

Behavioral Sciences and Human Development Alumni Newsletter

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Why a Newsletter?

In 1981 Morningside College made the decision to organize its 22 individual academic departments into five divisions: Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Humanities, Business and Economics, and Behavioral Sciences and Human Development (B.S.H.D.). The divisional structure has not completely replaced individual departments, but on many institutionally related issues the college has been operating along divisional lines. The Behavioral Sciences and Human Development division is composed of the departments of Education, Sociology/Criminal Justice, Health Physical Education and Recreation, Psychology, and the Library Science faculty.

The BSHD divisional faculty thought it was time to initiate formal and regular communication between the current faculty and the hundreds of alumni who have studied in one of the departments now making up the BSHD division. We hope you will be pleased to hear from us occasionally. Currently our plans are to publish one newsletter per year, most likely during the summer months, so that we will be able to review for our readers our past years accomplishments. We also hope you will use this vehicle to let us know what you have been doing since your graduation.

In our first issue we will highlight a) the divisional faculty; their interests and accomplishments, b) selected graduates from the division, c) departmental news items. So find your favorite chair, sit back and enjoy issue number one, volume one - a real collector's item.

Psi Chi Initiates Sculpture Project

Students of the National Honor Society in Psychology, or Psi Chi, have initiated a campus project to secure Morningside College's first major piece of outdoor sculpture. After two years of soliciting ideas and concepts from over 100 national artists, the Search Committee has selected a sculpture entitled "Obelisk III" by Tom Gibbs of Dubuque, Iowa. Avenues for funding are currently being investigated by Morningside's Development Office. The Psychology Department and Psi Chi are proud to have served as the impetus for this first outdoor sculpture at Morningside. We hope to provide you with photos of Obelisk III in the next newsletter.

Education Department News...

Faculty Update

In the Spring of 1985, Dr. Ocker began to visit first-year secondary teachers who were reasonably close to Sioux City. His objectives included observing their working conditions, asking for input to improve teacher preparation, and trying to help them with questions surrounding their first job. These visits have continued in 1986 and 1987. Although his original intent was to see secondary teachers, he has also stopped to see others along the way. Those visited most recently include Bryan Stearns (Laurens), Steve Reed (Omaha), Dawn Prins (Manilla), Shelley Stallons (Moorhead), Andrea Stern Miller (Mallard), Laura Fairchild (Royal), and Tom Plummer (Kingsley).

Marilyn Heilman joined the faculty on a full-time basis in the Fall of 1986. She had been teaching classes in the department on a part-time basis for eight years and had also served as Director of the Learning Center in Student Services for the past two years. She teaches elementary methods classes and supervises student

teachers. Marilyn attended a regional conference on the Challenges and Strategies for Teaching, Reading and Writing at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN., last June. She has also participated in the Drake Leadership Series in Des Moines which focused on the Madeline Hunter lesson design. Marilyn continues to serve as the president of the school board of the Eastwood Community Schools.

Glenna Tevis divides her time between teaching early childhood and elementary classes, supervising student teachers, and directing the campus childcare center. In September, she coordinated the Tri-State Early Childhood Conference which brought over 200 childcare workers on campus. As a member of the governing board of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children, she attended the state conference in Des Moines in October and presented a workshop on "Dealing with Difficult People and Situations in Childcare Centers". In the Spring she spent three days in

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Sociology/Criminal Justice Department News..

Faculty Notes

Mr. T.S. Chia has returned from his sabbatical leave of Fall, 1986. He is currently working on his dissertation, "The Seriousness of Offenses: A Comparative Study of The Perception of Crime by American, Canadian, and Chinese Students" at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Richard Bobys will be attending the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Atlanta. He has been appointed the discussant of the session on "Delinquency and Social Control". Dr. Bobys had a recent article published in Teaching Sociology (April, 1986) entitled, "Promoting Upper Division Sociology Courses".



Left: Richard Bobys and T. S. Chia.

Psychology Department News...



Left to right: Larry Sensenig, Earl Moore, and John Pinto.

A Ten Year Study of Psychology Graduates 1974-1984

Dr. Donald Heilbuth, a 1980 B.S. graduate from Morningside College recently completed a study of psychology students who graduated between the years of 1974 through 1984. One hundred and four people responded to the questionnaire (approximately 78%) which was sent to the 134 graduates with obtainable addresses. The ten year study revealed some interesting facts.

