

By Dave Rebstock

Alumni, this issue we're introducing two new class editors: **Penny May 1989** and **Eric Wylie 1993**. *The Morningsider* invites you to send in your latest news to your class editor or to:

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CLASS EDITORS

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1926

Dwight Hauff appeared on NBC television's *The Tonight Show* on November 28, 2005. Hauff, who is 100 years old, had been recognized as "America's Oldest Worker" by the national organization Experience Works.

1937

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



Dorothy Rystad resides in Richardson, Texas, and is a retired teacher.

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1943

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



Mary Grefe serves on the Morningside College Board of Directors and currently resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

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1950

Keith "Doc" Fitzpatrick was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame on April 8, 2006, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Fitzpatrick, known as the father of athletic training in South Dakota, is the oldest active physical therapist in the state. He has resided in Mitchell, S.D., since 1957 and has been an athletic trainer/physical therapist for over 50 years.

1959

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



Dick Daily has been retired from the Missouri Department of Transportation since 2000. He is a volunteer at Powell Gardens and Union Station and active in the First Presbyterian Church.

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1960

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



John Gilbert retired in 1999 after a 35-year career in the information technology industry. He and his wife reside in Overland Park, Kan., where they have a daughter and grandchildren. They spend their time traveling and playing golf. He enjoys fishing and volunteers to prepare taxes for the elderly with the AARP Taxaid program.

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1963

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR

Don Hill is assistant headmaster for External Affairs at Mercersburg Academy, a boarding preparatory school in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, the former Linda Lockard, have two children and four grandchildren.

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1964

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITORS



Gary and Linda Harward 1981 are retired in rural McLennan County, Texas, and are active in their church, First United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas.

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GHarward@worldnet.att.net or 420 Canyon Oaks Road, Crawford, TX 76638.

Carolyn (Daniels) Schmith was honored by Morningside Presbyterian Church as its 2005 Presbyterian of the Year. Schmith, who has been a member of Morningside Presbyterian Church for 52 years, is chair of the church's Christian education program and has pursued collaborations involving Vacation Bible School programs and the Living Nativity last Christmas with other Presbyterian churches.

1965

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



Wayne Shively, Sioux City, is currently a part-time employee of the Woodbury County Community Action Agency. He is retired after teaching English and language arts for 33 years.

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**1967
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR for 1967
and 1968**

Barbara Kubiawicz Danger retired in 2001 after a 34-year career teaching English and working as a media specialist. She hopes to hear from classmates from both the classes of 1967 and 1968, because she started at Morningside with the class of 1968 and graduated early in 1967.

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Eden Prairie, MN 55347.

Raymond D. Harter is an adjunct professor at Humphreys College, Modesto, Calif.

1969

Thomas C. Dorr was appointed by President George W. Bush to be the Under Secretary for Rural Development and was sworn into office by Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on July 27, 2005. He oversees U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development policies and programs that provide \$14-billion annual funding authority for loans, grants, and technical assistance to rural residents, communities, and businesses and an \$87-billion portfolio of existing business, housing, and infrastructure loans to rural America. Rural Development has over 7,000 employees located across the United States and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Western Pacific Trust territories.

Dorr previously served as Under Secretary for Rural Development under a recess appointment from August 2002 to December 2003. After his recess appointment ended, he was named Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Rural Development Issues.

The Rev. Dan Flanagan's three-part series "Biblical Leadership" was published in the *Preaching Annual 2007* by Abingdon Press in Nashville, Tenn. Flanagan is pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Papillion, Neb.



Dan Smith 1970, left, Sue (Jones) Berens 1984, and Paul Splittorff 1969 were inducted into the Greater Siouxland Athletic Association Hall of Fame in March.

Paul Splittorff, former standout pitcher for Morningside and Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals, was inducted into the Greater Siouxland Athletic Association Hall of Fame on March 29, 2006, during the association's annual banquet. Splittorff spoke at the event and said, "My years at Morningside were wonderful. It was an experience that shaped my personal and professional life."

1970

Mary (Pile) Knebel is an accounting associate at Super Value, Inc., Hopkins, Minn.

Dan Smith, former men's basketball player at Morningside, was inducted into the Greater Siouxland Athletic Association Hall of Fame on March 29, 2006.

1971

Kathleen Baltzell was named a *Sioux City Journal* Employee of the Month for September 2005. Baltzell is employed in the newspaper's advertising department.

Roberta (Rawson) Feriancek took early retirement from Northwest Airlines after 25 years and six months of service.

bill russell was inducted into the Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame, Spearfish, S.D. He has solely written or co-authored the book and lyrics of 13 musicals. Russell directed and co-wrote the music for the play *My Liberace*, which debuted in November 2005 at the Duplex, Manhattan, N.Y.

**1973
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Dr. Kris (Toyne) O'Clair holds a doctoral degree in education leadership and policy studies from the University of Denver. She is K-12 curriculum coordinator supporting special education and math at the Denver Public Schools. Her husband **Tim** is a 1972 graduate and her daughter **Shelby** graduated in 2000.

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kkoclair@aol.com or 7655 S. Holland
Way, Littleton, CO 80128.

Karin (Schmidt) Isbell, a court interpreter/translator in Phoenix, Ariz., received a "Republic of Germany Friendship Award" in 2002. The award is given each year to recognize outstanding Americans, who in their respective fields of academia, politics, media,

culture and other areas, have had an impact in fostering positive German-American relations. The award has been in existence since 1981 and has been given to a distinguished group of approximately 800 people, averaging one award per state each year.

Dennis Niven, CPA, DD, was admitted as a partner in the national consulting firm Business to Business CFO/CIO, LLP. Niven specializes in moral thought, strategic planning, and ethical action for corporate and individual clients across the nation from his office in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Allen Ricks joined the Iowa State University Extension Service as director for Black Hawk County in January 2005.

**1974
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR for 1974
and 1975**

Rick Roghair 1975 and his wife **Rebecca 1975** reside in northwest Iowa. Roghair is curriculum director and elementary principal in the Sioux Central Community School District.

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rroghair@sioux-central.k12.ia.us.

