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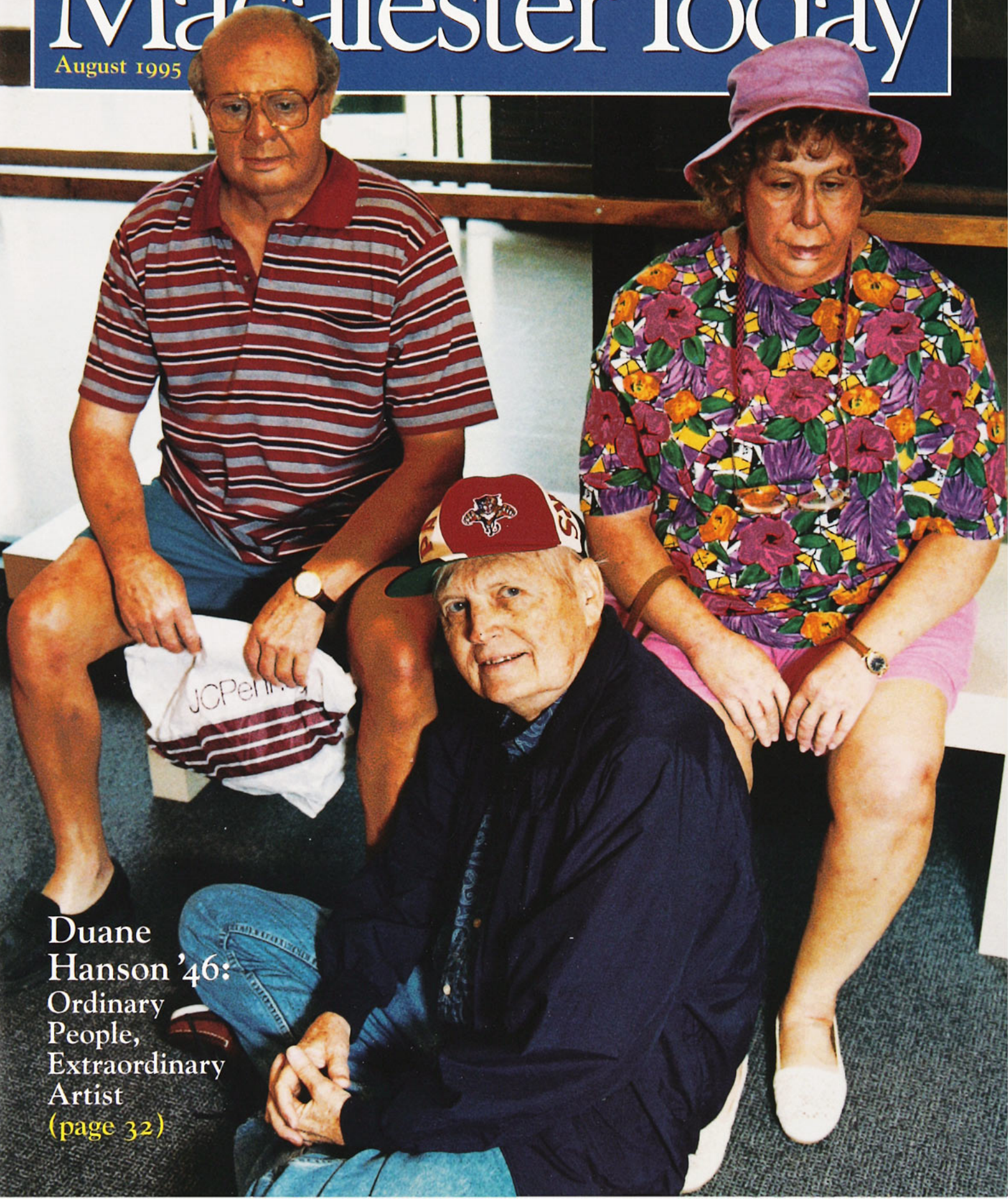
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Duane
Hanson '46:
Ordinary
People,
Extraordinary
Artist
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The policy of *Macalester Today* is to publish as many letters as possible from alumni, the primary audience of this magazine, as well as other members of the Macalester community. Exceptions are letters that personally malign an individual or are not related to issues at Macalester or contents of the magazine. Please send letters intended for publication to *Letters to the Editor*, Macalester Today, College Relations, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1899. Or send your letter by fax: (612) 696-6192. Or by e-mail: mactoday@macalstr.edu. We reserve the right to edit letters for conciseness and clarity.

Historians

I read "Past Masters: Macalester Historians at Work" in May's *Macalester Today* while taking a break from grading undergraduate finals at The Johns Hopkins University, where I am in my fourth year of a Ph.D. program in American history. The articles about Mac graduates Martin Carlson '94 and Emilye Crosby '87 made me reflect on the dedicated teaching and mentorship that I, too, benefited from as a history major at Macalester.

As an undergraduate in the late 1980s, I was fortunate to work closely with Professors Peter Rachleff, Emily and Norman Rosenberg, Elizabeth Schmidt (who now teaches at Loyola College here in Baltimore) and Jim Stewart. The inspired teaching and personal support that all these individuals provided seem even more impressive to me in retrospect.

Jim Stewart responded to my written efforts with insightful commentary and early on urged me to consider graduate school. Peter Rachleff's dynamic classes covered an impressive range of materials and trained students in the use of primary sources, even at an introductory level. Betsy Schmidt's wise and generous guidance as my honors thesis adviser was invaluable, and completing such a project has made the task of dissertation-writing seem a bit less daunting.

Like Emilye Crosby, my dissertation ("Governing the Unconscious: Psychoanalysis and American Culture, 1945-1960") derives from ideas I first began to pursue at Macalester. As a senior in Emily and Norm Rosenberg's seminar on Cold War America, I became interested in the postwar expansion of psychiatry and the widespread public interest in mental ill-

ness. The Rosenbergs' encouragement prompted me to continue exploring this topic. In fact, I am looking forward to reuniting with Norm Rosenberg at the next American Historical Association meeting in Atlanta, where he will chair a panel at which I will present some of my recent work.

In short, I believe I acquired a foundation at Macalester that has helped immensely in my post-graduate studies. Macalester's History Department, with its colorful personalities and intellectual energy, is a truly special place — one that serves as a model of the type of teaching I hope someday to provide students myself.

Rebecca Plant '90
Baltimore, Md.

Professor Hastings

I studied physics under Professor Russell Hastings, who died this past January, and I would like to share some of my memories of him.

One of Professor Hastings' most notable qualities was the confidence he showed in his students. Whether it was an ambitious physics research project or an application for graduate study at some prestigious school, Professor Hastings would stand in support of his students, and they knew it. He would express his enthusiasm, in his reserved New England style, and express his joy when things worked out well. In brief, he was an optimist. I know this because he loved to raise honey bees. That is no hobby for a pessimist!

In addition to devoting a lifetime to building a physics department at Mac, Professor Hastings taught aviation ground school, and ultimately the school had its own plane. He was adviser to the Flying Scots, the student flying society, which won at least one national championship in competition with other universities and colleges. He never took credit for the success of these teams, but he deserves much credit for the foundation and support that he provided.

There is not enough room to share all the anecdotes or to pay tribute to all the qualities of Professor Hastings, but I cannot close without expressing my appreciation for his emphasis on how the science of physics fits into the grand plan of God's Creation. I look forward to the day when I meet Professor Hastings again.

Emil Straka '60
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Writing

Your February issue was as usual of top quality in content and production. As a lifelong writer/editor, I especially appreciate your fine work.

I have two comments.

First, I enjoyed your piece on Ralph Colaizy. At our Class of '43's 50th reunion, Ralph was the one who made it a special awakening for me. One always wonders how those we were with in the "old" days turned out. But to discover that our good old friendly rah-rah jock is still fun, and a person of even greater common sense and mature insight, was an awareness that makes growing old a pleasure.

Second, the proliferation of writing by alumni and professors was heartening. "Write a book" has always been my admonition to everyone, a view I surely inherited from my father, Glenn Clark, a Macalester English professor for 30 years. He encouraged not only DeWitt Wallace in the little magazine he started but inspired hundreds of students to write.

Dad, who wrote 50 books, would have loved seeing the volumes pouring out of Mac people. His *A Manual of the Short Story Art* and *The World's Greatest Debate*, plus his memorable *Footsteps, Voices in College Halls*, a paean to Macalester, were appropriate for his colleagues. Few of them, if any, were writing.

It was when he began writing his many inspiring, spiritual volumes, like *Soul's Sincere Desire* and *What Would Jesus Do*, that he felt some criticism. Fortunately, he persisted.

As token of his enthusiasm for the writings of others, he went on to establish his own firm, Macalester Park Publishing, which still flourishes after 60 years.

To Macalester people, I say, "Keep writing." The world needs interpretation, and where better than from our Macalester heritage?

Miles Clark '43
El Monte, Calif.

Gays and lesbians

I've sent notes to people I know about the possibility of forming a gay and lesbian alumni organization at Macalester. I'm using *Mac Today* to extend my reach.

Macalester would be by no means the first college to spawn such a group. I have learned that a large number of "GALAs" — Gay and Lesbian Alumni Associations — now exist (Oberlin claims

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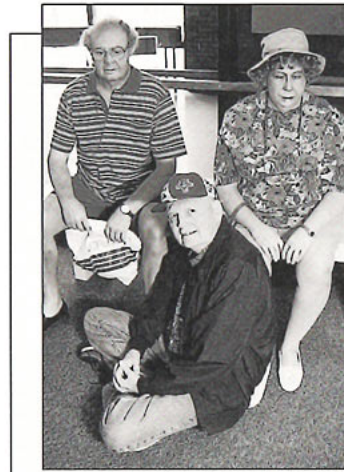
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"I try to do common, ordinary people," Duane Hanson '46 says of his sculpture. Macalester's first art major graduate returned to campus in May to receive an honorary degree. He also obligingly posed with his "Couple on a Bench," a 1994 work on display in the Macalester Galleries. Greg Helgeson took the cover photo as well as the photos of Hanson on pages 32 and 33.

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Committee will lead search for new president

TIMOTHY HULTQUIST '72, chair of the Macalester Board of Trustees, has named five trustee members to an 11-member presidential search committee.

Janet Rajala Nelson '72 will chair the committee. It will search for, screen and recommend candidates to succeed President Robert M. Gavin, Jr., who announced his resignation in May. The Board of Trustees will name the new president.

Hultquist also said three faculty members, one staff member, one student and one alumnus or alumna would serve on the search committee. They will be named after Hultquist and Nelson consult with representatives from those constituencies.

Nelson is the president of St. Paul Custom Markets, a subsidiary of St. Paul Companies. She has been a member of the board since 1993 and is vice chair; she is also a past president of the Alumni Association.

The other trustee members named to the search committee are Mark Lindsay '85, counsel to Congressman Louis Stokes in Washington, D.C.; David Ranheim '64, a partner of Dorsey and Whitney law firm in Minneapolis and past chair of the board; Mark Vander Ploeg '74, managing director of Merrill Lynch, San Francisco, and vice chair of the board; and Mary Vaughan, a community volunteer from Minneapolis and a member of the board since 1985.

Sandy Hill '57, assistant to the president, will be given additional responsibilities as executive assistant to the search committee.

"Macalester has the opportunity to identify and attract an outstanding national leader in higher education to be our next president," Hultquist said. "The board is determined to hire the best individual we can find."

Hultquist said the board expects to have a new president on campus before the start of the 1996-97 academic year.

Gavin announced May 1 he plans to step down following the 1995-96 academic year. He became Macalester's 14th president on Aug. 1, 1984.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to be president of Macalester over the past 11



A toast to scientific progress

Science and math faculty, donors, trustees and other guests attended the June 1 ground-breaking for the estimated \$20 million renovation of Olin and Rice Halls of Science. Board Chair Timothy Hultquist '72, third from left, hailed "this new beginning to our new science complex." Also toasting the renovation were (from left) Abigail Collins '95, an outstanding biology student who is going on to medical school; Tim's wife, Cindy Hultquist; biology Professor Jan Serie; President Gavin; and Mary Lee Dayton, former chair of the Board of Trustees. The college is continuing to raise money for the project, which is expected to be completed in late 1997.

years," Gavin, 54, wrote in a letter to Hultquist. "It has provided me with an educational leadership opportunity unparalleled in higher education. I would like to express my appreciation to you, the Board of Trustees and the entire Macalester community for all the wonderful experiences since I took office."

Gavin said this was an "opportune time" to step down and for the trustees to begin a search for a successor.

Hultquist praised Gavin's contributions to the Macalester community. "Bob has been an outstanding leader for Macalester, an energetic president who has capably led and strengthened the college in so many ways over the past 11 years.

"He has been successful in his efforts to raise our already high standards of scholarship for faculty and students to an even higher level," Hultquist added.

He noted that Gavin presided over the creation of a strategic plan that set the agenda for the next decade. Under the plan, the college seeks to become one of the nation's preeminent liberal arts colleges while reaffirming its commitment to its core value of academic excellence with special emphasis on diversity, internationalism and service.

Gavin's other major contributions, Hultquist said, include his management during the time when the college's endow-

ment increased significantly; his leadership in the development of a hiring plan that is adding 28 new faculty members over the next several years; construction of the DeWitt Wallace Library; refurbishing of several academic buildings and residence halls, expansion of athletic fields and leadership in planning and raising funds for renovation of the Olin-Rice science complex.

"I want to thank Bob for his exceptional vision, drive and focus that have helped bring about this period of exciting and positive change at Macalester," Hultquist said. "We also wish to thank Charlotte Gavin for her extraordinary efforts and tireless work as an associate of the president."

Fulbright winners

Two Macalester seniors who graduated in May and a 1994 graduate won prestigious Fulbright Awards this year for graduate study abroad in the 1995-96 academic year.

Since 1971, Macalester graduates have received 62 Fulbrights.

The 1995 Fulbright scholars are:

- Harry Kobrak '94, originally from Kalamazoo, Mich. He earned a double major in economics and Japanese studies,

and spent his junior year abroad at Miyagi University in Sendai, Japan. He works now as a business analyst for a Japanese auto components manufacturer in Battle Creek, Mich. He will spend the 1995-96 academic year examining the Japanese business practices that U.S. trade negotiators say prevent foreign firms from penetrating the Japanese market. His research will focus on the challenges these impediments pose to foreign firms and how foreign firms with successful operations in Japan have overcome those challenges. "The Fulbright will give me an opportunity to do the kind of sustained, in-depth research on Japan that I enjoyed doing at Macalester" with history Professor Yue-Him Tam, he said.

- Kate Hopper '95 (St. Paul), who majored in anthropology with a minor in Spanish. She will do anthropological fieldwork in order to record the lives of several women in the small Costa Rican community of San Vicente de Nicoya. She hopes her research "will help to break some of the stereotypes associated with Latin American women, as well as raise awareness concerning the necessity to stop judging and evaluating Latin American women and other marginalized groups by Western standards." Hopper spent two months in San Vicente in 1994 studying the effects of tourism on the community's ceramic art industry. Her long-term plans include attending graduate school in anthropology with a concentration in Latin American studies. She is the daughter of David Hopper, professor of religious studies at Macalester, and Nancy Nelson Olson '65.

