Happy 2002 to History & Philosophy Alumni

The wonders of the Net will be more evident to you this year, as you have sent me the news at greater length, a great leap forward in the reporting. This is the biggest Newsletter ever and is on the way to become a true composite of alumni reports and reflections. Improved design from Apple professional & amateur historian, Mae Wolfe.

The History and Philosophy Office

Sue Voelker (’85). My son Karl (soon to be 15) is growing into a fine young man; he excels in academics and has his sights set on attending MIT in a few years. Jack (10) is doing very well in all subjects in the 4th grade and especially enjoys sports and art. My partner (Sean Conway) and I visited his home in Ireland again after Christmas. We managed some serious touring on this visit, traveling from Co. Clare to Co. Donegal in the far northwest and southeast to Counties Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wicklow. Sean participated in some music sessions along the way, but for the most part he appreciated the break from performing and stayed in Ireland and “off-the-clock” until Feb. 1st. I returned to reality just in time for spring semester!

Tara Boldthen: “Now a sophomore I am still very busy with schoolwork and working in the History Department. This spring all my classes those that will help me to earn a Broad Field Social Studies Secondary Education major. Which is great, but there will be little time for a social life with all the books I have to read this semester!! You would think that life would get less hectic and more relaxed, but boy was I wrong! And it will only get more hectic. This summer I will be living with my sister, brother-in-law, and what will be their newly born baby to care for it as my sister returns to teaching. Any tips on how to make a baby stop crying will be much appreciated!”

Liz Paone: student teaching this semester. When she came back for a visit she expressed how much she was enjoying the experience. She made me feel good by saying some of my stories went over big with her students.

Monica Manske: “My parents’ Jerry Springeresque divorce has made this year more difficult than most, but at least I’m making some good jokes about it and shaking my head repeatedly in disbelief. In other news I’m still pursuing a teaching degree, I’m still with my fiancé, and recently became addicted to mummy programs on TLC.”

Josiah Mast: “I am a History major, and a junior. I spent last semester studying in Scotland. I traveled to France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. One of the many highlights was standing in the courtroom where the War Crimes Trials were held after WWII in Nürnberg. I attend Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship regularly as part of the worship team. I plan to either get a Masters in Education here, or go to New Orleans University for masters, and PhD in WWII history.”

Sarah McRoberts: “This is my second year here at UW-RF. Since pursuing a degree in Broad-Area English Education, I have learned many things that my hometown of Valley City, North Dakota couldn’t teach me. First, one can never be too busy. Through Concert choir, Alpha Omicron Pi, Hall Council, teaching Sunday school (Ezekiel Lutheran Church) and being in the History Club, I have been given many unforgettable opportunities. Secondly, I have determined that keeping my sanity is futile. I’d like to thank my parents, younger twin brothers (16) and the 3rd floor KFA photocopy machine for teaching me that valuable lesson.”

South Hall

Peterson was sorry to have to leave 224 this year because of the renovation, but all of his stuff, including the maps, was, nicely moved to B127 Ames, former media center, where he can look out the window on the mall. South Hall should be back in use by the spring of 2003, as the center of the School of Business. Perhaps a campus institution he would be allowed to use 224 again.

Alumni Donations.

We wish to thank the following for their recent contributions to support to deserving History majors.

Michael T. D’Andrea & Mary E. D’Andrea

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Michael W. Higgins

Manley E. Olson ’59 & Ann M. Olson

David B. Peterson & Patricia J. Peterson

Craig R. Zabel ’77& Diane M. Zabel ’78

A total of $1985.

Our scholarship opportunity is much expanded because the Helen and Walker Wyman Scholarship will be given every year to both the Art and History Departments, and will be around $1300. That is because they donated their house to the UW-RF Foundation, which uses the proceeds of its sale.
Recipients for 2001-02
Trent Gilles, Ellsworth WI- Wyman
Shannon McDonough, Maplewood MN--
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Lisa Plekkenpol, River Falls WI - History
Matt McCollister, New Prague MN - History
Terrence Galbreath, River Falls WI - Moeser

Faculty News
Ed Peterson ('54) was shocked at the first faculty
meeting to be pointed out by Chancellor Lydecker as "a
model of devotion for starting his 48th year." For reason
of age he became the mace-bearer at ceremonial occasions,
which he hitherto avoided. He appears every day for
classes and writes all over the boards. Little else of sig-
nificance has occurred except that Ursula has persevered
with him into their 56th year together. She remains the
Force of River Falls History and its Preservation. He is
pleased, and Ursula fearful, by the mountains of papers he
has to grade, telling his classes that the more they write
the better. He takes his summer vacation by going to
German archives. He speaks fondly of the Magdeburg
Stasi records director, who lets him work from 6 AM to
as late as 8 PM, and who copies over 1000 pages of the
documents to take with him. Naturally that compels him
to publish something, which this year is a book, "The
Secret Police and the Revolution, the Stasi and the end of
the German Democratic Republic."

His amusement is getting news from overseas on the
Net, like The Guardian and Der Spiegel. His nightly
radio pleasure is the BBC and from 4 AM, the NPR
Morning Report.

John J. Buschen ('66) has become enamored of
the department's new digital camera and has performed a really
valuable service by taking the pictures of the hundreds of
university classified and unclassified staff. I suspect he is
one of very few who knows everybody at RF, as well as
everything. He has also created a marvelous collection of
flower pictures from the Como Park Conservatory, not to
mention the countless numbers of Art History pictures
that he deluges his friends with. (It pays to be a friend of
John.)

In winter's cold he goes to Florida to swim in the
warm sea and in summer's heat he goes to dine in Mont-
real in French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Thai and other
cuisines. In between he visits art galleries in less famous
places such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City.
(Having experienced an art-starved youth close to KC, I
was amazed at what Missouri can now offer.)

Kurt Leichtle ('86) "My book, Wisconsin Adven-
ture is in galleys and so should come out this year. The
book is a history of the state for fourth grade classrooms.
The experience was interesting, to say the least. My
exhibit on Gov. Edward Coles will open January 29th at
the Albemarle County Historical Society in Charlottes-
ville, VA and then on April 20th at the Madison County
Historical Society in Edwardsville, IL. I am having great
fun renewing my acquaintance with Edward. I met sev-
eral of his descendants, one of whom makes a living role-
playing Thomas Jefferson in Virginia. I was in the East
in January doing some additional research as I rework the
book for publication.

Karen and the boys are fine. Kyle has adjusted to
high school and his parents are surviving the experience.
Kee is doing quite well in fourth grade and will receive
his Webelos badge in Cub Scouting soon.

Since no newsletter could be complete without an
advertisement, I will be involved with two interesting
courses this summer. Tracey Gladstone and I will
be doing Hist. Poli Sci 710 History of
American Political Thought as an on-line
course. I will also be doing Hist 489/689--Topics
The Civil War and Film on Tuesday evenings
the second and third sessions (June 17-July 26)."

