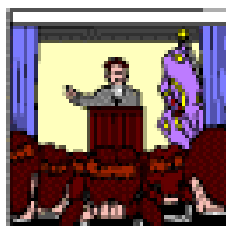
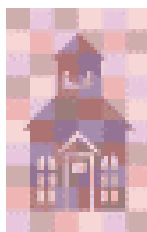


FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS
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From George, the Chair

The 2003-2004 year for our department could be characterized as a year of “comings and goings”. We began the year welcoming Mary Carlsen back from her sabbatical year in London. Naurine Lennox was asked to work part-time in the Office of Community Life and Diversity, developing a number of initiatives important to the College’s Strategic Plan. As a consequence, we were able to welcome Lynn Overvoorde back to the classroom after having said our goodbyes to her last May. September brought us a whole new group of first year students who were eager to “get down to business” building a future. In addition, the early months of fall brought us sophomores who decided that the fields of family studies and social work were a perfect “fit” to their calling to serve others.

As the end of the school year approaches, we find ourselves preparing to say goodbye to our graduating seniors. They are such a wonderful group of talented, passionate, and energetic individuals! The department is fortunate to claim each and every one of them as a major. It will be painful to say goodbye to them, but we take pride in the fact that they will soon take their place as leaders in their respective communities. And, once again, we are sad to say goodbye to Lynn! She is a dear friend and we will miss her!

Yep, it’s been quite a year of “comings and goings”. Yet, after double reflection, this isn’t just your ordinary academic department. This after all, is the Department of Family and Social Service. It is a department filled with remarkable individuals. I am so proud to be a part of it all!

“Hear Ye Hear Ye” this be the Party Page

Let it be known throughout all campus that Family Studies and Social Work Majors know how to have a party. In order of appearance please make note of the following:

Amanda Kimer Excellence in Social Work Award

On Honor’s Day, we have more than a few reasons to celebrate and honor our students. One is the Amanda Kimer Excellence in Social Work award. This annual award is given to a social work major who exhibits characteristics favorable for a life of service to others, an ability to challenge and overcome adversity and above all, the true spirit of social work. This year we are privileged to offer this award to two social work seniors, **Mee Yang** and **Abigail Love**. Join us as we celebrate and honor our social work students, especially our award recipients.

What: Afternoon Tea

Where: Margaret Skoglund Reception Room CMH

When: May 7, 2004, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to clarkd@stolaf.edu or 3945.

Graduation Reception for Family Studies and Social Work

May 30, Buntrock Commons Room 144

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Class pictures at 11:30, 11:40 am

RSVP with number of guests to
clarkd@stolaf.edu by Monday May 19th.

PIZZA IN THE PARK



May 17, 2004

Riverside Park

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Pizza, Pop and Ice Cream treats

Express topping preferences to clarkd@stolaf.edu



From Mary, the Director,

Congratulations to all our social work seniors for **lots** of things...All of them for getting this far in their education and for making a real difference in their real senior projects (see article elsewhere in newsletter)

- Maggie Griesgraber, Abby Love and Jill Randall for being elected to Phi Beta Kappa
- Mee Yang and Abby Love for receiving the Amanda Kimer Award for Excellence in Social Work

Congratulations to social work faculty

Naurine Lennox has again been selected to work part-time with Eida Berrio in the Office for Community Life and Diversity on student and faculty diversity initiatives as written in the President's Strategic Plan for the College. This is important work for the good of the whole college, and Naurine is well-suited to contribute in many important ways.

Mary Carlsen has been granted a Lilly Fellows Teaching Award for 2004-2005. Her grant will enable her to develop curricular components for SW221 and SW381 on vocation and social work, and to read the recent literature in this area.

She also was awarded a partial Lilly travel grant to go to Stavanger, Norway, and formalize the relationship between our Social Work Program and the Dale Refugee Center where many majors have spent a month in the summer. And, her summer writing project, two chapters in a forthcoming book on International Social Work, was awarded a faculty summer grant for scholarship.