- Samantha Grosby '95 (Chicago), who also majored in anthropology and will also do research in Costa Rica, in the Santa Elena-Monteverde corridor, an area that is becoming more urban because of American tourism. She plans to create a bilingual video graphic ethno-history of the area to preserve Costa Rican local history in a format accessible to local people of all levels of literacy. Grosby, who studied in the area in 1994, prepared for the project through an internship in oral history with the Minnesota Historical Society, interviewing and translating interviews with recent immigrants from Central America, and by taking video production classes at the University of Minnesota. When she returns, she plans to apply to Ph.D. programs in anthropology which focus on tourism and law in Latin America. Her long-term goal is to teach anthropology at the university level.

New provost and dean

Professor Wayne Roberts became Macalester's new provost on July 1, succeeding Dan Hornbach, who had announced his desire to return to the Biology Department faculty.

Professor Kathleen Parson is the new academic dean, replacing Jim Laine, who returns to the Religious Studies faculty.

Both appointments are for two years.

In announcing them, President Gavin said, "Both Wayne and Kathy will bring strong academic backgrounds, high energy, innovative ideas and outstanding leadership to their respective positions. They will carry on the excellent work done by Dan and Jim over the past several years."

Roberts has taught at Macalester since 1965 and has been chair of the Math and Computer Science Department since 1988. He is the national chair of the Calculus Reform and The First Two Years Committee of the Mathematics Association of America. He is also the founder and director of the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League.



Wayne Roberts

Roberts has written five books (see page 49) and numerous articles. He also directed the project which generated a five-volume set entitled *Resources for Calculus*.

Parson began teaching as an



Kathleen Parson

instructor at Macalester in 1974 and became an assistant professor in 1975 in the Chemistry Department and an assistant professor in Chemistry and Biology in 1979. She became an associate professor in 1986. She has written numerous scientific articles, as well as articles on biology and

chemistry curricula. Since 1988, she has earned a national reputation in her role as program director for the Pew Mid-States Science and Mathematics Consortium.

Staff award

Lewis "Lewie" Dohman, the college's bursar, is the recipient of this year's Staff Outstanding Service Award.

A member of the Macalester staff since 1959, Dohman has served as college bursar since 1976. The job involves the billing and collection of all student revenues, the deposit of all college funds, the disbursement and collection of student loans, and a host of other activities involving cash.

Dohman and his staff have assessed nearly \$300 million in student charges and collected 99.9 percent of those charges. They do their job "with a consistently humane and personalized approach to personal financial situations," President Gavin said in presenting the award. "Lewie is proof positive that nice guys can get the job done."

Dohman, who lives in Macalester's "Tangletown" neighborhood, has also played a major role for many years in the execution of the Scottish Country Fair on campus.

WPI's Class of '95

Ten outstanding international journalists arrived at Macalester in June for their four-month assignment as 1995 World Press Institute Fellows.

Their national travel, which began in July in Seattle, will let them interview and mingle with Americans from all walks of life and in every region of the country. They return to Macalester for the college's International Roundtable Oct. 12-14 and for their own "State of the States" convocation Oct. 19.

WPI, founded at Macalester in 1961, seeks to ensure that the journalists return to their homeland with a multifaceted view of life in the U.S.

The 1995 Fellows were chosen from a field of 151 applicants from nearly 50 countries. They are:

- Fiona Carruthers, reporter, *The Australian*, Sydney, Australia;
- Ana Estela de Sousa Pinto, photo editor, *Folha de São Paulo* newspaper, São Paulo, Brazil;
- Pafe Susan Mfona, deputy head, Science, Culture & Society Service,

Cameroon Radio & TV, Yaounde, Cameroon;

- Sabine Wahrmann, presenter and reporter, radio station Ostdeutscher Rundfunk Brandenburg, Potsdam, Germany;

- Josef Tuček, commentator and environmental journalist, *Mladá fronta Dnes* daily newspaper, Prague, Czech Republic;

- Heidi Amsinck, London correspondent, *Borsen* financial daily, Copenhagen, Denmark;

- Anu Kuistiala, reporter, *Ilta-Sanomat*, Helsinki, Finland;

- Bolaji Ojo, Africa bureau chief, *Asia Inc.* magazine, Johannesburg, South Africa;

- Lucian Filip, editor, *Transilvania* cultural journal, Sibiu, Romania;

- and Nikita Krivtsov, reporter and editor, *Vokrug Sveta* magazine, Moscow, Russia.

Three of the best

Three Macalester professors won major teaching awards in April.

- Roger Mosvick '52, Communication Studies, won the 1995 Macalester College Thomas Jefferson Award. President Gavin noted that Mosvick's leadership in the field of speech and communications during



Roger Mosvick '52

his 38 years on the faculty has earned wide respect. "Here and elsewhere, Roger's lecture and classroom techniques present robust challenges to students," Gavin said. "His courses consistently win high or highest evaluations. Likewise, his statements in our faculty meetings demonstrate clarity, decorum and sound principles." Mosvick's many activities include serving as a consultant to Honeywell, Control Data and 3M; publishing more than 20 articles in professional journals as well as co-authoring a text; participating in DFL politics; volunteering to teach Hispanic children; and making music in the faculty brass quintet, Macalester's Symphonic Band and occasional pick-up jazz ensembles.

- David McCurdy, Anthropology, won the Macalester Teaching Award. Since joining the Macalester faculty in 1966, McCurdy "has been a nationally recognized scholar who pioneered new ways of teaching anthropology to undergraduate students," Provost Dan Hornbach said.

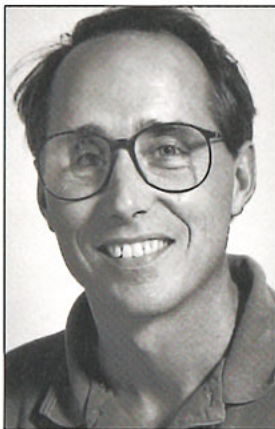
"For David McCurdy, teaching is a mixture of art and science rooted firmly in his eternal enthusiasm which he seeks to impart to his students. In his classroom, he makes the everyday seem exotic to his students while making the exotic seem commonplace." McCurdy and his late colleague, James Spradley, created one of the nation's most innovative teaching programs in anthropology. McCurdy's own textbook-anthology, *Conformity and Conflict*, now in its eighth edition, addresses most of the major social issues confronting global society today. His colleagues around the country recently elected McCurdy president of the General Division of the American Anthropological Association, the largest association of anthropologists in the world.



David McCurdy

- Mark Davis, Biology, was chosen Minnesota College Teacher of the Year for 1995 by the Minnesota Academy of Science. The award is made on the basis of teaching excellence, scholarship and service. A colleague described Davis as "a virtually flawless teacher," and quoted a student's

evaluation of him: "Mark Davis is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic." The colleague noted Davis' respect for his students and the balanced views he presents of controversial topics. "Mark's teaching changes people's lives, and that, to me, is



Mark Davis

the highest commendation anyone in our field can receive. His 'Animal Ecology' students come away loving birds, even after 6 a.m. walks on cold winter mornings." Two other Macalester faculty members, Truman Schwartz and Wayne Wolsey, won the award earlier.

Mellon Fellow

Hanh Quyen Tran '95 (Chanhassen, Minn.) won a prestigious Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, N.J., chose 97 Mellon Fellows this year. Mellon Fellowships are given to college seniors and recent graduates of outstanding promise, with the objective of encouraging and assisting them to join the humanities faculties of America's colleges and universities.



Hanh Quyen Tran '95

Tran graduated in May with a double major in anthropology and Latin American studies. She plans to enroll this fall at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and earn a master's degree in international development studies. Eventually she hopes to earn a Ph.D. and teach anthropology at the university level.

Tran was born in Vietnam. She was 2 in April 1975 when her parents fled Saigon with her and her three older brothers, the day before the city fell to the Communists.

"My dad and uncle were part of the military intelligence of the South Vietnamese Army, so they knew defeat was about to come. They bought a boat ahead of time, but it turned out the boat had a leak. At the last minute, we jumped on this oil tanker that other families were just leaving on."

Although Tran was too young to remember any of the journey herself, her parents have since recounted it for her. After a voyage to Singapore and then Guam, she and her family were flown to a refugee camp in Florida. They arrived in Minnesota three months after fleeing Saigon.

New faculty

Fifteen new teacher-scholars are joining Macalester this fall as the college continues to expand and diversify its faculty.

Of the 15, 11 are tenure-track faculty and four are visiting international faculty. Of the 11, five are additional tenure-track positions and six are replacement faculty.

The new hires will give Macalester 152 full-time faculty this fall, up from 137 in 1993-94. The goal is to have 165 faculty by about the academic year 1999-2000.

Here are the new tenure-track faculty hired for 1995-96:

- Arjun Guneratne, Anthropology. A citizen of Sri Lanka and permanent resident of the U.S., he earned his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Chicago in 1994 and 1987, respectively, and his A.B. in 1985 at Dartmouth. His research interests focus on ethnicity and nationalism, specifically in the relationship between the processes of state formation, modernization and the organization of national cultures on the one hand, and the development of particular ethnic identities on

the other. His dissertation, "Class, Ethnicity and the State: A Study of the Tharus of Chitwan, Nepal," examined those issues with reference to a linguistically and culturally diverse group of people in Nepal.

- Daphne Rainey Foreman, Biology. Ph.D., University of Colorado, 1991; B.S., University of Minnesota, 1985. She has received numerous fellowships, most recently a National Science Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Michigan where she has been working on the differentiation of epidermal cells of the root in *Arabidopsis*. She has broad training in biology, with expertise in the areas of genetics, molecular biology and plant physiology. She will be teaching the new genetics introductory course, an upper-level course in plant biology and a small, research-based course for students interested in pursuing plant biology in more depth.

- Susan Fox, Mathematics and Computer Science. Ph.D., Indiana University, expected this summer; M.S., Indiana, 1993; B.A., Oberlin, 1990. Her

research area is artificial intelligence; in particular, the use of "introspective reasoning" for self-improving systems. She is creating a system which can reason about its own reasoning processes and alter them when it detects a flaw or failure in its reasoning. She is also interested in developing systems which integrate creation and execution of plans (sequences of steps for achieving a goal), and in the question of machine learning in general. She will be teaching "Computer Science I" and "Topics in Computer Science" during her first year at Macalester.

- Carol A. Horton, Political Science. She is completing her dissertation, "Race, Liberalism and American Political Culture" at the University of Chicago; M.A., University of Chicago, 1988; B.A., Colorado College, 1984. While at Chicago, she has held Harper, American Bar Association, Bradley and University fellowships. She received the prestigious Alice Paul Dissertation Fellowship from the American Political Science Association and was the Grodzins Lecturer in 1993. She taught courses at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Institute of Public Policy Studies at the University of Michigan. She will be teaching "U.S. Politics," "Race, Ethnicity and Politics," and "Political Change" next year.

- Rebecca Cowan Hoyer, Chemistry. Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1981; M.A., Harvard, 1975; B.A., Bucknell, 1973. She joined the department in the fall of 1993 as a sabbatical replacement and has just completed her second year at Macalester. During this time she has very successfully taught organic chemistry, research methods in organic chemistry and instrumental analysis, and she coordinated the weekly chemistry seminar. In 1995-1996, she will introduce an advanced course in organometallic chemistry. Hoyer's research interests include the synthesis of carbon-based compounds of biological significance. She has already involved a number of Macalester students in this work, and one of them, Hameka Rajapanske '96 (Sri Lanka), presented a paper at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in April. While a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, Hoyer received the Lee I. Smith Award "in recognition of high ability and leadership in the field of organic chemistry."

- Karine S. Moe, Economics. Ph.D., University of Minnesota, expected 1995;



Community makers

"When I read the newspaper this morning, I saw what was worst in the world. When I came here to Macalester, I saw what was best in the world," said Rabbi Bernard Raskas. He was speaking to the students who were honored in May at the annual Student Recognition Convocation for their service to the college and the community. They included (front row, from left): Kim Cole '96, Kate Chasson '95, Karen Hanson '95, Jody Koizumi '97, Heather Smith '95, Minh Ta '97 and Kelly Lubeck '95. Middle row: Jill Bruner '95, Eva Reid '96, Ellen Sherby '95, Ansu John '95, Mark Abbott-Cabezal '95, Molly Bettin '97, Jeremy Hanson '95, Sandra Ortiz '97 and Gretchen Rohr '98. Back: James Takamine '95, Mike Scarlett '95, Michael Dekker '97, Okko Grippando '95, Pete Bayard '96, Jeremy Berliss '98, Yasir Fattah '96, Dziwe Ntaba '95, Rafael Carrillo '95 and Jon Aubry '98. Also honored but not shown: Emily Bloch '96, Christina Linhoff '95, Adam Benepe '95, Nancy Mitchell '95, Pam Gozo '96, Rolando Rosas '97, Lorne Lieb '98 and Amanda Torres '96.

master's in public policy, Harvard, 1989; B.A., St. Olaf College, 1985. Her Ph.D. research concerns "Fertility, Time Use and Economics Growth." She is using a Peruvian data set to test the hypothesis that fertility declines and time devoted to increasing children's human capital increases as a society's wealth grows. She will offer two new courses in 1995-96: "Economics of the Family" and "Men, Women and Work: Labor Economics."

• David Chioni Moore, International Studies. Ph.D. candidate, Duke University, 1995; Rotary Foundation graduate scholar, Universite de Dakar, Dakar-Fann, Senegal, 1986-1987; B.A., Brown University, 1986. His areas of training are history of criticism, 20th century non-Western literature and post-colonial theory. His dissertation, which is supported by a Mellon Fellowship, is entitled "Geography Without Borders: Metaphors of Structure in the 20th Century World Literature and Culture." At the center of the study are the concepts of ethnicity, transnationality and hybridization. In his first semester at Macalester, he will teach a senior seminar in international studies, "Universalism: Literature, Culture, Philosophy," as well as a course to be cross-listed in English, "Studies in Contemporary African Fiction."

• Mayra V. Rodríguez, Art. Ph.D. candidate, University of Michigan; M.A., University of Michigan, 1987; B.A., New York University, 1985. This fall, she will teach the "Art History I" survey course and a course in Renaissance art which is a special period concentrated study. In the spring, she will teach the second half of the survey sequence. She will also teach the special period course focusing on baroque and rococo art as well as the art history methodology seminar for senior art majors graduating with an emphasis in art history. Her research specialty is Gothic architecture.