Betty Bergland ('90) received a promotion this year
to full professor, so she is very pleased with that de-
velopment. Her professional responsibilities, both on and
off campus, continue to occupy most of her time. She
taught "U.S. Immigration and Ethnic History" for the
first time fall semester at UW-RF, a course that she was
been eager to teach because of her research and scholarly
interests. Currently, she is teaching (in addition to 104
and the History Seminar) the History of U.S. Foreign
Relations, a timely offering given events of this fall.
Because she teaches both this course as well as classes on
nineteenth century U.S. History, she felt it appropriate
to organize forums (two) this fall with the Departments of
History and Geography on global developments. She also
spoke to the Rotary Club of River Falls and participated in
a Video Conference, with UW-RF students and other
faculty, in direct link with the Undersecretary of State
Mark Grossman.

This summer the Encyclopedia of Life Writing fi-
nally appeared that included several of her essays: "Life
Writings and U.S. Immigration," "Historiography," and
"National Identity." She also published several book
reviews in diverse journals: Biography, Human Rights
This summer she devoted much of her time to research
and writing on "Norwegian Immigrants and the Dakota
Conflict," part of her larger project. The paper was in-
cluded on a panel she organized, "Immigrants, Indians,
and the Dakota Conflict," for the Northern Great Plains
History Conference held in Grand Forks, North Dakota in
October. Currently, she is working on a presentation for
the Organization of American Historians that will be held
in Washington D.C. in April. She has also been asked
to serve as secretary for the national organization, the
Immigration and Ethnic History Society.

David Riggs ('93) has been filling remarkably well
the Cederberg position, and recreating the History Club.
He also serves as an answering service to my questions: “I do believe that Teddy Roosevelt’s imperialism is finding new favor with conservatives in the Bush ‘era.’ TR’s ‘big stick’ now seems to be airpower and weapons like the horribly named daisy cutter bomb.”

“...The article on Russia reminded me of the recent comments Gorbachev has been making about his legacy. In a Clintonesque attempt to refurbish his image Gorbey has come out blaming Boris Yeltsin and praising himself and Putin. I read somewhere that Gorbachev never did appreciate how much Russians disliked his policies and that Gorbachev was blinded by the adulations from the West. I wonder if there could be any comparisons between Gorbachev and Churchill and their respective historical impact.”

Zhiguo Yang (‘01) and his family moved from West Texas to River Falls in May, 2001 and their adjustment to life in upper Midwest is made easier by the mild winter we are having right now. Educated both in the People’s Republic of China and in the United States, Yang had taught at George Mason University, Gettysburg College, and West Texas A&M University before joining our department in August 2001. At UWRF, Yang teaches World History and Introduction to Asian Civilization courses and will teach Japanese and Chinese History courses in the future. As a scholar, Yang has a specialty in modern Chinese history and is working on a monograph about Nationalist reconstruction efforts in Qingdao, North China, between 1928 and 1937. Recently, he finished an article discussing the history of brewery industry in Qingdao between 1903 and 1992. When he found a beer bottle with a Qingdao (Tsingtao) Beer trademark on display in River Falls Public Library, he began to fantasize that people who are not necessarily historians might read his article, once published.

In his spare time, Yang enjoys spending time with his son (12 years old) and daughter (3 years old), listening to NPR broadcasting, and reading Mario Puzo’s novels.

Dave Peters could not think of any news, so I will tell you that he has adjusted well to the challenge of teaching in the former tech lab of Ames. He has paid the price of being with the Historians, having the onerous service with a search and screen committee last year and again this year. I discovered that we have a mutual admiration for the late radio comics, Bob and Ray, and that he was so creative back in Chicago to send out broadcasts in their inimitable style.

Imtiaz Moosa has taken a research leave this year and is working hard in Madison. Since there have been problems in the past with his staying here as Canadian citizen, I should hope the suspicion of persons with Arabic names does not cause any problems.

Faculty Emeriti

Noble Stockton (‘66) & Ronnie: “Our son Richard and Ann remembered my saying I would like to visit the Buffalo Bill Indian Museum at Cody, Wyoming, which has a huge Plains Indians and Western Art units that are superb. Driving toward the east entrance of Yellowstone, we were told that the road ahead was closed by a “police action”. So we circled north into Montana, entered by the northwest entrance and were stopped by a miles and miles traffic, just down wind from the Devil’s Stink-Pot, where police told not to get out of our car. Hours later, traffic moved. Carjackers had robbed and injured a couple in Minneapolis, drove their car to Yellowstone and had vanished into the woods with the intention of hijacking another car...As we started back to Cody on 9/11, we noticed people standing in the parking lot listening to their car radios. We heard about the unfolding tragedy. At the airport we were told that flights were cancelled. After three days and much excitement we got home.”

Ronnie enjoys her weekly French conversation group, volunteers at Meals on Wheels, writes columns for two newsletters. Noble sings in the choir, leads a recorder group, works as a volunteer in two historical libraries, and writes historical things from time to time We usher concerts, docent old-house tours.

Son Paul is teaching at Stanford. “About a year ago he became interested in problems of how emerging democracies can deal with terrorism, so the Postgraduate School established a division or something to deal with the topic and asked him to be its dean. He shouted at us. “I don’t want to be a dean. All administrators are THE ENEMY!”...What especially drove him nuts were tenure decisions. At one point he was facing four lawsuits. He has escaped upstairs or sideward, as assistant provost.”

Tim Ericson & Vali “We moved to Port Washington in October 2000. Our current mailing address is: 994 Niagara Court, Port Washington, WI, 53074.” He is making his training of archivists the best in the state.

Stephen Feinstein (’69) & Susan. Steve sent a newsletter full of his recent articles. “I am involved in an interesting course on TV next fall with UW-Madison on German and European Anti-Semitism.”

Sue is still at Mpls. Children's Hospital. Jeremy is working for a still alive computer company in Sunnyvale, CA. (recently sent to Singapore). Rebecca is working at Children's Hospital in Boston as social worker (she finished her MPH at Harvard and MSW at Boston U). Her husband, Avi Winnitzer, is finishing a Doctorate in Assyriology at Harvard. Steve emailed us a picture of Rebecca’s beautiful daughter Sara Beatrice Winnitzer.

Herb Cederberg (’66) & Alice. Herb sees himself to have retired (a great loss) after being asked back to teach one more class this fall. Alice, who also retired from her beloved elementary classes, wrote, “Herb and I are looking forward to time in Florida after the holidays. Three little Schnauzers will accompany us in the car, so it will be a grand experiment. Retirement agrees with me and I hope Herb won’t miss the classroom too much after he closes out the semester.”
Clyde Curry Smith ('65) & Ellen, continue to enjoy condominium living on the heights overlooking the city. Ellen relishes her political role on the City Plan Commission and Clyde on the Library Foundation Board, which was richly enhanced by the bequest of Dorothy Kleinpell in memory of her and Eugene.

