Greetings to History and Philosophy Alumni

Best wishes to all for the year 2007. This marks the second year that we are soldiering on with the Newsletter without our colleague Ed Peterson who happily assembled newsletter and sustained contact with so many of you. Thank you all for staying in touch and sending in your news. We can also all thank Sue Voelker for her work assuming the responsibilities of Ed’s tradition. We still miss him. I should note, however, that Ed’s presence continues on campus—first, with a grand, new mural in the Wyman Education Building, painted by art student Garrett Bergemann and unveiled in fall 2006—and, secondly, with the launching in fall 2007 of the Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series. (Please see separate items in this Newsletter for more details.)

Many things remain the same—offices have not yet moved from the east wing of third floor KFA, our location since 2003—though changes emerge. We welcome our newest member to the History and Philosophy faculty, Professor Victoria Houseman, who comes to us from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and began teaching modern Europe this fall. We congratulate Professor Zhiguo Yang for the unanimous vote within the department for tenure and promotion, a vote recently held and awaiting the certain approval of the administration and UW Regents. Also, we congratulate Professors Leichtle and Moosa for their sabbatical awards in the 2007-2008 academic year. Professor Atkinson in his second year also deserves congratulations for his book contract with Johns Hopkins University Press. Other developments in our adjunct staffing reflect both continuity and change: David Peters continues to teach philosophy classes part time; Heather Wainwright has joined us on the third floor offering esthetics classes; and Florence Mae Waldron taught U.S. history classes during fall semester. Our hard working staff--six students and Program Assistant, Sue Voelker--permit the Department to function smoothly. I thank them all for their contributions.

The Department has undergone a few curricular changes. The United States survey course is now a sophomore-level class for majors and minors and was offered for the first time this year. Our newest faculty members have expanded and enriched course offerings, and the study tours abroad have also resumed in the last years, quite successfully—we are grateful to Professors Yang and Petkov for offering these programs in China and Italy. The Department has been working this year, along with the whole campus, on Program Assessment Plans for evaluating how well our students learn what we hope to teach; this is partially in preparation for the 2008 visitation from the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association—but also to monitor the progress of our students.

Wishing you all a good year. We hope to see you at the Spring Banquet. (Betty Bergland, Department Chair)

History and Philosophy Banquet Set for Friday, March 23rd

Please see the full invitation at the end of this newsletter. This year’s banquet will be held in the ballroom of the new University Center (south of Kleinpell Fine Arts). We hope to see you there!

Mural Depicts Dr. Peterson in Action

A mural of Dr. Peterson, dedicated 11/28/06, located in the Wyman Education Building, depicts Dr. Peterson in a variety of classroom lecturing postures. It was beautifully painted by artist Garrett Bergemann as an example of teaching style. You may also view images of the mural at:

http://www.uwrf.edu/pa/2006/0612/1204067.htm
http://www.uwrf.edu/photo_archive/02006/061128mural/index.html
The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series

The Edward N. Peterson Lecture Series (first announced in last year’s Newsletter) will be launched this fall, probably early October, 2007. Stephen Feinstein, Professor Emeritus from UWRF and current Director for the Center for Genocide and Holocaust Studies, at the University of Minnesota, will be our first speaker for the Series. Currently, I am conferring with the Chancellor’s office regarding dates (so there will be no major conflicts), as we hope to draw both the university and community as well as alumni. (Let me add an explanatory note regarding the timing. Endowments are evaluated only once a year, in June, meaning that accrued interests can not be removed before that time; consequently, the launching of the Series could not occur this spring as previously announced. I only learned of this scheduling pattern with endowments this fall.) The purpose of the Lecture Series is in the Memorandum of Endowment Purpose: The purpose of the endowment will be to provide a sum of money annually to be used for a history lecture for the University community to honor the memory, teaching and research of Edward N. Peterson. The lecture should be given by an established scholar or thinker and address a topic related to arenas that were the focus of Dr. Peterson’s academic career: war and peace, abuses and limits of power, or the struggle for democracy in the twentieth century.