• Sonita Sarker, Women's Studies. Ph.D., University of California, 1993; M.A., University of California, 1989; M.A., Calcutta University, India, 1987; B.A., Loreto College, Calcutta, India, 1984. She comes to Macalester from Knox

College (1994-95) and Lewis and Clark College (1993-94). She specializes in 20th century British and post-colonial literature with an emphasis in women's writing and a subspecialty in literary theory. Her current research includes revision of her dissertation, "'Untold': Exile Dissidence and Desire in 20th Century Anglophone Fiction by Women," along with other projects on post-colonial women's literatures of India, Africa and the Caribbean. During 1995-1996, she will teach "Introduction to Women's Studies: Women, Race and Class"; "Feminist Theories"; the senior seminar in women's studies; and a topics course, "The Politics of Space in South and Southeast Asian Women's Narratives."

• Matthew Weinstein, Education. Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, expected fall 1995; M.A., Stanford, 1986;

well-known playwrights, directors, scholars and teachers who have had diverse experience in Western, Asian and intercultural theater. They have collaborated on a number of plays, including the widely produced *China Dream*, which was originally presented in Shanghai; *Hamlet, or the Orphan of China*, and *In the Dark?*, a play inspired by the Beijing opera, Shakespeare and a true story from the Korean War. Both have Ph.D.'s in theater, Sun from New York University and Fei from City University of New York. Sun most recently was an associate professor in drama at Tufts University; Fei most recently was an adjunct professor at Tufts and Emerson College.

Here are the four visiting international faculty for 1995-96:

• Ola Rotimi, one of Africa's leading playwrights and directors, will spend two years at Macalester as the Humphrey Visiting Scholar. He studied at Yale, where he received his M.F.A., and Boston University, earning the distinction of being a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar in Playwriting and Dramatic Literature. A professor of drama in one of his home universities in Nigeria, he has also been a visiting professor as

well as a playwright/director in Europe and America. His publications include six full-length plays and a number of scholarly articles on theatre and drama. During fall semester, he will offer "African Theatre" and "Playwriting."

• Raina Gavrilova will visit Macalester from the Centre for Cultural Studies at the University of Sofia in Bulgaria, from which she holds a Ph.D. in history and where she is an associate professor. Her two principal fields of study are Bulgarian urban historiography and ethnicity and migration patterns in the Balkans. In 1986, she was a Fulbright Fellow at Harvard. One of her more recent publications is "Thinking Gender: Bulgarian Women's Im/possibilities." She will offer courses in art, East European studies and history. This fall, she will teach "History of the Balkans" and "Traditional Society in

New full-time faculty in 1995-96

Total: 15

Tenure-track: 11

Visiting international faculty: 4

Additional tenure-track faculty: 5 (*Art, Anthropology, Dramatic Arts, International Studies and Women's Studies*)

Replacement tenure-track faculty: 6

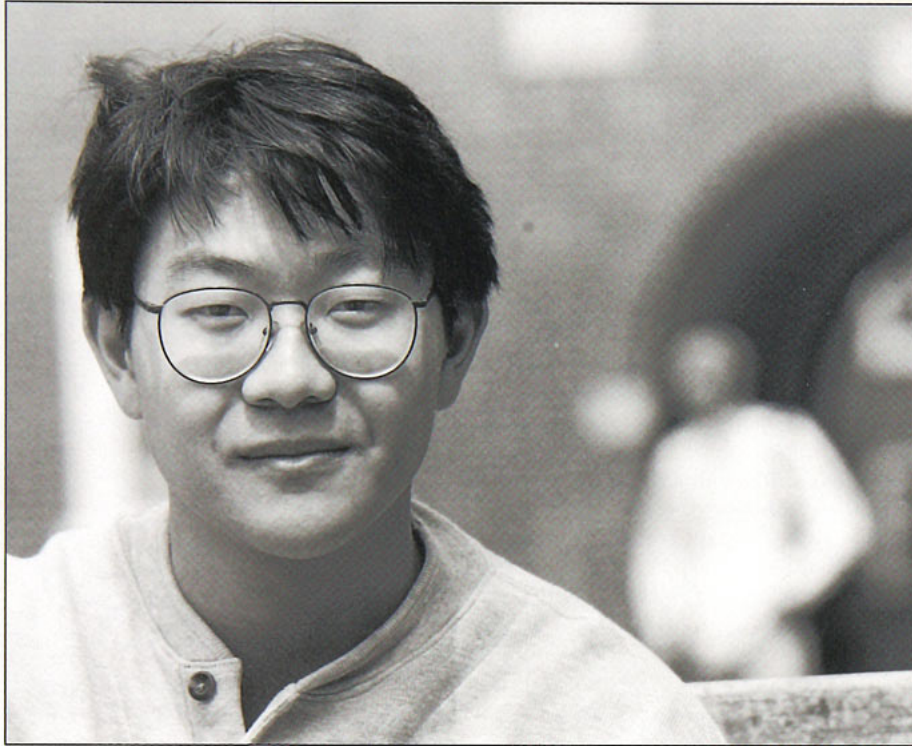
People of color among 11 new tenure-track faculty: 5
(*Art, Dramatic Arts, Anthropology, Women's Studies and Biology*)

Number of full-time faculty this fall: 152 (*up from 137 in 1993-94, toward goal of 165 by about the academic year 1999-2000*)

B.A., Oberlin, 1981. He will be directing the secondary licensure program for the Education Department. As director, he will be responsible for advising all students working toward their secondary license, coordinating secondary field placements, supervising student teachers and teaching curriculum courses, as well as serving as liaison between other academic departments that are involved in disciplines where students are preparing to teach. His background as a math, physics and computer teacher, as well as his work with the Carnegie Foundation, Institute for Policy Studies and Institute for Multicultural Science Education and several other organizations, make it possible for him to develop a number of inter-departmental collaborations.

• William H. Sun and Faye C. Fei, a couple originally from China, will share one position in Dramatic Arts. Both are

One student's odyssey: Vietnam, the Bronx, St. Paul



GiaPhu Dao '95 at Macalester: Born in Vietnam to Chinese parents, he calls New York City "home."

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what's happening?" We got into this small boat. I remember I was the first one to throw up, because I ate too many crackers."

Two elderly people died on the voyage to Hong Kong, which took six weeks. Dao recalls seeing the lights of the city from the harbor. "I'll never forget that moment. Every time I take a plane now, I always think about lights like that. Although they're not as amazing to me anymore."

Dao and his family — he is the third youngest of 10 boys, one of whom was born in the U.S. — have not had an easy life since they arrived in the United States after nine months as refugees in Hong Kong. They settled in New York, in a low-income neighborhood in the Bronx, where his father and an aunt ran a grocery store in Chinatown. Dao and the other sons often helped out.

Dao still calls the Bronx home, and most of his family still lives there. Five of his brothers have graduated from or are attending college; the two younger ones are in high school. "It used to be a good neighborhood," he says. "Now we have drug dealers on the corners."

Two years ago, his father, who regularly worked 12-hour days, seven days a week, for more than 10 years, suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. He has recovered his ability to speak and walk.

"Needless to say, we [the sons] want to get him and my mom and my aunt — just retire them all," Dao says.

Dao has accepted a job offer from Andersen Consulting, a systems consulting firm in Minneapolis. He figures the job will help him learn a "language" of the business world — computers — to add to the four others he speaks: Japanese, Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

Eventually, he hopes to work for a multinational company in East Asia, in some kind of job that would help him bridge two cultures, East and West, "so they can understand each other."

"I'm always an advocate for education," Dao says. "I'm always an advocate for family. I wouldn't be anywhere without my family." — *Jon Halvorsen*

EVERYBODY HAS A STORY to tell," GiaPhu Dao says, matter of factly.

But some stories are more compelling than others. When he was not yet 6, Dao, his parents and eight of his brothers fled Vietnam after the Communist takeover and survived a harrowing voyage to Hong Kong in a small boat jammed with several hundred people.

This May, 16 years later, Dao graduated from Macalester with a double major in economics and Japanese studies.

Dao is one of two Macalester seniors, both of whom graduated in May, who were born in Vietnam and fled that country with their families when they were children. The other is Hanh Quyen Tran (see page 4).

Both of Dao's parents are of Chinese ancestry. Dao's father owned and ran a small fabric company in Saigon — now Ho Chi Minh City — when the Communists took over.

"My father decided we had to leave,"

Dao recalls. "For one thing, he didn't believe in communism. He had escaped from China because of communism in the late 1940s. And now he had to do it over again.

"So in 1979 we fled, with most of my relatives. There were 59 of us [family mem-

'My father had escaped from China because of communism in the late 1940s. And now he had to do it over again.'

bers] in a boat that contained 300 to 500 people. This was a very small boat. I remember it was really late at night. I was 5 or 6 years old. I had no idea what was going on. I just remember my mom holding me. I was really scared: 'Oh my God,

Southeastern Europe: A Course in Social Anthropology."

• Alfred Nhema is a political scientist from Zimbabwe who is currently teaching at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at

Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Dalhousie. His publications include a 1995 article co-authored by Tim Shaw, "Directions and Debates in

South(ern) Africa's First Post-Apartheid Decade," as well as several other papers dealing with democracy and civil society in Africa. The courses he will offer this fall

are "Introduction to African Politics" and "Political Development."

- Donald Macleod, a British scholar who was awarded his D.Phil. in social anthropology from Oxford, teaches at Goldsmith College in London. His forthcoming ethnography is titled *Fishermen, Their Families, Tourists and Others: Change on a Canary Island*. He will join the Anthropology Department and this fall will teach "Cultural Anthropology" and "Anthropology and the Natural Environment."

International Roundtable

Alumni are invited to the second annual Macalester International Roundtable, which will be held Oct. 12–14 in Macalester's Weyerhaeuser Chapel.

Edward Said, the eminent literary scholar, will be the keynote speaker for this year's Roundtable, which will focus on "Literature, the Creative Imagination and Globalization."

Participants will share their meditations on such questions as: Is there a global culture and aesthetic in the making? If so, what is to become of localized meaning and metaphysics? Is hybridity the response to multiculturalism? How can the ephemeral be distinguished from the less mutable? What is the place and role of the literary and creative imagination in this time of shifting images, definitions, "structures of feeling" and tastes?

Said, professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University, is the author of *Orientalism*. His other major works include *Beginnings: Intention and Method*; *The World, The Text and the Critic*; *Culture and Imperialism*, and *Representations of the Intellectual*.

Said will speak Thursday, Oct. 12.

The distinguished guest scholars who will make presentations are:

- Wai-leung Wong, a senior lecturer in the Department of Chinese at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. A recent chair of the Hong Kong Writers Association, he has written and edited 19 books, including *Essays on Chinese Poetics*, *New Readings of Classical Chinese Poetry* and *The Present and Future of Contemporary Literature in Chinese*.

- Mary-Kay Gamel, associate professor of classics, comparative literature and theater arts at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She is the author of *Comparative Literature and the Classics: A Study Guide*, *Staging Euripides* (forth-

coming) and many scholarly articles. She has directed more than 20 stage plays.

- Carole Boyce Davies, a 1995 Fulbright scholar in Brazil, is a professor of English, Africana and women's studies, and comparative literature at the State University of New York at Binghamton. Among her publications are *Ngambika, Out of the Kibla*, *Black Women, Writing, and Identity*, and *International Dimensions of Black Women's Writing* (in press).

A fourth scholar will be named later.

Discussants at the Roundtable will include Macalester faculty members Chia-ning Chang, Ruth Burks, Rachel May and David Moore; Macalester students Wendy Guyot '97 (Portland, Ore.), Emily Eagen '97 (Cincinnati, Ohio), Abigail Noble '96 (New Haven, Ind.) and Pamela Gozo '97 (Zimbabwe); and 1995 World Press Institute Fellows Anu Kuistiala (Finland), Fiona Carruthers (Australia), Josef Tuček (Czech Republic) and Bolaji Ojo (Nigeria).

For more information, call (612) 696-6332.

Aslanian departs

Paul Aslanian, Macalester's longtime treasurer, has accepted a position as vice president for finance and planning at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, starting this fall.

Aslanian taught in Macalester's Economics Department from 1967 to 1971. He has been Macalester's chief financial officer since 1974.

"It was in large part because of his commitment to balanced budgets that the college survived the tough times and has been strong and forward-looking in the good times," President Gavin said.

"Today we stand out among liberal arts colleges because of the financial controls and the coordination of budgets with our strategic plan. I thank him for his leadership and for his many years of excellent service, dedication and commitment to Macalester. The campus will miss his engaging personality and his vivid and sometimes entertaining descriptions of complex financial matters. I don't know he did it,

but he made budgets interesting," Gavin said.

Aslanian said he "laughed more, shared more and fought more with my colleagues here than with any other group in my life. I couldn't be more proud of the people I worked with at Macalester."

Business Manager Craig Aase '70 is serving as acting treasurer until Aslanian's replacement is named.

Entrepreneurship

Gretel Figueroa '95 (St. Louis), who graduated in May, is the recipient of the first Richard E. Eichhorn Prize.

The award was established this year by Economics Department faculty to honor a 1951 Macalester alumnus who is a Macalester trustee and generous contributor to college programs in entrepreneurship.

The prize goes to a graduating senior who has demonstrated both outstanding overall scholarship and interest in entrepreneurship.

Figueroa majored in economics, anthropology and international studies. She also won this year's Cargill internship competition, wrote an honors thesis for Professor Gary Krueger on land reform in Guatemala, her parents' native country, and plans to go on to graduate work in development economics. First, she will spend at least a year

in Bolivia as an intern with the Foundation for the Promotion and Development of the Microenterprise (see May's *Macalester Today*).

Eichhorn, a private investor and business adviser, and his wife,



Richard Eichhorn '51

Mardene Asbury Eichhorn '53, live in Champlin, Minn.

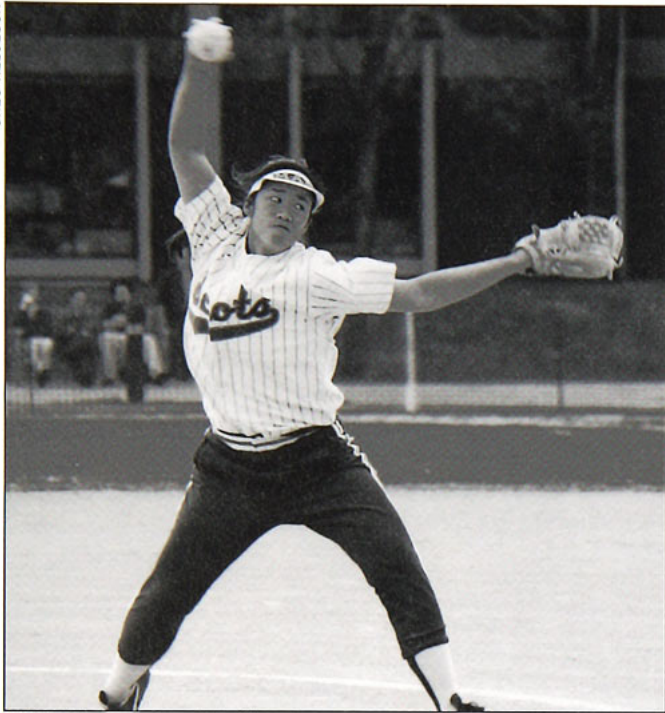


Gretel Figueroa '95



Paul Aslanian

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All-MIAC pitcher Lisafe Aying

Spring sports review

Macalester's softball and baseball teams enjoyed their most productive springs in well over 10 years.