Son Harald finds fulfillment as project manager for Vality Technology Inc., Boston, and as father of two growing girls, ages almost 5 and past 3, and their brother now 1 1/2. His job takes him to Canada frequently, to Britain twice in 2001, and to Australia in the month of the tragic September 11. Daughter Karen likes being mother, not only to the older children, 12 and 10, but also to the younger one 3 and the other nearly 1 1/2. Her family moved to Ramsay, MN, and now to New Jersey.

Continuing contact with the great grandson of Leonard King, together with Mary Magnan D'Andrea (MA, 1981) has brought additional private documentation and efforts toward a full biography. Mary visited members of the King family "We met with more members in August, in their homes, and spent five days in the refurbished Tudor wing of Skipton Castle in North Yorkshire, the only medieval castle with its roof still intact and open to the public."

Smith had the pleasure of being named Senior Academic Visitor at Wolfson College, Cambridge Univ., where they were in residence in August. He worked on the entry on "Reginald Campbell Thompson" for the New Dictionary of National Biography, using the fantastic facilities of the main Cambridge Library and some of the 109 other libraries in that collegiate town.

Smith continues to work with a colleague in New Zealand, James K. Howard, whose book, Disease and Healing the New Testament, which began as a dissertation under Smith's supervision, was published by the University Press of America in June.

Clyde has worked on the Dictionary of African Christian Biography, contributing to the master list of those who lived in the first millennium of the BCE, providing a variety of the specific entries for some of the most ancient African Christians, which can be viewed on www.dacb.org. His reviews have appeared in Choice and History; Review of New Books.

Smith in the fall had weekly sessions in elementary Greek by the inductive method with history student Adam Westrich, and local bookseller, Kevin Caldwell.

Charles Graham: Pol Sci (1954-63) & Bonnie. "This past summer we observed the ninety days of our 50th wedding anniversary, starting with a cruise down the St. Lawrence River in June and culminating on Sunday, September 2, at the Woodland United Methodist Church in Duluth, where we were married 50 years ago. Virginia Olson, who sang "O Perfect Love" at our wedding, sang it beautifully for us again that day... For our regular readers, we did indeed replace our 50-year-old toaster with a new one, which works almost as well... All of our families are well and moving along in the world of careers and education... all these children are 'above average' and getting more so as they advance through their schools... People ask us how we should celebrate Christmas in the midst of a new 'war.' The better question might be how we conduct ourselves in the light of the Christian message, which we are convinced has not been superseded."

Dick Swensen & Grace, ('55) Both remain active in service and research at home and abroad" We had a rare discovery in February, having gone on the Internet to check some information on the Wilharm. We found a site organized by Karen Rowe of Lincoln, NE, which had records, including church and cemetery, from Bremer County, Iowa, for the large number who had come from Schaumburg, near Hannover. The link of my great grandfather Wilharm to Germany was made.

Daughter June joined us in Denmark on May 1 for our trip by train to Germany. First Greifswald. (Great grandfather Hoth from Mussow, records in the Evang. Church in Behrenhoff, Second, Schlesingen on May 9 for Grace's great grandfather Hess and great grandmother Reinhardt in Schwarzbach and Heubach. Hannover on the afternoon of May 10 for Gr grandfather Wilharm in Beckedorf (about 33 km west of Hannover) and Riepen (3 km distant)."

Gary & Sally Shellman ('67-'69) "Other than brief vacations in New England and Bayfield, we've stayed at home. I went to Taiwan for a week on a World Affairs Forum delegation. Great experience."

Maurine & Dick Brynildsen. "This time no picture and no letter, because Dick has been hospitalized with viral pneumonia, since December 3. Tomorrow we transfer to a rehab facility in Phoenix. He's much stronger today so hope is riding high."

Mike Krukones remains teaching in Louisville and retains keen interest in the politics. His reaction to 9/11 was like mine, more concerned about the expanding aftermath at home and abroad.

Wayne Sukow (Physics) & Carol, who wrote: "25 years behind a teacher's desk made very satisfying career. Now, not having to agonize about the D- students, not having to set the alarm for 5:30 to be ready for 7:00 a.m. classes, not having to gear up on Sunday night for Monday morning, all meant that I can wake up with that giddy, guilt free sense of anticipation called freedom! Although his 65th birthday is just around the corner, Wayne happily puts on a suit and tie every morning to work at making the most positive impact possible in the cause of science education in America. If he's feeling giddy about anything, it's being able to say that he has just completed six weeks of daily low-dose radiation to try to halt the slow regrowth of the durned pituitary tumor and still has managed to get to work for at least part of each day. It's such a relief to be finished with those treatments, even though he still looks 'branded' by the anticipated radiation burns on the temples and between his eyebrows."
"We registered for a two week Elder hostel in Norway in May. There's more than a little giddiness in the anticipation of visit the country of my grandparents.... It was the horrible cloud of dust over the remains of WTC... the constant night sounds of the fighter jets guarding Washington feel more threatening than comforting to me.... I go to a mall and think, "This would be a good place to bomb.... But we go on. We open our mail, we fly, we shop we live and we sing, 'Oh God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come'"

Program Assistant Kate Weinberger: We now have four grandchildren--two from each daughter--everyone is healthy and prospering--what more can we ask for? I am still teaching on the south shore of the Big Lake -- think of you often as the "Corney" kids are in our school district--wonder at times where your son's cabin is located in the Cornucopia area."

Librarian Annette Blanchette remains intensively involved in serving the community, as well as setting records for her long daily walks. She was recently on TV, with her box of popcorn, praising the late Stan McCulloch's movie house.

Alumni News:

David & Lani Madis ('61) Dave died on May 20, 2001, after a long fight with cancer. The obituary provided details, such as his birth on the family farm near Malden Rock. He excelled at debate, football, chess and science at South St. Paul High school. The yearbook quote, "His silver tongue will bring him fame." After majoring in history and working in theater at U.W.-R.F. he attended the University of Madison and Georgetown University Law Center, graduating second in his class and working on the Appalachian Poverty Project. In 1964, he married Lani Wolodko and moved to Oakland, CA, where he opened a coin and stamp business. In 1966, he was hired by a law firm for their Guam branch. He returned to Livermore, CA, where he opened his own practice from 1970 to 1981, with a specialty in real estate development. He was so successful that he moved to Eau Claire and opened the Great Midwest Mercantile. One of his hobbies, trap shooting, won him many prizes.

When I wrote comments to Lani, she remembered other things: "Yes, he did work behind the scenes and on stage 1960-61. Probably the most memorable for him was the lead in "Look Homeward Angel," and as a general in "Tiger at the Gate." Interesting that you asked about the Salvation Army. That came when teams were sent by Bailey to Minneapolis to live on the street for a weekend. He talked of stuffing paper in his clothes to keep warm and sleeping in a boxcar. They lived and talked with the homeless for 3 days. At that time, the Salvation Army was the only place to eat, clean up and be safe for a while. Every street person told him so and he never forgot."

