1997-98 Senior Awards

Each year the faculty of the Mathematics Department selects Moorhead State University seniors to be recognized for their outstanding achievements in mathematics. The selection criteria involve overall GPA, mathematics GPA, performance in difficult mathematics courses and results of the ETS Major Field Test in mathematics. This year the award winners are Melissa Hammer, Fiona Johnson and Misti Schlager. In addition to recognition by the faculty, each student will be awarded membership in the professional society of their choice.

**FIONA JOHNSON** is the daughter of Anne and Bill Johnson and is a graduate of Moorhead Senior High School. She is completing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Business and will also complete the requirements for licensure in teaching. While at MSU Fiona has been active in the Math Club and has been a member of the Student Advisory Board. She also has served as a tutor, has captained the MSU Swim Team, and was elected to the honor society Phi Kappa Phi. After graduation Fiona will seek a teaching position in the midwest or on the west coast and has chosen membership in the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

**MELISSA HAMMER,** the daughter of Vern and Lynda Hammer, is a graduate of West Fargo High School. She is completing a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with emphasis in teaching. Melissa is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She has served as a tutor for the Mathematics Department, was a volunteer for “Expanding Your Horizons” at MSU, and is a member of the Minnesota Education Association. Melissa is seeking a teaching position in mathematics or Spanish in a high school or junior high school and has chosen membership in the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

**MISTI SCHLAGER** is a graduate of Jamestown (N.D.) High School and is the daughter of Doug Schlager and Karen Espeseth. Misti is completing a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with an actuarial science emphasis and has a minor in finance. While at MSU Misti has been a member of the women’s basketball team and the cross-country team. She has served on departmental committees and has participated in the Math Club and Circle K. Misti has had internships with Towers Perrin IHC (Minneapolis) and the Mutual Group (Fargo) and has accepted a position as actuarial analyst with Towers Perrin. She has chosen membership in the Mathematical Association of America.
Professor Carlson Retires

Professor Carl T. Carlson will retire in May after 30 years of teaching in the Mathematics Department. He served as president of the Moorhead State University Faculty Association for five years and was one of the original staff for the Professional Fourth Year program for elementary school teachers. Professor Carlson’s graduate work in mathematics education was done at Boston College and UND. He taught in the Moorhead Public Schools before coming to MSU. Retirement years will be spent gardening, cooking, traveling, reading, and being a grandparent. Faculty, staff and students all join together in wishing Professor Carlson a wonderful retirement.

Rothmann Sabbatical

During the fall semester of 1997, while on a sabbatical leave, Dr. Derald Rothmann visited the Mathematics Department at the State University of New York at Potsdam, NY. The Mathematics Department at SUNY Potsdam has obtained a national reputation for graduating large numbers of highly qualified mathematics majors. In the mid-1980s, approximately 20% of the graduating class at SUNY Potsdam consisted of students who majored in mathematics. Although they have not been able to maintain that record, still approximately 8% of their 1997 graduates were mathematics majors. These percentages are impressive, since currently the percentage of graduates nationally who earn a degree in mathematics is closer to 1%.

While in New York, Derald and his wife, Maxine, lived on campus in a dormitory apartment. Derald was provided with an office in their Mathematics Department and was treated as a visiting professor. He taught some classes, visited several others, and had ample opportunity to observe and question their students and faculty. Derald reports that he was challenged to reexamine his own philosophy of teaching and is confident that his experiences at SUNY Potsdam will enable him to better serve his future students at MSU. He also states that he has reaffirmed in his own mind the fact that we have an outstanding mathematics program at MSU, indicating we have many very capable students who are well served by an excellent mathematics faculty.

In addition to the educational experiences, Derald and Maxine enjoyed the genuine hospitality of the students and faculty at SUNY Potsdam - even the dormitory life. The beautiful scenery and fall foliage offered by the area were extra benefits.

Mathematics Department
News And Notices

Recently there have been several changes in the make-up of the mathematics department. Chair Ron Jeppson has been appointed interim Dean of the College of Social and Natural Sciences and Don Mattson has succeeded Ron as chair. The upper-level administration at MSU has now become somewhat “mathemticized” with Dr. Bette Midgarden serving as Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Jeppson as Dean of CSNS.

This spring marks the retirement of Carl Carlson after 30 years of service. It will indeed seem different with Carl not in the department. This is in addition to the loss in the previous year of Jim Wallen and the retirement of Milt Legg. Christine McLaren will also be leaving to accept a position at the University of California, Irvine.

