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Dear Friends,

The Greenlee School continues to position itself as a top program in journalism and communication. Our renewed research productivity—paper presentations by faculty, often in collaboration with graduate students—has elevated the School’s profile nationally at annual conferences in our disciplines. All the while, we continue to uphold our professional legacy of “hardhat journalism” and “hands-on” advertising that has produced award-winning journalists, renowned editors, top executives and entrepreneurs, respected educators, five Pulitzer Prizes and one Medal of Freedom. The achievements of alumni, coupled with those of our faculty and students, are a testament to the Greenlee School’s tradition of success. We are pleased to reflect on the past year and share the following hallmarks and highlights with our alumni and friends.

Faculty Additions and Achievements:

Former Better Homes & Gardens editor Karol DeWulf Nickell joined the Greenlee School last spring as a Scripps Howard Teaching Fellow. Dick Doak, former opinion page editor for The Des Moines Register, and Don Nickell, expert designer and professional in residence, joined the faculty this fall. These new additions combine professional talents with a group of lecturers, adjuncts and clinicians with strong industry experience who also advise student organizations or work with student media. We are especially proud of faculty accomplishments with seven professors who have won national or university teaching and/or research awards, including 2007 awardees Kim Smith, our third Master Teacher, and Daniela Dimitrova for Early Achievement in Research. The search committee also has been working diligently to hire additional professors in the areas of print journalism and visual media. I am pleased to report that we have “inked” for fall 2008 two newly minted Ph.D.s: Jacob Groshek from Indiana University and Michael Dahlstrom from the University of Wisconsin.

Bugeja presented the Spring 2007 Presidential University Lecture on April 4, at the invitation of Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy. In his lecture, Bugeja shared findings from his book “Interpersonal Divide: The Search for Community in a Technological Age.” The lecture series has featured a select handful of Iowa State faculty of international preeminence in areas of interest to the general public. Geoffroy recognized Bugeja as “a national leader when it comes to understanding the impact of technology on society.” Bugeja was the first journalism professor to be featured in the series.

Premier events and award-winning student organizations:

The School continues to host premier events such as the Chamberlin Lecture Series, funded by ISU alumni Gene and Marjorie Chamberlin. This fall’s event featured Sandy Johnson, the Washington, D.C., bureau chief for the Associated Press, and her spouse, Chuck Raasch, the national political writer for Gannett News Service. Events like this give students and faculty the opportunity to work with some of the media’s most outstanding role models, such as Helen Thomas, former United Press International White House bureau chief, who offered her insight at last spring’s First Amendment Day. Other “hands-on” learning opportunities for students include our award-winning student media and organizations, including PRSSA, Ad/Broadcast clubs, an endowed Leo Mores chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, ISU Magazine Club and the latest addition, a Women in Communication chapter.

State-of-the-art facilities

The School has excellent support staff operating three computer classrooms, three computer labs, broadcast studio and audio lab, an in-house media center and library, an integrated media suite, focus room, physiomed lab and student advising and internship offices. Alumni financial support also provides for the maintenance and renovation of superior facilities that
As always, thank you for your many kindnesses and continuing support.

Michael Bugeja, Director
Gone are the days of canary yellow paper being yanked out of manual typewriters amid cries of “Deadline!” Reporters no longer report a story once, bang out a story once, and submit it to the copy desk once. Today’s journalists juggle their eyes and ears for news with directives to write a story for the Web. Then produce a video clip for the Web. Then create a slideshow for the Web. Then go back and report some more, update the Web and finally crank out a piece for print.

It’s a new world for journalism – and for those who teach it. Without question, the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication took the lead this year in preparing future journalists for careers in convergence. But what the School won’t leave behind is its ongoing commitment to training up students to push further, try harder, stand out in the pack. Likewise, those same expectations exist for its faculty. Read on to learn more about how the Greenlee School lived up to its reputation in 2007.

Print Media

By Deb Gibson and Matt Neznanski

Without question, one of the Greenlee School’s most distinguished alumni was Hugh Sidey, ’50. The Greenfield boy grew up to become Time magazine’s revered correspondent on the U.S. presidency, serving that role for 30 years. Shortly after Sidey’s death two years ago, the Hugh S. Sidey Scholarship in Print Journalism was created, thanks to a generous gift from David M. Rubenstein, founder of the Carlyle group and former deputy assistant to the President during the Carter Administration, and the White House Historical Association (WHHA).

On Jan. 26, ISU Greenlee junior Fred Love received the inaugural Sidey Scholarship at a White House reception. Speakers included former U.S. President George H.W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush. Love, a Quasqueton native, was awarded $5,000, and met with members of Iowa’s Congressional delegation and the White House press corps. He continued his stay in Washington for the spring semester, working as an intern for the Center for Politics and Journalism.

In another nod to the Greenlee School’s illustrious history, its Society for Professional Journalists (SPJ) chapter officially was renamed the Leo Mores Chapter of SPJ on First Amendment Day April 19.

Mores, a 1938 Iowa State graduate, was owner and publisher of the Harlan Tribune and News Advertiser for several...
decades. During his tenure there, he was named the Iowa Press Association’s Master Editor-Publisher in 1964, saw his newspaper win more than 225 state and national awards, and initiated one of the state’s first forays into offset printing and desktop publishing.

Mores’ sons, Steve and Alan, both ISU journalism graduates, succeeded him as co-publishers of the Harlan newspapers. Their donation to the Greenlee School inspired the renaming of the SPJ chapter for their late father. Always an active alumnus, Leo Mores received the James W. Schwartz Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism in 1988. He created the Mores Family Community Journalism Scholarship at the Greenlee School in 1990, and was named to the School’s Advisory Council in 1996.

When Helen Thomas speaks, everyone listens. Such was the case with the more than 600 attendees in April when Thomas, former UPI White House bureau chief, spoke during First Amendment Day events. Thomas has written about every U.S. President since John F. Kennedy, and shared her opinions on most during the speech. Her comments included thoughts on:

- Kennedy: “He was the most inspired.”
- Richard Nixon: “He always had two roads to go on, and he always took the wrong one.”
- Gerald Ford: “He likened my questions to acupuncture.”
- George H.W. Bush: “He used to invite my younger colleagues to go jogging. He invited me to the horseshoe pit.”
- Bill Clinton: “He won’t be on Mount Rushmore.”

David Bulla’s students love him.

For his dedication to the classroom, his academic advisees and the students he mentors as SPJ adviser, Bulla was recognized with the first Harry Heath/Lou Thompson Jr. Award for Advising this spring.

Thompson created the award in honor of his own adviser, the late Harry Heath, who taught and advised ISU agricultural journalism students in the 1950s and ’60s. Thanks to Heath’s encouragement, Thompson pursued a career in broadcast journalism, and eventually worked as assistant press secretary for President Gerald Ford.

Bulla, who joined the Greenlee faculty in 2004, was honored by many of his advisees through their letters of nomination. According to one letter, “Dr. Bulla ... has been great in helping me to choose the courses I need. To date, I do not feel I have ever taken a course where I did not understand its purpose and importance, and how it would help me to become a better journalist.”

Kelly Kunkel knows the good life.

She reports and writes about it daily as assistant editor of Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles, a high-end, elegant magazine spotlighting how the better half lives down South. Kunkel, a 2005 Greenlee School graduate, covers openings of Atlanta art galleries and museums, highlights the city’s hot new restaurants and shopping venues, and writes 10-page features each month on exquisite Atlanta homes and their designers.

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How does an Algona girl end up on such a prestigious masthead? According to Kunkel, it’s all about the MAP.

Or Meredith Apprentice Program, as it’s known around Hamilton Hall. Kunkel was a member of the inaugural apprentice group working at Meredith during the 2004-05 academic year. During her nine-month tenure there, she worked for Better Homes and Gardens magazine, amassing an impressive portfolio and soaking up the ins and outs of the real magazine world.

“My apprenticeship helped me realize the special pace required for working on a magazine,” Kunkel said. “In class, we learn what to do, but it wasn’t until I worked at BH&G that I learned that you go from swamped to caught up. And then it starts all over again.

“I also learned so much about how departments work together on a magazine,” she continued. “Sometimes it’s very closely; other times they don’t work together at all. But I never would have known any of this had I not had that amazing experience.”

To date, 14 Greenlee students have completed the Meredith apprentice program. Unlike short-term internships, these apprenticeships provide entry-level journalism experience to students for an entire academic year, allowing them to write front-of-book and full-length features, assist with photo shoots, conduct story research, write tables of contents and photo captions, and attend story planning meetings.

Three former apprentices now are employed full time at Meredith: Sheena Chihak, ’06, an assistant editor for the Books Group; Rachel Weber, ’07, staff writer, Special Interest Media; and Maria Schwamman, ’07, staff writer, Scrapbooks, etc. Other apprentices who’ve gone on to work in magazines include Jenny Stanley, associate editor for Handy Magazine in suburban Minneapolis; Abby Penning, assistant editor, Skin Inc. magazine in suburban Chicago; and Dana Schmidt, former assistant editor, Family Tree magazine in Cincinnati.

“I’ll always appreciate the real-world experience I received as a Meredith apprentice,” Kunkel said. “They were so willing to teach me every little detail, because they knew I was there to learn.”

As Newsletter went to press, the Greenlee School received word that Kunkel had been hired by Meredith as associate articles editor for Country Homes magazine.

The Greenlee School magazine emphasis benefitted from a major professional boost this year with the addition of Karol DeWulf Nickell.

Nickell, former editor in chief of Better Homes and Garden Magazine, was named a Scripps Howard Teaching Excellence Fellow late last year. The fellowship is designed to “loan” Nickell’s expertise in magazine journalism, editing, visual communication, design, advertising, integrated marketing, convergence, ethics and promotional campaigns to classrooms across the platforms.

“We are delighted to have Karol as mentor to students and as a colleague to faculty,” Greenlee School Director Michael Bugeja said. “Her professionalism and expertise apply to almost everything we do across the degree program.”

Nickell will serve this fellowship through spring 2008 as she completes her MBA from Iowa State.
Fifteen Greenlee School public relations students will develop a comprehensive communications program for Chevrolet’s Safe Kids Buckle Up program as part of the 2008 Bateman Case Study Competition sponsored by the Public Relations Society of America. Safe Kids Buckle Up is a national program devoted to preventing childhood injuries among children ages 14 and younger.

“Students who participate in this three-credit course not only get the experience of researching and developing a plan, they also are required to execute, measure and write a campaign summary,” said Erin Wilgenbusch, APR and Public Relations Student Society of America faculty adviser.

The students will use their 10-page campaign summary to pitch their communication plan to Chevrolet. The better the campaign book is developed, the more likely the team is to win the Bateman competition.

This is the fourth consecutive year Greenlee School students are participating in the national Bateman competition. Iowa State’s Bateman teams earned honorable mention accolades in 2004 and 2005. The Bateman competition originated in 1973 as a national case study that allowed PRSSA members an opportunity to exercise the analytical skills required for public relations problem solving.

Iowa State’s PRSSA chapter is helping insulate homes for hurricane victims by collecting denim for the “Cotton. From Blue to Green.” campaign. The donated denim is recycled into denim blue bales of insulation called UltraTouch™. The natural cotton fiber insulation is used to insulate Habitat for Humanity homes that are being built for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

PRSSA’s April Denim Drive was so successful that it organized a second campaign during October.

“We collected nearly 2,000 pieces of denim during our first campaign – more than any of the other schools in the United States that participated in the drive,” Wilgenbusch said.

In 2006, the national denim drive collected more than 14,000 pieces of denim from college campuses. The recycled denim helped build 12 Habitat for Humanity homes for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

For more information: http://accesscotton.com/Cotton-Blue-To-Green/

Iowa State public relations students had an opportunity to meet members from across the country, develop public relations skills and network with experienced professionals at the annual PRSSA national conference. Executive board members Ben Day and Marjorie Smith attended the 2007 PRSSA Conference Oct. 19-23 in Philadelphia.

“I strongly recommend anyone who is interested in a career in public relations to attend at least one PRSSA national conference,” said 2006-07 chapter president Erin O’Gara, a current Greenlee School graduate student. “It is a great chance to interact with other chapters and learn about the profession. You also have the opportunity to hear some really impressive speakers and a lot of really interesting presentations.”

Chris English, the 2006-07 ISU chapter vice president, won a trip to the 2006 conference as a Codispoti PRSA technology section grant recipient.

“For me, the grant was recognition of hard work,” said English, who is working full time for Principal Financial Group. “Sometimes when you get into the grind of school and everything gets stressful, it’s hard to see what you’re working towards. Being recognized kind of affirms that I’m doing the best for my future and myself.”
Progress Across Platforms

As is typical in any television or radio news station, the Greenlee School’s Electronic Media Studies (EMS) program crackles with energy and anticipation these days.

This year alone, three interns received the prestigious KCCI News Channel 8 internships; two Greenlee newsroom studios were revamped and the school launched an updated EMS curriculum.

Assistant professor Jeff Blevins describes his three advisees’ KCCI internship experiences as “trial by fire.”

“The studios improve the quality of education for students because it gives them a professional-looking production set to use. We have an advantage over many other universities. What we have is really equivalent to what you’d see in a small market newsroom,” said Shelley Rouse, a lecturer for the EMS and public relations programs.

EMS faculty members also are introducing exciting new learning tools to their students, including CNN video news feed and the newest newsroom software. Rouse, who just returned from a trip to China during which she toured a Chinese news station, is hoping to introduce global perspectives into the EMS curriculum as well. Rouse gained valuable information on Chinese broadcast journalism through meetings with that station’s general manager and several reporters.

“They provided a lot of insight into what global reporters should be able to do,” Rouse said. “That will help us, along with feedback from internships, to figure out what we should be teaching in our newsrooms.”

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The interns – Lindsay Bromley, Amanda Crawford and Lacy Johnson – were selected from a pool of more than 30 applicants from states including Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota.

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“When each of these interns started, they were worried about not having the technical proficiency necessary to be successful. But, reading their evaluation forms from Kevin Cooney [their supervisor, Greenlee School graduate and Advisory Council member], it was their critical thinking and journalistic ability that put them ahead. We invest in the students’ minds and that’s why they were able to adapt,” Blevins said.

The interns rose well above expectations. Johnson was awarded a scholarship that paid for her work at KCCI, and Crawford now is on KCCI’s payroll as a substitute reporter.

“I could not have asked for a better way to prepare for a career in broadcast than my internship. It’s great to be involved in a program at the Greenlee School that helps students find these types of opportunities,” Crawford said.

To prepare even more students to enter the professional world, the EMS program recently renovated its Anderson Studio and Studio B newsrooms. After a year of renovations, the addition of new cameras purchased by the Greenlee School and production equipment donated by Des Moines’ WHO-TV, students now can use both fully functional newsrooms for class and for producing ISU-TV.

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Visual Communication

By Dennis Chamberlin

The Greenlee School has been fortunate to have Don Nickell join the faculty this year as a professional in residence. He brings 30 years of experience at Meredith Corporation where he held design positions such as creative director with Better Homes and Gardens publications and design manager of the Better Homes & Gardens Creative Collections Group. With Don's presence, students now have an invaluable opportunity to learn from a professional who can help them prepare for a job in the world of publication design.

The visual communication area is in the process of expanding its umbrella in a response to the changes taking place in the profession. A decade ago we could focus attention upon still photojournalism and page design, but the growth of publications on the Internet has changed the marketplace, and we are adapting the classes to meet these needs.

When many of you think about past photojournalism classes, it probably conjures up memories of the darkrooms that were crowded with budding photojournalists. Visual journalism has been focused upon telling stories through the available technology; for a long time that meant 35mm film and trays of chemicals. That is now a part of the past.

Until recently the delivery of content was centered upon printed newspapers and magazines, but the new technology has changed all of this in a revolutionary way. Our current and future students, in addition to acquiring a solid foundation in journalistic practices and ethics, need to leave the Greenlee School with a skill set that includes basic multimedia experience.

With that in mind, the introductory photojournalism course now incorporates the basics of creating slide shows for the Web. The advanced class focuses upon the production of longer stories that include audio recorded in the field and slide presentations for use on the Internet.

In the summer of 2008, assistant professor Dennis Chamberlin will lead a multimedia workshop in Poland. The students will prepare stories they will upload to the Internet throughout their three-week stay. This class will be the first in the Greenlee School that incorporates still photography, audio interviews and video to create content that crosses technology platforms and uses the tools that best fit each story.

Science and Risk Communication

By Karla Walsh

The Greenlee School is now not only the longest continuously accredited journalism school in the nation, but also is establishing a first-in-the-nation Ph.D. program.

The science and risk communication Ph.D. program in development, if granted final approval, will be ready in fall 2009. In the first few years, about five students will begin this research degree each year.

“This is the first doctoral program in the nation to claim intellectual ground in this area,” said Lulu Rodriguez, associate professor of journalism and mass communication, who has helped develop the program.

Rodriguez and other staff involved in this project hope to make Greenlee's first Ph.D. program an international degree. Students from Iowa will study alongside students from abroad.

Issues such as global warming, stem cells and food irradiation shine a light on the importance of adequately communicating research with the public. When individuals don't understand scientific findings, they have difficulty knowing what to believe.

“Science and risk communication offers factual, objective approaches to issues that affect our lives, and the quality of our lives, directly,” said Michael Bugeja, director of the Greenlee School.

Iowa is a leader in creating a bioeconomy, so proper communication between the public and the researchers is crucial for progress, Rodriguez explained.

The students in this program will not be “trying to be an advertising mouthpiece for scientists’ innovations. We want to create a real dialogue among the public, scientists and journalists,” Rodriguez said.
Assistant professor Jay Newell’s research on product placement in television and films continues to garner national press coverage, including a Page One story in USA Today. Newell’s research has uncovered the first product placements in early movies. His work also monitors how this practice has mushroomed into a significant media option for advertisers. The historical perspective on product placement is what attracts national media most these days.

“The USA Today story on brand placement was a good example of a writer looking for a long view of a current phenomenon,” Newell told a reporter recently.

As Newell incorporates his research into the classroom, more and more of his students are benefitting well beyond the exam.

“I’ve had several students begin careers in the product-placement industry, and knowing that publicized research is being conducted at Greenlee provides the student with some entry-level credibility,” Newell said.

Students in Lauren Monahan’s ad campaigns course are creating a plan for “It’s All About Me!,” an Ames cosmetics and accessories business that opened July 5. Students have conducted focus groups, interviews and surveys with store customers as part of their research. So far the client has been very impressed with the professionalism, enthusiasm, ambition and courtesy students have exhibited.

Cardinal & Gold, the student-run ad agency, currently is working on three projects:
- a logo design for The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services’ (LGBTSS) Safe Zone program. The agency will be working on a campaign to promote this program.
- brand development and a campaign for Ad Club.
- an ad campaign for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s Labor Day Weekend 5K fund raiser.

John Thomas’ primary interest is developing student admiration for the value of personal creativity. Within the basic parameters of the traditional classroom and curriculum, he has been challenging and rewarding students for taking creative risk. By using a series of group and innovative class projects, he has been able to highlight creativity in the classroom.

In 2005 and 2006, Thomas primarily connected creative learning activities to small class seminars. Starting this fall, he has been using group creative techniques in the large-class setting with equally rewarding results.

For the third consecutive year, a Greenlee School undergraduate was named “Most Promising Minority Student” by the American Advertising Foundation. Joela Kemp, a 2007 graduate, received the honor last January as a senior advertising major.

Her letter of recommendation from assistant professor Jay Newell read in part, “Joela likes to think of herself as an average American of Asian descent, but average she is not. She sets high standards for herself in her coursework, her club activities and her relationships with others. It is the minute-by-minute attention to excellence that underlies her work, and allows her to meet her own standards.”
Assistant professor Daniela Dimitrova and Director Michael Bugeja recently had two peer-reviewed articles on their half-life research published in top journals:


Dimitrova also has co-written a book chapter on “Online civic engagement via government Web portals,” to be published in Advances in E-Government Research, IDEA Publishing.

This semester Dimitrova is incorporating innovative techniques in the classroom. Her undergraduate class in multimedia production is working on a real-world project with a local restaurant located in Des Moines/Ankeny.

Her graduate students in communication technology and social change are using a blog to enhance class discussion (http://jlmc574.blogspot.com/). They are also scheduled to visit the Virtual Reality cave (C-4) on campus and see various demos.

Last fall, Dimitrova joined an ISU delegation that traveled to Bulgaria for the Atanasoff Symposium. While there, she met with journalism faculty members and administrators at Sofia University, and discussed possible joint research, class collaborations and online workshops.
Richard Doak wins 2007 Greenlee School Schwartz Award

Richard Doak, former columnist and editorial page editor of The Des Moines Register, was named recipient of the 2007 James W. Schwartz Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University. Doak received the award during the Greenlee School’s annual alumni homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 20.

By Ross LaDue

The Schwartz Award is the highest honor given by Iowa State’s Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication. The School’s Advisory Council and faculty nominate candidates, and faculty members select a winner from those finalists.

“Anytime you’re recognized by your alma mater is extra-special,” Doak said.

Doak, who has served on the Advisory Council since it was created, joined the Greenlee School as a lecturer this fall.

