Math Graduate Receives Award

Vicki DeVoss, 1969 graduate in mathematics and English, has been selected to receive the 1989 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. This prestigious honor is bestowed by the President of the United States on one mathematics teacher and one science teacher from each state as part of a National Science Foundation program to recognize superb teaching. DeVoss was chosen at the national level after having previously been named one of three finalists for the State of Minnesota by a statewide panel.

In addition to receiving a $7,500 prize, DeVoss was invited to participate in a week-long series of activities in Washington, D.C. Highlights of the trip included attending a Rose Garden reception hosted by President and Mrs. Bush and testifying before the House Subcommittee on Science, Space and Technology. Honorees also dined at the State Department and attended a reception at the Academy of Sciences.

All of the mathematics teachers gathered one morning at Summer School, a building which once housed the first school for Blacks in D.C. They there divided into small groups and each presented a "best lesson". DeVoss taught a lesson on visual thinking utilizing D.I.M.E. solids. She reports that one of the disappointments of the day was that there was not sufficient time to observe each and every participant's lesson since they were all innovative and exciting.

The bulk of the $7,500 prize will be donated to the Work Opportunity Center in Minneapolis, a school where DeVoss has taught since 1975 and where she currently serves as department chair. The money will be used to equip a mobile laboratory of manipulative devices, problem solving materials and calculators for use by students in mathematics classes. The Work Opportunity Center is an alternative school enrolling 318 students who, for a wide variety of reasons, have not been successful in the larger Minneapolis high schools. These students are from 15 to 19 years old and study mathematics ranging from basic math through calculus. Since students are on a "continuous progress" system, in any given hour of the day DeVoss has some students working on basic math, some on algebra, some on geometry, some on higher algebra, some on advanced math and all on problem solving. Needless to say, those of you who are teachers recognize that only a dedicated master teacher could thrive under such conditions. To give you some idea of the level of personal dedication exhibited by DeVoss, when she was interviewed for this article she was baking a birthday cake to take to school for one of her students.

DeVoss holds a Master of Mathematics Education degree from Stanford University where she studied with the incomparable George Polyak. She has done further graduate work at various universities in the United States and England and is also a licensed special education—L.D. teacher. She currently serves on the Governor's Task Force on Mathematics, Science and International Education and is District 5 Director and publicity chair for the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The MSU Mathematics Department extends heartfelt congratulations to Ms. DeVoss and is very proud of her accomplishments and contributions to mathematics education.

Drouilhet to Spend Summer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory

S.J. Drouilhet has been awarded a National Aeronautics and Space Administration-American Society for Engineering Education summer faculty fellowship. He will spend the summer doing research at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California with NASA scientists. This is the second year Drouilhet has been awarded such a fellowship. He will continue work on the project he began last summer, mathematical modeling of space debris in earth orbit, and will also investigate applications of chaos theory to astrophysical phenomena. Approximately 150 such fellowships are awarded each year to be used at NASA sites throughout the country, with 25 being allocated to JPL.
Tri-College Math Contest

Nearly 2,000 junior and senior high school students from over 50 area schools participated in the annual Tri-College Mathematics Contest which was held on March 6th at MSU.

Students compete individually on a one-hour written exam and then in teams of eight in a 20-minute written team examination.

Grand Forks Red River and Alexandria Central won firsts in senior and junior high teams respectively, in the large-school competition, while these awards were taken by Breckenridge and Glyndon-Felton, respectively, in the small-school division.

Top individuals were Michael Lin of Moorhead and Stuart Cripe of Breckenridge in the senior high divisions; the top junior high individuals were Matt Anderson from Alexandria and Mark Schroeder from Glyndon-Felton.

Co-chairs of the contest were Barbara Rath, Jeanne Travis and Bonita Schmidt of the MSU Mathematics Department.

Department News

Bette Midgarden was promoted to full professor. She continues on administrative assignment as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Christine McLaren presented a statistics seminar on “Detection of Two-component Mixtures of Lognormal Distributions in Grouped Doubly-truncated Data” at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia last summer. She was also recipient of a faculty research grant this year.

