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Staying Power: Newly tenured faculty
Solemn September

Old Main, a symbol of Macalester’s history, reflects the colors of autumn. For the college’s responses to the events of September 11, happening exactly a week after classes began, see stories on pages 9–13.
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Staying Power

They grew up in Sri Lanka and Pennsylvania and points in between. As children, they wrote slim essays, created their own languages and were dazzled with science kits. As adults, they've run marathons, pruned French vineyards, traveled the globe and built wooden toys.

Seven newly tenured faculty members share a few insights about their academic interests, teaching and life at Macalester.
CORRECTION: Mac Today apologizes to Chris Stromquist ’95, third from right, for omitting his name from the caption of the Urban Hillbilly Quartet photo in the Fall issue. Besides Chris, Mac alumni members of the band include Erin Bowley ’93 (second from left), Erik Brandt ’95 (third from left) and Greg Tippett ’96 (right).

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Month of Service

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Macalester Today for its coverage of the First Annual Macalester College Alumni Month of Service, “Service Calls,” Fall issue. It was fantastic to see pictures and read about the experiences of alumni, families and friends who participated in service projects last April. In the spirit of Macalester, alumni united side by side and demonstrated commitment to service and their communities.

The Month of Service would not have been possible without the contributions of many people. Director Karin Trail-Johnson, the Community Service Office staff and work-study students were instrumental in building the infrastructure, coordinating service projects in the Twin Cities and providing support to the service project coordinators. In addition, the Alumni Office staff, Alumni Board of Directors, chapter leaders and project coordinators were integral to this successful first year.

The dedication of all Macalester staff and alumni volunteers who worked tirelessly to see this idea come to fruition is inspiring. Thanks to the efforts of many, we as alumni can participate in this intergenerational Macalester tradition in years to come.

They Got Gigs, Too

OUR STORY in the Fall issue of Macalester Today unintentionally omitted some other alumni engaged in “popular” music, from rock to folk to jazz. We know there must be more out there whose work we’re unaware of, but here are a few we know:

• Connie Jelatis Hoke ’72 and Gordy Jelatis Hoke ’69 of Plainview, Minn., have given more than 250 concerts and released four albums during the last 15 years. Playing children’s music for the most part, they have appeared at MacPhail in Minneapolis, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, LaCrosse Folk Festival and Young Writers conferences in Minnesota and Iowa. Connie, who teaches general music classes at her own school in Rochester, Minn., has brought the gift of music to thousands of youngsters and touched thousands more through the teachers she’s trained. “We met on stage in the Drama Choros,” Gordy wrote. “In fact,
In the spirit of service, alumni interested in supporting current students' community service initiatives in the Twin Cities can do so by making a financial contribution to The Action Fund, which was founded by two alumni, Shawn Reifsteck '93 and Erin Bowley '93. Contact Macalester's Development Office for more information.

Emily Stone '98
Waltham, Mass.

Robert McAfee Brown

Robert McAfee Brown, a Presbyterian theologian who served as chair of Macalester's Religion Department in 1951–53, died Sept. 4. See page 47.

ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN was my favorite Mac professor. I learned as much theology in six courses from him as I did later in earning two seminary degrees. He really cared about his students, both in the classroom and outside it. When we last talked in Berkeley half a century later, that was still true.

While he was at Mac, he campaigned for Gene McCarthy for Congress—a Catholic running against a Presbyterian who supported Mac. When the trustees threatened to fire him, President Charles J. Turck said, "This is an issue of academic freedom, so you will have to fire me first."

Joan Thatcher '55
Berkeley, Calif.

The writer is an ordained American Baptist minister.

Gigs past and present

SEEING ERIK BRANDT '95 playing the accordion [in the photo of the Urban Hillbilly Quartet in the Fall issue] brought back pleasant memories of Mac. After playing many years with dance bands, I retired but still entertain at nursing homes, along with my wife, JoAnne, who also plays the accordion.

Arthur "Skip" Mackay '53
Joliet, III.

See photo below.

Join the band

FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI are cordially invited to blow your own horn for dear old Mac by joining the New Generation Gap Band.

The band has played for various college and alumni events for over 30 years. It plays a variety of jazz, including big band classics as well as standard ballads and Dixieland numbers usually arranged by Carleton Macy. At present the eight-piece band consists of Bill Arimond on clarinet, Dave McCurdy on piano and vocals, Craig Aase on trombone, Carleton Macy on drums, Terry Mulally on bass, Al Romero on guitar, Truman Schwartz and Rog Mosvick on trumpet.

Practices are held at or near Mac about twice a month, excluding December-January and the summer months. Formerly made up of only faculty and staff, membership is now broadened to include Twin Cities alumni as well. We are looking for anyone with some musical talents in any and all areas from brass and reeds to percussion and vocals. Since some members are on leave this year, our biggest need right now is guitar and bass. Whether you would like to be a regular or just an occasional participant, we would like to know of your interest. Please contact any of the following:

Rog Mosvick at (651) 696-6289 or mosvick@macalester.edu
Truman Schwartz at (651) 696-6271 or schwartz@macalester.edu
Dave McCurdy at (651) 698-8492 or mccurdy@macalester.edu
Carleton Macy at (651) 696-6186 or macy@macalester.edu

we still open almost all of our concerts with the trademark "Pogo." Web site: www.musicwithconnie.com; phone: 1-800-363-2290, ext. 90

• Amrit Chauhan '96 of Detroit has recorded several albums, including The Friends I Have, Amrit Chauhan, Message in a Bottle, Amrit Chauhan LIVE! and a little too hard is... not so soft. Contact him at blue bottled skies, Inc., P.O. Box 7306, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; toll-free: (866) on-his-own; fax: (248) 644-4367; e-mail: amritchauhan@mediaone.net

• Tom Evered '77 is senior vice president and general manager of Blue Note Records, the well-known jazz label, in New York.

• Matt Lewis '92, an actor, singer and advertising manager in New York, has recorded CD One, a CD of covers, with his father, guitarist Dave Lewis. E-mail: mattandcat@hotmail.com

...AND A GIG FROM THE PAST: Entertaining at a Mac function in 1950 are Mollie Stamp '53, Skip Mackay '53 and an unidentified classmate playing guitar. See Letter above.
Future of football  
President McPherson weighs choices about Macalester's football program  

The future of football at Macalester was being decided as this issue of Macalester Today went to press. For President Michael S. McPherson's decision, go to: www.macalester.edu/footballdecision.

This past September, McPherson appointed a committee of faculty, staff, students and alumni to study the football program and present him with a report containing all possible options by mid-November. The committee, chaired by Craig Aase '70, treasurer and vice president for administration, held three public forums, listened to a host of other witnesses and examined all the choices. They included keeping the program, playing an independent schedule (outside the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), joining another conference or ending the program.

McPherson and the committee emphasized that the overall athletic program at Macalester is strong and getting stronger. The review of the football program, they said, does not signal in any way a lack of commitment to the intercollegiate athletic program at Macalester.  

In a letter to the community explaining his reasons for examining football, McPherson said: "Our football program is not in satisfactory shape. Obviously our conference won-lost record is disappointing. A larger concern is that the imbalance we face in squad numbers and player weight in the MIAC may put our players at serious risk of injury. It's not fair to ask our players to take the field week after week when they are at such a serious disadvantage to their opponents. We either have to find a workable way to put our football team in a more reasonable competitive position, or we have to forego competition in football in favor of other ways of advancing our goals in athletics."

McPherson noted that Macalester "has a long and worthy history in football. My conclusion that we need to come to a focused resolution concerning our future participation in football is not one I have arrived at easily or lightly. I have nothing but admiration for the coaches and players who have fought so hard for Macalester over the years."

He pointed out that the average number of players on MIAC teams this year is 75, with some teams fielding more than 100 players, while Macalester's squad began the season with 38, the smallest in years.

Athletic Director Irv Cross, a former star defensive back at Northwestern and in the NFL, believes the current program is not viable. Cross, who says he wants to keep football, has spoken at most of the forums and with a host of alumni about the issue.

The fate of football stirred a lively debate. In a letter to the community, members of the current team declared: "The Macalester football team is an important part of the diversity on campus, politically, financially and socially. Of all the sports teams the football team has the most domestic minority students. ... Many of us decided to attend Macalester because of the diversity. However, if football is eliminated the college will be missing an important social perspective in our school. We want to make it clear that football, like any extracurricular activity, is as much a part of our education as the classes we take."

The players also dismissed the contention that the size of the team and the size of individual players (on average smaller than many of their opponents) should lead to the elimination of football. The letter said Mac players are no more at risk for injuries than players from other teams and that, ultimately, the decision to play belongs to each player.

On a special bulletin board on Macalester's Web site, alumni weighed in about the merits of the football program. "I would not have come to Macalester if it had not had a football program," wrote Jon Goodrich '99. "I had a wonderful time at Mac. I chose to play football. No one forced me to go out there and ante up my body week in and week out... By coming to Mac I was able to have an experience that only Macalester alumni can understand and appreciate. This is not only in regards to football, but rather the entire Macalester experience."

Another alumnus, Peter Wittinga '01, wrote: "Macalester stands for many things, but, as a member of the class of 2001, I can safely say that, during my four years, football was not one of them."

The next issue of Macalester Today will have a full report on the decision about football and the reaction to it.
Kofi Annan ’61 and U.N. receive Nobel Peace Prize

The announcement that Kofi Annan ’61 had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize came at the end of a week full of grim dispatches about war in Afghanistan and anthrax at home.

On Oct. 12, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the prize to Annan and the United Nations itself. For Macalester students, professors and staff, the news offered a fresh chance to reflect on the college’s commitment to internationalism, so often personified by the slender, soft-spoken Ghanaian who studied economics at Macalester 40 years ago.

Last June, the 63-year-old Annan was unanimously elected to a second five-year term as secretary-general of the United Nations.

Annan maintains close ties to Macalester. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1994 until 1997. In 1998, he returned to campus to accept an honorary degree. This past October, after President Mike McPherson participated in a televised town meeting about the terrorist attacks, Annan called him to inquire about the college and his family.

“It was very touching, very sweet—but that’s the kind of guy he is,” McPherson told the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Professor Roger Mosvick ’52, who was Annan’s speech coach, remembers working with him when he was a student. “The first time I met him I was impressed by his very peaceful nature, his solemn nature. It was a little reserved, but even as a student he projected that kind of directness and sincerity,” Mosvick told the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

“Over the years, as I’ve met with him, he still radiates that great sincerity and belief in mankind. I think everybody who meets him perceives him that way. He persists in the face of all sorts of difficulties.”

Professor David Lanegran ’63 told the Pioneer Press that he remembers Annan being introduced by college President Harvey Rice during one of Macalester’s regular student assemblies. Lanegran said Rice urged people to “get to know [Annan] because he’s going to be a world leader some day.”