The Department has been fortunate to have Bonnie Schmidt, Barbara Rath and Brian Hagelstrom step in to help pick up the teaching duties left by these changes.

In addition, Geok Lian Ng has been appointed Assistant Professor to begin in Fall 1998. Ms. Ng, originally from Malaysia, is completing her doctorate in mathematics education at the University of Oklahoma and has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Northeast Louisiana University. Lian is already teaching mathematics methods courses for elementary teachers at Oklahoma University and therefore should be ready to step into the vacancy left by Carl Carlson.

Wallen Scholarship

Since the sudden death last spring of long time faculty member James T. Wallen, friends, students and colleagues have chosen to honor and remember him by establishing the James T. Wallen Scholarship in Mathematics. A committee of faculty and students (Carl Carlson, James Hatzenbuhler, Adam Krenelka, Misti Schlaeger) was formed to oversee fund raising and to formulate selection criteria. It is hoped that the interest on the endowment will allow the awarding of a $500 scholarship each year to a Junior mathematics major. The choice of the recipient will be based primarily on scholarship in mathematics. Money is currently being raised through donations and through activities of the Math Club.
Dr. Christine McLaren Leaving The Department

Christine McLaren will join the faculty in the epidemiology (the study of health and illness in human population) department in the School of Medicine at the University of California at Irvine. Chris will also serve as Director of Biostatistics at the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at Irvine.

Dr. McLaren has been the recipient of numerous awards during her tenure at Moorhead State, including the College Science Teacher of the Year award from the Minnesota Academy of Science and the Minnesota Science Teachers Association. Chris has actively involved many students in her work and has written several research papers jointly with them. This collaboration has often served as motivation for students to pursue statistics at the graduate level.

Chris has been at M.S.U. since 1986. Since that time she (impressively) has received more than a half a million dollars in research grants and has published n-research papers, as n seemingly increases without bound.

The Department wishes her the best in her new venture!

The Problem Corner

1. Two ferry boats move back and forth across a river with constant speeds, turning at the banks without loss of time. They leave opposite shores at the same instant, meet for the first time 900 feet from one shore, continue on their way to the banks, return and meet for the second time 500 feet from the opposite shore. Determine the width of the river.

2. Six discs each of diameter d inches are arranged to form a triangle (in such a way that every disc is touching at least two other discs). An ant starts walking along the "outer" edge of one of the discs and keeps walking on the "outer" edges of the six discs until it comes back to the starting point. How far, in inches, did this ant walk?

3. A person purchased at a post office some one-cent stamps, three-quarters as many two’s as one’s, three-quarters as many five’s as two’s, and five eight-cent stamps. The person paid for the stamps with a single bill, and there was no change. How many stamps of each kind were purchased?

The answer to problem 2 is $4\pi d$. We will leave it to you to check your solutions to 1 and 3, since supplying the answers might spoil the fun.

Alumni Notes

Warren Gullickson, ’59, has resided in Fargo, ND for 39 years; eight as a math teacher, five as an assistant principal and 26 as principal. He is currently principal for Discovery Junior High School, which was completed in 1964. It has nine academic houses, an interdisciplinary teaching theme and state of the art technology programs with 1160 students and 70 teachers.

Jon N. Olson, ’61, has worked for Hughes Electronics in Torrance, CA as a senior test engineer since 1968. He is married to Queena. Jon has a daughter, Jennifer and two stepsons, both named Robert. He retired as an LAPD reserve officer in 1995 after 25 years of service.

Eldon Bergman, ’62, retired June 1, 1996 after teaching and coaching for 33 years - one in Cyrus, MN, seven in Adrian, MN and the last 25 in Frazee, MN. He continues to coach baseball in Frazee.

William C. Durkop, ’62, has had a career as math teacher, counselor, principal and superintendent, retiring in 1997. He is married and has four children. William’s youngest son is currently a student at M.S.U. He wonders, “How is Marion?”

Al Amundson, ’63, has been teaching junior and senior high mathematics for the past 35 years. Two have been Claremont, MN and for the past 33 years at Red Lake Falls. He plans to retire from teaching this spring but will continue as a crop hail adjuster, which he has been doing for 16 years. He and his wife have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Richard B. MacGregor, ’63, retired last May after teaching 34 years in the science department at the Pelican Rapids High School, Pelican Rapids, MN. For 17 summers he worked for Land and Resources Management, Ottertail County, Fergus Falls, MN. Richard is currently working part time for Lake Region REA in Pelican Rapids and enjoying his free time restoring a ’63 Ford Falcon convertible.

