

SocNotes: ISU Sociology

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Sociology at ISU

News from the Department

“Despite looming budget concerns, at this point in its history we find a strong Department of Sociology with solid support from two Colleges and the University leadership. It is clear to the Review Team that the Department of Sociology adds value to both Colleges and the University as a whole and excites students and colleagues and stakeholders alike. Drawing together the new configurations of talent in the Department and focusing that talent on substantive problems facing Iowa, the nation, and the world is a challenge for the coming years. The Department of Sociology at Iowa State has a long and successful tradition of meeting new challenges. With continued and strategic support, we expect that the Department will maintain its national and international reputations and continue its important contributions to Iowa State University’s mission and the people of the state and nation.” (page 29 of the Comprehensive Program Review, April 4-7, 2004)

As the last volume of SocNotes was going to press, faculty and staff were heavily involved in last minute preparations for the site visit of the external peer review team. The review team was composed of Professors Louis Swanson, Colorado State University, Linda Lobao, Ohio State University, Carolyn Sachs, Pennsylvania State University, Ronald Taylor, University of Connecticut, and Sally Ward Maggard, USDA-CSREES, Washington, D.C.

The overall assessment of the Department was one of high quality that builds upon and extends the strong tradition and legacies of many former faculty and students. Continuing the historic research traditions in basic and applied research, providing quality undergraduate education and graduate training, and addressing stakeholder concerns through extension and outreach programs remain the core mission of the department. In spite of recent budget challenges, the review team concluded that the Department has a bright future, and needs to continue its commitment to the land grant mission. The report contains several recommendations to strengthen our programs that will assist in strategic planning. One central theme of the external review is the need to continue to focus our efforts in high priority areas. Even though the Department is buffeted by many external forces, the review team concluded that the major driver for the Department’s future is the quality of the faculty. While there has been a substantial turnover in the faculty in recent years, (see “Changing of the Guard” on page 11), the review team was impressed with the level of enthusiasm and commitment by the faculty and students.

The external review provided the Department an opportunity to explore areas where we have potential for further growth. While negotiating uncertainties in the external environment, meeting budget challenges, and fulfilling expectations of the diverse stakeholders, the quality of a department reflects the caliber of the

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faculty. In this newsletter, you will read about some of the exciting accomplishments during the past year, as we position the department to continue its tradition of excellence. You will also read about the addition of our two most recent faculty members and some of the exciting work of our faculty, staff and students. I hope that you will enjoy reading about some of the exciting research as well as learning about some of recognitions earned by the faculty and students in the past year. In addition to current news from the Department, we have included news from alumni and we bid farewell to those who have passed away since the last issue. We remember our deceased colleagues for their many contributions to the Department and the discipline. *SocNotes* is an important vehicle to keep in touch with our many alumni and friends and we welcome news about your career.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Lasley".

Paul Lasley
Chair

Staff Comings and Goings

We welcomed two new faculty who joined us in the past year—Dan Krier in August 2004 and Marta Maldonado in January 2005.

Dan Krier



Dan Krier came to us from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. As an economic sociologist, he studies industrial change from a historical and theoretical perspective. His book, *Speculative Management: Stock Market Power and Corporate Change* (2005: State University of New York Press), examines how two of the most important phenomena of the late 20th century—the rising power of financial markets and the restructuring of American industry—were intimately connected. Changes in corporate finance, accounting and governance allowed collusive teams of top executives and large shareholders to aggressively restructure American firms. The resulting frenzy of downsizing, reengineering and mergers tended to generate high short-

term stock price increases rather than long-term production efficiency. Krier describes the negative consequences that occur when corporations pursue stock price manipulation rather than efficient production as their primary activity.

Krier is finishing work on another book, *Financial Casinos: Speculative Capitalism and Its Social Consequences* (Worth/St. Martins), comparing and contrasting financial speculation in real estate, commodities and securities markets. Krier argues that contemporary global capitalism has become singularly dominated by speculative activity—from the explosion of derivatives trading on commodities markets to mortgage refinancing to cash-out capital appreciation on residential homes.