See back cover and page 21 of this issue.

Barb’s got wheels

Barb Wells-Howe ’72 sits on her new motor scooter in Old Main—a surprise gift from nearly 100 friends and colleagues at Macalester. Barb, who is battling cancer, has been a staff member at Macalester for more than 20 years and is currently an administrative assistant in the Philosophy and Religious Studies departments.

“She’s great,” said one friend, Herta Pitman of the Classics and History departments.

“Everybody who has had any contact with her feels like they gained from knowing her.” Barb had told a few friends that she was thinking of buying herself a motor scooter. “Many people wanted to know what they could do for her,” Pitman said.

“We started off just trying to get a deposit for a used scooter, but we exceeded our goal. It wound up being a totally paid, new scooter. It’s the kind of event that united people on campus.”

Go figure

- 8,735 amount in dollars of Class of 2001’s record class gift. Proceeds will go toward a mosaic designed by Professor Stanton Sears for the renovated Kagin Commons.
- 269 Mac grads who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961.
- 16 Mac grads currently in the Peace Corps.
- 9 Mac grads who have been accepted into Teach For America’s 2001 corps.
- 85 percentage of Mac students who do some volunteer work during their time at Macalester.

CAMPUS NEWS SUMMARY

Hate crimes

Two Palestinian students received hate mail in their post office boxes after the Sept. 11 tragedy. The students, Khaled Habayeb ’03 and Osama Hamad ’03, notified the administration about the letter, which was sent through intra-campus mail. The first letter was addressed to both Habayeb and Hamad and was received on Sept. 15. On Sept. 20, Habayeb received a second letter in his post office box.

The administration has so far been unable to track down the person or persons responsible for writing the letters.

After the first letter was sent, the Macalester College Student Government executive board handed out orange ribbons to students, faculty and staff who wished to express support for people of Middle Eastern descent who had been victims of hate crimes or discrimination after the Sept. 11 attack.

About 900 ribbons were distributed during one lunch hour.

Dean of Students Laurie Hamre and Associate Dean Joi Lewis sent a letter to the entire student body explaining what had happened and inviting anyone to come forward with information about the mail.

See page 10.
Wagon wins prize

The Mathematical Association of America has given this year's Chauvenet Prize, one of its most prestigious writing awards, to Macalester Professor Stan Wagon and co-authors Ellen Gethner and Brian Wick for the 1998 paper “A Stroll through the Gaussian primes,” which appeared in the American Mathematical Monthly.

The official presentation of the award will take place in San Diego in January 2002. This is Wagon's third MAA writing award.

Honoring Sandy Hill ’57

A large ballroom in the newly renovated Kagin Commons will be named in honor of Alexander G. “Sandy” Hill ’57, who has worked with Macalester alumni, donors, trustees and others for more than 35 years.

A group of alumni is working to raise at least $1 million toward the project. The group, led by Trustee Chair Mark Vander Ploeg ’74, hopes to reach its goal within the year. For more information, see Macalester Tomorrow.

Class of 2005

The entering class this fall of 505 students is the largest in recent years and its academic quality is stronger than ever, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Lorne Robinson reported.

The size of the class—45 more students than the “target” figure—resulted in a housing squeeze on campus, with some double rooms turned into triples and lounges used as housing.

Some other facts about the Class of 2005:
• men make up 48% of the class; last fall’s entering class was just 34% male;
• 77 international students who are citizens of 50 different countries make up 15% of the class;
• while the college offered admission to about the same number of students of color as in the previous two years, only 49 students of color enrolled this fall, down from 56 last year—“the only disappointing aspect of this class,” Robinson said. “Competition may be part of the reason; most of these students are highly sought after by colleges across the country and merit scholarships may have been a contributing factor.”
• Macalester continues to be “need-blind” and met the full demonstrated need of all admitted students; 73.6% of students receive financial aid.

Happy birthday to JBD

John B. Davis, who won countless admirers and friends during his tenure as Macalester’s 13th president (1975–84), celebrated his 80th birthday Sept. 14. That was also the day Macalester dedicated the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the new Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center. In his remarks, Davis referred to the Sept. 11 attacks and, characteristically, called for “voices of reason” and civil discourse to prevail. He concluded, “We cannot go it alone. . . . We are coming to realize that we are a dependent nation, needing the support and assistance of our global neighbors.”

Below right: Lois Quarn ’83, CEO of Ovation, a division of the United Health Group, was one of the speakers at the Davis Lecture Hall dedication. She recounted how she and a group of students—including Matt Entenza ’83, now her husband and a Minnesota state legislator—occupied Davis’ outer office in protest in 1982 after he had cancelled fall break.

“As we sat in President Davis’ suite and waited for him to come, we thought, What would he do, what would he say? Would he have us forcibly removed? What would happen?

“He came in and he took off his hat and he looked at us and said, ‘The Constitution of the United States protects the rights of its people to assemble. I applaud your exercise of that right, and your freedom of speech. Please have a good day.’

“And he went on into his office. We were devastated,” Quarn said. “We learned an awful lot—about how to rise to the occasion, about how to not escalate things, about how to allow a community to disagree and still be one.”
Hall of Fame

M Club inducts four top athletes and 1948-49-50 wrestling teams

MACALESTER inducted four individuals and the 1948-49-50 wrestling teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame at the annual M Club banquet in October.

The new Hall of Famers are:

**Jerry Boldt '59**

An outstanding all-around athlete, he lettered in football, hockey, and track and field. Boldt played professional baseball for a couple years before coming to Macalester and therefore was ineligible to play that sport in college. An All-Conference halfback in football as a junior and senior, he helped the Scots go 5-1-1 in 1958 with a second-place league finish after helping the team post a winning record the previous two seasons. He scored three touchdowns in a win over St. Thomas as a senior and the year before scored 26 points (four touchdowns and two conversions)—a school record that still stands—in a victory over Hamline. In hockey, Boldt was the team captain as a senior.

**Scott McCallum '72**

He lettered in football, swimming and baseball, and was the captain of the football team as a senior. A second-team All-Conference selection as a junior and senior, McCallum also excelled in swimming and track and was a member of national-qualifying relay teams in swimming. The current governor of Wisconsin, McCallum began his political career as a Wisconsin state senator in 1977 and served in that capacity until 1986. He is a frequent participant in celebrity and charitable sporting events and was recognized by University of Wisconsin Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch as an effective advocate for sports programming in public schools.

**Smokey Mueller Vitek '83**

She was an outstanding volleyball player and played on one of the most successful teams in Macalester history, helping the Scots claim the first-ever Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 1981. A team captain and Academic All-American, Mueller was a two-time All-MIAC selection and helped lead the Scots to national tournament appearances and overall records of 46-8, 58-9, 54-7 and 40-11 during her four years. She was secretary of the Scots Club in 1983.

**Karen Moen '88**

One of the best all-around athletes in Macalester history, she was the first in a long line of women's soccer All-Americans at the college and also excelled in softball and track. A two-time team captain and three-time team MVP in soccer, Moen was named All-Conference four years in a row in addition to being a three-time All-Region pick and two-time All-America selection. She earned All-MIAC honors three times as one of the school's best softball players and also picked up an All-Conference certificate as a track and field relay team member as a sophomore. Moen has been active for many years on the M Club Board of Directors.

**Macalester Wrestling Teams, 1948-49-50**

These three conference championship teams, guided by coaches Ken Johnson and Jack Morton, were one of the most dominant sports teams in Macalester history. The coach in 1948 was Johnson. The members were Bill Bowell, Jim Bowell, Bill Snyder, Douglas Davis, Jack Weigfield, Bruce Gove, Doug Ostergren, Donald Ostergren, Lynn Grobel, Bob Stark, Jim Treanor, Jerome Wagner, John Carpenter, Dick Breidenbach, Will Bixby, Bob Climer, Leon Chamberlain, Carl Larson and Jack Dibble. The 1948-49 team included Walter Ammerman, Don Johnson, Duane Roberts, Darwin Takkinen, as well as Snyder, Carpenter, Stark and Larson from the '48 team. Morton was the coach. The 1950 team included Ken Halverson, Milton Nordahl and Bruce Sherwood, as well as Doug Ostergren, Roberts, Snyder, Stark and Larson.

—Andy Johnson, sports information director
After 9/11, the U.S. needs a new sense of worldliness

by Michael S. McPherson

One unmistakable lesson of the horrifying events of September 11 is this: If there ever was a time when we could believe there is any separation between the United States and the rest of the world, that time is over. We are fully, for better and for worse, part of the world.

As has been said so often, after 9/11, nothing will be the same. One of the things that has to change is the lack of interest displayed by so many Americans in world affairs. We seem often to view understanding of developments in distant places as in some sense optional, like a hobby: some folks follow the NBA, others follow news of foreign countries, and like phenomena requires the full engagement of our intellectual and moral faculties.

We need to remember, in a time when we may feel tempted to view foreigners with suspicion, that Kofi Annan entered the United States on a student visa. We need to find ways to cooperate with other colleges and universities, here and abroad, in promoting education for civic engagement, and we need to remember, in a time when we may feel tempted to withdraw into ourselves, our best—our only—hope is to engage the world in ways to help our communities, including the Twin Cities and our alumni, address these challenging issues.

And here, I think, Macalester should feel a certain pride but also a sense of obligation. For many years, a Macalester education has meant an education of the highest academic quality that engaged the world, an education where people from a variety of cultures and circumstances could join together in a spirit of mutual respect to learn from one another. In recent days, those wonderful pictures of Kofi Annan as a Mac student have resurfaced in the media, in the wake of his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. We need to remember, in a time when we may feel tempted in this country to view foreigners with suspicion, that Kofi Annan entered the United States on a student visa.

This is a sobering time for our country, and our world. However tempting it may be to try to withdraw into ourselves, our best—our only—hope is to engage the world in all its cultural and religious and human variation and to join in the struggle to improve it. And that is what, at Macalester, we will continue to do.
A white ribbon adorns a tree near Old Main and the Library in memory of the victims of Sept. 11.

Wounded world

KOFI ANNAN '61, U.N. secretary-general, writing in the New York Times:

The terrorists who attacked the United States aimed at one nation but wounded an entire world. Rarely, if ever, has the world been as united as it was on that terrible day.

Reaching out

ANDREW KAUTFELT '01 posted a message on Macalester's alumni Web site offering space in his West Hartford, Conn., apartment to "any of you who have been displaced from your home or feel the need to flee the chaos." CHIP SMITH '92 and ANNE LISE-HALVORSEN made a similar offer to airline travelers: "If anyone is stranded in or near Detroit, we'd be glad to come get you and put you up."

From China

GUANGNAN TU '50 e-mailed the Alumni Office from Beijing:

Unless the terrorists be cleared off, there won't be a lasting peace. Please forward my sorrowfulness for the American people.

