The Moorhead State University Mathematics Department is planning on publishing an annual newsletter which would be distributed to all interested graduates.

Our first task is to obtain the current addresses of departmental graduates and our second task is to gather some news for the newsletter. (A side-effect of all this is that the department may gain some information that will help it to improve its programs.)

Would you please help by completing the relevant portions of the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to me in the enclosed envelope?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Milton Legg
Milton Legg, Chairman
Department of Mathematics

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NEWSLETTER
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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Greetings Math Graduates! This is the first annual newsletter of the MSU Mathematics Department. I'd like to thank all of you who responded so promptly to my request for news - I've enjoyed reading your notes and letters. Please don't wait for next fall's request - keep me informed of new jobs, promotions, changes of address, etc. Good luck in the coming year.

Milton Lepp

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

We've moved! The departmental offices are now on third floor-east in MacLean Hall. Stop in and visit the next time you're in town. *** The total enrollment in mathematics courses has been growing rapidly these past few years. Next fall there will be 19 faculty in the MSU Mathematics Department. *** New faculty this year are Dr. Thomas Armstrong (Ph.D. Princeton University) who came to us from the University of Minnesota and Dr. Walter Sizer (Ph.D. University of London) who previously taught at Southern Illinois University. *** Dr. Bette Midgarden (Ph.D. University of Nebraska) is in her second year on our faculty. Dr. Midgarden is a native of Moorhead and a graduate of Concordia College. *** Two persons are completing two-year temporary appointments: Charlene Behrens Schwert (MAT Colorado State University) who recently taught at Moorhead Senior High and Douglas Dokken (M.S. North Dakota State University) who is a graduate of MSU *** Carl Carlson spent the 1979-80 academic year at the University of North Dakota taking course work towards his doctorate. *** Dr. Derald Rothmann will be on sabbatical leave during spring quarter 1981. He will be at Blue Cross-Blue Shield of North Dakota familiarizing himself with their uses of mathematics. *** Pam Ogaard who has been a part-time instructor for several years will be moving to Fort Collins, Colorado, where her husband has accepted a job. *** New part-time faculty this year are Cynthia Jane Schobel (M.Ed. Ohio University) and Jeanne Travis (M.Ed. U. of Florida). *** Secretaries for the department are Ethel Dahl and Jill Holsen. Mrs. Dahl has been with us since 1973; Mrs. Holsen (who edited and wrote the Alumni News in this NEWSLETTER) joined the department two years ago.

ALUMNI NEWS

ERIC D. JORGENSEN (B.A. 1980) is a Shot Engineer at the Nevada Test Site. There he oversees instrumentation and collection of data in a nuclear weapons testing program. His wife, Joyce, a fashion merchandising graduate of MAVTI, is employed at Sears in Las Vegas.

GARY KRENZ (B.S. 1978) is doing graduate work and works as a graduate teaching assistant at Iowa State University. His wife, Sally (Britton) Krenz, is enrolled in a journalism master's program at ISU.

DEAN U. KOPPELMAN (M.S.Ed. 1976) is Superintendent of Willow City Public Schools. Judith, his wife, a 1973 graduate of Moorhead State, is a Learning Disabilities teacher for the Peace Garden Special Services Unit in Bottineau. They have two children--fourth grader, Eric, and first grader, Taryn.
JOHN HILGERS (B.A. 1978) is a Systems Analyst for Sperry Univac working on-site at Northwest Airlines, where he is consulting and designing programs for the ticketing area of the Univac Standard Airline System. He is married and has two children, Melissa, 4, and Ryan, 1.

TERRY W. JOHNSON (B.A. 1976) is a Computer Operations Manager (Sperry-Univac), responsible for all hardware evaluation, replacement and additions, computer operations, technical support, providing technical assistance to the corporate programming staff, etc. He believes the opportunities for promotions and financial rewards are fantastic with a background that includes computer science, business and math!

REBECCA R. SOLOWAY (B.S. 1978) is preparing for and looking forward to teaching in the future. At present she is enjoying being a mother to Genevieve, 3, and her newborn son. She has also managed to fit in some tutoring and a course in architectural drafting. She and her husband live in Denver, where he teaches.

JAMES CHRISTOPHERSON (B.A. 1976) is a Programmer in Business Computer Services at the Otter Tail Power Company. Previously, he taught for two years in a government high school in Liberia, West Africa, as a Peace Corps volunteer.

BENITA M. MOTZKO (B.S. 1979) is teaching 8th grade math at Mora High School. She previously taught algebra at Waseca High School.

LESTER OLSON (B.A. 1977) is a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in Communications Arts. He received his M.A. from Penn State University in 1980.

WYMAN NELSON (B.A. 1977) is a full-time student at Ashland Theological Seminary and hopes to teach in Mali, West Africa.

RICHARD COLLISON (B.A. 1979) is an Assistant Manager at Osco Drug in Bismarck.

KIRBY TASTAD (B.A. 1978) received his pilot wings in March 1980. At present he is training in the F-16 at MacDill AFB, Florida.

DEBRA BUTH (B.A. 1975) is currently working for the City of Moorhead/Clay County as a Computer Programmer. Her husband, Randy, works for Koehnlien, Lightowler and Johnson in Fargo as a Consulting Engineer.