1975

Jan Callison was elected mayor of Minnetonka, Minn., in the November 2005 election.

Heidi Pfeil Dougherty and her husband Michael recently published *Ultimate Yellowstone Park Atlas and Travel Encyclopedia* through their business Ultimate Press, Bozeman, Mont.

Trombonist **Vance Shoemaker** was the featured soloist when the Le Mars Municipal Band presented a concert in June 2005 in the Foster Park Carousel in Le Mars, Iowa.

**1976
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR for 1976,
1977, & 1978**



Wendy (Bancroft) DeMatto, Fountain, Colo., is teaching kindergarten at the Miami-Yoder School District in Rush, Colo. She and her husband Rick DeMatto reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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1976

Steve Hasbrouck accepted a position as materials manager at Crystal Group Inc., Hiawatha, Iowa. He is responsible for managing the purchasing, inventory control, and shipping functions and is charged with overseeing the organization's material management policies, objectives, and initiatives.

Kwanele Muriel Jirira is a lecturer and researcher at the University of Zimbabwe.

Gary Niles has been co-director of Sioux City's Catholic Grade School Athletic League for the past 23 years. Niles and co-director Krage Feste organized the league for middle-school students in girl's and boy's basketball and track, football, and volleyball.

Laura Baer Roman was admitted to the District Court of Connecticut in 2005. She received a *juris* doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden, Conn., in 2004.

1977

Diane Elsen was promoted to supervisor of the microbiology department for the North Florida business unit of Quest Diagnostics, the nation's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information, and services.

1979

Dr. Richard Petersen accepted a position as chair of the nursing department at Briar Cliff University. He was previously an assistant professor at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

CATCHING UP WITH DWIGHT HAUFF



The Hauff File

Graduation Year: 1926

Major: Business Administration

Current Residence: Sioux City, Iowa

Current Occupation: President and Treasurer, Hauff Sporting Goods

Special Award: America's Oldest Worker

At 101 years of age, Dwight Hauff is still going strong. In fact, the longtime sporting goods entrepreneur still goes into the office each afternoon at his Sioux City business, Hauff Sporting Goods, which has been a staple in the Siouxland sporting goods scene since he opened the store in 1933.

The company that he founded and for which he serves as chairman of the board—Hauff Mid-America Sports—now includes five stores that operate under various names in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The company is the official sponsor for the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Player of the Year awards program.

Hauff traveled to Washington, D.C., in September 2005 to receive the America's Oldest Worker award from Experience Works, a Washington-based federally funded nonprofit organization that provides job training for older workers. To qualify for the award, candidates must work 20 hours a week and receive a salary.

The award also landed Hauff a guest appearance on the Nov. 28, 2005, airing of NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, where he appeared on the same show as actress Naomi Watts, who was promoting the release of the movie *King Kong*. Hauff entertained the audience with his wit, mentioned Morningside College, and presented Leno with a specially-sized chin strap.

Hauff said *The Tonight Show* staff didn't prep him ahead of time as to the questions he would be asked, but Leno's personality made him relaxed and at ease.

"It was a very enjoyable experience," Hauff said. "Jay Leno is a good person who is easy to talk to and visit with. He came into our dressing room three different times before the show to visit with us."

Hauff said the most memorable part of his *Tonight Show* experience came after the show had aired.

"The biggest kick I've gotten out of it was from all the letters and phone calls that came to me after the show was over," Hauff said. "I didn't realize the show would create that much attention. I've probably had 300 or so phone calls and letters."

Although Hauff has been employed in the sporting goods industry for over 70 years, his first job following his 1926 graduation from Morningside came as a high school teacher and coach in his home town of Merrill, Iowa. He did that for three years before he took a job as a traveling salesman for Spalding Sporting Goods, where his territory included northwest Iowa, northeast Nebraska, and southeast South Dakota.

"Spalding decided to close its branch store in 1932, but that gave me the opportunity to open my own store," Hauff said. "Spalding still wanted to have a presence here, so they let me open a store under my own name in 1933, and

they helped finance it for the first couple of years before I was able to buy it outright."

Hauff said the most influential person from Morningside who helped shape his life was longtime coach **Jason Saunderson**.

"He was my baseball coach and my basketball coach for two years," Hauff said. "He was a very fine coach as well as a very fine person who had a national reputation. His connection with some big-time coaches and companies made it possible for him to recommend me as the person who should open up a store in Sioux City. He is the reason why I am in the sporting goods business today, and I thank him for being the guy who made it possible."

Hauff said his fondest memory of his time at Morningside as a student came in his senior year when he played for the Morningside men's basketball team that won the North Central Conference championship for the first time ever.

"That was quite a year for us," Hauff said. "It was always tough for us to beat Creighton, and that year we beat them. One of the things I enjoyed the most was that they selected me to be on the all-conference team."

Hauff said the biggest highlight of his professional career came in 1960 when he served as president of the National Sporting Goods Association.

He is grateful to Morningside for how it helped shape his life.

"A college education gives you the basic fundamentals to become what you want to become," he said. "The reason that I have been successful is my association with Morningside. My advice to today's students is that a college education is a necessity in today's market and that they should all strive to get one."

**1980
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Cynthia (Salasek) Haberman Marlette, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is organist of First Presbyterian Church in Coeur d'Alene and has taught piano at North Idaho College. A performer and freelance musician, she was awarded the 2004 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts for the Coeur d'Alene area.

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**1981
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Michael Madsen, Chicago, Ill., currently works in the advertising-credit department of the *Chicago Tribune*. Previously, he was with the Bankers Insurance Company and Midas International.

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Stacey (Pecaut) Gerhart accepted a position as associate chaplain for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Sioux City, in February.

Gina (Chedester) Myers accepted a position as outpatient manager for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Sioux City. She is responsible for the Outpatient Services Department and oversees nursing staff in the areas of cardiology, radiology, and admitting.

Dr. Bryan J. Watkins, executive director of the Institute for Adult Learning at Dominican University in Illinois, co-wrote an article that was published in the February 2006 issue of *Adult Education Quarterly*. The article was titled "Negotiating the Labyrinth from Margin to Center: Adult Degree Program Administrators as Program Planners Within Higher Education Institutions."