As to Guam, that is where he first practiced law. I recently ran across a letter from the office of the Governor of Guam, thanking Dave for a report, "Money Bills sub-mitted to the Ninth Guam legislature... based on your studies and other new revenue sources... In High School Dave was also in the theater having leads in "Father of the Bride" and "Admiral Creighton." He won state championship medals in Forensics, three years running. He was the only one to sue the city of Livermore three times and he won every time. He represented several large real estate developers and wrote what was the first condominium law on record. In writing a historic contract for a well-known paper company, out of a 100-page document, the other attorneys changed only one word.... His whole life he had a love of History. When he could not read, he faithfully watched the History Channel."

Mike Dodge & Catherine ('59) last February sent a letter, which concerns our mutual interest. St. Louis Cardinal History. His passion began in Springfield, MO, when he met Mike Ryba, pitcher for the Cards. "My mother was a good friend of Mike's wife Thelma. One day she was over at Ryba's to visit Thelma, who was talking with a young man, who, much to my mother's disgust, persisted in spitting tobacco juice into a wastebasket. The young man was Mickey Owen. I've always liked the idea of my mother and Mickey Owen being in the same room...Mother met him either less than a year before or a few weeks after he attained immortality by dropping the third strike, which allowed the Yankees to rally and go on to beat the Dodgers in the '41 Series. There's a 50-50 chance she interrupted Mike Ryba trying to console the disgraced catcher." Then, "I believe it was the '51 season - Mike was on the Cardinal coaching staff. He came over to our house one night for dinner. He brought me a catcher's mitt, which was pretty impressive. He told of a conversation he'd had with Fred Saigh, who assured him the Cards would never have a black player as long as he owned the club. It wasn't long after that the Mr. Saigh was in prison and no longer owned the club.... I'm not the fan I used to be - thanks in large part to the Metrodome, a place so deadly it could almost take the joy out of watching Kirby Puckett."

A December letter was thrilling in his analysis of the political exploitation of the 9/11 tragedy. More suitable for a non-partisan newsletter was the personal story about his teaching at a church: "It came as something of a surprise and I must say it's a bit of a strain pretending to be a nice person for maybe a couple hours at a time. However, it has been a rewarding experience, causing me to become involved (against my nature) in a variety of worthwhile activities. The best is teaching math (!) to non-English-speaking immigrants, mostly Somali women. The class is chaotic. Students proceed at their own pace in work books, while I run madly about responding to calls for help and sweating profusely. It's wild and wonderful. I have great admiration for the spirit and diligence of the students, as well as the courage that brought them here. Immigrants continue to be the great hope of our country."
Dave Peterson (‘80/MA’91) & Pat. She wrote, “We tried unsuccessfully to purchase two parcels of land in Wisconsin, my dream for many years. Both turned out to be “unbuildable”...I think I have finally reached my mid-life crisis - finding my job at the library unfulfilling after almost 15 years and wanting to have some time off to accomplish things I have put on hold for many years.”

David: I’m still archivist at the MHS and traveled to Chicago again to the Midwest Archivist Conference. The high point of my year was the trip to Atlanta, where we visited the World of Coca Cola, CNN world headquarters, the Jimmy Carter Presidential Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. I’ve continued my email correspondence with our Arnese relatives in Norway and will perhaps make another trip in 2002.

Eleanor wrote: “I have gone through a lot of new experiences that I will never forget. For starters, I was asked to be the Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School.... I had surgery on my foot but that was nothing big, because I went to an art class the week right after that! In August I had my first airplane flight and it was the first time that I went somewhere where everyone’s accents were different from ours.... I took another hour to my school day and I take French. I was in our school musical, “Give my Regards to Broadway,” where I was a chorus girl and one of the stars. Michael wrote: My year was great fun and otherwise boring. The part that was boring was when my friend Kevin went on vacation. I loved Krispy Kreme doughnuts. It’s my first year of band. I play drums and bells.

Stephanie Zeman (‘88), Archives: “I am still a lawyer, I am working on closing up Ed Vlack’s office because he was elected a judge, I am going to be taking some history classes. I am still trying to figure out what I want to do for a career. You can also mention that I miss the sweet days of my youth- late afternoons spent drinking beer with the History people at the Brathaus.”

Gordon Olson (‘68) Your most recent newsletter has moved me to send a brief note and let you know what I have been up to over the past 25 years. In 2.5 years, I will complete 30 years as Grand Rapids, Michigan’s City Historian. It has been an interesting ride on the Public History bandwagon. I have been a member of the National Council on Public History since its inception, and served a stint on its national board a few years ago. Since its founding, the group has grown from a small, hardy band of 100 or less turning out for annual meetings, to several times that number gathering this year in Ottawa, Canada. As you know, there are now Public History programs in universities around the nation. As city historian, I run an archives that now has about 2,500 cubic feet of manuscript material and a staff of six, a publishing program that has produced several books and video documentaries about Grand Rapids (we’ve just finished a documentary on West Michigan’s Vietnamese refugees), an historical marker program, and a variety of related activities. I say this not so much to boast — although I am proud of what we have accomplished, but to tell you that the initial training I received at River Falls as an undergraduate and graduate student, has always served me well. I didn’t have a clue about what it meant to be a history professional when I showed up in River Falls in 1961, and six years later I was sure I wanted a career as an historian. Thanks to you, James King, George Garlid, and later Herbert Cederberg and Clyde Smith, I am enjoying a full, rewarding career.”

Paul Sailer, (‘99) paid us a most rewarding visit describing his adventures, mostly in Texas, where he was hired and taught in a most remarkable school system. He returned to our world and decided to enter law school. He wrote in November that “law school was mostly boring and left me with the distinct feeling that it is a ritual in semantics.” He quit. “Karina and I said there were two lines that we wouldn’t cross. We wouldn’t go into massive debt taking out student loans nor would we throw our son, John, into a day care factory.” None of the grandparents were in a position to day care, “So I am now a ‘stay at home dad.... This issue for me is that I need to find something of an intellectual nature. I am going to explore the possibility of teaching on a very limited basis. I was offered such an opportunity to teach Minnesota history at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.”

Another opportunity has been offered by a former commander, who had been Special Forces, from Viet Nam through Bosnia. “One of the very few career officers I knew that isn’t bordering on the far-right fringe. Since his retirement he has been involved with corporate military contractors. He is involved with training airport security personnel in the use of firearms. This is a very political issue as most people, particularly politicians don’t want to know or admit the shortcomings involved with the type of shooting skill required for such security duty. Thanks to the wonderful example set by the US military, everyone has adopted the “spray and pray” approach...They have managed to get enough political support to have the project examined by a congressional committee in December. If it goes forward, I may be involved with designing the training ‘curriculum’ and do the materials, doing this work at home.”

Concerning September 11. “The overwhelming display of ‘sunshine patriotism’ is nauseating. Many have been quick to say that none of this is our fault. Perhaps if we as a society were not so self-indulgently wrapped up in driving SUV’s around with a cell phone continually grafted to our ears, we would have been able to realize that all is not well in the world.”