Farewell and best wishes to Elizabeth Hutchins

Elizabeth has served for years as our department liaison to the library at St. Olaf. She will be leaving the college at the end of this academic year. Without her able assistance, ebullient energy, love of students and research skills, social work students would not have been able to write the biographical paper for SW221 or the policy analysis in SW 258 (among other assignments). And, we guarantee that the faculty for those courses would never have been able to teach as much to the students in history or policy, either! Many, many thanks to Elizabeth, and we wish her well in her future endeavors

Look for new faculty colleagues in the fall

Due to Lynn's departure from the faculty and the course releases awarded Naurine and Mary, we will have one or more new faculty members teaching courses in the program during 2004-2005. We trust that students will welcome these folks with the warmth you have shown both Lynn and Pat Richardson (Pat will be returning to us in the fall).



From Naurine, The Field Coordinator

In Fall 2004, thirteen social work majors will fulfill practicum requirements in community agencies. They will assist clients, while practicing the skills they have been studying. They will be supervised by social workers in a wide variety of programs in and around Northfield, Faribault and the Twin Cities. The seniors are on campus for the month of September to complete SW373 Social Work Methods III. During that month they will spend Tuesdays at the agencies they've chosen. They begin full time (40 hours per week) practice on October 5. On Monday evenings throughout the semester they participate in an integrative seminar on campus.

Some of the agencies that will host St. Olaf Social work majors Fall, 2004, are Freeport West and LSS Refugee Employment Services in Minneapolis, Wilder's Bush Memorial Residential Services and The International Institute of Minnesota in St. Paul, The Community Action Program of Dakota County in Rosemount, Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, Montgomery-Lonsdale Public Schools in Montgomery, Rice County Community Corrections and District One Hospital in Faribault, The Community Action Center, Northfield Hospital, and the CommonBond Communities-Greenvale Place, all in Northfield. Ann Valento will venture to New York City and complete her placement at Peter's Place, a homeless shelter in Manhattan. She will join social work students at New York University for the related seminar. Some students are not sure of their choices at this time and placements are always subject to change over the summer.

New Responsibilities

This year I was given the opportunity to join the Community Life and Diversity team, which is ably led by Dean Eida Berrio. My title is Faculty

Diversity Education Coordinator and the duties are varied. The office hosted guests from Germany and University of Minnesota-Morris. We've presented information about our programs to students in most of the dormitories and to prospective students. Those students who have met with us have always had interesting and worthwhile comments to make.

We have launched two new initiatives that address one goal of the College's strategic plan: "The College will create an inclusive community that welcomes and embraces men and women of potential and ability, regardless of their background (and) ... strengthen its work in cross-cultural education." St. Olaf has joined the Consortium for a Strong Minority Presence at Liberal Arts Colleges. We are also launching the Undergraduate Scholar's Program to encourage students to work toward careers in higher education, especially if they are from groups traditionally underrepresented in college and university teaching. These are both exciting ventures and I look forward to continuing this work for another year.



From Lynn, the Instructor

Termination. It begins at the first visit. Start it early and make sure you give it enough time. I know I have taught you about terminating, but it always seems easier to talk about than to actually do. It is with profound sadness that I have decided not to return to teach in the Social Work program next year. Who would have thought that the past two years would have brought so much excitement, wonder, and learning into my life. While teaching has been surprisingly enjoyable, I believe it is time for me to reenter the clinical realm of social work. I will be leaving St. Olaf to pursue a position with the Mental Health Collective in Minneapolis. I am going to be working in Whittier Elementary School where I will be mainly providing counseling services to children and their families.

As I prepare to leave St. Olaf, I am filled with immense gratitude to so many. First, to Naurine, Mary, and George for supporting me, believing in me, and mentoring me in a new endeavor. I am quite positive I would have never made it through one class had they not surrounded me with their knowledge, wisdom, and humor. I am grateful to Deb for keeping me on my toes by making sure I met necessary deadlines and for always being a friendly,

cheerful face in the office. And of course, I am so grateful to the students. You have taught me more than I have taught you. You have been patient, funny, hardworking, and mostly, you have made teaching an absolute delight.

The good thing about terminating from this job is that it does not have to be a complete separation. In some ways I feel like an Honorary Ole. I will be back to visit as a member of the Professional Advisory Committee. Who knows, perhaps we can work out an arrangement to have the Mental Health Collective as a practicum site in the future.