1982
Timothy Jepson has been a timpanist with the Kansas City Symphony since 1983.

Lori (Herzberg) Strohm accepted a position as conference and special events coordinator at Dana College, Blair, Neb.

1983
Diane Heaney is a choral instructor at Albert Lea High School, Albert Lea, Minn. The high school choir was selected to perform at the Minnesota Music Educators Association's Mid-Winter Clinic.

Michael Wieben is a key grip for Big Dog Grip, Colorado Springs, Colo. Wieben works in the film industry and has been involved with over 15 movie projects and over 500 commercials.

**1984
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Joan (Phillips) Slavens, Denton, Texas, has worked as a legal assistant in Dallas, Texas since 1988. She is married to **J. Paul Slavens 1984**, and they have a daughter, Madison.

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Justjoan12@charter.net.

Sue (Jones) Berens, former women's basketball standout at Morningside, was inducted into the Greater Siouxland Athletic Association Hall of Fame on March 29, 2006.

1985
Marcia (Jarchow) Hagedorn is listed in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among Teachers*. She is a teacher and band director at Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community Schools, Gladbrook, Iowa.

CM Sgt. Robert L. Molstad II was promoted to chief master sergeant at the 185th Refueling Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard in Sioux City. He is the chief of information systems for the 185th and the supervisor of more than 20 information technology professionals that support the unit.

1986
Tom Bachmann accepted a position as engineering project manager for Winland Electronics, Inc., Mankato, Minn. Bachmann also serves as the vice

president of the board of directors for the Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota.

Kris (Wilen) Brown was hired as director of marketing at MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHD). The company is a leading manufacturer of commercial and military helicopters. In her role as director, Brown oversees marketing, advertising, and publicity for the company's helicopter product line worldwide.

The Rev. Alan R. Hesse accepted the position of rector at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Walpole, Mass. He had previously served for four years at All Saints Church in Worcester, Mass., as assistant rector, associate rector, and priest in charge.

1987
Terry Nielsen accepted a position as executive vice president and head of lending at Shelby County State Bank, Harlan, Iowa.

1988
Brad Bergeson accepted a position as mental health therapist and substance abuse program administrator at Heartland Counseling Services, Inc., South Sioux City, Neb.

Earl Horlyk accepted a position as editor of the *Le Mars Daily Sentinel* and assumed command of the newspaper's news room in May of 2005. Horlyk has over 12 years of experience as a working journalist and communications specialist.

1989
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR
Penny May, a resident of Laurel, Neb., works for Great Dane Trailers in Wayne, Neb. She is taking classes at Wayne State College towards a possible major in computer information systems.

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Tracie (Mohr) Franko was co-chair of the second annual Go Red For Women luncheon held in February at the Marina Inn, South Sioux City, Neb. Franko is senior business manager for MCI. She also serves on the American Heart Association Board of Directors and Junior Achievement.

Sherri (McGinnis) Santos was promoted to the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy. Santos, an active duty Navy nurse for the past 17 years, is currently the department head for perioperative and anesthesia services at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Yokosuka, Japan.

Greg Wells was promoted from vice president of retail sales to the position of senior vice president of human resources at Well's Dairy, Inc., Le Mars, Iowa. Wells is also a member of the company's board of directors.

**1990
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Tom Gerking teaches 7-12 vocal music at Westwood Community School, Sloan, Iowa, where he directs the 120-voice mixed chorus, 52-voice chorale, 75-voice junior high mixed chorus, and other ensembles.

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Randy Uhl won the grand prize for his poem "Rare Birds" in the 2005 *Poetry.com* contest and received a cash prize of \$10,000 for his efforts.

**1991
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Troy Sparks is a mail carrier and also works in television production and announces for a cable access station. He and his wife Debra reside in Milwaukee, Wis.

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**1992
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Jami (Walquist) McCuddin currently resides in New Virginia, Iowa, with her husband, Mike, and two sons, Brennon and Alex. She is a licensed massage therapist, and she and her husband own Step One Wellness, a small fitness center.

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**1993
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Eric Wylie, his wife, Krista, and children, Nathan and Rachel, live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After 11 years in broadcasting and corporate communications, he opened Eric Wylie Productions, where he provides voiceover and audio production services and is a communications consultant to local and national companies. Visit his Web site at www.ewproductions.com.

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Erica (Culver) Andrews was promoted to regional vice president, independent consultant with Arbonne International. Arbonne International is a company that offers natural Swiss skin care, health, beauty, and wellness products.

Ray Cooling is a special education and physical education instructor at Iowa Valley Community Schools, Marengo, Iowa. He also coaches junior high football and basketball and varsity girl's track & field in the school system and is the director of Marengo's youth sports program.

Rosanne Lienhard is an assistant city attorney for Sioux City. She is also president of the morning Optimist Club in Sioux City, in which she has been instrumental in the donation of over 1,200 stuffed animals to abused children during the last two years.

**1994
Darrin Fullerton** is co-owner and graphic designer for the weekly sports publication *Instant RePlay*, Wichita, Kan.

Rexann (Kaler) Smith is an administrative assistant and medical instructor at Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City.

Michelle (Ehrp) Stephan was appointed chief executive officer (CEO) at the Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux City.

**1995
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR**



Jennifer (Rice) LeMar and her husband, Joel, welcomed a new son, Benjamin, in February. She is a stay-at-home mother to Elizabeth, Samuel, and Benjamin. Previously she worked for BORN as a consultant in Dallas, Texas, and for Principal International in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Brian Schwanz was appointed to Kansas State University's Teacher Education Advisory Board. Schwanz also accepted a new position as principal of Bradley Elementary School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Andrew Stowell graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2005.

**1996
MEET YOUR CLASS EDITORS**

Kristin Johnson is an associate editor with the Iowa Geriatric Education Center at the University of Iowa. She resides in Iowa City with her husband **Dan Brock** 1996. She is a long-time volunteer with the Iowa City/Coralville Animal Care and Adoption Center.

