked if they could stay later, they wanted us to hang out with them."

The children also taught the college students the difference giving of one's time and attention can make: "Most of the kids don't have all the opportunities someone in St. Cloud would have – so when we do what we think is simple, it means a lot to them," Sahli said. "You realize that even small things can be a big deal."

Sahli said he and his classmates are in complete agreement on what they didn't like about the week: "The hardest part was seeing the injustice" in the lack of opportunities available, the financial, political and institutional limitations put on children on the reservation, Sahli explained for the group. "That really bummed us out." That's part of the learning experience, said Knutson-Kolodzne. "It's a culture shock," a shock that left the St. Cloud State students with a better understanding of the meaning of "white privilege" – and a desire to continue to explore diversity and confront inequity.

Deer Medicine Rock, near Lame Deer, Mont.





Giving freely, freely giving

VOLUNTEERING, THAT SELFLESS URGE TO SERVE OTHERS, IS ALIVE AND WELL AT ST. CLOUD STATE.

"Don't do it because you think it would look good on your resume," said Gina Palmer, a senior special education major from Coon Rapids, Minn. "Do it because you want to. Do it because you want to do something good for someone else."

Service by St. Cloud State students may total as much as a million hours in a year, according to Beth Knutson-Kolodzne, coordinator of Volunteer Connection. That estimate is extrapolated from a 2006 SCSU Survey of 502 randomly selected students who reported averaging five hours of volunteering or service-learning work per month. Volunteer Connection supports and promotes volunteering and academic service-learning on campus.

Palmer, a 22-year-old senior, dug lawn irrigation trenches for Habitat for Humanity. She worked Hurricane Katrina relief in Mississippi during 2007 spring break. She mentored disabled 18- to 21-year-olds participating in the Community Options 2 collaborative between St. Cloud State and the St. Cloud school district. She works with disabled teenagers at Technical High School in St. Cloud.

"I absolutely love it," Palmer said of her service in Rodney Schindele's special education classroom at Technical High. Palmer is a member of the campus chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), a professional organization that promotes the advancement and education of children with special needs. Palmer and two or three CEC colleagues volunteer at Technical High on alternate Wednesdays. The after-school visits are largely social, with plenty of visiting, snacking and card playing. But the high school students also ask questions about life at college and living away from home, Palmer said.

Jason Finstad, a senior marketing major from Richfield, says volunteering offers a means of getting out into the community.

"I like building relationships with people in the community," said Finstad, 22. Last fall Finstad joined Into the Streets, Volunteer Connection's 115-student service blitz at four St. Cloud locations. Shovel in hand, water bottles tucked into the rear pockets of his jeans, Finstad dug lawn irrigation trenches in a Habitat for Humanity twin homes neighborhood in south St. Cloud. His goal this summer is to volunteer with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, he said.

Knutson-Kolodzne notes that improved campus-community relations are a key part of President Earl H. Potter III's vision for St. Cloud State. Few things, she adds, can bridge the town-and-gown divide and enhance the University's standing in the region better than community service.

Above: Into the Streets volunteers from left: senior Travis Gause, Lino Lakes, freshman Sara Asfeld, Kimball, Gina Palmer and Jason Finstad. Into the Streets was a Sept. 8, 2007, service day that saw 115 students volunteer at four St. Cloud locations. This foursome dug trenches for a lawn irrigation system in a Habitat for Humanity neighborhood.



Jason Finstad, a marketing major, digs a trench for a lawn irrigation system in a Habitat for Humanity neighborhood.

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Beth Knutson-Kolodzne,
Volunteer Connection coordinator



Slapshots members with Marty include: back row from left, Keith Hennemann and Patrick Todd, Apollo High School; front row from left, Nick Hickman, Apollo High School, Marty Mjelleli and Marcelli Mutua-Kombo.

"HE'S A COACH, A MENTOR, A ROLE MODEL
— WHETHER HE'S HELPING THEM PUT ON
THEIR HELMETS OR SHOWING THEM MOVES."

Therese Todd

For SCSU senior men's hockey player Marty Mjelleli, community service is a priority. This spring he finished his second season as an assistant coach with the St. Cloud Area Slapshots adaptive floor hockey team.

AT HIS PERSONAL BEST

Two years ago Husky hockey forward and three-time All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association Academic Team designee Marty Mjelleli dropped by a practice session of the St. Cloud Slapshots adapted floor hockey team. He was hooked – in a good way.

“At the end of the game one of the kids leaned over and asked if I would be back tomorrow,” said Mjelleli, who had visited because two of his Husky teammates were helping to coach the Minnesota High School League team of cognitively impaired seventh-through-twelfth graders. “I thought, I can’t lie to him, and it’s nice to be wanted. Next thing I know I’m going every day to practice.”

As a volunteer assistant coach, he joined the Slapshots as they experienced the disappointments and joys of two full seasons, including the celebration of a 2007 Minnesota High School League championship.

For Mjelleli, a spring graduate from Fairbault and the son of teachers, the community service habit was instilled early. Volunteering was a given at home and mandatory at his high school, Shattuck St. Mary’s. He considers it a way to thank the people who’ve mentored him. “I’ve been blessed with good teachers, good coaches and good parents,” he said. “I want to carry the torch, ... make the circle complete.”

And so he has. Mjelleli was honored as a finalist this year for two coveted national awards – the National Collegiate Athletic Association Hockey Humanitarian Award and Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award. When he volunteers, he doesn’t just show up. “I love hands-on experiences,” Mjelleli said. “I like to be involved.” And while he admits sneaking in a little ESPN at lunchtime, his schedule keeps him running.

The dedicated athlete and student with a double major in marketing and communication studies has done a variety of service projects with kids, including volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club, Shriner’s Hospitals for Children, St. Cloud’s Great River Regional Library reading program, and Goodwill and Clothes for the Blind. As vice president of the Student Athlete Advisor Council, he participated in food drives for local organizations.

But it’s his work with the Slapshots that has been a significant commitment and most rewarding experience for

Mjelleli, who plans to return to St. Cloud State to earn his MBA after pursuing post-graduate hockey opportunities. For the past two years, from November to March, he worked with the team four days a week for hour-and-a-half practices, plus games and post-season tournaments.

“These kids really look up to Marty,” said Therese Todd, who works in the National Hockey Center office and whose son Patrick is a veteran six-year Slapshot player named to the Wells Fargo All-Conference team last year. “They follow the Huskies as much as the Huskies follow them. It’s really something for them to have a REAL hockey player show them what to do. The kids just idolize him.”

“Marty’s contribution has been tremendous,” said Todd, who has been the conduit for connecting Husky players with Slapshots. “He’s coach, mentor and a role model – whether he’s helping them put on their helmets or showing them moves.”

The Adapted Athletics Program is part of the Minnesota State High School League and includes teams of high school students who are either physically or cognitively impaired. “Being part of the Slapshots is more than a varsity sport for the players,” according to Todd, who credits Mjelleli and former Husky teammates Grant Clifton ’08 and Andrew Gordon ’07, Washington, D.C., with making a tremendous impact on their lives.

“A lot of these kids don’t have a lot of other opportunities for friendship and bonding,” said Todd. “You put them together, and they become a team. Sometimes they get to stay overnight in a hotel, go out for pizza with the team – the same things other kids their age get to do.”

Mjelleli, who well understands the significance of such bonding, works with other high school students at summer hockey camps to earn income. But the Slapshots are special.

“Many people think I’m teaching them, but in actuality they’re teaching me,” he said. “I’m learning how to conduct myself in front of a team. I’m learning patience. This is a perfect avenue for exploring coaching ... the experience is really rewarding.”

martymjelleli

**IT’S ALL ABOUT BALANCE
FOR THIS STUDENT/
ATHLETE/HUMANITARIAN**



The men's golf team received its fifth straight invitation to the NCAA Division II West/Northwest Golf Super Regional May 5-7 in Petaluma, Calif. The lineup included senior Danny Anderson, Willmar, sophomore Travis Ross, Crookston, junior Jake Zilkoski, St. Cloud, sophomore Evan Peters, Glenwood, and freshman Mitch Means, Brainerd. St. Cloud State won the fall Northwest Region Head to Head Tournament and placed fourth in the Spring Head to Head. In addition, the Huskies won the NCC Championship in October. The conference title was the fourth overall and third since the 2004 season. The Husky men's golf team won the 2007 North Central Conference (NCC) Championship for the third time since the 2005 season. Head Coach Judi Larkin was named the NCC Men's Coach of the Year for the third time in her career.

- The men's tennis team captured its seventh consecutive NCC championship, its 15th since 1986, under head coach Jerry Anderson's leadership. The Huskies also earned their eighth consecutive NCAA Division II tournament bid in 2008.
- Basketball senior co-captain David Dreas of Winona was selected to participate in the

National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II All-Star Game, one of 20 NCAA Division II basketball players in the game. He led the Huskies to a 17-11 overall record and was the team scoring leader, averaging 17.8 points per game. He finished his career with 1,802 points, second on the all-time scoring chart, and set the career record for three-point baskets with 250.

- The wrestling team under the leadership of head coach Steve Costanzo placed 12th in the nation at the NCAA Division II championships. The Huskies also charted a 13-2 dual match record, their most wins in a season since 1972-73. The team was led by junior Brad Padgett, Buckley, Wash., fourth in the nation at 184-pounds.
- Junior diver Nate Jimerson, Apple Valley, was featured in the April 14 edition of Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd. He won NCAA Division II diving national championships on the one-meter and three-meter boards in March. The two-time national champion is a six-time All-American, the first Husky male diver to earn a national title and the sixth to earn an individual national title.
- Football junior Ryan Kees, Eagan, earned several post-season honors on and off the field. His academic honors included being named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team, the NCC All-Academic Team and the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. Playing honors included being named to

the All-NCC First Team, the Daktronics All-Northwest Region Second Team and the Don Hansen Football Gazette All-Northwest Region Team.

- The men's hockey, women's hockey, men's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving and wrestling teams enjoyed national rankings during the season.
- The women's hockey team posted its best start in history with a 15-5-4 record.
- Thirty-two fall sports student-athletes were named to the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.
- Sophomore forward Ryan Lasch, Lake Forest, Calif., led the WCHA in scoring this season. He was a Hobey Baker Award Top 10 Finalist and gained All-America and All-WCHA honors.
- The Husky baseball team held a Community Service Day in November, when student-athletes visited nursing homes, assisted living complexes and day care centers in the St. Cloud area.
- Reading to elementary school students is one of the most widely recognized Husky athletics outreach programs. The men's and women's basketball teams are regular visitors to St. Cloud area schools.
- The nationally-ranked women's hockey team played a "Skate for a Cure" series with Minnesota State University, Mankato, wearing pink breast cancer awareness jerseys made for the games. All proceeds were donated to the Breast Cancer Center of St. Cloud.