Sister Jane (Winkler, ‘72) We had the privilege of attending her renewing her vows at the Carmelite Monastery, after 25 years. “I know I owe MANY of you responses to emails, letters, cards and calls and I sincerely apologize for my neglect but I assure you that it is... but PURELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL...! I have begun a new drug for my MS. It is called COPAXONE and it consists of a daily self-injection of this drug. The side effects are
many and varied in people's response to it. I have had some really hard days, especially in the beginning but they surely could have been much worse I am sure. They tell me that in time some of them may decrease as my body adjusts to the medication, and even, in time, some may disappear altogether. Some have eased in severity and I am forever grateful! Some have remained the same and on occasions have intensified. However, I want to give it a fair chance, so I am 'hanging with it!' .... I do want to take this opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU who have given me so much support and encouragement during these weeks, whether it be through your promise of prayers (I do "feel" them and COUNT ON THEM every day to help keep me up and going—they ARE WORKING!). . . . I think of all of you daily and thank God for the special gift each one of you is in my life—I am SOOOO BLESSED—thank YOU!

Michael Cotter ('60) "I retired from East Carolina University last September and have been enjoying it. I maintain a typical schedule for retirees, working out regularly; performing some professional and community activities; and having fun in a variety of ways (reading, gardening, and listening to music). I retired at an age (63) when I had planned to, but if I had stayed longer, I might have had to oversee some drastic changes in my department that I could not abide. (Brother) Terrence (Korean vet) is still in Florida. His health is not good, which one might expect, as he doesn't take care of himself. He nevertheless drove to Wisconsin in August to house-sit while our sister, Mary, went on a cruise to Alaska, then drove to St. Louis for his Marine Corps reunion in mid-September ('a lot of frustrated Marine sharp-shooters there,' he said). (Brother) John enjoys collecting post cards of the river (or more correctly The River) and has some unique ones of old steamers. He also likes to take his metal detector and look for old coins and other metals. Last year, he went on an organized trip to England and found Roman coins.

Karla Taylor ('79) with a bit of prodding sent me her analysis of the good shows on public TV, some that our Minnesota station does not carry.

Michael Peterson ('76) & Kathy, "We did some traveling this year but not together. After we returned from the cabin outside Cornucopia at the end of July, I left for a three-week trip to China. A group of about 100 cartographers met in Guangzhou, China, as part of the Maps and Internet Commission of the International Cartographic Association. The main meetings of the organization took place in Beijing during the following week. From Guangzhou (near Hong Kong) we took a train to Wuhan and toured that city for a day. After a week in Beijing, we took a weeklong trip through Xian and Guilin on our way back to Guangzhou. I also traveled to Washington at the end of November. I was able to see the destruction of the Pentagon and visit the Senate in session. The strong military presence in Washington reminded me of East Germany."

Daughter Sarah, as National Merit Scholar, chose Macalester, a small school in a large city. (This brought particular pleasure to her RF grandparents.) Amelia participated again in the annual History Day competition, a documentary on Nebraska author Willa Cather.

Mark Braun ('91) wrote Leichtle, "It has been awhile since I last bumped into you at a history conference in Chicago. Back then I was finishing up my Ph.D. at UW-Milwaukee. Since then I have: graduated, published my dissertation with Lexington Books (similar to the M.A. paper that I wrote under you at UW-RF), published a paper I presented at Madison on "Wisconsin Sprawl," and landed a full-time teaching job at SUNY-Cobleskill (located 35 miles west of Albany). This allows me to teach SOC, POLI SCI, HIST, and/or ECON. The people are friendly and I will be here for a number of years...After the terrorist act, this campus is pretty much shut down and we are trying to deal with the fact that many of our students were born in NYC and knew people who died.

Jim DeMarce ('61) & Virginia "For those of us old fashioned enough to think that we have been called to be part of the civil service, rather than merely personnel to be managed, it has been - as changes of administration always are - an interesting year. We have both been pleasantly surprised by the quality and good intentions of the political appointees that we have dealt with, although the first months of the transition at Labor were about as chaotic as they usually are when change of administration coincides with change of the party in control of the executive branch. We are both more bemused than disheartened by the events of Sept. 11 and their aftermath. We never cease to be amazed that so many people seem to be shocked to discover that there is evil in the world - that human beings are capable of doing horrible things to one another... Like most of the civil service in Washington, we soldier on day by day with disruptions in the mail and heightened security being encountered more as nuisances than as signs of impending disaster."

Virginia suffered a particularly nasty bimalleolar fracture of her ankle in September. "We not longer rebound from these episodes as quickly as we once did." She spent most of the fall enthroned on the living room sofa with her laptop computer and cordless phone, testing the limitations of teleworking. She worked her way through a stirrup splint, two generations of hard casts, and an arch brace and now with the benefit of support shoes and a month of twice-weekly physical therapy sessions, she is once again approaching normal mobility... Good Lord willing, we will be able to get out to the Midwest to see family and friends again this summer. Until we meet again, may God bless us each and all."

Arlen Christensen ('56) "I have retired from teaching at the UW Law School and am now spending my time working with environmental organizations (1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, Midwest Environmental Advocates), local governments (Dane County Citizens Land Use Commission, Dane County Executive's Office), serving on boards
of directors (Oakwood Lutheran Homes, Bethel Endowment Foundation), doing a little labor arbitration, traveling, playing with our three grandchildren and putting at our cabin in Bayfield County. I enjoyed teaching for most of my 35 years in that harness but found I was losing my enthusiasm toward the end. So I quit and the change is good. Recently a former student of mine told me how much he appreciated what he had learned in one of my courses. It felt so good that it inspired me to do something I have meant to do for over forty years. It is high time I told you how much I appreciated your tutelage at RF. Your Western Civ course was a highlight, which, along with Walker Wyman's American History, initiated a life long interest in history and biography. But it is our office conversations I remember most. Those sometimes lengthy talks with you, in which Wyman, Graham, (Gil) Smith and later Darr would often join, were at least as important to my education as lectures, class discussions, papers and examinations. I also learned much in the discussions we had about the debate topics I was researching - recognition of communist China, guaranteed annual wage - remember?...Thank you again for being there to help a small town boy in the early days of his adventure.”

(Our pleasure.)

Francis Sagert (‘85) & Dawn “I was once again present at Dawn’s side for the miracle of birth...I enjoyed the first moments of life for William, as I did for Emma. He’s 8 months old, crawling, and eating real food with his first 2 teeth. Emma is the absolute finest big sister on the planet, just ask her...I maybe planning a career change starting this winter, teaching. I’m aware of a local substitute/part-time shortage of teachers in sciences and agriculture here and in three other nearby districts. This district’s certification for subs is a one-day class. The option of full time employment would require 6 months back at college (two summers). Employment locally will happen soon. I’m ready to parent full time, earn less money and not miss a moment with the family.”

