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NEWSLETTER
MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Once again, Greetings Graduates! Your enthusiastic responses to my request for information made this newsletter possible - I've enjoyed reading your notes and letters. I'm starting a file for next year's newsletter, so please keep me informed of new jobs, awards, promotions, family news, ... I'd like especially to request those who've never responded to send in news - you have friends waiting to hear from you.

Good Luck.

Milton Legg

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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Marion Smith, who has been a mainstay of the department for 37 years, plans to retire at the end of this academic year.

Shortly after graduating cum laude from Macalester College and earning an M.A. at the University of Minnesota, Miss Smith came to Moorhead State Teachers' College where she was the only full time person in the Mathematics Department from 1945 to 1959. She served as chairperson from 1955 to 1966 and was instrumental in developing the strong program that we have today.

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The department has five new faculty members this year.*** Dr. Richard Savage, Jr., came here from the University of Utah where he received a Ph.D. in Differential Geometry. We were sorry to learn that Dr. Savage will leave M.S.U. to accept a job at his alma mater, Tennessee Technological University. *** Dr. Dennis Rhoads received his Ph.D. in Number Theory from the University of Illinois, Champaign. *** Dr. S.J. Drouilhet, III earned a Ph.D. in Complex Variables at Rice University. He has taught at the University of Utah and at Yankton College. *** Dr. Ariyaratna Wijsuntha is a statistician with a Ph.D. from Colorado State University. *** Dr. Ronald Jeppson came here after receiving his Ph.D. in Numerical Analysis from Montana State University. ***

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Recipients of the department's annual awards of membership in the American Mathematical Society were: Lonni R. Schultz (Sr., Ulen, MN); Mark L. Backman (Sr., Wilton, ND); Steven P. Hardyman (Sr., Battle Lake, MN); and Kirk A. Scott (Sr., Moorhead, MN). These awards are given in recognition of exceptional performance in mathematics.

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Special thanks to Mrs. Jill Holsen who again edited and wrote the alumni news.
ALUMNI NEWS

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GARY MELBY (B.S. '66, M.S. '73) has been with Control Data Corporation since September 1975, and is currently working in CYBER 200 operating system development as a Senior Programmer Analyst. Gary and his wife, Carol Castro of Fall River, Mass., have two children, Daniel, 11, and Christina, 7, and live in Blaine, Minnesota.

DON KARLGAARD (B.S. '72) teaches ninth grade Algebra in Brainerd, Minnesota. He also coaches freshman boys basketball and assists in varsity track coaching. During the summer, Don sells real estate. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two boys, Matthew, 3, and Luke, 1.

JANE (MOTZKO) and JERRY RECK (B.S. '77, '78) live in Motley, Minnesota. Jane teaches in Staples in the special education department, and has coached elementary girls volleyball and basketball. Jerry currently teaches at Long Prairie High School, where he also coached football during the fall. He hopes to return to summer school at MSU.

TODD PELOQUIN (B.A. '80) is an Operations Engineer with Geophysical Service, Inc., a firm which collects geophysical data for oil companies. This winter he has been working on the North Slope in Alaska.

SPENCER HJELLE (B.A. '76) is Supervisor of Eveleth Office of the IRS. He lives in Virginia, Minnesota.

DEAN R. HARRIS ('71) is a computer scientist at Computer Sciences Corp. in Silver Spring, MD. The Harris' recently had a daughter, Diane Alexis Marie. They live in Arlington, Virginia. Dean is enrolled in an M.S. program in Information Systems Technology at George Washington University.

JULIE CARLSON (B.S. '79) is a Software Support Representative for Hewlett-Packard and is presently working on becoming an Office Automation Specialist. She lives in Roseville, Minnesota.

SUSAN OWENS (B.A. '81) is an Actuarial Programmer for Western States Life in Fargo, North Dakota. This summer, Sue is getting married to Dwayne Kanne, who will graduate from M.S.U. this fall in Industrial Technology. Last fall, she passed the first actuarial examination.

RON NELSON (B.A. '72) is currently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, completing an MA in Economics. He plans to attend Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, to work on a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics.

ALETA (McCRARY) FURUSETH (B.A. '81) works for IBM in Rochester as a programmer. Shortly after graduation, she married Dale Furuseth, an MSU graduate in Industrial Illustration and Industrial Education.

JOHN MCDONALD (B.S. '76) teaches 8th grade math, SLD, and driver education in Warren, Minnesota. He also coaches football, girls basketball, and track. Last year the track team won the region 8A title. He and his wife, Kristil (Cain), who teaches and directs the special education program in Strandquist, have one child, Lori Ann, 1.
SHEILA ASCHEMAN (B.S. '76) teaches mathematics at Hackett, AR. Her husband, Gary, works as a Merchandiser. They have one son, Landon, 15 months.

STEVEN GERJETZ (B.A. '74) is employed by Sperry Univac in St. Paul in their Defense Systems Division. He recently received a promotion to Senior Programmer Scientific. During the past year, Steve worked on ship-based communication systems for both the U.S. Navy and the Canadian Navy. He and his wife, Gail, recently became parents; Travis Steven was born in February, 1982.

CAROL L. (Cook) MAZINGO received an M.A. in Education from Pepperdine University and now teaches at Jackson High Senior High, where husband, Steve, teaches the Gifted and Talented courses in mathematics. Carol and Steve live in Jacksonville, NC, and have two daughters, 6 and 3, and a son, 4 months.

LESTER OLSON (B.A. '77) is a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He recently had a paper accepted at a doctoral honors seminar in political communication at Austin, Texas.