The teaching offer from the Greenlee School was separate from the Schwartz Award.

“He brings a wealth of professional experience into the classroom, in addition to an immense history of this state and region. He knows the issues Iowa has faced and the progress it has made,” said Greenlee School Director Michael Bugeja.

Doak earned both his bachelor’s degree in technical journalism and master’s degree in economic history from Iowa State University. After graduating in 1962, Doak worked at the Register for more than 40 years. He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 1995 for a series of staff editorials in the Register titled, “What’s Right With Iowa.”

Doak is the 32nd recipient of the Schwartz Award, whose list includes Pulitzer-Prize winners, executives for media companies and successful entrepreneurs. The award is named after James Schwartz, who was chair of the Greenlee School from 1963-77.
Three new members join Greenlee Advisory Council

The Greenlee School Advisory Council welcomed three new members at its fall meeting Oct. 19. They include:

Scott Stanzel

Scott Stanzel, assistant to President George W. Bush and deputy press secretary, serves as a spokesman for the president on a variety of issues, including homeland security, education, agriculture and energy.

Prior to his current position, he served on the Dole for President Campaign, was assistant press secretary for U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and worked in the White House Office of Media Affairs, where he was the primary spokesman for President Bush for reporters serving news outlets in 14 states.

Stanzel received his ISU journalism degree in 1995. In addition to his role on the Advisory Council, Scott recently was elected to the Iowa State University Alumni Association board of directors.

Brian Hemphill

Brian O. Hemphill is an assistant professor and vice president for student affairs at Northern Illinois University. He has developed a strong background in student advocacy, advancing diversity and equity, and establishing a solid commitment to shared governance on campus.

Prior to joining the Northern Illinois University staff, Hemphill served as assistant dean of students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at the University of Arkansas.

Brian earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Iowa, a master’s degree in journalism and mass communication from Iowa State University in 1994, and a bachelor’s degree in organizational communication from St. Augustine’s College.

Linda Percefull

Linda Percefull is a Chicago communications consultant with more than 20 years experience counseling major corporate clients and some of the world’s most recognizable brands. She has coached clients through high-profile issues and crises, as well as corporate responsibility, employee engagement and stakeholder relations.

Percefull has worked in leadership positions for global agencies including Leo Burnett, Edelman and Weber Shandwick, where she was a senior vice president and director of the corporate reputation practice.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, where she studied under Greenlee Director Michael Bugeja, Linda started her career as a reporter for the Tulsa World. While at OSU, Linda earned her degree in news-editorial and served on the national board of the Society of Professional Journalists.

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Dirk van der Linden
Tom Wilson
Homecoming 2007 featured a tent at Jack Trice Stadium shared by the Iowa State Daily and the Greenlee School, with presentation of the James W. Schwartz Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism. It was fitting that this year’s awardee was Richard Doak, Greenlee School Advisory Council member and former editor-in-chief of the Daily.

Photos by Ross LaDue

Cheering on their dad, Richard Doak (far left), during the tailgate were daughters (top clockwise) Mary Lyn Sailor, Ames; Danielle Christensen, Des Moines and Amy Prime, Newton. Sitting next to Amy is Greenlee associate director Jane Peterson and her daughter Emily (lower right).

Dean Michael Whiteford (right) congratulates Richard Doak, former columnist and editorial page editor of The Des Moines Register, on his selection as this year’s Schwartz Award winner, the highest honor ISU bestows for achievements in mass communication.
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☐ Serve as resource to students
☐ Serve as resource on internship and job information
☐ Provide a tour of my workplace
☐ Serve as a guest speaker on campus or via teleconference
☐ Help with society events in my city
☐ Host society event/reception at my workplace
☐ Other

Mail to: Greenlee Society of Alumni and Friends, 101 Hamilton Hall, Ames, IA 50011
Eric Abbott, Professor; Director of Graduate Education. Academic Interest: print

Eric continues to coordinate both the Greenlee graduate program and the Technology and Social Change minor program. During the past year, he also worked as a consultant for both the U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank in Tajikistan, helping to complete a qualitative and quantitative baseline analysis, and then designing a workshop for project staff. In addition, he worked through ISU’s Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in Uganda to develop course materials he presented to ISU students in three different colleges this fall. Finally, he squeezed in time for his 20th RAGBRAI bicycle ride across the great state of Iowa.

Thomas Beell, Professor. Academic Interest: electronic media

Politics, movies, travel and service have occupied Tom’s out-of-class time this year. As chair of his precinct caucus, he has met face-to-face with most of the Democratic presidential hopefuls, including Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, Hillary Clinton, Bill Richardson and John Edwards. He indulged his love of film by teaching classes for both ISU’s College for Seniors and Drake’s Ray Society program. Tom was a judge for the 48-Hour Film Contest, as well as the Houston Press Association’s annual competition. His monthly movie show on WOI is now in its 12th year. He traveled to Washington, D.C. and Washington state, in addition to Boston, where he attended an AARP leadership forum. Tom is completing a six-year term as communications volunteer for the AARP’s Iowa Executive Council. He also serves on the ISU Faculty Senate and the Northwest Broadcast News Association board of directors. The entire second-floor faculty (including Tom) spent the summer in the Hamilton Hall basement while their offices were being remodeled. Finally, Tom continues to enjoy a weekly dinner with broadcast legend Jack Shelley (now 95) and, less frequently, his lovely wife Dorothy, at the Suburban Restaurant near Gilbert.

Jeff Blevins, Assistant Professor. Academic Interests: communication law and policy, and the political economy of electronic media industries.

Jeff’s article, “The Political Economy of U.S. Broadcast Ownership Regulation and Free Speech after the Telecommunications Act of 1996,” will be published at the end of this year in the Democratic Communiqué, Vol, 21, No. 2. His most memorable personal accomplishment for 2007 was being able to walk on two feet again after summer foot surgery. And Jeff is pleased to announce that upon invitation, he became a member of the American Legion Post 37 in Ames.
Diane Bugeja, Lecturer. Academic Interests: Visual communication, journalism, public relations.

This year Diane revamped Jl MC 205 Publicity Methods so that it is now a 300-level course for non-majors. They work in teams across platforms to produce impressive projects, with several deciding to become journalism majors after experiencing what Greenlee has to offer. She also has updated methods in news writing and photojournalism, reviewed books for educational presses, and judged national contests.

David Bulla, Assistant Professor. Academic Interest: print (research interest: U.S. press history)

Two of David’s chapters were included in books this year. The first, “The Popular Press, 1833-65,” appears as chapter 8 in “The Age of Mass Communication, Second Edition,” William David Sloan, editor, Vision Press, Northport, Ala. His second, “A Voice of the South: The Transformation of Shelby Foote,” appears as chapter 25 in “Memory and Myth: The Civil War in Fiction and Film, From ‘Uncle Tom’s Cabin’ to ‘Cold Mountain,’” Purdue University Press, West Lafayette, Ind. On a personal note, David’s most memorable accomplishment of the year was receiving the Greenlee School’s inaugural Harry Heath/Lou Thompson Jr. Adviser’s Award. As ISU’s SPJ adviser, David attended the organization’s national conference in Washington, D.C., and heard a panel speak on 35 years of Watergate, featuring Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein, Ben Bradlee and Daniel Schorr.

Daniela Dimitrova, Assistant Professor. Academic Interest: new media and electronic media

Daniela brought great pride to the Greenlee School this year when she was named the recipient of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Early Achievement in Research Award. She was presented the award this fall by LAS Dean Michael Whiteford. Also this year, Daniela completed her service in AEJMC as outgoing head of the communication technology division. And in July, she and husband Alexander enjoyed a belated honeymoon to Banff, Canada, “one of the most beautiful spots in the world.”

Richard Doak, Lecturer. Academic Interest: media writing and science communication.

Dick joined the Greenlee faculty in the fall after retiring from the Des Moines Register. His most memorable accomplishment “is still a work in progress – making the transition to teaching.”

Michael Bugeja, Professor and Director, Greenlee School. Academic Interests: media ethics, technology, print journalism.

Michael finished his second book, “Living Ethics Across Media Platforms,” for Oxford University Press, to be published in 2008. The book’s concept: If the media converge technologically, what are the moral principles that transcend platforms? The book features more than 120 interviews, including several with ISU alumni who are now distinguished journalists or practitioners.

Michael’s most memorable personal accomplishment of the year occurred when he ran five miles within one hour. The resulting increase in energy is needed to keep up with his 5-year-old son Mikayle.

Dennis Chamberlin, Assistant Professor. Academic Interest: visual communication.

Dennis began 2007 with a show of his “Screen Cultures” images at Blue Sky Gallery in Portland, Ore. Later in the year, another selection of photographs from the project were exhibited in a group show in Groningen, Netherlands. During this past summer, Dennis was named a Fellow by the Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities, and he began work on a new series of screen images under the working title, “Soma.” He also made a visit to Poland to begin arrangements for the study-abroad course he will lead in May.
Joel Geske, Associate Professor.
Academic Interest: advertising

Joel's most memorable professional accomplishment this year was attending his first Society for Psychophysiological Research conference in Vancouver. While there, Joel presented a poster and conducted a training session on measuring brainwaves that proved to be quite valuable to his own lab work. Off campus, Joel is expanding his artwork into a new direction – watercolors on rice paper that he then collages.

Debra Gibson, Clinician, Meredith Professional In Residence and Faculty Adviser, Ethos magazine.
Academic Interest: magazine

Deb still is having a great time teaching 202 and working with those exceptionally talented Meredith apprentices. She also now advises 25 undergraduates, which has turned out to be such fun. Her first “baby,” VISIONS magazine, turns 20 in April 2008 – so hard to believe. She and Kerry, now 25 years legal, spend most of their so-called free time complaining about bleacher butt as they follow the adventures of their two Ames High Schoolers, Kate and Sam.

Beth Haag, Lecturer. Academic Interest: public relations and visual communication

Beth signed a three-year contract this fall as a full-time lecturer in the Greenlee School, teaching in both the public relations and visual communications programs. It was a banner year for two other reasons: Beth walked all 26.2 miles of the Des Moines Marathon, and hit Wrigley Field to celebrate turning 40. Go Cubs!

Chad Harms, Assistant Professor. Academic Interest: computer-mediated communication

Chad's professional highlight for 2007 was landing dual publications in the Sex Offender Law Report, which is published by the Civic Research Institute and by editorial invitation only. It was also a year for several collaborative interactions, allowing him to continue to build a bridge between law enforcement and communication research regarding predatory mediated communication. The shining moment in Chad's personal life this year was the birth of his third child.

Suman Lee, Assistant Professor.
Academic interest: public relations

Barbara Mack, Associate Professor.
Academic Interest: newspaper, media ethics, law

Lauren Monahan: Lecturer.
Academic Interest: advertising

Lauren's greatest accomplishment this year has been balancing work and family. She gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Colin, in December 2006. Big sister Ashlyn usually loves playing with her baby brother. Over the past year, Lauren and her husband have adjusted to having two kids (which she says is “code for everything takes twice as long as it used to”). Professionally, Lauren's major achievement has involved becoming an academic adviser. She finds her expanded role with her students to be fulfilling work, as students gain some agency perspective on career goals, the link between learning and applying classroom concepts, and job seeking.
Jay Newell, Assistant Professor.  
Academic Interest: advertising

This past year, Jay’s media saturation research began to hit print, with articles about the increasing use of mass media and the attendant absorption of advertising in media accepted to or appearing in the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Journal of Radio Studies and the International Journal of Mobile Marketing. In teaching, Jay joined the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching’s large-class learning community, a group of 15 faculty members from across the university who study ways to improve performance in large lecture courses.

Outside Hamilton Hall, Jay was honored to drive his two kids to endless rehearsals of the VEISHEA production of “The Music Man” at Stephens Theater. It was worth the mileage when the curtain went up and there were his kids, along with 76 trombones (more or less) from the ISU Marching Band.

Don Nickell, Lecturer.  
Academic Interest: visual communication

Jane Peterson, Associate Director and Professor. Academic interests: public relations, science communication and journalism education

This past year, the results of a study of newspaper error corrections Jane conducted with Director Bugeja was published in Media Ethics Online – The Magazine Serving Mass Media Ethics. Dr. Bugeja and Jane currently are working on a study of newspaper reporting on the recent FDA report that cloned meat is safe for sale and human consumption. They also are working on a study of the handling of ethics in public relations techniques textbooks. Jane’s most memorable professional accomplishment in 2007 was being a finalist in the inaugural Harry Heath/Lou Thompson Jr. Award for Advising. Students wrote letters nominating faculty for the award, telling of the impact the adviser had on their education, professional success and personal life. Jane was touched immeasurably by the kind and thoughtful comments in the letters of nomination. She says she has been “blessed with the opportunity to teach, advise and work with so many outstanding students during my 25 years at Iowa State. Thank you to all of you!”

Marcia Prior-Miller, Associate Professor.  
Academic interest: magazine

Lulu Rodriguez, Associate Professor and Co-Director, Graduate Education. Academic interests: visual communication, the communication of science and risk

This year, Lulu and Eric Abbott conducted a meta-analysis of communication research efforts related to biotechnology in the developing world. Their findings were used as the basis for mapping out a research agenda in this domain. The findings were presented to and received a great deal of enthusiasm from an international conference of biotechnology experts. Lulu also has worked diligently this year to steer the first round of revisions to the doctoral program proposal submitted to the LAS curriculum committee.

Shelley Rouse, Lecturer.  
Academic Interest: electronic media

A professional highlight for Shelley this year was visiting the general manager, executive news producer and lead reporter for the Anhui television station in China. The station owns five channels. It is located in the city of Heife, but serves the Anhui province with a population of more than 60 million. She was surprised at the many similarities between that station’s systems and those in the U.S. Shelley’s most memorable personal accomplishment for the year was walking the Great Wall while in China – “The sight of it was overwhelming!”

Photographs: Jane Peterson, Lulu Rodriguez, Marcia Prior-Miller, and Shelley Rouse
Profiles

David Saldana, Adjunct Assistant Professor. Academic interests: print and broadcast writing and production; ethics and professional standards; political satire in the public discourse

Earlier this year, David presented a paper at the International Society for Humor Studies conference, arguing that “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” and other political satire programs provide excellent examples for journalists in fearlessly and frankly discussing the truth. Also in 2007, David has been providing commentaries for Iowa Public Radio that have elicited significant listener feedback. One in particular, discussing the constitutional analysis of the recent gay marriage decision in Iowa, led to a long online discussion and generated several letters and e-mails from listeners who were encouraged to hear a reasoned legal analysis of the issue, rather than a polemic. And to round out the year, David now owns three ferrets.

Sela Sar, Assistant Professor. Academic interest: advertising

In 2007, Sela presented four papers at conferences for the American Academy of Advertising and AEJMC. One of the papers will be published in the winter 2007 issue of the Journal of Advertising. Sela also reviewed papers for the Journal of Advertising, American Academy of Advertising and AEJMC.

Kim A. Smith, Professor. Academic interest: I do not identify with any specific emphasis.

John C. Thomas, Lecturer. Academic interest: advertising

Earlier this year, John received his master’s degree in journalism and communication. He transitioned from full retirement into a lecturing career at ISU. Perhaps most memorable, John has been able to fulfill a long-time desire to teach a course in creativity.

Erin Wilgenbusch, Lecturer and PRSSA Faculty Adviser. Academic interest: public relations

Erin continues to be impressed by the high caliber of students who come through the public relations program. She reports the formation of three active Bateman teams, and that the PRSSA chapter set national records in last year’s Denim Drive sponsored by Cotton, Inc.

Former Faculty

Mary Kay (Pitzer) Bidlack, ’52
An enjoyable, but not too newsworthy year. I plan to stir up more pleasurable excitement for next year. P.O. Box 202, Beverly, WV 26253. mkbid@meer.net

Steve Coon, MS ’70
This has been another exciting year for the Beth (Strand, ’67) and Steve Coon family. Our son, Scott, got married in July in Sonoma, Calif. He and Gina live in Oakland where Scott is a computer programmer and Gina is a teacher. Our daughter, Stephanie, will have her first novel published in March. It’s “A Curse Dark as Gold” from Arthur A. Levine. Beth continues to paint and decorate our Ames home. We’ve been back for 18 months and our house is beginning to really take shape. Steve conducted more journalism workshops. This year he went to Nigeria, Macedonia and Suriname. And he hosted a group of journalists from Montenegro for two weeks in Ames with support from the Greenlee School. We’d love to hear from you either by e-mail, phone or in person. scoon@iastate.edu or sandbcoon@aol.com; (515) 232-0454.

Wayne P. Davis, MS ’88
Ferne and I have been on the go quite a bit during the past year. Our major trip started with a flight to Moscow for an 11-day river cruise from the Russian capital to St. Petersburg. Sleeping accommodations and most meals were on board, but the itinerary included many side trips to points of interest along the way. We found international air travel was tiring and demanding, so when we received an invitation to an October beach wedding on Daufuskie Island off the South Carolina coast, we decided to travel by car instead. The trip included a stop with one of Ferne’s cousins near Charleston and
a visit with Suzanne Mulder, who had worked with me at the Iowa State Center, and her husband in Savannah, Ga. Foliage was gorgeous crossing the mountains coming and going. In February, I received the Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Newspaper Association during its annual convention, so it has been a good year. Former faculty 1988-98; 1003 Kennedy St., Ames, IA 50010; (515) 233-1523 wdavis@iastate.edu

Tom Emmerson, ’60
It hasn’t been four years since I retired, but the time has flown by faster than a politician’s broken promise. Linda and I celebrated our 70th birthdays and our 46th wedding anniversary in March. In early April, we helped rebuild a house that had been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Our grandson, Connor, 14, then flew with us to London and Dublin for 12 days. We stayed in London four more months, with trips to Tuscany, Turkey, Krakow, Poland and Slovakia. In London, Linda and I worked as volunteers for the Little Angel Puppet Theatre’s new production of “Cinderella.” I also attended criminal trials at the Old Bailey. 630 Ridgewood Ave., Ames, IA 50010; 15-D Miranda Road, London, N19 3RA; emmerson@iastate.edu

Elizabeth Hansen, MS ‘76
I am on sabbatical leave for 2007-08 from my journalism professor position at Eastern Kentucky University. I’m doing research on community newspapers as a visiting scholar at the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. Recent travels have taken me to Washington, D.C. (twice), Philadelphia, El Paso, Norfolk and Honolulu (where Gary and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary). 976 Stonewall Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

Bill Kunerth
Willie and I are still hanging in there in the shadow of the Black Hills of South Dakota. Next summer we’re staging a multi-decades celebration: We’ll have been married 60 years, Willie will be 80 and it will be the 100th anniversary of the homesteading of our little Wyoming ranch. We may even have a party. Let us know if you’d like to attend. Am enclosing a photo to show you how we’re holding up. In the background is Spearfish Canyon, one of our favorite spots in the Hills. Need an update on the behavior of our old compadres – especially those rascals who worked on the Daily. Still working on selected recollections of ISU. Five chapters finished.

Susan Menne
No news is good news – a journalistic aphorism I learned from Rod Fox. Living happily and healthily with other very old persons at a retirement residence in Kirkwood, Mo. I’ve forgotten any bumps in the road during my ISC student years, as well as during my ISU faculty years. Another advantage of senility.

J. W. (Jim) Schwartz, MS ’60
Our lives have evolved into the routines of the longtime retired: watching more than doing, napping rather than hiking, nibbling rather than chowing down. You get the idea. This was our 66th wedding anniversary year, an event we celebrated by treating ourselves to a quiet dinner – out, of course. Our summer at the lake was largely tranquil, with welcome visits from family, including the great-grandchild triplets and their two younger siblings, their parents, our other four grandchildren, our sons Mike and Jeff, and their spouses, Linda and Jeannie. We continue to spend winters at our retirement complex in Edina, where we can and do enjoy a remarkable range of activities. It’s reassuring to follow the continuing progress of the Greenlee School as Michael Bugeja, the faculty and students grapple with the challenges of a rapidly changing field of journalism and mass communication. We wish them only the best. 7500 York Ave. So., #437, Edina MN 55435 (winter); 4850 Hiram Loop Road NW, Hackensack, MN 56452 (summer); jim@uslink.net

John (Jack) Shelley
The name Shelley will be continued! Ethan Shelley is newly born and keeps the male bloodline going. I’m 95 now and am not thinking of adding to my direct heirs. I’m living happily in a retirement community in Ames. 1801 20th St. #J-34, Ames, IA 50010-5167.

Lorraine Wechsler
Teaching writing since 1948, from 1970 to 1990 at ISU, with the best colleagues ever. Now teaching memoir writing at the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement in North Carolina to the best students, the best writers I’ve ever had, who are turning out interesting books by desktop publishing. Monnie and kids and spouses are fine. Hope you are, too. Come to see us in beautiful North Carolina. Chapel Hill, NC 27517.
Kathy Box, Office Manager

Kathy recently celebrated her 10th anniversary at the Greenlee School. She'll look back on 2007 as the year of the new university budget model. Because all policies have not yet been approved, she cautions that the Greenlee School will enter the next fiscal year with uncertainty about how funding will be distributed. Though this has caused some anxiety, Kathy says “thank goodness for all the wonderful supportive alumni and friends at the School and their donations, allowing us to be able to plan ahead.”