A total of 150 students graduated during the ten year study period. The sex breakdown of the respondents was 65 females and 39 males. Of the 104 respondents, 33% said that by 1985 they had received a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree. Another 11% indicated they were full time students and planned to graduate after 1985. A total of 44% had gone to graduate school, where the national average is between 25-33%. All graduate students (100%) successfully completed or were in the process of completing a graduate degree. This is an enviable record that the department is glad to report.

Forty-four percent of the graduate degrees were in counseling and clinical psychology. The balance were in a variety of fields in psychology including education, social work, and law. Over half of the graduates are employed in education and human service fields. The rest are found in business, professions, and trades.

Fifty-seven percent of the Morningside graduates elected to obtain jobs at the B.S. level. The success ratio of this group was equally high as the vast majority found jobs in areas in which they had been prepared.

Students reported their success on the job or in graduate school was a clear result of an effective undergraduate program. The quality of the undergraduate program appeared numerous times in the survey. The department continuous-

ly monitors the existing programs to keep up with the demands of the future. The success of our graduates is the ultimate test of the quality of our program.

HPER Department News...

Staff Stats

The HPER Department welcomes Tom McCracken. Tom is the Head Men's Basketball Coach besides teaching in the department. Coach McCracken comes to us from the University of Utah where he was the Assistant Basketball Coach. Prior to that, Tom taught and coached at Southern Utah State University and Graceland College (his alma mater). Tom and his wife Carolyn have two children, Kirt who is a sophomore at Morningside, and Krisanne who is a cadet at the Air Force Academy. Besides basketball, Tom enjoys playing golf.

John Arnold is in his third year with the department. John is the Head Women's Basketball Coach and also supervises student teachers. John's teams have won the IO-KOTA Conference Championship each of his three years, and were NAIA District 15 Champions and National Tournament Qualifiers in 1986. John and Kathy have two children, Neil and Lynn. John enjoys outdoor recreational activities, particularly hunting and fishing.

Sandra Winter is in her third year as a part-time instructor in the HPER Department. Sandy is the head Volleyball Coach and Head Softball Coach. The volleyball team took the IO-KOTA Conference Championship this year, and participated in the District 15 tournament.

Psychology Faculty Profiles

Earl Moore, Ed.D. (University of South Dakota, 1964) has been the chair of the psychology department since 1970. With his background in counseling and child development, he maintains the General Psychology major. Following a recent sabbatical leave in Mexico, Earl returned to continue his teaching and counseling responsibilities at the college.

John Pinto, Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University, 1987) is the most recent member of the department. With a background in industrial and social psychology John oversees the Industrial Psychology major. His interests in "computer attitudes" have led to a recent journal publication in *Computers in Human Behavior* and numerous regional psychology convention paper presentations. He has also served as the divisional faculty senate representative.

Larry Sensenig, Ph.D. (Iowa State University, 1975) is developing the department's most recent major, Biopsychology. He is also the head of the Behavioral Sciences and Human Development Division of the college. He is frequently seen testing animals in the department's animal laboratory where he is currently investigating the spatial learning capabilities of rats.

In addition to the above named psychology faculty, the department is complimented by the following adjunct staff: Dr. Richard Owens (Education) and Mr. James Leavitt (Health and Physical Education).

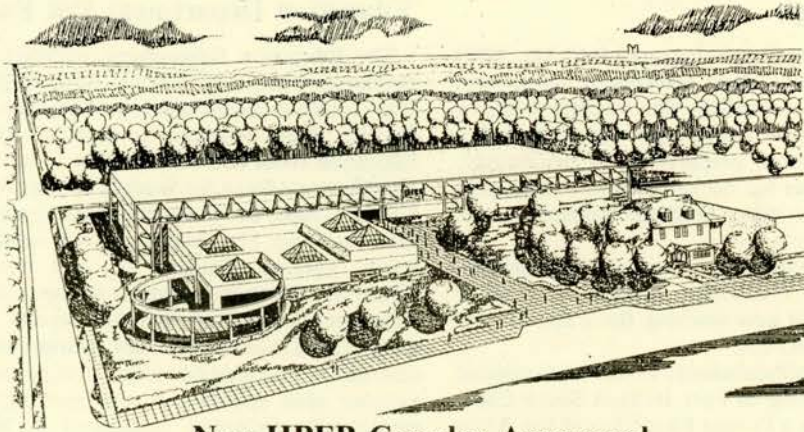
Her softball team won the sub-district tournament last season and finished second in the IO-Kota Conference this season. Sandy is a member of the Iowa National Guard and enjoys horseback riding, skiing, traveling, painting, and running.