To all of you who have contributed to the History Department Special Project Funds over the last years, we thank you for your generosity that has made this Series possible. Contributions may be added to the fund over time. Any questions might be directed to Betty Bergland in the History Department office (715.425.3164) or Ann Schwebach in the UWRF Foundation office (715.425.3505). (Betty Bergland)

Special Announcement

OAH (Organization of American Historians) will meet in Minneapolis this spring to mark the centennial celebration of the organization (that grew out of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and had its first meeting in 1897 on the shores of Lake Minnetonka.) The Conference dates are March 29 to April 1, 2007. The convention headquarters will be the Hilton Minneapolis; sessions will also be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This provides a wonderful opportunity for all those interested in history in the area to observe and hear about recent scholarship and thinking among historians. The public is welcome. The Program and Registration information can be found at http://www.oah.org/2007/.

Letter from Ursula Peterson

Sue asked me to contribute something to the Newsletter. I will not do as well as Ed always did but I should report how I am doing. I have slowly learned to work by myself without a helping hand, but I am still learning.

Off and on son John or Michael come and they help me with things around the house and the outside area. My vegetable garden I cut in half it is much smaller, but still to large. For the time being I still give tomatoes and cucumbers away. Besides that I have over two acres here and the grass, bushes and trees have to be attended to also. When John Buschen came for a visit to River Falls in early summer, I told him that the work had gotten to much for me. He suggested I call the Halfway house, he always had them help him on his lot especially with raking the leaves. I tried that and it helped, not so much with raking the leaves but with working on bushes and small trees.

For years Ed and I drove to the Mormon History Library in Oakdale usually on Tuesday evenings, where I have helped people read German church records. Ed always took his laptop along and found a small room where he could do his work. I have helped since 1989 and I have decided to continue.

I have problems going over to the college, I still see him there sometimes and that bothers me. What pleases me more is a mural of Ed which was dedicated on the 28th of November. In 2006 an art student was interested to draw a mural for the Education building. He went to the archives to find pictures of teachers and came across the series that Jens Gunelson had made in 2003 for an article in the Falcon Features. The student took six pictures of the series without knowing who this teacher was. I am really quite pleased with that. There he stands or also sits on the table still talking to his students, at least for some time.

I would like to thank all of you for the generous contributions to the Ed Peterson scholarship, the foundation awarded two scholarships for the year 2006-07 for $300.00 each. The recipients were two girls from Minnesota.

I still respond to the request for programs of the history of River Falls. With Amelia my youngest granddaughter I am working on a DVD with the rudimentary facts of River Falls and its history. It is much more time consuming then I had imagined. Son Michael, the cartographer, received a sabbatical from the University of Nebraska, Omaha which he used on a trip around the world, sort of. He took his wife and youngest daughter along; to Japan then to Korea and then they spent over a month in China to go on to New Zealand. They came...
back just in time for Christmas, lost one piece of luggage which they just received, after they thought it was lost completely.

Son John has retired and therefore is more available to me. He spends a lot of time refereeing Basketball and Softball for High Schools.

It is nice to have received all the Christmas cards from former students and friends. A few facts of interests:

**Tim Erickson**, a former student but also a later member of the History department as archivist, wrote me that he might relocate again to River Falls, he is now living here with his wife Vallie.

I am happy to report that **Karl Gandt** is plugging along and trying to get back on his feet. We exchange emails one in a while.

**Marla Sorenson** writes that they are busy as usual at the library in Amery. They have two teen reading groups and she is very happy to see so many young people coming to the library. She still works with **Herb Cederberg** who finished their WWI video series. She also writes that the library may move into the old hospital when the new one is finished next fall. They hope the space will work out for them.

**Ron Swanson**, who I used to meet in the Mormon History Center, but is now kept busy with all sorts of things. One of them working with his father with a WWII Navy reunion group for which he also writes a newsletter and acts as the groups archivist.

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**Ben Sikorski**, a Freshman Philosophy minor is new to our office this year. Since he is a Freshman, we hope to keep him with us for three more years. *(Sue Voelker)*

**Katy Sikorski**. This is my fourth year here at UWRF and working in the History Office. I will be graduating this May and taking on the real world. It will be sad to leave the UWRF History Office--especially Sue.

**Tiffany Turchany**. I am finishing my fourth year here at UWRF and looking forward to my last year of fun before making the big decision of what to do in the future.