Derald Rothmann is currently president of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America. The section includes Minnesota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and parts of North and South Dakota and Ontario.

Papers published by members of the department this past year include:

“Somatosensory Evoked Response and Recovery from Stroke”, by Christine McLaren (with C. Susan Chester).


1989-90 Outstanding Senior Awards

Each year the Department of Mathematics awards memberships in professional societies to outstanding senior mathematics majors. The awards are financed by contributions from members of the department.

This year’s recipients are Paul Johanson, Greg Landmark, and Neil Lodin. Paul and Greg chose memberships in the Mathematical Association of America, while Neil chose a membership in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Paul Johanson is the son of Jim and Darla Johanson of Corona, South Dakota. Paul graduated from Milbank High School in Milbank, South Dakota. While at MSU Paul was active in the Math Club and participated in the Putnam Exam (placing in the upper third) and the Mathematical Modeling competition. He plans to do graduate work in applied mathematics.

A graduate of Hendricks Public high School, Greg Landmark is the son of David and Sharon Peterson of Hendricks, Minnesota. Greg was elected President of the Math Club for two years and because of his outstanding academic record was selected to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He has already accepted employment as an actuary with Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

The son of Bernard and Diane Lodin of Andover, Minnesota, Neil Lodin graduated from Shanley High School in Fargo, North Dakota. In addition to doing a research project on computerized quality control for laboratory data, Neil also participated in the Putnam Exam and the Math Modeling Competition. After doing his student teaching in New Zealand this summer Neil hopes to find a job as a high school mathematics teacher. Graduate school in mathematics or mathematics education is also in his future.
Two new fixed term faculty members joined the department this year, Jerry Stockraham and John Matheson. Matheson is a retired mathematics teacher from the Pelican Rapids schools. Stockraham holds a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics from Ohio State University and immediately before coming here was an Applied Statistician for the Battelle Institute in Columbus, Ohio.

Ronald Jeppson was granted a sabbatical leave for spring quarter 1990. During this time he will continue doing research on approximating solutions of differential equations and will initiate a study of appropriate algorithms for finding restricted range polynomial approximations to initial value problems.

Christine McLaren is secretary of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Statistical Association, a post she has held since the fall of 1988. Julie Legler was president of the chapter in 1987-88 and past president in 1988-89.

Jeanne Travis Retires

Jeanne Travis, an assistant professor who joined the department in 1980, is retiring at the end of the academic year. Before coming here Travis taught high school mathematics in Florida and had been a coach for the high school teams involved in nationwide mathematics contests.

In addition to teaching and advising at MSU, Travis has been an active member of the NCTM, has helped with the Expanding Your Horizons Program (for encouraging girls in local schools to take more mathematics and science courses and to consider careers involving these disciplines), and this year co-chaired the Tri-College Mathematics Contest.

In retirement Travis and husband David plan to make their home in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where they met while they were both involved in research.

1989 Modeling Contest

Moorhead State had two teams entered in the 1989 Mathematical Contest in Modeling. This was the fifth year of the competition, and there were 212 teams entered from 143 schools. Teams had their choice of two problems. One problem involved airport scheduling; the other involved classifying insect populations. The contest involves analyzing a problem, devising a method of attack, and coming up with a solution; the solution must then be written up in the form of a paper. The students are given the problem Friday morning and must turn in their paper by Monday afternoon.

Moorhead State students who entered the contest in 1989 were Sheri Anderson, Marci Goldade, Feroze Golwalla, Kris Spiesz, Scott Stephenson, and June Van Sickle. The team of Goldade, Stephenson and Van Sickle received honorable mention. Dr. Jeppson was again coach and supervisor for the teams.

Putnam Examination Results

Five Moorhead State students participated in the fiftieth William Lowell Putnam competition last December, competing with 2,387 other students from close to 400 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. They were Neil Ledin, Peter Shea, Anthony Knudson, Darin Anderson, and Paul Johanson. Anderson and Johanson scored in the top third nationally.