Coach, athletes flood ravaged community with donations

The storms and floods that ravaged southeastern Minnesota in August 2007 hit close to home for St. Cloud State University softball coach Paula U'Ren, whose parents have lived in the hard-hit town of Rushford since 1995.

"The entire area where my parents live was hit very hard by the floods, and there was a great need for basic resources to make it through a very tough time," U'Ren said.

In an effort to help the cause in southeastern Minnesota, U'Ren was the driving force behind a St. Cloud State drive to collect household and personal supplies to assist victims of the August floods. In addition, school supplies were collected for the area's children since many would soon be starting the new academic year without the basics for those first days of school.

U'Ren and members of her softball team collected supplies at a Huskies home volleyball game and donations at a Husky football game.

The two donation events helped generate two truckloads of supplies that included a wide range of items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, paper towels, school supplies and cash donations. The St. Cloud State athletic department also donated a supply of fleece Husky sweatshirts for flood victims.

U'Ren then drove the supplies to Rochester, where she met up with her father to transfer the supplies. She was unable

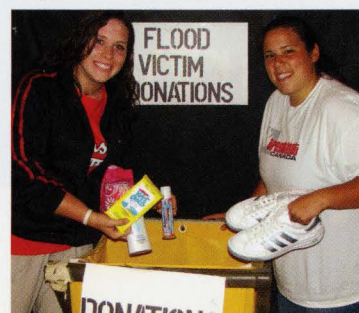
to drive directly to Rushford since access to the town was still closed due to flood damage. U'Ren's father brought the supplies to St. Joseph's Church in Rushford, which served as a Red Cross distribution point.

"I was very impressed by the outpouring of support and donations from St. Cloud State and the community," U'Ren said. "Athletic administrators and staff and our student-athletes were very willing to help and were so supportive of this cause."

"St. Cloud State really reached out to a community in need, and helped them make it through a tough time. I know the people down in the Rushford area really appreciated the help and assistance as they worked to rebuild."

U'Ren will begin her 11th season at St. Cloud State in 2008. Her squads have compiled an overall record of 400-178 since 1998 and have captured three NCC titles during that time. A six-time National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament qualifier, U'Ren's 2004 squad placed third in the nation at the Division II championships.

Seniors Heather Trobec, Sartell, and Ashley Homan, Cottage Grove, collect flood relief supplies.



aquatics

PROFESSOR'S PASSION FUELS ADAPTED AQUATICS PROGRAM

It's a passion that has led to tears of joy for many parents and guardians and great satisfaction over the years for Professor Ruth Nearing. That passion is the St. Cloud State adapted aquatics program that Nearing has directed since she arrived on campus in 1970.

It started in the Veterans Administration Hospital pool as a Red Cross program and evolved into annual swimming lessons at Halenbeck Pool as part of the Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) licensure program in the SCSU Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports Science.

Nearing has been the driving force in a program that has assisted hundreds, even thousands (once you consider the ripple effect of those licensed in DAPE) of young people with disabilities. Last summer, more than 90 children signed up for swimming lessons but there was room for only 45. The reason: the pool can safely hold a limited number of participants and there have to be enough St. Cloud State students and volunteers to assist the swimmers. The program teaches swimming to children 3-14 years of age.

In order to offer the swimming classes, Nearing has a group of volunteers, many who come back year after year, and St. Cloud State students who are enrolled in the adapted aquatics course to help her each summer. The children come for eight sessions that run 45 minutes each. They are assigned instructors according to their swimming ability and, in some cases, their disabilities. Some can be taught in small groups and some need one-on-one or two-on-one assistance.

The rewards for offering swimming classes to children with disabilities are many, according to Nearing. Besides learning to swim and how to be safe in, on and about the water, the children have opportunities to be in social situations ranging from saying hello to someone and making eye contact to waiting in line, listening and taking turns. "There is a value in just being immersed in water; it is a therapeutic modality that has been used for centuries as it acts as a natural massage," said Nearing. In addition, children who have problems moving on land due to a lack of strength, lack of limbs or limbs that are shaped differently may find it is easier to move in the water with very little effort. That is especially helpful for young people with cerebral palsy.

Children with disabilities, like other children, may push themselves and some are very competitive. Nearing tells the story of one young boy, Riley Johnson of Waite Park,



Graduate student Nikki Smith, Andover, and Riley Johnson of Waite Park.

who was born with arthrogryposis, a condition that occurs at birth and causes multiple joint contractures or immovable joints. When he came to adapted aquatics last summer, the young man's goal for the eight swimming sessions was to be able to swim one length of the pool by himself despite having limited leg movement. He reached his goal

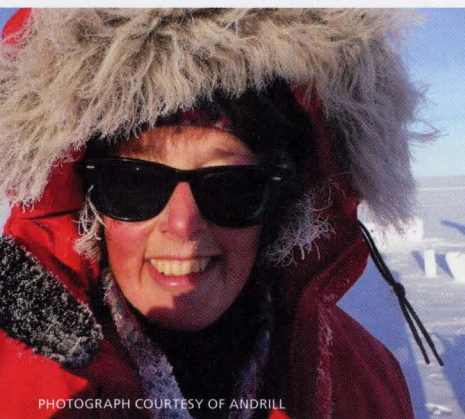
the first day. "Later, we put fins on him and every day he would swim a few more laps," said Nearing. By the time the swimming sessions ended, he could swim ten lengths without stopping and turn at the ends of the pool without any help. "Now, there's a young man whose self-determination allowed him to be successful," said Nearing. "How he swam made no difference – the bottom line was that he was successful and that's what it's all about."

St. Cloud State students who take the adapted aquatics course as part of their DAPE teaching licensure also benefit by teaching the children. "Unless you apply the book knowledge learned, unless you get your hands wet, so to speak, and work with children with disabilities, connections are not made," Nearing said. "Prior to taking the course, many of the college students have never interacted with a person with a disability; their first instinct is fear and they tend to be timid. Finally, they realize that these young people are just like those of us without significant disabilities, with the same needs and desires. That's the point at which they relax and begin to treat the young swimmers like they would anyone else."

According to Nearing there probably isn't another program in the Upper Midwest like this one. The adapted aquatics summer program is a win-win situation for the children with disabilities, for SCSU students, for the University and for the St. Cloud community. St. Cloud State and the community also benefit because it's an opportunity to see, respect and accept children with disabilities.

Nearing said she finds a great deal of joy in working with children with disabilities. "This is absolutely my favorite thing to do," she said. "You do the smallest thing for them and they and their parents and guardians are so thankful. I guess it has to do with the bodies in which we live versus the personality and spirit of the person," said Nearing. "There is a personality in each child, regardless of ability, that a lot of people don't see. I get to see those little personalities, and that is the fun part of it. I couldn't have asked for a better job!"





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thebigchill

GEOLOGIST SERVES SCIENCE AND STUDENTS

It's Sunday morning and Kate Pound is kneeling on the ice at the west end of Big Lake.

She and her crew need to pull a second sediment core from the bottom of this Sherburne County lake and then Pound is off to pull sediment core samples from Crooked Lake in neighboring Anoka County.

This is life at a dead run for a Minnesotan just returned from Antarctica. This is life for a scientist dedicated to helping the world understand climate change from a geologic perspective. This is life for an educator committed to sharing her knowledge with students and teachers at a dozen Minnesota and Wisconsin schools.

Pound, an associate professor of earth and atmospheric sciences, is expert at analyzing sediment on ocean and lake floors. Her 2007 work in Antarctica included curating samples of a 3,734 foot long sediment core from the floor of McMurdo Sound. The samples are being analyzed by scientists worldwide.

Sediment cores retrieved from Minnesota and Wisconsin lake floors in 2008 will be studied by K-12 students, as well as by students in Pound's college geology courses. They'll also be stored in a national repository at the University of Minnesota's Limnological Research Center.

"We're deducing a history of climate change as it's recorded in Antarctica," Pound said of her work for the 80-member ANDRILL (ANTarctic geological DRILLing) team. "We're using all the tools in the geoscientist's toolkit."

The tools include radiometric dating, fossil study, sediment description and magnetic character analysis. Scientists will compare their findings to seafloor samples from more frequently drilled areas near the Equator. The result will be a better understanding of the world's evolving climate, going back tens of millions of years, Pound said.

Closer to home, Pound is sharing her knowledge of sedimentology and stratigraphy with teachers such as Adam Pelot '05, a geology and astronomy teacher at Big Lake High School in Big Lake. Pelot will use cores collected Feb. 24 from Big Lake in his two geology classes. Students will discuss why the core collected from beneath 6.3 feet of water holds coarse sediment, while the core collected from 14.8 feet is finer grained and more silty. The students will search the shallow sample for evidence of agriculture. That portion of the lake was a hay field during dry years, according to Pelot.

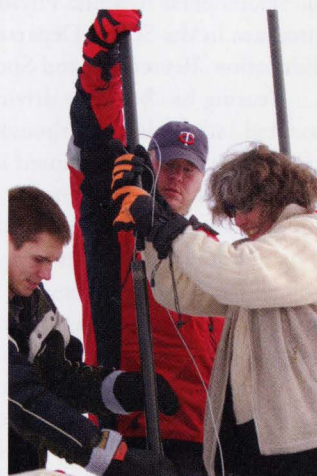
The biology teacher down the hall from Pelot will have his students search the samples for small crustaceans called copepods and microscopic creatures called diatoms. The samples will be shared with classes at Big Lake's middle school, too.

"It's going to have a huge, huge impact, not only on my classroom, but, I would venture to say, on the whole school district," Pelot said.

Mike Steiner's students pulled a five-foot core from Lake Chetek and a similar-sized core from Bass Lake Feb. 19. The Chetek, Wis., science teacher and his middle school students hope to date sediment layers in the Lake Chetek sample by pinpointing the effects of an 1863 dam on the Chetek River.

"I'm pretty excited and the kids are excited to get the samples," said Steiner.

Serving the world's scientists with seafloor samples from the Southern Ocean. Helping students in Minnesota and Wisconsin learn about limnology, the study of lakes. Not bad for a professor teaching a full course load at Minnesota's second-largest university.