Jim Leavitt is in his fifth year at Morningside. He is the Head Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach (Defensive Coordinator-Linebackers). Jim teaches in the Psychology Department as well as the HPER Department. Jim is pursuing his doctorate in Sports Psychology at the University of Iowa. He is married, and his wife Denise works at a local fitness center. Jim is a graduate of the University of Missouri, where he was All-Big Eight in football and baseball.

Mark Brosmale has been a member of the HPER Department for six years. Mark is Assistant Football Coach as well as Director of the Open Recreation Program. Mark is a Morningside College graduate, and enjoys golf, skiing, racquetball, and squash.

Tim Ellis is the Athletic Trainer, and teaches part-time in the HPER Department. Tim is an Associate Athletic Director and Director of Summer Swimming Program. He has implemented the Student Athletic Trainer Apprenticeship Program to prepare students for

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New HPER Complex Announced

On April 15 the College announced plans for the construction of a proposed \$5.1 million dollar Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex. The Complex will house a six-lane, 25 yard swimming pool and diving area, equipped with an adjacent sun-deck. Other building features are four racquetball courts, a weight training-body conditioning room, a multi-purpose lab for golf, dance, martial arts, archery, aerobics, and other activities. Two non-active labs will support the first aid, kinesiology, and exercise physiology courses. An eight foot wide elevated jogging track will look down over the large activity area which will have three full-sized basketball courts.

Construction is expected to commence in late summer '87, and will take approximately two years to complete. This facility will be a great boost to the Recreation Management and

Physical Education majors. The complex is planned to be built directly west of the Dimmitt House, and will encompass the rest of the block.



EDUCATION continued

Omaha, NE., visiting childcare programs and attending an intensive pre-kindergarten curriculum workshop conducted by the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The childcare center served 54 children this year from the college and surrounding community. The center celebrated its sixth birthday in February with a popcorn party in Lewis Hall.

An old friend has returned to the Education Department at Morningside College. Dr. Richard Owens, who first came to Morningside in 1971 and who worked closely with other staff members to develop the special education major, is back. Dr. Owens left Morningside eight years ago to become Supervisor of Special Education Consultants, AEA 12. He served as the Assistant Director of Special Education for the past five years as well. In the past two years he has been involved in several projects. These range from writing articles for state documents to serving on a state consortium for LD, to coordinating a project with implication for modifying general education instruction to serve the mildly handicapped. He is married and has four children. His wife, Verlee, is a special education teacher in Sioux City Community Schools.



Standing left to right: Aline Bobys, Marilyn Heilman, Bev Brower, Glenna Tevis, and Patricia Swetnam. Sitting: Richard Owens and Sharon Ocker.

Alumni Information Needed

One of the most pleasant rewards an academic department can have is to receive information about their alumni. So it is with great anticipation that we wait to hear from you. Please send us news about what you are currently doing or anything that might be of interest to other alumni. We will be printing your response in our next newsletter.

Alumni Update

Name _____ Class _____
 Address _____
 Undergraduate Major _____ Advanced Degrees _____
 Recent Employment _____ Honors _____
 Activities and Items of Interest _____

Send to: Larry Sensenig, Division Chair, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa 51106



News from the Alumni

Beth Bailey (Philosophy and Psychology, 1983) received her masters degree in Philosophy at Bowling Green University and is now married to Mike Allen (another Morningsider). She is working as the Director of Campus Ministries at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls while Mike is the hall director at UW-RF.

Janna Bobolz (Sociology and Social Work, 1981) is the Director of the Commission for the Blind in Kentucky.

Michael Calvillo (Industrial Psychology, 1985) writes to report that he is completing his M.S. in Industrial Psychology at LaMar University in Beaumont, TX. He writes frequently to the department to keep in touch.