At Iowa State, Krier is teaching large enrollment sections of *Introduction to Sociology* and *Social Problems and American Values*. He enjoys the challenge of reaching undergraduate majors and sharing the sociological imagination with them. In addition to political economy, research and teaching interests include social theory, organizations and social change.

Krier, a native of South Dakota, resides with his wife Judy and their two children Adele (7) and Anna (4).

Marta Maldonado

Marta María Maldonado received her undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, and her M.A. (1996) and Ph.D. (2004) in Sociology from Washington State University. She began work at



Michelle Frisco

Michelle Frisco, who had been on leave for the past two years as a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow at the University of Wisconsin has accepted a new position at Pennsylvania State University. Michelle and her husband Steve were joined by a son, Ian who was born March 7, 2005. Michelle will be starting her new job at PSU as assistant professor of sociology. Best wishes to Michelle and Steve along with Ian.

Clare Hinrichs

Clare Hinrichs resigned in August to join the faculty at Pennsylvania State University. Clare and her husband Tom Richards were instrumental in the creation and support of the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture. Clare contributed much to the sustainable agriculture research in the department and she will be a valued colleague at PSU. Best wishes, Clare.

Margie Hanson

After ten years of dedicated service to ISU Census Services and its successor, the Office of Social and Economic Trend Analysis (SETA), in March, 2005, Margie Hanson joined the statistical unit of the Iowa Department of Education. During her tenure with Census Services and SETA, Margie supported outreach and extension work assisting many clients in the university, state agencies, and the private sector in understanding the demographic scene in Iowa. She was instrumental in developing a number of "data for decisions" fact sheets, on-line data retrieval and presentation-ready visual products,

hands-on workshops throughout the state, and SETA's Iowa by the Numbers compact disk. Her expertise is missed, but we look forward to continued collaboration with her at the Department of Education.

News in the Department

Research in the Spotlight

This issue of *SocNotes* highlights one of the many exciting projects in the department. *Responding to Shocks* demonstrates the collaborative research of several faculty and staff and how we continue to address priority issues in the state.

Responding to Shocks: A Longitudinal Study of Rural Communities' Quality of Life

Professor Terry L. Besser, principal investigator

Iowa is a state of small towns. Up until 1990, life in Iowa meant living in small towns, at least for the majority of residents. Although the proportion of the state's residents who live in small towns has declined steadily, about one in three still live in towns with fewer than 10,000 people. Small town life is a central component of Iowa's identity and heritage.

Dramatic economic and social forces have changed the social fabric and quality of life in small towns throughout the nation, and this is certainly true in Iowa. Century long trends in agriculture have caused a decline in the number of farms and farm families, which in turn means fewer opportunities for small town merchants, fewer parishioners at small town churches, and fewer children in small town schools, to

Iowa State University in January 2005, through a dual appointment in the Department of Sociology and the U.S. Latino/a Studies Program. Her research interests include political economy, the sociology of inequality—in particular, the dynamics of race, gender and class, communities, environmental sociology, and the sociology of technology. Her recent research, funded by the Society for the Study of Social Problems, has examined the Mexicanization of agricultural work in the Pacific Northwest, the racialization of technology, and the everyday production of environmental inequality in agricultural workplaces.

Jackie Litt

Jackie Litt resigned February 1 to become Director of the Women's Studies Center at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Jackie was instrumental in the department, college and university in strengthening women's studies. Jackie will be fondly remembered for her quest of equality and excellence for everyone. Best wishes, Jackie.

list but a few of the many consequences.

For these reasons, a team of ISU sociologists, Vernon Ryan, Terry Besser, Jan Flora, and Paul Lasley, secured funding in 1994 to conduct a study to establish baseline information about the living conditions in Iowa's small towns. We randomly selected one town between 500 and 10,000 in population in each of Iowa's 99 counties to participate in the study. Then we surveyed 150 residents randomly selected in each of the 99 towns. This provided a snapshot of the quality of life in small-town Iowa in 1994.