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Above: Crew members unscrew pipe sections as a sample is pulled from the lake floor four meters below the ice surface. From left: Adam Brenteson, a junior at Big Lake High School, Adam Pelot '05, a geology and astronomy teacher at Big Lake High School, and Megan Jones, a geology professor at North Hennepin Community College.

Left: Kate Pound and Aubrey Lee, right, examine a sediment core pulled from the bottom of Big Lake. Lee is a geology student at North Hennepin Community College.

Below: Kate Pound talks about drilling into the sea floor of McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, during a February episode of KARE 11's "Simply Science" with meteorologist Sven Sundgaard '03, left.



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educationpartnerships

CO-TEACHING A BEST PRACTICE

More than 25,000 Central Minnesota students in 17 schools have been touched by an innovative co-teaching model developed by the St. Cloud State College of Education. Now in its fifth year, the program has received the Best Practice Award in Support of Teacher Education Quality and Accountability from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The co-teaching program pairs classroom teachers with St. Cloud State teacher candidates to collaboratively plan, organize, deliver and assess instruction in the classroom. "The needs of today's children are so great," professor and program director Nancy Bacharach has said, "that it doesn't make sense to have either the classroom teacher or the teacher candidate sitting in the background when both can be helping children."

Research indicates that the co-teaching model has a statistically significant positive effect on reading and math scores along with significant decreases in unexcused absences and classroom disruptions.

"I taught alongside my cooperating teacher my first day in the classroom and on a daily basis until the day I left," said St. Cloud State student teacher Laura Schmidt, senior, from Monticello. "The students saw me as a teacher from day one."

"I'm a convert," said teacher Janine Bunkowski, Madison Elementary School, St. Cloud. "Co-teaching is the very best way to train student teachers."

Julia Espe, executive director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the St. Cloud schools, said of the new model: "Instead of throwing a student teacher into the complexities of teaching, without a lifeline, they're coached as they practice the art of teaching."

STUDENTS TEACHING IN CHINA, AFRICA

Seniors Raunn Finley, of San Antonio, Texas, and Elizabeth Loch, Big Lake, who are majoring in special education, are student teaching this spring on the other side of the world. The two are spending March and April at Shanghai Special Education Consulting School in Shanghai, working with students in grades K-6.

The program is one of several clinical experiences developed by the St. Cloud State College of Education as a cost-effective way to prepare students to teach young people in a global world.

As the result of similar partnerships, elementary and secondary education majors will be able to teach in Beijing, China; child and family studies majors will be able to teach in a bilingual early childhood program in Xi'an, China; and all education majors will be able to student teach in South Africa.

BRIDGE-BUILDING

Volunteer Connection at St. Cloud State, in partnership with St. Cloud school district, will be building bridges thanks to a \$20,000 grant awarded by the state-funded Post-Secondary Service-Learning and Campus-Community Collaboration Grant Program.

"Building Bridges: Campus-Community Connections" will facilitate service-learning partnerships between the University and St. Cloud school district. Initiatives may include St. Cloud State students serving as reading tutors and mentors for students, helping staff coordinate an employment skills seminar for English language learners in grades 10-12, and serving as co-educators in new kindergarten Spanish and Chinese immersion programs. An additional outcome will be fostering college aspirations among local students.

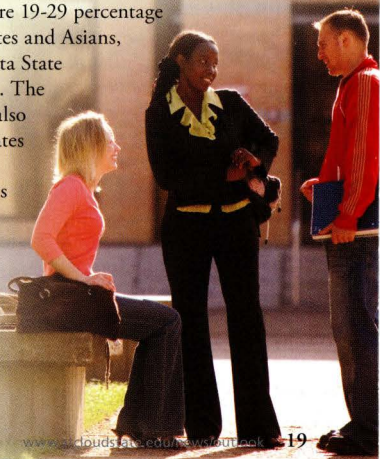
PROVIDING ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY

St. Cloud State will create one of three Minnesota centers dedicated to improving high school graduation and college participation rates among students of color and other underrepresented groups after winning a competitive grant from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

The University will receive \$2.2 million over two years for a center designed to improve high school graduation rates among underrepresented students in grades 8-12 in the St. Cloud school district. St. Cloud State also will partner with St. Cloud Technical College to help students assess their academic skills and plan educational paths to careers.

Historically, underrepresented students have had significantly lower high school graduation rates than white and Asian students. In 2006, for example, high school graduation rates for Minnesota's American Indian, black and Hispanic students were 19-29 percentage points lower than for whites and Asians, according to the Minnesota State Department of Education. The underrepresented groups also have significantly lower rates of college participation.

The initiative augments existing St. Cloud State programs that have led to seven years of steady growth in the number of students of color at the University, where they represent 7.6 percent of the student body.



NARROWING THE cultureGAP

It's easy to understand why Valeria Silva '90 '91 and Armando Camacho '97 have been rapidly rising stars in the highly diverse constellation of St. Paul's public school district. They're smart, passionate role models for a multicultural student population they connect with very well.

Neither Silva nor Camacho knew English when they arrived in Minnesota in the early 1980s. Each has vivid memories of flying into America on a frigid December day – she from Chile at age 24 and he from Puerto Rico at age 6. Both ended up at St. Cloud State University, graduated summa cum laude and quickly found their niche in Twin Cities education circles – effectively teaching, leading and reforming achievement rates for immigrant and special needs students.

"They have an aligned vision for what's important for our district," said St. Paul Superintendent Meria Carstarphen of Silva and Camacho. "It's an extraordinarily diverse community, serving a population of more than 70 percent students of color. We're fortunate to have people working for the district who look like them and can talk to them about their culture and relate to them," adding, "With Valeria and Armando, we believe we just scored."

No wonder. Because of Silvia's work, St. Paul is a district nationally recognized as closing the gap for English language learners, Carstarphen said. "More than 40 percent of our students come to us without English at home, and she's helped us cut through the barriers of culture and language."

As assistant director of Alternative Learning Programs, Camacho has lead St. Paul's new Gordon Parks alternative high school and six other alternative offerings, plus extended day and summer school programs. He



Words on a favorite plaque in Valeria Silva's '90 '91 office: "It's a rare person who can take care of hearts while also taking care of business."

was recruited last year from the Minneapolis school district, where he did what, according to Carstarphen, is "the toughest thing to do – reform an entire school." He gained national attention as principal of Whittier International Elementary School in Minneapolis, a job he took in 1999 at age 29. In November a case study was published by him and Stanford University educator Angela Eilers called, "School Culture Change in the Making ... Leadership Factors that Matter."

Whittier, which had been put on academic watch under the terms of the No Child Left Behind Act, was turned around under Camacho's leadership, growing from 280 to 500 students and dramatically improving their performance. "I'm very proud of what we did," he said.

Coming back to St. Paul in a leadership capacity was the fulfillment of a dream for Camacho. It was there that his life in America began. He remembers coming from Puerto Rico with the grandparents who raised him to their new home in West St. Paul. When he looked out the window as the plane landed and saw snow for the first time, he said, "I thought it was salt."

Camacho attended West Side schools until junior high, when his grandparents took him back to Puerto Rico. At 15 he returned to visit his St. Paul friends and made the decision to stay in Minnesota on his own, supporting himself and living with the families of his friends. "I kind of went from house to house those four

years, and sometimes I was homeless.” He credits those families with being the mentors and educators he needed to help him learn American culture and take advantage of what the schools had to offer academically and socially.

Camacho started college and played football at the University of St. Thomas, but after two years he had developed a desire to go into special education after working at a group home to earn his living. Visiting faculty and advisors at St. Cloud State helped him decide he could make it by living in St. Paul public housing and filling in some of his classes at Twin Cities community colleges and the University of Minnesota. “I found my professors at St. Cloud State to be very knowledgeable, caring and understanding,” he said. “They were very accommodating, and they did a wonderful job preparing us to succeed. The program was rigorous but very practical.”

One of Camacho’s most influential faculty mentors was Special Education Professor Mary Beth Noll. “I remember him as being not only very personable, but very goal oriented, bright and motivated,” she said. “It was a joy to have him in the classroom, to recommend him for a scholarship and to see him go on to make a difference in the field of education.”

Making a difference is what drives both Camacho and Silva, a leader who this year earned the coveted honor of a Broad Foundation Fellowship for training urban school superintendents. Only four percent of those who applied were chosen for the academy, which includes 10 months of weekend training at sites across the country. The 2008 class includes 12 prominent education, military and government leaders – including a former U.S. congressman – from around the United States.

“I hope to see her as a superintendent,” said Carstarphen, who nominated Silva for the fellowship. “She has really put St. Paul on the map, and we’re already thinking about future leadership roles.”

Silva was already a teacher when she came to Minnesota from Santiago, Chile. Her sister was at St. Cloud State on a six-month faculty exchange to work on her master’s degree. “I came here on the coldest day – it was below zero,” she recalls. But her desire to learn English was stronger than her desire to return to a warmer climate.

Working at a Sartell nursing home she learned English language and culture from the residents, including a couple of retired elementary school teachers. “They were very good teachers.”

Silva entered St. Cloud State to earn her teacher licensure and the 90 credits to complete a bachelor of elective studies degree, which she did in 1990. “I was one of the few international students at that time to come with a degree from another country,” she said. But the team formed by the international students helped open her mind in new ways. “I totally learned how to appreciate other cultures. St. Cloud State gave me confidence.”

Learning in a new country wasn’t without frustrating situations and challenges. Not having the knowledge of culture and language that American students take for granted can be a detriment to learning. “For example, what does ‘raining cats and dogs’ mean to someone just learning English?” she said.

Her experiences as an international student gave her the perspective to empathize with immigrant students in St. Paul. “I see the world differently because I’ve experienced these situations,” she said.

Both Silva and Camacho understand the importance of helping students from all cultures retain their pride in where they came from and who they are. “Our society is changing,” Silva said. “We need to take our roots but also welcome another world when we go to a new country.”

Just as these two leading Minnesota educators have seized opportunities and worked hard to invest in accomplishing their own goals, they know the



Armando Camacho '97 said he stands proud as an example for those students who say the odds are against them.

responsibility they have for helping St. Paul students succeed. “We get one shot with every kid to engage them in school,” Silva said. “We need leaders prepared to do the work that affects directly the life and possibilities of a student. We’ve got to do it well. There’s no option of failure.”

“This is not a job ... it’s a passion and a lifestyle,” Silva said. “I never forget I’m a role model.”