The examination is a very challenging six hour written test designed to identify outstanding undergraduate mathematics students. Moorhead State runs a preparation seminar each fall to help students who plan to take the test. The seminar this year was directed by Drs. Sizer, Ali, Mattison, and Chen.

Alumni News

Deborah Wolan (1989). Debbie is a Load Researcher with Ottertail Power in Fergus Falls. She is involved in sample design, conducting load surveys and writing statistical reports.

Kevin Russell (1985). A Senior Actuarial Assistant with Nationwide Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio, Kevin has completed five parts of the Casualty Actuarial Society Exams. He says that he's enjoying his work and life and has taken up biking and triathlon as hobbies.

Lonni Schultz (1982). Lonni and Richard Mcclain were married last September and both are biostatisticians. Employed by Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Lonni is working on a Ph.D. in biostatistics at the University of Michigan.

Stephanie Davis (1987). Completing her third year of teaching at Alamo Junior High School in Alamo, Texas, Stephanie teaches seventh grade advanced and talented students and runs a new math lab that stresses the use of manipulatives. She's presently considering a job with the Department of Defense and hopes to teach overseas. A well-liked teacher at Alamo, Stephanie was 1988-89 Favorite Teacher and Teacher of the month in October, 1989.

Dean Harris (1971). Dean is a Senior Computer Scientist with Computer Sciences Corporation of Falls Church, Virginia. He recently completed work on a contract with the United States government to build an accounting system and is currently working on a contract to design programs to pay retirees under the Federal Employee Retirement System. Wife Elaine now teaches Earth and Space Science at Robert E. Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia.

Tami Flesche Reller (1987). Tami lives in Concord, California, and works in the San Francisco Bay area as an Account Manager for Fargo's Great Plains Software. Tami is married to Jerome Reller, an NDSU graduate.

Debra Peterson (1988). Deb is a Calculations Assistant with Bankers Systems, Inc. of St. Cloud, Minnesota, a firm which provides software and other products to more than 80% of America's financial institutions. She works in the Software Products Division and is involved in development, product testing and customer support.

Mitchel Wimmer (1972). Mitch lives and works in Detroit Lakes where, for the past ten years, he has had his own insurance practice with Northwestern Mutual Life. He and wife Debbi (Nelson), formerly of Moorhead, have four children. Debbi was recently selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans.

He is currently a Project Manager for Unisys Corporation in Green Bay, Wisconsin where he coordinates and manages the installation of mainframe and minicomputer systems for Unisys clients. He's won several awards including a family trip to Toronto, Canada. Tom and his wife have two children, Katie, 5, and Jacob, 3.

David W. Jacobson (1980). A Reliability Engineer for the IBM Corporation in Rochester, Minnesota, Dave was recently promoted from senior associate engineer to staff engineer. "A Comparison of Nonparametric Analysis of Covariance Techniques", a paper written with Robert Stephenson of Iowa State University, appeared in Communications in Statistics Simulation and Computation. Dave and wife Deb have two children, Justin, 4 and Emily, 1.

Debbie Foley Sauer (1983). Debbie, who recently completed a master's degree in human nutrition, is a W.I.C. Dietician in Des Moines, Iowa and husband Jeff is a veterinary medicine student at Iowa State University. The two are expecting their first child this fall.

Terry Shaffer (1980). Terry and wife Kris have two children, Jill, 10 and Heidi, 6. They live in Jamestown, North Dakota where he is Chief Statistician at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center.

Rebecca Lewin (1986). Becky is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Iowa in Iowa City where she is working on a Ph.D. in commutative rings.

Ken Anderson (1988). A math instructor at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Ken is currently teaching algebra, trigonometry and calculus.

Patricia Smidt (1989). Pat lives in Thief River Falls where she is a teller at Norwest Bank and a waitress/cook at Spigolo's Pizza and Pasta.

Diane Hilgren Gambrel (1973). Diane is a full-time mother and wife in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota. She and husband Bob, a software development manager with Unisys Corporation, have two children, Kyle, 6 and Melissa, 4.

Scott Peterson (1985). Scott is employed as a Software Designer by the Pritsker Corporation of West Lafayette, Indiana. He is married and has a one year old son.