Lindsay Phillips Gilbert, Academic Adviser

Having completed two years as an academic adviser in the Greenlee School Student Services Office, Lindsay says she feels like she is finally getting into the swing of things. She and her colleagues have made some positive changes this past year to uphold the standards of the Greenlee School. She and her husband, John, bought their first house in Windsor Heights a year ago, and are enjoying updating and redecorating to make it their home.

Becky Irish, Internship Secretary

Becky has enjoyed spending the past year working on the Internship Web System with Kim McDonough and Sheng Ly. 2007 also marks Becky's 26th anniversary as an ISU employee.

Kim McDonough, Academic Adviser and Internship Coordinator

Like Becky, Kim's most memorable professional experience this year was helping to get the Internship Web System up and running, and starting a complete assessment of the Greenlee School's internship program. On a personal note, Kim and her husband, Dustin, bought their first home in July.

Deb Nugent, Records Analyst

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Jacob Dekkenga, Systems Support Specialist IV

Sheng Ly, Media Specialist
In Memoriam

Dale LeRoy Johnson, ’73
Johnson, 57, of Earlham died July 17, 2007, near Iowa Falls. Dale was born in Audubon County and grew up in the Fontanelle area. He had lived in the Earlham area since 1974. Upon graduation from ISU, Dale worked for the Grand Island newspaper. Shortly thereafter, he became associate director of publications for the Iowa Farm Bureau. He also wrote for the Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman, preparing news releases and working with the news media. The American Farm Bureau gave him the top award in feature writing in 1981. Two years later he became director of publications for the Iowa Farm Bureau. At the time of his death, he was news services manager of marketing and communications for the Iowa Farm Bureau. His writing continued to win awards. In 1985 he received a Bronze Quill from the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators for the best news story. Additionally, Dale was past president of the IABC/Iowa chapter in 1994 and 2002.

Frances Kerekes Meyer
Meyer died Nov. 14, 2006, of natural causes in a Fort Collins, Colo., nursing home. Fran and her husband Harry retired to Fort Collins to be near family and their mountain cabin. She had worked in public relations and on the foods editorial staff of Better Homes and Gardens. Later she worked as a freelance journalist. Frances married Harry in 1947. They had a full and warm marriage and had lived in a number of places in the United States. Fran enjoyed extensive travel in the United States and Europe. She had a lifetime of service, interests and commitment in the several communities she had lived in, including involvement in the Episcopal Church. She is survived by Harry, three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ed Sidey, ’50
Sidey died Jan. 17, 2008, in Greenfield. He was 82. Sidey was a fourth-generation, well-known Iowa journalist who worked for more than 50 years as editor and publisher of the Adair County Free Press in Greenfield. According to the Des Moines Register, Sidey was a two-time president of the Iowa Newspaper Association, and was named the INA’s Master Editor-Publisher in 1981. Among Sidey’s survivors are his son, Ken Sidey, a 1978 journalism graduate.

Clarence (Clancy) Strock, ’48
Strock died early in December 2007. He was born in Sterling, Ill., in 1924, and enrolled at Iowa State College in 1941. Soon after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served for two years. Following that, he was trained as an officer in field artillery, and served in the Philippines. After the war, he returned to Iowa State, completing his ag journalism degree in 1948. He then worked in advertising and public relations, co-founding Cooper, Strock & Scannel Advertising Agency in Milwaukee. Later, he taught advertising at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and was a contributing editor of Reminisce magazine, where he wrote a lead column for each issue (including the December/January 2008 issue). He also edited, wrote, or co-wrote 12 books, including “Forks in the Road” (1998), “Tough Times, Strong Women: Hundreds of Personal Memories and Photographs Honoring Some of the Common Yet Remarkable Women of the 20th Century” (1997), and “I Know – I was There: Bringing Back the Best of Times – A Collection of 50 Favorites from Reminisce Magazine by America’s Most Popular Nostalgia Columnist” (1997). He is survived by six children, his sister Mary Rice and beloved friend Jody Quincey.

Don Muhm, ’52
Longtime agricultural journalist Don Muhm died Tuesday, Sept. 25, at his Spirit Lake home. He was 78. Muhm was considered “dean” of farm editors, serving the Des Moines Register in that capacity for 33 years. Ever a loyal Iowa Stater, Muhm was a founding member of the Greenlee School Advisory Council, and received the prestigious James A. Schwartz Award in 1982 (shown above).
Alumni Notes

Lewis Johnson (attended 1940-43)
21 years in USAF; retired 1963. 10 years as university VP. 17 years as senior VP for Smith Barney. Retired in 1987. Wife Gerry and I married 64 years. Still in fair health. Hobbies are golf and hunting. 3140 E. Mimosa #A, Springfield, MO 65804.

Dorothy (Watt) Pinder, '44
PO Box 360, Grinnell, IA 50112-0360.

Barbara (Bailey) Albrecht-McCracken, '47
Scott McCracken (civil engineering ’49) and I were married May 26. We probably met in the ISC journalism building in 1946 or so. Scott’s late wife was Betsy Nichols (home economics journalism ’48). My late husband was Richard Albrecht (University of Illinois ’40). In 1957, he and I migrated to Des Moines where we became long-term friends of the McCrackens. Scott and I are living in a retirement community. Not your typical wedding story. 13731 Hickman Road, #4301, Urbandale, IA 50323.

Vernon Petro, ’47
Vernon has been in the South Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Residence on the southeast side of Chicago since early December 2006. His first cousin John Petro makes frequent trips to see him. Vernon has no short-term memory, but does still remember some things from earlier times. It often makes his day when he reads things that relate to something from his past. 2521 Parkwyn Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-2008.

H. Lee Schwanz, ’47
This was a big year for us (wife Kathleen Boland Schwanz, home ec. jslm. ’48). It was our 60th wedding anniversary, and 60 years since Lee was editor of the Iowa State Daily and took his first job with the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Big writing job this year was writing the history of my mother’s family. Highlights: my grandfather, Samuel Caffrey, was a cavalryman in the Civil War and the cabin he grew up in has been restored in a historical park in Knoxville. W233N3044 B Oakmont Court, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

Charlene (Stettler) Warren, ’47
Continue to thoroughly enjoy living in a friendly small town in Iowa. New hiking, biking trail now joins our city to beautiful, 500-acre Little Sioux Park. Welcome to all! 209 Elm St., PO Box 24, Correctionville, IA 51016-0024.

Dorothy (Buchheit) Clark, ’48
Hung it up in March at the Messenger newsroom after almost 8 1/2 years. Still do 40 to 50 hours of medical transcriptions per month. Our granddaughter received a Regents Scholarship to Oklahoma State and is majoring in chemical engineering. Attended wedding of first grandchild to marry in June. Both he and his wife are teachers in the Cedar Rapids schools. 2121 N. 28th St., Ft. Dodge, IA 50501-7335.

Irene Meyer, ’48
It’s been The Year of the Family at our house! We’ve shared beds, board and wise words with our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Finally, we fled to Germany in October for an Elderhostel Discovering German Roots. Ed’s Grandpa Brungraber’s forbears remain elusive, but we found some leads. Please come, e-mail, write or call 413-561-2649. P.S. We plan to come to our 60th at ISU next May and hope to see you there. Pittsburgh, PA 15288. edandreene@juno.com

Thomas Murrane, ’48
Good transaction from advertising/marketing to cattle/beef. Eat lean beef. Support cow. 2461 Highway 69, Osceola, IA 50213-8032.

Lloyd Ver Steegh, ’48
8456 Golf Club Circle, Ft. Worth, TX 76179.

John B. Anderson, ’49
Eight days in Ireland in March was highlight of ’07. Granddaughter marched in West Des Moines Valley band in the magnificent St. Pat’s parade in Dublin. Toured six days with indispensable GPS guidance. Golf here and Arizona visits to family filled rest of year. Move next May to condo on northeast side of the lake after nine years on the west side.
dankel3@iw.net

Nielsine (Hansen) Gehrke, ’28
Missed a few newsletters due to moving. Celebrate my 100th birthday at Premier Estates – an assisted living facility – great! 190 15th St, Premier Estates, Onawa, IA 51040-1071.

Peggy Smith, ’38
At Iowa State’s great school of journalism, I am sure that OBJECTIVE reporting is still the goal of our profession. Retired, I nearly span the 20th century. Born in 1916; now 91 years old and still playing golf, just to brag. 14640 S. Rory Calhoun Drive, Box 514, Arizona City, AZ 85223-0514.

Helen Derr (Clark), MS ’39
I don’t know how many times I have written to this newsletter, but I do know I graduated in 1939, which is 68 years ago. I hope some more of the ’39 grads are still around and still using their skills, as I am, although not as often as I used to. At 88, I am not as mobile as I used to be but I still enjoy life with my three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren, all of whom are terrific young people. Thanks to Greenlee School for all I learned to help make life interesting. Apt. 321, 1101 16th St., Alexandria, LA 71301.

Lois Powers, ’41
A week after graduation in 1941 I started working at the Chicago Daily News as a feature writer and stayed there several years. Most of my life has been busy with a big family. I’m proud to watch the growth of the Greenlee School of Journalism. I hope to publish “My Hundred Years” in two years when I will be 90! PO. Box 707, Okoboji, IA 51355-0707.
Robert Doran (attended ’49)
Enjoying the retired life. Still have the farms in Iowa so I get out there often – can’t believe we sell corn to ethanol and soy beans to biodiesel. Good prices.
1098 Forest Hill Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045-4008.

Wayne Swegle, ’49
I have just been elected president of the Arkansas chapter of Partners of the Americas. Our partner chapter is East Bolivia, which I will visit in November, following the International Partners meeting in Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Life is beautiful! And it gets more so every day. 2 Crystal Mountain Lane, Maumelle, AR 72113-6551.

Mary Alice Carroll, ’50
#126-4 Kingswood Gardens, Stuart, FL 34996-3542.

Frank Ferguson, ’50
Recently I was asked for an interview on a very local cable talk show, ACT-II, by its host Augusta Alban. She talks with an elder crowd who don’t know that it’s time to retire; at age 81 I can’t imagine why I want to do that. I’m having FAR too much fun working at Curriculum Associates, Inc. making classrooms better places for teachers and kids. The ACT-II interview is now online at our Web site: www.CAInc.com. You’ll find the link to it under my name in the ABOUT US section; look for that in tiny type at the bottom of the home page. 8 Holton Road, Lexington, MA 02421. f2@cainc.com

William Fleming, ’50
2003 County Road 30, Eagan, MN 55122-2062.

Elizabeth (Betty) (Fox) Hall, ’50
Two very serious emergency surgeries put me behind in everything this past year. In September 2006 I had emergency surgery for a blocked carotid artery. A subsequent infection several months later resulted in a 6 1/2-hour surgery and I’m still working my way back to normalcy. This spring, I planted a small garden in and among the junipers in the front yard. We harvested a 36-pound watermelon! My three Bryant adult children are still in northern California. I am the proud owner of a long haired, full-sized (25 pounds) red dachshund, Missy, who arrived here in May. Missy brought my Sheltie, Cubby, much needed companionship. They are very much in love! 5594 Highway 56, Pauline, SC 29374; (864) 582-5325; hyaltie2@netscape.com

Oliver Nelson, ’50
Happily retired in New England. Wife, kids and grandkids doing well. We moved to an apartment in a retirement community this year, in the same town where we have been living. Greetings and best wishes to all of you and to the Greenlee School. Bldg. 4, No. 414, 600 Canton Ave., Milton, MA 02186.

James Eaton, ’53
Still retired but still working full-time, and not getting paid. I volunteer for local NPOs, mostly Sedona Historical Society (www.sedonamuseum.org) doing videos, exhibits and generally being a nudge. Fate intervened this year so no overseas trip, but fate willing, next year we’ll add 57th,
Alumni Notes

58th and 59th countries for a month. Another current project is producing a forum which may reach a consensus to define “community character”. (If that sounds dull, it ain’t!) If there are any other TJL ’53 friends left, y’all come see us, heah! 65 Rim Shadows Circle, Sedona, AZ 86336.

Eugene Maahs, ’53
Volunteering and serving on the board of Living History Farms. 32317 N Ave., Adel, IA 50003.

Larry Mark, ’53
Five grandkids visiting this summer spiced up our life! www.erols.com/ldmark/

Maryann Reynolds, ’53
Not much exciting news this year (filled with medical problems galore) except to say we’re still above ground and that ain’t all bad at our ages of 82 and 76. 10019 Eagle Bend Drive, Hudson, FL 34667.

Gene Chamberlin, ’54
Margy and I are enjoying living in Ames. It’s been fun to take part in campus events here at ISU after living out of state for so many years. We’re proud of the Greenlee School – faculty and students. 2416 Hamilton Drive, Ames, IA 50014.

Jerry Davis, ’54
Still enjoying colorful Colorado and regular visits with/to our scattered kids and grandkids. Looking forward to the Democratic national convention right here in Denver next year. 3200 Cody Court, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

James Evans, ’54
Greetings and best wishes. 1074 County Road 1500 E., Philo, IL 61864-9733.

Bob Simmons, ’54
We like this stormy NW corner more every year. Dee tutors (teachers never quit teaching) at the local elementary school. I review books monthly for the Seattle Times and freelance occasional mag pieces. Saltwater out the kitchen window, snowy mountains an hour away. Call when you’re up this way. 934 Highland Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225. simmonsrmr@comcast.net

Zeta (Baird) Chulik, ’55
Congrats to ISU on 150 years. My retirement continues to be adventurous with travel, and volunteer work at the American Museum of Natural History and Lefferts House, where I am helping finish a genealogy of early Dutch settlers.

Justine Irwin, ’55
We are still busy at Nederland, Colo., with the historical society and the mining museum. Most of my writing now is of a historical nature following many hours of painstaking research. Husband Frank enjoys regular golf games and still works three days a week at the local market. Other than a few getting older health problems, we are fine and enjoying every day. P.O. Box 446, Nederland, CO 80466-0446.

Donald Kelley, ’55
Finally retired for the fourth and last time in July. Was working on wood turning and computer learning. 2451 Hingham Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192-3514.

Dorothy (Will) Marston, ’55
Have scheduled retirement at year-end. Then I should have more time for travel and visits with ISU friends. 13036 Holmes Pt. Drive NE, Kirkland, WA 98034-1666. trmarston1@comcast.net

Richard Reisem, ’55
My 11th book since retiring from Kodak, “Historic New York: Architectural Journeys in the Empire State,” won the SAPP Gold Award for the best printed book in North America. It won Upstate History Alliance’s top prize for “outstanding and innovative projects in the history and museum community.” It received the “Best in Show” award by the Printing House Craftsmen of Rochester and Buffalo. Check it out at historicny.net. 560 Mount Hope Ave., Rochester, NY 14620-2235. RReisem@rochester.rr.com

Marilyn (Corky) (Trout) Adams, ’56
corkinmn@cqc.net

David H. Anderson, ’56
I continue to promote my personal story “How to Tame Parkinson’s by Keeping Fit - My Total Commitment The Right Personal Trainer.” I’m pleased with the positive response to date, and am beginning work on a sequel, to cover the speech and balance problems caused by the big P. 4805 Benchmark Court, Sarasota, FL 34238. dhta0401@aol.com

Stanley and Jane (Hammerly) Meyer, ’55
Jane and I have now been married 51 years and have lived in Montana for 50. Good years in a wonderful part of the country. We continue to be active in community and state affairs and we do some foreign travel. Grateful for every day! 3417 14th Ave. S, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Richard Seim, ’56,
2228 Clark Ave., Ames, IA 50010-4818.

D. Keith Ballantyne, ’57
Not much news here. Summer in Ohio, winter (Nov 20-April 1) in Naples, Fla. Keep thinking I’ll run into Roy Reiman there. My cell phone number is 419-651-1283, for anyone in the area. Meanwhile it’s interesting watching our liberal national media self-destruct, which is what happens when arrogance and ego replaces brainpower and rationality! We need some Robert Bartleys!! 844 Hillcrest Drive, Ashland, OH 44805-4248.

Nancy (Fox) Judd, ’57
While we miss the academic world (Dick as president of a Connecticut state university and I as a private school director of admissions), retirement fits! Travel is key (21 countries over the years, some multiple times, and this year Sicily and England) as well
as community involvement and time with granddaughters. Congratulations on making the Greenlee School a top program. I share your pride. 119 Ten Acre Road, New Britain, CT 06052-1531.

Donna Lee, ’57
Chris and I use our retirement years for travel, to Puerto Rico in January, Eastern Europe in April and often to see my mother in Colorado. I climbed Machu Picchu in Peru with my Spanish class and my two sons, Tom, a Web site designer in Vermont and James, who teaches biology at Harvard and Cambridge College. Rhode Island Food Bank also keeps me busy. 44 Seaview Ave., Cranston, RI 02905-3616.

Doris MacFarquhar, ’57
No changes in our lives. We still migrate south to West Palm Beach, Fla., in November and return to quiet, uncrowded Wellsville, N.Y., in late April. Enjoyed all the festivities of my 50th ISU reunion last May. The Reiman Gardens are wonderful. 5903 59th Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

Marcia (Neil) Myers, ’57
It was a wonderful reunion — the 50th for the Class of 1957 — this past May. My husband and I visited the Press Building [Hamilton Hall], and while it seemed more crowded than I remembered it, some of the same elements from the 1950s were still there. What times were had in the newsroom and composing room! We also enjoyed the campus tours, especially Beardshear, the Campanile and the Christian Petersen art gallery. The new look with buildings, streets and landscaping intermixed with the old buildings gave the impression of careful planning to make it all familiar regardless of when you had been there as a student. A month later, we attended Ken’s 50th reunion at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., and had the same impression. And while there were some many others we would have liked to see and visit with, there were enough of us to make it a great time.

Anne Wallace, ’57
Went to Washington, DC in September, 51 years after my summer there as an intern with the USDA. Found the house where I rented a room and was delighted to find the neighborhood of Federal townhouses has been gentrified, not torn down. It was heading toward slumdom when I was there. 89 Waldron, Richland, WA 99352-2641.

Duane Kibby, ’58
I continue to be very proud of the fact I graduated from Iowa State University with a degree from the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication. It’s an experience I never thought would happen to me. Thank you to all the teachers and professors for making this possible. 7109 Maple Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322-3240.

Mary (Gerard) Krienke, ’58
The good thing about freelancing is there is no mandatory retirement. I’m still writing about subjects as varied as art, Switzerland and cosmetics. Happily, a flexible work schedule leaves ample time for travel. Destinations in 2007 included Spain, Italy, France, Kenya, our own beautiful Alps and New York. 2008 will bring my first return trip to Ames for the 50th anniversary reunion of the class of ’58. 12bis, ch. de Pinchat, Carouge, Geneva 1227. mkrienke@bluewin.ch

Betty LaRoche, ’58
1291 SW Davenport St., Portland, OR 97201.

Alan Oppedal, ’58
1005 Ruthven St. Box 28, Ruthven, IA 51358.

John Taylor, ’58
50 years WOW!!! Looking forward to seeing my old friends at the 50th next May. Maybe we could stage a “30” party. Other than that, no new news. 2709 1st Ave. E, Newton, IA 50208.

Barbara (Culver) Van Sittert, ’58
Fifty years since graduation coming up! Life has never been better, and I’m looking forward to a real party next May. Friend spouse celebrated 50 last May, and we both attended Mortar Board and Key events and popped in to check out the Tjl. and Alpha Gam parties. Had so much fun we’re coming back! Just returned from three weeks in Spain and Portugal. Herded a stick-shift BMW more than 3,000 miles and hiked uphill and downhill over what seemed like 300. It was food and wine heaven, so different from 25 years ago. Same spouse and son, nobody retired or even close. Can hardly wait to hear what everyone is up to. Hope to see as many of you as possible in May. 7007 N. Wilder Road, Phoenix, AZ 85021; (602) 997-5621

Eldean Borg, ’59
I continue reporting for Iowa Public Radio, NPR and Iowa Public Television. Iowa’s prominence in the presidential nomination process provides abundant news.

Gerald Bretey, ’59
13506 Village Court, Clive, IA 50325.

Jerry Carson, MS ’59
Pro Farmer editor emeritus. Retired but still writing two ag-related newsletters as a consultant. Jill is mentoring young women as part of her mission. She and I are also enjoying six grandkids. I’m building a 1,400-square-foot addition on our home to give us new offices, a greenhouse and a big guest room for visiting friends and family.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Chapman, ’59

Gale Crowder (attended 1957-59)
13702 Durhamshire Court, Cary, NC 27518-9006.
Janice (Atzen) Furman, ’60
As my friends and I often say, “It’s great to be alive and live in Southern California!” Golfing, tennis, hiking, art/architecture exhibits, and book clubs fill many of my days. This year, I’m taking a digital camera course, Shakespeare and film noir at Cal State Long Beach University. I traveled to Peru and the Galapagos Islands earlier this year and have a southern Italy trip set for the spring.