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Lynn Kogelmann is also serving as a class editor for the class of 1996.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**July 8
Cubs Baseball in Des Moines, IA**

**July 9
Royals Baseball in Kansas City, Mo.**

**Oct. 6-8
2006 Homecoming Weekend,
"A Taste of Morningside"**

Sharon (Selman) Blanche was appointed executive director of Mercy Heart Center, Sioux City. She is responsible for the administrative day-to-day operations of Mercy Heart Center and oversees the hospital's critical care services and two clinics, Mercy Cardiovascular Surgeons and Mercy Vascular Surgeons.

David Coddling was promoted in December 2005 to creative director at VML, Kansas City, Mo., where he manages an 11-person creative team that works with AMC Theatres, Schering-Plow, Mountain Valley Spring Water, Embarq, and Yellow Transportation. VML is a global advertising agency headquartered in Kansas City with branch offices in New York City, Seattle, and London. Visit the agency's Web site at www.vml.com.

Cory Jenness is grades K-4 principal at Ben Franklin Elementary in Sibley and Ocheyedan Elementary and is district curriculum coordinator for Sibley-Ocheyedan schools.

PURSUIING THEIR DREAMS: Meet Two Members of the Class of 1996

Nate Hansen is a feature writer for Larson Newspapers in Sedona, Ariz., and a freelance journalist for the *Arizona Daily Sun* and *FlagstaffLive!* in Flagstaff, Ariz., and the *Arizona Republic* in Phoenix, Ariz. He has been asked to accompany a group of military veterans who will attempt to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa during the first week of August. Hansen will write a book on the expedition and organize journal entries, poems, and sketches from the veterans during the ascent and summit.

Hansen served in the U.S. Army from 1996 to 2000 as an Arabic linguist and flight medic. He told *The Morningsider* that the ascent would be a mission which has never been done before. He wrote, "A group of veterans will travel to Tanzania, Africa, and stand before the highest mountain on the continent... where paraplegics, amputees, the blind, and the emotionally-traumatized will climb unassisted with other veterans in an attempt to redefine 'ability.'"

The expedition is the inaugural event for the non-profit organization, Freedom for Life. For more information or to join the climb, please visit www.vetsonkili.org.

Christopher Kidder, a playwright, director, and actor, resides in Saint Paul, Minn., and is currently pursuing his Master of Fine Arts degree in playwriting through the University of New Orleans. It is a low-residency degree program, with the residency part of the degree fulfilled over several summers at the university's campus in Madrid, Spain. He expects to earn his degree in 2007.

Kidder is a familiar face at many regional theatres throughout the Midwest, having worked at the Children's Theatre Company, Theatre de la Jeune Lune, Great American History Theatre, and Brave New Workshop in the Twin Cities and American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wis. He has directed at In the Basement Productions, Cromulent Shakespeare Company, Commedia Beauregard, The Phoenix Playhouse, and THB Productions in the Twin Cities. Kidder has also taught several theatre classes for youth.

Most recently, Kidder made his acting debut at Saint Paul's North Star Opera in Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe* that opened the first weekend of June. He also wrote the play *Tumbler and the Tigress* that was performed in May as part of the Pillsbury House Theatre's 2006 Chicago Avenue Project, a program for disadvantaged youth in inner-city neighborhoods in Minneapolis, Minn.

He kept busy as an actor this past winter by playing the role of Keystone Kop during weekday matinee performances of *Reeling* at the Children's Theatre Company. The play was a re-creation of a silent movie from the Buster Keaton era of filmmaking. He also played the role of Ralph in the play *Mixed Emotions* performed at Theatre Unbound's annual 24-hour playwriting festival. Two plays that Kidder wrote, *Dig* and *Opus 3*, were featured at this winter's In the Basement Productions' "Love Bites" event. He directed *Opus 3* and was an actor in *Dig*. Kidder has also acted in several commercials.

Aside from his pursuit of a master's degree and busy schedule as a playwright, director, and actor, Kidder is also the artistic director for Commedia Beauregard, a theatre he runs along with Sasha Yvonne Walloch, the theatre's artistic associate. Commedia Beauregard's mission is to "produce theatre that is beautiful in expression" and its 2006 productions will include Kidder's own *Princess Atalanta*.

1997

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR

Brian Clarke is trade marketing manager for ConAgra Foods. He and his wife Jane and their children reside in Las Flores, Calif.

Send your notes to: bclarke@cox.net or 18 Chandler Place, Las Flores, CA 92688.

Brian Dumas was elected to the Davenport City Council in the November 2005 elections. He defeated a three-term incumbent by receiving 71.9 percent of the vote. He started his two-year term in January 2006.

Dr. Patrick Murphy, assistant professor of management at DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, was quoted in the article "Change in Direction Helps Store Flourish" that appeared in the business section of the Nov. 28, 2005, edition of *The Chicago Tribune*. The article was about how entrepreneurial ventures respond to changing environments.

1998

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR

Amber (Ellerbroek) Hegarty, Sioux City, Iowa, is the deputy county attorney for Dakota County in Nebraska.

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Danielle (Grubb) Panowicz received a Master of Science degree in education with an emphasis in grades 7-12 guidance counseling from Wayne State College in May 2005.

1999

MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR



Jami Wheatcraft is a loan administrator for Iowa-Nebraska State Bank. Her grandfather, **James Moser**, is a 1965 graduate.

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Heather (Martinson) Badar was appointed nursing instructor at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, where she teaches theory and clinical practicums.

Brooke (Simmons) Goodwin is director of development for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Sioux City.

Jan Harrison is a full-time certified wound, ostomy, and continence (WOC) nurse at Pender Community Hospital, Pender, Neb.

Molly (Petersen) Kiernan is a social studies teacher for Urbandale Community Schools, Urbandale, Iowa.

Nick Krommenhoek is an accountant in the commodity trading and risk management department at Tyson Foods, Springdale, Ark.