Alton Fiskness, ’64, has been a member of the New London-Spicer faculty since 1968 where he teaches history, family life ed and algebra, and coaches 8th grade football. He has also been doing some part time study at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. Alton’s wife Carolyn is an OB nurse at the Willmar Hospital. They have two children, Carl, a freshman at St. Cloud State University and Ingrid, an 11th grader at the NL-S high school.

Jim Galvin, ’65, taught all math courses for grades 7-12 in Willard, MN for five years while coaching all sports also. He moved on to White Bear Lake High School where he taught math for grades 9-12 and coached football and basketball for 10 years. In 1980 Jim, his wife and their three children moved to Tucson, AZ and ran a very successful business. In 1982 they moved back to White Bear Lake where he has been teaching 11th and 12th grade math half time and is athletic director the other half. Jim also heads boys basketball. He loves his job and does a super job at it.

Dennis Lund, ’65, is ready to retire from government service after 31 years auditing for the Department of Defense, General Services Administration and U.S. Small Business Administration. It is his plan to use his math major in a second career of trying to beat the market experts in total market return, performing consulting contracts and managing a financial planning business. Dennis and wife Carol travel to their ocean place and take various trips around the world. They live in Reston, VA.

Steve Walters, ’65, taught math and algebra for 32 years at Marshall Junior High. He is now retired. Steve married Sharon Sunde of Glyndon, MN and they have two adult children, Laurie and Jay.

Ronald Bratlie, ’66, has been the director of support services for the Elk River Area Schools since 1994. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, Ronald acquired a master’s degree in mathematics and one in educational administration at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti; from NDSU he obtained a specialist degree in educational administration; and in 1990 received an educational doctorate degree from USD in educational administration. Ronald has taught mathematics in public schools in Michigan and has been a superintendent in many Minnesota schools. He has received numerous honors and has published some of his works. Ronald is also involved in community service and belongs to many organizations.
Ardith (Hagenbeck) Volk, '66, taught junior high math in Milaca, MN for eight years. She spent five years working as an auditor for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and as a tax examiner for the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Currently, Ardith is a homemaker with one daughter at the U of M and one at Eagan High School. Her husband, Roger, is an account supervisor for PCA.

Joseph B. Hillberry, '66, has worked for the Douglas School District in Box Elder, SD for 25 years as the coordinating administrator for curriculum and instruction. He reports that this past year 16 South Dakota inmates from the Governor's "Wire the Schools" project installed over 40 miles of CatV cable and fiber optics cable to provide access to the Internet so all district employees and students have access to the World Wide Web.

Gary Melby, '66 BS/73 MS, continues to work for Medtronic, Inc. as a senior software engineer at Medtronic's Cardiovascular Business Center in Fridley, MN. He managed to complete one of last year's New Year's resolutions: staying active at the fitness center for a full year!

Sharon (Renfrew) Johnson, '66, teaches algebra and advanced algebra at Wheaton, MN. She is also a half time guidance counselor (utilizing her MS '75 from MSU). Sharon has taught for 29 years and coaches golf, as well as the knowledge bowl.

Kay A. (Schultz) Fulp, '66, is the coordinator of articulation and transfer, North Dakota University System, and has been an associate professor in the mathematics and science department at NDSCS, Wahpeton, ND since 1980. Her husband, Don, is chair of the math and science department at NDSCS. They have a son, John, who is a doctor of chiropractic in Grand Forks, ND and a daughter, Kari (Lawrence) who is an OB/GYN in Jackson MS.

Susan (Kaspari) Snyder, '67, and husband Tom work for the Department of Defense Overseas Dependents School in Wiesbaden, Germany. She has been overseas since 1980 serving in Japan, the Philippines, Iceland and Germany.

Karen (Breitbach) Patterson, '66, just finished her 30th year of teaching math in South Washington County Schools, Cottage Grove and Woodbury, MN. She is presently at Park High School in Prescott, WI and looking forward to retirement from teaching in the next few years.

Alfred Jerome Huebner, '68, retired as a senior programmer after 28 years with IBM Rochester (MN). He and wife Margaret have their own home business. They have three children in college.

David L. Jacobson, '68, is currently in his 23rd year working for the State of Minnesota. He and wife Carol and their 17 year old daughter, Kristin, traveled to Italy with the Mounds View High School Orchestra in late March. David spends his free time wondering how the people of Minnesota can be so stupid as to send its professional baseball team packing!