In 2004, we (Terry Besser, Kerry Agnitsch, and Vernon Ryan) received funding from USDA to replicate the 1994 study. We surveyed residents in the same 99 communities to determine how the living conditions had changed in the ten years since the 1994 study. We also wanted to understand how the quality of life was impacted by sudden economic challenges that occur frequently in small towns, such as a major employer leaving town or a prison opening. To learn about these "economic shocks," we interviewed 5-8 individuals who had knowledge of their community's economic situation in each of the 99 communities. We are just starting the process of integrating the information about economic shocks with the 1994 and 2004 assessments of the quality of life in the towns. It is too early to draw any conclusions about this aspect of the study. However, preliminary findings are available regarding the major changes in small-town life in Iowa from 1994 to 2004.

Not surprisingly, fewer residents of small towns are patronizing

local services in 2004 compared to 1994. Residents are less likely to attend local churches and shop for daily needs at local merchants than they did in 1994. Less than one in four residents reported that the quality of local jobs, shopping, and recreational opportunities were good or very good in 2004 and 1994. Senior programs and child care services received positive approval from about half of the residents. Both changed only slightly from 1994.

On the positive side, the ratings for the quality of housing improved significantly over the decade and ratings for medical services remained the same. The vast majority of residents in both time periods indicated that the quality of services from local government; that is, public schools, fire protection, emergency response services, garbage collection, park conditions, and water services are good or very good. Police protection and the condition of the streets were rated positively by about half of the residents both in 1994 and 2004.

Residents are about equally attached to their community in 2004 as in 1994. Roughly similar percentages in 1994 and 2004 indicated that they feel at home in their town and would be sorry if they had to move away. The percentage of residents who reported that they participated in a community betterment project in the last year remained essentially the same also. Residents of small towns still described their communities as friendly, safe places, but less safe than in 1994.

In the next few months, we will send reports containing more detailed information about this study to community leaders and

state policy makers. We believe the information will be useful in developing strategies to help small towns continue to offer the high quality of life that is an integral part of Iowa's heritage.

Iowa by the Numbers' CD Provides Data About State

Iowa by the Numbers, a CD produced by the Office of Social and Economic Trend Analysis (SETA), was released in September. It has been purchased by 416 clients and has generated more than \$8,800. The CD sells for \$20 and \$30 (depending on the version) and contains a collection of data sets for Iowa at the state, county, and incorporated place levels that cover a range of topics from agriculture to travel and transportation. SETA is a collaborative project that has grown out of the former Census Services in the Sociology Department and the former PROfiles program in the Economics Department.

Iowa State University Criminal Justice Studies Minor

Coordinator: Matt DeLisi,
Department of Sociology

The Criminal Justice Studies Minor, a cross-disciplinary course of study in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offers an opportunity for students to learn about the components of the juvenile and criminal justice systems, become acquainted with the issues affecting these systems, apply theoretical concepts to real-world phenomena, interface with criminal justice and social service provider practitioners, and plan a career in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Students who declare a minor in Criminal Justice Studies are required to complete 15 credit hours of course work. Students must take five of the following six courses: CJST 240, CJST 241, CJST 320, CJST 332, CJST 340, or CJST 341. Students are also required to complete a minimum of 3 credit hours of internship experience (CJST 460). Completion of the minor requires 18 total credits.

With 246 officially declared undergraduates, the Criminal Justice Studies Program is one of the largest minors on the Iowa State University campus.

The internship courses continue to be a great success. Our recent graduates have secured employment with Ames Police, the Attorney General's Task Force on Crime Victims, Iowa State University Department of Public Safety, Des Moines Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Department of Correctional Services Division of Probation and Parole, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, United States Marshals, Kansas City (MO) Police Department, Overland (KS) Police Department, United States Probation, United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and United States Attorneys Office among others. These employment opportunities began with the internship courses.