Carole Kettner (‘81 & ‘87) & John Peter: “We stayed pretty close to home this past year, except for one short trip to Los Angeles for the NEA in July. Our family was expanded for one month this year when we had a guest from Japan staying with us. Masami Matoba became part of the family the minute she walked through the door. She is an elementary teacher and was here as part of a program that allows Japanese teachers to spend time in English speaking countries. She spent a lot of time in Carol’s school as Carol was the coordinator of the program...John has been working hard throughout the fall on preparing for referendums in Spooner. Their fall referendum failed, but they are still hoping to pass one soon. Their buildings and budget are in pretty desperate states. ...Carol started with a new group of 2nd graders this year. It was a big change to go from the end of third grade to the beginning of 2nd grade again, but she loves the fact that each year is so much different than the year before.”

Anne Wyman-Allen (Walker’s granddaughter) “As you may know, the River Falls University Press closed its doors shortly after Grandfather died, and, with Grandmother’s permission, I purchased both the copyrights and the remaining stock from the River Falls Press. I think that former students of Grandfather’s, homesick for Wisconsin humor, might be interested in purchasing books...My college career was a series of stops and start-overs. I did in fact (after being included in the graduation program three times!) graduate with a BSE in Social Studies Broad Field. I started graduate school immediately afterwards, with great earnestness, but got interrupted by marriage and childbearing. I completed the oral competencies for both Elementary Education and Learning Disabilities (K-12) Certification in 1992. Since then, I have been working as a paralegal, a waitress (is one ever done with that career??), and as a substitute teacher. I now have my own Allen-Wyman Agency, editing books, representing authors to publishers, and guiding self-publishing authors. I sell books-- both Grandfather’s and used/con- signment-- at a small shop in Trempealeau, WI. I live “on the left descending shore” of the Mississippi. My husband, Eddie Allen, is a folk singer of some fame, and a writer (watch for him in “Wisconsin Trails” and Smithsonian), and a school bus driver. My 11-year old son is busy with school success, the clarinet, “Destination Imagination,” robotics, and baseball. My 9-year old daughter swims, roller-blades, takes piano lessons, plays with American Dolls, and acts in D.I. theatre-- pretty regular, busy, bright, good-looking kids! We come to River Falls about monthly to visit Grandmother who will celebrate another birthday this fall at Wellhaven Apartments. She is in good health and still beats me at Scrabble. Annie Allen-Wyman PO Box 224 eallen@triwest.net Trempealeau, WI 54661 (608) 534-6291.

Tom Bell (MA ’01) now teaching in Korea.” I’m changing my email address to: tbl111415@visto.com Regarding sports, well, like the Greeks, I love them and spent many years enjoying my sons participating. For myself, I miss the competition, the camaraderie, and the physical (combative nature) of football - regarding your class, one of the few time I could explore/research the historical dilemmas of historical drama(s) just for the sake of enjoyment and probing the “questioning mind”. I have some apprehensions of going to Korea; however I will remain undaunted. I will be residing in the city of Masan, on the Southern coast- but I must visit the memorable landing at Incheon.”

Tim Lambrecht (‘85) For the past 12 years I have been teaching history and social studies at Ithaca High School with the exception of a one-year hiatus to be As- sistant Superintendent of Schools. I have been department head for many years and teach the social studies methods class at Alma College. I coach the Model UN team, which has won eight consecutive league championships, which is a record for any sport or academic activity in our league. Social Studies has been experiencing a renaissance
in Michigan due to the Michigan Educational Assessment program test introduced two years ago. Districts have been scrambling to align their curriculum and review how subjects are being taught. It has been a good thing for social studies to be seen on par with the other core subjects and the idea that "anyone can teach social studies" has largely disappeared. I've had some great professional opportunities in recent years, including three weeks studying Leadership in Revolutionary America at Stratford Hall and Monticello two summers ago. I also served on the committee that rewrote our teacher certification standards and test and currently am on the Content Advisory Committee that reviews the MEAP questions. Life is good in mid-Michigan; unfortunately, neither my friend Jane (UW Stout '85) has an opportunity to get back to western Wisconsin to visit our beautiful alma maters. Our two sons, Jacob (7) and John (4) haven't put it on the top of their summer trip list.

Ken Peterson ('71) "In March Roger Schommer from Hager City and I traveled back to Kenya to visit Bob and Debbie Gilbertson and to work on some mission and famine projects. That was an event we will never forget. We had donations of about $5,000 for food and Deb had suggested we bring used shoes for the orphans who had none. We were given 129 pairs that filled 2 suitcases.

During our stay we worked with the food program. We worked primarily in the emergency feeding program through the schools. 8,000 students were fed each day. They got a cup of dry corn and beans (just the way they come off the combine) that were boiled...and for most that was all the food they got for the day. There were no spices, no salt, nothing just the boiled grains. The grains came from Uganda and had gotten wet somewhere, molded in the sacks and then dried out again. When you opened the sacks the mold dust just flew. Here's the recipe for feeding 650 students: Dump 70 pounds of dirty corn into each of the two 50 gallon barrels; add 15 pounds of corn and add 20-25 gallons of amoeba infested water. Boil over a charcoal fire for 2-3 hours serve immediately.

We took the shoes to the orphanages. As we put the shoes on the children's feet they were so excited, but the older children had too large feet. It was sad to see them trying to cram a foot into a shoe several sizes too small just to get shoes. The last day we took food to the aids orphanage of Old Kijabe...There were 28 children sitting under the tree in a family's yard. They had no building, had lost parents to AIDS and after turning to stealing from the villagers to live; were thrown out of the town of 300 to fend for themselves. They lived in the "bush" that looks a lot like the woods in WI, aside from the baboons and leopards. The oldest orphan was 13 and the youngest was 3... They come in the morning and sit under the tree. Jane Winniana tries to educate them since they cannot afford school fees but she has no books or materials. She attempts to teach them reading, math, Bible and behavior, and life skills. They get their 4 oz of corn and at 3:00 return to the bush for the night... Their older brothers and sisters sang and danced for joy for us at the gifts we brought for their younger siblings.

I spent one day with the AIDS program and that was also an eye opener. In the area we were in, 50% of the population ages 15-40 are HIV positive. A Dr. talked of the benefit of drugs, but that they are out of the price range for most Kenyans, even if sold at cost. Even having a child by C-section greatly reduces the risk of transferring the disease to the child, but no one can afford the C-section. The cost is typically $100....

When we got home strange things began to happen regarding the 28 orphans. First people offered to pay the school tuition for those who were school age. All 16 are now in school. People then asked about building an orphanage and the building was completed last month at a cost of $5,500. Then people asked us about sponsoring a child. All 28 now have sponsors (actually the number has grown to 36 now). Now there are requests from three more villages for help. I hope to return to Kenya within a year or so to continue the work. I need to be there more than they need me. It helps keep everything else in perspective."