“It’s nice when someone stands in front of a classroom and says they didn’t always speak English, when as an immigrant student you can see someone who looks like you and knows your culture,” Camacho said. “There’s a lot of power to that.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: Armando Camacho begins a new position as president of Neighborhood House, St. Paul, May 19.

CANADA

Ninth-graders in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, are studying the Holocaust using a series of 12 podcasts developed at the campus radio station, KVSC 88.1 FM. The podcasts tell the story of Holocaust survivor Henry Oertelt's journey from Berlin teenager during Hitler's rise through his incarceration in five concentration camps and eventual rescue. The historic production used the new medium to deliver the story because it fits the learning style of today's students.

WISCONSIN

In recognition of his own father's ongoing struggle with the disease, Kevin Burkart '94, Savage, is promising '100 perfect jumps' in one day to raise money for Parkinson disease research. The veteran of more than 700 jumps will be jumping at Skydive Twin Cities in Baldwin, Wis., on June 4. Burkart, president of StepStoneGroup, has already raised \$23,000 of his \$40,000 goal. Details and his father's story at www.perfectjumps.com



EASTERN KENTUCKY

During spring break five students – who came to St. Cloud State from Sartell, Monticello, Dubai, South Korea and Beijing – traveled to Flat Gap, Ky., where they helped roof, side, paint and otherwise repair homes with the Christian Appalachian Project. Group leader was Jim Altobelli '86, Sauk Rapids.

IRAQ

After a former student had a close call finding his way back to his base in Iraq at night, retired St. Cloud State Professor Ed Meyer made it his mission to put a GPS unit in the hand of every soldier there. "I'm not going to give up until I do," he says. With the help of others, 50 units have already been purchased. Orchestrating donations is the St. Augusta American Legion Women's Auxiliary headed by St. Cloud State employee Elaine Taufen '99. To support the effort, e-mail Meyer at ecmeyer@stcloudstate.edu.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Every spring and fall, volunteers gather on the banks of the Mississippi River for a clean-up effort. Last fall, for example, in a two-hour time period, more than 80 students, including 45 members of the nationally-ranked Husky wrestling team, collected nearly 600 pounds of garbage from the west bank of the river.

MEXICO

Students Lynette Gutkowski, Teresa Berny, Hannah Ankeny and Jessica Bjerk spent spring break helping Humane Borders provide water to Mexican immigrants at risk in Arizona deserts. "If they're thirsty and we can help them, we do," said Sister Clara of the Franciscan Welcoming House in St. Cloud, who accompanied the students. They made the trip to help the immigrants and to better understand the immigrant experience so that they can advocate for change back in Minnesota.

GUATEMALA

Four years in a row, retired professor Jim O'Neill, who taught foreign languages at SCSU for 33 years, has worked as a translator for doctors who volunteer to treat the poor in Tejutla, Guatemala. Because indigenous Spanish speakers in that area use terminology unfamiliar to many translators, he has created a 40-page dictionary for translators who volunteer with HELPS International, sponsor of the healthcare program.

IVORY COAST

In the Ivory Coast village where linguistics professor Ettien Koffi grew up, people speak Anyi, which has been an oral, unwritten language. To promote that society's development, he took it upon himself to design a writing system for the language. Now, his countrymen are learning to communicate in writing, which allows for accumulation and sharing of cultural, historical and scientific knowledge. His goal is to have a literacy program in every Anyi village within 20 years.

CHILE

Among the students in the fall semester study abroad program in Concepción, Chile, who volunteered to teach English in public schools in the city's poor neighborhoods were sophomore Emily Zitzloff, of Plymouth, and junior Jim Gotta, Sartell. They found their help was much appreciated by teachers working with 40-50 students in decrepit classrooms where supplies consisted of a whiteboard, scrap paper and a communal bucket of pencils and crayons.

POLAND

During a study abroad program in Eastern Europe, students toured Auschwitz and interviewed Holocaust survivors. Three of the survivors they met had never before spoken to a group about their experiences – St. Cloud State students were able to draw them out and make them comfortable enough that three of the survivors now make formal presentations for schools and organizations about their experiences during World War II.

AFGHANISTAN

While supporting pilots flying missions over Afghanistan, Michael Semeja '01, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, filled a five-ton military vehicle with school supplies, medical supplies and clothing that was delivered to Nader Shakot Girls School in Khost. Among those who contributed to his drive were middle school students in the Arizona school system where he taught U.S. history for five years before his deployment to the Middle East. "I'm just a soldier who is trying to make a difference and get back home to Arizona safe and sound," he has said.



BANGLADESH

Professor Alex Polacco, management, and the Bangladeshi Student Association held a weeklong fundraiser and hosted a "Bangladeshi Kitchen" event that attracted more than 200 students who helped raise \$1,400 for recovery efforts after a devastating cyclone in Bangladesh last fall. Polacco helped with relief efforts when he was growing up in a country frequently victimized by cyclones, and clearly remembers the sight of human corpses and livestock carcasses "floating in the floodwaters."

SRI LANKA

A charitable organization founded by St. Cloud State business professors Susantha and Jayantha Herath and a third brother, Ajantha, is rebuilding classrooms in a primary school destroyed by a 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. Details on the project and the family foundation, which has given out 6,200 scholarships and intends to bring 1 million families out of poverty by 2025, are at www.herathfoundation.org.

MALAYSIA

P. Sundramoorthy '89, who earned a master's degree in criminal justice at St. Cloud State before he went on to earn a doctorate in sociology, has brought his training and expertise to his homeland of Malaysia. As one of the country's leading criminologists, his research helps raise awareness of the need for an effective crime prevention program. He teaches at the School of Social Sciences in Universiti Sains Malaysia.

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**"WALKING INTO THE HERBERGER COLLEGE IS LIKE
WALKING INTO THE HEADQUARTERS OF A LARGE FIRM."**

Diana Lawson, Dean of the G.R. Herberger College of Business

Meeting rooms in the G.R. Herberger College of Business headquarters in Centennial Hall include this one with a view of the cupola atop Lawrence: from left, senior Lapido Bello, Maple Grove; Professor Qingjun "Jim" Chen, business computer information systems; senior Jeremy Lembeck, Albany; graduate student Sama Sharma, St. Cloud; graduate student Rehka Guragain, Nepal; and, in foreground, graduate student Keerti Addula, India.

Anonymous generosity, easily identified benefits

An anonymous pledge and subsequent gifts have brought the Centennial Hall fund-raising campaign to near conclusion. St. Cloud State is within a few thousands dollars from raising the final \$360,000 which qualifies then for a \$250,000 challenge grant from an alumnus of the University, according to Eric Kautzman, associate vice president for development.

The two amounts would complete the need for private gift support of \$2.2 million for renovation of the former library, Kautzman said. The State of Minnesota is funding the balance of the \$15.2 million project.

Centennial Hall houses the G.R. Herberger College of Business and

academic student services such as the Advising Center, Career Services, Student Disability Services, Honors Program and the Multicultural Academic Center. An expanded Husky Bookstore occupies nearly half the first floor. The philosophy department and the Center for Information Systems, an administrative department, are on third floor.

Renovation of the five-floor building was completed this spring. Already the massive, etched-glass entryways to office suites and two-screen smart classrooms are drawing rave reviews. The east conference room on fourth floor is one of the spaces improved by larger windows. Conferees enjoy a sweeping

vista of east campus, including an eye-level view of the cupola atop historic Lawrence Hall.

"I've given tours of Centennial Hall to many business and community leaders," said Diana Lawson, dean of the college of business. "They have all been impressed with the corporate-style atmosphere created by the renovations."

The Foundation supports St. Cloud State by gathering gifts that ignite student learning and discovery. View a photo slide show about the renovated Centennial Hall at www.stcloudstate.edu/foundation. You can make an online contribution at the same site, or contact Terri Mische at 320-308-6675.

Donations fund Delta Sigma Pi space

Delta Sigma Pi has raised its profile as it raised money for renovation of Centennial Hall.

Alumni and student members of the business fraternity have collected more than \$100,000 in donations, pledges and corporate matches so that Room 301 in the five-floor building can be named the Delta Sigma Pi Room.

"This room will recognize the fraternity as an organization of prominence, the premier business fraternity at St. Cloud State," said Brian Johnson '79, who leads the fundraising effort. Johnson credits the fraternity with helping him through the University's demanding accounting program.

Johnson and other alumni, including members of the 1970 pledge class that founded the chapter, spawned the room idea. "It's a challenge to get current students into a professional organization because students are so busy these days," said Bruce Busta '79, accounting professor and Delta Sigma Pi faculty member. "This will give the chapter visibility and help the chapter recruit."

Student leaders have discussed creating a display in the room that would describe the purpose and history of the fraternity, according to Cory Stopka, from Andover, president of the 40-member chapter. Stopka, a junior majoring in business management and marketing, hopes to organize a room grand opening.



Left: Brian Johnson '79, finance director at Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, leads the fundraising efforts for a Delta Sigma Pi Room in Centennial Hall.



Below: Delta Sigma Pi brothers Mark Lundquist '71, Apple Valley, left, and Alan Grundei '71, Medina, visit during a fraternity reunion. Both are members of the chapter's founding pledge class.



Alumni Class Notes



ARIZONA LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT POTTER

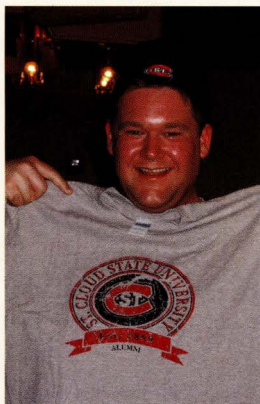
Above: St. Cloud State President Earl H. Potter III addresses alumni and friends at Cowboy Ciao in downtown Scottsdale on Feb. 16.

Left: Michael Levenhagen '04, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Erin Ouren '03, Scottsdale, Ariz., attend their first St. Cloud State Alumni Association event.



SCSU ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM WINTER EVENT

Ryan '03 and Rob Weber made a presentation at the St. Cloud State Alumni Mentoring Program winter event. The brothers were student entrepreneurs who started a company, W3i, out of their dorm rooms that has grown to \$27 million in sales, focusing on Internet and mobile media solutions.



COLORADO HUSKIES ALUMNI EVENTS

Aaron Rothfolk '03, Houston, Texas, celebrates his prize win, a St. Cloud State alumni t-shirt. Rothfolk travelled to Colorado Springs for the February alumni weekend events to join St. Cloud State alumni in cheering on the men's hockey team.