**Sue Voelker** *(1985)*. The department seems busier than ever--probably to be expected given more students, more instructors, fewer classrooms… I have taken on the task of redesigning our department web site (while learning web design). It is a much larger task than I had imagined and I hope to have it ready to “go public” soon. Although I still miss Ed at the office, I am delighted about the magnificent mural honoring him (see article and web links above).

My son Karl is in his second year of software engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology, NY and has completed his first of four internship experiences. We were pleased he could visit us during his summer, fall and winter breaks and will visit again soon.

Son Jack, doing well in 9th grade, is rapidly increasing in height and appetite. He is often busy with his Wii game system, pc games or reading. Jack also enjoys encouraging our feline, Teddy, to perform his comedic stunts providing welcome comic relief.

**Roark Atkinson** *(since 2005)*. Well, this past Fall and the current semester have been exciting, and a little bit hectic. The best part was having my book manuscript, Invisible Plantations, accepted by The Johns Hopkins University Press. This was really fortunate, since it is so hard for many books--some as good or better than my own--to get published at all. Plus, Johns Hopkins is a particularly good place to get published, especially for people like me who study the Atlantic World. The only problem is that I have a new deadline in addition to everything else I do. I am devoting all of my free time to revisions in time for the book’s publication in Fall of 2008. Still, it’s exciting, and I’m happy to do it.

I am also having a lot of fun teaching a new course, “Witches, Demons, and Popular Religion in the Atlantic World, 1450-1850.” There is nothing more enjoyable than exploring in the classroom the material that is closest to my heart as a researcher and historian. It’s an op-

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**History and Philosophy Office Staff News**

**Stephanie Bishop** is a sophomore history major at UWRF. We hope she’ll work with the History and Philosophy office for at least two more years. *(Sue Voelker)*

**Paul Borofka-Webb**. I am a History Major in my junior year enjoying the semester.

**Josh Jordan** is another member of our office assistant team who is a sophomore History major. Unfortunately for us, Josh is likely transferring to Stout next year.

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opportunity for the class to discuss the important themes that shaped the Great Witch Hunt in Europe, as well as the cultural engineering project otherwise known as the Conquest and colonization of the Americas. The students taking the course are at least as enthusiastic about the subject as I am, and we have had some great conversations on the nature of belief and the uses (and abuses) of cultural power.

Lastly, I finally got a car. So, while on warm days you will still see me bungying groceries to my bike, I can at last get around on those days when my bicycle tires just spin in the snow!

Betty Bergland (since 1990). I was very grateful for my sabbatical leave spring semester 2006. Such a break from teaching provides us with large blocks of time to think and write and do research. I made significant progress on the manuscript that grew out of an earlier sabbatical, a book project tentatively titled, "Claiming Land and Legitimacy in the American Empire: Re-thinking Norwegian Migration and Indigenous Peoples in the Upper Midwest, 1834-1934." One chapter of this project focuses on the Bethany Indian Mission (1884-1955), a mission to Wisconsin Indians in Wittenberg (WI) that was founded and developed by Norwegian immigrants and Norwegian Americans. The sabbatical enabled me to explore further several perspectives on this complex institution, both in research trips and conferences. I visited the National Archives in Washington D.C. and the Great Lakes Regional Center in Chicago; the two conferences were international—one at Oxford University in England on “Competing Kingdoms: Women, Mission, Nation and Empire”, and the other in Telemark, Norway on “Migration and Memory.” These paper presentations have been expanded and submitted for publication.

In many ways it felt good to be back with students in the classroom in the fall. The women's history class was especially lively and engaging this fall. With the revisions of the U.S. survey classes, we are in a transition phase, but new challenges help us to rethink the past. Emphasis on globalization has stimulated U.S. historians to rethink national history, so I am able to bring some of that new thinking into the classroom–currently in the History Seminar with the work of Thomas Bender and in other classes with the internationalizing of cold war scholarship, but also more generally in all classes. The newer scholarship is also reflected in my research and writing, so I appreciate linkages between teaching and scholarship.

Kurt Leichtle (since 1986). The Leichtle Year. At the last newsletter, Kyle was headed to college in Florida, Kee was getting ready for high school, and I was putting the finishing touches on the Coles book. Much has happened in the last year. College has agreed with Kyle, he is thriving in the accelerated program and will graduate in Oct. He has decided that humidity is the pits and Florida drivers are insane. Kee has started high school and survived as have his parents. The Coles book moves closer to finally appearing in print.