Chuck Klopf, ’60
Fully retired in 2003 and enjoying life after 47 years in the publishing business. Wife Sue and I have two sons, and we’re happy that both live in the area with our three grandsons. We spend the winters in Scottsdale, Ariz. Golf anyone? 2805 Sylvania Drive, West Des Moines, IA 50266. cklopf@q.com

Sonia Porter, ’60
Even though friends say retire and enjoy life, this part-time job is still fun planning, writing publicity and seeing a conference come together for our small association. 6202 Pioneer Road, Madison, WI 53711-1417.

Stephen Wells, ’60
I’m retired but still do consulting work for my former employer. This fall I traveled to Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and Irvine, Calif., for a Ford project. We finally downsized, managing to sell our four-bedroom colonial in a depressed Detroit housing market. We now live in a new condo about 30 miles west of Detroit alongside a state park – lots of recreation activities. I jog each morning on a path that winds around a lake and I’ve even taken up mountain-biking! I still enjoy annual three-week sailing trips to the Georgian Bay and North Channel. Our son and his wife live 14 miles away in Ann Arbor where he’s finishing up a degree at Eastern Michigan. Daughter Sarah and husband Jason in south Florida keep busy with their soon-to-be 3-year-old son Elliot. 6135 Forest Trail Way, Brighton, MI 48116-9001. steve_wells1939@sbcglobal.net

Marc Anthony, ’61
Formerly publisher, Cedar Falls (Iowa) Daily Record and Scottsbluff (Neb.) Star-Herald; former executive, Telecommunications Inc. Cable Television, Baton Rouge, La. Retired and living the south Florida lifestyle. Still recovering from 2004’s Hurricane Charley, but the end is in sight. It’s been an amazing revolution in the news gathering industry the past 20 years. Now I read the newspapers I published in Waterloo-Cedar Falls and Scottsbluff electronically on my computer. And I watch local citizens submitting pictures and stories instantly to local media with their cell phones and digital cameras via the computer. It’s been quite a ride. I miss my Iowa State journalism friends. 1016 Cimarron Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-6541

Edith (Lillie) Bartley, ’61
I’m still in the house in Brooklyn that Bob (Bartley, JL MC ’59, died 2003) and I bought back in 1973. Our three daughters, now all in their 30s, are gradually advancing along the normal life trajectories. None married. Biggest story this year: massive exterior restoration on house. 253 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Vincent Bradley, ’61
Retirement in Hawaii is more than this Iowa boy ever dreamed of. The abundant sunshine, healing warm salt water, aloha spirit, great golf courses, lovely people and outrigger canoe surfing just keeps getting better since I retired nine years ago. Made it back to Iowa for my 50th high school reunion last year, but I’m irrevocably hooked on Hawaii! 6370-14 Hawaii Kai Drive, Oahu, HI 96825.

Carolyn Bridge, ’61
1210 Carter Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866.

Diane Burch, ’61
Back in Iowa after 43 years close to Donald’s doctors. He has early onset Parkinson’s Disease, after 20 years does well! Living in Hawkeye territory can be scary so keep beating them at football.

We’re both retired so drop in, we’re home! 732 S. Market St. #9, Solon, IA 52333. 319-624-4054.

Beth Di Bono, ’61
Paul and I are both happily retired after careers in the software industry and with IBM. Our mountain home is in the Blue Ridge foothills north of Atlanta with a 70-mile panoramic view, and it’s all about nature, quiet, fresh air, open space and some golf and tennis. Daughter Ellen lives in OC, Calif. Our two grandsons are in high school and college. Hello to all of you from the class of ’61! 10165 Big Canoe, Big Canoe, GA 30143.

Robert LeMay, ’61
Still retired. Traveled in historic NE USA and then the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas (Venice, Croatia, Corfu, Sicily, Capri Anacapri, Rome). Mary Ann, son Dan and I will always miss son and brother Dave. Do what you can to support Michael Bujeja in his multi-efforts to make journalism real not virtual. 14006 Sea Captain Road, Ocean City, MD 21842-5733.

Kaye McDonald (attended 1957-1961)
Still in Moraga, Calif., still working as a purchasing agent. Lost my mother this year so am busy with preparing a house to sell and maybe the farmland. Can’t seem to get my genealogy finished but have 29 more boxes of photos and information thanks to my parents! 1465 Camino Peral, Moraga, CA 94556-2018.

Merrill Oster, ’61
Acquired Naperville Magazine as our most recent publishing endeavor. This lifestyle publication is run by our daughter, Leah Rippe, and provides us with a real connection to this Illinois community adjacent to Aurora, our home. Our pool was filled with six grandkids coming and going this summer. Our Iowa farm fields are populated with pheasant hunters from around the country engaged in ministries like Opportunity International (microfinance loans to the world’s poor) and Pinnacle Forum American (ministry to
influencers interested in cultural change). We hunt, develop relationships and raise money for good causes. We launched Pinnacle Forum Institute this year — a three-day intense spiritual development workshop for leaders. Our Pinnacle Prairie real estate development in hometown Cedar Falls, Iowa, continues to blossom, however at a bit slower pace thanks to the uproar in the lending world this year. My golf game continues to glide southward, but I am always looking for old friends to join me in the golf cart for a few laughs. Just dial (630) 209-5250 for tee time and location.

Jolene Stevens, ‘61
’Tis that time again, isn’t it, for all of us to surface and say “hi” to one another once again. Keeping the computer and camera busy once again, the normal part-time writing for South Sioux City’s Dakota County Star, as well as Le Mars Sentinel and Farm Bureau Spokesman. It’s been great to meet a number of the presidential candidates, as well as visiting media representatives who are usually on the scene as well. Journalism is such a great profession, and I continue to value all that Iowa State did to first send me into journalism to share experiences and advice. Enjoy those times, for instance, when there’s opportunity to hear more from the world of writing and photography, and with a solid foundation of ethics and skills. Equally great is that no matter where we are, there’s usually a fellow ISU journalist to share experiences and advice. Enjoy those times, for instance, when there’s opportunity to hear more from that sage former instructor, Bill Kunerth, who continues to be an inspiration. Think about six years. Every fall, Duane and I participate in the Monarch Watch Butterfly tagging program. This year, we tagged 125 butterflies. In February, three of the butterflies, tagged on our farm in late August of 2006, were actually found in the mountains of Mexico. 45895 10th Ave., Buffalo Center, IA 50424-7530.

Julia (Briggs) Gall, ’62
My husband and I continue to enjoy retirement. We have become students again at the Institute for Learning In Retirement, sponsored by Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. We are looking forward to a trip to England in November. 2303 Weymouth Road, Hinckley, OH 44233-9797.

Diane Taylor, ’63
Retired to Las Vegas four years ago, but my education is serving me well. I am writing freelance for Tradeshow Week & Tradeshow Week Las Vegas. Otherwise, my husband Paul, the two dogs and I are enjoying every sunny day. 3917 Plaza Del Maya, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

Rita (Gianotti) Vance, MS ’63
Still trucking along trying to enjoy retirement (been at it 10 years and still haven’t mastered the “NO” word). Currently, I am heading the local hospital board and we are adding on and remodeling our whole facility to the tune of $14 million which has to be paid back. Isn’t retirement wonderful? If you ever get to Texas, give me a call. PO Box 627, Hondo, TX 78861. rgvance@sbcglobal.net

Mary Beth (Sartor) Obermeyer, ’64
I’ve discovered a challenging form of writing ... fiction. Fortunately, I found the Loft Literary Center for fiction and creative writing classes because fiction is an art form of its own. Result: two books: “Sugar and Limestones,” followed by “Wiggle and Spit,” about a 12 year old growing up tap-dancing in Mason City, Iowa, in the time of the “Music Man,” 1954. In fact, Meredith Willson is writing his Broadway show right down the street, and they share an accompanist, Mabel Kelso. Mabel has a stroke and the polio epidemic scares away the audiences. And it’s not easy having all those ideas and sticking to them, in the 5th grade or at 50. (That much is all true.) ISU faculty from our day, Jim Schwartz and Tom Emmerson, have read it for me and find the gems and the rocks, a huge contribution. The agent and/or small publisher search is daunting and fascinating. Daughter Kristin and family have moved to Minneapolis, 2.8 miles away, and that is all fun. 2405 Russell Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55405-2334.

Marilyn (Freeman) Wessel, ’64
Another great year in Montana. No international travel to report, but wonderful U.S. trips. As the dollars decline, they become more attractive. Am also teaching again this year at Montana State University, which is a great experience. Everyone in my family is well. All the best to the alumni and the Greenlee School. tomandmarilynwessel@yahoo.com
Catherine (Cathy) Heng, ’65
I continue to cover Midland County for The Saginaw News since there seems no end to news here: Dioxin, building a new jail, school vandalism, expanding business, a new baseball stadium and government. I also continue with a variety of community and volunteer activities. We also find it enjoyable to keep tabs on the kids whom we gave too big of wings. Melissa teaches in Michigan City, Ind. Kathleen is a chemical engineer in Madison, Ind. Jeffrey is a project engineer in Denver. Three beautiful, smart, talented and funny grandchildren – Sebastian, 4, Hadley, 2 1/2, and Nicholas, 2 – keep us entertained.

2337 Woodland Estates Drive, Midland, MI 48642.

Mike Deupree
Achieved two goals in the past year – published a collection of columns, and retired. (I’m only 61, but being a politically conservative Cyclone fan living 20 miles from Iowa City can really age a person.) The book is available at the usual places, but if you buy it from me, you get a signed copy and I make more money. Such a deal. Whether you’re buying or not, drop me a line. I’d like to hear from co-workers on the Daily 1965-67. 1559 Sequoya Drive NE, Solon, IA 52333. mdeup@southslope.net

Les Dewey, ’66
It’s been more than 40 years since Carl Hamilton offered me my first job with his family newspaper. It was a sales job and I have a hunch he thought I could handle it better than reporting (I was NOT a star student). Instead, I became the farm director for KWMT Radio in Fort Dodge and then moved on to corporate America where my bio for the next 20 years would bore any good journalist to tears. In 1985, I started my own freelance writing business and have been happy as a pig in the mud ever since (I am an ag journalism graduate). I have a beautiful wife, four talented daughters (one a grad of the ISU vet school) and eight terrific grandchildren. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who reads this and remembers. Germantown, TN. twodeweys@aol.com

Bob Dunaway, ’66
Retired. Still write a financial column for Iowa Farmer Today once or twice a month. 403 West Sherman, Box 369, Monroe, IA 50170. dunaway@iowatelecom.net

Joe Elstner, ’66
Recently completed 12 years of my “second PR career” as public affairs officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. First with US West and Southwestern Bell lasted 25-plus years. I’ll probably do another one to two years here and hang it up. May do some media relations and speechgiving/writing consulting to keep the skills sharp. Still playing keyboards in a classic rock band, The Decades, and will be more musically involved at retirement. Wife Diane is in her last year as an ESL teacher. All three kids are doing well and we’re also loving being grandparents. Hi to all from the Schwartz/Kunerth/Fox era.

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Ronald Kiewiet, ’66
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Lynn Manternach, MS ’66
In September I turned my back on the security of a steady paycheck and became an entrepreneur. Along with two business partners, I launched MindFire Communications Inc., a research-based marketing communications company. We do research-based brand development and management, integrated campaign development and Web development and marketing. So far it’s a blast! My son, Connor, is now 11 years old and in 6th grade. He loves middle school, except for the homework.

George Brandsberg, MS ’67
George’s novel, “AFOOT: A Tale of the Great Dakota Turkey Drive,” was honored as a 2007 Notable Kansas Book at the Kansas Book Festival in October. Dee and I took our grandchildren, Calvin, 15, and Graceanne, 13, to France for 10 days and had a great time. We continue to enjoy retirement.

Janice Hille, ’67
Travels this year included three days in Boston, a cruise from there along the coast of Maine and to Halifax, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, then on into the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Saguenay Fjord, Quebec City and Montreal. Following the cruise we spent four days in Vermont and the Saratoga Springs, N.Y., area. Lee’s father grew increasingly ill this year and he passed away in early September, so we made several trips to Santa Barbara as well. I’m still doing exceptionally well with peritoneal dialysis (three years already). Had cataract surgery on both eyes. We continue to sing with the local chorus (and I am president again). We’re both still playing golf regularly and just enjoying the retired life. 180 Rays Circle, Hollister, CA 95023. jhille@razzolink.com
Thomas McBride, ’67
We are still doing ag business consulting and working at improving golf game and enjoying grandkids. Visit www.nextlegacy.com to see what we are up to. 517 Vista Montana, Camarillo, CA 93010-8461.

Carol (Marlow) McGarvey, ’67
Freelance writing is going very well. I write lifestyle stories (home, food, gardening and books) each issue (10x/year) for Welcome Home magazine, a central iowa publication. I also write monthly for two Web sites and have worked on various custom publications this year. Tom continues his part-time auditing of attorneys’ trust accounts for the Iowa Supreme Court. Our three kids are doing well, and, at this writing, we’re awaiting our fifth grandchild. Life is good! 5717 Kingman Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311-2005. tcmcgarvey@aol.com

Garrett O’Keefe, ’67
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Janis (Butler) Rollow, ’67
Enjoying retirement from active practice but still volunteering three to four days a month and working as supervising dentist in the dental hygiene clinic at community college nearby. Football season is big here with four different Big 12 schools in the family! 6245 Preston Creek Drive, Dallas, TX 75240-3517.

Dennis Bries, ’68
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Judy Clements, ’68
Retired. 107 Inwood Drive, Aiken, SC 29803.

Jeanette (Johnson) Keogh, ’68
Vice president, Keogh & Keogh, Inc., a marketing communications company. 5510 N. Sheridan Road #4B, Chicago, IL 60640-1631.

Linda (Foster) Benedict, ’69
I'm in my 10th year at Louisiana State University. My title is associate director and professor, LSU AgCenter Communications. I oversee the news and video operation and am editor of Louisiana Agriculture magazine, which is in its 50th year. LSU Agricultural Center, Communications, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; 1430 Applewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

Marlys Fee (Jensen) Gramley, MS ’69
I must be officially retired as I don't have a paycheck coming in. I love having some control of my life in a time and city where everyone seems to be tied to the job 24/7, but I miss daily journalism. Husband, Lyle, long retired from the board of governors of the Federal Reserve, is still working full time as an economic forecaster. Older son, Michael Jensen, manages online ad sales for Dow Jones in Los Angeles covering a region that encompasses southern California, Las Vegas and Phoenix. Younger son, Kevin Jensen, spent last year getting his master’s at the Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse University. After summer courses at Stellenbosch University outside Cape Town, Kevin accepted a one-year paid internship with ActionAid Intl. HQ in Johannesburg. The four of us met in South Africa in August for a week at two of the Singita game preserves in the Kruger Park area. It was an encore trip for Lyle and me but just as fantastic as our first safari; it might even top Australia as best destination we've toured. Lyle's children live close by. Alan is an artist (oils, lithographs) and accomplished carpenter and his wife, Beatriz, is a nurse working on claim evaluation for the Social Security Administration. Lynn was widowed two years ago when her estranged husband committed suicide. Her daughters, Paula, 16, and Virginia,13, are both doing well in high school and hopefully will survive without too many scars from their father's action. It's been a rough two years! My interests: I still love having schnauzers (40 years next spring that I got Mitzi), cooking (next year also marks 40 years as a subscriber to Gourmet magazine), books (added audio books to the pile) swimming/deep water aerobics, paper arts and travel. I enjoy seeing grad school colleagues Lou Thompson and Joe Rowson regularly and would love to see others! mfgramley@verizon.net

Keith Henry, ’69
Continuing to tell the NASA exploration story. NASA Langley Research Center is supporting the effort through various tests and by leading important elements for the agency. Mary and I are doing well. I enjoy choral singing, softball and computer auto racing. 107 Osprey Point, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Lu Ann Hurd-Lof, ’69
Still editor of the Park Rapids Enterprise. In 2006, I participated in Blandin Community Leadership Training and received a Community Builder Award from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Women's Fund. This year has been more mundane, but being a reporter is like going to school the rest of your life. And that's the best part. 33040 State 34, Akeley, MN 56433. luannh@parkrapsenterprise.com

William Monroe, ’69

Ronald Patrick, MS ’69
Still working for our local health services foundation. The foundation is supporting the local hospital expansion with a $1 million grant. Still have an irrigation farm in southwest Nebraska. Latest excitement is the development of nine natural gas wells on the land. Also, our corn prices are being bolstered by a new ethanol plant. Family is in great shape! 32765 Road 758, Grant, NE 69140.
Gary Speicher, ’69
Hello, journalism friends! Just started my 40th year helping clients with their investments and insurance. Sue’s father, Lyle, passed away in February at age 92. We helped care for him at an assisted living facility here in Cedar Rapids the past three years. Chris and Amy still live in the Chicago area. Sarah has expanded her cosmetology business here in CR. And Matt should graduate from ISU December 2007! 3813 Tahoe Lane SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Richard Volkmer, MS ’69
Karen and I celebrated our 40th anniversary this year with a trip to Vancouver and a delightful Alaskan cruise. We’re happy and healthy in our home of many years and always glad to see Iowa State friends. 3530 Mignin Drive, PO Box 359, Warrenville, IL 60555-0359.

Dennis Niles, ’70
This past year will be noted as a period of significant transition in our lives. I have served at Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, N.D., for the past 13 years, with seven as the college president. I have submitted my resignation and intend to depart the college by Dec. 31. We will be returning to Humboldt, Iowa, where we own a home. I am also in the final stages of completing my doctoral program, and by next fall will have the degree in hand. Our new address as of Dec. 31: 1011 4th Ave., Humboldt, IA 50548.

Janet Nylund, ’70
I continue to do freelance work in the Dallas area, in the areas of PR, writing and consumer information. Our son Justin is attending U.T., Ian Antonio Dental School, and Jon is working in commercial real estate. Jack and I enjoyed a wonderful trip to China in May. 11345 W. Ricks Circle, Dallas, TX 75230.

John Slothower III, ’70
After four years as an innovation manager at Best Buy, work is still exciting every day. (Well, almost every day). Testing new business ideas is both fun and challenging. I also continue as the volunteer associate minister of my church, though I think retirement is looming in the next couple of years. Love to hear from the old gang and if you are in town give a holler. 6617 Waterman Ave., Hopkins, MN 55343. jslothower@slothower.com

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Charles McGavren, ’71
I’m so proud of the Greenlee School of Journalism! West Corporation in Omaha has me editing its sales proposals. My oldest, Jay, and his wife, Diana, presented a second grandson to the family this year. Jay is writing software programs in Java for Choice Hotels in Phoenix. Second oldest, Glen, and his wife, April, are getting ready for their first child next year. Glen is building in Omaha, having rejoined the construction trades while he builds his academic portfolio at Bellevue University. John is presently in Dyersville while he attends Northeast Iowa Community College pursuant to a computer networking specialty. John and his fiancé, Lacey, will be marrying at Nashua in 2008. My fiancé, Ruth, and I will be marrying in Omaha a month before John and Lacey. For me, this year has meant getting to know Ruth’s family and hometown in Massachusetts, having my first Red Sox experience at Fenway and seeing whales in the Atlantic. It has been exciting! 14910 Seward Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154. cmcgavren@sprynet.com

Paula D. Mueller (attended ’71)
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William F. Tubbs, ’71
Linda and I are in our 36th year of publishing The Eldridge North Scott Press and The Wilton-Durant Advocate News. As a past district governor of Rotary International, I keep busy editing our district newsletter, District 6000 News, and also serve as the area coordinator for

William Tubbs (Ag Journalism ’71) is representing North America on the Rotary International Public Image Resource Group. From left to right: RI President Wilf Wilkinson (Canada), Pauline Leung (Taiwan), Loryn Clark (Australia), Shirley Downey (South Africa), Tubbs, Hisao Taoka (Japan), Bob Tomlinson (Scotland), Fernando Ribeiri (Brazil) and chairman Bob Aitken (Australia).
North America on the RI Public Image Resource Group. In its first 100 years, Rotary hid its light under a bushel but that will not work in the 21st century. “Enhancing Public Image” now ranks No. 2 in Rotary’s strategic plan, second only to the global eradication of polio. Our eight-member international Public Image Group includes Rotarians from every continent, and is doing all it can on a shoestring to make the world aware of Rotary’s extraordinary humanitarian work. For example, watch for an “Iowa Rotary” tabloid that I am working on with fellow Rotarian and Iowa Stater Dave Buck in newspapers next February! Prior to that, however, I will have traveled to Kano, in the Islamic sub-Saharan region of northern Nigeria, with 20 Rotarians from the United States who will be seeking partners for humanitarian projects and participating in a National Immunization Day for polio. 302 S. 8th St., Eldridge, IA 52748. btubbs@northscottpress.com

Michael Turner, MA ’71
Michael Turner was selected Member of the Year by the Los Angeles chapter of the National Speakers Association. He was honored along with other recipients in July at the National Speakers Association annual conference in San Diego. Michael is completing his year as president of the Encino Chamber of Commerce (Los Angeles area). bearsworth@earthlink.net

Janis (Selland) Wong, ’71
I continue a career-long adventure in communications, now as editor/researcher for a small publishing company, working remotely from our home in Kona. Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Harlan Brown, ’72
For the past three years I have been working for SDI on contract at IBM. In 2007 I was a co-applicant on a patent application. Although my career is in technical writing, not science journalism and botany (my majors at Iowa State), I have maintained my interest in the latter. In March, my teenage son and I attended an intelligent design conference in Knoxville, Tenn., and got a first-hand glimpse of that controversial area of scientific inquiry. The theory of intelligent design holds that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection (see www.discovery.org/csc/topQuestions.php). 2324 Rolling Pines Ave., Durham, NC 27703-5924. harlan_brown@yahoo.com

John Byrnes, ’72
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Gene Meyer, ’72
All’s still well here at The Kansas City Star, where a small band of Iowa Staters are holding down the quality corner of the newsroom, and on Mission Road. Hello to everyone. gmeyer@kcstar.com.