From Nigeria

CORDELIA ONU, a 1999 World Press Institute Fellow at Macalester and a journalist in Lagos, Nigeria, wrote to Mac friends:

"I can't even begin to imagine how shocked you are; this is new to you and it is a rude way of welcoming you to the horror we are constantly faced with in the rest of the world. Here, we are so used to calamity that we end up sounding hard and appearing unfeeling. We often do all we can to acquire a very thick skin or else we spend every moment crying.

I was born close to the civil war in my country and the very first things I can recall are the desperate dashes into the forest late at night and fearful air raids. The war ended two days to my fourth birthday and I can clearly remember the ragged, vermin-ridden, malnourished, fatherless girl lining up with a dirty tin to collect food being given out by the UNICEF. Somehow we often find the courage and willpower to put all these behind us and live, though some of those images still haunt me now.

You will survive this both as individuals and as a nation and you will be the better and more compassionate people for that.

Ambiguous grief

The Rev. Jon Walton '69 had been senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Fifth Avenue and 12th Street in New York only a few weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks. When he gave a sermon, entitled "How in God's Name?" five days after the attack, five members of the church's extended family were still unaccounted for. He later conducted two memorial services in a single day and a third was planned. He was quoted in the Presbyterian News Service:

This is a grieving process that's different from anything I've ever seen before. There's an actual term for it: ambiguous grief. It is when there is no body"
Above: Bryce Eberhart '95, left, with Mark Bingham, one of the airline passenger heroes who perished when the United plane crashed in Pennsylvania. The two are pictured after rugby practice in San Francisco last March.

Right: A month after Sept. 11, posters and memorials remained at Saint Vincent’s Hospital, two miles north of the World Trade Center, near the home of Jane Wilson Ritter ’76, who took the photo. The hospital moved many posters to a wall sheltered from the weather.

present, when there are no visible remains ... to focus the family’s grief.

Lost friends

KATIE BRANDING '96 of Washington, D.C., wrote on the alumni Web site:

On [Sept. 12], in a daze of disbelief at what had happened the previous day, I learned that a dear friend, her husband and two young girls perished when the plane they were on crashed into the Pentagon. I wept. I attended a memorial service today for Leslie Whittington and her family. ...

I will miss Leslie tremendously. She was a teacher, friend and mentor who taught me many good things in this world. I can only try to be a good person as she was and carry on as she would have hoped and wanted.

BRYCE EBERHART '95 of San Francisco wrote to Mac Today:

Mark Bingham and I became good friends last year when he joined my rugby team, the San Francisco Fog. Mark was among the brave passengers on United Flight 93 who struggled with hijackers to take control of the plane and who are responsible for the plane failing to hit its target in Washington, D.C. Even before reports that there had been a struggle came through, those of us who knew Mark—as a hard-hitting rugby player, someone who ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, and someone who single-handedly took out a mugger armed with a gun last year—knew that the terrorists on his flight failed in their mission in part because he was there.

I have received several petitions for peace from my friends and former classmates at Macalester which I have declined to sign. The groups responsible for the horror of September 11 continue to be a clear and present danger. At a very personal level, I feel the war on terrorism is one worth fighting and that military action against the Taliban and Bin Laden are necessary. At the same time, I also believe that all diplomatic and humanitarian solutions should be pursued with vigor.

Hateful acts

OSAMA HAMAD ’03 and KHALED HABAYEB ’03, who are both of Palestinian descent and have Jordanian citizenship, received hate mail via campus mail in September. Because no one outside the campus community would have known they were Palestinian, it seemed likely that the hate mail came from someone at Macalester. Hamad told the Mac Weekly:

That’s the only thing that hurt me when I saw that letter. I thought, “Oh my God, even here [at Macalester].” It was like Julius Caesar getting stabbed in the back by his closest friend.

HABAYEB told the Weekly:

The only reason I came forward is because I want people to know that Mac is not the lovey-dovey utopia that people think it is.

New Yorkers

CATY BROWN ’01, who worked at Building 7 of the World Trade Center, wrote on the Alumni Web site:

I am OK, although a little shocked; the second plane ramming into the WTC keeps replaying itself in my head, the gasps of the people around me, the screams, the disbelief. The vacant stares and hush after
it happened. I think that I still do not really believe that it happened. I do not really want to go back home, because I will have to confront the reality. Back to the "war zone." The WTC was the hub of my new life, right between work and home. I would normally have been sitting in a bus at the foot of 1 WTC at 8:45 am. I am really, really happy to be alive.

JANE WILSON RITTER ’76, her husband and two sons live two miles north of the World Trade Center. She wrote to Mac Today:

That morning I heard a radio bulletin about smoke coming from one of the Trade Center towers. We can see the towers from the roof of our 21-story apartment building, so I went up, joining a dozen neighbors. We stood mute as we watched smoke pour from a gash in the north tower, then gasped as a fireball exploded from the side of the south tower.

The scene was horrifying, but also surreal and distant—we could neither hear the noise nor smell the smoke. The sky was clear and blue.

We never thought the towers would fall.

My immediate concern was that our older son was at high school, just four blocks from the Trade Center. Neither the subway nor buses would be running, how could I go downtown to see if Matt got out of school safely? Walking or biking seemed the only choices.

As it turned out, his school was evacuated safely and quickly. I found him in the crowd of students, teachers and office workers streaming north, already a quarter mile beyond the smoke and debris.

Our family and close friends got home safely that night, but we later heard of acquaintances and friends of friends who didn't. The following days were a blur of news, deep sadness, staying in touch with family and friends, learning about Afghanistan and,...
ally, getting back to some form of normalcy. I remember the tolling of church bells before prayer services, the eerie stillness of cordoned-off streets, the smell of smoke from downtown when the wind shifted and jumbled school schedules for the kids.

Now, four weeks later, our son’s high school has returned to its downtown building and its normal schedule—and, at the same time, our country has launched air strikes against the Taliban.

We’re back to our routines, but in a city and world that seem less safe and familiar.

World citizens

Chris Herlinger ’81 lives in New York City. He has covered the aftermath of Sept. 11 for Washington-based Religion News Service and Geneva-based Ecumenical News International. He was on assignment in Afghanistan last July for Church World Service, the New York-based relief agency affiliated with the National Council of Churches. He wrote to Mac Today:

The afternoon that the United States began its air war against Afghanistan, I was covering a peace rally in Manhattan for one of the news services I write for. A rabbi who spoke said part of her wanted an “easy, harsh revenge.” I doubt even the most committed peace person could not, on some level, relate to that sentiment. Sept. 11 shook all of us New Yorkers to the core. We are still aggrieved and angry.

But as one of the few Westerners who visited Afghanistan just prior to Sept. 11, I am also weary of easy answers, particularly about a country that has ensnared so many outsiders before—and is so obviously desperate, a place where malnutrition is common, infrastructure practically non-existent, medical conditions abysmal.

What to do? I’m not yet sure, but I do know that it has not been easy in recent weeks to live as a “world citizen”—one of the gifts bestowed by a Macalester education. I know that for myself, I keep returning to a theme I first heard articulated by [history professor] Emily Rosenberg and which has been reinforced since by various reporting assignments throughout the world: the contradictions of living in Empire. For much of the 20 years since I graduated from Mac, those contradictions were muted or easy to ignore. No more.

On the campus

Brad Salmén ’01 wrote in the Mac Weekly:

I love my country, and I will never be ashamed to admit it. Capitalist Democracy has brought more freedom and prosperity to the U.S. and its citizens than any country in the world. I vehemently disagree with most
mail). We as individuals have little power in this conflict at this point, but we can exercise our constitutional rights to assemble and speak. Even claiming those rights, especially at a time like this, is an act with political consequences.

Ahmed Samatar, James Wallace Professor of international studies and political science and dean of international programming at Macalester, spoke about the Islamic world's "sense of powerlessness and humiliation" during a Minnesota Public Radio "town hall meeting" at Macalester:

There are accumulated historical and contemporary concerns of Islamic societies, wherever they are. I was in East Africa this past summer and you can see it in regular, everyday homes as people watch television and they look at what's happening in the Middle East. There's a sense of wound there; even though they're not Palestinians, they feel with the Palestinians.

There are both deep historical wounds and contemporary concerns of most Muslim peoples that find this historical moment so disagreeable. There is a sense of revulsion and historical alienation among Muslims. But that is not an endorsement of a small band of men who have decided they are going to take all of this—hijack this, in a way—and use it in a way that is terribly violent and destructive of human relationships.

The debate that's going on in the Islamic world cuts itself up in a variety of ways. What to do about powerlessness? What to do about humiliation? What to do about regimes that are so corrupt and so predatory, yet are supported by countries like the United States?

A death in the Macalester family
Tim Haviland '82, 'a wonderful person and friend,' perished in the World Trade Center attack

From the time they met during Macalester's freshman orientation in 1978, Timothy Haviland and Shelley Carthen Watson grew so close that he became her 8-year-old daughter's beloved "Uncle Timmy" and like another son to her parents.

"There are very few significant points in my life that he wasn't part of," she recalled, "from college to when I got married to when my daughter was born. He was just a wonderful person, incredibly empathetic and sensitive, with a great sense of humor. And a wonderful friend, someone who is always there for you."

"Brutally frank," she added with an appreciative laugh, "but still always there for you."

Tim Haviland, a 1982 Macalester graduate, is among those missing and presumed dead in the attack on the World Trade Center.

His wife's younger brother, Robbie Spear, a New York City firefighter, also perished.

Tim Haviland, 41, a software developer, worked for Marsh & McLennan on the 96th floor of One World Trade Center. His brother, Bruce Haviland of Minneapolis, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune, "Being on the 96th floor, there's just no way he could have survived. The fire was so intense." Tim Haviland moved to New York about three years ago. He lived on Long Island with his wife, Amy, and her two children from a previous marriage, Nicholas, 14, and Jessie, 12. Survivors also include his parents, Douglas and Elizabeth Haviland, and six other siblings, Margaret Haviland '81, Mark, Steve, David, Andrew and Susan.

A native of Ames, Iowa, Tim Haviland majored in law & society and speech communication at Macalester. Professor Roger Mosvick, his former teacher, said "Tim was always interested in public affairs and committed to his pre-law curriculum. He was a bright, decent, committed student who represented the best of Macalester College."

Memorial services for Tim were held in New York and Ames.

Watson said her friend was "passionate about everything. He was passionate about the Vikings. He was passionate about politics. He really had a commitment to help others less fortunate and he felt national policy should reflect that."

Watson said her friend was "passionate about everything. He was passionate about politics. He really had a commitment to help others less fortunate and he felt national policy should reflect that. I don't think George Bush ever made a gaffe that went unnoticed by him. He was an avid outdoorsman; he loved to bike; he worked at the co-op; he enjoyed doing that, a lot of volunteer work. He was a great friend and uncle to my daughter, Sarah. Uncle Timmy was one of her favorite people in the whole world."