Thank you to everyone in the program.

Blessings,
Lynn

Changes in Family Studies

With the announcement of George Holt's leave in the spring of 2005 and his retirement in May, the department will seek to strengthen the major. In the next few months, there will be a search for a temporary replacement who, will begin in February 2005. During this time a task force will develop and implement ways to significantly enhance the family studies major. A grant of \$4,000 has been awarded to bring a number of experts to campus. Following the task force's work, a national search will take place to hire a family social scientist well known to the field. This should be a very important time in the life of the College, as it continues to honor its commitment to the "family" as a focus for a discipline in higher education.



"Build Your Own Adventure"

"I just watched *Tears of the Sun* and there's no way you're going to Africa."



That's what my mom told me when we talked about my spending interim in Botswana. I

explained that Botswana is one of the most stable of all African countries and had a lot to offer me in the way of studying service programs for people with HIV/AIDS.

The road to Botswana wasn't easy; St. Olaf didn't offer a program but I found one at DePauw University. I formed my own program through St. Olaf and after working with admissions, administration, and professors at each college; I was on my way to an amazing experience in a new country with people I had never met before.

It was a remarkable opportunity that introduced me to a new healthcare system, a different religion, to a traditional healer, a cheetah, new classmates, 15-hour plane rides, and a new sense of self. The most wonderful part of it all was knowing that I had taken part in the creation of my own education and that made it all the more worthwhile.

Brandi du'Monceaux '05

Elected to PHI BETA KAPPA:

This years Phi Beta Kappa honorees are:

Maggie Griesgraber

Alanna Jerlow

Abby Love

Kathryn Moore

Jill Randall

Very special congratulations to these students!! This is a very high honor indeed!! With this honor, they bring credit to themselves, this department, and to St. Olaf College.

Graduating with Departmental Distinction

We are proud to announce that **Alanna Jerlow** from the Family Studies Program is graduating with Departmental Distinction. Alanna is recognized for her paper. Children of Divorce: Intervention and Treatment.

Graduate school acceptances announced

Our congratulations go out our students that have been accepted into graduate school!

Christie Larson - George Washington University and American University for my Master of Public Policy and Juris Doctorate degrees.

Maggie Greisgraber - admitted to the MSW/MPP program at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work and Humphrey Institute for Public Policy.

Jill Randall will start graduate school in the fall at Seattle Pacific University for a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Nora Chase will begin science courses before starting an Accelerated BSN program at the University of Loyola in Chicago in May 05.

Alanna Jerlow will enter Northwestern University in Evanston, IL to pursue a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in the fall.

We wish the best of luck to the others of you that are looking into, or awaiting confirmation from, a graduate school.

Where will you be in September?

Congratulations to the graduating Family Studies and Social Work Seniors! Look where our grads are headed.

Our Family Studies Majors are moving on:

Chancey Anderson will marry this summer in Seattle to non-Ole James Olsen. They then will move to England to find a job for six months to a year (through the program BUNAC). Afterwards she plans to apply to either Teach for America, or to graduate school for her masters in Education. She is considering teaching life-skills (health, sex education etc.) to put her Family Studies degree to good use!

Lindsey Austin plans include a relaxing summer at home, and a few trips out to Washington to visit family and enjoying the beauty of the mountains! Then a move to Denver Colorado where she will volunteer with Urban Servant Corps. She will be working for the Empowerment Center as a case

manager for the Women's AIDS project or a case manager for women in prostitution. Housing will be shared with 10 other volunteers.

Anna Bachman no idea yet, but still holding "steady"

Katy Burton in the fall just plans on working in KC and will apply to grad school (in health/clinical psychology) for the following year.

Nora Chase is moving home to Chicago and beginning science courses before starting an Accelerated BSN program at the University of Loyola in Chicago in May 05.

Holli Ellingboe will be with family here in Northfield and enjoying the new baby that her sister is expecting. Is also looking for work in the Rice and Dakota county areas. In the fall will be sharing housing with two other Oles.

Jessica Ische plans to work for the LOVAAS Institute as a behavioral therapist to autistic children. She will also be teaching a kids yoga class and living in St. Paul.