CLAUDIA (Brainard) WEIBOLD (B.A.'81) receives work experience as an actuarial trainee at Minnesota Mutual Life, while at the same time receiving study-time to prepare for the actuarial exams. She feels that a Hubert H. Humphrey internship is quite an asset in helping find a position. Claudia lives in Roseville, Minnesota.

MICHAEL L. MARKERT (B.S. '72) has been a Financial Controller for a division of NYSE Company for the last two years, and is currently two-thirds of the way through his studies for an MBA. He and his wife, Renee (Richter), have a son, 2, and another baby due in June. They live in Kirkland, WA.

JON NOAH (B.A. '72) started an independent insurance agency at the beginning of this year in Amery, WI. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two sons, Mitchell, 2½, and Adam, 6 months.

ANN SANG (74) is the Office Manager of a New York Life Insurance Company office in Oakland, California, and is also studying for the next two parts of the CLU exam. She and fiancée, Jerry, plan a July wedding back in Minnesota.

DIANE (Hilgren) GAMBREL ('73) works in Arden Hills, Minnesota, as a Principal Programmer in the Software Tools and Technology Group at Control Data Corp. She and husband, Robert, live in Fridley, Minnesota.

LEE LEWIS resigned his supervisory position with ODECO, an ocean drilling and exploration company, to start his own business in May, 1981. As owner of a home improvements/construction company, he is currently in charge of building an industrial wastewater treatment plant west of Houston. Lee, his wife, Sharon, and three-year old Ryder, expect a family addition in May. They live in Round Rock, Texas.

ERIC D. JORGENSEN (B.A. '80) was recently promoted to Shot Engineer II for EG & G, Inc. at the Nevada Test Site. He and his wife, Joyce (Swenson), a graduate of Moorhead Tech, live in Las Vegas. Joyce is a Division Manager at the Sears Store, Meadows Mall.
MARK EGGLESTON (B.S. '77) works with Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance as a Database Specialist. He and wife, Kris (Skyberg), live in Stanchfield, Minnesota. They have a daughter, Sarah, who will be two in the fall, at which time they are expecting another baby.

DALE G. HURNI (B.S. '71) earned an M.S. in Secondary School Administration from St. Cloud State University. He also completed a Sixth-Year Program in general school administration. Dale then served as Superintendent of the Oslo Public Schools. Currently he holds the position of high school principal in the Wheaton (Minn.) Public School System. He and his wife, Deborah (Ellingson, MSU '72) have three daughters, Amy, 7, Dawn, 5, and Tina, 3.

MARY (McIntyre) GUSTAFSON takes care of daughter, Kara, 1, at home at present, after having worked for four years as an accountant. Her husband, Terry, works for Standard Oil of Ohio. They live in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

STEPHEN CYR (B.S. '78) was promoted recently to Senior Associate Programmer with IBM. He was married in January to Susan Schumacher, who attended MSU during the year '77-'78. They live in Rochester, Minnesota.

STEPHEN VERSOI (B.S. '78) works for Nash Finch Company, Fargo, as a Produce Department Manager at Piggly Wiggly. Barbara, his wife, works full-time at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. They live in Moorhead, and have a son, Daniel, 1½.

RAY FARWELL (B.S. '73) currently teaches math in the Bemidji Public Schools, and also coaches boys' track and cross-country. He was awarded Region 8AA Track Coach of the Year, 1979 and 1980, and Region 8AA Cross Country Coach of the Year, 1980. Ray completed graduate work in Guidance and Counseling at Bemidji State University in 1980, and Educational Administration in 1981, and is currently working on a Specialist Degree in Education. He and his wife, Ann (Pederson), have two children, Jenifer Lynn, 4, and Casey Ray, 1.

NEIL WIDNER (B.S. '73) farms the family farm in Argyle, Minnesota. He and his wife, Leslie Renae (Norman), have two children, Allison Renae, 3, and Thomas John, 2, and are expecting their third child.

MICHAEL R. HALVERSON (B.S. '76) previously taught mathematics at Granite Falls High School, and is now employed as a remote site programmer/analyst by Control Data Corp. He is married to MSU grad, Jane (Wentzel). They have a daughter, Sarah, 2, and are expecting a baby at the time of publication of the Newsletter. Their home is in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

BERNARD RITTER ('71) received a Master's in Education from SDSU in 1979. He teaches 7th grade math at Dakota Junior High in Rapid City. Marie, his wife, teaches math and is Director of Development Center at National College. She is the author of a mathematics textbook, published in October, 1981.

KRAIG WARD (B.S. 1976) is a medical student at the University of North Dakota. His wife, Penny (Ivesdal), attends nursing school there.

LYLE THORSTENSON (B.S. '70) taught in the Fargo Public School System from 1970 to 1973. He married Pamela Reardon in 1973. Lyle received a B.S. from the UND School of Medicine in 1976 and an M.D. from the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, in 1976. He will finish ophthalmology residency at Dallas, Texas, in June 1982.
CYNTHIA SOLBERG (B.A. '76) is in Colorado Springs, Colorado, training to be a Space Systems Orbital Analyst for the Air Force. She finds work in Space Systems very interesting and exciting.

JON JELLISON (B.S. '81) works in the programming division of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Fargo, North Dakota.

JEANNE BROWN (B.S. '81) is teaching in the public school system at Le Sueur, Minnesota.

MARY ELIZABETH LITTLE (B.A. '80) is attending graduate school in statistics at the Ohio State University.

DAN HEIRAAS (B.S. '81) is teaching at Lester Prairie, Minnesota.

CAYNTHIA GIBBON IWEN (B.S. 1980) is a mathematics teacher at Watford City, North Dakota.