In the meantime the I-94 grant is moving into its last year. Bob Zeidel from Stout and I are working on a new grant--Place, Things, Words and People: The Stuff of History, which will be submitted in March. Keep your fingers crossed. This Teaching American History grant will be aimed toward primary teachers. I will be on sabbatical in spring, 2008 and digging into a new project focused on a fascinating family from the Baltimore area. The project includes slavery, antislavery, politics, popular culture, and material culture, all my loves in one project.

I have continued to stay active with Educational Testing Service and the AP US program. We will be holding our review days again this spring. Email me if you are interested in more information. I have also been having fun presenting workshops on Vertical Teaming for College Board and on history for the National Council for History Education. No I have not slowed down and Karen is wondering about whether I can retire. She continues to work at the middle school with the special education program and putting up with my constantly active schedule.

Hope to see all of you at the banquet.

Imtiaz Moosa (since 1991). It was a year ago, during the last Spring Break, when I had the nightmarish episode with total blindness, and had to be hospitalized. My eyes are better, but I still have the dubious honor of being regarded “legally blind.” But life is good. My sabbatical proposal was accepted; I plan to make the best of it. A significant research paper of mine has just been accepted for publication by a good European journal. I am particularly proud of this achievement because I managed to work hard on and improve this article, just when vision was at its lowest ebb. When life gets tough, I go back to a slogan I once encountered at the Afghan refugee camp in Pakistan: “This too will pass!” Yes, we will pass through it all, and we will be all the better for it. My best regards to you all!
Kiril Petkov (since 2004). To put it succinctly: all work and no fun at all. Dog’s life, that is. I know, I know, it happens but still… I accept commiserations. It all began well though. In January I launched the first (for UW-RF) run of my Italy Study Tour, a program that proved as successful here as it was elsewhere. We had a great group, great weather, great culture and, for most of the time simply great time. I am looking forward for the next run. Barely having recovered from the jet-lag, I delved head first into the semester and with it in teaching, advising, committees, and the sweeter part, the development of two new 300- and 400-level courses, one on “Ancient Rome” and the other “History in Film: The Middle Ages at the Movies.” The semester was over before I knew it but, alas, summer did not really come for me. Mostly because instead of of hanging in—literally, for I am cliff-hanger and those you have memories stretching back to ancient history, that is, the last newsletter, probably remember— I shut myself in a monastic cell in the Holy Mount Athos, surviving on turnip soup and working on my research project. From one cell to another was my destiny that summer, the next one larger: the library of Cambridge University, where, appropriately, an NEH grant allowed me to study the Seven Deadly Sins (no kidding, that’s the name of the seminar!). The only respite was the criss-crossing of Bulgarian archaeological sites in June for a week to put in good shape a European Archeology Field School for 2007. That program might be on back-burner right now but one never knows. And, of course, writing a bit here a bit there, which graciously eased me into the new, Fall 2006 semester. That is, more of the same and it is till going on. I don’t despair. Summer is just around the corner. Steep rocks on the horizon. Sweet!

Zhiguo Yang (since 2001). Recently, I received an email from Jackie Carpenter, a UWRF alumnus who enrolled in my Modern China class three years ago. After her graduation, Jackie traveled to Daqing, one of the largest oilfields in China discovered during the Great Leap Forward Movement of the 1950s, to teach English at Daqing Petroleum Institute. Daqing is located in Man-churia where winter is longer and more severe than that in Wisconsin, and initially Jackie intended to teach there only for one year. However, as her one-year so-journ was about to end, she decided to extend her teaching career at the Daqing institute for one more year and in her email she told me the following which, to me at least, explained why she had made the decision:

  My life in China has been so exciting and interesting to say the least! I really enjoy China. I have been traveling…. The cities I have been to include Beijing, Dalian, Qingdao, Harbin and Yichang. This winter I plan to visit Xi’an and Chengdu. I have also taken a recent trip to Seoul, South Korea. I am taking advantage of the easy transportation system here!

Then, she ended her email with this comment: “I thought you should know that the Chinese History class I took from you has come in very handy. The historical and political issues we studied in class have given me some context to have some interesting conversations with my Chinese friends.” This comment reminds me once again that in an age of globalization what we teach in classroom will have a greater impact on how our students will relate themselves to the small world we are sharing.