Although Watson and Tim Haviland last saw each other about two years ago in Minnesota, they e-mailed each other a couple of times a week. Their friendship "is probably one of the greatest gifts I got from Macalester," Watson said. •
The Joy of Politics

His former students remember Hubert Humphrey, Macalester teacher, mentor and advocate of 'the politics of joy'

by Doug Stone

The Year Was 1969. The Vietnam War was still raging. College campuses were at the heart of the anti-war movement. And Hubert H. Humphrey, the former vice president so closely identified with President Lyndon Johnson and the war effort, returned to Macalester College for support and a new beginning.

"His Macalester times were crucial for him," Walter Mondale ’50 recalls. "His first time was the takeoff of his career and the second time was a healing and renewal of his political career."

Humphrey, who had taught political science at Macalester in 1943–1944, "was very fearful when he returned [in 1969]," Mondale says, "because he feared the war would make his presence on campus untenable. While he got criticized [for his positions on Vietnam], the community closed in and supported him. He really felt welcomed and honored. That 1½ years [at Macalester] was restorative for him."

Humphrey had just lost—barely—his own bid for the presidency to Richard Nixon. His 20-year national political career, which had started with such promise and excitement as a U.S. senator, had come to a sobering end. Or so it seemed.

As part of the Mondale Lectures on Public Service, Mondale spoke about his friend in great detail last summer in a lecture titled simply "Hubert."

"I first met him when I was a student at Macalester in 1946 [Humphrey was then mayor of Minneapolis]," Mondale said, "and for more than 30 years I worked with him on the campaign trail, at the state capitol, in the U.S. Senate and in the White House. Through it all, Hubert was my mentor and friend and colleague. What a blessing that was.

"I believe that Hubert was the single most influential and successful political leader in Minnesota history. He was also one of the most creative and successful public servants in our nation’s history."

Mondale ticked off the list of Humphrey’s historic legislative accomplishments: civil rights legislation, the Peace Corps, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, voting rights, fair housing, Head Start, aid to education, and on and on. "Hubert’s mark was on all of it," Mondale said.

But that record was in the background when Humphrey returned to Macalester.

The real test would be how his students responded to him. He gave guest lectures in the spring of 1969 and then taught two political science classes in the fall of 1969 and the spring of 1970. His students are now a who’s who of current-day political activists and citizen-leaders: a governor of Wisconsin; a legislator from Virginia; political consultants from Washington, D.C.; a Senate chief of staff; a Ramsey County (St. Paul) board member; a staff member of the Norwegian embassy; and four current Macalester trustees, not to mention other Macalester students who made their mark in less public ways.

Three of his former students recently reflected on Hubert Humphrey, the teacher.
The former vice president meets with Mac students at a seminar in 1969. Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, center right, was the featured guest.

Peter Fenn '70:

'What he conveyed in class was why politics were such a joy to him'

"The first class [Federal Domestic Politics] in the fall semester of 1969 was in the basement of his house on Summit Avenue," said Fenn, a political consultant in Washington and current Macalester trustee. "We were so cynical about politics at that point. We thought he would show up and tell stones and that someone else would grade papers. In fact, he was totally engaged with the students. He put a tremendous amount of time into the papers and tests and classes. He had great energy. He was going all the time."

"He said these were tough times and that if he had his druthers, he'd be in the White House, not teaching here. But he said he loved Macalester, that he was here in the '40s and had more to offer now."

Fenn and many of his classmates were initially troubled by Humphrey's use of the term "politics of joy," during a time when the country seemed to be torn apart. "But what he conveyed in class was why politics were such a joy to him. His enthusiasm was unbridled. You were in awe of him."

Humphrey had one main requirement for his course: field work. Fenn did his on Indian education in America and spent time in Park Rapids, Minn., where a number of American Indian students attended school near the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Humphrey, Fenn recalled, also took an interest in his students outside of class. He gave Fenn a ride to the airport and sat with him when both were flying to Washington. Even out of office, Humphrey "always worked the plane," walking down the aisles to shake hands and greet people.

When some Macalester students put barbed wire around Humphrey's office, Fenn wrote an editorial for the Mac Weekly defending the new professor. Fenn sees a symbiotic relationship between Macalester and Humphrey. "He wouldn't have taught at a college he didn't believe in. And it was a feather in Mac's cap to have him come here to inspire another generation of young people."

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The seven faculty members featured on these pages might be considered Macalester's Class of 2001. They are the college's newest tenured faculty, given final approval last spring by the Board of Trustees.

Members of this class grew up in Sri Lanka and Pennsylvania and points in between. In some cases, childhood games steered them to their current careers. As children they wrote slim essays, created their own languages and were dazzled with science kits. As adults, they've run marathons, pruned French vineyards, traveled the globe, watched birds, built wooden toys and owned fantasy basketball teams. Here are glimpses of the Class of 2001 that don't appear on a curriculum vita.
Sarah Dart, Linguistics


Specialty: Experimental phonetics

Were you always drawn to languages?

Yes. I can remember having fun learning words and phrases from various exchange students who lived in our house when I was a child. Even before I knew other languages, I made up my own. Either that or I just pronounced English in a different way to amuse myself. Nothing like changing all the vowels in a word to make it incomprehensible! (Nethong loke choingung ill thai vivuls un ei werd ti mauke ot encimpruhonsaible!)

What was the second language you learned, and when did you begin learning it?

My father, who grew up trilingual in Angola speaking Umbundu, Portuguese and English, used to tell us stories with lots of non-English words incorporated, but what I chiefly got from that was an appreciation for the click consonants in many of the characters' names.

Probably the second language I really learned was Tamil, followed by French. In college I studied Italian and German, as well as Sanskrit, Hindi and some Malayalam and Bengali.

Do you dream in other languages?

Yes, but people in my dreams don't always speak the language that they speak in waking life.

What do you do when you're not teaching?

To relax, I prefer to be out in the middle of nowhere. Cities make me feel cramped. I spend summers in our house in France on the side of a hill with a long view to the Pyrenees, taking care of our couple of acres of grapevines. In lucky years I get to go back and prune them in January. That's my favorite part of the vineyard work.

Arjun Guneratne, Anthropology


Specialties: ethnicity and nationalism, environmentalism, globalization and the study of development

What's the best thing about teaching at Macalester?

Working in what is probably the most collegial department on campus. A close second is the very high quality of students we get; Mac anthro grads can get into any grad program they want to, and they do. When you have strong students, teaching becomes a lot easier.

What drew you to anthropology?

When I was a boy, I read a book by Robert Ardrey called African Genesis. Ardrey advanced a controversial theory by paleoanthropologist Raymond Dart that the impetus for human evolution was a killer instinct; homo sapiens, if you will, are natural-born killers. Both had misread the evidence, but I didn't know that at the time. Anyway, I decided I wanted to be a paleoanthropologist or a primatologist and started off my freshman year in college taking all the courses offered in biological anthropology. I think I was the only student in the pre-med bio course at Dartmouth who had no intention whatsoever of going to med school. But I got derailed the summer after my freshman year when I took a summer course
called "Culture Change and the Modern World" taught by Hoyt Alverson. It hooked me on cultural anthropology and issues of development and modernization and so on, which is where my interests have remained.

What was the second language you learned, and when did you begin learning it?

I started French in seventh grade and continued at the Alliance Francais in Colombo, Sri Lanka, but I could never speak it with any degree of fluency. I can read it, though.

What do you do when you're not teaching?

I watch birds.

REBECCA HOYE:
"My uncle was truly a rocket scientist. I was intrigued with him and awed at his achievements."

Rebecca Hoye, Chemistry
SPECIALTY: organic chemistry

When you were a child, did you play with toy science kits?

I did not have a chemistry set as a child(!); however, I spent a lot of time in my father's veterinary office and often rode with him on his Saturday morning farm calls. My uncle was truly a rocket scientist with Bell Labs. I was intrigued with him and awed at his achievements, which included his childhood antics—making a cotton candy machine out of an old turntable, and manufacturing "stink bombs" for special family occasions. For many years Uncle George sent my sister and me a subscription to "Things of Science" from the Smithsonian. Every month or so a kit would arrive that had a booklet of explanation and instructions and all that was needed was to do the enclosed experiment.

In high school and college, did you have female science mentors?

The only female science faculty I encountered along the way were my 10th grade biology teacher, Miss Cochran, and a biology professor at Bucknell, Dr. Magalhaes. Both were excellent, interesting teachers.

What do you do when you're not teaching?

I still like to work in the research lab, and I try to spend as much time there as possible when I am not teaching. Much of my time off campus is spent with the activities of my three kids (I'd make a great taxi driver), Adam (20, a sophomore at Grinnell), Brian (17, a senior at Central High School) and Julie (14, a freshman at Central). I greatly enjoy canoeing, hiking and cross country skiing. And occasionally I get to do them.

Tom Halverson, Mathematics and Computer Science
DEGREES: B.A., St. Olaf College, 1986; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1993
SPECIALTY: algebraic combinatorics

Were you always interested in math?

I enjoyed math in high school, but I was really drawn to it in college where I had great teachers and when math became more abstract and... well... beautiful.

When did you first begin using computers, and do you remember the first computer game you played?

I started programming in high school and have used computers ever since. I'm proud to say that I have never played a computer game.

Who are the mathematicians or computer scientists you admire?

Georg Frobenius, Issai Schur and Alfred Young, who pioneered my field of research. Georgia Benkart (my thesis adviser) because she does it all—she's an excellent teacher, researcher, speaker, writer and mentor.

What do you do when you're not teaching?

I hang out with my family—my wife, Kristi, and children, Ella, 6; Beatrix, 3; and August (born April 7, 2001). I'm also busy with home improvements,
TOM HALVERSON: “I’m proud to say that I have never played a computer game.”

wooden toy building, and when my knees allow, distance running and racing.

What’s one thing most people don’t know about you?

I know how to knit. I’ve knit sweaters, hats, scarves, etc., and have taught a number of people, including my wife, how to do it. These days, however, I’m strictly into knitting theory.

David Chioni Moore, International Studies and English


SPECIALTY: Black Atlantic literatures and cultures

What’s the best thing about teaching at Macalester?

The way that students push you. Many faculty, including myself, often schedule courses on topics that we ourselves wish to explore. You do all the prep you can beforehand, and then when you arrive in the classroom you find that you have only scratched the surface. The students then recognize that there is truly a shared inquiry at hand, rather than the reporting of facts already known, and the class just takes off.

How did you become interested in literature and international studies?