Wyman Nelson (1976). Wyman currently is a missionary for the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church and is stationed in West Africa. He's been training other missionaries to use a computer in the mission field.

Sharlene Wendorff (1988). Sharlene and husband Bryan live in Fargo where she is a Technical Support Specialist at Great Plains Software.

Joseph Riesen (1984). Joe is a student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and is currently working on a dissertation in the cohomology of groups.


Richard Khan-Malek (1987). Richard is a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Statistics at North Dakota State University.

Keith Bjorndal (1972). A commercial airline pilot and a Boeing 727 Pilot for American Airlines, Keith lives in Collegeville, Texas and flies out of Dallas/Fort Worth. He's arrived at this job by way of the U.S. Air Force where he was a Distinguished Graduate of Pilot Training, a military instructor and a check pilot. Keith and wife Gail have a daughter, Kristie, who attends the University of South Carolina and a son, Brett, at home.

Nancy Wolfschlagel (1988). A resident of Cornell, Wisconsin, Nancy teaches seventh and eighth grade mathematics and is advisor for the school newspaper.

Ilo Lewis (1983). Ilo is a Customer Services Engineer for NCR Comten, Inc. in Roseville, Minnesota. She'll spend this spring in Frankfurt, Germany working in the NCR European Network Support Center. This past year Ilo was President of the Roseville Jaycee Chapter.

Kevin Linderman (1987). Kevin is employed in Warren, Michigan by Electronic Data Systems and has recently entered their Systems Engineer Development Program. Last August he completed a master's degree in mathematics at Miami University.

Holly Peterson Unruh (1986). A math instructor at Moorhead Senior High School, Holly is completing her fourth year of teaching there and is currently teaching algebra, accelerated trigonometry and accelerated pre-calculus. Holly and Randy Unruh, a pharmaceutical representative for Beecham laboratories, were married last November. The two plan to remain in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Katie Carlson (1986). In addition to being a seventh and eighth grade math teacher in Harlem, Montana, Katie continues to be a member of the Harlem Volunteer Fire Department and just received the "Most Responsive for 1989" award.

Kirk Scott (1982). A research assistant in the North Dakota State University Computer Science Department, Kirk has just finished his master's degree and is now taking coursework towards the Ph.D.

Theodore Saxman (1971). Ted is a Development Programmer for IBM in Rochester, Minnesota and has just become a member of their Quarter Century Club. He's presently working on the IBM AS/400 operating system. Ted and wife Renee have two sons, Eric, 3 and Matthew, 18 months.

ViAnn Olson (1976). ViAnn is a Mathematics Instructor at Rochester Community College in Rochester, Minnesota.

Feroze Gulwalla (1989). A full-time graduate student in applied mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Feroze also works there as a teaching assistant.

Jerry Zimny (1972). Jerry has returned to teaching at Esko (Minnesota) High School after he and his family spent an exciting year in Victoria, Australia where Jerry taught under the International Teaching Fellowship Exchange.

Debra Buth (1975). Debbie lives in Fargo and is a Systems Analyst for Lutheran Health Systems. She and husband Randy have two daughters, Alicia, 6 and Jenna, 3.

Julie Carlson Henry (1979). For the past ten years Julie has been a Commercial Computer Sales Representative for Hewlett-Packard in St. Paul. In January of this year she was inducted into the H-P Foundation Club for sales reps exceeding their quotas for four out of five years. Julie and husband Scott have two daughters, Jessie, 3 and Kate, 4 months.


Don Karlgaard (1972). Don is a ninth grade math teacher at Franklin Junior
High School in Brainerd, Minnesota and has just started an area math league appropriately named the “Valleyleague”. Last summer he spent two weeks in Flagstaff, Arizona attending an NSF geometry institute called “Teachers Teaching Teachers.” Don and his wife Cheryl have a daughter and three sons.

Candace Johnson Harmer (1973). Candace, husband Bruce and children Heather, 12, Jason, 9 and Jonathan, 9 live in Burnsville, Minnesota. Candace is employed as a Programmer/Analyst by Unixys in Eagan and is project leader in charge of two simulators which are part of a software package for the U.S. Navy. Bruce is a District Manager for Pepsi Cola, Heather is a brown belt in karate, while Jason and Jonathan have red belts.