This is also the kind of education we want our son, a high school senior who will go to college this fall, to receive. Although we don’t know yet to which school we will send the tuition check for him, seeing him leaving home fills us with both happiness and sadness. It is a blessing for him—for our students at UWRF as well—to receive a higher education in a peaceful and affluent environment, but I hope the internationalization of curriculum happening everywhere at the nation’s institutions of higher learning will prepare him to deal with a complex world with wisdom and sound judgment.

Faculty Emeriti News

John J. Buschen (at UWRF 38 years through 2004). Travel, photography, reading, bridge, ballet, music, swimming every day, and good restaurants keep me busy. In March I flew to Montreal for good food, a chance to speak some French, to visit some friends, and to enjoy the ambience of a European city. In April I went to Washington, D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival and to check up on the art museums; I discovered a great new small museum, the Krieger. In May we went to San Francisco and enjoyed great weather, the symphony, the ballet, four art museums, the Japanese Garden, and the Redwood Forest, plus great sushi. In August I got to Los Angeles for the first time in a number of years, visited seven art museums, a Japanese and a Chinese garden, heard Renee Fleming sing, took 708 photographs, and had many adventures. In October I went to Baltimore and Philadelphia for a week and enjoyed six art museums, the Peabody Music Conservatory and a concert, and one of the best botanical gardens anywhere, Longwood, in Wilmington, DE. They were having chrysanthemum festival, and it was incredible. I have never seen such magnificent, exotic, lush flowers. Also visited the great Dupont Winterthur Museum of American furniture and art and Hillwood House, former home of Marjorie Meriweather Post.

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In between other books, I am reading all of Proust's "A la Recherche du Temps Perdu" again. The Miami City Ballet and Gamonet Ballet present superb programs here in Fort Lauderdale, and visiting orchestras like Cleveland and Philadelphia keep us entertained. Just discovered the Boca Raton Symphony which is an excellent chamber orchestra nearby which performs in a delightful auditorium with fine acoustics. At a bridge tournament last week, my partner and I won silver points (which is a good thing), and I am creating a major website for a big high school reunion of mine which is coming up. Evenings are spent at my favorite Indian, Thai, Cuban, French, Greek, and Italian restaurants in the neighborhood. "Altar Boyz", the off-Broadway show, was in town last week and great fun. "Spamalot" and "River Dance" are coming up in the next two months, and I have tickets. One of the best Christmas concerts I have ever enjoyed was given at the First Presbyterian Church last Saturday. Friends and former students stop by now and then, which is always very enjoyable.

All correspondence promptly answered. 

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Herb Cederberg (at UWRF 33 years through 1999) & Alice. I have had a gloriously busy year. We went to the Australian open tennis matches in Melbourne. In the Spring I completed work on a NEA grant having to do with WWI jointly shared with the Amery Public library. I continue on the Board of Directors of the JOBS NOW Coalition and Alice and I are still on the YPSCA Board for the Minneapolis Symphony. Our interest in classical music got us drafted into serving on the officers' nominating committee for the Thursday Musical Association. This Spring semester I will be teaching a course on two thousand years of art images depicting the Virgin Mary at the Osher Center at the University of Minnesota. In June I will be competing at the National Senior Olympics at Louisville. My doubles partner and I qualified by winning the Minnesota gold medal for doubles tennis last September. Now back to work on the Virgin Mary project. Exhausting. I'm just not accustomed to working closely with virgins!

Stephen Feinstein (at UWRF 30 years through 1999). Stephen Feinstein continues in his full-time position as director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota where he teaches classes on History of the Holocaust, a seminar on Historiography and Representation of the Holocaust and a summer workshop on Human Rights and Genocide. He is also a consultant for the Florida Holocaust Museum in St.Petersburg, Florida. He will also be teaching "Russian Art and Architecture" in Fall 2007 for the Slavic Department at the U of M.

During June 2006, Feinstein was a plenary speaker at the annual conference on the Holocaust at Yad VaShem in Jerusalem, and gave a paper at the international conference, "The Art of Engagement" in Edinburgh, Scotland in August.