I’ve long had eclectic interests. I majored in applied mathematics as an undergraduate, and was a corporate banker during the first five years after my B.A. My first academic publications were in accounting and in feminism. I was a typical “local” U.S. kid until I went on study abroad to Paris during my junior year of college, and look what that produced!

What opened your eyes to African American culture?

I come to African American literature and culture via a circuitous path. It began in Paris, where I lived near a heavily West African neighborhood. That led to my graduate studies in Senegal, which in turn led to my work on the larger “Black Atlantic” world.

You’ve been to some 60 countries. Where haven’t you traveled that you dream of visiting? And where do you long to return?

a. Antarctica
b. Return? I’m not sure. But mix? I’d certainly like to host a party with some of my Senegalese and Uzbek friends and my Italian relatives, and invite some of my Upper Midwest students before they turn into the cosmopolitans I try to produce. What food to serve? What music to play? It would be a terrific evening.

Karine Moe, Economics


SPECIALTY: labor and demographic economics

What attracted you to economics?

I studied economics in college because I thought it was cool. I was drawn by the power of the analytical models; I loved the graphs; and I thought it was an ideal way to combine my math skills with an interest in public policy. When I graduated from college, like most Macalester students, I wanted to make the world
KARINE MOE:  
"I studied economics in college because I thought it was cool."

a better place. It didn't take me long to decide that the way I would try to make my mark on the world was through the teaching of economics and through economic research.

In 50 years, do you expect any big shifts in the roles of American working women?

In the past 50 years, extraordinarily large shifts occurred, and now close to 70 percent of American women are in the labor force. I believe that employer flexibility will have to increase as more women and men demand to have a more balanced lifestyle. The speed at which these changes occur will depend in large part upon the economy. In strong labor markets, employees have more bargaining power with respect to their schedules. And of course, as technology evolves, we are likely to see more jobs that can be done on a flexible schedule.

What are one or two things most people don't know about you?

Most people don't know that I co-own two fantasy basketball teams and that in a former life I was a bridal gown salesperson.

SONITA SARKER:
"I was about to become a medical doctor but changed direction to follow my true love."

Sonita Sarker, Women’s and Gender Studies and English


SPECIALTY: 20th century women's writing; feminist, postcolonial and postmodern theory

What drew you to women's and gender studies?

The struggle for equality and justice on behalf of many dispossessed groups (not just women) that remains the core concern of this discipline. The vision of a better future is the best stimulus for any academic study that links itself to the "real world."

Have you always been interested in literature?

Always. I remember the five-line essays I used to write as a precocious 6-year-old, and the characters from famous and infamous writings that paraded across my imagination. Actually, I was about to become a medical doctor but changed direction to follow my true love.

Do you remember the first Virginia Woolf book you read?

It seems that Woolf has been around for me ever since I can remember. Mrs. Dalloway was the first, when I was 18. I also distinctly recall that I kept reading her work because it was so enigmatic and challenging. In other words, I continued because I didn't understand. Since that time, however, there are many other exciting writers, women and men, who populate my mind.

If Virginia Woolf were alive today, whose work would she be reading?

Woolf was a very eclectic reader, one who devoured all kinds of writing. She would be interested in political writings about race and nation, I think—by Sojourner Truth (U.S.A.) and Cornelia Sorabji (India).
Birth of a tradition:
The U.N. Flag and Mac

by William Sentell '02

Two flags now fly above Mac's campus.

That's the caption beneath a photo that ran on the front page of the Mac Weekly on May 12, 1950. The first flag was the American flag; the second was the flag of the United Nations.

Today, more than 50 years later, Macalester continues to fly the U.N. flag every day. It's one of the oldest traditions on campus, and many assume that the presence of the light blue flag has something to do with Secretary-General Kofi Annan '61. In fact, the tradition began nine years before the young Kofi Annan first set foot on campus.

Looking at the original Mac Weekly photo, one is struck by the serenity of the moment, the lack of any large-scale ceremony—and the fact that the trees are bare and snow is visible on nearby roofs, even though the photo appeared in the May 12 Weekly. The photo may have been taken weeks before it was published, though no one seems to remember exactly when.

Three warmly dressed people gather around the flag pole in front of what is now Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel. One, then-President Charles Turck, grips the U.N. flag in his hands. Two students, Steve Babcock '50 and Dagmar Cebe-Haberska '53, guide the ropes that will raise the flag.

Dr. Turck had asked both students to take part in the flag raising. A devout Presbyterian whose 19-year term as president was the longest in Macalester's history, he did more than anyone else to open the college's doors to the world. He was committed to bringing international students to Macalester and to sending U.S. students abroad, and he hired faculty from a variety of backgrounds and beliefs. During World War II, Turck took the lead in admitting Japanese American students to college.

The entire flag-raising process didn't take more than five minutes. But even now Babcock, who has lived in Arizona the past 20 years, remembers the day: gray and cold. "To me," he says, "the raising of the flag was strikingly symbolic. Dr. Turck was instrumental in making that the first instance of the United Nations flag flying in Minnesota. And I was proud to be a part of it."

Babcock's interest in the United Nations and politics was rooted in his involvement with the campus Republicans and the debate team. He had recently taken a tour of the U.N. headquarters in New York sponsored by the YMCA. In New York, he got a chance to see the U.N. in action. "Of course it was quite a thrill to sit and watch deliberations and speeches and be able to turn your earphones to different locations on the dial and hear the words being translated," he said.

Babcock, who continues his job selling and promoting natural stone products in Arizona, once ran unsuccessfully for a U.S. House seat. But even today he is attuned to the activity of the United Nations, and he traces it all back to that day in 1950. "I think Macalester has an international flavor, and I found my years there very rewarding," he said.
'Military' and 'Macalester' are words not often associated with each other. But some Mac grads have found reasons to enlist. In these pages seven alumni explain

by Jan Shaw-Flamm '76

The fearful German soldier shouted "Comrade!" and was trying to surrender. But the American, equally panicked, raised his gun and shot him in the stomach. The German fell, mortally wounded, at the feet of Edwin Stuart '49. It's been more than half a century since Stuart watched a member of his platoon shoot an enemy soldier at point-blank range, but the killing remains starkly vivid.

At one point in his long career as a Navy chaplain, Samuel Báez '57 experienced the open disdain shown to many military personnel during the Vietnam War. The cross on his uniform offered no protection from acts of contempt—spitting and name calling—expressed by dissenting Americans.

Kirstin Beach '95 works closely with the military in her job at the Defense Intelligence Agency. "A lot of people don't realize that their comfort, their security and their freedom [exist] because of our position as a world superpower, and because of the strength of our military," she says. "I know a lot of people don't like that—especially a lot of people at Macalester don't like that."

Macalester alumni of all eras have served in the military. But somehow with the college's emphasis on internationalism, those responsible for U.S. defense have become the nearly invisible alumni. When asked for an interview about Mac alumni in the military, B. Todd Jones '79 responded ironically, "You mean I'm not the only one?"

Whether as a career commitment, or as a response to crisis, or both, these alumni and others like them have risked their lives to serve their country. With only 6% of U.S. citizens under age 60 having any military experience, many Americans—especially many of us from Macalester—find military service more foreign than life in a Buddhist monastery or the tropical rainforest.

Seven alumni gave us a window into their experiences with the military.

To our readers

This story was planned and largely completed before the events of Sept. 11.

— Jon Halvorsen and Nancy Peterson, editors
Edwin Stuart '49, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and later served in the occupation forces in Germany (he's pictured with two German boys after the war), attended Mac on the G.I. Bill. He enjoyed a career in counseling and special education administration, and in 1999 he received a Distinguished Citizen Citation from Macalester for his professional achievements and remarkable work as a volunteer.

Edwin Stuart '49
AND HIS BAND OF BROTHERS
in the Battle of the Bulge:
'It was the constant fear'

Every time we started out, I was looking for something to hide behind,” Ed Stuart says of his combat experience with a heavy weapons company that fought its way across western Germany in the fierce campaign known as the Battle of the Bulge. “I didn’t show it, but it was there. ... It was the constant fear that you would be ambushed, that you would have artillery dropped in on you, that you would be caught.

That fear, and anger, led some men to commit the acts that nightmares are made of. When he talks of the time his platoon prepared to take a German barracks at the top of a hill, every detail seems burned into Stuart's memory.

“We looked down the road,” he recalls, “and here was a team of horses pulling a wagon and four German soldiers walking beside it. They were all older guys, and they were bringing food up to the barracks from somewhere, so we got behind the trees and waited. ... They got within about 15 feet of us and [a man from Stuart's squad] jumped out and said, ‘Halt!’

“These four German soldiers panicked, and they came toward us shouting, ‘Comrade, comrade.’ One got real close to us, and a member of my platoon shot him, shot him right in the stomach, and he fell right in front of us. That’s a sickening thing because that guy had given up. This is what happens, you know. Another one of the German soldiers had tried to run around the side of the wagon, and another one of our men shot and got him in the leg. But then shortly after that, K Company came through, and we followed them up, and we lost our executive officer. He was killed by a sniper up there.”

Asked about the good side of Army life, Stuart answered with a catch in his voice: "There was a sort of a comradeship among the fellows. You came from all walks of life.” Stuart himself was a former J.C. Penney clothing salesman from Albert Lea, Minn. Two men in his squad couldn’t read or write.

“They’d bring over their mail and I’d read it to them, and then I’d write a letter. I said to Alvy one time, 'What do you want me to tell your wife?' 'Oh,' he says, 'you’re married, you know what to say.' So, I’d always sign it, 'Love and kisses,' and then his name, ‘Alvy.’ I think the average schooling of the men in the platoon was about eighth grade."

One in 10 men in his 78th Division died, including a close friend who was killed a few days before the war ended, and thousands more were wounded.

Stuart, who was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, became part of the occupation forces in Germany. "I think it was important that a certain kind of men were placed in occupation in Germany after the war, not to get even, but to show them that we can all live together peacefully.”

The same vessel that took him and his comrades to Europe brought Ed Stuart home. As the ship sailed into New York harbor, he stood on deck. "Here’s the Statue of Liberty up there. I bet you three-fourths of the men were on that side watching. I cried.”

Edwin Stuart in 1999
Samuel Baez '57, retired navy chaplain:
"We will need persons who defend our right to agree or disagree."

Retired Navy Chaplain
Samuel Baez today

Samuel Baez served a total of 28 years, retiring in 1981 as a captain in the Navy, equivalent to the Army's full colonel.

His career began in 1951, during the Korean War, when Baez left the University of Iowa to "keep the gates of freedom open" by enlisting in the Marines. Appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1953, Baez resigned to pursue a religious ministry, graduating from Macalester, then Princeton Theological Seminary, and joining the chaplaincy in 1961.