Brad Leu graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Iowa State University in May 2005. He is a business analyst with Berkley Technology Services, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Cathee Phillips will begin new duties as director of foundation relations at Morningside College this summer. She had served as Morningside's director of public relations since 2001 and as editor of *The Morningsider* since 2000. She began at Morningside as public relations writer in 1999. Her daughter **Angela Phillips 2006** graduated from the college in May.

2000 MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR

Heather (Liston) Stubbe is executive director for the State Police Officers Council in West Des Moines, Iowa.

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heather_stubbe@hotmail.com.

Jerrod Henningsen is a deputy sheriff in Crawford County, Iowa.

Sarah McGregor is a kindergarten teacher at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Osage, Iowa. She earned National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification as an EC/Generalist National Board Certified Teacher in November 2005 to become the only teacher in Osage to have earned the certification.

2001 MEET YOUR CLASS EDITOR

Allison Hallquist is a financial analyst at Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines, Iowa. She works primarily with the Insurance Services department preparing budgets and analyzing various insurance products.

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CATCHING UP WITH JACKIE WARNSTADT



The Warnstadt File

Graduation Year: 1972

Major: Education

Current Residence: Sioux City, Iowa

Current Occupation: Fourth-grade Teacher, Leeds Elementary School

Special Award: Iowa Teacher of the Year

Jackie Warnstadt experienced firsthand what a Morningside education can do, and she continues to see it every time the college's education department sends a student her way.

Warnstadt, the Iowa Department of Education's 2006-07 Iowa Teacher of the Year, has been a teacher for 42 years; the last 21 at Sioux City's Leeds Elementary, where she is currently a fourth-grade instructor.

"One of the things I have enjoyed the most during my teaching career has been working with Morningside student teachers and the college's students who are doing practicums," Warnstadt said. "They are very well prepared, and they bring with them enthusiasm and knowledge of new strategies. I've worked with student teachers from many other schools, but I really prefer the ones coming from Morningside because they

are so well prepared. And the enthusiasm they have enables them to be long-term teachers."

Aside from being named the Iowa Teacher of the Year, Warnstadt was named the Sioux City Teacher of the Year in 2005, an honor her husband, **Steve 1969**, a science teacher at the Individualized Learning Center, received in 2003. Their son Steve is the Iowa State Senator from District 1.

Being selected as the Iowa Teacher of the Year has been one of the major highlights of Warnstadt's career.

"That was an extremely heart-warming event," she said. "I owe so much of my life to the dedicated and committed teachers that I have had, and I've always felt the only way to repay my success was to pass it on to other students. The tremendous response from former students and parents that I received after winning the award was truly overwhelming. There is something very validating to be told that you have made a difference in someone's life."

Warnstadt's saga of earning a college degree and entering the teaching profession is far from the traditional four years of school and off into the job market. She started at Morningside in the fall of 1962, began teaching fourth grade at McCook School in North Sioux City, S.D., in 1964 with 58 hours of college credit, and continued taking classes at Morningside in the evenings and summers until she graduated in the spring of 1972.

She taught at McCook for two years before taking a position as a teacher for Union County Public Schools in South Dakota, where she taught students from eight different grades in a one-room

country school.

"That was the Laura Ingalls Wilder influence on me," Warnstadt said. "I really wanted to experience teaching in that type of setting."

After her "Little House on the Prairie" experience, Warnstadt taught Title I at McCook School from 1967 until joining the Sioux City Community School District in 1972.

The people at Morningside who had the biggest influence on Warnstadt were the personnel in the college's financial aid office.

"I was the first person in my family to attend college, and it was a financial struggle because my family was unable to help me fund my college education," she said. "Aside from what I could earn by working, I depended on scholarships and financial loans. So the people in the financial aid office were by far the most influential to me. They were always sensitive and caring, and I truly felt that it mattered to them that I attend their college and graduate. I am certain that I am not the only graduate who feels that the people in the financial aid office are unsung heroes."

"My experience at Morningside enabled me to pursue a career that I love and to which I am deeply committed," Warnstadt said. "The educational experience broadened my horizons and expanded the vistas of my life. I am eternally grateful for the education I received at Morningside."

Judging from her Iowa and Sioux City Teacher of the Year awards, many of her students and parents of those students are grateful she received that educational experience as well.

Corey Cain is a personal trainer who is the founder and director of Adventure Boot Camp for Women in Omaha, Neb. Cain, who has operated the camp for four years, focuses on three major components: cardiovascular, strength training to build muscle, and nutrition.

Kathryn (Gifford) Chartier is a third-grade teacher for Minnesota Independent School District 196.

Molly (Buettner) Craig is the K-8 Spanish teacher at the Anthon-Oto Elementary School and the Anthon-Oto/Maple Valley Middle School in Anthon, Iowa. Next year, she will also teach Spanish to kindergarten through fifth grades at Maple Valley Elementary School in Mapleton, Iowa.

Sean Chartier is a chiropractor at Integrated Healthcare Services, St. Paul, Minn.

Lisa (Boehm) Holton accepted a position as secretary of the Le Mars Community School Board. Holton is also a credit analyst at Primebank in Le Mars, Iowa.



Bob Mason, left in photo, is currently serving a second term with the Peace Corps as an aquaculture extension agent in Zambia, Africa. He works with residents to develop fish ponds and other conservation practices that will allow them to be self-sufficient. With Mason is Ba Safeli Kapopwe, whose farm is located at Shikelele, Zambia.

Jason Walker is the community development specialist for the Hillsboro branch of the Illinois Coalition for Community Services (ICCS) and is the webmaster for the entire organization. The ICCS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping communities grow throughout the state of Illinois by assisting them in creating indigenous grassroots organizations to identify needs, assess strengths, and organize volunteers. As the community development specialist in the Hillsboro branch, Walker oversees projects in six counties.

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Michael and Tasha (Segebart) Eldridge reside in Douglas, Wyo. He is a 9-12 vocal music instructor for the Converse County School District, and she is K-6 music teacher in the Campbell County School District. They own and run the Eldridge Piano Studio. For more information, visit www.eldridgepianostudio.com. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in education through Montana State University, and he plans to pursue a master's degree in choral conducting through the University of Wyoming.

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meldridge@netcommander.com.