His edited book, "Absence/Presence: Critical Essays on the Artistic Memory of the Holocaust" was published in August 2005 by Syracuse University Press. Feinstein's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies has been involved in producing occasional video productions for Minnesota Public Television/TPT. One production, "Armenian Genocide-90 Years Later" was nominated for an EMMY award in the Midwest Regional Category (2005) and also received the Eric Severeid Award for documentary journalism.

Feinstein is also a Member of the Advisory Board, Genocide Education Project, San Francisco http://www.genocideeducation.org/pr/2006/03_16_2006.htm and also a member of the Board, Northern Iowa University Program in Holocaust Studies.

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will be sponsoring "Deadly Medicine," a traveling exhibition on Nazi Eugenics at the Science Museum of Minnesota during February-May, 2008. For information, see web site: www.chgs.umn.edu

Clyde Curry Smith (at UWRF 25 years through 1990) & Ellen. My wife and I continue to live in River Falls in our retirement from the University, where she was the Affirmative Action Officer. She served on the Pierce County Board of Supervisors, and serves at present on the Plan Commission of the City of River Falls. Our son, Harald, his wife Mary, and their three children live in Groveland, MA, where he works as Product Manager, Information Integration Solutions, IBM. Our daughter, Karen, her husband Philip, and their four children live in Lumberton, NJ, where her husband works in Engineering Management for Lockheed Martin, and she teaches pre-school as well as supervises the regional Girl Scout Council.

Though remaining “unwired,” I would nevertheless be pleased to be contacted consultatively by students interested in any aspect of “Ancient History and Religions,” or any time by those alumni who wish to maintain or renew connections, at my home address by mail: 2642 Golf View Drive, River Falls WI 54022. If necessary I could be reached by phone: 715-425-6383.
C. Noble Stockton (at UWRF __ years through 1989). "Noble" says that on retiring in 1989 he moved back to California, abandoned serious philosophical and historical work, and never looked back. His more frivolous activities have included leading art deco architectural tours in downtown Los Angeles, cataloging old pictures at Los Angeles Public Library (he's so old he recognized where they were taken from), writing a guidebook of Victorian architecture in Pacific Grove, CA for a state historic preservation group and organizing their tour, serving on the editorial committee and as book review editor for the quarterly published by the Monterey History and Art Assn.--and he has attained the dubious immortality of the Monterey Public Library's book catalog with his index of documents in a valuable collection at a small private historical library in Monterey.

Since Noble's and Ronnie's very recent move to Menlo Park, half an hour south of San Francisco (to be near their son Paul, research prof at Stanford, and his family), he's enjoying concerts and art exhibitions, unpacking boxes and reading middle-brow 19th century novels. He invites correspondence at cnstockton@sbcglobal.net.

Alumni News

Email us with your news at historynewsletter@uwrf.edu!

Tom and Anna Baxter (1998). Anna and I have recently moved to Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, after I accepted a job consulting for the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration, doing IIS migration and administration. Anna is still with Marquette University's Financial Aid Department as an Assistant Director of Data Management. Enough of the boring stuff, on to the fun.

We have recently been bitten by the "let's see the world" bug, so 2 years ago we started our journey with a trip to Scotland. If ever 12 days can influence your life, that trip did. We are planning a short trip to Jamaica next January and another longer stay either to Italy, Australia, or Greenland/Iceland soon after. I guess after years of studying history, I figure I better both experience it and live it to fully appreciate it. I can't wait!

Chris Borman (2003). Greetings everyone, I hope this correspondence finds everyone well, as both a new year begins and as reflections upon the past year are still fresh in our minds. As for myself, my past year has been one both of reflection and focus, with the beginning of my final year in my MA program with the History Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The reflection of this past year was mainly due to the decision to take a break in my academic studies after completing my MA. I don't plan to stray far from academia though, as it is my first love, but I felt compelled to take a break in order to refocus myself, and decide if I wanted to enter a PhD program in History, or some other humanities orientated disciplines which had caught my eye, namely American Studies and Modern Studies.

Aside from working on my thesis, my time at UW-Milwaukee has been devoted to employment with the Department of Sports and Recreational Facilities, of which I have been an employee since the summer of 2005. While here, I hold a variety of positions, the most rewarding of which is that of Water Safety Instructor, which is a fancy way of saying I teach swim lessons. Swimming has been a part of my life even longer than my love of history, and as such, I am finding a great sense of satisfaction in giving to others the skills I have learned.