Alanna Jerlow will be entering graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL to pursue a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in the fall. This summer, she will continue to work for Saint Croix County Health and Human Services, working with developmentally disabled and/or mentally ill adults.

Amanda Lips will be staying in Northfield working off school loans before she pursues grad school. Look her up in Menards, she too will be house sharing with other Oles.

Katie Moore will be working in either Iowa City or Chicago for a children's non-profit, hopefully Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Jessica Novotny is awaiting replies to job applications. Ah, the joys of waiting.

Sarah Pitcock will first marry her sweetheart in June. Second, she has applied to a number of early and young education facilities hopefully something will open up in one of those. In the fall, we plan to apply to Teach for America, a program that runs

from summer 2005-summer 2007. If that doesn't work out, I will join the summer school class of '05 here at Olaf so I can get my license in elementary education!

Anne Schreiner plans to be studying abroad next fall, possibly in Australia.

Teal Smith still deciding

Meghan Urbanski is currently employed at a home for physically and mentally handicapped adults. Will be applying for Summer Site Director for YMCA summer program.

Carrie Volstad will be moving back to her hometown of Austin, MN where she will be looking for a social work or family studies position in the area. She also hopes to visit friends in Alaska, Nebraska, and other parts of Minnesota over the next year.

Erica Weekes will be nannying this summer followed by a move to Seattle, to get her master's in Marriage and Family Therapy at Seattle Pacific University.



Our Social Service Majors are moving on too:

Maggie Griesgraber will begin graduate school at the University of Minnesota. She is going for a dual degree Masters in Social Work and Public Policy.

Elizabeth Halstrom plans to move to Washington D.C. and get a job in the field of Social Work.

Britt Haugland is Assistant Director of e-Pluribus, a college outreach program of the Center of the American Experiment.

Laura Johnson will be volunteering at Holden Village, WA. Come fall, she will volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Seattle, WA, working at the Bailey-Boushay House, which is an adult day center for people with AIDS and HIV.

Anna Kiel will be painting houses for the summer and then on to her practicum, which will be completed at the International Institute of Minnesota, doing casework with refugee resettlement. She is anticipating staying on past her practicum and making it a job.

Christie Larson will be attending American University in Washington, DC to work towards her Master of Public Policy and Juris Doctorate degrees.

Jessica Lee will first find a job and in a few years plans on graduate school.

Abby Love will be working at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp in Pembine, Wisconsin. In the fall she will likely volunteer with an organization called Mission Year. She will be doing mission/service work in an inner city setting (either Atlanta, Oakland, Chicago, or Philadelphia)

Anna Parker will be traveling, to Europe and finding a social work job in the Twin Cities.

Jill Randall will be nannying this summer and just having fun both at home in Wisconsin and spending a few weeks in Montana. In the fall she will start graduate school at Seattle Pacific University for a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. After graduation she plans on moving to the Twin Cities and looking for a social work job in a nursing home or hospital.

Anne Schreiner will travel abroad in June, then hopes to do social work grad school in Australia in February of next year.

Matt Toburen will be working for St. Olaf Summer Conferences. He says it means he's a glorified maid: and look at what four years of hard work at college have brought him. In September he plans to go into the Peace Corps, in the attempt to stave off a real job for another two-and half years. As of now he doesn't not know, where in the world he will be sent. Look for Carmen San Diego for us will you?

Carrie Volstad will be moving back to her hometown of Austin, MN where she will be looking for a social work or family studies position in the area. She also hopes to visit friends in Alaska, Nebraska, and other places in the U.S.

Mee Yang After graduation she will try not to say, "I understand completely." She plans to take a year or two off from school yet head back after she takes the GRE. Her plans also include taking the BSW social work licensure test, work, volunteer, learn how to drive, and seize opportunities that come her way. She also said, "I will remember to have fun too".

Notes from you

To the social work faculties, thank you so much for supporting, encouraging, challenging, providing opportunities and resources, listening, trusting and believing in me. Mee Yang.



Images brought to you by the Work Study students of Family & Social Service. Oh all right me too.



Monica, this is as good as it gets. Thank you for your help in teaching me what to do. dc

Natasha, keep dancing. Thank you for your help in the office this year. dc