The softball team posted its first winning season ever in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), finishing 12-10 in the conference and 22-15 overall under coach Joel Kaden. Pitcher Lisafe Aying (sophomore, Livermore, Calif.) and outfielder Jeana Mork (senior, Renville, Minn.) were named to the All-MIAC team, while shortstop Jenny Scanlon (senior, Fullerton, Calif.) was named Honorable

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Chris Link won the MIAC 400-meter dash title.

Mention. Aying was 17-12 with an ERA of 1.93; Mork and Scanlon each batted .362 to lead the team. Outfielder Kara Bunte (first-year, Moline, Ill.), one of the league's top newcomers, paced the Scots with 25 RBI.

In baseball, the Scots equaled their total number of victories over the previous five years by finishing 19-20 overall, despite playing primarily freshmen and sophomores. The MIAC coaches were so impressed that they chose Macalester's Steve Hauser as MIAC Coach of the Year.

All-Conference

centerfielder David Young (sophomore, Omaha, Neb.) was rated in the MIAC's top 10 in batting average, hits, homers and stolen bases. He was joined on the All-MIAC squad by pitcher Rob Sader (freshman, Ham Lake, Minn.), the only first-year player named All-Conference. Sader struck out 58 and walked just 20 in 74 innings. First baseman Kawika Alo (sophomore, Honolulu, Hawaii) also enjoyed a big season, hitting .364 with five home runs and a school-record 31 RBI. Rick Van Pelt (freshman, Creston, Iowa) provided the Scots with their best shortstop play in years.

The men's and women's track and field teams each placed ninth at the conference meet.

Chris Link (senior, Sparks, Nev.) was the top achiever on the men's track team. Link had been flirting with conference titles and national qualifying times for three years and finally reached both goals in 1995. He won the conference 400-meter dash title and his :48.57 time was good enough for both a school record and a berth in the NCAA Division III national championships. He also took second in the conference in the 200-meter dash. Richmond Sarpong (senior, Lobatse, Botswana) finished second in the conference in the 100-meter dash (:10.81) and, like Link, earned a trip to the nationals.

Jordan Cushing (junior, Minneapolis) led the women's track and field squad by placing second at the conference meet in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:30. Martha Sarpong (sophomore, Juaso, Ghana) was third in the MIAC in the triple jump and Karen Kreul (senior, Stevens Point, Wis.) closed out her excellent career at Macalester by placing third in the conference in the 3,000-meter run. Kreul earned 13 All-Conference certificates in her years at Mac (two in cross country, six in indoor track and five in outdoor track). Erin Donald (sophomore, Portland, Ore.) placed fourth in the MIAC in the javelin throw.

The men's tennis team went 8-7 on the season and 4-6 in league matches before finishing seventh at the conference tour-



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Baseball coach Steve Hauser was voted Coach of the Year in the MIAC.

nament. The Scots were led at the top of the singles lineup by Tonderai Chikuhwa (junior, Stockholm, Sweden), Patrick Gutmann (junior, Malmo, Sweden) and Sanjeeva Ananthan (junior, Tokyo, Japan). Philippe Duliere (Namur, Belgium) posted the team's best record by going 17-2 at No. 6 singles.

First singles player Julie Colby (sophomore, Roseville, Minn.) took on the best player on every team Macalester played and still managed a 6-8 record to lead the women's tennis squad. The Scots went 4-8 on the season and finished ninth at the conference tournament. Macalester was also solid at second and third singles. Susannah Styve (sophomore, Afton, Minn.) went 4-6 at second singles and Christina Jansa (junior, Cedar Rapids, Iowa) was 4-8 at third singles. Colby and Jansa provided the Scots excellent play at No. 1 doubles.

— Andy Johnson

Class of '95: Day was sunny; tomorrow looks promising, too

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Dear Old, not so old and new Macalester

Pictured are some of the alumni whose children graduated in the Class of '95. They include: Mary Furlough Woerner '56, far left, of Clear Lake, Iowa, and daughter Francie Woerner '95; Janice Galanter Goldstein '69 and Jules Goldstein '69 of St. Paul, standing behind Leah Goldstein '95, third from left in front row; Huang Norton Payson '69 of Mesa, Ariz., standing next to daughter Bach Lien Payson '95, second from right in front row; Erika Bakkum '95, far right, standing in front of her mother, Laurel Sorenson Bakkum '71 of Spooner, Wis.; and in the back row, Ellen Staedke Pishko '66 of Lombard, Ill., with her daughters, Heather Pishko '94 and Adrian Pishko '95, in cap and gown.

Near right: Jessica Hopeman '95 with her parents, Martha Erickson Hopeman '69 and Alan Hopeman, Jr. '69 of St. Paul. *Far right:* Kate Hopper '95 with her mother, Nancy Nelson Olson '65 of St. Paul. Kate's father is David Hopper, professor of religious studies at Macalester.



"We have not always agreed with each other, in class, on the pages of the Mac Weekly, in [Community Council] elections. I am glad that we have not lived in harmony. I have learned as much from the anger and frustration of my classmates as I have learned from their joy. Like a haphazardly pieced crazy quilt, we do not match, and we revel in that difference."

— ELEANOR BROWN '95 (McLean, Va.), reading to her classmates from her Senior Prize Essay

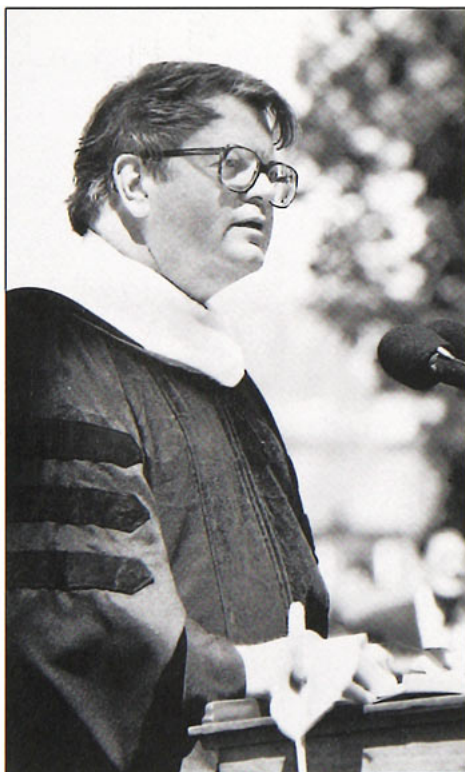
Right: Some of Macalester's newest alumni. *Below:* Writer Cornel West signs a Commencement program for new graduate Francie Woerner '95 (Clear Lake, Iowa). *Bottom:* writer Garry Wills and Mary Lee Dayton, former trustee and community leader, two of the honorary degree recipients, address the Class of '95.



"It's impossible for me to be an optimist in the latter part of the 20th century — such a barbaric century, in which over 200 million fellow human beings have been murdered in the name of some pernicious ideology. How can one be optimistic?"

"But be 'prisoners of hope' — that's something else. You can look at that suffering, that misery, and never allow it to have the last word, even if at the moment all you can do is sing a song or crack a smile or . . . listen closely to Chekhov or Shakespeare or Toni Morrison, or turn on some John Coltrane and let the sublime melancholia of Alabama seep into the depths of your being. Preserve that sense of audacious hope, because every generation must renew and rejuvenate and regenerate democratic possibilities."

— CORNEL WEST, professor of African-American studies and philosophy of religion at Harvard, speaking at Commencement. West received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.



"The greatest benefit [in joining the organizations she became involved with] was for me personally. I discovered myself. I really don't know how or why, but somewhere along the way and through the years, I found my identity. Not who other people thought I was or wanted me to be, but mine. I was lucky. I have been privileged to have had the opportunity to serve Macalester College. I think I've gained the most from this relationship."

— MARY LEE DAYTON, former Macalester trustee and community leader, speaking to the Class of '95 after receiving an honorary degree



Southern Exposure

*A voting rights activist,
and now a law professor, too,
Barbara Phillips '71 returns
'home' to Mississippi*

*by Jon Halvorsen
photographs by Greg Helgeson*

BARBARA PHILLIPS first saw Mississippi in her senior year at Macalester in 1971, when the history major drove to Fayette for an oral history project during January's Interim session. She interviewed Charles Evers, brother of the slain Medgar Evers and the first African-American to be elected mayor of a bi-racial town in the state.

She returned again that spring, with 200 other students from Minnesota — most of them from Macalester — to register black voters.

Last fall, 23 years later, Mississippi called her back to begin a new chapter in her life. She is now Professor Phillips, the first African-American



woman on the University of Mississippi's law school faculty.

"I feel that I've come back home," says Phillips, who now lives in Oxford, Miss., 70 miles from Memphis, where she grew up.

Since 1976, Phillips has been a practicing lawyer specializing in voting rights litigation and other civil rights issues in Mississippi, Virginia and California. One of her most notable legal victories involved a case against the Mississippi state textbook purchasing board. As a result, at least some ninth graders in Mississippi had the opportunity to read a new kind of textbook, one which accurately portrayed slavery, Reconstruction and the civil rights movement in their state.

She was involved in the amendment to the Voting Rights Act in 1982. In San Francisco, where she worked for 12 years, she was a court-appointed monitor of the city's fire department to ensure compliance with a decree resolving issues of race and sex discrimination.

Her work there led in 1992 to a graduate law fellowship at Stanford University. Voting rights litigation is now one of her areas of scholarship as well as her legal practice.

"Most people who aren't from the South find this [wanting to return] difficult to understand," she said with a laugh. "I was born in Virginia. My family moved to Memphis when I was about 5. I have a deep affection for the qualities in the South that are admirable. It's talked about somewhat offhandedly, but it's very real: the sense of place, the

values of community. . . . [My parents] both set very good examples for community involvement and service. That's always what was most valued in our household. . . .

"When I was 40, I became a single mom. And I started thinking how I wanted my son to grow up, what values I wanted him to hold dear. The values seemed to me more easily transmitted [if he could] see people living those values in the South."

Phillips wanted her son, Charles, now 5, to be closer to her parents, who lived in Memphis. Her father, Charles, was a physics professor at the historically black LeMoyné College in Memphis; her mother, Mary, was a homemaker until Barbara's senior year at Macalester, when she went to work to help support Barbara's education. Mary Phillips was also very involved in the community and the Episcopal church.

When Macalester students drove to Mississippi in 1971 to register black voters, they stayed with Charles and Mary Phillips. "Her parents' place in Memphis was 'conspiracy central,'" said Mark

Vaught '70, a St. Paul attorney who has remained a good friend of Barbara's for 25 years. "We operated out of there. . . . Her parents had the same sort of quiet strength about them that Barbara does."

Last December, a few months after Barbara moved back South, her parents were killed in an auto accident. Two of Phillips' three siblings are Mac alums who now live in Indianapolis: Charles Phillips '71, who works in the insurance industry,

'The most amazing thing about Barbara is the strength of her quiet intensity about the things she believes. She is absolutely unshakable.'

— MARK VAUGHT '70, a St. Paul attorney and a good friend of Phillips ever since they took part in a voter registration project in Mississippi 25 years ago



Barbara Phillips speaks to students at a luncheon April 28 at Macalester.

and Valeria Phillips '74, now a consultant after many years with IBM. Her older sister, Betty Adams, who was paralyzed in the same accident, is a graduate of Howard University and president of the Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York City.

"I was very pleased that my mother understood the feelings I had that caused me to move back [to the South], and that part of it was to be closer to her and have my son be closer to her," Barbara said.

This past April, Phillips returned to Macalester to meet with students of color. Her visit was part of the college's efforts, led by Thad Wilderson, coordinator of community relations at Macalester, to forge stronger ties with alumni of color.

She spoke of community — the community she found at Macalester when she arrived in 1967 as one of only about 10 African-American students on campus, and the community that grew with the college's EEO (Expanded Educational Opportunities) program, which dramatically increased the number of African-American, Hispanic and other students of color. She recalled how the campus welcomed people like author Alex Haley, who "would talk about this book he was writing" and occasionally read sections from it. "That was *Roots*. This was a college where people like that could come and share."

BARBARA PHILLIPS is *passionate on the subject of community. Here are excerpts from an interview:*

"We need to have a conscious sense of community. Milner Ball [a constitutional law scholar] says that without a sense of community, what students will hear is 'a form of institutionalized high gossip among strangers.'

"He talks about that in the context of saying that we can't have discussions and theory that are remote. I have found, and I try to encourage students to realize, that there isn't a Grand Canyon between the world of theory and the world of application or the real world, that what we do should inform our scholarship and our theory and make it stronger, make it better. . . .

"That has to start in a place like Macalester. I think that's part of what Macalester says its tradition is. We have to be conscious about what we mean by our notions of inclusion in the community. It's easy, but meaningless, to talk about community because we have some things in common. If our sense of community is based on those things that we can feel sameness about, it means we're still afraid of the things that may make us different. I want people to have a sense of community because we celebrate differences, not because we're afraid of them. . . .

"We should not impose stereotypes upon people and therefore create false difference. But I think the

Phillips speaks with special fondness of two other men who contributed to a sense of community: Arthur Flemming, president of Macalester from 1968 to 1971, and the late history Professor Boyd Shafer.

Flemming "challenged students to create something here, to see ourselves as a community. . . . The experiences that those of us who were here had with him really have stayed with us since we left Macalester. He challenged our complacency, over and over again." For her, his departure, under pressure, from Macalester led to a long period of disillusionment with the college.

Shafer, for whom she was a research assistant throughout her Macalester years, and his wife, Carol, became mentors and extraordinary friends. "They opened their home to me and other students. So I try now to do that with my students [at the University of Mississippi law school], to let them know they're welcome in my home as well as my classroom." ●



Phillips with her son, Charles, 5, and Thad Wilderson, coordinator of community relations at Macalester.

Real diversity isn't quiet, it's rowdy, it's lively

reality of the world we live in shows that race is still a pervasive, pernicious factor in American life at all different levels. It means that what people of color experience in American society is different from some of the things that those who are white experience. And if we can't talk about that reality, then the sense of community is false, based upon my *not* talking about racism, *not* talking about what happened to me when I applied for a job or went looking for housing, so that we can keep up a perception of sameness and therefore feel affection for each other.