Lastly, with the coming spring semester my time at UW-Milwaukee shall be at a close, and I will be embarking on a new chapter in my life. Hopefully this will be including a career in publishing in New York City, as it is a city that has held my fascination since a very young age. I wish everyone a prosperous new year, and if anyone wishes to contact me they may do so at chrisborman@hotmail.com. Again, best wishes and a prosperous and fulfilling new year!

Monica Copeland (Manske) (2003). Hello! Same 'ol around our house. Tony is currently working in debt collections (sans violence, I assure you), and I'm in my 3rd year of teaching 10th Grade Composition, 10th Grade Literature, and Modern American Literature at Faribault High School. We currently rent in Apple Valley but are eyeing up a beautiful old house in Owatonna...

Hope all is well with all of you! I miss Leichtle's randomness and all the goings on...

Wayne Funk and his wife Pat live in Burnsville, MN. Wayne golfs frequently when the weather is willing and reads a great deal. They come to Miami Beach each winter for several weeks to enjoy the sun and warmth and flowers and get together with Dr. Buschen for lunch and some sightseeing. (from John Buschen)
Donna Hemauer Drummond lives in Richfield, MN, and is a city planner for St. Paul. This year she has been very busy with the Central Corridor LRT project. Husband Kevin is in software systems consulting for Unisys Corp. Daughter Alison is in her junior year at Winona State University, majoring in social studies education. She is a member of the Winona State dance team at home basketball and football games. Son Connor is a senior at Richfield High School and has been accepted into the U of Minnesota. Connor enjoys acting and playing musical instruments, so he will probably major in music. (from John Buschen)

Amber Gonske (2000). I keep busy working as an announcer for the Koser Radio Group in Rice Lake, including the stations WJMC am/fm, WAQE am/fm, and WKFX. I do air shifts, commercial production, board operation, and an occasional remote. I was emcee for the Stone Lake Cranberry Fest parade, Cumberland Rutabaga Run, and the Lyndon Ellefson Half Marathon/5K race.

Last June my family’s dairy operation, Pinecrest Acres, had a dispersal. We sold our Guernseys, all except for the youngest calves, steers, and a few show animals. We welcomed into our facilities our new renter, from Minnesota, in July. He’s milking 100 cows - 7 different dairy breeds and a few crossbred. The farm is a lot more colorful now. I kept my last heifer and took her to the Barron County Fair in July, representing my family’s 81st year exhibiting our Guernseys at the fair.

Kerry Grippen lives in Niagra with his wife Terry; son Jon works with computers in Minneapolis. Grandma Gripen lives in Durand, WI, and the whole family will gather there for the holidays. Although Kerry has retired from the Niagra School system, he still substitute teaches several times a week and enjoys it very much. He is also very active in the town Credit Union, where he was an officer for many years. Kerry writes a weekly column for the local newspaper, and since he has lived in Niagra so long, he knows everyone in town and their parents! Kerry gets to Madison several times a year for meetings and conference athletic events.

Kerry had a heart attack on Jan. 11, his 60th birthday. When they ran tests, they decided he needed quintuple by-pass surgery, and so they operated right away in the Green Bay Hospital. He is recovering and expects to go home soon. Letters and cards would be welcome. (from John Buschen)

Michael Higgins is completing his 36th year of teaching elementary school in Rothschild, WI. One of Michael’s brothers designed and installed the windows in the new Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, so Michael came over to visit, see the windows, and enjoy the first production, "The Great Gatsby." A group of retired teachers in Rothschild meets monthly to discuss books, and Mi-

chael has become an active member. Michael has set another record: he now has a complete set on cds of all Josef Haydn symphonies (104 of them). On a good sound system, it is almost (but not quite) as good as attending a fine performance. (from John Buschen)