An exciting development in the minor is the resurrection of the Iowa State University Criminal Justice Club, an undergraduate organization with membership at 60 students. Practitioners from various police agencies, probation and parole, the Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Probation, Story County Attorney, Iowa Attorney

General Task Force for Crime Victims, Iowa State Patrol K-9 Unit, and Youth and Shelter Services have presented at club meetings. For two years, the club has been participating in a ride-along program with the Des Moines Police Department. Other activities include field visits to the Mitchellville Women's Prison and Newton Correctional Facility. A handful of students with aspirations for academic careers are also involved with organizations such as the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American Society of Criminology. Recent graduates have also entered graduate programs at prestigious criminal justice institutions, such as the University of Iowa Law School, University of Maryland, University of Cincinnati, and Cambridge University.

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club continues to be active on campus and in the community. For the second year in a row, the club gathered food, clothing and toys for needy families in Story County during the Christmas season. This year's drive was done on a much larger scale than the first year's drive. This year, we had collection boxes in all of the college offices across campus, and we enlisted the help of the Greek communities. We hope to maintain the same level of participation during the Christmas 2005 drive! In February, the club volunteered to help with the *Living With HIV* dinner. Club members helped with setting up and taking down tables, and serving meals. We also recently got our new t-shirts printed. They are for sale through the advising office (118 East Hall) for \$12 and may be seen in the display case in East Hall.

Our next upcoming event is a fundraiser for the ACCESS Women's Shelter. We are gathering prizes and selling raffle tickets. Club members are currently working hard at collecting the prizes, getting the tickets printed, and gearing up to start advertising the event.

Faculty, staff and grad students are always welcome to attend any of our meetings and/or events. Traditionally, those groups do not have strong attendance at our meetings, so the club has started inviting specific faculty members to each meeting. This is a *great* way for the faculty and students to get to know each other and interact in an informal setting. We hope to see some of you at some of our future events!

Public Service and Administration in Agriculture (PSA) PSA Club Activities – Military Mail Call – Care Packages from Campus

Military Mail Call – Care Packages from Campus was a collaborative project headed by the PSA Club, Ag Ed's 315 class, Collegiate 414, Collegiate FFA and the Ag Ed Club within the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University to provide Iowa National Guard troops with comfort supplies while they are serving our nation overseas. This collaborative effort collected daily luxury items that soldiers cannot access in remote conflict zones such as snacks, reading materials, personal hygiene products, and sources of entertainment such as CDs and movies. During the week of April 13-22 this group set the goal to collect 1,000 pounds of supplies from students, faculty and staff to send overseas as "care packages from campus."

The units that will receive these packages are the 224th based out of Fairfield and the 2168th based out of Sheldon both of which are currently serving in Iraq.

ISU Well-Represented in Rural Sociology Journal

The stature of the Department of Sociology was reflected in the fall issue of *Rural Sociology*, the premier journal of the discipline, published by the Rural Sociological Society. Seven of the issue's 17 authors are ISU faculty or recent alumni of the ISU sociology program. Contributing articles or reviews were faculty members Stephen Sapp, Peter Korsching, and Willis Goudy. Alumni Peggy Petrzelka (M.S., '91; Ph.D., '99), Don Albrecht (Ph.D., '82), and Brent Hales (Ph.D., '00) authored other articles, and Jeff Sharp (M.S., '94; Ph.D., '98) edits the book review section. Also, faculty members, Terry Besser and Fred Lorenz are associate editors of the journal.

Sociology Department Recognized for Gender Equity, Scholarship

In August, the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) recognized ISU's Department of Sociology for its accomplishments as a "gender-friendly" and "women-friendly" department. To promote gender equity within sociology, the

society established "SWS Seals of Approval." ISU's Department of Sociology received an SWS Seal of Approval for Gender Equity for having 40 percent or more female faculty members (53 percent are women). ISU also received an SWS Seal of Approval for Gender Scholarship for having more than 25 percent of faculty specializing in gender or inequality areas (27 percent indicated these areas). For excelling in both categories, the ISU department was one of 12 departments that received the SWS Seal of Excellence in recognition of the "best" departments in the country. "Such departments are likely to be the most gender- and women-friendly departments in the country," the report said.