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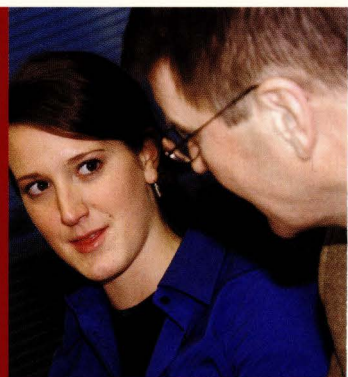


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- Experience opportunities for professional development.
- Establish a connection to the history and tradition of the University.

Benefits for the Mentor:

- Give back to students and the University by sharing your experiences and wisdom.
- Nurture the potential of a talented, committed young leader.
- Become reacquainted with college, department and program offerings and requirements.



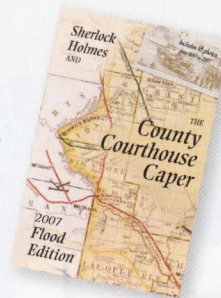
The 2008-09 Mentoring Program will be kicked off this fall. Please visit www.stcloudstate.edu/alumni/happenings/mentor.asp for more complete information or to register as a mentee or mentor.

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Beneficent writer

Jeff Falkingham '78, Eden Prairie, is donating the entire price of every copy of his work of historical fiction for young adults to flood relief in his hometown of Browns Valley. Falkingham's "Sherlock Holmes and the County Courthouse Caper," first published in 2001, has been reissued in a "flood edition," with sales going to the Long-Term Flood Recovery Fund in Browns Valley. He works in communications, marketing and advertising with Northern Tool + Equipment. Book details at www.cccaper.com.



Educator

Jessica Stumpf '73, St. Paul, was named interim vice president of academic affairs at Southeast Technical College in August of 2007. She had been dean of business at Hennepin Technical College.

TRANSITIONS

'55 '63 Darold Wold, Mound, MN, was inducted into the St. Louis Park Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He is also a 1993 inductee in the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the 2000 Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame.

'64 George W. Shurr, Ellsworth, MN, retired geology professor, was honored for his poster presentation on ultra-shallow gas in eastern South Dakota at the national meeting of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Shurr, who taught in the SCSU Department of Earth Sciences from 1967-98, is with GeoShurr Resources, Ellsworth, a company focused on shallow biogenic gas.

'71 Paul Winters, Weatogue, CT, has retired as executive director of the National Theatre of the Deaf.

'73 William Sieben, Hastings, MN, was named one of the "100 Most Influential Attorneys in Minnesota History" by Minnesota Law & Politics magazine.

'74 Dale Victor, Sartell, MN, was named a "2007 Difference Maker" by the St. Cloud Times for his work on finding solutions to transportation issues for the less fortunate.

'76 Carlo Lachmansingh, Minneapolis, MN, was honored by the Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Civil Rights with the "2007 Disadvantaged

Business Enterprise Contractor of the Year" award. He owns an electrical supply business, Carlo Lachmansingh Sales. • **Victor Spadaccini**, Eagan, MN, sold his book-publishing company and is founder and director of S.P.I.K.E. Performance Camps, which facilitates high-level volleyball camps for middle school and high school players.

'78 Theodore Johnson, Rapid City, SD, director of the Army Guard's Joint Staff - South Dakota Joint Force Headquarters, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

'81 Steven Hobbs, Kaneohe, HI, is a senior clinician and educator in the Emergency Department of The Queen's Medical Center. He was recently awarded a doctorate in nursing from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

'82 Debra Yerigan, Brooklyn Park, MN, has been elected a shareholder of Messerli & Kramer P.A. where she practices divorce and family law.

'84 Diane Hageman, St. Cloud, MN, joined the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, as media relations director.

'84 '85 Gregory Vandal, Sauk Rapids, MN, superintendent of the Sauk Rapids Independent School District, was appointed to the executive committee of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce.

'84 '94 Shawn (Butterfield) Gombos, St. Cloud, MN, was

named interim principal of Talahi Community School, St. Cloud.

'85 Stan Ross, South Saint Paul, MN, recently joined the professional flight training team at Wings Aviation Services as the business development director. He continues to serve on the board of directors for several organizations, including the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame, The Red Tail Project-America's Flying Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen and the Air Guard Historical Foundation.

'85 '88 Paula (Regenscheid) Foley, St. Cloud, MN, was voted a "2007 Difference Maker" by the St. Cloud Times for her work with ING Bank volunteers to improve Clearview Elementary School in Clear Lake.

'87 Brian Bastian, St. Cloud, MN, was named a partner with accounting firm Schlenner Wenner & Company • **Paula Rooney**, Minneapolis, MN, is a physician assistant with HealthPartners Central Minnesota Clinics.

'88 Jay Griep, Minneapolis, MN, was promoted from senior financial advisor to assistant vice president of Merrill Lynch. • **Paul Perleberg**, Mendota Heights, MN, is senior vice president and general manager of ConnexionsHealth. He formerly served as managing director of international operations in the London office of Fair Isaac Corporation.

'89 Darryl Branham, Elk River,

MN, regional security systems director at Travelers Insurance Co., has been named vice president of the ASIS International professional certification board. • **Thomas Templin**, Cold Spring, MN, was promoted to vice president of mortgage lending at BankVista in Sartell.

'90 Heidi (Slettedahl) Macpherson, Granite Falls, MN, has published a book titled "Courting Failure: Women and Law in Twentieth Century Literature."

'91 Pamela (Jurek) Broekemeier, Monticello, MN, is a senior guest relations specialist at Target Financial Services in Minneapolis and is on the special case team.

'92 Elaine (Reichert) Durscher, Rosemount, MN, graduated in 2006 with a registered nurse degree. She formerly was in the computer field.

'93 Rory Cruser, Sauk Rapids, MN, is creative services manager for all Charter Media offices in Minnesota. • **Rachael Komulainen**, Tehachapi, CA, is vice president and director of Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. • **Jarrod Peterson**, Maple Grove, MN, a real estate consultant with Edina Realty, was awarded the exclusive "2007 Super Real Estate Agent" honor by Mpls. St. Paul Magazine and Twin Cities Business Monthly.

'94 David Scouton, Burnsville, MN, was named to Minnesota Law & Politics' 2008 Rising Stars list of

Author

Shelley (Workman) Roy '77, Sartell, released her second book, "A People Primer: The Nature of Living Systems."

Top advisors

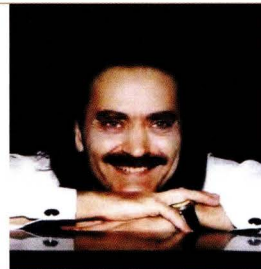
Brad Wheelock '88, St. Cloud, managing director with RBC Dain Rauscher, was ranked among the Top 100 Wirehouse Advisors in America by Registered Rep. He was one of only two Minnesotans to make the list released in September. In January, Business Journal ranked **Ben Marks '82** second, for the second year in a row, in its Top 25 Wealth Advisors in Minnesota, a list compiled by The Winners' Circle. Marks, Minnetonka, is senior vice president and private wealth advisor, UBS Financial Services.

Election observer

Karen (Severson) Boothe '83, Minneapolis, Prepone Consulting founder, is on a 10-member international team of election observers to Sierra Leone, Africa.

McKnight Award winner

Mark Ochu '74, St. Cloud, a founding member of the Community Anti-Racism Education initiative and past president of the St. Cloud NAACP, was one of 10 Minnesotans to receive a 2007 Virginia McKnight Binger Award in Human Service in recognition of his "exceptional personal commitment to helping others" in the community.



up-and-coming Minnesota attorneys under the age of 40 who have practiced law fewer than 10 years. He is with Foley & Mansfield PLLP, focusing his practice on product liability, construction defect and toxic tort litigation.

'95 Lauren (Koebe) Mihajlov, Minneapolis, MN, was promoted to director of brand marketing at Caribou Coffee and is responsible for regional marketing, partnerships, events and brand strategy.

'96 Keesha Gaskins, Minneapolis, MN, is the executive director of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. • **Matthew Mullins**, Golden Valley, MN, is vice president of business development, responsible for marketing, sales strategy and implementation at Maxfield Research, a real estate consulting company.

• **Robert Schumann**, Sartell, MN, was elected a shareholder of the law firm Leonard, Street and Deinard. • **Hedwidge (Bruyns) Tripp**, St. Cloud, MN, was named a "2007 Difference Maker" by the St. Cloud Times for her organization, Create CommUNITY. • **Shane Vossen**, Loretto, MN, was promoted to chief operating officer of Transcend Technologies Group after spending five years as the EDI and fulfillment manager. He runs operations for the company's Eden Prairie and Sacramento, Calif., offices.

'97 Shannon Murphy, St. Louis Park, MN, recently joined Eden

Prairie-based United Health Group's Ingenix Division as an event manager. She was the senior event planner at Kroll Ontrack and Ontrack Data Recovery. • **Korin (Oleen) Sanders**, Hutchinson, MN, joined Vivid Image as an account executive.

'98 Jeff Sellner, Eagan, MN, CPA at LarsonAllen, LLP has been promoted to principal.

'99 Craig Beissel, Farmington, MN, mortgage consultant with Northwest Mortgage, was recently named president-elect of Farmington's Rotary Club.

'99 '06 Troy Olson, Clearwater, MN, and **'04 Jamie O'Rourke**, Sartell, MN, are associate financial advisors at Johnson, Carrier, Kruchten, Anderson and Associates, a business affiliated with Ameriprise Financial Services.

'00 Jennifer Janacek, Minneapolis, MN, is a student coordinator in the University of Minnesota psychiatry department. • **David Novak**, Lake Grove, NY, is pursuing a doctorate from State University of New York, expecting to graduate in 2009.

'01 Brianda Cediell, St. Cloud, MN, founded the non profit organization, Hands Across the World, an international pen pal service. • **Matthew Heffron**, St. Paul, MN, returned from service in Iraq and will attend law school at Hamline University. • **Alexander Krueger**, Richfield, MN, an electrical engineer with Uni-

Systems, is certified as a professional engineer in Minnesota. • **Jenell (Luneburg) Metcalf**, New Market, MN, was promoted to business banking manager at TCF Bank. • **Anthony Nathe**, Sauk Rapids, MN, is president of Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees. • **Eric Wimberger**, Lakewood, WI, is deployed to Iwakuni, Japan, as a staff judge advocate in the Marine JAG Corps.

'02 Eric Williams, Carbondale, PA, graduated from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theology Seminary with a master's of divinity degree.