Dennis Miller, ’72
Continue to enjoy my work as a reference librarian. One enjoyable aspect of the job is writing feature articles on various services and resources of the library. On football Saturdays, my ‘Clone flag proudly flies in the West Texas breeze. Kathy and I plan to retire here, but hope to travel enough to get back to Iowa at least a couple of times a year. 205 Pilgrim Road, Abilene, TX 79602 dennis.miller@abilenetcx.com.

Catherine Neitge, ’72
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Harlen Persinger, ’72
Due to a variety of agricultural clients my freelance business has remained on an even keel the past four years. Besides working with major companies and various agencies, I contribute photos and stories to seven national ag publications. My portfolio was selected as runner-up at My portfolio was selected as runner-up at the 2007 Ag Media Summit photography compilation in Louisville. In September, I attended the 51st International Federation Agricultural Journalists convention in Japan, the first meeting ever held in Asia. 207 N 123rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53226-3811.

Warren Riedesel, ’72
No change on the professional front. I continue as communications manager for corn seed at Pioneer Hi-Bred, putting my technical journalism degree to use every day in what has become an incredibly hi-tech enterprise. Mary and I took the trip of our dreams to New Zealand in March. It’s the cleanest, greenest (literally and figuratively) and most civil place we’ve ever traveled. Our big change in 2007 was relocation to a town home in Sherman Hill, Des Moines’ historic Victorian neighborhood. We enjoy the urban environment and proximity to a reinvigorated downtown Des Moines. 701 16th St., Des Moines, IA 50314. warren.riedesel@pioneer.com

Patricia (Conrad) Simpson, ’72
Almost 10 years as marketing communications director for Parents as Teachers National Center, an international nonprofit early childhood parent education organization. Politics, economy and technology have all impacted the direction of communications for us. On a personal note, son Neil married in June and lives in Milwaukee. Daughter Julie received her master’s in integrated marketing communications from Northwestern University and works in advertising for Boeing in Chicago. pat.simpson@parentsasteachers.org

Rod Williamson, ’72
In my 25th year on the Vanderbilt University athletic staff, currently as director of athletic external relations, which seems impossible to be true. Phyllis and I miss Iowa State and drive through the campus every summer to revive good memories and see all the progress. 1208 Old Spring Trail, Arrington, TN 37014. rod.williamson@vanderbilt.edu
teach English and common sense to the kids in the inner city. I’m happily married now (to a Mizzou journalism grad) and my kids are great. I haven’t been to Ames since 1976, so I suppose it has changed and Tork’s is gone. I still have great memories, albeit hazy sometimes, of my years there. Peace. timothy.ghianni@comcast.net

Ralph Glazer, MS ’73
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Soo (Klingaman) Greiman, ’73
Although a rapidly aging baby boomer, I enjoy working as executive director of the Guernsey Charitable Foundation in Waterloo. I also have had the wonderful opportunity to write a weekly column, “The Soo Line” for the internationally famous Hudson (Iowa) Herald. For the past 29 years I have been given the chance to write as a sort of Rambo-style Erma Bombeck of the Farm”. It continues to be a grand romp! GuernseyFoundatn@aol.com

Connie “C.J.” Groth, ’73
Hello to all my old friends from Jl MC. Is it still called that? After a rewarding corporate career, I switched gears about 10 years ago and now make my living as a photographer. I sell my fine art prints in a gallery here in Key West. It has been wonderful, and I love learning new things. Funny, I always envisioned myself as a writer, but I think Bob Johnson, our photography professor, had a lot more impact on me than I knew at the time. That’s true for many people in our lives, isn’t it? My online portfolio is www.KeyWestPhotos.com. P.O. Box 1266, Key West, FL 33040. cgroth@keywestphotos.com

James Watson, ’73
Tia (ISU ’78) and I are thrilled that our daughter Katie has decided to attend Iowa State in the fall of 2008. She will be the fourth generation of Watsons to be educated in Ames. Though she is planning to major in marketing, she is involved in high school journalism, so there is hope yet for exposure to J-school. With the Cyclones on the rise, we’ll be visiting often. 2895 West Court, Bettendorf, IA 52722-5801.

Oren DeShong, ’74
13488 S-31 Highway, Milo, IA 50166.

Margaret (Askew) Johnson, ’74
A lot has happened in the last year. I was elected county attorney in November 2006 and assumed office in January. I’m really enjoying the work and being back in Iowa. Also working on economic development and tourism for the county. I remarried last May to a high school friend I hadn’t seen in years. Daughter Megan was married this year, too. Box 185, Thurman, IA 51654. mjohnson@co.freemont.ia.us

Anne (Willemsen) McKeown, ’74
Life in Council Bluffs (with occasional trips to Okoboji and New Mexico) continues well for Kim, the cats and me. I have relished my first full year of retirement, though overseeing the construction of a new home and marketing the previous one held challenges. I have to argue each move to retain my old, bound versions of The Iowa State Daily … now looking way more dated than I’d like to admit. We still follow Cyclone wrestling and women’s basketball with fervor; football and other sports, with milder interest, knowing our hopes will be dashed. My twin nieces from Minnesota are freshmen this year at Iowa State, a status that thrills me and lets me know their years in Ames reward them as richly as mine have! I treasure my ISU and Jl MC memories. Thanks to each of you for whatever role you played.

Larry Miller, MA ’74
Retired since 2004, Karen and I continue to enjoy the northern Black Hills of South Dakota -- including my occasional coffee sessions with ISU legend Bill Kunerth. We have some great discussions. Activities and involvements are still fun and flourishing, including recent appointment to the South
Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications (translated: South Dakota Public Broadcasting). I’m still trying to take good still photos and expand my bike riding adventures, but genealogy remains my passion. I’ve created three genealogy Web sites and spend considerable time trying to keep them updated. I also frequently opine on my Black Hills Monitor blog at www.blackhillsmonitor.blogspot.com. Full-time grandparenting this academic year will likely inhibit our ability to return to Ames for a visit, something we’ve not done in more than 30 years. Perhaps next year. Delighted to see the department doing well under the leadership of old Oklahoma State colleague Michael Bugeja. As always, we welcome visits and communications from ISU friends! 309 Yellowstone Place, Spearfish, SD 57783. dakotamillers@rushmore.com

Donna Proudfit, ’74
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Becky (Murphy) Stadlman, ’74
Evan and I both continue at the same jobs. He is a partner at REL Communications and I am a regional HR manager at Sauer-Danfoss in Ames. My work responsibilities continue to grow and I am traveling more internationally. We continue to get to campus frequently and enjoy watching the changes. Son Sean is still an engineer in the Twin Cities area. Megan is finishing her leisure, health and human services degree at UNI. Marisa is now a grad student in public administration at ISU. We look forward to visitors, so stop by! 107 NW Rock Creek Circle, Ankeny, IA 50023. bstadlman@mchsi.com

Thomas Wilson, ’74
President, Risdall Marketing Group, a Twin Cities integrated marketing communications agency. We are $153 million in billings and offer clients a wide range of services, including our award-winning Web development team. On the home front, Susan and I are giddy about our new empty nest status. Sons David and Kevin are attending the University of Denver. We have rediscovered our TV room – sans soda cans, candy bar wrappers and empty pizza boxes. I have enjoyed serving on the Greenlee School Advisory Council and meeting some wonderful folks. Keep up the great work. 4519 Casco Ave., Edina, MN 55424.

Julie (Nielsen) Wolf, ’74
I am just starting my 21st year at the University of Kansas and am currently publications coordinator in the Office of University Relations. 4211 Wimbledon Drive, Lawrence, KS 66047. jwolf@ku.edu

Greg Bell ’75
I continue to be challenged on a daily basis as vice president, client services, at Nonbox, a brand development and advertising agency, in Milwaukee, Portland and Orlando. Developing young people, maintaining client relationships and developing new business continues to be tons of fun. Occasionally, Madonna (ISU ’74) tries to spend some time during the winter months at our place in Phoenix.

Cliff Brockman, ’75
In my second year of teaching at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Besides teaching, I’m also advising the student newspaper and overseeing students who cablecast weekly city council meetings. 3605 Monaghan Drive, Waverly, IA 50677. cliffwbrockman@yahoo.com

David Drennan, ’75
In addition to serving as the executive director of the Missouri Dairy Association, I am working with Drake and Company and serving as the executive director of the National Dairy Calf & Heifer Association. Our son, Brad, is a freshman at ISU majoring in engineering. 1954 Sumter Ridge Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017-8733.

Pamela (Bruce) Grove, ’75
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Clair Peterson, ’75
Just completed my fifth year as tournament director of the John Deere Classic PGA TOUR event, as well as 32 years with John Deere. Get to visit Ames periodically to see our youngest son, Luke, after visiting our second youngest, Jake, in Iowa City. Nice dinner debates. All is well, thanks. Tournament director, John Deere Classic, 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244. (309) 762-4668. clairp@jdclassic.com

Ken Braband, ’76
I’m wrapping up my third year with Quad/Graphics (the world’s largest privately held printing company), more specifically with Quad’s subsidiary QuadCreative. I’m publications editor for VIEWS, Quad’s customer magazine, and managing editor of a custom pub called SupplyLink, which we produce for client W.W. Grainger. In addition to scuba diving trips, Mary and I also were into sea kayaking in a big way in 2007 with lots of Lake Michigan paddling and extended trips around Door County and Lake Superior’s Apostle Islands. Son Tom is now a senior at UW-Oshkosh and daughter Jacey is a sophomore at Minneapolis College of Art and Design. ken.braband@qg.com

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Bill B. Kunerth, ’76
My love for the newspaper profession is still holding strong, as I’m now entering my fifth year as publisher of The Idaho State Journal in Pocatello, Idaho. Although I’ve seen a lot of changes in newspapering during the last decade, what hasn’t changed is that good writing still sells and still makes a difference. On the personal
Notes

John Leidner, MS ’76
I recently retired from a 30-year editorial career with Progressive Farmer magazine. Am keeping busy as a freelance writer. I recently wrote a history of the Sunbelt Expo farm show that was published in a book. My wife, Mary, still works for USDA-NRCS and is looking to retire. Daughter Laura is a student at University of Georgia. Son Andrew is a grad student at Texas A&M and works in the desalination industry. Son Mark is a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop and lives in Iowa City. P.O. Box 633, Tifton, GA 31793-0633.

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Diane (Schaaf) Potter, ’76
After seven years of teaching and five years as a campus principal, I was offered an opportunity I couldn’t turn down: the chance to lead the program through which I received my principal certification. I am now the program coordinator of the Principal Certification Network at the Education Service Center Region 13 in Austin, Texas. Each June, I start a new cohort of assistant principals and principals, guiding them through their 15-month leadership training to obtain principal certification. I get to teach, mentor, coach and write curriculum for new principals. Being a principal is a tough job in these days of accountability, and I appreciate the chance to help them prepare. Husband Ken is a soil scientist with the USDA/ARS experiment station in Temple. Our son, Ben, a financial analyst with Freescale (the semiconductor spin-off of Motorola) was married in May in Austin; we’re thrilled to have his wife, Celeste, join the family. 3201 Legend Oaks Blvd., Belton, TX 76513. diane.potter@earthlink.net

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Historycooks.com continues to perk! PO Box 709, Yankton, SD 57078.

Chuck and Joanne (Seymour) Kuster, ’76
The past year was full of news for the Kuster clan. The headline was the marriage of daughter Mary to Aaron Shell. (Both are ISU graduates – Aaron an engineer for General Mills, Mary an independent food chemist/research consultant.) Our son, Dan, is nearing completion of his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Washington University. He recently announced his plans to marry in April 2008. Our youngest, Emily, began Iowa State this fall in materials science engineering and is thriving. That means we’re now empty-nesters. Both our communication consulting and publishing companies are doing well. Joanne has another children’s book coming out soon and remains involved in numerous financial education initiatives. Chuck spends his spare time writing his first book on retirement planning for baby boomers and learning about communication trends and technologies. Now that we aren’t spending so much time on bleachers, we’re finally getting to the list of home improvements.

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Raeanne Hytone, ’77
It’s been a tough year for me. My husband Norm’s alcoholism finally forced me to get a divorce last fall, and then caused his death in June. It’s been a long road back into everything, but freelance work is beginning to show up on the horizon and my cookie business, Rae Bakes (www.raebakes.com) is helping in the meantime. Looking to get back into a full-time gig at the ripe old age of never mind. 3841 Garfield St. NW, Washington, DC 20007. raetone1@earthlink.net

John (J.C.) Kain, ’77
I’m still providing educational technology support for the Phoenix Elementary School District. Wife Barb handles public relations for Blood Systems (she was quoted in a front-page story in USA Today!). The kids are 15 and 19 and neither is in jail, so clearly we’ve been successful parents. I do lots of work with student videos and student blogs, which I know you will want to examine closely at: pesdtechnology.blogspot.com 4121 E. Windsor, Phoenix, AZ 85008. algon81@yahoo.com

Kent Peterson, ’77
Following professions in broadcast journalism, law and the ministry, I’m finishing up a master’s program at Drake University to become a high school language arts teacher. My beautiful ISU grad wife, Jenee, two future Cyclones, Alyssa (15), and Nathan (11), and myself enjoy God’s blessings here in West Des Moines. Hello to all my friends from the Jack Shelley and Tom Beell era! 5851 Coachlight Court, West Des Moines, IA 50266-2887. kent.peterson@yahoo.com

Karen Potratz, ’77
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Audrey (Schwartz) Rivers, ’77
My life continues fast and “furious” with all my animals and related activities. Our nonprofit PetShare still offers animal-assisted programs to at-risk children in area schools. Last fall we cosponsored a countywide seminar on the link between animal abuse and family violence. I still write about human-animal relationships for several professional publications. Home life also remains furried and feathered. My 20-year-old cat McCall died suddenly in April. I realized I have lived longer with her than any other being — parents or husband included. Kayla the Sheltie remains the world's ace therapy dog. Belgian Malinois Bartlet slowly mellows thanks to maturity, additional training and a daily dose of Elavil. Bodhi the Parrot learns new words and sounds daily with the current favorite the Bronx Cheer. Rocket scientist hubby John hasn’t retired from the NASA Johnson Space Center. In fact, the young know-it-all punks working on the future moon exploration missions suddenly discovered he’s “been there, done that” with Apollo and have added his expertise to their planning efforts. 16566 Space Center Blvd., Houston, TX 77058. asrivers@petshare.org

Lori (Hoberg) Adams, ’78
Bureau chief/field operations for Iowa Workforce Development, based in Des Moines.

Steve (Exley) Exley-Schuman, ’78
I’m celebrating 11 years helping poor criminals as the investigator at the Iowa Public Defender’s Office in Iowa City. Rhonda and I adopted two new little ones last year, Elijah, 4, and Nevaeh, 3. We also have Isaiah, 10, and Noah, 7, at home. Not to mention two grandparents — not at home, thankfully! We’re growing closer to Jesus. 401 2nd St. SE, Mount Vernon, IA 52314. sexleyschuman@msn.com

Martha Helgerson, ’78
I have finally made a full transition from being a volunteer ESL teacher to taking on a paid position teaching writing to immigrants. It’s a good job for a “word” person who is interested in other cultures. I keep my hand in journalistic things by editing a couple of newsletters for nonprofit groups and submitting the odd freelance piece. As well, I continue to assist my friend and neighbor with her amazing literacy initiative in Ghana. On the home front, my husband, Don Houston, keeps busy as a hematologist, and our eldest of two daughters is a freshman at University of British Columbia. I’m hoping that our youngest, now in grade 11, will consider ISU. I am still amazed and grateful for the wonderful, practical education I received at the JI MC department. Keep up the good work. 203 Montrose St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 3L9. mahelgerson@shaw.ca

Susan Holloway, ’78
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Heather S. (Soladay) Olson, ’78
In the past year, my career took another unusual twist. I was asked to become director of human resources for Larsen Design! Luckily, ISU trained us to be flexible, ask the right questions and proceed confidently in all that we do! Every day is a new challenge in the employee relations and recruitment arena, but I am learning and enjoying most aspects of it. To top it off, I have rejoined the board of directors of the Minnesota chapter of AIGA, the national professional association for design. And, I’m reliving the college application experience as my three teens pursue their interests in broadcast journalism, music and art. I’m still keeping my fingers crossed that one of them will land in Ames for the post-secondary years! 7373 Ann Court, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. heathersolson@comcast.net

Gary Sawyer, ’78
Going into my eighth year as editor of The Decatur Herald. 2662 S. Forrest Green Drive, Decatur, IL 62521. garysawyer@insihtbb.com

Dirk van der Linden, ’78
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Rebecca Blessing, ’79
I am currently in my eighth year with state government, working in communications with the Kentucky Department of Education. Due to reorganization at KDE last year, I am now doing mostly print work, having spent 20 years working primarily in radio and TV. However, with the convergence of multi-media on the Web, I imagine and hope my departure from the electronic media will be short-lived. As a fitting “end” to my video career, I won an Award of Excellence from the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators for the last video project on which I worked. I prize it every bit as much as my Peabody, duPont-Columbia and AP awards! We also won for our monthly print newsletter for public school teachers! Earlier this year I completed my certified public manager credential. Then in July I secured a promotion to information office supervisor, the No. 2 position in communications at KDE. When I’m not at work, my 13-year-old son Colin keeps me on the run, watching him play ice hockey or chauffeuring him to keep up with his busy middle school social life.

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Donna Christensen-Mores, ’79
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Karla (Funk) Cook, ’79
After a long break from reporting, I am back writing freelance features for a quarterly newspaper, Abouttown, based in Red Hook, N.Y. I also work full-time as a secretary at a residential school for boys, volunteer at a nearby church, produce the weekly church bulletins and update the Web site, and write, edit and produce a bi-monthly newsletter for a small fee. I still live in the same house I moved into in 1986, I am still married to the same guy and we are the parents of a 15-year-old boy. I was last back in Newton on Columbus Day weekend of last year, visiting with my parents and other relatives. If fortune continues to smile on me, I hope to next visit this coming August. Red Hook, NY krcfunk@yahoo.com

David Dawson, ’79
Linda and I are finishing up our 11th year in central Illinois where I am still the managing editor of The Herald. 305 S. Westdale Ave., Decatur, IL 62522. ddawson721@insightbb.com

Beth Jasper, ’79
Moved back to Texas this year after three years spent in the Midwest. We’re just outside Austin and looking forward to the city’s great music, film and newspaper. Writing a screenplay called “Father’s Honor” with Elvis Presley’s stepbrother – fingers crossed it gets made into a movie. 1118 Davis St., Taylor, TX 76574. bethbiz@mac.com

Alison (Smith) McCool, ’79
Married Steve McCool Sept. 29. asmith8881@austin.rr.com

Susan (Suter) Mortensen, ’79
It was a calm year for the Mortensen family: Ron and I continue with the same ag marketing/futures trading jobs, while Karen is now a sophomore industrial engineering major at Northwestern University. She is a very good excuse for weekend trips to Chicago. Our excitement comes from the ag futures market and our relaxation comes at our summer home at Twin Lakes, 30 minutes west of Fort Dodge. advantage@advantageag.com

Colleen Reilly, ’79
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Richard Schara, ’79

Julia (Meylor) Simpson, ’79
After teaching English at Seekonk High School (Mass.) for 12 years, I decided it was time to return to my first love – writing. With my two daughters grown, there’s no need to be home after school or during the summer. I enjoyed my years in teaching, but I also knew I didn’t have the patience or the stomach for its current direction (testing, testing, testing). So, I returned to my job as a writer at Amica Mutual Insurance Company, which is now based at a beautiful campus in northern Rhode Island. The small mutual company has received much recognition in recent years for its personalized customer service, and they are trying to make their mark on the national level with advertising and marketing. As a result, I’ve gotten to write about everything from tall ships to Rhode Island’s first marathon to water heater troubles. And I love it! My work involves news magazine articles, speechwriting, direct mail advertising, in-house sales campaigns and whatever else comes up. In my first year, I worked on several team projects that won awards in 2007. 10 Manning Drive, East Providence, RI 02915. jmsimpson@cox.net

Michael Swan, MS ’79
Kids are still doing well. William, 13, enjoys being part of the strong cross-country program here and is also into the cello, basketball and track. Katy, 10, loves school and is a cello and basketball player. Wife Linda continues to serve as youth director of our church and is campaign chair for United Way, among her other duties. I’m in my ninth year here and serve as sports media adviser, magazine adviser and lead instructor. On the journalistic front, I was able to write an article for The Ames Tribune about a former ISU player, Chuck Harmison, who is heavily involved in pro basketball in Australia. I was also able to document the 1977 Iowa State football team’s season for its reunion gathering. That also meant a chance for a
conversation with former Cyclone coach Earle Bruce and others, just like 30 years ago. That was so much fun. I even heard from Bill Kunerth. Fantastic. mswan@hotmail.com; mswan@buttercc.edu. 1403 Park Ave., El Dorado, KS 67042.