Betty Heitzman (1988). Betty is now a graduate student studying German in the Department of German and Slavic Studies at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

JoAnne Groff Gerdes (1979). JoAnne is Manager of the Information Systems Department’s Central Help Desk for IDS Financial Services in Minneapolis. She, husband Brad, who is Manager of Field Management of IDS, and daughter Cassandra, a “busy two year old”, live in Minnetonka.

Martha Moore (1986). Martha is a graduate student in biophysics at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Sara M. Lamont (1989). The Early Childhood Education Teacher at Wales, Alaska. Sara is employed by the Bering Strait School District of Unalakleet. Wales is a small Eskimo village on the most western tip of the Seward Peninsula and is accessible only by bush aircraft. Sara writes that “on clear days we can see Big and Little Diomede Islands as well as the East Cape of Siberia.”

Scott Hanson (1989). Scott is a Programmer for IBM in Rochester, Minnesota. He and Mary Gilbertson, a 1988 MSU elementary education graduate, will be married this June.

Steve Versoi (1978). Steve lives in Rocky Mountain, North Carolina and is head buyer for Nash Finch Company there. He and wife Barb (Seaman), who is working with IDS, have two children, Daniel, 9 and Kenneth, 7.

Sharon Willgoths (1983). A math instructor at the Learning Skill Center of the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota, Sharon received the school’s 1989 Excellence in Teaching Award for the Arts and Science Division. Husband Gene will complete an engineering degree at NDSU this summer, their four sons are in college and daughter Erin is a high school freshman.

Kraig Allan Ward (1976). Allan lives in Bismarck, North Dakota and is a medical doctor affiliated with the Physical Medicine Clinic there.

Warren R. Meissner (1972). Warren, wife Claudia and children, Chris, 18, Joanna, 16 and Benjamin, 9 live in Bemidji, Minnesota. Warren is Vice President—Consumer Banking for Bemidji’s First Federal Banking and Savings. Son Chris is a high school senior this year and will attend Moorhead State to major in mass communications.

Peter Ringdahl (1985). An Assistant Actuary with Provident Life Insurance Company of Bismarck, Pete has worked four years for the company and recently has received a promotion to a management grade. He and wife Susan (Hagard), a 1986 MSU alumna, have a two-year-old daughter, Morgan Marie.

Steve Cyr (1978). Steve is an Advisory Programmer with IBM in Rochester, Minnesota. He currently works in the laboratory on developing tools to measure performance on the AS/400. “It is both challenging and satisfying, so enjoyable,” says Steve. He and wife Susan have three boys, Bradley, 4, Peter, 3 and Thomas, 11 months.

Rebecca Krieg (1982). Rebecca is a System Programmer for Unixys and is working on a POSIX operating system.

Jane Motzko Reck (1977). Jane, husband Jerry and their two children live in Motley, Minnesota. Jane is head of the Special Education Department at North Elementary School in Staples. She’s involved in a program to provide better integration of special education students into the regular educational mainstream. Jerry teaches at Staples High School, coaches football and track and is a basketball official in the winter.

Farshid Ketabchi (1989). A Ph.D. student in computer science at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Farshid plans to get a master’s there and then to move on to another school to complete the Ph.D. He’s been a teaching assistant but this year received a tuition waiver for the entire year. Last summer Farshid again worked at AT&T Bell Labs doing software development in artificial intelligence.

Lester Olson (1977). An Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication of the University of Pittsburgh, Lester is writing his second book: Benjamin Franklin’s Vision of America, 1754-1784. He also had an article in the February 1990 issue of the Quarterly Journal of Speech and spent last summer at Yale University doing research supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Steven Gerjets (1974). Steve is a Senior Programmer Analyst with Unixys Corporation in St. Paul. He’s now working in the Electronic and Information Services Group and for the past four years has worked primarily on an Electronic Support Measures System for use on submarines. Steve has won several awards including 1988 and 1989 Achievement Awards for Professional Excellence and a 1988 Recognition of Cost Reduction Plan. He and wife Gail have a son Travis in second grade and a daughter Suzanne in kindergarten.