'03 Jakin Koll, East Grand Forks, MN, is with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on the maintenance decision support system. • **Sonya Miller**, Albany, MN, received the certified public accountant designation. • **Kristin (Thompson) Rootes**, Blaine, MN, is with RSM McGladrey as a regulatory compliance consultant serving credit unions. She graduated from Hamline University School of Law in 2006.

'04 Momodou Bah, Sartell,

MN, was nominated for the Commonwealth Award to pursue a doctorate in economics. • **Erik Theisen**, Eden Prairie, MN, was accepted into the Carlson School of Management MBA program.

'05 Bradley Klinkner, St. Cloud, MN, a partner at North Village Personal Tax & Accounting, is now a certified public accountant.

'06 Amy (Hopkins) Klatt, Monticello, MN, is a music teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Big Lake. • **Rachel Wick**, Blaine, MN, anchors the Rochester-based KTTC NewsCenter at Five and co-anchors the KTTC NewsCenter at Six and Ten.

'07 Benjamin Chapin, Eden Prairie, MN, is an operations department billing specialist at Chaska-based PeopleNet, a communications company. • **Anthony Dorn**, Monticello, MN, is employed as a commercial lending officer at US Bank. • **Joshua Messner**, Rosemount, MN, is a financial analyst for Mesaba Airlines. • **Scott**

Worldly teachers

Dianne Villalobos '93, Technical High School, St. Cloud, and **Heather Klug '95**, Park Center Senior High School, Brooklyn Park, received the Percy Fearing Award from the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures for "excellence in the creative development" of instructional materials for teaching world languages and culture.

Calling all alumni, friends and faculty/staff members Join us at the Great Minnesota Get-Together!

Volunteers at the St. Cloud State University Alumni Association booth at the Minnesota State Fair have found that the four-hour shifts are great fun, offering the opportunity to interact with a variety of Husky fans from all walks of life.

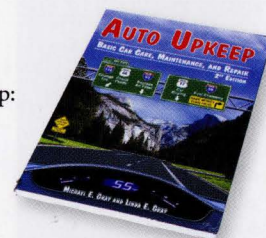


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Instructor, mechanic, author

Michael E. Gray '96, New Windsor, Md., and his wife, Linda E. Gray, report that their primer, "Auto Upkeep: Basic Car Care, Maintenance and Repair," was reviewed by the Library Journal shortly after the second edition was released last fall. The Grays, instructors and mechanics, developed the book to help average car owners take preventive measures and make economical decisions about their automobiles. It is used by more than 250 universities, technology centers, community colleges and high schools and has been selected by more than 330 library systems.



Proulx, Red Lake Falls, MN, is a loan officer at TCF. • **Holly (Przekwas) Tappe**, Detroit Lakes, MN, is a financial planning assistant at First Federal Bank.

James Banwell, Annapolis, MD, who attended St. Cloud State for a time, retired last year from full-time employment in technical sales and business development in the D.C. area. He remains active as the board head of a local non-profit agency that cares for mentally ill persons in central Maryland.

John Eddy, Denton, TX, who attended St. Cloud State for a time, has a television program six days a week on channel 25. He was recently honored by the Salvation Army of Texas with an award for his work with the less fortunate. He also was elected president of the Eddy Family Association and is involved in helping save Smith Lake from foul water.

MARRIAGES

'76 **Gregory Erickson** and Amy (Weldon) Erickson, St. Cloud, MN, 10/26/07.

'76 **Dennis Tomhave** and Jolane (Engelhart) Tomhave, Vermillion, SD, 6/16/07.

'90 **Nathan Nesje** and '98 **Cari (Ness) Nesje**, St. Paul, MN, 4/28/07.

'96 **Mark Wernimont** and Kara Wernimont, Brownsdale, MN, 8/30/05.

'97 **Heidi (Kupsky) Stiegel** and '97 **Steven Stiegel**, Sauk Rapids, MN, 9/20/03.

'97 **John Strohhus** and '98 **Jeanie (Hoiium) Strohhus**, Woodbury,

MN, 9/30/06.

'99 **Rebecca (Farnsworth) Currier** and Daniel Currier, Waterford, NY, 4/16/05.

'99 **Danielle (McKenzie) Leighton** and William Leighton, Denver, CO, 11/30/07.

'00 **Scott Beaudry** and '04 **Julie (Schaar) Beaudry**, Monticello, MN, 9/17/05.

'00 **Tracy (Holthaus) Wollin** and Raymond Wollin, Hopkins, MN, 10/28/06.

'01 **Joel Daly** and Miranda (Stockert) Daly, Blomington, MN, 10/1/05.

'02 **Jennifer (Ulmer) Hess** and John Hess, Lakewood, CO, 11/25/05.

'02 **Travis Rootes** and '03 **Kristin (Thompson) Rootes**, Blaine, MN, 8/6/05.

'02 **Ian Vagle** and '04 **Amanda (Chamberlin) Vagle**, Princeton, MN, 8/20/05.

'02 **Shannon (Dellamonica) Zila** and Peter Zila, Hutchinson, MN, .

'03 **Lisa (Darling) Husom** and Mitch Husom, Eau Claire, WI, 12/1/07.

'04 **Nicholas Wiger** and Shannon (Verly) Wiger, Sauk Rapids, MN, 6/30/07.

'05 **Jennifer (Hammerseng) Amenrud** and '05 **Matthew Amenrud**, Blaine, MN, 7/22/06.

'05 **Amanda (Stauber) Monson** and Kyle Monson, River Falls, WI, 7/7/07.

'05 **Heather (Johnson) Starry** and Scott Starry, Maple Lake, MN, 6/9/07.

'05 '07 **Ryan Meints** and '06 **Nicole (Doney) Meints**, Albertville,

MN, 6/15/07.

'06 **Aaron Cole** and '07 **Kimberly (Gill) Cole**, Blaine, MN, 10/12/07.

BIRTHS

Steven Eder and Sarah (Eilken) Eder, Ironwood, MI, daughter, Addison Grace, 11/29/07.

Ryan Malone and Abby Malone, Presto, PA, son, William Ryan, 2/8/08.

Mark Parrish and Nicholle Parrish, Plymouth, MN, daughter, Gianna Marie, 2/19/08.

'90 **Kathleen (Schauer) Windels** and Paul Windels, Inver Grove Heights, MN, son, Alexander James, son, Thomas Paul, 3/20/07. Siblings: Elena, 5, Natalie, 8.

'91 **Mary (Aust) Olson** and Samuel Olson, Big Lake, MN, daughter, Elizabeth, 3/7/06. Siblings: Reid, 7.

'91 **Sandra (Carlson) Vehrs** and Scott Vehrs, East Bethel, MN, daughter, Anita Lynn, 11/10/07.

'92 **Anna (Sery) Sullivan** and Brook Sullivan, St. Croix Falls, WI, daughter, Jane Elizabeth, 9/13/07. Siblings: Ian.

'92 **Gwen (Johnson) Vaughn** and '95 **Michael Vaughn**, Ramsey, MN, daughter, Piper, 6/15/07. Siblings: Parker, Peyton, 8.

'92 '06 **Michelle (Corson) Gumaelius** and '94 **Johan Gumaelius**, Woodbury, MN, daughter, Sofie Elise, 5/21/07. Siblings: Emmie, 4.

'94 **Darrin Coe** and '97 **Kimberly (Olsen) Coe**, Canon City, CO,

daughter, Rown Elizabeth, 6/25/07. Siblings: Jensen, 7, Duncan, 9.

'94 **Doris (Filzen) Neutgens** and '94 '98 **Alexander Neutgens**, Little Canada, MN, son, Trevor John, 3/10/07. Siblings: Julia Grace, 3, Abigail Ann, 5.

'95 **Robert Gfrerer** and '95 '00 **Esther (Chan) Gfrerer**, New Brighton, MN, daughter, Leah Rose, 10/18/07.

'95 **Jon Koznick** and '95 **Patricia (Armbruster) Koznick**, Lakeville, MN, daughter, Carley Marie, 1/3/08. Siblings: Claire Therese, 1.

'95 **Jill (Baumgartner) Lien** and Kenneth Lien, Otsego, MN, son, Gareth Dale, 7/6/07. Siblings: Greta Susan, 3, Gwyneth, 5, Gavin Andrew, 7, Gabrielle, 9.

'95 **Lauren (Koeke) Mihajlov** and John Mihajlov, Minneapolis, MN, daughter, Lucy Dale, 10/8/07.

'95 **Gretchen (Lebens) Schaak** and Christopher Schaak, New Hope, MN, son, Dillon Sebastian, 1/3/08. Siblings: Liam Christopher, 3.

'95 **Cassandra (Hedtke) Sink** and Dan Sink, Maple Grove, MN, daughter, Addison Kay, daughter, Breanna Danielle, 8/13/07, Samantha, 18.

'96 **Kersten (Barfknecht) Conley** and Travis Conley, Blaine, MN, son, Bjorn, 2/15/07. Siblings: Kara, 3.

'96 **Jennifer (Beck) Henry** and Brian Henry, Delano, MN, daughter, Isabella Arenal, 12/22/07.

Principals

Brock Geyen '97, Woodbury, **Jeff Sellner** '98, Eagan, and **Christine Stanz** '93, Clear Lake, all of whom earned accounting degrees at St. Cloud State and are now CPAs, have been promoted to principal at LarsonAllen. Geyen has 10 years of auditing experience serving government entities; Sellner has nine years of assurance, tax and consulting experience serving manufacturing and distribution companies and emerging technology and growth businesses; and Stanz has 13 years of auditing and accounting experience serving nonprofit organizations in the public service industry.

Bronze Star recipient

Greg Dow '93, Harker Heights, Texas, received the Bronze Star Award for service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

Policeman

Michael Koehler '95, '96, Sioux City, IA, is a police officer assigned to the Alcohol Safety Action Program in Sioux City, Iowa. He formerly worked at the Hastings Star-Gazette and the Sioux City Journal.

Wealth managers

The November issue of Business Journal included two alumnae in its Top 15 Women Wealth Advisors in Minnesota. **Sandra (Shaver) Johnson '75**, St. Cloud, a senior financial advisor and private wealth advisor with Johnson, Carriar, Kruchten, Anderson & Associates, and **C. Ann (Collins) Brookman '79**, Lake Elmo, senior vice president and financial advisor with UBS Financial Services. **Ann (Buck) Hoen '92**, Maple Grove, was named a 2008 Five Star Wealth Manager in the January issue of Mpls. St. Paul magazine.