Stephen J. Mead, '68, has worked for the City of Las Vegas since 1972 where he is recreation division manager. He lists many activities he's involved with and has held many offices. Some are the Pacific Southwest Regional Council (PSW), American Park and Recreation Society Fund Raising Committee, National Aquatic Section and State Liaison for Nevada, Nevada Recreation and Park Society (NRPS), and the Hershey Track and Field Youth Program. Stephen is also on the Board of Trustees for the National Recreation and Park Society. He has been the recipient of the NRPS Fellowship Award and the PSW Professional Award. He and wife Sandy have six children and 16 grandchildren. Stephen states that his mathematics skills have been extremely valuable in his career.

James Melville, '68, is employed by the Monticello Public Schools.

Barbara (Gill) Rath, '68, is back "home" teaching at MSU for two years after one year contracts each at St. Cloud State University and North Dakota State University.

Dean Chandler, '69, teaches algebra, geometry and business math at the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High School. He is married and has four children, 3 daughters and a son.

Howard Dahlager, '70, is owner of JSF, Inc., a seed company that grows 6,000 acres of soybean seed annually and conditions and distributes approximately 200,000 bushels per year. His wife Linda is a LD teacher at YME in Granite Falls, MN. They have four children, Eric is a CPS at Hancock, MN Coop Elevator; Nathan and Alyssa are students at Southwest State University; and Justin is a senior at BDRSH High School.

Lyle Thorstenson, M.D., '70, states that M.S.U. was the beginning of many great experiences in his life. Having Warren Thomsen as the chair and Rose Shaw as his advisor gave him the best experience anywhere. Lyle lives in Texas' oldest town, Nacogdoches, with his wife of 25 years, Pam Reardon of Devils Lake, ND. They have two children, Leah, 16 and Luke, 13. He has practiced medicine there for 15 years. Lyle has a clinic, optical shop and surgery center where he is a board certified ophthalmologist.

Dean R. Harris, '71, is a senior computer scientist at Computer Sciences Corporation in Falls Church, VA. He is currently working on Year 2000 problems related to a network data base system designed in 1985. He is also contracted to the U.S. working on a contracts management/audit system using MS Access and LAN based PC's.

Barry Mulari, '71, began his career as a junior high school math teacher at Central JHS in Forest Lake, MN. In 1973 he owned and operated Barry's Up North, a retail sporting goods and clothing store in Aurora, MN. Presently he is in real estate sales with Northland Realty, Tower, MN. His activities and memberships include Aurora City Council since 1994, Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Aurora Lions Club (both past president), East Range Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, and Range Association of Realtors.

Carol L. Cossette, '72, has been working for the Southeast Education Alliance, which is one of the Regional Education Service Alliances (RESA) for NC, since July 1, 1997 as an instructional facilitator.

Don Karigaard, '72, teaches math at Brainerd High School on the Math-Best Practice Team and does consulting work with math teachers throughout Minnesota.

Robert S. Black, '73, has been teaching senior high mathematics at Mahnomen, MN and is in his 25th year of teaching. He has two children. His son is in the Navy, presently in the Persian Gulf. Robert's daughter will graduate from high school this year and is a 2nd in her class.

Steven Gerjets, '74, is the principal engineer for Lockheed Martin Tactical Defense Systems in Eagan, MN. He has worked here since graduating from M.S.C. This company has formerly been known as Sperry-Univac, Sperry, Unisys, Paramax and Loral. Steven is in software engineering and has written computer programs for systems ranging from a radar detection system for submarines to voice mail. He has been married to Gail (Ripperger) since 1975 and they have two children, Travis (16) and Suzanne (15).

ViAnn Olson, '76, is still teaching mathematics at Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN. She reports that like other colleges in the state, they are in the process of converting to semesters. Her college just hosted the regional MATHCOUNTS competition for 7th and 8th graders. If all works out, ViAnn will be on sabbatical in Australia next year.
Gary Krenz, '78, is still at Marquette University as an associate professor teaching and doing biomathematical modeling. He continues to publish and has had two articles appear this academic year. Gary also attends biomedical research conferences and writes grants and manuscripts. In May of 1997 he attended the Heartland II, a retreat hosted by the presidents of the midwestern Jesuit universities.