"So I'm concerned that Macalester becomes a place where people can be unafraid of difference and embrace difference and real diversity. And enjoy it, wrestle with it. Real diversity isn't quiet, it isn't tranquil. It's rowdy, it's lively, it's challenging. That's what a meaningful life should be for." ●

P^{The} Psychology of *Addiction*

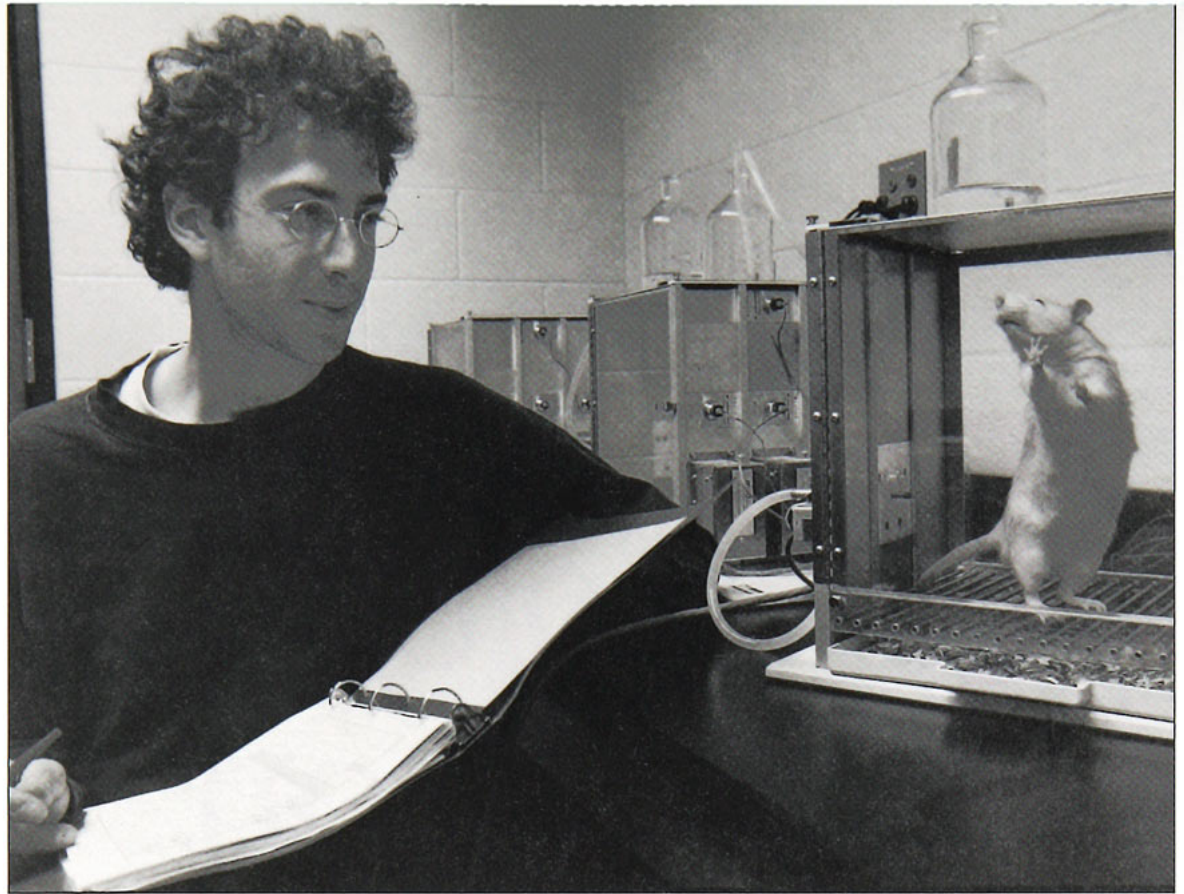


photographs by Greg Helgeson

Recent grad Ethan Gahtan teams up with Professor Lynda LaBounty in exploring the links between drug abuse and eating disorders.

This is the second in a series of articles on students and faculty who work closely together on long-term projects.

'Lynda is a terrific professor. I think her main strength is her willingness to spend a lot of time with students.'



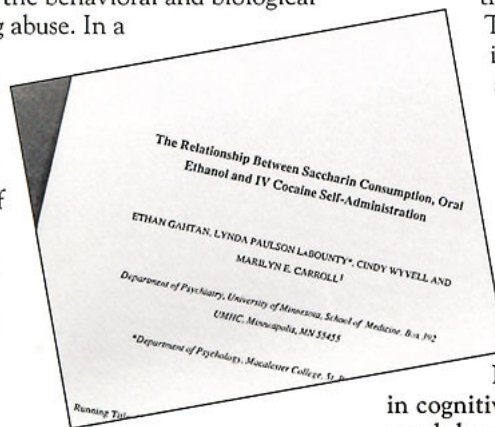
Above: Ethan Gahtan in a Macalester biology lab. **Below:** a draft of the paper he co-wrote with Professor Lynda LaBounty for submission to a scientific journal.

ETHAN GAHTAN '93
Hometown: New York City
Major: psychology, graduated with honors; minor: geology

Currently: graduate student in Ph.D. program in cognitive and biological psychology at the University of Minnesota

Other interests: played in the Macalester Big Band; now plays guitar and writes music for a rock band whose main inspiration is the composer Philip Glass

Gahtan spends many of his waking hours two stories beneath the ground at the University of Minnesota. In a Psychiatry Department lab run by Marilyn Carroll, one of the world's leading researchers in the field of behavioral pharmacology, Gahtan investigates the behavioral and biological determinants of drug abuse. In a recent experiment, he was able to work in collaboration with Professor Lynda LaBounty, an associate professor of psychology at Macalester who was his undergraduate adviser, and Carroll, his current graduate adviser.



GAHTAN DID NOT INTEND to major in psychology when he came to Macalester.

Far from it. In fact, I took a general psychology course the first semester of my junior year to satisfy my social science requirement. I was very disdainful about psychology when I enrolled for the introductory class, noting the many decades that Woody Allen spent in psychotherapy and his apparent lack of progress. But I really got into [Professor] Colleen Kelley's introductory class, and then took another class with her — cognitive psychology — and became interested enough to major. I had declared a geology major earlier, so I switched to psychology kind of late.

WHAT DRAWS HIM to behavioral pharmacology in particular?

I'm generally interested in how the brain works, though it's a daunting topic to try to study. There are many different approaches that include strictly behavioral approaches or strictly neurobiology.

Behavioral pharmacology seems like a good approach to me, because understanding how drugs affect the brain at the physiological level is a useful approach to understanding how brain processes produce behavior.

FOR HIS SENIOR honors thesis, Gahtan worked with Professor LaBounty on an experiment in cognitive psychology. But the two began a much longer and more meaningful collaboration

in the fall of 1993, several months after Ethan had graduated.

Lynda had been coming to our weekly lab meetings at the University. We have a pretty big lab — about 18 people work there. Every week we get together and discuss [psychology] journal articles related to our field. It's a way to keep current.

We also discuss future projects at those meetings. I was designing this project and we decided we were

going to run 30 subjects [perform experiments with 30 white rats]. That was kind of ambitious for the space in our lab at the U, so Lynda offered to run half of those subjects at Macalester. She also offered to participate in data analysis and in writing the paper for publication.

We ran subjects for about nine months, after several months devoted to designing the experiment, constructing the apparatus and writing

PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR LYNDA LABOUNTY wants to help solve social problems — especially drug abuse.

She earned her Ph.D. in experimental psychology at the University of California at San Diego. Her specialty was behavior analysis: analyzing the effect of rewards and punishments on the behavior of rats and pigeons.

But she has lately moved into a new area of research: behavioral pharmacology.

"I was kind of a pure researcher," says LaBounty, a faculty member at Macalester since 1973.

"But more and more, research aimed at solving practical problems is more important to me than basic research. What's most important to me is being able to contribute to the solution of problems in society. In that regard a big interest of mine is drugs of abuse and addiction problems."



Lynda LaBounty

LaBounty notes there are personal reasons, in her own family background, for her interest in the subject. "You don't have to look very far down the street to find reasons to be concerned about drugs of abuse these days. But that's true of most families."

LaBounty "has a really enviable position here at Macalester, as far as I can tell," says Ethan Gahtan '93. "She can teach and use her terrific lab facilities as a tool for teaching, and at the same time pursue research when she's not working with students."

As a teacher, Gahtan says, "she's using her recent work in the field of drug abuse to attract students who may be more interested in studying drug abuse than other topics in psychology."

LaBounty agrees with Gahtan's assessment, both of her research opportunities and of her teaching methods: "There's much more appeal to students if you talk about self-administration of drugs of abuse as opposed to, say, performance on fixed-ratio schedules," she says frankly.

As it happens, LaBounty's scientific expertise makes her well suited to participate in research into drug abuse now going on at the University of

Minnesota. She is collaborating with Marilyn Carroll, an internationally prominent researcher on drug abuse and a colleague and mentor to LaBounty for 15 years or more.

"It just happens that I'm trained in a particular kind of animal research, which is used extensively

in creating and examining animal models of addiction," LaBounty says. "What I can contribute to the research group over there [at the University of Minnesota] is my behavioral expertise. They are all trained in behavioral pharmacology, but they don't necessarily have all the operant conditioning and learning background that I have. So when we talk about how to address a particular research problem, I have something to offer, too.

"Overall, though, working with that group has proved to

be of great benefit to me in expanding my research focus and moving into behavioral pharmacology. It is a happy coincidence that Ethan has been a graduate student in Marilyn's lab at this time."

What Ethan Gahtan has to offer, as a researcher just beginning his career, is a variety of talents, LaBounty says.

"As a researcher, he's really first-rate," she says. "When he was an undergraduate — and it's still apparent to me in his graduate-level work — I noted how well he could make connections between his work and the bigger picture, but at the same time be thoroughly grounded in the details of his particular project. He is a paradigmatic thinker who is also very good at experimental design and procedure. You don't often see that combination in one person."

LaBounty notes that Gahtan was a late convert to psychology, having started out as a geology major at Macalester. "He couldn't deny his attraction to this field after a while and took the plunge," she says. "And I'm certainly glad he did. It was a great joy to work with him." ●

*Solving
the riddle
of drug abuse:
Lynda
LaBounty
shifts her focus
to real world
problems*

the computer program that runs the experimental chambers.

THE PROJECT focused on an aspect of drug abuse documented in clinical (human) subjects: a correlation between consumption of sweets and fatty foods on the one hand, and vulnerability to drug abuse on the other.

For example, many bulimics also have drug abuse disorders. This “co-morbidity” between eating disorders and drug abuse in people led investigators to attempt to establish an animal model of this phenomenon. You can’t always do extensive experiments with humans, so an animal model is

valuable to investigate questions more thoroughly.

We decided to study the relationship between palatable foods — namely, saccharin —

‘We worked very much as colleagues on this project, reading the same articles and discussing them. It’s sort of exciting to have your relationship with a faculty member change in that way.’

and alcohol and cocaine consumption in rats. Because we were curious about whether the previously demonstrated correlation between intake of alcohol and saccharin was a phenomenon of taste receptivity, or whether it had to do with the mechanisms by which these substances are reinforced in the brain, we also used intravenously

administered cocaine. The IV route minimizes the potential role of taste factors.

More generally, we wondered why animals — and people — that preferred sweet foods also preferred drugs more than other animals. We decided that if we could find a correlation between saccharin drinking and intravenous cocaine consumption, we could infer that the relationship was produced by overlapping reinforcement mechanisms for those two substances. That, essentially, was what we set out to do.

While we were able to replicate the correlation between saccharin consumption and alcohol consumption, we found that the phenomenon does not extend to intravenous cocaine consumption. I think it was still a valuable project because the effects that had been reported in several journal articles in the past two or three years, and

particularly by one group in Texas, were sort of questionable effects. The file was still very much open on how significant, or clinically useful, this model was. I think the experiment was valuable in that it cast increasing doubt on the usefulness of pursuing this line of research. I think that’s where we’re going to come down on the question as we’re working on the final paper for submission to the journal, *Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior*.

WORKING CLOSELY with Professor LaBounty, Gahtan learned a lot about designing an experiment.

In a way, it’s a trial and error experience. Lynda has really helped me construct a good, logical approach to running experiments. She’s helped me particularly in writing software, which she’s gotten quite good at in the computer system that we both use at our labs.

Lynda was a great resource in discussing the ideas that we were investigating. There’s a lot of evidence, a lot of literature that is relevant to analyzing the question. Lynda and I would frequently discuss over the phone or at lab meetings what to make of all the evidence that exists and what experiment to do in order to contribute to this field of research.

ALTHOUGH LABOUNTY certainly fits the definition of a mentor, Gahtan came to feel, over their long collaboration, increasingly like her colleague.

Lynda is a terrific professor. I think her main strength is her willingness to spend a lot of time with students. And if she has a student who shows a real interest, she’ll reciprocate the student’s interest with a willingness to help the student advance in the field.

She has far more experience and knowledge than I do, but we worked very much as colleagues on this project, reading the same articles and discussing them. It’s sort of exciting to have your relationship with a faculty member change in that way. I think it’s probably pretty rare that you’re able to continue working with someone who was your undergraduate mentor.

AT THE UNIVERSITY of Minnesota, the training Gahtan is now receiving is preparing him for a career in research.

In a way, the training I’m getting discourages the goal of teaching because, as the philosophy goes, if you’re concerned about preparing lectures, you don’t have time to be a serious researcher.

I’m struggling with that issue right now, because I would really like to teach, too. I’m working now as a teaching assistant, doing some lecturing as well, and I’m finding that fun.