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Deirdre (Cox) Baker, ’80
I’m still a Quad-City Times reporter, but I recently switched from the city desk – where I covered Scott County – to the features desk, where I handle health and fitness news. I’ve never worked professionally in features before, but it’s been really neat so far. The rhythm reminds me of my many years in weekly newspapers. It is also much busier than the county beat. On the personal front, Steve came through major lung surgery in the spring, and quit smoking, to break a 35-year habit. He’s doing well and the prognosis is good. Kirstin, now 17, is a senior at North Scott High School and is having a terrific year. We did visit all three state universities in September, and while she likes ISU, she really likes UNI. This year I turn 50, celebrate 20 years of marriage and see my only daughter graduate. dbaker@qctimes.com

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I continue to work as a freelance writer in the Cedar Rapids area. It looks like our youngest son, Alex, a freshman at Kennedy, got the writing gene also. His sports story was published in the school newspaper last week and he has now been tabbed to write for the Metro section. Our oldest, son, Brandon, is a sophomore at Wartburg College pursuing an international business degree. 1325 Rainbow Blvd., Hiawatha, IA 52233. ajbusbee@mchsi.com

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Steve Jones, ’80
Much has changed in my family during the past year. I have returned to ISU and work in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences communications office. What a wonderful change. I spent the previous eight years doing communications work for the local area education agency. At home, Diane (ISU elementary education grad) is in her second year teaching at Ames Middle School after many years in Ames elementary schools. Son Dan (ISU music grad) and wife Anja (ISU microbiology student) blessed us with our first grandchild, Amalia. She’s a genuine cutie. Son Mike (ISU engineering grad) married longtime girlfriend Megan (ISU elementary education grad). And son Ben is a junior at Ames High where he stays busy in sports and other activities. jones@iastate.edu

Kurt Lawton, ’80
Howdy to those who remember The Daily newsroom and ad staff from the late ’70s. My freelance journalist/photographer/strategist gig continues successfully. Still writing about agriculture and the business of farming for various magazines and Web sites, with some DIY homeowner feature work thrown in for fun. And I have a few successful newsletters (both print and e-zines), too. If interested, you can view my work at www.stellarcontent.biz. And I’m always in the market for new and exciting projects. Still making the Twin Cities home, and still a single parent to two great teenagers (one writer, one guitarist) plus a sophomore at Oklahoma in broadcast journalism (I know, a Sooner!) – but it’s a great program. Drop a line or stop by anytime. Always fun to catch up with college friends over a few adult beverages. Plus, I get back to Ames somewhat regularly to meet friends, take in football/basketball/wrestling games, and drop by the family farm. Ciao. 3455 Autumn Woods Drive, Chaska, MN 55318. kurt@stellarcontent.biz

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Clair Urbain, ’80
Publisher/editorial director for Contractor Tools and Supplies and Construction Purchasing magazines owned by Milo Media, a publishing company that’s not controlled by investment bankers. After ownership by two investment groups, it’s a refreshing change! Three children in college with two graduating in late 2007/2008 from ISU! Youngest son is a sophomore at U of Iowa and is on the gymnastics team there, so there was no chance of getting him to go to ISU as well. The out-of-state tuition is a challenge, but we never dreamed any of our children would follow in our footsteps at ISU! cdu@hotmail.com

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Jill Burkhardt, ’81
Greetings from Picket Fence Creamery at Woodward! We invite all ISU grads to stop in sometime for a free sample of ice cream! Business is good for this newspaper reporter turned ice cream maker. I still send out plenty of press releases, maintain an e-mail newsletter of 1,000, and write ads each week. Thank you J-Department! Daughter Jenna is now an ISU junior in education and is on the flag squad. Son James is a first grader at Dallas Center-Grimes. Hope to see you soon. Go State! 14583 S. Ave, Woodward, IA 50276.
Steve Dropkin, ’81
Well, another year has flown by ... wow. It’s scary to think that they could go by any faster. The only real change in my life this past year has been the realization that nothing has really changed in my life this past year. Whether that is a good thing is left as an exercise for the reader. :-) 489 Michigan St., Saint Paul, MN 55102.

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Burton, MS ’81, and Barbara Gleason, ’81
Bobbie (Barbara) is still very active with her music interests; she plays clarinet in a city band, sings in the Suncoast Chorale and is substitute choir director and pianist for the Venice, Fla. Unitarian Universalist congregation. We spent the month of September touring the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland. Erin Go Bragh! 384 Marsh Creek Road, Venice, FL 34292.

Sherilyn (Templeton) Hoyer, ’81
In January 2008, I’ll “celebrate” 10 years as communication specialist at the Iowa Pork Industry Center at ISU. My, how time flies when every bit of your time is filled. My three-quarter time position often feels like full time, but I enjoy the busyness and the business it involves. Our daughter was married on the last Saturday of September. Now I’m learning about my new full-time permanent position of mother-in-law! 1324 Kentucky Ave, Ames, IA 50014. shoyer@iastate.edu

Jan Nierling, ’81
Still in Houston, three years and counting. I have a great job as assistant to the director of marketing and race development for the Houston Marathon. Every day (almost) is a new adventure and always interesting. It’s a great job, especially for a runner with a journalism background. My duties include marketing, media, PR and anything else related to marketing our marathon, half-marathon and 5K. Still running, training for marathons; still coming home to Iowa every chance I get. 3418 Garden Shadow Lane, Houston, TX 77018. jannierling@comcast.net

Pamela (Weiland) Schumacher, ’81
I’ve been visiting many college campuses this year as we search for a university for my son, Tim. I have to say Iowa State is still the prettiest one around. Unfortunately, he refuses to apply there. He says there are too many people there that know him (cousins, my sister lives in Boone, etc.). He has been accepted to (gasp!) the University of Iowa. His first choice is the “other” U of I in Champaign-Urbana. I can only hope that my daughter will want to attend ISU. 785 Prairie Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. pschumacher@jointcommission.org

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Anita Young, ’81
My husband Wilson and I became sort-of empty-nesters this fall when the youngest of our two children went away to college, following her brother into the field of mechanical engineering. It’s quite nice not having all those school-related events and commitments anymore. We’re definitely looking forward to traveling more in the coming year. I still work at a nonprofit educational agency where I handle communications and wear a few other hats as well. Wilson continues working as a chemical engineer with Lyondell. Congratulations to Iowa State on its 150th birthday, and best wishes to its journalism alums everywhere! Channahon, IL 60410. youngfile2@comcast.net

Susan Caslin, ’82
In my 10th year as editor for European offices of ABN AMRO. We’ve just been purchased by a consortium led by Royal Bank of Scotland, so doubt I will be here much longer. Working with stock analysts throughout Europe, Asia and Australia a much nicer group than the NY/Boston bunch. Still living near Chicago. Ready to move to the country and some peace and quiet. #208, 707 E Falcon Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-3435.

Ken Clayton, ’82
Manager, trade shows, Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids. I was happy to start my 20th year in corporate communications with a nice promotion to manager of the trade shows and exhibits department, with a staff of four. The main projects this year were managing our exhibitions at Paris and Dubai – and being able to spend 12 days in each of those interesting cities. 6000 Wayside Circle, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. clonedogg2@mchsi.com

Dave Kurns, ’82
I am currently the interactive editorial director in the integrated marketing group within Meredith. Still working on large cross-platform marketing programs with companies such as Kraft, Carnival Cruises, Principal, Charming Shoppes and others. I work primarily on the digital side: Web, e-mail, video and online games (who would have thought a JL MC degree would prepare me for that!). 6920 Northglenn Way, Johnston, IA 50131. david.kurns@meredith.com

Thomas O’Donnell, ’82
I’m in my second year at the Krell Institute, and our project for the Department of Energy’s Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research is off the ground and on the Web. I’m writing about computers, science and mathematical concepts that go way beyond figuring percentages, as we all learned in 201. Krell Institute, 1609 Golden Aspen Drive, Suite 101, Ames, IA 50010; odonnell@krellinst.org; 7005 Horton Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322. newshound_50309@yahoo.com

Jennifer (Speer) Ramundt, ’82
I made a change in my work schedule in fall 2006. After freelancing for 14 years, I rejoined Meredith Corp., this time as a copy editor for its special interest media, which includes magazines, Web sites and a few books. The kids continue to grow: William is a junior at Des Moines Roosevelt; Sarah is in eighth grade at...
Callanan Middle School. Randy and I never age. 211 38th Place, Des Moines, IA 50312. jsramundt@dwx.com

Mary Sommers, ’82
I am in my 15th year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney as the director of student financial aid. Matt and I enjoy keeping up with Sam, now 12 and in 6th grade. Sarah is 8 and in 2nd grade. 5308 Ave. I, Kearney, NE 68847-8462.

Susan L. Booker, ’83
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Christine Cornelius, ’83
I am an executive assistant at Cornelius Seed, our family business since 1935. I assist in the marketing portion of our business. It’s fun and challenging. Chuck (Ag ’83) and I have two sons currently at Iowa State studying agriculture! 14795 317th Ave., Bellevue, IA 52031-9202.

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Suzanne Hill, MS ’83
Last February I was named communications coordinator for Holy Family Parish in North Kansas City, Mo. I write, edit, take photos and do layout and design for a quarterly four-color parish publication. In addition, I keep the parish Web site up to date. I also edit the Northland Elks Lodge 2376 newsletter.

Jeffrey Hunt, ’83
I am practicing media law, raising kids, and fly fishing and cycling when I can. I am representing a coalition of Utah news media seeking to enact a reporter’s shield law in Utah. We are getting close. With our youngest, Tess, now in second grade, Cindy went back to teaching 7th and 8th grade English and enjoys it very much. Son, Christopher, is a high school freshman and oldest child, Madison, is a junior. Please give us a ring if your travels bring you to Utah. 185 South State St., Suite 1300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. jjh@pwlaw.com

Brian Meyer, ’83
Have been working 17 years for the communications office of ISU’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (new college name, official this past summer). It’s 16 years working at ISU for Janell, who now coordinates a couple of federal grants over in MacKay Hall. Two sons are in 4th and 2nd grades this fall. I’m on the board for the Iowa State University Agricultural Endowment, an affiliate association with ISU, and the Association for Communications Excellence, an international communications group. I’ve been a writing judge for a couple of different communications group the last few years. bmeyer@iastate.edu

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Jamie Anderson, ’84
It’s been 10 years since God called me out of my communications career to train up the three boys He gave Jim and me. Our 15 year old has become quite a writer (welcoming his mother’s editing), and he is now thinking about a career in journalism. I’ve spent five years homeschooling our two younger sons. What a challenge, and blessing, that is! I teach Sunday school, coach kid soccer, organize field trips and wear the taxi cap daily. 113 Maple St., Tecumseh, MI 49286-1770.

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Patricia (Strong) Davis, ’84
I’ve been seeing double since the October 2006 birth of my twin girls. After 20 years at The Principal, I’m now a full-time mom. The girls’ investigative skills may lead to journalism careers after ISU degrees of course! 2960 SE 68th St., Des Moines, IA 50327.

Suzanne Finch, ’84
Have kept very busy in 2007, starting with a return home on New Year’s Day from Italy. Back to work for the Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT), which is a Department of Defense-sponsored program administered at San Diego State University (where I was the director of marketing). CCAT provides funding and business services to small entrepreneurs and researchers who have engineered military and homeland security technologies. I’ve recently resigned the CCAT program to become chief communications officer with SDSU’s College of Business Administration. I’m looking forward to using my current skill set and learning some new tricks as well.

Lisa Fung, ’84,
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Bret Gilliland, ’84
I am now in my ninth year at the Mountain West Conference and 24th year overall in intercollegiate athletics. For more information about the MWC, go to www.TheMWC.com. My bio is available under the “About the MWC” link. Continue to stay extremely busy with MWC work and family activities. Looking forward to seeing group of Iowa State friends who will attend NCAA Division I men’s basketball championship in Denver (hosted by MWC) this coming March. 8975 Melbourne Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. bgilliland@themwc.com
Kimberly (Bredar) Guthrie, ’84
We are still trying to shed the Midwest accent as we tackle year 10 living here in the Northeast. In 2004, we moved from Long Island, N.Y. to Fairfield County, Conn. (Yes, land of “Grey Poupon but of course,” Martha Stewart and sweaters tied around the neck …) I was promoted to regional vice president at Cox Radio in 2001, now overseeing 16 stations across the country for Cox in New York, Connecticut, South Carolina and Houston. Husband Todd of 19 years, three daughters and I are enjoying life in suburban NYC. Took the ISU campus tour with my oldest daughter in August – the campus is still remarkably beautiful. Daughter Maddie wants to pursue a career in mass communication – God help us all. 20 Church Lane, Weston, CT 06883. kim.guthrie@coxradio.com

Samuel Thumma, ’84
Life remains good. Barb Dawson and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary in August and our daughter, Nicole, will turn 10 in January. Travels this year include Barbados, Munich, Mexico City and Singapore as well as to Laurens, Iowa, for the 125th birthday of my hometown. Wearing a robe for a living since late May after appointment to the Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County. Superior Court of Arizona Maricopa County, 3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009.

Steven Walker, ’84
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James Wyckoff, ’84
Hello, fellow ISU journalism grads. Not a whole lot new on the professional front for me. I’m entering my eighth year of operating and writing my own financial and commodity market newsletter from my home. I do still very much enjoy working from home and would hate to go back into the corporate world and a formal office setting. However, the downside of owning and operating one’s own business is the lack of “down time.” At some point down the road I do want to quit burning the candle at both ends and enjoy some more vacation and family time. I do manage to get some boating weekends in at Lake Okoboji during the summer and some weekend snowmobiling trips in the winter to get me recharged. As the years roll by, it becomes even clearer to me the importance of my education at ISU. How lucky we ISU Jl MC folks are to have been involved with such a quality program. I would love to receive an e-mail from you, just saying “hello.” Check out my latest family photos on my Web site at www.jimwyckoff.com. Until next year. 3221 Cobblestone Court, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. jim@jimwyckoff.com

Jean (Otteson) Bowman, ’85
My Jl MC degree and ISU experiences have served me well. After working in the private public relations sector in Minneapolis for 15 years, our family moved to Fergus Falls, Minn., in 2002 (it’s on the west/central side of Minnesota, not far from Fargo). Husband Dennis is a high school math teacher here. I am the executive director of our convention and visitors bureau. I love being back in a small community (like growing up in Owatonna, Minn.). Our kids, Sarah, 13, and Tommy, 8, are practically perfect in every way (as Mary Poppins might say). Life is good and we are all well. Fergus Falls – Find Us, Lose Yourself at www.visitergusfalls.com. 1207 Greenfield Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Paul Delger, MS ’85
I have been operating my freelance writing business for about 18 months. It has been a real education. The writing world has definitely changed, but writing is still a real passion. Greatly appreciate my graduate education and the professors that helped me. Special kudos to Tom Emmerson even if he is a Cubs fan. PO Box 175, Kanawha, IA 50447. pdelger@comm1net.net

Kim (Groe) Emery, ’85
I’ve started a public relations firm, Firefly Publicity. Visit fireflypublicity.com if you’d like more information. Best wishes to all, Kim. Firefly Publicity, 1860 Woodward Drive, Red Wing, MN 55066. kim@fireflypublicity.com

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Jeff Cue, ’86
The past year has added another Cue to the family: Jorjie (like the “CSI” actress) was born Feb. 15 after an 80 MPH ride through Des Moines and a nick-of-time delivery. Jorjie’s a happy baby, a real sweetheart and a very welcome addition to the family. Zach is sneaking up on 5 years old all ready … I now realize my mother’s view on the passage of time has been dead-on! On the workfront, Alice and I are no longer partners in VisionPoint, which was kind of unexpected and sad … but in a lot of ways also a relief. We’re still working there, enjoying being able to again focus more on creative pursuits and less on the corporate balance sheet. Please stop in or e-mail if the spirit moves you: jcue@visionpoint.com, 14403 Bryn Mawr Drive, Urbandale, IA 50323. j.cue@mchsi.com

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I work for J.D. Gordon Advertising in Sioux City, Iowa. My husband, Mike, and I relocated back to this area in September 2006, after eight years in Denver and the north woods of Minnesota. We have two children, a daughter, Casey, 7, and a son, Sean, 5. Would love to hear from any classmates … and from anyone who needs great brand strategy, marketing and communications! 259 Levee Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD 57049. cheryle@jdgordonadvertising.com

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After spending my entire professional career in some form of agricultural communications or marketing, most recently in the John Deere Ag Marketing Center in Lenexa, Kan., I finally “took the plunge” and am now working in an area that combines one of my passions with my professional experiences – the performance automotive aftermarket. I started with Accessible Technologies, Inc./ProCharger in August as the marketing director. We design, manufacture and market complete intercooled superchargers systems for the automotive, truck/SUV, Harley-Davidson and marine markets. I have two designers and one junior-level marketing person that all report to me. I report directly to the president and founder of the company. Bottom line: I now get to apply my PR, advertising, direct mail and trade show experience in new applications. Check out www.ProCharger.com. I also write a monthly column for Muscle Mustangs. 702 N. Persimmon View, Olathe, KS 66061. jlacina@procharger.com; Stanger58@aol.com

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Kathie (Kinrade) Obradovich, ’87
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Karen (Hoskins) Vander Sanden, ’87
After 19 years in the television news business, I switched gears in 2006 and am now working as the public relations specialist for Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. It’s been a nice change. The hours are certainly more family-friendly ... and no more weekend shifts! With Saturdays off, I got to watch the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game with my Hawkeye husband this year. Priceless! :) kvandersan@aol.com

Laura (Hanlon) Baumeister, ’88
After seven years, I left my marketing role in the banking industry to return to my love of education. As the director of marketing and college relations for Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D., I have the thrilling task of introducing a new look, new brand and new marketing plan to boost the school’s recognition and enrollment. The roll-out date is Jan. 1, so watch for our new look. In my personal life, I’m still chairwoman of the local Red Cross and serve on our regional Red Cross board as well. My husband still runs the weekly newspaper The Observer, and our two children (Molly, 13, and Sean, 10) are becoming more involved in activities every day. Our family is involved in Taekwondo Do together, where I recently earned my blue belt. Not bad for a 40-something, eh? 2206 Valley Road, Yankton, SD 57078.

Stephanie Fitzsimmons, ’88
I recently celebrated 8 1/2 years with Jackson Spalding, an Atlanta-based PR firm, and was invited to join the PRSA Counselor’s Academy. I continue to represent Delta Air Lines and support marketing, the Sky Miles and corporate communications department as well as delta.com and marketing communications. 643 Norfleet Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305-3909.

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Steve Haviland, ’88
I have my own small communications business here in Seattle. I call myself the accidental 21st-century businessman. To learn more about my career, go to www. havicom.com. I’ve lived in Seattle the last six years. The Emerald City is beautiful and exciting, especially for a Midwestern guy. I come back to Iowa frequently for work and to visit my parents in Ames. I’m still an avid ISU wrestling fan, which is a good thing right now. 3521 SW Austin St., Seattle, WA 98126. stephenhaviland@hotmail.com

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John Naughton, ’88
Greetings from Des Moines. I’m coming up on my 20th year at The Register. It seems like just a short time ago I was toiling away at The Daily. I co-wrote an article that won the Iowa Newspaper Association award for best sports story this year. It’s the third time I’ve won in the last seven years. I regularly see lots of former Iowa Staters in the newsroom: Kurt Helland, Jeremy Gustafson, Larry Ballard, Perry Beeman and many others. Best wishes to all alums. 2923 Country Side Drive, West Des Moines, IA 50265. jnaughton@dmreg.com

Craig Olson, ’88
I am still with Atlantis Plastics. It has been five years now! I cover the entire United States as its director of sales. Lisa and I continue to live south of Des Moines near Norwalk-Cumming. Our kids are getting big – Rachel is 14 now and Katie is 11. 1544 42nd Lane, Cumming, IA 50061-9346.
Barbara Pottorff, ’88
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Julie Radford, ’88
Still in the heart of Hawkeye country (still a Cyclone fan). Employed as the corporate training and development manager for Procter & Gamble’s 3rd Party Logistics Company located in West Branch, Iowa. This career allows me to keep my horse breeding and training business operational. Call or stop by if you are near Iowa City. 344 W Main St., West Branch, IA 52358-9704.