Baez has often been required to defend his calling. "The bottom line is that we all need to understand that until 'man's inhumanity to man' is no longer a reality...we will need persons who defend our right to agree or disagree. It is not a place for cowards or dissidents. It is a hard row to hoe, but so are many other approaches to life. It is an honorable and important career choice."

Brian Riedesel '72, air force psychologist:
"I'm still my normal, liberal self, but it loosened me up on some of those issues.

On campus during the Vietnam years, Brian Riedesel was an active protestor. A good lottery number saved him from the draft. So why, in 1988, did he join the Air Force? Riedesel is a licensed psychologist at the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City, where he does counseling, teaching and consulting. As supervisor of the career development classes, he was visited one day by an Air Force recruiter. "He looked at my wall and saw my license as a psychologist, and his eyes kind of lit up and he said, 'You know, we really need psychologists in the Air Force.' I kind of laughed because it seemed so out of character."

But Riedesel was ready for a change. He negotiated a leave from the university and an overseas assignment from the Air Force—at Clark AFB in the Philippines. "Right after I was sworn in, there were three so-called terrorist murder right outside of Clark Air Base. I looked at my wife, 3-year-old and 1-year-old and wondered what I'd done."

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Hervis today, in his office in Utah

Joining the Air Force "was a fairly radical change of pace, but it has really paid off professionally." There was a downside, too. "The worst part was being an asset for the government, rather than being a human being. It's like a big game, you move your assets around, and they happen to be people. "It's not like I'm real pro-military or a heavy-duty Republican or anything like that, I'm still my normal, liberal self, but it loosened me up on some of those issues."

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B. Todd Jones '79, Proud to Be a Marine:
'I had what they call command experience'

On the eve of the Gulf War in 1991, Marine Corps reservist Todd Jones received an overnight letter that read, in essence: "Dear Capt. Jones, you are involuntarily recalled to active duty. You've got seven days to report." The father of three was a lawyer at a prestigious Minneapolis law firm and his wife, Margaret Samanant Jones '80, was three months pregnant.

Jones was angry to have his life interrupted, but he knew about sacrifice. Men in his family had served their country since Civil War times when his great-great-grandfather was a soldier in the Ohio Colored Infantry. Still, Jones signed on under rather different circumstances than those of his ancestors. Between years of law school, Jones went to Officer Candidate School, planning to gain trial experience by joining the Marines Judge Advocate Corps after graduation.

But when the time came, he dropped his law contract and became an infantry officer, the kind that lands on beachheads, jumps out of helicopters and learns to survive in the jungle and the desert. Commanding a company of Marines gave Jones valuable leadership experience, and after three years he moved to the Judge Advocate Corps, where he tried cases in military court. "I think I was better prepared and probably was more effective at that point because I had what they call command experience. I wasn't just a lawyer; I was a prior infantry officer."

Jones was on active duty from 1983 to 1989 and in the reserves until 1997, when he left the Marines to ease the strain that "operational tempo" puts on family life. Since then, he has been in public and private practice, serving as U.S. attorney for the Minnesota District under President Clinton, and now as partner in the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi.

While he thinks that the contributions of persons of color in the military have often been underappreciated, he says, "It has been a path ... for persons of color to succeed in a career of their choice, and achieve on a more level playing field, particularly in the last 50 years. [Secretary of State] Colin Powell is a shining example. He would not be where he is right now, but for his long and distinguished career as an Army officer."

Jones wished that more public service-minded Macalester people would consider the military. "It's important to have people in the military who join less out of a spirit of adventure—because the testosterone is pumped up and they want to do the G.I. Joe thing—but more out of the spirit of public service. Particularly these days where there's one superpower. Much of what is done by the military today is peacekeeping. There won't be another Vietnam." •
Why I wrote this story: A liberal’s confession
by Jan Shaw-Flamm ’76

When I was a senior, the Navy recruiter came to my high school where, being a consider-all-the-options type, I was one of the few who showed up for her presentation. During the Q & A, I asked, “What do you dislike about being in the military?”

“I can’t think of anything I don’t like,” she replied, “but what I like best is that, with a uniform, I never have to think about what to put on in the morning.”

That was what she liked best? I was out of there.

Still, among most people I knew there was a presumption of respect for those who served, if not for the Vietnam War itself. My grandfather had served in World War I and I was proud that his name was on the veterans’ plaque in his hometown. My father served in India in World War II and my brother-in-law in Vietnam, where his duties included the gruesome task of counting enemy dead after the smoke of battle cleared. (How did you think they got those numbers for the nightly news?)

Over those three generations, attitudes toward the military experienced a seismic shift. Nowhere was the shift clearer than at Macalester. During the World Wars, The Mac Weekly honored those who joined up and gave updates on their whereabouts. There were campaigns to write to men in uniform. Students drilled with wooden guns. President Turck left the college to accept a commission in the Army.

But by the ’60s, Macalester students were well known for their anti-war activism. Shortly after my arrival in 1972, Henry Kissinger was assuring us that “Peace is at hand.” Still, the Macalester chaplain provided draft counseling, and activists Jane Fond and Tom Hayden addressed a crowd in the Student Union. Men born in 1953, generally the Class of ’75, had been the last to watch blue plastic capsules being drawn in a draft lottery that could decide their fate. Everyone discussed whether they would go to Canada “if.”

The common presumption at Mac was that no one in his (or her) right mind would join the military.

The years rolled on, and still I knew almost no one in the armed services. Then, in Class Notes, I began to notice the occasional alumnus who wrote of serving in the military. Why, I wondered, did any red-blooded American boys or girls, with Macalester educations behind them, join the military? I couldn’t believe they were bloodthirsty Rambo’s, or that they had no other options, and the draft was over.

My peace-loving, liberal curiosity was piqued. Then I heard a commentary on public radio, the gist of which was that Bosnian women didn’t understand why American women wanted their men to be “sensitive.” The Bosnian women wanted men capable of brute strength and fierce anger if the enemy burst in at the door.

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Events of Sept. 11 have underscored that. It remains a struggle to comprehend a military whose members could be responsible for both the My Lai massacre and the liberation of France. So how do we presume to understand those people who choose military service?

Maybe one person at a time.

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Cathy Torrington Eaton '95:
A CAPTAIN IN THE ARMY,
'where everyone is a brother and a sister'

Although her father has served 27 years in the Army, the family joke is that Cathy Torrington Eaton is "more Army" than he ever was. He is a doctor, but she entered the Army through the culture shock of Basic Training, where women from all kinds of backgrounds slept together in big bays and fistfights were a nightly tradition.

In Officer Candidate School, Torrington Eaton survived on three to four hours of sleep per night and ate her future husband, David Eaton, during her last three weeks.

As a woman, Torrington Eaton constantly confronted the stereotype of "weak females," but occasionally expectations worked in her favor. "If you're able to keep up with men, you get a great amount of respect. You find yourself spotlighted for just keeping up with the rest of the pack."

Upon graduation from OCS and airborne school, Torrington Eaton was trained in the field of military intelligence. Her first assignment was in Korea, where she served as a platoon leader, intercepting broadcast communications for U.S. use, and preventing clear reception of information intended for others. She then returned to the States and was assigned to a heavy (armor) brigade at Ft. Stewart, Ga., where she worked as an intelligence planner, and was twice deployed to Kuwait.

A linguistics and Russian major at Mac, Torrington Eaton finds the Army fascinating. It has its own language and culture, which can be unintelligible to civilians. As something of a sociologist, she was interested to find that being an officer in a predominantly male world, while not without its problems, "instilled a ton of confidence, and assertiveness, and directness, a lot of that stuff you get from working with men.

"The other thing about the Army is the focus on leadership. You focus on it so much that you develop your own leadership style, and analyze your leadership skills as you go along. You're rated constantly as to where you need improvement."

The stress of the unknown, and the need to be always flexible, are hard on a marriage with two active duty officers. So Captain Eaton, as she is formally known, now serves in the Army Reserve in measures and signatures intelligence—a new kind of satellite analysis—as she pursues a master's in speech and language pathology at the University of North Carolina. She's glad to still be a part of that "one huge team, where everyone is a brother and a sister."

"The first time you salute the Hag in uniform, it's an amazing experience," says Torrington Eaton. "I'm glad I'm here to participate if they call me. I wouldn't want to be left behind."
Kirstin Beach '95,
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:
'There's definitely an atmosphere of liberalism [at Macalester], but there's also an attitude of serving your country' 

'I never really heard anyone slamming the military [at Macalester],'' says Kirstin L. Beach. "There's definitely an atmosphere of liberalism, but there's also an attitude of serving your country. A lot of people go into government work, non-profits and community service."

So for Beach, it was a natural fit to apply her Macalester education, and her master's in geography, at the Defense Intelligence Agency, the principal source for military-related foreign intelligence. Beach herself is a civilian, but she works closely with the military. For example, she spent 3½ months in Saudi Arabia, supporting Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, patrollers of the southern no-fly zone in Iraq.

"I was born in Hong Kong, my parents were missionaries there," says Beach. "I lived there until I came back to the States to go to Macalester. I think it almost increased my patriotism toward my country because I was such a minority where I was. I went to British schooling, and America always got slammed so much, I had to stand up for my country."

"Working in intelligence may sound, well, a little 'spook'-y, but Beach loves her work in which she briefs staffers from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Senate and the House. "You learn about how American policy is made, and do a lot with the State Department. I happen to work a lot with arms control issues, and learn about how we work with other countries in terms of dealing with treaties and other arms control issues. It's an exciting environment."

Beach is untroubled that some other Mac alumni might not endorse her work. "[Macalester] opened my eyes to a lot of things. It was a diverse environment... and it gave me the confidence to go out and know that I could work for the Department of Defense. I love Macalester... and I think it helped direct me toward wanting to serve my country."

Eric Starkweather '96:
'WE WANTED TO KEEP BOSNIA SAFE, to encourage people to tolerate their neighbors, not to bomb each other's houses' 

'The college finance plan of Eric Starkweather took him not to work-study in the food service or the library but to Cuba and Bosnia, courtesy of the Army Reserve."

A reservist from 1994 through August 2001, Starkweather was assigned to the psychological operations unit, the group that tries to influence people to act or think in a way that's beneficial to U.S. interests.

"It's an exciting environment," Kirstin Beach '95 says of her work at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Her office is at Bolling Air Force Base near Washington, D.C.
"I encourage people not to reject the idea of the military, or not to reject someone in the military, without getting to know more about the details first," says Eric Starkweather '96. He was photographed this past August outside Old Main.

In the summer of 1995, his unit went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where there was a camp for the "balseros," the thousands of Cubans and Haitians plucked out of the water as they attempted to Moat to Florida.

Starkweather worked primarily on a Haitian newspaper, getting information out to people on subjects such as what to expect in the United States. "We tried to make sure that the people forced to sit around in these tent cities with nothing to do didn't have reasons to go out and make trouble. We really tried to step up the information, and the quality of information, we were getting to them."