Mike Newman is social studies teacher and track coach in Bruce, WI. This year his grandson Tanner is in one of his classes. Son Avery is a junior at UW-RF and majoring in Political Science; he serves on the Student Senate. Daughter Andrea is a freshman at UW-Whitewater. She is on the cross-country team and works in the computer lab. Son Evan is a sophomore in high school and got his driver's license this year. He works part-time in the local video store, ran on the cross country team, was in the cast of the school play, and is a master in karate. All of the children and grandchildren went hunting with Mike this year, and he got a deer, so they have venison for the winter. Mike and Leah’s 25th anniversary is coming up next summer, and they are making special plans of celebration. Leah works in the school as a teacher's aide, and daughter Lori is secretary in the office. Granddaughter Ally is a sophomore and is also on the cross country team. (from John Buschen)

Manley Olson (1959). It has been almost six years since I retired after 40 years in education; the last 30 at Normandale Community College where I was Dean of Liberal Arts. This year I ended ten years on the Advisory Committee on Transit of the Metropolitan Council. I still volunteer at Normandale and am an election judge.

Much of my time is spent serving on the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church which functions as the national board of directors for the denomination. As a member of the executive committee I do considerable traveling. Last year I had 17 trips that required at least a two-night stay. In the past year I have spanned the country from Idaho, Oregon and Nevada to Washington DC, North Carolina, Alabama and Texas and points in between. I have twice been to New Orleans and spent time working on houses that had been flooded. I have agreed to co-chair the national meeting of the Presbyterians to be held in 2010 in Minneapolis.

Because of travel I missed the UWRF Alumni Basketball game the past two years and the Blanche Davis remembrance. But I did get to the dedication of the Ed Peterson classroom and helped initiate students into Phi Alpha Theta. I also was back for the annual foundation dinner and one recognizing benefactors.

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After years of not getting together, Mike Dodge and I met for lunch. We were together in history classes and lived in the same house for two years.

I expect to again do considerable traveling as I have about a dozen trips already scheduled. We also will be taking a cruise to Alaska and be gone for about three weeks.

**Pat Owen Peterson (1981 and 1989).** The highlight of the year for me was a trip to New York City with Eleanor’s UWRF Wind Ensemble. After years of wanting to return to that great city, I finally got the chance. We had a wonderful week there and I got to know some great kids. Group activities included tours of Radio City, the U.N., the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Lincoln Center, and a performance of *The Producers*. It was so much fun sharing these things with Eleanor. I hope we can return soon!

Daughter Eleanor is a sophomore in the UW-River Falls music education program, and while overworked is having a great time. She made the Dean’s List, and was a counselor at the Music Department’s annual Summer Brass Camp. Following in Mom and Dad’s footsteps, she had campus jobs in the University Archives (ARC) and another upstairs in the main library. She still insists, however, that she wants to be a band director and not a librarian or archivist or historian. Where did Mom and Dad go wrong?

Son Michael is 15 and a sophomore at Park High School in Cottage Grove. He received his learner’s permit last July and has been behind the wheel ever since, any time the family goes anywhere.

**David Peterson (1980 and 1991).** I am still employed as a manuscripts archivist at the Minnesota Historical Society. Highlights of my work year included a large off-site project processing records of the Andersen Corporation (manufacturers of high-quality windows). I also processed the records of former United States Senator Rod Grams. In October I traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to attend the annual Northern Great Plains History Conference, which is always a favorite of mine.

**Michael Puhrmann** lives in Houlton with his wife Allison and their three daughters: Molly, Megan, and Madelyn. They are expecting Baby #4 in the spring and are all very excited. Michael still teaches social studies and coaches in the Stillwater District. Megan and Molly both enjoy playing T-Ball. Michael publishes a special-edition newsletter both printed and electronic, The Puhrmann Times, exposing the latest adventures of his family. *(from John Buschen)*

**Steve Schulte** and his wife Tracy are happy that their three children are all living nearby their home in Colorado Springs. Their daughter Inge got married to Mike Stallings, a CPA with a local firm. They will be having a baby next year, so Steve and Tracy are expectant grandparents and first-timers. Daughter Kristin is active in high school tennis and choir. Anders, who is now 21, has taken a semester off to work, and will then return and complete his B.A. in history at Steve’s school. Tracy is busy with her child care business, and Steve is busy writing his second book, on Colorado’s water history, a very important topic. Steve and Kirstin traveled to Minnesota this past summer to visit Steve’s dad and celebrate his birthday. They took in several Twins’ games while they were in town. Steve is still an active and competitive tennis player. *(from John Buschen)*

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