Robert Schettler, ’88
I have become quite involved in PRSA as a member of the San Diego chapter. Earned public relations accreditation this year. It was grueling work, but well worth it. 641 Silverwood St., Imperial, CA 92251. rdschettler@iid.com

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I continue to own and operate Buehler Communications, Inc., a PR and marketing firm founded in 1995 that also specializes in magazine writing and editing. Currently, I am working in the fields of tourism, electric utilities, meetings and events, healthcare, retail and high-end ski home development. My husband, Jeff (ISU ag business ’89), works for Community Banks of Colorado. We adopted two amazing kids from Russia in 1999, Sydney and Noah, now age 8. Life is good! PO Box 1428, Crested Butte, CO 81224. bethbuehler@qwest.net

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It has been 10 years since I started my PR business – now thriving. We have a wide variety of clients and we are always looking for good media relations professionals! PO Box 46814, Seattle, WA 98146. juliefurlong@hotmail.com

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Eric Almquist, ’90
Made another move in 2007. I’m back in Chicago, where it all began out of ISU, 17 years, 11 moves and five states ago! I am a developer with General Growth Properties focusing on new mixed-use projects on both coasts. My wife, Paula, our 2-year-old daughter, Caroline, and I are happy to be back in the Midwest and near family and friends. 808 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068. cegec3@aol.com

Bruce Blythe, ’90
After five years in the news wire business, including the past six as a reporter for Bloomberg News, I’ve returned to my print roots. In April, I took an assistant managing editor position with Crain’s Chicago Business. I’ve got much more of a local focus now after covering agriculture, energy and futures exchanges, among other subjects, from a national/global perspective for a long time. But Chicago is a good news town, featuring a potent mix of government, politics, business and sports, so there’s no shortage of stories to chase. Best regards, and beat em up ISU! Assistant managing editor, Crain’s Chicago Business, 360 N Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601; Office: 312-649-5240; Cell: 733-391-4068; www.chicagobusiness.com.

Marty Lea (Whitehead) Garcia, ’90
This year, our son turned 1 and we moved into a new custom home in Parker. With an acre of land and mountain views from every window, it’s a beautiful place! We sure enjoyed watching the ISU football team beat Iowa this year. My husband (a CSU and CO School of Mines graduate) even watched the game. We’ll be cheering for the Cyclones. Have a great year! Anthony, Marty Lea and Colton Garcia; 12758 South Robinson Ranch Court, Parker, CO 80134; (303) 805-2957

Cathy Guske, ’90
Still out here in Virginia at the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects. I love working with the architects and building product vendors to advance the architecture industry. Visit our Architecture Museum if you’re ever in the area: www.virginiaarchitecture.org. 503 Argyle Terrace, Richmond, VA 23225. cguske@juno.com

Annette (McCuen) Hacker, ’90
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Alissa Kaplan Michaels, ’90
Hi, everyone! My latest professional news is that I established my own communications consultancy, Michaels Communications. (And it’s doing well!) On a more personal note, our son, Leo, just turned 2; he’s a delight (and he has red hair, of course). As always, if you’re in the New York area, don’t hesitate to contact me. 700 Columbus Ave., Apt. 17D, New York, NY 10025. akmcolumbia@yahoo.com

T.J. Stilwell, ’90
Currently I’m wrapping up my fourth year as an agent for Farmers Insurance in Johnston. It’s a great company with a market presence in Iowa that is expanding very rapidly. I never pictured myself as an insurance agent, but I’ve found it to be a great way to make a living ... and it was always a dream to be my own business owner. It’s pretty gratifying and humbling to have folks put their trust in you to explain, teach and generally place their
reliance in you to protect their lives and assets if something catastrophic happens in their life. In regards to insurance during my initial time in the industry, I’ve noticed folks enjoy sitting down with a human being over a cup of coffee rather than dealing with an 800-number dork or an computer/e-mail tech two time zones away who can’t explain things to you. My wife Jill and I have two gorgeous kids – James is 7 and Kya is 5. Jill is a senior production manager with Strategic America in Clive. The kids attend Sayre Montessori School. James is in second grade and does all of the hilarious things that second-grade boys do. Kya has led a coup with her fellow kindergartners and has installed herself as de facto ruler of the class. I’m fortunate to get back to Ames frequently as most of my family still reside there as well as a significant portion of my book of clients. We also get to a lot of Cyclone events. Go State! 5500 Orchard Drive, West Des Moines, IA 50266-7561.

Joan (May) Bundy, ’91
Well, surprise of surprises, we are moving back to Iowa! I never thought this day would ever happen, but it is a true blessing in disguise! While we have loved living in Arizona these past seven years, my husband Paul (Distributed Studies incl. TCA, ’82) got an offer he couldn’t pass up: Returning to his last employer in Iowa, Wells Fargo Mortgage. He’ll basically be doing the same job as before, technical writing and producing online help manuals. We also are thrilled that we soon will be much closer geographically to friends, family and “home.” The only downside is that, in order to practice law in Iowa, I will have to sit for the Iowa bar exam and take some other professional tests this winter. Wish me luck, and write us some time! 17464 S. Indigo Mesa Pass, Vail, AZ 85641. joan@bundy.info

Peter Grathoff, ’91
Ah, life in politics. I was on Larry Craig’s re-election team, but those plans were scuttled. I’m now working with Sam Brownback’s presidential team. I’m the assistant to the PR associate. We’re gonna change the world! Vote Brownback in ’08! 11316 W 67th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, KS 66203.

Karen (Risch) Hieb, ’91
I give thanks daily for my job at Children Desiring God, the sister organization of Desiring God in Minneapolis. As manager for resource development, I help our authors take their work from rough draft to publication, and I manage promotional projects for print, Web and podcast. God has provided an amazing answer to many prayers over many years, and I can see now how He arranged my steps to make this possible. I also give thanks for my wonderful husband Tim, our schnauzer Charlie, our family and friends and for our home, especially as we continue to make improvements. We painted the main floor last winter. We’re doing the upstairs this fall. And Tim continues to come up with clever ways to maximize space with built-in cupboards, hanging racks and closet organizing systems. He comes by his nickname of Tim the Tool Man honestly. karenmarie@usfamily.net

Scott McGrew, ’91
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Nicole (Ridgway) Merrett, ’91
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Brien Murphy, ’91
I’m still in Texas, but wanting very much to return to the Midwest to continue my newspaper journalism career. You really do learn after awhile that family is important, and I’m too far away from mine. Sadly, it seems everyone’s decided features is the place to cut, so I haven’t had much luck yet. So here I am learning how to run a sports desk while continuing my work as features editor. Who’d have thought? Other than that, I haven’t been anywhere or done anything interesting except visit my family in Des Moines, where I don’t have to explain my license plate holders, what a pork tenderloin sandwich is or why in the middle of winter you go inside a cold building to watch men on ice skates slap a piece of rubber around. 5249 U.S. 277 South, Apt. 206, Abilene, TX 79605. murphyb1155@hotmail.com

Christina (Toale) Perrotte, ’91
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Heidi Schuessler, ’91
After 18 months as managing editor of Wetpaint, where I built and managed online wiki communities, I've just accepted a new position as a writer for the MSN.com home page and MSN.com Extra pages. heidianna2@hotmail.com

Ann (Foster) Thelen, ’91
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Jennifer Dunlay, ’92
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Julianne (Haywood) Johnston, ’92
Time is starting to fly even more quickly, and I don’t know where it goes. I celebrated my 15th year with Pro Farmer and Farm Journal publications last year and my oldest daughter entered junior high. Looking forward to celebrating my 15th wedding anniversary and turning 40 later this year. Life is good, it just needs to slow down! jjohnston@profarmer.com
Marietta Nelson-Bittle, ’92
Our family is on the move again this year. My husband, Brad, will deploy for at least seven months to the Persian Gulf with the USS Abraham Lincoln in early 2008, so our three children and I will spend most of ’08 on my parents’ farm in northern Iowa. I will leave behind a good job with Courthouse News, an online news service for attorneys, but after two-plus years on the East Coast, we’re looking forward to rural life and small-town people!
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Nicki Saylor, ’92
Head, digital library services, University of Iowa Libraries, 100 Main Library, Iowa City, IA 52242. nicolesaylor@uiowa.edu

Peter Tubbs, ’92
This newsletter finds me in a new job and a new home closer to the new job. I am now a videographer and editor for Meredith Video Solutions in Des Moines, creating how-to video of everything Meredith does for both broadcast and the Internet. My knowledge of cooking, decorating, home improvement and gardening has increased exponentially. Viva la TCA! 642 39th St., Des Moines, IA 50312. peterrt45@yahoo.com

Christopher Bunce, ’93
Stephanie and I are still in Kansas City and having a good time of it with our dogs (now sadly minus our old greyhound Whistler). Stephanie’s novel “A Curse Dark as Gold” (penned under pseudonym Elizabeth C. Bunce) will be published by Harry Potter’s editor and publisher March 2008 so we’re excited about the release — it has received much advance praise and already is getting pre-orders at amazon.com. I’m still vice president and general counsel at Birch Telecom. It’s been a busy rollercoaster of a year! Best wishes to my professors and friends of Hamilton Hall. Bunce@iowabar.org

Jeff Ewoldt, ’93
Still practicing law. In May, I joined the Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines. Who knows, maybe someday I’ll get to work on a media law case. 1050 68th St., Unit 7, West Des Moines, IA 50266. jdewoldt@juno.com

Lauri (Dumstorf) Freking, ’93
I’m beginning my fourth year with Wixted Pope Nora Thompson. lfreking@wpntworld.com

Stacy (Oberdin) Kaminski, ’93
I’m working at both the community college and public libraries as a librarian, so when you visit Las Vegas don’t just see the shows and gamble … stop by the library and visit me! Isn’t that what you secretly wanted to do in Las Vegas anyway? 7300 Sunspot Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128. stacyrene4@yahoo.com

Daniel Knode, ’93
I have been at CNN now for 11 years, the past five as a technical operations manager and now as a production supervisor for all the CNN networks in Atlanta. The past year has been very busy for me. Professionally I was involved in the transition of CNN to a high-definition format, leading the implementation of a new studio and control room scheduling systems for all of CNN’s studios and control rooms in Atlanta, New York and Washington. I also was in charge of the graphics control room for CNN’s 2007 election coverage, which supplied all the graphics and vote tallying systems both in the monitor walls and live on the air for CNN’s election specials in New York. Personally, my wife and I spent a month in Russia earlier this year adopting our daughter, Alina. She is from the Kirov region, which is a day’s train travel east of Moscow. Having been here in Atlanta for so long now, the February and March weather there was a harsh reminder of those cold and snowy days going back and forth between the dorms and WOI everyday. It was all more than worth it, of course, especially when she was yelling, “Go Clones!” during the Iowa game. Kennesaw, GA. daniel.knode@cnn.com

David Lineweaver, ’93
Again, no real changes to report except for what’s going on in the field I’m in. I’m still in operations at KCRG in Cedar Rapids as the station continues to take more advantage of digital technology, and the industry prepares for the impending analog TV shutoff. The magic date is Feb. 17, 2009, and I hope the reporters among us are covering this. Still enjoying eastern Iowa. 1263 1st Ave. SE, Apt. #37, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. dline@inav.net

Christy Logan, ’93
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Johnny Mackin, ’93
After 12 years of advertising in Minneapolis it was time for a new chapter. So my wife (ISU ’94) and I packed up our three little girls and moved to lovely NE Wisconsin. I’m ACD at a great agency with some great people and great clients. Ann Marie, you’re probably the only one reading this, sorry again we missed you at homecoming. De Pere, WI johnnymackin@msn.com

Laura Miller, ’93
Another year, another son married. So much fun to celebrate these milestones and add a daughter to the family. I’m still doing communications at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at ISU and husband Dave starts his 25th year at ISU. We live in the country now, on three acres northwest of Ames, and love it. Come see us! 209 Curtiss Hall, Iowa State University. lwmill@iastate.edu

Angela Schmidt, ’93
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Shelby McCreedy, ’94
Employed as a special agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation since 1998. Married nine years with two kids: son is 7 years old, daughter is 4 years old. 1670 345th, Atlantic, IA 50022.
Kim (Carey) Smith, ’94
I have been in Colorado now for 14 years and absolutely love all that Denver has to offer! After spending a couple of years working in radio, I found my way to Enterprise Rent-A-Car where I have been now for nearly 13 years. I am currently the sales and marketing manager for the state of Colorado and my team consists of 30 very talented people. I am constantly faced with new challenges and opportunities and continue to grow right along with this truly amazing company. I really enjoy coming to work every day and feel very fortunate to have a job I love so much. In this position, I am immersed in everything from marketing and communication to account management and process improvement to employee training and development. On a personal note, I married Brad Smith in April 2005. Our daughter, Carey Ella Smith, was born on July 27, 2007. Needless to say, this beautiful little girl has been the center of our attention these past few months, and we feel very blessed! KimCarey89@hotmail.com

Susan (Ott) Waldron, ’95
Enjoying life in Kansas City with my husband Jason (ISU civil engineering ’96) and our 2 kids, Sydney (3 1/2) and Justin (11 months.) Currently working at Sprint as director of corporate communications. susan.k.waldron@sprint.com

Jay Adams, MS ’96
I’m still at KCNC-CBS in Denver. The news business is always crazy and never dull. Emily and I keep busy with our 2 year old, Annabel. 2624 Verain St., Denver, CO 80212-1328.

Tammy (Sonksen) Arbuckle, ’96
My husband, Kirk (UNI grad), and I just welcomed our second daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, to our family on Aug. 24. Ashley joins big sister Taylor. We now have two little girls under the age of 3 ... fun! Currently home on maternity leave, but continue as director of marketing and business development for TrueNorth Companies – Insurance and Financial Strategies in West Des Moines. I recently graduated from Leadership Iowa, which is a premier issues-awareness program promoting leadership within the state. LI’s goal is to educate, challenge and inspire participants to bring out their inherent quality to point the way. The ultimate goal is to instill passion in current and emerging leaders while fostering a high level of civic engagement. sonksen_tammy@hotmail.com

David Thompson, ’94
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Deanna (McCarthy) Burke, ’95
Living in the Chicago area with husband and fellow Iowa State graduate Jeff Burke. In 2006, I gave birth to triplets! Two boys and one girl, and the joy of our lives. For now, I am retired from professional life and enjoying my time as a full-time parent. Naperville, IL. deannahalburke@yahoo.com

Geoffrey Johnson, ’95
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Monique Michaels, ’95
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Scott Stanzel, ’95
In October 2006, I moved from Seattle (where I was working for Microsoft as a senior public relations manager) to Washington, D.C. I now work at The White House as deputy assistant to the President and deputy press secretary. I serve as a spokesman for President Bush on various issues, including education, agriculture, homeland security, immigration and energy. This year, I’m very excited to have joined the Greenlee School Advisory Council, as well as the ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Go Cyclones!

Scott Stanzel

Brad, Carey Ella and Kim Smith
Adam and Carolyn (Post) Bormann, ’96
After 10 years in Seattle, we moved to San Francisco and love it here! Carolyn has been working at Draftfcb as a print producer for more than a year. Adam has worked at LucasArts Entertainment as a video game designer. He is working on a new Indiana Jones title for the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. Our 7-year-old son Max is in first grade. 819 27th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94112. carolynbormann@gmail.com; adam.borman@48

Nessa (Wauters) Doria, ’96
I am an independent consultant and area manager with Arbonne International. Check out my online distribution business at www.nessadoria.myarbonne.com. This opportunity allows me to stay home with my two children: Isabel, 5, and Aiden, 2. Urbandale, IA. nessa.doria@yahoo.com

Amanda (Svec) Grask, ’96
This year I started a new role in communications at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in West Des Moines. I now oversee the company’s annual community support and United Way campaign, team member appreciation events and recognition program on the national level. It has been a great new challenge. In January, I will celebrate my five-year anniversary with the company. In December 2006, I graduated with my MBA from Iowa State. On Sept. 20, 2007, I married John Grask in Des Moines. It has been a busy year! West Des Moines, IA. alsvec@yahoo.com

Marc T. Hollander, ’96
Professional growth has been my mantra for 2006-07. I started my MBA at Iowa State, left Storey Kenworthy Companies as marketing manager for Two Rivers Marketing in account service, then joined the Davis Brown law firm as marketing director. Our family continues to grow and keep busy with tons of activities throughout the Des Moines area. Madeline is now 3 and tons of fun. Mandy enjoys being a part-time veterinarian at Avondale Animal Hospital, and we are expecting another child in December. Keep in touch via Facebook and LinkedIn. See ya!

John Loecke ’96
I’m writing this from my spacious new office/studio in Brooklyn, N.Y. After two years of hell, my home renovation is nearly complete (look for an updated version of Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House in the coming year) and Jason and I are starting to settle in. The house was featured in a Lowe’s TV commercial and hopefully will wind up in one of the home magazines in the not-too-distant future. My second book, “John Loecke’s Grosgrain Style,” has just been released by Clarkson Potter and I hope to be starting work soon on a follow-up.

Darcy (Dougherty) Maulsby, ’96
Since 2002, I have run my own marketing/communications company, Darcy Maulsby. 1735 340th St., Lake City, IA 51449. yettergirl@yahoo.com

Troy McCullough, ’96
I left Baltimore this year after seven years of working as an editor at The Baltimore Sun. I moved to New York City in July and took a job at the Wall Street Journal, where I’m working as one of the many news editors for the paper’s Web site. New York is great. My Brooklyn apartment is almost as big as my Friley dorm room, and I smell more things on my morning subway commute than most of you probably smell all week. If any of you former Daily people are ever in town, drop me a line! troy.mccullough@wsj.com

Curt M. Pratt, ’96
I got married in 2006 on the beautiful island of Kauai to my lovely wife Robyn. We bought our first house this February. Currently we are both working in the television industry – she as a key 2nd assistant director on the Fox sitcom “Til Death” and I as a production coordinator on the ABC drama “Women’s Murder Club.” curtmpratt@mac.com

Jill Robertson, ’96
I’ve spent the past eight years in San Francisco, which now feels like home. My husband, Jason Shulte, and I are principals at office, our creative studio (www.visitoffice.com). I’d love to catch up with you when visiting the Bay Area! 1818 Lyon St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Jason Shoultz, ’96
I am continuing to travel the country in search of stories of American agriculture for the PBS program “America’s Heartland.” If you catch me in an airport, please be sure to say “hello.” Sacramento, CA jshoultz@kvie.org

Heather (Wiese) Starr, ’96
After 11 years of working in communications and fundraising for nonprofit organizations, most recently as the development and communications director at the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, I started my own business. North Starr Communications caters to the communications and development needs of small businesses and nonprofits. The birth of North Starr Communications followed the world debut of our first child, Drake, in August 2006. heather@northstarrcommunications.com

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Heather (Stiles) Weaverling, ’96
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Kristin (Warzala) Westphal, ’96
After working six years as a publicist for a small publisher in St. Louis, I decided to become a teacher. This is my third year teaching English and journalism at Collinsville (IL) High School. I’m thrilled to be able to teach young adults the aspects of journalism and advise them on their school newspaper. On a personal note, I’ve been married for nine years to my husband Matt, and we just had a baby boy in May. His name is Maximilian, but we call him Max. Fairview Heights, IL. kwestpha@kahoks.org
Kristie Bell, ‘97
After spending the past three years at ARAG (a legal expense insurance provider), I recently took a position with Pioneer Hi-Bred as international Web communications manager. I’m excited about this opportunity to use both my Web and communications skills in this new role. 3830 50th St., Des Moines, IA 50310. bell.kristie@gmail.com

Shannon Booth Biberdorf, ‘97
It’s an exciting time in the TV news business. We’re not just producing news for newscasts; we’re producing for multiple platforms (Web, digital sub-channel, cell phones, etc.). Times are changing. And viewer expectations are high! I’m still in the position of executive producer for on-air and online. I’m always looking for good producers, so don’t be shy! KCRG-TV9, 501 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Shannon.Booth@kcrg.com

Stephanie (Larsen) Duval, ‘97
I am about to reach five years at HealthEast Care System in St. Paul as a senior physician communications specialist. I communicate to the 1,400 medical staff members at our four hospitals by every method of communication possible. I am happily married to Patrick (fellow ISU grad in engineering ’96) and we stay very busy with our son, Connor, 4, and daughter, Kendall, 1. saduval@healtheast.org

Tim (Frerking) Engstrom, ‘97
My wife and I moved to Minnesota from Washington state in 2006 to be closer to relatives. Lisa and I now have a son, Forrest, and our families enjoy seeing the three of us more often. We do miss the mountains, but we are enjoying the prairie and occasional visits to Minneapolis, Chicago and mid-Iowa. As managing editor of The Albert Lea Tribune, I have built a cohesive staff and we practice solid coverage along with great community journalism. Albert Lea Tribune, 808 West Front St., Albert Lea, MN 56007. tim.engstrom@albertleatribune.com

Martin ‘97, M.A. ‘99 and Jennifer (Johannsen) Mehl, ‘98
So far, 2007 has been a very good year for our family. September saw the publication of a research report I co-authored (as a faculty member in the communication studies department) with Luann Fose from the California Polytechnic State University Center for Teaching and Learning. The report, “Plugging into Students’ Digital DNA: Five Myths Prohibiting Proper Podcasting Pedagogy in the New Classroom Domain,” was published in the September issue of the electronic Journal of Online Learning and Teaching. Go to http://jolt.merlot.org/vol3no3/mehl.htm to read the article.