New Office for the Emeritus Faculty

Room 5 in East Hall has become the new office for the Emeritus Faculty. As a way to consolidate the Emeritus Faculty into a central office, Room 5 was remodeled so that they have a common work area. If you are ever in East Hall, stop by and visit them.

Remodeling an old building is never a simple process. When the construction crews arrived to patch the walls in Room 5, it was discovered that moisture was seeping into the exterior walls that required the old loading dock on

the east side of the building to be removed. The loading dock was used for unloading cans of milk that were delivered to the building when it served as the dairy processing building in the 1905-1920 era. While the loading dock doors had been bricked up years ago, the dock was left in place. In order to repair the water damage, the dock had to be removed. After weeks of jack hammering outside of the main office the dock finally gave way.

While there was 100 years of accumulated dust and trash under the older dock, the pranksters in the department added to the collection of artifacts. Pictures shown below.

Sociology/Economics Reading Room Closed

Due to budget pressures and the increasing electronic access to journals, the Library in Heady Hall was closed in the past year. In order to maintain the Sociology journals and thesis and dissertations that have been donated to the Department, Room 311 is in the process of being converted into a micro library and meeting room. In the early 1980s, Room 311 was converted into one of the first computer labs on campus. Many will recall that the first computers were Apple IIs and Apple IIIs. However, with the proliferation of other computer



labs on campus and the widespread use of wireless Internet connections, the lab has been transferred to the basement of Heady Hall, which frees up Room 311 for our reading collections, archives and provides an additional meeting room.

Contributions to Books by Faculty Members

Professor Lois Wright Morton Co-Edits Volume on Rural Health

Critical Issues in Rural Health provides a comprehensive sociological treatment of rural health and health care trends in the U.S. The editors have presented both integrative reviews of theory and research on rural health issues, as well as the most up-to-date findings of empirical research. This book emphasizes differences between rural and urban areas in health and health care. The authors report the impact of age or life stage, race and ethnicity, social class, rural occupations, and community structure on various substantive health issues. This informative and groundbreaking text/reference goes beyond the scope of previous studies by examining the health and well-being of rural people at all stages of life with the most up-to-date statistics available.

DeLisi Covers *Career Criminals in Society*

More than a century of scientific research has indicated that the majority of crime that occurs in society is committed by a small percentage of the population, meaning that most criminals are

repeat offenders or “career criminals.” If societies devoted considerable resources toward preventing and neutralizing career criminals, there would be dramatic reductions in crime, the fear of crime, and the assorted costs and collateral consequences of crime.

Career Criminals in Society examines the small but dangerous group of repeat offenders who are most damaging to society. The book encourages readers to think critically about the causes of criminal behavior and the potential of the criminal justice system to reduce crime. Author Matt DeLisi draws upon his own practitioner experience by interviewing criminal defendants to argue that career criminals can be combated only with a combination of prevention efforts and retributive criminal justice system policies.

With its controversial, thought-provoking style, *Career Criminals in Society* is sure to advance theory and research on chronic offenders and inspire discussions on how to adequately control crime. It is an excellent supplementary textbook for undergraduate and graduate courses on criminology, criminal behavior, crime typologies, deviant behavior, and crime control and prevention.

Speculative Management State University of New York Press, 2005

In this timely work, Dan Krier examines the relationship between two phenomena that dominated the economic scene in the late twentieth century: the rising power of financial markets

and the restructuring of American industry. He argues that corporate governance was transformed during this period into speculative teams of stock-optioned executives and activist owners. These teams encouraged a vigorous restructuring of American industry through corporate buyouts, takeovers, reengineering, and downsizing. Often portrayed in business discourse as initiatives to enhance the efficiency and long-range profitability of industrial operations, these corporate changes were, instead, primarily what Krier describes as *speculative management* practices, used to manipulate the trading price of corporate securities, even at the expense of operational efficiency and long-term profitability.