Maris Shields O’Connell (1977). Maris is a homemaker and does freelance PC programming. She, daughter Caitlin, and husband Patrick are moving to Idaho Falls, Idaho where Patrick will manage a new Anheuser-Busch malting plant that is currently under construction.

Harold Hoium (1972). Vice President of Dimensional Medicine, Inc. of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Harold writes that Dimensional Medicine uses mathematics to normalize magnetic resonance scanner image data to assist radiologists in making diagnoses.

Donna Hodnefield Hoffman (1989). Donna, an Advanced Placement Calculus Teacher for the Northeast Wisconsin Telecommunications Education Consortium, lives and works in Green Bay. Her AP class is taught to students in six different school districts via interactive television. The concept of distance learning is new to Wisconsin and Donna may well be the only teacher in the state using this method at the secondary level. In addition, she works
at a bank in Green Bay. Donna and husband Patrick, who works at St. Mary's Hospital, were married this past June.

Eric D. Jorgenson (1980). A Verification Program Engineer for EG & G/EM, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada, Eric was leader of a technical support team that participated in the Joint Verification Experiment in the Soviet Union in the fall of 1988. Eric and wife Oraline have a 3-year old son, Nathan.

Dona Warren (1987). Dona is a teaching assistant in mathematics for the University of Minnesota's General College and is working towards a Ph.D. in philosophy.

Neil Widner (1973). Neil was selected as King Agassiz for the Red River Valley Winter Show, was appointed to the Red River Development Association and is Chair of the Stephen, Minnesota, School Board. He is a self-employed farmer.

Gary Krenz (1978). Gary is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has had two joint papers published within the past six months and has submitted two others for review. In addition he has an NSF grant to work on ordinary differential equations, is working with a group that has an NIH grant to model blood flow in lungs, is president of the local Sigma Xi chapter and is involved in setting up an internship program for local school teachers.

James Clausen (1971). Jim was recently called to serve as pastor of New Horizons United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Lee Arthur Lewis (1973). An independent contractor/designer in Austin, Texas, Lee's firm, Facilities Development, specializes in the design and construction of chiropractic clinics. He's recently been awarded a contract to build clinics for a chiropractic company that is expanding nationwide.

Jeffrey Marty (1988). Currently Jeff, wife Donna, son Zachary and daughter Caitlin live in Newport, Rhode Island. Jeff is in Navy Officer Training School studying to be a Nuclear Propulsion Officer and this summer the family will be moving to Orlando, Florida where Jeff will undergo further training. Previously, Jeff taught math, physics and chemistry at Comfrey High School in Comfrey, Minnesota.

BRIEFLY . . .

The following recent grads didn't return our questionnaire. However we do at least know their job and location.

Marci Goldade—grad student in applied mathematics at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Merry Kellerman—teaching at Chafee, North Dakota.

Paul Edwards—teaching at St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Shelly Gregory—grad student in statistics at Iowa State University, Ames.

Tom Ness—teacher in West Fargo.

Xuan Le—grad student at Oklahoma State University, Norman.

Don Darling—teacher in Calvin, North Dakota.

Peter Larson—teacher at Craig Middle School in Craig, Colorado.

Mark Johnston—teacher at Shanty High School in Fargo.

Gail Landstrom—teacher in the Montgomery-Lonsdale Public Schools in Montgomery, Minnesota.

Don Burns—Spanish teacher at Ben Franklin Junior High in Fargo.

Jennifer Brekke—data processor for Sieben, Grose, Van Holtum in Minneapolis.

Byron Jacobson—math/science teacher in the Zumbrota/Mazeppa, Minnesota school system.

Julanne Schade—rater with Royal/Milbank Insurance in Milbank, South Dakota.

Roger Bachmeier—math/computer science teacher in Lewiston, Minnesota.

Cynthia Lysne—actuarial trainee with American International Group in New York City.

Steve Durou—teacher in Montpelier, North Dakota.