Dave Jacobson, '80, continues as an advisory reliability engineer with IBM in Rochester, MN. He also continues as an adjunct professor at Saint Mary's University where he teaches statistics courses to graduate students in management and health and human services administration. Dave spends his free time volunteering as a coach and whatever is needed in youth soccer, basketball, baseball and softball programs in the Rochester area. His wife, Deb, is a biostatistician at the Mayo Clinic. They have two children, Justin (12) and Emily (9).

Claudia R. (Brainard) Wieboldt, '81, very much enjoys her work as a senior systems analyst with Minnesota Mutual in St. Paul, MN. Her husband, Don (MSU - Computer Science '80) continues to work at Unisys in Owatonna, MN.

Robin (Kremer) Ladd, '82, is in the process of getting herself certified in Florida. In the meantime she keeps busy substitute teaching at Seminole High School, volunteer tutoring at the same school and volunteering in both her daughter's and son's math classes. Robin loves living in sunny Florida!

Steve Dale, '83, is farming on his family farm at Montpelier, ND. His wife Tracy Hanson works as a registered nurse at Jamestown Hospital. They have three children, Brandon, 9, Morgan 7 and Austin, 3. Steve reports that they all enjoy math and computers!

Debbie (Foley) Sauer, '83, is a stay-at-home mom with her five children. Debbie and veterinarian husband Jeff moved to a hobby farm just outside of Long Prairie, MN last summer.

Illo (Lewis) Myhra, '83, is employed by Keane, Inc. in Rochester, MN as a senior software engineer. She is a networking communications technical specialist for the AS/400 Midrange Computer. Illo and husband James live in Rochester with their dog, Woody.

David Sederquist, '83, is employed by Northern States Power Company as a regulatory and financial consultant. He lives in Moorhead with his wife, June (84) and their three sons, Tom (9), Dan (7) and Ryan (7).

Sue Haller, '84, completed her Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Minnesota during the spring of 1997. In September, 1997 she began a tenure track faculty position as assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics at St. Cloud State University. Sue reports that she is very pleased to be done with her dissertation and grateful that it led to a teaching position that she truly enjoys.

Paul Krzyzaniak, '84, is located in Augsburg, Germany and works on projects for the U.S. Army in which he received the LOGICON/ Information Technology Group Special Achievement Award. He also received a promotion to computer scientist V last year. Paul and his wife, have a one year old son, Dennis Lee. In October the 60th will complete its relocation to Darmstadt, closing its facility in Augsburg after 50 years. They are naturally very sad to leave this beautiful, historic city, but look forward to the new challenges awaiting in Darmstadt.

Scott LaChance, '84, is a software engineer with Traveling Software in Bothell, WA. He is also a consultant for software engineering with his own company, LaChance & Associates, in which he has worked on two projects for AT&T Wireless Services. Additionally, Scott is an instructor of computer science at Chapman University at the Bangor, WA campus. He is married to Jodi Boedeker (85) and they have three children, Katherine, 9, Aliza, 8 and Erin, 5.

Kevin Russell, '85, has been working for the past nine years at Nationwide Insurance Company as an associate actuary in the corporate actuarial department. He has only one exam left to complete for his fellowship designation in the Casualty Actuarial Society. Kevin's most recent work project involved managing Nationwide's exposure to natural disaster loss. He and wife Heather love Columbus, OH and spend most of their free time renovating their house.

Paul Lykken, '85, spent 10 years in Atlanta and has been back in Minnesota for two years. He is employed at Federated Insurance as a property casualty product analyst in Owatonna, MN. Paul is married with a 21 month old red-headed daughter.

Rebecca (Lewin) Ledoux, '86, is in her seventh year of teaching mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where she is an associate professor and was recently granted tenure. She got married in May 1997. Rebecca's husband Michael is finishing up a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Iowa.

Stephanie (Davis) Cundiff, '87, is currently working as math department chairperson for Mesa Ridge High School in Widenfield, CO which opened this school year (97-98). On September 11, 1997 she and her husband welcomed the arrival of their first child, Joshua Ray. Stephanie notes that this was definitely more exciting than being part of the inaugural staff of a new high school! They also expect to purchase their first home in the spring.

Dudley Wells, '87, moved back to Moorhead after four years teaching high school math in Myrtle Beach, SC. At NDSU he had a one year statistics graduate teaching assistantship and taught a variety of math including algebra. Dudley's daughter Kaila graduated with honors from Moorhead High and is a freshman business major at M.S.U. He takes in a lot of campus sports, fine arts and political events. Dudley is employed at Federal Machine in West Fargo which makes induction hardened, chrome plated, and extreme load components for construction cranes. He does precision machining and quality control there.