In September 2000, Starkweather went to Bosnia as part of the peacekeeping mission. "While Congress deemed it a hostile area, I never felt unsafe at all. You'd hear about a house or car getting bombed, but there was very little activity directed toward the NATO forces there." The unit's objective was simply to encourage peace. "We wanted to keep the NATO forces safe, to keep Bosnia safe, to encourage people to abide by the Dayton Peace Accord, to tolerate their neighbors, not to bomb each other's houses."

Starkweather believes his travels gave him an appreciation of different perspectives. He had talked with Cuban balseros about their lives at home. "It was just a bad situation; that's why they risked their lives to get on rafts and try to make it to the U.S."

Politically, I'm not as left-leaning as many of my peers at Mac were, but I think this gave me an opportunity to do things to help people that are on a par with, or better than, the opportunities that some of my more liberal peers got to do.

I encourage people not to reject the idea of the military, or not to reject someone in the military, without getting to know more about the details first. ... That's the sort of thing we encouraged in Bosnia, the understanding of someone who comes from a different background, taking time to remind yourself to look at the person."

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San Francisco walks; home schooling; a Minnesota novel

Stairway Walks in San Francisco

by Adah Bakalinsky '44
(Wilderness Press, 2001. 205 pages, $13.95 paperback)

For the fourth edition of a book that first appeared in 1984, the author has combined dozens of her favorite San Francisco stairways into 27 guided neighborhood walks. Each stairway walk contains a step-by-step route description that includes notes on historical background, architecture and other points of interest. Accompanying every walk is an easy-to-follow map and corresponding numbered outline, which includes information on taking public transportation to the beginning of the trip.

Adah Packerman Bakalinsky, who grew up in St. Paul, lives and works in San Francisco.


"I enjoy the weather. I never tire of exploring the neighborhoods and walking the hills. I always find someone to talk with who shares another portion of San Francisco history with me."

Himalayan Dhaba

by Craig Joseph Danner '81

Following her late husband's ghost to a town high in the Indian Himalayas, an American doctor stumbles into an abandoned mission hospital. Caught between her recent grief and the hopeless care of a dying baby girl, she begins a year-long odyssey of descent and redemption that connects her with a cast of unexpected characters.

There is Amod, the waiter in the local dhaba (café) who secretely adores the doctor; Phillip, a young British traveler who lands in the doctor's care before he is kidnapped deep into the snowbound interior; Antone, the aging, heroin-addicted kidnapper whose every plan goes sour; and Meena—an abandoned by her family to serve the abusive men of a road crew—who finds the courage to lead herself and Phillip to their salvation in the care of a hashish-smoking holy man.

Although this first book by Craig Danner is fiction, it is based on the experiences he and his wife, Beth Epstein '81, had while running a tiny, bare-bones hospital at 7,000 feet in the Indian Himalayas. Danner, a native Oregonian and fourth-generation bootmaker, now makes his living as a physician assistant; Epstein, who has a medical degree from Johns Hopkins, practices emergency medicine and is the local county health officer. They live on a small farm in northern Oregon.

Kingdom of Children:
Culture and Controversy in the Homeschooling Movement

by Mitchell L. Stevens '88
(Princeton University Press, 2001. 228 pages, $24.95 cloth)

Winning spelling bees and science fairs and excelling at selective universities, home-schooled children have been making headlines with their scholastic success. But as abundant as homeschoolers' accomplishments likes the way she looks these days: a little on the skinny side. She hears her husband's whistle slipping underneath the bathroom door, dressing in the bedroom to a song that only he can hear. It's a sound she's heard a thousand times, a song that's never twice the same, she can see him pulling on his socks, standing by the closet door: unconscious of his nakedness, he always dresses randomly.

The whistle that she woke to is now fading as she clears her head: just Tarding going past her door, to work or maybe going home. She finally gets her breath back now she knows that he's not calling her, but she keeps on looking for her boots: an urgency she can't deflect. Her room is dark enough she barks her shin against the wooden bed, the sharp edge of the bed rail cutting hard against her tibia. The pain that stabs her is as pure as shots of vodka taken straight, no tonic mixed to mask the taste or cut the burning in her throat. Tears well in her eyes, and then she sits down somewhere near her bed; she was going to put her boots on but instead decides to cry a bit. She hasn't cried in weeks, she thinks, so long now since her husband died; but the vodka shot of pain has broken through the foggy mirror. She's dreaming of sleeping, of waking, of standing by the closet door: unconscious of her door, dressing in the bedroom to a song that's never twice the same, she can see him pulling on his socks, standing by the closet door: unconscious of his nakedness, he always dresses randomly.

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ments is public speculation about the quality and value of at-home education. What really happens in a day's lesson at the kitchen table? And, more importantly, what are the effects of home schooling on the students themselves and on the society to which they belong?

Mitchell Stevens, a professor of sociology at Hamilton College, addresses these questions by focusing on home schooling as an elaborate social movement. He finds two very different strains, one rooted in the liberal alternative school movement of the 1960s and '70s and the other stemming from the Christian day school movement of the same era. Stevens seeks to explain how this dual history shapes the meaning and practice of home schooling today. The kitchen table, he finds, is a lot larger—and more accommodating—than one might have imagined.

Women's Professional Fastpitch League: Sonya Bell, a blind teen-ager who became an award-winning runner; and Carrie Barefoot Dickerson, who stopped the construction of a nuclear power plant. Other stories, told in their own words, are about Judith Light, Judy Collins, Julia Butterfly Hill, Joan Borysenko, Geraldine Ferraro and Iyanla Vanzant.

By These Hands: A Documentary History of African American Humanism

The black church is often praised for its contributions to black culture and politics. More recently, Islam has been recognized as an important force in African American liberation. Anthony Pinn's new anthology seeks to demonstrate the often overlooked role that humanism has played in African American struggles for dignity, power and justice. Pinn collects examples of African American humanism and shows how its embrace by a variety of prominent figures in African American thought and letters has served as the basis for activism and resistance to American racism and sexism.

The anthology includes essays and selections by Alice Walker, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, Huey P. Newton and Macalester political science Professor Duchess Harris, among others.

Pinn is director of the African American Studies program and a professor of religious studies at Macalester.

My Favorite Apocalypse
by Catie Rosemurgy '92 (Graywolf Press, 2001, 99 pages, $12.95 paperback)

In her first collection of poetry, Catie Rosemurgy writes about everything from relationships to bad luck to rock 'n' roll. Rosemurgy was a winner of a 2001 Rona Jaffe Foundations Writers' Award, the only national literary awards given exclusively to women. Created to support women writers in the early stages of their careers, the awards recognize contributions in fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry.

Rosemurgy's poems have appeared in Ploughshares, Verse, Poetry Northwest, Indiana Review and The Best American Poetry. She is currently co-editor of the Laurel Review and teaches English at Northwest Missouri State University. She splits her time between Maryville, Mo., and Escanaba, Mich.

Shades of Justice
by Fredrick Huebner '78 (Simon & Schuster, 2001, 367 pages, $24 hardcover)

Fredrick Huebner, Edgar Award nominee for Judgment of Fire, returns with a legal thriller about forensic psychiatrist Will
Hatton. Hatton is drawn back to the Pacific Northwest island where he grew up when an old friend confesses to murder. A socially prominent and successful painter, Laura Arcand is charged with the killing of her husband, a hard-driving businessman. For the prosecution, it is an open and shut case. It falls to Hatton to delve into the past and find the truth behind Laura’s mysterious disappearance from the island 25 years before. As her trial peels away layers of deception, he learns who killed her husband and why.

Huebner, the author of five previous novels, operates a legal practice that specializes in financial, investment, employment, commercial and fair competition litigation, as well as alternative dispute resolution. He lives in Bainbridge Island, Wash.

**Place Matters:**
*Metropolises for the Twenty-First Century*
*by Peter Dreier, John Mollenkopf and Todd Swanstrom*’70 (University Press of Kansas, 2001. 328 pages, $35 cloth, $15.95 paperback)

Todd Swanstrom, a professor of public policy at Saint Louis University, and his co-authors argue that the urban crisis is both a moral challenge to the nation’s conscience and an economic challenge to America’s prosperity and families’ pocketbooks. Their book analyzes the causes of the urban crisis and offers both a political roadmap for change and a progressive policy agenda for addressing the crisis.

*Place Matters* was written with policymakers and activists as well as academics, students and journalists in mind. While the book “sounds the alarm” about the urban crisis, it is also hopeful that the U.S. can build the political will to put cities back on the national agenda.

The book’s central thesis is that economic segregation between rich and poor and the growing sprawl of American cities and suburbs are not solely the result of individual choices in free markets but have been shaped by short-sighted government policies. The first order of business must be to overhaul those policies, the authors argue. They make specific recommendations for a political strategy that can build a majority for reform among community organizations, labor unions, environmental groups, faith-based groups and sectors of business.

Swanstrom is the author of *The Crisis of Growth Politics: Cleveland, Kucinich and the Challenge of Urban Populism*, the co-author of *City Politics and Beyond the City Limits.*

**The Man Who Heard the Land**

In Diane Glancy’s new novel, her first set in Minnesota, an unnamed man driving a lonely Minnesota highway hears the voice of the land, but he can’t make out what it has said. A college professor who teaches a course on “Literature and the Environment,” he soon realizes that there is much he must still learn about the land, his past and his home state.

What follows is an odyssey of self-discovery. The man immerses himself in the history of the region, trying to piece together geology, Native American folklore and early explorer literature, all in an effort to decipher what the land has said.

The first original novel ever published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, *The Man Who Heard the Land* is part of the Native Voices series, which is dedicated to raising public awareness of the range and strength of Native American writing. Glancy, a professor of English at Macalester and award-winning novelist and poet, is of Cherokee and German-English heritage.

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from *The Man Who Heard the Land* by Diane Glancy

In the store, he looked at the boxes of old fishing lures. He picked up a Brown’s Fisheretto.

“Five brothers in the Brown family of Osakis made the wooden fish decoys and baits in the 1920s,” the owner of the antique store said.

Maybe the lures were his father’s. The ones he had given away without thinking. Why hadn’t he paid attention?

There were other lures from Minnesota: Finn Spoon, Heinkel’s Special made by the Gopher Bait Co. of Minneapolis, the Scandahoovian Sockaroo, all from the 1920s to the 1940s.

The antique store owner took a lure from another box. “LeRoy Chiovitte caught the biggest fish on record with a shiner minnow like this.” He held it up. “Opening weekend of fishing 1979, a seventeen-pound, eight-inch walleye—up north on the Seagull River near Grand Marais.”

In the antique store, he saw a beaded pouch, a knife sheath, moccasins. He saw a heritage he could have been, should have been. “Dakota,” the man said, still following him along the counter.