Nicole (Simons) Busch is a loan assistant at American Bank, NA, Le Mars, Iowa.

Mara Cook received a master's degree in management in February 2006 from Bellevue University, Bellevue, Neb.

Katherine (Bolton) Engle is an account executive at Clear Channel, Fayetteville, Ark.

Joseph Engle is a mortgage banker at American Mortgage Associates, Fayetteville, Ark.

A.G. Kruger set a stadium record with a throw of 249 feet, 7 inches during the men's university/college hammer throw at the 97th Drake Relays held in April at Des Moines, Iowa. Kruger won his third national championship with a throw of 77 feet, 10.75 inches in the weight throw at the USA Indoor Track & Field Championships held in February 2006 at Boston, Mass. Kruger, who competed in the hammer throw at the 2004 Summer Olympics, also won U.S. National titles in the weight throw in 2003 and 2005.

Marc Obbink opened the chiropractic care practice, Obbink Chiropractic Clinic, at the new Lakeport Commons in Sioux City.

Carissa (Beller) Roach received a master's degree in forensic science from Nebraska Wesleyan University in December 2004.

2003
Kati Blom was promoted to the position of caseworker at Rabiner Treatment Center, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Trisha (Mohr) Boettger is a pre-school teacher at West Harrison School and assists students in first through fifth grades with reading, spelling, and mathematics at Logan-Magnolia School. She is also the prom sponsor at West Harrison High School and the cheerleading sponsor at Denison High School.

Amy (Huseman) Elman is a registered nurse/home healthcare coordinator for Greenbelt Homecare, Eldora, Iowa.

Jennifer (Gruber) Livingston was promoted to regional manager of Hayloft Properties. She oversees two properties in Dakota Dunes, S.D., four in Sioux Falls, S.D., and one in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Erin (Barham) Pinney is a fifth-grade teacher with Sioux City Community Schools.

Albert Rodriguez was an assistant football coach at Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, during the 2005 season.

2004
Derrick Elman is a fifth-grade teacher and high school football coach for the Iowa Falls-Alden School District.

Molly (Kunkel) Fordyce is a leasing consultant at Sterling Green Estates, Dakota Dunes, S.D. She and her husband Brad also own an e-commerce business.

Katie Kinney passed her CPA exam. She is an auditor at Quam & Berglin CPAs, Elk Point, S.D.

Adam Lloyd is an accountant at Nichols Rise and Co., LLP, in the firm's Sioux City and South Sioux City offices.

Rebecca (Gerritson) Sanders is an account executive for Powell Broadcasting, Sioux City.

2005
Brad Fordyce is an account executive at Gateway, Inc., North Sioux City, S.D.

John Steele, a graduate student and research assistant in industrial/organizational psychology at Kansas State University, and Dr. John Pinto, professor of psychology at Morningside, had their article "Influence of Leader Trust on Policy Agreement" published in the *PSI CHI Journal of Undergraduate Research*. The journal is a professionally reviewed journal published by Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. Steele was the third author on another paper "Using Simulators to Train Novice Teen Drivers: Assessing Psychological Fidelity as a Precursor to Transfer of Training" that was accepted at the Driving Simulator Conference, DSC-Asia/Pacific, Tsukuba, Japan.

2006

Meagan Anderson accepted a position as coordinator of St. Luke's Children's Miracle Network, Sioux City. She will oversee fundraising efforts by working with hundreds of area businesses, service clubs, schools, and individuals. She will also coordinate the KG95 Radiothon for Kids and the Children's Miracle Network Celebration broadcast on KTIV Channel 4.

IN LOVING MEMORY**1929**

George V. Kieffer, Turlock, Calif., died April 7, 2006.

Naomi (James) Smith, Spirit Lake, Iowa, died Dec. 30, 2005.

1932

Marie Duesenberg, Kalamazoo, Mich., died Feb. 3, 2006.

1933

Lloyd H. Mattice, Fayetteville, Ark., died Nov. 11, 2005.

Muriel Nelson, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Nov. 3, 2005.

1934

Opal Sandvold Folsam, Onawa, Iowa, died Dec. 2, 2005.

Dr. John W. Gauger, Tucson, Ariz., died Oct. 6, 2005.

Ellabelle (Marple) Godfrey, Northwood, Iowa, died Sept. 30, 2005.

Beatrice (Schrank) Koberg, Sioux City, died April 3, 2006.

1935

Eleanor (Watson) Pederson, Sioux City, died Oct. 9, 2005.

1936

Dr. James Moore Bolks, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Nov. 5, 2005.

Helen Bollman, Sioux City, died April 28, 2006.

O. Burl Kieser, Norfolk, Neb., died Feb. 11, 2006.

Dr. William L. Van Horne, Cheltenham, Pa., died Aug. 17, 2005.

1937

Ruth (Elliott) Hibbs, Forest City, Iowa, died Oct. 27, 2005.

1938

Victor C. Peterson, Sioux City, died April 2, 2006.

Helen (Marden) Pontralo, Sioux City, died Jan. 3, 2006.

Evelyn (Montgomery) Sowell, Sioux City, died Dec. 18, 2005.

1941

Clarence J. "C.J." Barwick, Cherokee, Iowa, died Feb. 11, 2006.

Miriam Hartley, Battle Creek, Iowa, died March 16, 2006.

Paul Grayson Sloan, Des Moines, Iowa, died April 1, 2006.

1942

Dr. Marvin L. Granstrom, Middletown, N.J., died Nov. 26, 2005. He was professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering at Rutgers University and was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by Morningside in 1971. He is survived by his wife **Ruth (Olsen) Granstrom 1941**, two children, and four grandchildren.

Dorothy (Gartner) Lamkin, Cedar Creek, Texas, died Jan. 18, 2006.

1943

Philip Baker, Storm Lake, Iowa, died Feb. 26, 2006.

1948

Elsie (Blass) Wager, Cherokee, Iowa, died Oct. 16, 2005.

1949

James E. Van Gundy, Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Jan. 24, 2006.

Paul Yaneff, Sioux City, died Jan. 19, 2006.