If I continue in the Ph.D. program, as I hope to do, I would probably concentrate on research for my graduate career and a post-doc [post-Ph.D. doctoral thesis] appointment. And hopefully, one day, when my resume weighs enough, I’ll be able to apply for a faculty teaching position. ●

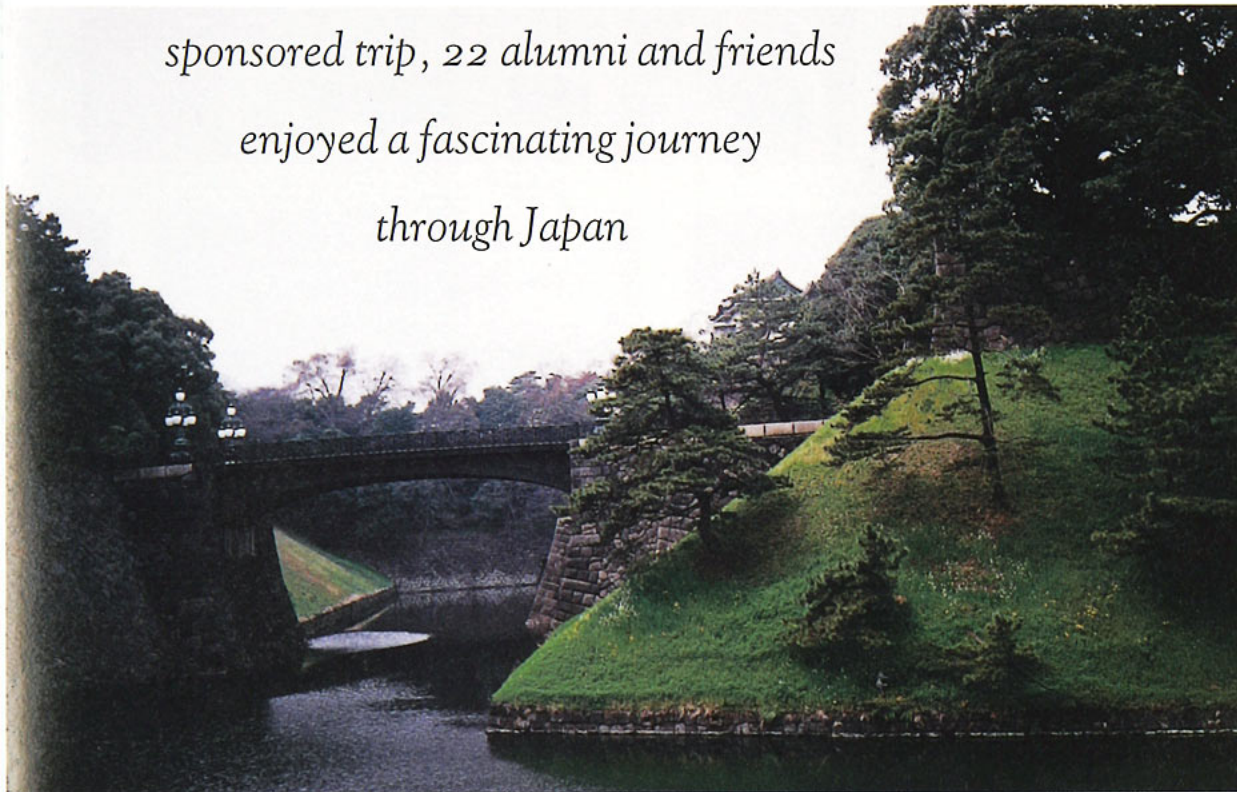


Travel-Oriented

On a Macalester-

sponsored trip, 22 alumni and friends
enjoyed a fascinating journey
through Japan

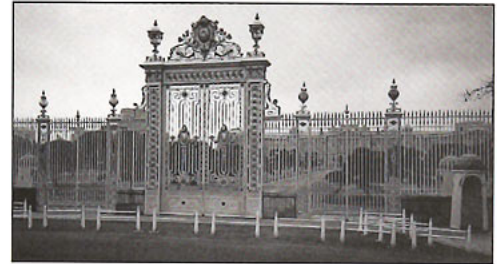
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Left: U.S. Ambassador Walter Mondale '50 and his wife, Joan Adams Mondale '52, right, a Macalester trustee, hosted a special reception for Macalester alumni and friends at the ambassador's residence in Tokyo. President Bob Gavin and his wife, Charlotte, were among the 170 guests. **Top:** The park-like grounds of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. **Above right:** Shinto priests at a ceremony in Kyoto.

Travel-Oriented

Right: Sandy Hill '57, assistant to the president of Macalester, and Mary Smail, associate director of the Alumni Office, in front of the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. They were married March 25, four days before the trip to Japan. *Below:* Ellery July '77 (Cottage Grove, Minn.), left, his wife, Julie, and David Nelson '82 (Hudson, Ohio) at the Todaiji Temple in Nara. The cups and ladles enable visitors to cleanse themselves before entering the temple. *Below right:* The Japanese government's official guest house in Tokyo.



Right: Macites pose for a group photo at a shrine in Nara. Front row (from left): Don Mayer, Alice Mayer, Marilyn Storm, Beverly Oyen Nelson '48, Stewart Nelson '44, tour guide Mari Kaizuka, James Shih '58, Emily Clark Taylor '60, David Nelson '82 and Sandy Hill '57. Back row: Marge Hallquist '47, Gladys Gudahl '50, Janine Smith Schiller '51, Nancy Galloway, Gay Ann Gustafson '62, Taifu Shih, Beverly Batzer O'Reilly '38, Mary Smail, Julie July and Ellery July '77. Not shown but part of the traveling party: Bob and Charlotte Gavin and Allan Taylor '59. *Below:* Macalester history Professor Yue-Him Tam, foreground, a native of China who has published books on such subjects as Sino-Japanese relations, was among those who attended the Mondales' reception.

"We walked into a temple and were looking around and, out of the blue, we met another Macalester alum [Richard Plagens '69 of St. Paul, who was traveling independently with his family]. Just between that and being at the Mondales' reception, where there were probably 150 people or more, it really showed to me that Macalester is an international institution."

— ELLERY JULY '77, Cottage Grove, Minn.



Springtime in Japan

Dates of trip:

March 29–April 6;

some made a side trip to Hong Kong April 6–9

Number in Macalester traveling party:

22, including 13 alumni and President
Bob Gavin and his wife, Charlotte

On hand in Japan:

Ambassador Walter Mondale '50 and
Macalester Trustee Joan Adams Mondale '52,
who hosted a reception for Macalester alumni.

Also: Professor Jerry Fisher '59 and his wife,
Aiko Hiraiwa, a Macalester faculty member and
native of Japan who first suggested the idea
of an alumni reunion in Japan. The Fishers
have homes in Tokyo and St. Paul.

Number of alumni currently living in Japan:

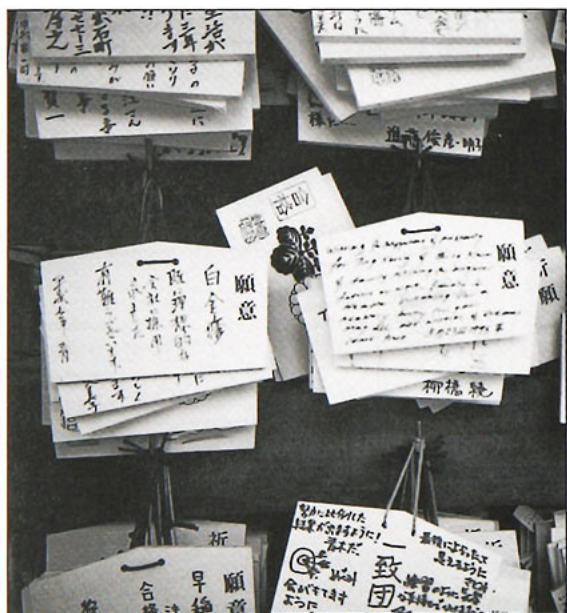
about 150

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Top: Walter Mondale greets Aiko Hiraiwa, who initiated Japanese language instruction at Macalester more than 20 years ago, and her husband, Professor Jerry Fisher '59. Above: David Nelson '82 at the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto.



Above: Stewart Nelson '44 and Beverly Oyen Nelson '48 (St. Paul) at the Kasuga Grand Shrine, one of the most famous Shinto shrines in the nation. Left: Japanese write requests on these wooden plaques, hoping that their prayers will be answered.

Travel-Oriented

Right: Among those attending the Mondales' reception were (from left) former World Press Institute Fellow Reimei Okamura, now a professor at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto; Chelliah and Nirumane Ananthan, who live in Kawasaki, Japan, and their daughter, Samita Ananthan '94 (they are also the parents of a current Macalester student, Sanjeeva Ananthan '96); and Gay Ann Gustafson '62, an alumna from Houston, Texas.



Above: Emily Clark Taylor '60 of Bloomington, Minn., stands in front of the tour bus that carried the Macalester group. The toy bear attached to the bus belongs to Taylor, a kindergarten teacher who likes to show her children where the bear has been. The bear "tells stories" around the world. *Right:* Autumn Alexander Skeen '78, left, and her husband, Thomas Skeen, with Philippe Ballet '84 and Ann Cupery Ballet '87 at the Mondales' reception. Both couples live in Tokyo.

'We were all incredibly compatible; I've traveled with a group of relatives and it was a nightmare. . . .

We never had a ruffle.

Mary [Smail of the Alumni Office] says there are a lot of alumni in Zimbabwe.

I'm ready to roll.'

— EMILY CLARK TAYLOR '60,
Bloomington, Minn.





"I went on the side trip to Hong Kong [a goal since Macalester days]. It was everything I expected. It was scenically beautiful, culturally diverse — almost a dichotomy of the British influences tied in with the strong Chinese influence."

— DAVID NELSON '82, Hudson, Ohio

*Left: Sandy Hill, left, greets former World Press Institute Fellow Masaaki Sagami, now a bureau chief for the *Kyoto Shimbun*, at the Mondales' reception. Below: Charlotte Gavin, left, and Beverly Batzer O'Reilly '38 (Jackson Heights, N.Y.) in a department store that exhibited *bonsai*, miniature trees. Below left: Noticing themselves being photographed, these Japanese schoolchildren in Nara all cried: "Have a nice day!"*



Above: Gay Ann Gustafson '62 (Houston, Texas), center, steps on stones to cross Sarusawa Pond in Nara Park, site of Kofukugi Temple. Joining her are Japanese women training to be tour guides. "It was a great trip and I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Gustafson. An ESL teacher, she was reunited in Japan with three families to whom she taught English in Houston.

'[The chance to travel with a group of Mac alums] was one of the reasons I went, because I was among friends, as it were.'

— BEVERLY BATZER O'REILLY '38, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Alumni Reunion 1995

They came, they saw, they were photographed. The campus looked better than ever, and so did 1,000

alumni and friends who enjoyed themselves June 1-4 at 1600 Grand Avenue. Here are a few snapshots from the family album.



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Above: Bob Utke '85 (St. Paul) with his daughter, Katie, at the Class of '85 reception on the Weyerhaeuser Library plaza.



Above: Several alums have fun with "Couple on a Bench," a remarkably lifelike sculpture by Duane Hanson '46 on exhibit in the Macalester Galleries (see page 32). From left: Kathleen Angelos Pinkett '75 (St. Paul); Thad Wilderson, coordinator of community relations at Macalester; Melvin Collins '75 (St. Paul); Thad's wife, Beverley; Michael Duenes '91 (Ann Arbor, Mich.); and Kim Walton '79 (Minneapolis). Left: Alumni House on Summit Avenue was the setting for the Class of '70 reception. Here, Jane Muller-Peterson '70 (Carlisle, Pa.), center, talks with Marie Pelkola Nelson '70 (Thunder Bay, Ontario) and David Sumnicht '69 (Richfield, Minn.).



Above: Patty Leinenkugel MacCornack '45 (Edina, Minn.) is congratulated by President Gavin as she is inducted into Macalester's 50-Year Club. Above right: Leading the way for the Class of '55 are Donna Meline Haines '55 (Willmar, Minn.), her husband, John, left, and John Lindell, husband of Jeanne Ledue Lindell '55 (Plymouth, Minn.). Lower right: Vicki Carlson '45 (Lindstrom, Minn.), left, and Elaine Gartner Pilon '45 (St. Paul) before the parade of classes.



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Above: Gary Hines '74 (Minneapolis), left, talks with current student Gretchen Rohr '98 (Billings, Mont.) and Richard Ammons, vice president for development at Macalester, at a reception for alumni of color in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. *Left:* The Class of '85 gathers for refreshments on the library plaza.

Above: Mary Tripp Chenoweth '40 (Silver Spring, Md.) was one of the alums who took time out from reunion for a community service project in St. Paul. She is planting a window box at an apartment complex for low-income people. *Right:* The Masons are a family tradition at Macalester. Jack Mason '60 (Minneapolis), far right, one of this year's Distinguished Citizens (see pages 30 and 31), was accompanied by his father, Milton Mason '26 (Mankato, Minn.), his sister, Marilyn Mason '51 (Minneapolis), and his son, Michael Mason '98.



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Top left: R. Scott Forbes '70 (Edina, Minn.) and his wife, Vicki, before the class party. *Top right:* Seth Halvorson '96 (Apple Valley, Minn.) with Phyllis Bambusch Jones '44 (St. Paul Park, Minn.) at the Heritage Society Dinner which kicked off Reunion Weekend. *Left:* Lynn Maderich '70 (St. Paul) was amused by some of the findings of the Class of '70 survey.

Above: Pauline Thellin Dahlquist '55 (Wilton, Conn.), left, and Janet Morgan '55 (Sun City, Ariz.) at their class party. *Near left:* A future alum, Class of 2015, at the all-class picnic.



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Alumni Reunion 1995

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The four milestone reunion classes presented President Gavin with class gifts to the college.

Top left: A check for \$102,986 from the 50th reunion

class, represented here by Don Meisel '45 (Minneapolis), left, Elaine Gartner Pilon '45 (St. Paul), Louise Woodhouse Bachman '45 (Minneapolis) and Barney Goltz '45 (Bellingham, Wash.). *Below:* \$8,253 from the 40th reunion class, represented by Truman Jeffers '55 (New Brighton, Minn.). *Below right:* \$50,234 from the 25th reunion class, with Dave Senness '70 (Golden Valley, Minn.), left, and Ralph Micheli '70 (Moorhead, Minn.), presenting the check. For the 10th reunion class gift, turn to page 37.



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Right: Diane Worfolk Allison '70 (Brooklyn, N.Y.) at the all-class picnic

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Left: These fellows from the Class of '55 can still cook, musically speaking. From left: Jim Steeg (Philadelphia), Jim McDaniel (Half Moon Bay, Calif.), Arlen Sneltjes (Gaylord, Minn.) and Bob Wrenn (Tucson, Ariz.). Known as the Scotsmen, they formed in their freshman year at Macalester and played jazz of their era. "A couple of us hadn't seen each other since graduation," Steeg said. They provided the evening entertainment for their classmates in the Student Union Grille. *Below:* Macalester history Professor Peter Rachleff talks with Katie Estes Collins '85 (St. Paul), center, and Carla Morris '85 (Washington, D.C.).



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Right: Charlotte Robertson Straka '45 (St. Paul), left, David Coddon '45 (Englewood, N.J.) and Patricia Robbins Seibert '45 (Largo, Fla.) at a luncheon following induction into Macalester's 50-Year Club. *Below:* Fern Bren Davidson '70 (Minneapolis) at the all-class picnic.



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Five Who Are Making a Difference: Macalester's 1995 Distinguished Citizens

Each year, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors honors several alumni who stand out for their leadership and unselfish service to the community, the nation and humanity.

Wiley A. Hall, 3rd '75

AS A NATIONAL columnist with the *Baltimore Sun*, Wiley Hall has won more than three dozen journalism awards. His columns concerning the effects of public policy on the lives of ordinary people appear twice weekly in the paper's national section and are syndicated by the Los Angeles Times News Service. A series which examined inequalities in the nation's criminal justice system brought him the highest award given by the National Association of Black Journalists and a nomination for a Pulitzer Prize. "As a columnist, my job is not to inflict my personal opinions on the public but to use my journalistic skills to help reveal other people's truths, other people's realities," says Hall, who joined the *Baltimore Sun* 20 years ago. "My ability to seek out and find other perspectives is defined by my personality. My ability to understand and then communicate those perspectives is defined by my skill. I feel proudest of my

work when a reader tells me that I helped them look at an issue, a person or a community in a different light; or when I offer a story or perspective that my colleagues missed. I am not always successful at this, and that is both frustrating and humbling. At the same time, writing a column remains challenging precisely because I am not always successful."