Beth (Baumen) Thompson, '89, is currently teaching part-time at Ben Franklin Junior High in Fargo, ND. Beth and her husband had their second child in June, 1997 and also moved to a new house in November of 1997.

Shelly (Gregory) Melroe, '89, has been employed by Cargill, Inc. in Minneapolis as a research statistician in central research for the past year. Their second daughter was born last September, Alissa Janine, making Erica, 2, the big sister. Shelly and family enjoy living back in the upper midwest after a few years in Houston and look forward to tent camping this summer.

Donna (Hodnefield) Hoffman, '89, teaches at Southwest High School in Green Bay, WI. Last summer she completed her master's degree in secondary education through Viterbo College in LaCrosse, WI.

Ken Lindemann, '89, is in his eighth year of teaching math at Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School. He also coaches sophomore football and varsity wrestling.

Karl (Rothmann) Herz, '89, took a position with the United States Postal Service in Hillsboro, ND in June of 1997. She notes it has been the perfect winter for her 80 mile commute! She and her husband Glenn are planning a major remodeling project this summer on their farm home where they live with daughters Kaitlyn, 7 and Morgan, 4.

Terri (Fallung) Friebel, '90, completed her master's degree in library science after teaching 7th grade math for seven years. She is currently a library media specialist for the Raytown School District (MO). Terri is married with two children - Jake, 3 1/2 years old and Josie, 1 1/2 years old.
Karen (Wilharm) Toivonen, '90, has been living in Alexandria, MN for six years. She is a registered representative with WMA Securities. Karen is married and has a one-year-old son, Grant.

Tony Knudson, '91, is currently working as an engineer for Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis, OR. His wife Becky is working as a transportation economist for the Oregon Department of Transportation. They are expecting their first child in August. Tony and Becky really enjoy Oregon and do lots of hiking and fishing. Becky finished her master's degree in economics at Oregon State and Tony is currently working towards a master's in statistics at OSU.

Peter Shea, '91, moved to San Diego, CA in December, 1997 from Fort Collins, CO. He is working at ORINCON in the information engineering department on multifaceted multistatellite tracking and data fusion. Peter will finish writing his dissertation this spring to earn his Ph.D. in mathematics from Colorado State University.

Sue (Galt) Wilken, '93, is a systems analyst at L-3 Communications in Cape Canaveral, FL. She works on launch display systems for Titan and Atlas rocket launches.

Tracey (Ose) Lyons, '93, is a mathematics teacher at Lisbon (ND) high school where she teaches consumer math, pre-algebra, advanced algebra and college algebra. She may get to teach statistics next year. Tracey is a junior class advisor, cheerleading advisor and on the National Honor Society committee.

Amy (Rath) Johanson, '93, is in her second year as a mathematics instructor at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND. She finds it challenging, but very enjoyable. Amy and husband John (MSU '93 & '97) are very busy house shopping, hoping to remain in this area.

Brock Stenberg, '94, has been teaching 9th grade mathematics at Discovery Junior High School in Fargo, ND and is in his third year there. Last July Brock and wife, Jennifer, bought a house by Moorhead State University.

Jason Mortenson, '95, is currently teaching at New Ulm Junior High where he also coaches football and track. This is his third year and next year he will be at the senior high. Jason is getting married in July and loves the New Ulm community. He sends a "hello" to Dr. Wolff.

James A. Saari, '95, has been teaching mathematics to 9th and 10th graders for the past two years and coaching basketball and track. He enjoys the Colorado/Utah beauty. James got married last December to Julie Oissee from Detroit Lakes. He is currently looking for a job back in Minnesota, as his position will be eliminated after this year due to financial problems in the district.

Mark Balluff, '97, is currently teaching math at Fargo South High School.

Craig Beckerleg, '97, is currently working at MSU as a research analyst for MnSCU (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). He started on December 24, 1997, five days after graduation. Craig likes what he does and is happy to have received a job from the institute that gave him his education.

Denise Danielson, '97, is currently working in a 40% time long term position as a substitute for Alexandria Public Schools. She teaches two geometry classes and loves it! Denise is also getting married on August 29, 1998.

Tracy Sibell, '97, got her first teaching job at a high school in Santa Barbara, CA. She is teaching two sections of algebra 1 and one section of basic math. Tracy teaches on the block schedule system so her class periods are 1 1/2 hours long. She is enjoying the nice weather!