Sara Davis (Elementary Education) is a second grade teacher at the Palms Springs Elementary School in Lake Worth, FL.

LuAnn Farrens (Templeton) (Psychology, 1984) is working as a counselor at the Vista Sandia Hospital in Albuquerque, NM.

Priscilla Hoogeveen (Elementary Education, 1986) is a language arts teacher for 5th and 6th grades in Cuillar School, Weslaco, TX.

James Hawthorne (Psychology, 1976) is the Safety and Personnel Director for Irving F. Jensen, Inc. and Brower Construction. Member, Board of Directors of the Iowa Safety Council and Sioux City Jaycees.

Chris Iseminger (Education and History, 1986) is teaching 7-12 P.E. and 7-8 history in the Columbia Prep and Grammar School in New York, N.Y.

Paul Koch (Psychology, 1983) is completing his Ph.D in experimental psychology at Iowa State University while working with Campus Security. Paul stops in occasionally to see us when he is back in town.

Stacy Norton (Social Work, 1983) is a social worker with the Boys and Girls Home and Family Services in Sioux City.

Zena Junck Olerick (Social Work, 1985) is a social worker with Lutheran Social Services in Sioux City.

Daneen Olsen (Psychology and Religion, 1986) is at Boston College working on her masters degree in counseling. She recently wrote to indicate how much she appreciated her undergraduate preparation in psychology. She believes her background was as good as any of the other graduate students in her program.

Jeffery Pape (Biopsychology, 1979) graduated from the University of Iowa School of Law and is now working for a law firm in Bakersfield, CA.

Mark Pixler (Psychology, 1978) has completed basic training in Fort Jackson South Carolina and is a Private First Class in the Army National Guard.

Kelly Pranke (Psychology, 1983) received her masters degree in art therapy and is now a practicing art therapist in Houston, TX.

Dawn Prins (Education and Math, 1986) is teaching high school math and computer science at Manilla Community School, Manilla, Iowa.

Kris Stevenson (Education and Spanish, 1986) teaches 9-12 Spanish at Windom High School in Windom, MN.

Virgil Wittmer (Psychology, 1976) is Director of Psychological Services at Pain Management Center affiliated with Memorial Medical Center in Jacksonville FL. He has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington State University.

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certification through the National Athletic Trainers Association. Tim and his wife Judy are the proud parents of son Grant Timothy, born January 1, 1987.

Roberta (Bobbie) Boothby is in her eighteenth consecutive year at Morningside College. Besides serving as the Department Chair, she is Intramural Director, Associate Athletic Director-Budget Manager, and Director of the Women's Athletic Program. When not working, she enjoys reading, cooking, crossword puzzles, and working in the yard.

Education Department Pot Pourri

The Education Department secretary, **Bev Brower** and her husband Roger, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in February...**Dr. Carolyn Rants** continues to teach courses in Education from time to time. She is now Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs for the College...**Aline Bobys** teaches courses on a part-time basis too. She decided she was needed at home, guiding Matthew (9) and Nicholas (2)...**Trish Swetnam** continues to supervise the Resource Center and had her second child (Lindsay) in April...**Dr. Tory Marquesen** has returned to Morningside as a full-time faculty member after spending a year working with emotionally disturbed youngsters in Houston, TX.

Psychology Department Benefactor

Dr. Lyle Henry, former Psychology Department Chair and his wife Vera have been generous donors to the department for many years. Their gifts have enabled the department to purchase a variety of research equipment, furnish the Henry Conference Room, and provide academic scholarships to numerous worthy recipients. The department would not otherwise be able to fund such activities from its general operating budget. Their total yearly gift is placed in an endowment fund and the awards/purchases are made from the interest earnings.

Dr. Henry had been a worthy sponsor of Psi Chi and had kept the chapter active for many years.

The department faculty, staff, and students take this opportunity to publicly express their thanks and appreciation to Lyle and Vera Henry. Your contribution to the department is treasured.

The needs of the department are ongoing. There are many projects and purchases that are needed but have been placed on "the back burner" due to escalating costs and limited budgets. Are you, as loyal alumni, in a position to help support the psychology department and effect the education of future graduates?



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