'96 Carita (Bieniek) Hibben and Dan Hibben, Brooklyn Park, MN, son, Miles Dean, 11/24/07. Siblings: Mason Marcel, 2.

'96 Stacy (Hauboldt) Louis and **'98 '00 James Louis**, Shell Rock, IA, daughter, Trey, 6/10/2005. Siblings: Ben, 4, Zoe, 6.

'96 Rachel (Zagrabelny) McGreevy and Jim McGreevy, Washington, DC, daughter, Elizabeth Evelyn, 10/16/07.

'96 Todd Prout and **'98 Tara (Kedrowski) Prout**, Burtrum, MN, daughter, Lydia, 5/25/07.

'96 Troy Schreifels and Sarah (McIntosh) Schreifels, Ramsey, MN, son, Ethan David, 6/14/07. Siblings: Lauryn Elizabeth, 2.

'96 Jerilyn (Tramp) Stiles and Roy Stiles, Corpus Christi, TX, daughter, Cora Helen, 10/1/07.

'96 Mark Wernimont and Kara Wernimont, Brownsdale, MN, son, Michael Steven, 5/2/07. Siblings: Lauren Marilyn, 5.

'97 Miguel Flores and Mary Flores, Spring, TX, daughter, Gabriella M., 6/11/2006. Siblings: Miguel A., 3.

'97 Laura (Belpedio) Holle and **'98 Karl Holle**, Blaine, MN, daughter, Mara Katherine, 6/6/07. Siblings: Ian, 3.

'97 Kevin Hummelgard and Angela (Ring) Hummelgard, St. Paul Park, MN, daughter, Isabella Marie, 11/5/07. Siblings: Blake, 11, Austin, 13.

'97 Justin Langager and **'98 Carol (Bauer) Bauer-Langager**, St. Michael, MN, son, Charles

(Charlie), 4/17/07. Siblings: Norah Ann, 3.

'97 '98 Julie (Terch) McAlister and Dan McAlister, New Hope, MN, son, Owen Michael, 5/2/07. Siblings: Maggie Elizabeth, 5.

'98 Benjamin Anderson and **'98 Sarah (Wegner) Anderson**, Rochester, MN, daughter, Lydia Maja, 12/20/07. Siblings: Annika Sophia, 5.

'98 Sara (Grossmann) Huebener and **'00 Chad Huebener**, Savage, MN, son, Nicholas, 10/29/07. Siblings: Ava Claire, 2.

'98 Heather Kantos and Brent Geldert, Shakopee, MN, daughter, Abigail Noelle, 8/3/07.

'98 Michael Loween and Kelly (Gunter) Loween, Cortez, CO, daughter, Jaiden Joyce, 11/2/07.

'99 Rebecca (Farnsworth) Currier and Daniel Currier, Waterford, NY, daughter, Ashley Ann, 1/23/2006.

'99 Troy Koenig and Catina Koenig, Minneapolis, MN, son, Tavin, 4/30/07.

'99 '01 Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer and Zach Pfieffer, Elk River, MN, daughter, Ruby, 12/6/07. Siblings: Owen, 2.

'00 Susan (Beumer) Becker and Michael Becker, St. Cloud, MN, daughter, Georgia Rose, 10/29/07.

'00 Christopher Feldman and Sheila (Beckler) Feldman, Buffalo, MN, daughter, Cambelle Louise, 3/9/07. Siblings: Griffin Jeffery, 2.

'00 Gretchen (Schendzielos) Huwe and **'01 Daniel Huwe**, Clear Lake, MN, son, Martin Robert,

daughter, Piper Dyan, 8/24/2005.

'00 Chad LaVigne and **'00 Tara (Woolcott) LaVigne**, Albertville, MN, son, Alexander, 12/16/07.

'00 Jessica (Staberg) Michel and Scott Michel, Mooresville, NC, son, Cooper James, 11/28/2006. Siblings: Clayton Matthew, 2.

'00 Jill (Seufert) Schreiner and Brian Schreiner, Rogers, MN, daughter, Ella Jo, 10/5/07.

'00 Chris Tollefson and **'01 Jennifer (Paul) Tollefson**, Phoenix, AZ, son, Wyatt James, 12/5/07.

'00 Eric Zierdt and **'00 Julia (Swisher) Zierdt**, Oakdale, MN, son, Nicholas James, daughter, Hannah Catherine, 4/5/2005, Rachel, 6.

'01 Shawn Anderson and Brenda (Monson) Anderson, Cokato, MN, daughter, Audrey Marie, 5/20/07.

'01 Joel Daly and Miranda (Stockert) Daly, Blomington, MN, son, Weslee Steven, 8/8/07. Siblings: Dylan, 5.

'01 Jennifer (Frost) Kretsch and Dave Kretsch, Maple Grove, MN, son, Dawson, 10/21/07. Siblings: Gavin, 2.

'01 John Merrill and Susan (Sackett) Merrill, Racine, WI, daughter, Madison Elizabeth, 10/6/07. Siblings: John Michael, 2.

'01 Dorian (Brufloft) Sjogren and Eric Sjogren, Sauk Rapids, MN, son, Eli Michael, 4/11/07.

'01 Chad Vorderbruggen and Katie (Miller) Vorderbruggen, Esko, MN, daughter, Madeline Grace, 7/3/07.

'01 '07 Joy (Christianson) Scheil and **'07 Brent Scheil**, Minneapolis, MN, daughter, Mercedes Alesia, 9/30/07.

'02 Emily (Achilles) Gersemehl and **'02 Matthew Gersemehl**, Faribault, MN, daughter, Ava, 6/26/07. Siblings: Madelyn, 3.

'02 Jennifer (Ulmer) Hess and John Hess, Lakewood, CO, son, Alexander, 2/22/2006. Siblings: Caitlyn, 8.

'02 Angela (Bennett) Olson and **'02 Erik Olson**, New Richmond, WI, son, Conner Jack, son, Colin Riley, 2/4/08.

'02 Lisa (Mueller) Sabyan and James Sabyan, St. Cloud, MN, son, Evan Otto, 12/14/07.

'02 Ian Vagle and **'04 Amanda (Chamberlin) Vagle**, Princeton, MN, daughter, Ella, 7/6/07.

'03 Angela (Frerichs) Christianson and Michael Christianson, Becker, MN, daughter, Cecelia, 12/21/07. Siblings: Nicholas, 2, Zachary David, 4.

'03 James Gulbranson and Lori (Lanes) Gulbranson, Clearwater, MN, son, Max, 5/22/07. Siblings: JD, 2.

'03 Amy (Anderson) Hollan and Justin Hollan, Zimmerman, MN, daughter, Arica June, 4/7/07. Siblings: Avery, 3.

'03 Summer (Thelen) Hommerding and Jaime Hommerding, St. Cloud, MN, son, Winston Mack, 11/29/07.

'03 Philip Rivera and **'03 Stephanie (Spencer) Spencer Rivera**, Maple Grove, MN, daughter, Lorelai

Phy ed teacher of the year

Jim Huneke '00, Quincy, Ill., who teaches K-3 at Madison Elementary School in Quincy, was named the Young Professional Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Association for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance in November. He also serves as mentor for all physical education and health teachers in his school district.

Recession indicator

Cole Loewen '07, Kimball, created a local recession indicator model which was featured in the St. Cloud Business Report and published in the ROI magazine in October.



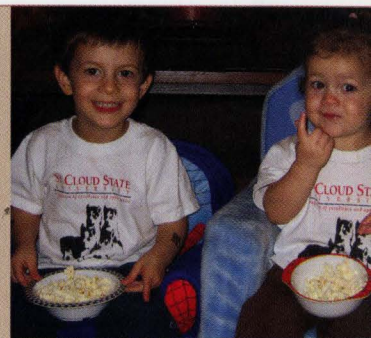
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Miguel Flores III and Gabriella "Bella" Flores enjoy a snack in their Husky attire. In June, the children will turn 4 and 2 years old, respectively. Their proud parents are Miguel Flores Jr. '98 and Mary Flores.