On Oct. 1, Jennifer gave birth to our first children, fraternal twin boys Alexander Vincent and Carsten Johannes. She is on maternity leave from her position as a senior systems administrator in the physics department at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She plans to return to her position in March 2008 while also caring for the boys at home. 2411 Darbeton Ave., Santa Maria, CA 93458-1412. mehl.martin@gmail.com

Brian Pratt, ’97
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Ryan ‘97, and Monica (Stuart) Burchett, ‘98
Ryan and Monica (Stuart) Burchett are happy to be back in Iowa. After two years and two major hurricanes as chief meteorologist in Lafayette, La., Ryan accepted a job doing weather at KWQC TV-6 in Davenport. Monica is busy keeping up with 1-year-old Maggie and working as director of the Student Food Drive in the Quad Cities. Another Cyclone fan is on the way as Baby #2 is due in May. Things are about to get even crazier at the Burchett house! Go Cyclones! burchetts@theburchetts.com

Rhonda Clark-Leyda, ‘98
I continue to work at the Principal Financial Group, currently as a media relations officer. It’s a privilege to work with such talented leaders and colleagues. While our three little ones keep us on the go (ages 7, 5 and 1), I also have the opportunity to participate in community work as a board member with the Young Women’s Resource Center in Des Moines and the Central Iowa chapter of PRSA. Life is indeed full. clark-leyda.rhonda@principal.com

Tracy Deutmeyer, ‘98
I still am practicing trademark and copyright law in Omaha, Neb. My husband (Matt Edwards, Civil Engineering ’98) and I still make it back to central Iowa quite a bit for football and basketball games. Go ’Clones! 608 Ruby Road, Papillion, NE 68133.
Scott Froehlich, ’98
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Joseph Leonard, MS ’98
It has been more than nine years since I finished my master’s degree in journalism/science communication at the Greenlee School under the tutelage of Dr. Lulu Rodriguez. Hardly a week goes by that I am not reminded of my time at ISU and the valuable lessons I learned there. The main thing I have come to appreciate more and more is how much of life is a journalistic experience. Certainly, as a science writer for a vitamin company (Standard Process Inc., Palmyra, Wis.) I am using my journalism skills daily to promote and educate about nutrition and health. But outside of work I have many experiences that I find myself mentally logging (and sometimes blogging). The journalist has a naturally inquisitive instinct, and I often find myself “interviewing” new people to discover what makes them click. I (and my band) have been prominent in the music scene of Madison, Wis., (www.guppyeffect.info) and the public relations skills one develops as a journalist have brought many new networking connections for us. I am truly grateful to have attended the Greenlee School of Communication and encourage anyone with an interest in journalism to explore its many options and strengths. (Ok, make the check out to...j/k.) N4475 Wolff Road, Cambridge, WI 53523. ragbraijoe@yahoo.com

Sara (Stewart) Vanderbilt, ’98
In the past year, Sara had her sixth child, Dekan Stewart Vanderbilt on Oct. 12, upgraded her husband’s family retail chain e-commerce site (www.vanderbiltis.com) with a brand new face, and relaunched her photography Web site (www.vanderbiltphotography.com) with a new look as well. Sara currently home schools her six children and does marketing for their family-owned company, as well as moonlights for a few other businesses doing marketing planning, layout and commercial photography work. vanderbiltphotography@wamego.net

Kate (Adams) Bruns, ’99
I am still working at Iowa State University as the associate director of communications for the Alumni Association. 3218 40th Place, Des Moines, IA 50310-4117.

I am just finishing up my eighth year as a Web and DVD designer/developer at Iowa Public Television. The big DVD project this year was Parklands of the Midwest, which brought a close to the Midwest DVD trilogy. I was also very busy with the design and production of our new iptv.org Web site. All of our local programs can now be viewed online. Recently, I had the honor of meeting four of my tech/journalism idols, including John C. Dvorak (Cranky Geeks, TWiT), Steve Wozniak (Apple), David Pogue (New York Times) and Andrew Baron (Rocketboom). It is also exciting that I got to reunite with a few of you over this past year, and I hope we can all continue to keep in touch. For all the latest (including the photos), please stop by www.DannysDigitaldomain.com. 4430 104th St. #6, Des Moines, IA 50322. dannyengesser@msn.com

John C. Drovak, columnist for Cranky Geeks, and Danny Engesser at the 2007 Iowa DTV Symposium at Iowa Public Television in Johnston.

Marjie (Muehlig) Goodman, ’99
My husband Brady and I have been living in the Kansas City area for almost two years now and are really enjoying living back in the Midwest, closer to family and friends. (We lived in Knoxville, Tenn., for almost four years.) I’m working in the brand and corporate communications department of EMBARQ, which was the local telephone division of Sprint that spun off into its own full-service communications company. I’m a project manager working on various communications technologies. Brady is also doing great, hosting the radio morning show on 105.1 JACK FM. Contact me if you’re in KC! Prairie Village, KS 66208. Marjie.l.goodman@embarq.com

Amber Gustafson, ’99
Living in Ankeny and helping Iowans tell the stories of their lives through photographs and journaling as a Creative Memories consultant. Mom to two bright and energetic children – Justin, 4, and Elsa, 2. Husband Kory (BLS, ISU ’97) has a successful sales business that keeps us hopping! 355 NE 28th St., Ankeny, IA 50021.

Sara (Bjorke) Mason, ’98
I am a freelance writer/editor with two kids and a blog: http://saramason.wordpress.com. Algonquin, IL 60102.

Melissa J. O’Brien, MS ’98
Have returned to my writing. Lots of research, and creative juices are up and flowing once again in my first year of official retirement. Gardening, walking the Terriers and writing fill the Iowa days of 2007-08. 2025 Carroll St., Boone, IA 50036.

Cynthia Fiester, ’99
John and Cynthia welcomed Natalie Amelia Fiester to our family Sept. 14, 2006. She is keeping us very busy. 315 Willow St., PO Box 342, Alburnett, IA 52202.

John C. Drovak, columnist for Cranky Geeks, and Danny Engesser at the 2007 Iowa DTV Symposium at Iowa Public Television in Johnston.
Jennifer (Plueger) Harken, ‘99
I am married and have a 2-year-old son named Joe. I work as the corporate communications manager at Meredith Corporation in Des Moines. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is working with the Meredith interns and apprentices from the Greenlee School. It’s great to mentor the next generation of journalists. I enjoy hearing the ISU news through the current students I have the opportunity to work with. I tell them that my four years at ISU and in the Greenlee School were some of the best in my life and to enjoy every minute of it! 5027 68th St., Urbandale, IA 50322. jen.harken@meredith.com

Dena Huisman, ‘99, MS ‘03
I’m in the last year of my doctoral program at the University of Iowa. I’m writing my dissertation on family storytelling and identity construction. The best part is that I got to spend the summer in D.C. gathering my data at the Library of Congress. By next fall, I hope to be in a tenure-track teaching job at a small liberal arts college. I regularly use all the great writing skills I learned in the Jl MC department, though my adviser tells me I have to stop writing too succinctly, “like a journalist.” dena@huisman.com

Jodi (Vroom) Hubert, ‘99
I am in my fourth year as communications director for the Iowa Newspaper Association. My role includes writing and designing various newsletters, newspaper advertisements, promotional brochures and Web sites.

Arianna (Layton) McKinney, ‘99
After working a couple of years as community relations and communications manager for GE’s consumer finance business, developing and executing communication plans through site closures, layoffs and offshoring, I took a break from corporate life to pursue my dream of living in another country (Costa Rica) and writing, doing occasional freelance work to support myself. People keep telling me I’m brave to do this alone. Not sure if I’m brave or crazy, but I’m having fun! ariannamck@hotmail.com

Cynthia Miller, MS ’99
I am mostly at home with my 1-year-old son Gus. I teach communications courses part-time at Cardinal Stritch University in the Twin Cities. I am very involved in my heritage society, the Germans from Russia, editing its newsletter and giving presentations on culture topics. I would love to freelance more, and/or go into business for myself, so I’m still looking for a way to make that happen. cynthia@meredith.com

Jennifer Schaffer, ’99
After years of living a quite nomadic life, my husband and I are actually residing in the same city for a second consecutive year! In the eight years since I have graduated, I have had at least seven different mailing addresses. After getting married 2 years ago, my husband, Jim Meyer, and I lived in Milwaukee for a year before moving to Columbia, Mo., in August 2006. We bought a 1950s farmhouse, each started new jobs, replaced a carbon-monoxide spewing furnace and adopted a cat in a three-month period. Yes, it WAS stressful. In the second year of home ownership, we are enjoying taking things as they come. I am an academic adviser at the University of Missouri, working with pre-journalism (!) and undeclared students. I sit and type this on Friday afternoon before the Iowa State-Missouri football game. I am proudly, wearing my Iowa State sweatshirt. jen.schaffer@gmail.com

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Luke Dekoster, ’00
Since moving back to my hometown in August 2006 with my wife, Fiona, I’ve been the sports reporter for the local weekly, the Sioux County Index-Reporter. I also work at Dordt College in Sioux Center, and this year I am teaching a basic-reporting class (Jl MC 201, when I took it at ISU). We’ll be back around until summer ’08 or maybe the end of the year, then we plan to go back to Asia and the mission field. Let us know if you’re in our neck of the woods ... whichever side of the Pacific! PO Box 498, Hull, IA 51239. dekoster@dordt.edu

Gretchen (Cleland) Fields, ’00
It’s been a busy year for the Fields family. We’ve welcomed a second child, sold a house, bought a house, moved to a new state and started new jobs! Ruby Winslow Fields joined the world on Feb. 15. She is a beautiful and happy baby and much loved by her whole family, including big brother Jackson, 3. On March 15, we all piled into the car and moved to Hays, Kan., where Ron had been working as managing editor of The Hays Daily News since November. After staying behind in Burlington, Iowa, to sell our house, work a few more months as a copy editor at The Hawk Eye newspaper and have a baby, I was ready to reunite our family! I spent the first five months in Hays as a stay-at-home mom, but have since returned to work on a part-time basis as coordinator of student publications at Fort Hays State University in Hays. I’ve been advising the student newspaper and magazine for a couple months now and am enjoying the work.
I hope to someday return to the hustle
and bustle of a newsroom, but this slower
pace suits me just fine for now. gfields@lightningjack.net

Dave Gugliotta, ’00
Since moving back to New England
in January 2005, I have gotten back
into radio. I am currently the executive
producer of “The Lew and Mike Show,”
a sports-talk morning show that airs on
1510 The Zone in Boston. I welcome any
recent JMC grads who are in the New
England area to feel free to contact me if
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Since the last newsletter, my
husband, Justin (’96
accounting), and I
welcomed our first
child, Tyler Keith.
He was born March
18. Other than that,
I continue to work as
a communications
assistant for the City of Overland Park
(www.opkansas.org), and both my
husband and I remain very active in the
ISUAA Club of Kansas City. If you’re ever
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I’ve been working in the Twin Cities area
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firm) since May 2006. I am part of the
technology practice and also work a bit
with the consumer group. I’m very lucky
and grateful to work for a company like
Weber Shandwick and am enjoying every
minute of living in the Twin Cities. If
anyone is ever in the area, shoot me an
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Michaela (Krotz) Schuett, ’01
After moving to Columbus, Ohio, in
2006, I was hired as an editorial designer
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entertainment magazine owned by the
Dispatch Printing Co. Recently I was
named Best Graphic Designer in Ohio
by the Ohio Society for Professional
Journalists (for publications with a
circulation of 100,000 or less). Earlier in
the year I won a second-place award in the
Ohio Excellence in Journalism awards for
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Jennifer Spencer, ’01
I have been living in New York City
since 2001 and am the director of
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managing media relations, print and Web
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Amy Bornong, ’02
Having recently received my master’s
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Bobbie Horstman-Clark, ’02
Currently living in Lenexa, Kan., with
husband of 5 1/2 years, Brett Clark, and
our 2-year-old son Colton. Expecting our
second boy in December. I’m working as
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Emily (Menzner) Sternowski, ’02
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Amber (Billings) Allen, ’03
Last time I wrote, I was working for
a weekly in north Georgia. Well, now
I’ve stepped it up a notch, and I’m now
working for a biweekly community
newspaper, The Northeast Georgian. I’m
still working the police/fire beats and
covering two small towns. My husband,
Drew, dog Mookie and I moved to
Gainesville, where we can save a bit more
money. Drew’s also gotten the journalism
bug, as he’s now working as a sports
editor for the weekly paper where I used
to work. I make it back to Iowa every
now and then, and I still stay in touch
with a few of my fellow Daily staffers. I
still love the Cyclones with all my heart,
but the Bulldog fever has invaded. I don’t
mind too much. If any Greenlee grad
is ever visiting the Atlanta area, send
me an e-mail. I’d love to meet/see you!
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Paul Kix, ’03
I got married this summer and this fall moved to Boston, where I work as Boston Magazine’s senior editor. I split my time between editing features and writing them. I also freelance for ESPN The Magazine. I write its answer guy column, narratives for various departments and the occasional feature. 19 Spalding St. #1, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. paulkix_81@hotmail.com

Carrie Kreisler, ’03
I have been working at The Bellevue Leader for one year now. In July, I was promoted to managing editor. I’m really enjoying being able to use all my journalism skills, including writing, editing and design. Also, it has been great being back in Nebraska, where I can spend time with my family. Bellevue, NE. ckreisler@hotmail.com

Valerie (Dennis) Passonno, ’03
I continue to work as a designer at The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post. I design 1A, local and Sunday business. I was married in October in Fort Lauderdale to a fellow journalist I met in college while at a journalism conference. 5821 Town Bay Drive, 532, Boca Raton, FL 33486. vldennis@gmail.com

Michaela Saunders, ’03
The purchase of a new home has been the highlight of my year so far. I finally understand why grown-ups take vacation and don’t leave town. I continue to cover Omaha and metro-area schools for the Omaha World-Herald and was appointed in January to the executive board of UNITY: Journalists of Color as a representative of the Native American Journalists Association. 6021 Parker St., Omaha, NE 68104.

Jennifer (Hoyer) Alexander, ’04, MS ’06
After receiving my master’s degree in agricultural education from ISU in December 2006, I worked in the communications department at Pioneer Hi-Bred in Johnston, Iowa. In September I accepted an editor position in the department of communications at Kansas State University, and after our Sept. 29 wedding, my husband Brian (B.S. Hort, ’03) and I relocated to Manhattan, Kan. We’re enjoying the opportunity to explore another Big 12 university, but I’m keeping my ISU alumni and Cyclone Club stickers on my car and we plan to return to Ames for home football games throughout the fall.

Sarah (Fackrell) Burstein, ’04
Lots of news this year. I graduated from the University of Chicago law school in June, took the Illinois Bar in July, got married in August and started work in September. So now I’m an associate in the intellectual property department at Kirkland. 850 N. State St., Apt. 20K, Chicago, IL 60610. sburstein@kirkland.com

Juan Carlos Cadenillas, MS ’04
After graduation, I worked as a public relations coordinator for a local private clinic. This experience motivated me to apply my knowledge in communication strategies to the field of public health. Currently I am finishing my studies in the master’s in public health program at Kirkland. 850 N. State St., Apt. 20K, Chicago, IL 60610. sburstein@kirkland.com

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I’m in my third year as a copy editor on the universal news desk at The Dallas Morning News. I’ve also done a lot of traveling: Peru, Hong Kong and Spain in the last year. 4935 Junius St., Apt. 13, Dallas, TX 75214. holland.anna@gmail.com

Juan Carlos Cadenillas with his parents Manuel and Ruby who came to visit him from Lima, Peru, at the desert dome at the Omaha Zoo in August.
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Nicole Paseka, ’04
It’s been a year of flips and flops. As a reporter for the Sioux City Journal, I received first place in the 2007 Iowa APME contest, Division II, for “Stolen in the Night,” a narrative story that re-examined the abduction and murder of a local toddler. In my personal life, I returned to my first love, gymnastics. I spent most of my free time coaching pre-team gymnasts at the Siouxland Gymnastics Academy. I recently resigned from the Sioux City Journal and accepted the position of outreach coordinator at the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit group in Des Moines that preserves Iowa’s land, water and wildlife. It was an extremely difficult decision to leave newspapers. However, I am disturbed by certain trends in the newspaper industry, mainly the push toward online, which has spawned faltering ethics and shoddy news judgment. I hope it’s just growing pains, but I witnessed too much firsthand to be optimistic. It has not been pleasant. I still keep in touch with many former Iowa State Daily employees and loved The Daily reunion in July! I am extremely pleased to see the Greenlee School is still dedicated to the Fourth Estate. Too many of its peer institutions are not. 8325 Colby Parkway, Apt. 519, Urbandale, IA 50322. npaseka@gmail.com

Christy Grace Provines, ’04
I recently relocated from Jacksonville, Fla., where I was working for The Jax Business Journal as an advertising account executive. The magazine is owned by American City Business Journals, which is a sister company to all of the Conde titles. I was asked to relocate by our national advertising division, City Business Journals Network, and I am currently a national advertising sales manager in our NYC office, which is on 3rd Avenue in one of the Conde Nast buildings. I live on the Upper West Side and am just now really adjusting to NYC from Florida. It’s so different! cprovines@bizjournals.com

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I am working at the Des Moines Business Record as the online editor. I write on the commercial real estate beat, shoot photos and video and manage the Web site. In addition, I am working with an Internet startup company in Boston called Interactive Web Photography. We produce high-end virtual tours for clients across New England. In my spare time I freelance as a photographer. 1301 Locust St., Apt. 202, Des Moines, IA 50309. rowley.eric@gmail.com

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Ryan Curell, ’06
After graduation I spent months trying to decide what the next step would be. (Read: I wallowed.) On a whim, my wife and I decided to move to Kansas City in May 2007. I was working for Borders at the time and transferred to a store in Overland Park, Kan. I was offered a job at Sprint in June 2007. I work in internal communications, writing for the company Intranet. I mainly write company news, product development stories and random employee stuff – and my red pen is handy whenever my ISU-trained copy editing skills are required. There’s never a dull minute: I’m tackling new projects and I’m very excited for the advances we’re making with social media. I plan to keep growing at Sprint, and I’m headed back to school in the fall to start working on my master’s degree. rcurell@gmail.com; ryan.curell@sprint.com; 913-952-6958.

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I’m a recreation coordinator – aquatics for the city of Shawnee, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City. I hire approximately 50 people for summer aquatics programs, such as swimming lessons, swim team and special pool events. I love the Kansas City area and run into Iowa State alumni all the time!

Jennifer Osborn, ’06
Through the National Student Exchange program at Iowa State, I went to Cal State San Bernardino my last semester of school. In addition to taking classes, I obtained two public relations internships – one at The California Arts Project and another at Inland Empire United Way. Upon my graduation, the United Way offered me a full-time position. For approximately the last two years, I have been serving as its marketing coordinator. P.O. Box 1366, Guasti, CA 91743. osborn05@hotmail.com

Brittney (Lauterbach) Rutherford ’06
As communications specialist for ISU Dining and Iowa State’s Department of Residence, I work with the marketing director (my boss) to carry out marketing campaigns. This involves writing, designing and editing newsletters, table tents, internal communications and Web copy. I help plan events, take photos and get involved in any other projects that come up. I am also the point person for media contacts and serve as our spokesperson when needed. I recently married Greenlee alum, Tyler Rutherford, who is the Web Services Coordinator for the ISU Athletics Department. 2010 Kildee, Ames, IA 50014 (yes, we live a block from Jack Trice stadium). Brittyl@iastate.edu

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My husband Ryan and I moved to Overland Park, Kan. after graduation and I’m working at Sprint headquarters as a project/program manager for retail communications. In a nutshell, I write and design for a weekly communications guide sent to Sprint retail stores nationwide. In addition, I work on an internal Web show, called “The Show,” where I’m responsible for writing the script and assisting with producing and editing. This is a monthly project, targeted toward Sprint retail reps, highlighting the newest phones, selling practices, promotions, etc. I’m also a freelance writer for PlattForm Advertising in Olathe, Kan. They publish the magazine Career College Central – a trade magazine for two- and four-year college professionals. kecurell@gmail.com; kathryn.curell@sprint.com; 913-952-6982.

Cassandra Kahlhamer, ’07
I graduated with degrees in advertising and sociology. My fiancé and I just bought a house in St. Robert in south-central Missouri. I am currently job searching. Being at least an hour from any major city is proving to take its toll on my career possibilities. I have been in touch with T-Mobile and Target ... so we will see. Cassandra.Kahlhamer@gmail.com

Joelle Kline, ’07
I began with the Principal Financial Group in June 2007 as a media relations assistant consultant. In just seven short months, I cannot believe the amount of insight and knowledge I have gained from working with such a talented group of individuals. Media relations has really proven to be the perfect marriage between PR and broadcast that I was looking for. I just got engaged on January 4, so for the next year and a half my life will be consumed with dresses, cake and décor. Professionally I stay active in PRSA and volunteer opportunities. Kline.joelle@principal.com

Adam Rich, ’07
After completing an internship with KCCI-TV in Des Moines, I was offered a job writing/producing promotions for the station. In December, I will be working for Celebrity Cruise lines singing with a four-part a cappella group. We will be cruising the South Caribbean for four months before heading across the pond for a two-month adventure in Northern Europe. Upon the completion of our singing contract, I hope to find a job writing/shooting/producing promotions for broadcast media. Although I haven’t been out of school for very long, I miss everyone at ISU! 4113 Greenview Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322. adam.rich1460@hotmail.com
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