Paul Haugen ('98): "I was in Berlin for New Years—it was quite the celebration and I got the chance to see some things I didn't get to see the last time I was there, like the huge old Soviet memorial celebrating the defeat of the Nazis. Then I had my in-between semesters break and took advantage of it by going to Vilnius, Lithuania. It was my first time in the former U.S.S.R... I did get a chance to see St. Anne's church (the one Napoleon wanted to take back to France with him) and the TV tower when the Soviet Army tried to squash the independence movement back in January 1991... I went back to Krakow and did the "Schindler's Tour" and saw Oscar Schindler's old factory as well as the Podgorze ghetto and the Plaszow death camp in the suburbs of the city. Then next day I finally did what I had wanted to do for many months, I went to Auschwitz and Birkenau. Auschwitz was how I pictured it, but it was still quite the moment when I passed under "Arbeit Macht Frei" and entered the camp and saw everything the museum had to offer. I was really taken back though when I walked the 3 km and came upon the gate at Birkenau. It was so vast with the forest of chimneys everywhere."

Mike McLaren ('92) By coincidence: "I was traveling on business for one of our major clients, Celebrity Cruise Line, doing experiential research (living their brand through a seven-day cruise. Really tough). I was reading Ian Kershaw's "Hitler: Hubris", and while sitting in the aft on-deck cafe an elderly gentleman with a thick East European accent approached and asked me what I was reading... he bowed in greeting and introduced himself as "Jakob", held out his hand and apologized for disturbing me... he was originally from Krakow, and that he wanted to share with me a story. He was a survivor from Buchenwald and finally Flossenburg... it was then that I
noticed the blue scrawled tattoo on his inner arm. I immediately expressed my grief for what he experienced (I had no idea what to say to a survivor, so I was clumsy even in this heartfelt consolation). "Please, sit. Tell me your story." He set his big straw Panama hat down on the teak table, pushed aside Kershaw, looked into my face and began to "bear witness." He never took his eyes off me the entirety of our conversation.

"The first thing he said was that I could be well assured that the Holocaust did actually happen... 'If it did not happen, then where is my family?!'... He had become very concerned that younger generations do not understand what actually happened, or that time has eroded the painful reality of millions being persecuted, enslaved and finally liquidated for nothing other than the race they were born to. Jakob was born to a large family in Krakow. He was finishing what would amount to High School when the Wehrmacht rolled-up Poland in 1939. His family was relocated to the Lublin District, and then his Ghetto was liquidated in 1943, and his parents and siblings were sent to Auschwitz. He never saw them again. He was sent to a labor camp (perhaps Plaszow which was where Schindler had his enamelware factory), until 1945 as the Soviets got closer, and was then sent on a "Death March" to Buchenwald, and then to Flossenburg. On the way, prisoners who dropped-out or collapsed were immediately shot. By the time he reached the camp, he said that he was emotionally and physically finished. He weighed 60 pounds, and had decided to give-up and accept whatever God had planned for him. Around April 11, 1945 as the SS frantically tried to efface the camp's existence, and Jakob's near-lifeless body was being thrown onto a pile of Jewish dead to be burned 'sirens wailed, the guards dropped me and ran into the American GIs as they entered the compound and liberated us," he said in a flat tone. He told the familiar story of how the Americans, shocked by the degradation and condition of the prisoners, fed them from their stores of food. Not accustomed to the rich diet - or food in general -- Jakob and his campmates were sick for weeks with stomach problems. Jakob was not bitter for what wasn't done to stop the Jewish catastrophe.

"Who would have thought a country that produced Schiller, and Goethe, Beethoven, Schopenhauer and Mann could have perpetrated such evils?"

Chris Gildemeister ('89/ MA '93) "The tone of previous emails to the contrary, I continue teaching my U.S. History class at Humboldt State University...In the last week or two, I have (finally!) Felt myself becoming more comfortable before the class. I still get nervous right before lecture, still stumble over my words a lot, repeat myself unnecessarily, pause for thought, etc., but I am gaining in confidence. One thing that helped was getting away from the text and going in just with notes I'd prepared and a list of terms for the students, which my notes were keyed to; this forced me to dig into my mind and discover that hey! I *DO* know this stuff! I do remember most of it; and when I don't remember, I can fill in with other information... I'm amazed at how much of what I'm using in lecture comes from things I learned as a tour guide at living-history sites.... This Tuesday, I received my first paycheck. A-hem... In a fit of curiosity, my friend Linda worked it out. Taking into account the number of days/class sessions taught and prep and travel time, I'm making $6 an hour. Just above minimum wage.... I make more money in a month just working at the care home -- AND my apartment is free... But I found that, by the end of that day, I felt OK about it. These classes, I firmly believe, God has given me as a gift, and an opportunity -- the first step in what COULD be my life's work, and what I always believed was my life's dream. As with any gift given by God, I am free to reject it, or let my fear or anger or disappointment that it's not PERFECT, not exactly what *I* want, rule me, as I have so often with so many things in my life."

Chris then described graphically a discussion with RHYTHM, a 27-year-old radical. It was "Not a bad speech for an aspiring political organizer. Or revolutionary, which I suspect is closer to his nature. It's all there: the demands presented in the name of "the people"; the appeal to the leader's better nature...the assumption that theirs is the only right way to do things; the statement of united action; and then, when resistance is encountered, the veiled threat. I wanted to laugh and say, "When is the coup, and who will be replacing me? Will I be permitted to resign, or just stood against the wall and shot?"

Mark Ledbetter ('91) is my favorite cop, partly because he took me along on his morning rounds, showing me the wonders of Hopkins, MN. He otherwise sends me periodically a report of his adventures, which I am storing for the day when he is ready to write his memoirs. He has made appearances at my Great Ideas class, discussing the normal - before 9/11 - reasons for Insecurity.

Marla Sorenson congratulated us on our great grandchildren and recommended some children's picture books Time for Bed by Mem Fox, Owl Moon by Jane Yolen, Brown Bear, What do you See? by Bill Martin, and Bless us All by Cynthia Rylant. I pass these on to those more likely to be reading to infants this year.

Roger Vanous ('64) & Joyce: "We are still working for the same employers. Penney's seems a little better off than last year. Their new CEO seems to be doing some things right at any rate. Einstein's is stronger this year. A buyer came forward to buy the company, assume enough of the debt to satisfy the creditors and get Einsteins (bagels) out of Chapter 11. There haven't been many changes with the new owners, although they are a bit more concerned with running good numbers."

Kristi Fogtman: ('87) in addition to the Donation, she sent more of the annual coffee, which will be suitably distributed among history and coffee lovers.

David E. Olson, ('74) from his son Keegan a student here. "My dad is doing well...he is now in Johannesburg, South Africa. This is his third year there and he is loving
every minute of it there. I have been following his footsteps by spending a year in Japan with him in 1996 and I went to visit him in South Africa last year for three weeks after school ended.

Jeff Pilgrecen (91) sends me very frequently pictures of his wonderful little AJ, surely among the most attractive babies. The pictures of him with his father are an eloquent defense of the reality of evolution creating a higher form of life. Jeff's life as father, husband and teacher will change soon as he has been accepted into the U.S. Foreign Service, and will report this spring to begin training new staff.