Russell V. Lucas, Jr. '50

ANOTED pediatric cardiologist at the University of Minnesota for more than 30 years, Russell Lucas has been described as a "skilled teacher, gifted researcher and superb physician." But when it comes to children, he is



Russell V. Lucas, Jr. '50

even more than that. Since he was a teen-ager, he has felt "the need to be a servant to the children of God." He adds, "I've always liked children. I think I get along with them." After raising four children themselves, he and his wife, Pat, opened their St. Paul home in 1975 to a Vietnamese family of five — ages 2 to 19 — who didn't want to

be split up. They spent five years with the Lucases, who became their "stand-in parents." Dr. Lucas, a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, has helped raise millions to build facilities which are now part of the Variety Club Heart Center in Minneapolis. He brought three children from the Dominican Republic to the Variety Club Heart Hospital for much needed heart surgeries in 1985. "We must nurture all of our children," he once wrote in a letter appealing for donations to the Variety Club, "but the ultimate test of a people is how it cares for children who are sick or underprivileged." In 1990, the Variety Club's first Humanitarian Award went to Russell Lucas.

Jack Mason '60

JOHN M. "JACK" MASON comes from a remarkable family notable for its devotion to public service. His parents, Milton Mason and the late Marion Dailey Mason, both graduated from Macalester in 1926, the first of many family members to become Macalester alumni. Both were previously chosen as Distinguished Citizens. Jack Mason joined the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey & Whitney after Harvard Law School, and was a member of that firm for more than 30 years. He was

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Wiley A. Hall, 3rd '75



recently appointed U.S. magistrate judge, and earlier had served as chief deputy attorney general and solicitor general of Minnesota. While a partner at the Dorsey firm, Jack Mason was actively involved in the Minneapolis community.

Jack Mason '60

He served as chair of the Minneapolis School Board when Minneapolis began its desegregation process, and he was a member of the Macalester College Board of Trustees at a critical time in the 1970s. He currently serves on the boards of the Ordway Music Theatre, Minnesota Chorale and MacPhail Center for the Arts. Jack is particularly proud of his own family. He and his wife, Vivian, have three children: Kathleen, Peter and Michael, who is Macalester Class of 1998. Besides his family and his public activities, Jack is interested in foreign languages and bicycling.

Leah Wortham '70

FIRST IN government and then in legal education, Leah Wortham has shown a commitment to social justice and a talent for bringing people together to make things happen. Before joining The Catholic University of America's law school in Washington, D.C., in 1981, the Harvard Law School graduate worked as a poverty lawyer, as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman and as assistant to the president of the federal Legal



Leah Wortham '70

Services Corp. As a law professor and associate dean at Catholic University, she has been an innovator in legal education. She has taught legal ethics to hundreds of law students and practicing attorneys, designed a clinical program called "Becoming a Lawyer" in which law students reflect on issues, and found concrete ways to support students' aspirations to serve the public interest. She also chaired the law school's committee planning a \$33 million project for a new building which opened this year. As a six-year member and current chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of the District of Columbia Bar, she helps set ethical standards for the nation's most influential group of lawyers. As much as anything, Wortham believes in education. "I really loved Macalester," she says. "It was a big turning point in my life. My time at Catholic University constantly reminds me of opportunities that higher education presents for students and how the years spent in colleges and universities can affect the rest of their lives."

Lois Quam '83

AS A CHILD, LOIS QUAM was very ill with asthma until the age of 7, when medication began to help. "Medical care made a real difference in my life," she says, "and that's the foundation of my life-long commitment to universal coverage; it was amazing to me, even at that age, that some kids wouldn't be able to get the medical care that they needed because their families didn't have insurance coverage or the money to pay for it." An eloquent advocate for national reform of the health care system, Quam served as an adviser on the subject to President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The former Rhodes Scholar, who completed a master's degree in economics at Oxford, also chaired the commission that recommended a universal health insurance plan for Minnesota. Currently, she is vice president of United HealthCare Corp., a national medical-care management company based in Minnetonka, Minn. Quam and her husband, Matthew Entenza '83, a Minnesota state legislator, live less than a mile from Macalester and are the parents of three sons. Looking back on her own childhood, she once said in an interview: "I would tell that little girl that you can have children and a family and still contribute to your society and your country." ●



Lois Quam '83

Get Real

Renowned sculptor
Duane Hanson '46,
the head honcho

of hyper-realism, has taken a seat
with the masters

photographs by Greg Helgeson

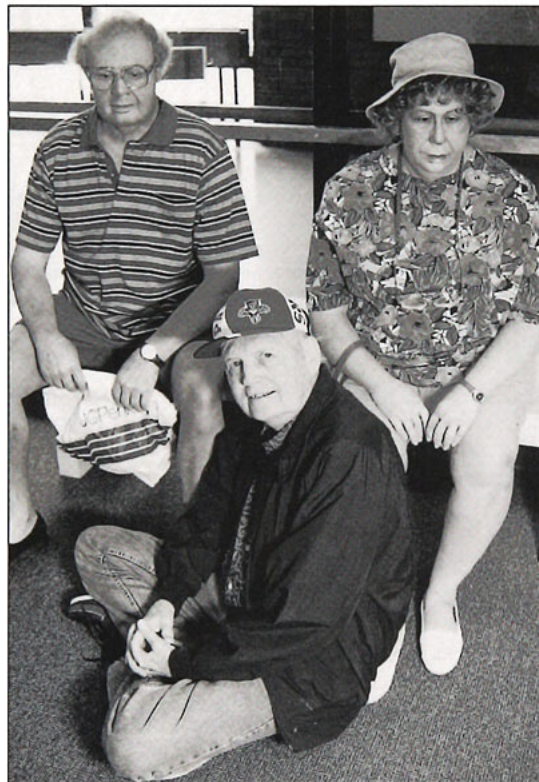
DUANE HANSON '46 returned to Macalester for Commencement May 20 to receive an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree — and to delight and amaze visitors to the Macalester Galleries, where his “Couple on a Bench” sculpture was displayed.

Raised in Parkers Prairie, Minn., Hanson was Macalester's first art major graduate. In the 40 years since, his “hyper-realistic” pieces have been seen and admired by thousands of people throughout the world.

“We know them [the subjects in his works] because they are us,” Joan Adams Mondale '52 said as she presented Hanson with the honorary degree.

“They are tourists, house painters, grocery shoppers and window washers. As one headline put it, you take extraordinary care to recreate ordinary people. Your work makes a statement about human values. It makes a statement about the lives people lead and the daily problems they face.”

In an interview at Macalester, Hanson, who has a keen sense of humor and often punctuates his conversation with laughter, offered these observations:



ON ONE OF HIS EARLY TEACHERS, Swedish sculptor Carl Milles:

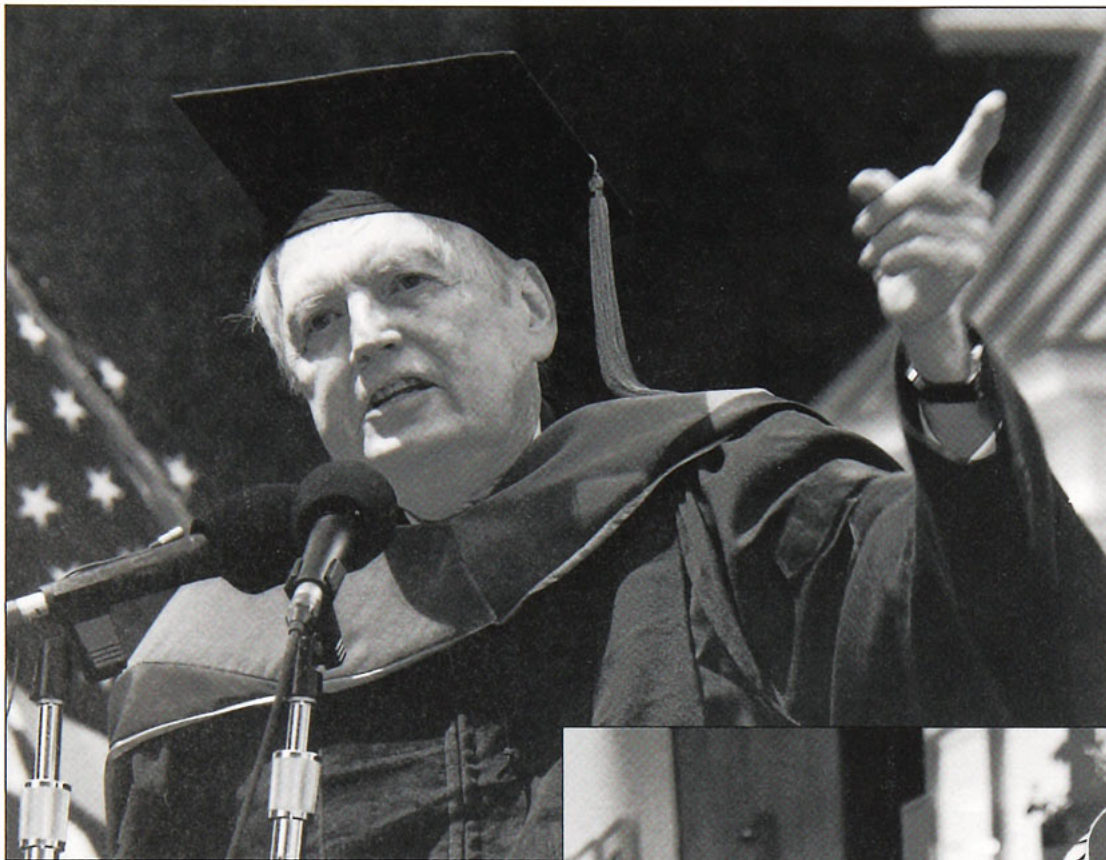
“One day [at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.], Milles came by to look at my work. Then he said in his thick Swedish accent, ‘Not bad. Do good vork and you vill be recognized.’ I expected a more profound statement. . . .

“Some years later, after he had passed on, they invited me to exhibit in his very own studio outside Stockholm. The king of Sweden came and shook my hand, and I felt the prophecy of Milles had been fulfilled: I had been recognized.”

ON ‘PHILISTINES’ AND ‘PURITANS’:

“We have a nation of too many Philistines, who put a price on everything and a value on nothing. It’s very troubling. . . .

“When they pick on the poor arts [such as attacking the National Endowment for the Arts], it has nothing to do with saving any money. It’s just attacking some of the freedoms we have, some of the talented people, some of the cultural activities which are considered elitist by right-wingers. We



Left: Duane Hanson speaks to the Class of '95 at Commencement. He was presented with an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree. Below and opposite page: Their creator poses with "Couple on a Bench," a 1994 work, at the Macalester Galleries in May.

should all go back and be Puritans and shave our heads, and bow and scrape to — I don't know what. But we shouldn't have too many ideas because that might lead us into sin and troubles of all kinds."

ON WHY HIS ART IS SO POPULAR:

"I try to do common, ordinary people, common, ordinary Americans who feel the anxiety, the frustration and the fatigue of just normal living. I think contemporary life is very emotionally exhausting at times. So the American dream has not been fulfilled. We're working on it. I have hopes. . . . But people, I think, see something [in my work] that they can identify with."

ON THE ART WORLD TODAY:

"The art world likes to be elusive and exclusive and elitist and exclude the public. They have great disdain for the public — anything that is popular can't be good. . . .

"In the old days, art used to be a calling. Now, if it's a profession, you have to have a gallery, you have to be shown in museums. That means you have to be on the cutting edge. That means you have to devalue yourself so that you shock the middle class. Well, it's pretty hard to shock. . . .

"The only hope, as I see it, is for the artist to do good quality work, and then in the long run that will come through. I hope that's my case. If I survive long enough, then they'll say, 'Well, he wasn't so bad after all.'"



A lieutenant for the Republican Army

by Jon Halvorsen

PATRICK SHORTRIDGE '90 stayed up all night last Nov. 8 to see a dream come true: His Republicans won control of Congress for the first time in his lifetime. In fact, for the first time since 1954.

That meant Shortridge was working not just for Rep. Dick Arney, prominent Texas Republican, but for *House Majority Leader* Dick Arney.

"It was exhilarating," he recalls.

Like Arney, his boss for the past four years, Shortridge is a conservative Republican. He's excited to be part of the changing of the guard in the nation's capital.

"This is really an exercise in getting government out of the way and letting individual Americans [be] more responsible for their lives and their happiness and their problems," he said. "It's the Jeffersonian ideal that that government is best which governs least. . . . I think large-scale, centrally bureaucratic federal government is definitely not the best

source for solving problems. The answer to most of our problems, at it's been throughout our history and the history of most other peoples and other countries, lies with individual citizens working together."

Shortridge grew up in Winona, Minn., where his mother managed the bar and restaurant at the Winona Country Club and his late father was the golf pro. As a conservative Republican at Macalester, an admirer of Ronald Reagan, William Buckley and George Will, "I was regarded as something of a curiosity. I had some people ask, and certainly always in a fairly good-natured manner, 'Why did you come here? Don't you know that this is where all the liberals go?'"

"They were a little surprised, some were certainly amused and I'm sure some thought, 'What's wrong with you?' There was a little hostility every once in a while, particularly if there was some contentious issue abroad. . . . But I've never let [my political beliefs] dominate my life so that they're the be-all and end-all of who I am. They're certainly an important part. But throughout my life, and it was definitely true at Mac, my close friends tended to be very liberal, or at least fairly liberal. . . . We disagreed vehemently on a number of issues. But it has never to any extent affected our friendships or our personal relationships."

Shortridge, who majored in history and philosophy, arrived in Washington in early 1991,



Patrick Shortridge '90

hoping to work for an activist conservative member of Congress. He soon landed an internship in Arney's office. That May, he became Arney's press secretary.

"Being at Mac, and the demands of constantly writing something for a class, prepared me very, very well for this world of politics," he said, "and certainly any future endeavors. The ability to communicate, verbally or in writing, is one of the hallmarks of a liberal arts education, and I certainly got that at Mac."

Shortridge is now Arney's director of special projects. One of his many tasks is to work with the new Republican members of Congress. He has high hopes for what the GOP can accomplish.

"As Bill Clinton so famously put it, we don't need a federal program for every problem," Shortridge said. "Sure, we're always going to have problems; there are always going to be people in need. The question is, how do we meet those needs? That's the great debate that hopefully we're going to engage the country in. . . ."

"And I think it's a debate in which the vast majority of Americans are going to come down on our side." ●

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Warren Bateman '44: 'Without Macalester, I wouldn't be here'

WARREN BATEMAN couldn't afford Macalester in the fall of 1940. The tuition was \$100.