- Finæ, 11/11/07.
- '03 **Kristen (Nelson) Sherman** and Jennifer Sherman, St. Paul, MN, son, Noah, 11/19/07.
- '03 **Christine (Marsolais) Shey** and James Shey, Annapolis, MD, son, Wesley, 9/16/07.
- '03 **Beau Shroyer** and Jackie Shroyer, Detroit Lakes, MN, daughter, Bella Jaymes, 2/14/07.
- '03 **Tania (Cherro) Swisher** and William Swisher, Warren, MI, son, James Arthur, 6/19/07.
- '03 **Scott Williams** and Crystal (McLellan) Williams, St. Paul, MN, son, Brady Scott, 12/2/07.
- '04 **Beth Larsen** and David Larsen, Albertville, MN, son, Levi, 2/23/07. Siblings: Owen, 2.
- '04 **Hannah (Mercer) Mercer** and '04 **Jason Rohman**, Chaska, MN, daughter, Serene Margaret, 10/21/2006.
- '05 **Yuan Cheng** and '05 **Tianshu Tao**, Minnetonka, MN, daughter, Sicheng Siena, 2/23/07.
- '05 **Crystal (Pohlman) Ritter** and Scott Ritter, Waconia, MN, daughter, Brycelyn Nicole, 10/1/07.
- '05 **Alexander Walker** and Sarah (Boeselager) Walker, Minneapolis, MN, daughter, Grace Ann, 10/26/07.
- '06 **Mary (Austad) Alexander** and Zac Alexander, St. Cloud, MN, son, Becket, 12/13/07. Siblings: Elijah, 3, Bailey, 7.
- '06 **Denise Kohout** and Brian Massmann, Sauk Rapids, MN, son, Owen Jerome, 12/1/07.
- '07 **Holly (Przekwas) Tappe** and '07 **Shane Tappe**, Detroit Lakes, MN, son, Colbe.
- '35 **Warren Goehrs**, 95, Oshkosh, WI
- '35 **Mildred (Peterson) Hall**, 98, Stanton, CA
- '35 '37 **Alice (Nolan) Hollenhorst**, 93, Rochester, MN
- '36 **Matthew Vessel**, San Jose, CA
- '36 **Lorraine (Neuwirth) Voss**, 91, Sartell, MN
- '36 '60 **Violet (Stuberg) Krych**, 92, Little Falls, MN
- '38 **Verona (Gunderson) Skaalrud**, 91, New London, MN
- '39 **Madeline (Flynn) Mullan**, 87, Indio, CA
- '40 **Genevieve (Reller) Gerads**, 88, Sauk Rapids, MN
- '40 **Alice (Hippe) Morstad**, 89, Cambridge, MN
- '41 **Blanche Parseghian**, 88, Hobe Sound, FL
- '41 **Angelene (Mattei) Walters**, 87, Grand Rapids, MN
- '42 **Marjorie Schelfhout**, Osakis, MN
- '42 **Helen (Miettunen) Toppson**, Duluth, MN
- '43 **Lorraine (Leffingwell) Chapman**, 83, Shoreview, MN
- '44 **Nancy (Nelson) Hickman**, Grand Rapids, MN
- '44 **Imogene (Cub) Shultz**, Minneapolis, MN
- '44 **Louis Weinstein**, 86, Green Bay, WI
- '46 **Luella (Richter) Gilbertson**, 91, Clermont, IA
- '46 **Beverly (Wilson) Thompson**, Zephyrhills, FL
- '47 **Mary (Walsh) Fennell**, 80, Plymouth, MN
- '47 **Edward Reioux**, 88, Berkeley, CA
- '47 **Marie (Schelfhout) Schoener**, Cosmos, MN
- '47 **Frances (Motl) Yerks**, 80, Minnetonka, MN
- '48 **David Herbrandson**, 84, Corvallis, OR
- '51 **Donald Finn**, 80, Grand Marais, MN
- '51 **Patrick Robinson**, Webster, WI
- '51 **Kathleen (Hennen) Theisen**, 77, Plymouth, MN
- '51 '61 **Geraldine (Biever) Massmann**, 80, Kimball, MN
- '52 **Zane Henrichs**, Bloomington, MN
- '52 **Margaret (Wold) Leino**, 83, White Bear Lake, MN
- '52 **Robert Viking**, Annandale, MN
- '53 **Ambrose Herman**, 86, Danville, IL
- '53 **Wilfred Raeker**, 78, Coon Rapids, MN
- '53 '54 **Eunice (Ell) Swanson**, 74, Ortonville, MN
- '56 **Richard Parten**, 75, Miami, FL
- '57 **Thomas McKee**, Plymouth, MN
- '58 **Harold Gorder**, 72, Starbuck, MN
- '58 **Warren Johnson**, 71, Winter Park, FL
- '58 '61 **George Mergen**, 77, Waite Park, MN
- '61 '65 **Virginia (Carlson) Oleen**, 89, Leawood, KS
- '62 **Gordon Conrad**, 70, Colorado Springs, CO
- '62 **Lenora Forseen**, 90, Hartford, AL
- '62 **Violet (Super) Wotzka**, 83, Little Falls, MN
- '62 '68 **Lowell Swisher**, 75, Mankato, MN
- '63 **Ruth (Peterson) Flolo**, 86, Maple Grove, MN
- '64 **Robert Diedrich**, 66, Waite Park, MN
- '66 **David Leikvold**, 77, Sun City, AZ
- '66 **Elaine (Haarstick) Ronnei**, 63, Sauk Rapids, MN
- '66 **Marchel (Gillson) Wells**, 89, Fairmont, MN
- '67 **John Liemohn**, 62, Anoka, MN
- '68 **Mary (Osborne) Knevel**, 96, St. Cloud, MN
- '70 **Richard Chambers**, 84, Bloomington, MN
- '70 **Jerry Ekberg**, 61, Big Spring, TX
- '70 **Shirley (Schildt) Richards**, 72, St. Cloud, MN
- '70 '75 **H. Maureen (Merrigan) Beuning**, 83, St. Cloud, MN
- '72 **Michael Christen**, 59, St. Cloud, MN
- '72 **Thomas Kazeck**, 58, Winter Park, FL
- '72 **Judith (Krabbenhof) Peterson**, Moorhead, MN
- '73 **Edward Jensen**, 55, Outing, MN
- '74 **Kay (Nordin) Fiebelkorn**, 55, St. Joseph, MN
- '74 **Jayne (Kaczmarek) Keeville**, 55, Elk River, MN
- '74 **Henry Zimmerman**, 59, Hillman, MN
- '75 **Michael Gade**, 56, Brooklyn Park, MN
- '75 '85 **Cynthia (Stromsberg) Brunette**, 55, St. Cloud, MN
- '76 **Neil Welman**, 63, St. Cloud, MN
- '78 **Beth Quanbeck**, 53, Monticello, MN
- '79 **Harold Pearl**, 82, Tucson, AZ
- '81 **Lori (Nelson) Webster**, 46, Maplewood, MN
- '85 **James Hettinger**, 46, Naperville, IL
- '85 **Denise (Rau) Thompson**, 44, Grand Rapids, MN
- '87 '02 **Sherry (Smolik) Day**, 55, Sartell, MN
- '88 **Bruce Klatt**, 42, Ramsey, MN
- '88 **David Norberg**, 55, Green Bay, WI
- '90 **Louise (Craig) Jackson**, 88, Sauk Rapids, MN
- '91 **David Gustafson**, 56, Princeton, MN
- '92 **Joseph Krystosek**, 44, Sartell, MN
- '01 **Mona Nelson**, 56, Willmar, MN
- '06 **Joseph Plant**, 24, St. Paul, MN

WE REMEMBER

- '28 **Alfreda (Zawadzki) Crandall**, Brainerd, MN
- '29 **Margaret (Johnson) Towslee**, 87, Zachary, LA
- '32 **Martha (Schmidt) Ironside**, 97, Portland, OR
- '33 **Vera (Leopold) O'Connor**, 96, Sun City, AZ

FACULTY/STAFF WE REMEMBER

- Emily (Demianiw) Fowler**, 89, St. Cloud, MN
- Alfred Swenson**, 92, Sartell, MN
- '78 **Virginia (Paddock) Sorensen**, 80, Denver, CO
- Irene (Dingmann) Schaefer**, 87, St. Cloud, MN
- 58 '61 **George Mergen**, 77, Waite Park, MN

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Warm memories spark property gift

With that extraordinary recall actors are known for, R. Keith Michaels and Marion Michael spin story after story about the wonderful years they taught at St. Cloud State.

So warm are their memories, that the retired Indiana University theater professors are endowing a St. Cloud State theater scholarship. The Bloomington, Ind., couple has given the University an acre of lake property southeast of St. Cloud. Valued at about \$185,000, the 500 feet of shoreline on Pickeral Lake will be sold to fund a single, annual scholarship, according to R. Keith.

"Acting students are like wine. You have good years and mediocre years," said R. Keith. "We had 10 years of terrific students at St. Cloud." The Michaels recall the period 1960-71 as collegial and supportive. "The entire university was like a great family," said Marion. "It was a wonderful place for the two of us to start."

The Michaels decided to make their mark quickly, helping found the summer theater program at Lake L'Homme Dieu near Alexandria. Begun in 1961, the Theatre L'Homme Dieu continues today as a partnership between St. Cloud State and Alexandria theater supporters.

Among the most memorable experiences at St. Cloud State was a 1964 USO tour of military bases in Germany. R. Keith and students staged the Adler and Ross musical "The Pajama Game" for homesick, nervous soldiers stationed on the front lines of the Cold War.

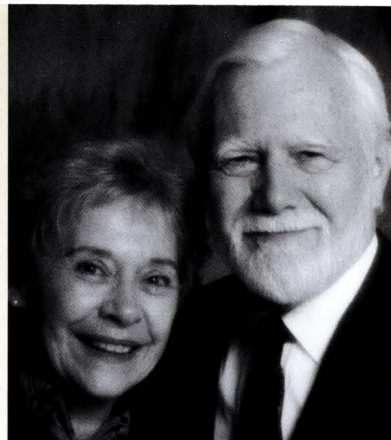
Six years later the Michaels were providing outside-the-classroom support to students troubled by American military involvement in Southeast Asia.

"It was a really hard time," said Marion. "Our kids were usually pretty liberal and they wanted to march. We did an awful lot of counseling and talking with the kids."

In 1971, R. Keith was offered the chair of a new department of theatre and drama at the Indiana University in Bloomington.

Nearly four decades later the Michaels are revered as theater royalty in the Hoosier State, cited by professional organizations, universities and governments as distinguished servants of the stage. He and Marion retired in 1996.

Among the pearls of wisdom gathered during a half century in the theater is one shared by a Stewart Hall maintenance worker. "You measure a show's success by the number of programs on the floor of the auditorium," recalled R. Keith. "If they like the show, they'll take the program home with them."



Marion Michaels, left, and R. Keith Michaels are former faculty members who have donated lake property to endow a theatre scholarship. The couple taught at St. Cloud State from 1960-71. They retired in 1996 from faculty at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

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Alumni event calendar

The St. Cloud State University Alumni Association has a variety of exciting events planned for alumni. Whether you've remained a loyal Husky fan or haven't been on campus since graduation ... **WE WANT TO SEE YOU!**

ST. CLOUD STATE ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

SCSU NIGHT AT THE DOME
June 17

LEMONADE ART FESTIVAL
AND RECEPTION
June 26

SCSU NIGHT AT THE
ST. CLOUD RIVER BATS
August 5

SCSU ALUMNI TRAVEL
TO CROATIA AND
VENETIAN TREASURES
September 12 - 20

CELEBRATING
ST. CLOUD STATE AND
THE INAUGURATION
OF PRESIDENT
EARL H. POTTER III
September 19

SCSU ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION BOOTH AT
THE MN STATE FAIR
August 21 - September 1

HOMECOMING WEEK 2008
October 13 - 19

SCSU ALUMNI AWARDS
DINNER AND CEREMONY
October 17

CLASS OF '58 GOLDEN
REUNION WEEKEND
October 17 - 18

SCSU ALUMNI
TRAVEL TO BEIJING
November 12 - 19

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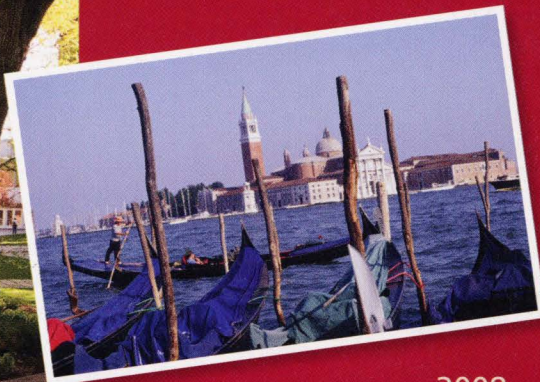
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