Harvey Davis (MS) Some time ago while checking out at the Tamarack CUB, I spoke with some RF students and the cashier said her husband had been in my graduate class about 30 years ago. Ever since then we have searched out Debbie, whose daytime job is with Northwest Airlines. We get the news, particularly of their travels on flights she has earned. Then one Tuesday evening, while I was doing my monastic cell bit at the LDS Family History Center, Harvey appeared and we had a marvelous talk. He still had a paper presented to the WWII seminar, which showed what high standards I used to have. After he showed his command of history, including a long seminar paper - a long time teacher at North St. Paul HS - we got into talking baseball and he amazed me there too, even knowing details about my Cardinals and an impressive game he saw with Bob Gibson.

Francis Ginther (84) "This community theater work has become a hobby of mine. It certainly makes the winter go by quickly! ...I play Georgie Leach, the accountant, and actually will get to fly, a first apparently for the Spring Valley Stagehands.... I guess I did know that Sue (Watson) in the Archives had Ginther ties, but so did Newt Gingrich's first wife Virginia. When I worked for Buffalo County Extension, there was a Guenther valley in the coulees along the Mississippi and some Ginther's and Guenthers in the area as well, who were 4-H members, unsure if they were related...Most of our tribe lived around Portage, WI. In Caledonia Township and a few in the Fox Lake area. Early headstones show a G-U-E-N-T-H-E-R spelling. There is a "Ginther Hill", viewable from the highway just past the I-90/94 and I-39 junction near the Wisconsin River Bridge crossing south of Portage.

From the desk of C. C. Smith:

Flint Johnson (95), who got his PhD in Celtic studies Glasgow in 1999, has several books being processed towards publication.

Frank Scheide ('71) currently professor of communications at the University of Arkansas, is a Visiting Fellow for the 2001-2002 at Wolfson College, Cambridge University.

Amy Anderson: Clyde had the pleasure of reading for publication her PhD dissertation on "Codes 1582 and Family 1 of the Gospels: The Gospel of Mathew," submitted in 1999 to the Faculty of Arts of the University of Birmingham, England. She is professor of Greek and Ministry at North Central University, Minnesota.

Wayne Funk ('70) "2001 was the year we all learned that it is often best not to know what is ahead.... That trial hit with full force at 6 a.m., November 14, when Wayne suffered a serious heart attack. God was divinely with us that morning ...with a lot of help...with lights flashing and sirens blaring...through morning rush hour traffic, to where a crack cardiac team was waiting.... Then 9 days of hospitalization, 2 1/2 days of recuperation and finally the drive home in a raging snowstorm. Wayne has had a flair for the dramatic.... He is looking and feeling great...Yes, he is even driving! So clearly whatever damage has occurred is something he can live with. Pat is busy studying up on healthy eating, reading food labels and learning to convert our favorite recipes to "low fat, low cholesterol...no added salt.... We thank so many of you for all your prayers, cards phone calls, visits and support through this frightening time...There is still some work to be done on Wayne's arteries to get him ready for next year's golf season.

Jim Rapp ('71) & Alice "Jim, Director of Drama for the Evangel Fine Arts of the Evangel Assembly of God, was kept busy directing dramas at the church, first a full-length musical drama, "One Night in Philippi," at Easter time. He also co-directed a children's musical "Eye Witness News: Life from Jericho," this summer. In October at the urging of our pastor's wife, he wrote a one act musical drama, "Walk Through Bethlehem."

Alice began and ended the year employed by the Pleasant Company, a distributor of dolls and accessories. From January through August, she kept busy teaching Sunday school, participating in a weekly nursing home program, grand mothering, shopping and housekeeping. The big event of the year was the long promised, long planned Western trip." She described a trip even exhausting to contemplate, the number of places and friends.

Mike Higgins ('71) in Rothschild, WI, "I have a very pleasant class of fourth graders this year. (The fourth grade test is but two month off) Most, not all, I assure you delight in the challenge of learning new things and put forth a commensurate effort. That fact alone makes my job as their teacher fulfilling and enjoyable. ...Springtime found me completing my 30th year of teaching and passing my own 51st year. I had a spectacular crop of daffodils in early May. As soon as school was out, I augmented my perennial garden with a variety of new plants. I eagerly await the coming year to acquire a new vehicle, my old SUV approaching the 12-year mark. After considerable mental torment, I settled on a new SUV similar to one I had. It is much more sophisticated but the option that has given me the most pleasure is the CD player. Now I can drive from my home to my mother's surrounded by the incomparable sounds of Cecelia Bartoli or Haydn symphonies...My larder is filled with home-canned peaches, pears, applesauce, pickles, pickled beets, grape jelly and cranberries. Among the
books that I read, none was more wonderful to read than David McCullough’s new biography of John Adams. There were many estate sales to find unexpected treasures. **Philip ('68 & MA '74) & Elaine Idsvoog** sent a lovely family picture with everyone broadly smiling including a granddaughter, except Phil. “He and I are still working in the school system. Phil is on the County Board and still enjoys weight lifting... Summer went too fast, but we did enjoy our granddaughter Caroline. Jennifer is Human Resource Director at Wal-Mart Super store in Phoenix and Josh started his own car company. Amy was in Amsterdam on business and was to fly home on September 12. She is Director of Marketing at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. Paul and Peter are working at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

**Diane Raddatz ('69)** sent season’s greetings in a card with three gorgeous horses. “Time is an option I don’t have much of lately. Despite the economic downturn...we have been going gonzo. I have put in nearly 60 hours the last few weeks and we are told overtime will probably last till February. We all think the Air Force is using our stuff for shrapnel in Afghanistan. All the critters are fine. Kandi and Raindancer are going to be three this next spring. Raffi, Eclipse and Tsalaekah are all fat and sassy.

**Peter Jonas ('82)** stopped by for a morning chat. He is a Lutheran pastor at Iron Mountain, Michigan. He was recently granted a Lilly Grant to pastors for advanced studies at Holder Village at Washington State.

**Bonnie Jones Witthuhn, ('76)**, whose husband is a veterinarian, has recently moved from a career in the ministry to becoming a teacher of English at Prescott High School.

**Again our Invitation**

After reading and sorrowfully having to leave out parts of the interesting reports, my reflection concerns how impressive are our alumni, because of or despite of our efforts. They have made the adjustment to the threat of “Terrorism” and “The War” declared against it.

To be seen is the wide spectrum of places in the world, and wide spectrum of careers they have found, the wide variety of viewpoints they can eloquently present.

Also impressive is how worthwhile they are as human beings. It is perhaps a sign of advancing sentimentality to be very proud of having known and still know such good people.

There are many more of you who have scattered about the world that we would like to include in our roster of useful and articulate citizens. Hearing from you is now so much easier: Just click on Edward.N.Peterson@uwrf.edu (A traditional letter is also welcome.)

I should be proud to talk with you, face to face. Presumably our faces have changed the least and will be immediately recognizable, but when you come for a visit to your past, it’s that past we also have in our memories.

It will be our pleasure to see how you have blossomed into even more worthwhile human beings.

So “Make our Day.”

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