"But they gave me a \$25 scholarship because I graduated in the top 10 percent of my class," he recalls. "And they said I could work on campus. So I signed up."

Like so many of his classmates, Bateman was the first member of his family to attend college. He grew up in Plainview, Minn., one of four children. His father was a factor, selling livestock for farmers to packing plants, and his mother was a homemaker. The family moved to South St. Paul when he was 15 and he graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1940.

In his second semester, the freshman benefited from another instance of "the power of Macalester," as he calls it. "I was looking for a job and the personnel director at Montgomery Ward had recently graduated from Macalester. The word was that anybody from Macalester could go over there and get a job. So I went over there and they hired me. They paid me 32 cents an hour. . . . I made enough to continue on."

Bateman enjoyed Macalester. He speaks fondly of some great figures in the college's history.

- President Charles Turk: "He was a great teacher [in political philosophy]. . . . He would take the time to talk to you as a person. And he wanted to know what you thought. That's so good [for young people]. That really gives you the confidence in yourself that other people are interested in you."

- Professor Mary Gwen Owen: "She was a very great influence

on my life. She said, 'Whenever you see something on the menu and you don't know what it is, order it.' Because otherwise you'll eat hamburger and roast beef all your life. [Her message was] broaden yourself."

Bateman, who joined the track and cross-country teams, was pleased that Macalester never had fraternities or sororities. "That was a wise decision, because if you have an exclusive club, that means you exclude others, and once you do that,

the ones who are excluded are suffering. That was not true at Mac."

A pre-law major, Bateman spent only two years at Macalester. He joined the Navy during World War II, serving as an ensign on Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's staff in the Pacific, then completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota. He earned a law degree at the University and in 1949 was admitted to the Minnesota bar. In 1956, he went to work for West Publishing Co., the nation's largest legal publisher. He became a member of West Publishing's No. 1 sales club.

Already a generous contributor to Macalester and a consistent supporter of the Annual Fund, Bateman recently pledged a major contribution toward the \$20 million renovation of Olin and Rice Halls of Science.

"Without Macalester, I wouldn't be here," said Bateman, who lives

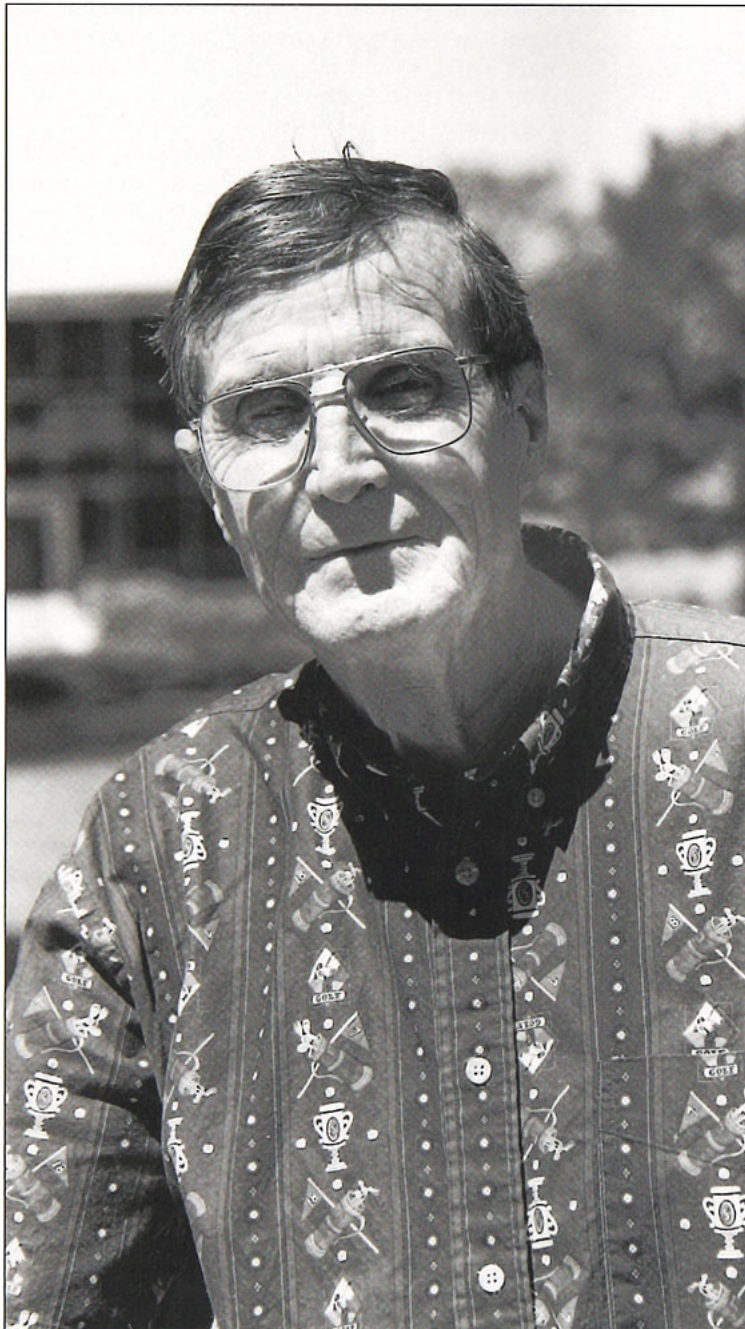
Mary Gwen Owen said, 'Whenever you see something on the menu and you don't know what it is, order it.'

in Miami, Fla., and continues to work for West, although now he sells CD-ROMs rather than books. "Without my two years at Mac, I could never have been an officer in the Navy, which made a difference. And without my two years at Mac, I could never have gone to law school. To have this job [at West], I had to be a lawyer.

"It's only to help others out, to give back. Like I said in church on the stewardship committee, I get as much joy out of giving as people do receiving. . . . You feel good when you do that.

"If I didn't believe in Macalester, I wouldn't give the college the money," Bateman added. "But Macalester did a lot for me, and I know Mac is doing a lot for every student who walks in here.

"I'm happy if I can help one. After all, somebody had to put up the \$25 scholarship for me." ●



GREG HELGESON

Warren Bateman '44 at Macalester this summer

Shakespeare's psychology; England travel; a family portrait

Shakespeare's Imagined Persons
by Peter Murray (1995, Macmillan Press in England; Barnes and Noble in the U.S.)

Murray, a professor of English at Macalester, has studied and taught English Renaissance drama, especially Shakespeare, for many years. In his new book, he shows how the use of both modern and Elizabethan ideas about the psychology of acting, social role-playing and character formation can add to our understanding of Shakespeare's characters.

The book includes a study of psychology in these related areas, and analyses of Hamlet, of Rosalind in *As You Like It*, of Perdita in *The Winter's Tale* and of Prince Hal as he becomes King Henry V in the sequences of Shakespeare's three major history plays, from *Henry IV, Part 1*, through *Henry V*.

England As You Like It: An Independent Traveler's Companion
by Susan Allen Toth (1995, Ballantine. 247 pages, \$20 cloth)

Last year, Toth described *My Love Affair with England*, a relationship that began when she was a 20-year-old Smith College student spending the summer in London.

The adjunct professor of English at Macalester writes that her new book "is the record of one woman's independent travel in England, written in the hope that it will inspire, encourage and inform others on their own idiosyncratic journeys." Toth offers advice and personal experience on such matters as planning an itinerary, becoming your own travel agent, her "thumbprint theory" of travel, and buying and using the best maps.

Central America, 1821-1871: Liberalism before Liberal Reform
by Lowell Gudmundson '73 and Héctor Lindo-Fuentes (1995, University of Alabama Press. 156 pages, \$19.95 paperback)

Central America and its ill-fated Federation (1824-39) are often viewed as the archetype of the "anarchy" of early independent Spanish America. This book consists of two related essays dealing with the economic, social and political changes that took place in Central America. The

authors offer a reinterpretation of Central American history and a detailed analysis of this heterogeneous society.

Gudmundson is professor and chair of Latin American studies at Mount Holyoke College.

Against the Grain: The New Criterion on Art and Intellect at the End of the Twentieth Century
edited by Hilton Kramer and Roger Kimball (1995, Ivan R. Dee. 463 pages, \$35 cloth, \$16.95 paper)

Since its founding in 1982, *The New Criterion* has emerged as a voice of critical dissent in the nation's culture wars. This book collects more than 40 of the magazine's essays, "challenging the radical orthodoxies that have disfigured contemporary intellectual debate." Christopher Carduff '79, the magazine's associate editor, contributes an essay on the posthumous reputation of poet Philip Larkin. He attempts to rescue Larkin the artist from the critics of Larkin the man, and especially from Andrew Motion, whose biography provoked a controversy for its revelations about Larkin's private life.

Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Treatment Innovations
edited by Mic Hunter '79 (1995, Sage Publications. 176 pages, \$38.95 cloth, \$17.95 paperback)

This book is intended for practitioners in the fields of clinical psychology, counseling, social work and mental health who work with adult survivors of sexual abuse. It opens with a review of theories that provide an introduction to understanding and treating adult survivors. Three chapters deal

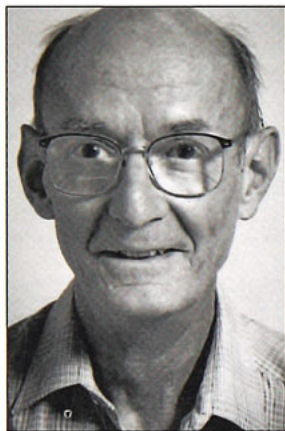
with various sexual problems of adult survivors. The final section examines clients with special needs.

Hunter, a psychotherapist with a private practice in St. Paul, also edited a companion volume, *Child Survivors and Perpetrators of Sexual Abuse: Treatment Innovations*.

Somebody Else's Mama
by David Haynes '77 (1995, Milkweed Editions. 340 pages, \$21.95 cloth)

In his second novel, his first for adults, Haynes offers a portrait of a middle-class African-American family. Al and Paula Johnson, parents of 11-year-old twin boys, are doing the best they can to deal with a shaky marriage, sibling rivalry and Al's cantankerous mother, Miss Xenobia Kezee. When Miss Kezee becomes ill, she must move from her home in St. Paul to River Ridge, a mostly African-American community in northern Missouri. She turns the Johnson household upside down trying to make her way home, and Paula finds herself burdened and blessed with the care of somebody else's mama.

Haynes is currently a teacher-in-residence for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Washington, D.C. His first novel, *Right by My Side*, was chosen as one of the Best Books for Young Adults by the American Library Association. ●



Peter Murray



David Haynes '77

Award winner and Japanese translation

ALEXS PATE, a lecturer in English at Macalester, won a 1995 Minnesota Book Award for best novel for *Losing Absalom* (Coffee House Press). The story concerns an African-American family in Philadelphia who are pushed into tragedy by the impending death of their father.

Animating Calculus: Mathematica® Notebooks for the Laboratory was recently translated into Japanese. The book was written by Stan Wagon, a professor of mathematics and computer science at Macalester, and Ed Packel. It contains materials for a laboratory approach to calculus based on the software package Mathematica.

Mathematicians don't always add up. Go figure.

A professor explains why 'mathematician' does not mean 'human computer'

by Wayne Roberts

YOU'RE A MATHEMATICIAN; you keep score." "You're a mathematician? Oh, wow! I can't even balance my checkbook."

A mathematician must be careful in social settings. One's friends invariably feel that you should be the one to sort out who owes what when the bill is brought to your table in the restaurant. You should quickly figure for them the effect on their taxes if the state's new tax bill gets approved, or whether an investment they are considering promises a decent return.

It's not that you don't want to help them. It's just that you're not as good at these things as is generally assumed. You are not a human computer. Your neighbor's well-intentioned question about whether all these computers are likely to put you out of work is not on the top of your list of worries. The effect of the new tax bill on the university's budget is a bigger concern. Your spouse may manage the household checkbook because you forget to keep adequate records.

A mathematician may be interested in the number of ways that three toppings for the pizza can be chosen from the available options, or in the implications of Arrow's

Theorem on rank orderings for the group process of choosing the toppings. The possibility of cutting the pizza into n pieces of equal area without cutting through any of the slices of pepperoni could be of interest. Straightening out the bill will almost certainly not be of interest.

The mathematician Euler was interested when a friend, noting that it is better to

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their own bank account. Like everybody else, they take the banker's word for it.

Mathematicians think of their work as that of finding an effective, preferably elegant, way to solve a problem that at first looks untractable, of finding patterns in data, of guessing and perhaps proving that a collection of accepted statements have certain implications that are not at all evident, and of generalizing work they have done in ways that might make it applicable to new situations. They do not see themselves as wizards who can do arithmetic computations in their heads faster or more accurately than other people. They are reminded on a daily basis that their self-perception is not the popular perception. ●

*Wayne Roberts joined the Macalester faculty in 1965. He served as chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department from 1988 until his recent two-year appointment as provost (see page 3). This article is one of 14 personal essays he wrote for the third edition of his book *Faces of Mathematics*, published earlier this year by HarperCollins. The textbook, first published in 1978, is designed primarily for the liberal arts or survey of mathematics course.*

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to have the first officially recognized group in the country). There is even a national organization, "NETGALA," which puts out a newspaper. It seems that a lot of lesbian and gay graduates of colleges — especially those, like me, who hadn't discovered their community before graduation — have found that the invisibility they experienced at school has colored their relationship with their alma maters as graduates. A number of them report negative influences on their financial generosity, not to mention their general feelings about the college.

An alternative to a totally separate organization would be increased visibility and activity within the existing Macalester Alumni Association. Relationships with the Alumni Association would be an item for any GALA group to consider.

My partner and I have talked about establishing a scholarship fund for gay or lesbian Mac students. If there were interest in this idea, this might be a good project for a GALA group. There may also be ways in which we could be useful to current students. For instance, I was recently invited to attend an "Out at Work" seminar held by the current group on campus, Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United.

I invite people to let me know by snail mail or e-mail if they're interested in the idea of a separate GALA.

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Supplementing reunion

Living so near Silicon Valley and so far from Macalester leads me to suggest video

conferencing as an adjunct to the reunions in St. Paul.

For instance, Picture Tel not only does it for business conferences but is expanding into personal computers. If you inquire and find the hardware and software expensive, don't be discouraged. Like everything associated with the computer industry, quality increases and prices drop at an astonishing rate. Perhaps by 1998?

Not only would video conferencing save fuel — an environmental consideration — but it would make it possible for some alumni to participate who for health or other reasons are not able to get to Mac.

Video (and audio) conferencing technology can only supplement, not supplant, the physical reunions.

George Leavitt '43
Santa Cruz, Calif.



Class of '95

The 373 members of the Class of '95 were in a celebratory mood at Macalester's 106th Commencement in May. They included Christine Shipley (Tigard, Ore.) and Dameun Strange (Washington, D.C.). See pages 10-11.

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