1950

Maynard K. Bennett, Sioux City, died Dec. 12, 2005.

Dr. David Grindberg, Arvada, Colo., died March 26, 2006.

Dean Harrington, Sioux City, died Jan. 25, 2006.

1951

Morton L. Mulford, Sioux City, died Jan. 22, 2006.

1952

Robert D. Fritz, Sarasota, Fla., died Nov. 16, 2005.

Dorothy Holbrook Green, Ontario, Ore., died Jan. 19, 2006.

1953

Dorothy M. Gesaman, Merville, Iowa, died Oct. 28, 2005.

Elizabeth (Schillinglaw) Pedersen, Florissant, Mo., died Feb. 5, 2006.

1954

Geneva (Young) Bohan, Sioux City, died Dec. 4, 2005.

Joseph R. Pagen, Dearborn, Mich., died Nov. 22, 2005.

Melvin Pedersen, Florissant, Mo., died Feb. 21, 2006.

1956

D. Jack Pommrehn, Denver, Colo., died Feb. 27, 2006.

1957

Richard M. Berthelsen, Sherrills Ford, N.C., died April 5, 2006.

Jack R. Wacek, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Jan. 7, 2006.

1958

Daniel Emerson, Salinas, Calif., died Oct. 5, 2005.

Rita (Longlee) Hollander, Sioux City, died Dec. 7, 2005.

The Rev. Dr. Virgil P. Howard, Richardson, Texas, died Nov. 19, 2005.

1959

Rosemary Chute, Virginia Beach, Va., died Jan. 24, 2006.

1961

Bernice Shinkle, Eugene, Ore., died Oct. 23, 2005.

1963

Wanda Bates, Sioux City, died April 18, 2006.

Larry L. Janson, Ramona, Calif., died Jan. 29, 2006.

1964

Doris Delaney, Sioux City, died Feb. 16, 2006.

Suzanne (Siemon) Rundle, Alpharetta, Ga., died Nov. 24, 2005.

1967

Alice (Sweet) Hirschbach, South Sioux City, Neb., died Jan. 5, 2006.

Donna L. Sloan, Sioux City, died Nov. 21, 2005.

1970

Bernice Holtze, Denver, Colo., died Feb. 10, 2006.

Ronald Rosa, Jackson, N.J., died July 11, 2005.

1973

Virginia (Groepfer) Reyman, Cushing, Iowa, died Nov. 17, 2005.

1974

Lee R. Linquist, Sioux City, died April 11, 2006.

1975

Kenneth F. Acker, Sioux City, died April 17, 2006.

Mike Hanson, Sioux City, died Feb. 20, 2006.

1976

Dr. D. Thomas Curry, Ponca, Neb., died Nov. 19, 2005. Curry was associate professor of business and economics at Morningside.

1979

Nancy (Sims) Hutchinson, Council Bluffs, Iowa, died Feb. 11, 2006.

2004

Judie Pospeshil, Sioux City, died Oct. 11, 2005.

FUTURE MORNINGSIDERS

1986

Ray Farrens and his wife, Kathy, Gardner, Kan., a daughter, Sarah Michelle, May 13, 2005.

Jeffrey Miller and his wife, Deborah, Maylene, Ala., a daughter, March 29, 2006.

1988

Cynthia (Stevens) Van Horn and her husband, John, Glidden, Iowa, a daughter, Esther Caroline, Oct. 18, 2005.

1992

Jami (Walquist) McCuddin and her husband, Mike, New Virginia, Iowa, a daughter, Jenna Jo, Sept. 17, 2005.

1994

Kari (Clifford) Edwards and her husband, Todd, Williamston, Mich., a daughter, Majella Marie, Oct. 12, 2005.

1995

Mike and **Deb (Runde) Kleppe**, Urbandale, Iowa, a son, Ryan, Sept. 13, 2005.

Jennifer (Rice) LeMar and her husband, Joel, West Des Moines, Iowa, a son, Benjamin Patrick, Feb. 13, 2006.

Melinda (Murray) Mahnke and her husband, Jason, Sioux City, a daughter, Oct. 7, 2005.

Jeremy and **Tara (Small) 1999 Smith**, Fort Dodge, Iowa, a son, Karch Patrick, Dec. 7, 2005.

1996

Paul McEntaffer and his wife, Stacy, Sioux City, a son, Alec David, July 1, 2005.

1997

Sarah Almond and her husband, Travis, Nevada, Iowa, a son, Ezra Leighton, Jan. 4, 2005.

Kate (Yeska) Meyers and her husband, John, Albuquerque, N.M., a daughter, Laura Grace, Feb. 1, 2006.

Jon Pennington and his wife, Alana, Chicago, Ill., a son, Oct. 3, 2005.

1999

Beth (Black) Hein and her husband, Chad, Westfield, Iowa, a daughter, Dec. 3, 2005.

Jessica (Schwickerath) Libolt and her husband, Robert, Center Point, Iowa, a son, Parker, Feb. 27, 2005.

2000

Nichole (Held) and Jon Friessen 2001, West Des Moines, Iowa, a daughter, Gabrielle Reece, July 9, 2005.

Rachel (McGrew) and Nicholas Frisbie 2001, Minneapolis, Minn., a son, Liam Atticus, Oct. 19, 2005.

Heather (Liston) Stubbe and her husband, Beau, West Des Moines, Iowa, a girl, Piper Jo, Dec. 13, 2005.

2001

Sarah (Quasdorf) Baird and her husband, Josh, Hampton, Iowa, a son, Benjamin Gerald, Aug. 11, 2005.

Sean and Kathryn (Gifford) Chartier, Apple Valley, Minn., a son, Noah Michael, Nov. 30, 2005.

Vonda (Gransow) MacClure and her husband, Adam, Sloan, Iowa, a son, April 6, 2006.

Michael and **Jaclyn (Weyand) Tungesvik 2003**, Boone, Iowa, a son, Miles Raymond, Sept. 7.

Stacey (Schneider) Verzal and her husband, Jeffrey, Westfield, Iowa, a daughter, March 1, 2006.