JEFF LARSON (B.A. 1980) recently accepted a position as an actuarial trainee with Employers Insurance of Wausau in the auto casualty section. Karen, his wife, will look for a Physical Education teaching job.

GERALDINE RACH (B.A. 1977) is a Supervisor Toll with Northwestern Bell, supervising seven equipment technicians who maintain toll switching equipment, in Norfolk, Nebraska.

KAREN MUCKENHIRN (B.S. 1980) teaches 9th grade algebra, geometry, and modern introductory analysis, plus one beginning German class. She will also coach softball in the spring. She lives in Janesville, Minnesota.

GARY W. PEDERSON (B.A. 1976) is a Junior Programmer in St. Cloud. He picked up a Data Processing Degree at St. Cloud AVTI.
MARK EGGLESTON (B.S. 1977) is a Database Trainee at Minnesota Mutual Life Ins. Co. He and his wife, Kristen (Skyberg), have a daughter, Sarah Michelle.

DAVID BERGSTROM (B.A. 1979) is an Actuarial Assistant at Western States Life, Fargo, spending two-thirds of his time with computer work. He passed parts II & III of the actuarial exams and is awaiting the results of part IV.

KRAIG A. WARD (B.S. 1976) works as an orderly at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. He and his wife, Penny Ivesdal, are presently considering alternatives to teaching.

KEITH BATTLES (B.A. 1980) has an assistantship at Iowa State University, where he is enrolled in their computer science grad school.

VIANN E. OLSON (B.S. 1976) teaches 7th and 9th grade math in St. Cloud. She is also coaching volleyball. Currently, she is working on a Master's degree in Mathematics at St. Cloud State.

JULIE CARLSON (B.S. 1979) is a Systems Engineer for Hewlett Packard (Technical Software Support Representative) and has received training in California, Colorado and Idaho. She lives in Roseville, Minnesota.

SHEILA ASCHEMAN (B.S. 1976) teaches mathematics at Hackett High School in Rudy, Arkansas. Husband, Gary, works for Farmland Industries as a Feed Ingredient Merchandiser, and at this writing they are awaiting the birth of their first child.

NANCY WERNER (B.S. 1979) is a Computer Programmer with Honeywell, responsible for maintenance and creation of reporting systems that support the Production and Marketing departments of Honeywell's Residential Division.

ROGER E. HAGLUND (M.S. 1975) teaches all math classes in grades 7-12, physics, chemistry and computer programming at Borup. He is married and has one son, David, a fourth grader.

BRIAN L. CARLSON (B.A. 1976) gained his M.S. degree at the University of Illinois in 1979 and joined IBM in Rochester as an Associate Physicist. His wife, Cynthia Siems, is a 1975 MSU alumnus in Special Education.

RICHARD C. SEWILL (B.A. 1978) works as a Computer Analyst for Control Data Corporation in Sunny Vale, California.

JOHN BISEK (B.S. 1977) teaches algebra, geometry and senior math in Glyndon. He is married to Mickie Bretz, a 1980 Social Work graduate.

MARIS D. SHIELDS (B.A. 1977) is a Chemist II at the North Dakota Public Health Laboratory in Bismarck and is currently performing nutrient analysis for the monitoring of water and air pollution.

JANE RECK (B.S. 1977), Resource Personnel K-6, works with L.D. students K-4 and E.M.H. students K-6 in reading and math in Motley. She is married to 1978 graduate, Jerry Reck.

LESLIE TURNER CHAPMAN (B.A. 1976) is a Senior Actuarial Assistant at Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co. in St. Paul. She and husband, Gerald, are both Associates of the Society of Actuaries.
MICHAEL AHO (B.A. 1980) is a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Missouri-Rolla, working on his Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics. His wife, Kathleen, is an English major at UMR.

JOHN T. MCDONALD (B.S. 1976) teaches 8th grade Math, Driver Education, and SLD at Warren. He also coaches football, basketball and track. He and his wife, Kristel (Cain), also a 1976 MSU graduate, both completed degrees in SLD and are working towards master's degrees. They expect their first child in February.

STEPHEN CYR (B.S. 1978) is an Associate Programmer at IBM in Rochester. He also teaches COBOL I and COBOL II at Rochester Community College and is working towards an MBA Degree.

BRIAN HANSON (B.A. 1979) is a graduate student in the Geography Department of U. of Minn. working on a Ph.D.

JOANNE GROFF GERDES (B.A. 1979) is a Pension Actuarial Analyst at The Bankers Life in Des Moines. Husband, Brad, also an MSU graduate, is completing his Master's Degree in Behavioral Systems Administration at Drake University.

STEPHEN VERSOI (B.S. 1978) lives in Moorhead and is a Food Broker in wholesale and retail sales. He is married to Barbara Seaman and they have a son, Daniel.

STEPHEN MOORE (B.A. 1976) is a System Programmer, whose duties include application programming on projects dealing with engineering economics.

SHARON LEE GUSTIN (B.S. 1961) has a Teaching Assistantship at South Dakota State University at Brookings where she is working on a Master's Degree.

NANCY ERICKSON (B.S. 1979) is teaching in Norfolk, Nebraska, but plans to go back to France (and school).