It was the heritage he must have come from. But it was over. He was what the Christian evangelists and missionaries and white immigrants had wanted. His Indianness erased, he was like one of them.

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JOSEFIN MYKLETUN '70: 'It was absolutely the most exciting class I had at Mac'  

Mykletun, now science and technology counselor at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., was a 20-year-old Mac student from Norway when Humphrey delivered several lectures to his seminar on international politics.  

"He spoke for two to three hours with no notes and kept us in suspense," Mykletun said. "He was the most exciting political science professor I ever had. He embodied everything. His recall was incredible. He linked the lecture to politics, history, Europe, Africa, the Peace Corps. We were young foreign students experiencing this. We felt very privileged."

"It was absolutely the most exciting class I had at Mac. He was in a league of his own. He came out of real politics. It was a tense time, a high temperature of the political scene. He was credible."

Mykletun was president of the International Students Association, which invited Humphrey to speak to its members about conflict resolution. "He even called me up and asked me how he should address the issue."

Humphrey made a "very strong impression" in and out of the classroom, said Mykletun, who wrote articles about Humphrey and took his picture for newspapers back home. "Here we were at a small liberal arts college in the Midwest and we had him in our classroom. It was an open class, very inviting, inclusive. He was a good listener."

NIKKI HEIDEPRIEM '72: 'He was a kind of oral historian'  

"There was a good amount of opposition to his returning by some students. . . . He handled that with real grace," said Heidepriem, a political consultant in Washington. "He was not defensive about the administration's policies. 'Let me explain what we were thinking,' he would say." She took his International Public Affairs class.

She compared him to legendary Professor Ted Mitau, a friend of Humphrey's. "They were passionate about politics and the importance of political life, of public service and of the opportunity to teach."

"Humphrey was there as a kind of oral historian" she continued. "It wasn't a series of war stories. It was thoughtful. It was a lecture. I found his passion, his rhetoric and experience very engaging. My interest was all domestic, but he taught us we couldn't make that distinction any longer."

LOOKING BACK on Humphrey's career, Mondale said his friend should be viewed as proof that someone who starts out with little except energy, values and a sense of public service can make a difference in the world. He said Humphrey maintained his Macalester connections over the years, meeting frequently with professors like Mitau, Huntley Dupre, Dorothy Dodge and others.

"At Macalester he started his long drive that got him within a few votes of the presidency," Mondale said. "He was one of the very most important public leaders and reformers in the last century."

"Macalester should be very proud of what Humphrey, really reflecting the spirit of Macalester, did to profoundly change the rules dealing with all Americans—that is, the civil rights laws. It was basic, it was big, it was profound and based on values and principles. Macalester was a huge contributor to that."
Asian Americans: The spoken word and the battle to be heard

by Thien-bao Phi ’97

For four days last July, more than 120 Asian American spoken-word poets, hip-hoppers, artists and activists from all over the country congregated in Seattle for the first National Asian Pacific Islander Spoken Word Summit. Although there were plenty of workshops, performances and activities, it was more like a family reunion than a conference.

Many of us were already friends, and we were elated that the majority of us, from so many different cities, could finally be in one place at one time.

Most of us stayed in the same hotel, spending our free time wandering from room to room, hanging out and sacrificing sleep for long hours of conversation, joking, singing and freestyle ciphers.

In addition to the many creative activities, the Summit also focused on combining arts with activism. Just a few weeks before, Asian American students had been singled out and harassed by Seattle police for jaywalking. They were detained and asked whether they could speak and understand English.

We launched a protest and marched—jaywalked—at the same place where the students were harassed. We also embarked on an Asian American tour of Seattle, to understand the histories and see the landmarks that were not well known: the port where many Asian Americans waited to enter this country; Rizal Memorial Park, named after Filipino hero Jose Rizal; the grave sites of Carlos Bulosan, the author of “America is in the Heart,” one of Asian America’s groundbreaking works of literature, and Bruce Lee, America’s first martial arts movie star; the hotels by the bay that were owned by Japanese Americans before they were interned; the Wing Luke Asian American Museum, with its powerfully haunting internment and sweatshop exhibits.

There was also a showcase, open to the public, where we Asian American poets and hip-hoppers could strut our stuff. Even though the Northwest Asian American Theatre was crowded far beyond its capacity with a primarily Asian crowd, people ignored the heat and listened with rapt attention to the words, music and rhythms of the artists. And when the event went overtime and the theater was forced to close, the crowd spilled out into the street. There, in a huge circle on 7th and Jackson in the heart of Chinatown at midnight, the show went on. Police came from out of nowhere to block off the streets, but hung back as we kept the words flying. No one went home early; everyone stayed and listened as the artists had their say. The night culminated in what might have been the world’s largest group hug, as audience and artist closed the circle for an embrace.

In attendance were five Macalester Asian Student Alliance alums: Celine Liu ’00 (co-chair ’97–’98), who was also in town for an Organization of Chinese Americans conference; Bob Elsinger ’97 (co-chair ’95–’96) and Lym-Sung Kim ’01 (co-chair ’00–’01), who drove to Seattle from Los Angeles and Minnesota, respectively; Nhien Nguyen ’96 (president ’93), who now works in Seattle at the Wing Luke Museum; and me (co-chair ’97), as an artist and workshop leader.

Seeing old Macalester friends who were involved with ASA reminded me of the strong passion I had for dealing with Asian American issues during my days in college," says Nguyen, "and the Summit was invigorating because, with meeting Asian Americans my age all across the country, I was reminded of our struggles and that the battle to be heard continues." It was a bonus to be in the same place at the same time with all of these Mac ASA leaders, all of whom passed the torch and learned from each other. And it was amazing to be able to experience the Summit together.

When I asked her what she thought of the Summit, Celine Liu replied, "I was blessed to be able to witness revolution in action." •

Listen to me when I tell you this story
You were not always a color as bright as this
Once upon a time we lived as transparent as ghosts...
Then one day we heard singing, from workmen’s chants to morning prayers, hip hop songs to karaoke
Dance dance revolutionaries stomped their boots to flatten ghosts that had been haunting us
So I want you to listen when I tell you this
Before these words become tomorrow's myth.

— poem delivered by Emily Chang at the Spoken Word Summit
Political diversity at Mac? It's debatable

by Hannah Clark '02

The parent of a potential applicant recently wrote the college to express concern that Macalester is too politically correct and left. Although Macalester talks about diversity, the college doesn't have political diversity because there are no conservative students, the parent argued. The parent also questioned the "unpatriotic" views of some on campus in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hannah Clark, editor in chief of The Mac Weekly, was asked if she wished to respond to the parent's concerns. This article is adapted from her reply.

Macalester is an institution with a student body that is situated firmly to the left of center. We do have students of a more conservative bent, and if you are interested I could put you in contact with one or more. They would be in a better position to give you information about the experience of a conservative at Macalester.

I know that conservative students often have trouble getting others on this campus to listen to their views. That may be partly because most of our students come from towns and cities with populations that are much more conservative than ours here at Mac, and they are relieved for once to be in the majority.

There are many different types of diversity, however. We have a high percentage of international students, and they frequently challenge American assumptions. Our population of students of color is too small, but vocal. We have a vibrant religious community, including groups of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish students, a Bahai organization and a Council for Religious Understanding. Every semester over 100 students study abroad; I went to Ghana, and I have friends who went to Bolivia, Nicaragua, Denmark, France, Cameroon and Japan, among other countries.

I do not think it is fair to assume that simply because Macalester students are left of center politically, we are not respectful, intelligent, critical thinkers. The intellectual level of political debate here is high. Macalester students do their research, and they back up statements when they make them. (Of course, not all of them do, but you'll find that anywhere, I'm afraid.) "Left of center" is an extremely broad term. The dialogue and debate on that end is lively, interesting, passionate and well-articulated by the many who engage in the discussion. There is no one way of thinking here.

I also prefer a politically active student body, regardless of political affiliation, to an apathetic one. In my experience looking for colleges, I found that schools tended to be either conservative, liberal or not political at all.

While your daughter might be more content at a more conservative institution, as I am content at Macalester, I think that she might learn more at an institution where students are intelligent, critical thinkers and yet do not share her own view. I have found that when I am in the political minority, it provides me with an opportunity to hone my own critical thinking and argumentative skills. Being in a minority forces me to question my assumptions, and I am a better person because of those experiences. For those of us who are white and middle class and thus generally in the majority in our environments, it can be healthy to have, in a small sense, the experience of those not as privileged as ourselves.

Regarding the tragedies of Sept. 11: I am proud that Macalester students were among the first to recognize the danger that Muslims and Arab Americans would experience as retaliation for this horrible act. Many Macalester students, including myself, had close family and friends who were near the buildings that were attacked, and many of us were dearly afraid for our loved ones. However, many students were still able to look beyond the suffering of ourselves and our fellow Americans and reach out to other human beings who also occupy this planet. Only several days after the attack did the news media begin to address the issue of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim violence; Macalester students had already attended rallies and talked about the issue in class. At the same time, we were attending vigils and services to mourn those who died.

It is also important in this frightening time that we do not forget about the rest of the world, about people suffering in other countries, due in part to U.S. policy, about how people could become so desperate that they would sacrifice their own lives because they believe that that is the only power they have to affect their situations. In fact, during this time it is especially important that we find out about the people who we may end up fighting. What do most Americans know about Afghanistan? Shouldn't we know more? The fact that Macalester students were able, despite their deep mourning and fear, to look beyond themselves and their own nation, is, I think, a beautiful representation of Macalester's international perspective.

I hope you and your daughter find a school that is right for her. If you have any questions, about Macalester or the college search in general, feel free to e-mail me at hclark@macalester.edu.

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Classics Professor Emeritus Edward (Ted) Brooks, Jr., Macalester Trustee Emeritus Virginia Dahleen Brooks ’59 and Ted’s nephew Conley Brooks, Jr., are pictured in the Rare Books Room of the DeWitt Wallace Library.

Ted and Ginny Brooks have made a major pledge to the renovation of Kagin Commons, where a space will be named in honor of Ted’s 25 years at Mac (1964–89). Their gift was enhanced by a substantial grant from the Marbrook Foundation which Conley heads. Previous joint gifts from Ted and Ginny Brooks and the Marbrook Foundation helped build the library and supported junior faculty sabbaticals in the humanities.

“Macalester is a place where we feel a sense of belonging,” Ted and Ginny Brooks say. “We honor its values and its deep commitment to the liberal arts.”
Man of peace

As every member of the Macalester community knows, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan '61 and the United Nations received this year's Nobel Peace Prize. He is pictured in 1998, when he returned to Macalester to accept an honorary degree. “The world needs his leadership now more than ever,” President McPherson said. He added that Kofi Annan’s “dedication and sense of purpose and optimism can inspire us all.”