2003

Jennifer (Gruber) and Beau Livingston 2005, South Sioux City, Neb., a daughter, Jada, Nov. 3, 2005.

2004

Sarah (Vandevanter) Schmidt and her husband, Kurt, Mapleton, Iowa, a daughter, Paige Marie, Jan. 11, 2006.

NEWLYWEDS

1995

Barb (Jankowski) Kelsey and Rick Rocha, June 10, 2005, Rose Garden, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

1996

Anthony Onesto and **Jaqueline Johnson**, December 17, 2005. At home in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

1999

Chad Kramer and Theresa Watterson, Oct. 15, 2005, Venetian Resort and Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.

Nick Krommenhoek and Gina Norton, June 25, 2005, First Lutheran Church, Sioux City. At home in Springdale, Ark.

Molly Petersen and Matthew Kiernan, March 25, 2005, Wyndham Casa Marina, Key West, Fla. At home in Altoona, Iowa.

Brooke Simmons and Jason Goodwin, Oct. 22, 2005, Southern Hills Baptist Church, Sioux City. At home in Correctionville, Iowa.

2000

Jerrod Henningsen and Jodi Brown, Oct. 22, 2005, Zion Lutheran Church, Denison, Iowa. At home in Dow City, Iowa.

2001

Stana Donnelly and Robert Manuel, Dec. 31, 2005, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jefferson, S.D. At home in Houston, Texas.

Rebecca Heuertz and Gene Kerber, Nov. 26, 2005, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Osmond, Neb. At home in Pierce, Neb.

2002

Katherine Bolton and **Joseph Engle**, Nov. 5, 2005, during the sunset by the river in Melbourne Beach, Fla. At home in Fayetteville, Ark.

Nicole Simons and Andy Busch, Sept. 10, 2005, Holy Name Catholic Church, Marcus, Iowa. At home in Marcus.

2003

Erin Barham and Andrew Pinney, Dec. 31, 2005, First United Methodist Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

Amy Huseman and **Derrick Elman 2004**, Nov. 19, 2005, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurelia, Iowa. At home in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Nick Marlow and **Jennifer Jo Benson 2004**, Aug. 27, 2005, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2004

Rebecca Gerritson and 1st Lt. Justin Sanders, May 7, 2005, United Methodist Church, Hartley, Iowa, At home in Sioux City.

Molly Kunkel and **Brad Fordyce 2005**, Oct. 22, 2005, Grace United Methodist Church, Marcus, Iowa. At home in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

CATCHING UP WITH STEVEN BLENDERMAN



The Roth Fountain in Sioux City, Iowa, designed by artist **Steven Blenderman** 1991 and his partner Kirk Hoefling, includes historic terra cotta steer heads, granite from India, cobblestones from China, glass mosaic tiles from Italy, and historically reproduced tapestry brick. InVision Architecture, Sioux City, served as architect, and Brown Construction, North Sioux City, S.D., was the general contractor.



The Blenderman File

Graduation Year: 1991
Major: French with art minor
Current Residence: Sioux City, Iowa
Current Occupation: Artist and Architectural Designer

Long before **Steven Blenderman** became vice chair for Sioux City's Historic Preservation Commission in 2005, he recognized the importance of preserving Sioux City's historic buildings. As a result, he was instrumental in saving the decorative terra cotta steer heads that adorned the Livestock National Bank and Exchange Building when the building was demolished in 2003.

Today the steer heads adorn the Roth Fountain, located on Historic 4th Street in Sioux City. The fountain was dedicated in November 2005, after years of work by Blenderman and his partner, Kirk Hoefling. Their architectural consulting firm, Blenderman-Hoefling Design, specializes in historical styles combined with new and inventive concepts.

The Livestock Exchange Building, as it is more often called by local residents, was designed by Prairie School architect William Steele in 1915. Steele had studied with Louis Sullivan in Chicago, Ill., as had G.G. Elmslie, who designed the terra cotta decorations for the building.

Blenderman's grandfather and Hoefling's father had both worked at the building. Because of its historic significance to Sioux City, Blenderman wanted to preserve at least a part of the building and conceived the idea for the fountain in 2001. Over the next few years, he worked to preserve the terra cotta steer heads, and the partners worked together to develop a Sullivan-esque design for the memorial fountain. Regina and Eldon Roth, owners of Beef Products, Inc. made a generous donation to the Siouxland Chamber Foundation for the construction of the fountain, which began in the spring of 2005. During the November dedication ceremony, the Roths formally presented the fountain to the City of Sioux City.

"To see my design come to life in this way was the fulfillment of a lifetime dream," said Blenderman. "I am overwhelmed to think that the people of Sioux City will be able to enjoy this fountain for years to come. I am thankful to the Roths, the city, and all those who made this possible."

Blenderman's road to the fountain's realization has been one that has taken him from Sioux City, where he was born and grew up, to Germany as a high-school exchange student and back to the United States to study for a few years at the University of Iowa. He went back to

Europe in 1973, where he lived in Berlin, London, and Paris. He returned to Sioux City in 1983.

Throughout his travels, he was a working artist in the mediums of oil painting and drawing. He exhibited in London and Paris and sold his works to private collectors in Europe, Asia, and the United States. Once back in Sioux City, he opened a studio and, not long after, enrolled at Morningside to finish his degree.

As a nontraditional student at Morningside, he kept things stirred up in the classes he took. **Dr. John Doohen**, professor emeritus of modern and classical languages, taught French and earned his complete and total respect.

"Dr. Doohen was an excellent teacher, who always treated his students kindly and courteously," said Blenderman. "Not only was I fluent in French when I graduated from Morningside, but his example of how to treat others influences me to this day."

Blenderman remains fluent in French and German—and art. He is passionate about preserving Sioux City's historic buildings, no few of which have Sullivan-esque terra cotta decorations. And, in spite of his many interests, he still finds time to write poetry and read. He may have devoted more than 35 years of his life to his love of art and of all things beautiful, but his work has just begun.

For more information on Blenderman's firm and to see their other designs that preserve historical architecture, visit www.blenderman-hoeflingdesign.com.