Krier also analyzes social intermediaries—institutions that connect industrial firms to security markets and allow them to interact. He focuses on corporate governance structures composed of stock-optioned top managers, big owners, and their representatives on corporate boards; financial accounting rules and practices; and the business media that analyze corporate actions and results.

AKD Reception

The department's annual Alpha Kappa Delta/Sociology Department Honors and Awards Reception was held in the Cardinal Room of the Memorial Union on April 13. Dr. Gloria Jones Johnson was the keynote speaker who challenged both faculty and students to carefully consider their roles as change agents in working towards social change and social justice. In her speech, *Being a Sociologist and Doing*

Sociology for Social Change, Dr. Jones Johnson emphasized the connections between being a sociologist and how our individual and collective actions contribute to social justice through leadership, activism and engagement. Professor Jones Johnson joined the Department of Sociology in 1996 and currently serves as the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department.



Dr. Sharon Bird, associate professor of sociology received the Emory S. Bogardus Award for Faculty Excellence. This award recognizes a faculty member identified by the graduate students who exemplifies excellence in classroom instruction and mentoring of students. The award was presented by P. Shawn Coleman, graduate student on behalf of the AKD Gamma Chapter.



Victor Raymond was this year's recipient of the Gerald E. and D. Eileen Klonglan Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes students

of high achievement in the department. The award was presented by Professor William Woodman on behalf of the Klonglans who were unable to attend this year's reception.



The Mary Lees Scholarship created by friends and family of Mary Lees who served as academic advisor in the department for many years, was awarded to **Carrie Dunnwald**.

Pictured below is **Molly C. Meyer**, the recipient of the Robert O. Richards Memorial Writing Award, along with Mary Richards and Mark Hagley.



Alexis Olson was this year's recipient of the George Henry and Maude Drew Von Tungeln Scholarship.

The George Freeman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Gatenipa Chantem**.

We were pleased that Nancy Bohlen could participate in awarding the Joe Bohlen Memorial Scholarship to **Annette Bitto**.



The Sadie Gardine Lasley Memorial Scholarship winner was **Amber Herman**. Pictured below are Pauletti and Paul Lasley with Amber and Lois Wright Morton, co-chair of the Department's Honors and Award Committee.



Undergraduate Academic Honors were awarded by Mark Hagley, Academic Advisor to the four students with the highest overall GPA: **Abby Vannausdle** (senior), **Philip DeKoster** (junior), **Valeriya Andronova** (sophomore) and **Jordan Richardson** (freshman).

Faculty Honors/Awards 2004-2005

Alicia Cast, assistant professor, received the *LAS Award for Early Achievement in Research* that recognizes a faculty member who

has demonstrated outstanding research activities early in his or his career.

Sharon Bird was approved for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure effective August 16, 2004.

Lorna Michael Butler has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST).

Cornelia Flora continues to be recognized by groups across the U.S. for her leadership in addressing important rural social issues. Two recent awards recognizing Neal's contribution include the U.S. Forest Service presentation of a special award on November 8, 2004. As part of the Centennial Congress, Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Service, 1905-2005, the award is an engraved slate from the home Gifford Pinchot, Founder and First Chief of the Forest Service, in Willford, PA. The inscription reads, "*Presented to Cornelia Flora at the Forest Service Regional Centennial Forum on Global Connections, November, 2004. In recognition of your outstanding contribution to developing community based, collaborative approaches to natural resource management and conservation internationally.*"

A second recognition for Neal is being identified as one of 14 women "Agents of Change" in Anna Anderson's new book, *Women and Sustainable Agriculture*, McFarland and Company, Jefferson, North Carolina and London (2004). Included with Neal are interviews with other leading women who are providing leadership in addressing the need for

sustainable farming systems, including Lynn Coody, La Rhea Pepper, Dana Jackson, Patricia Richardson, Peggy Sechrist, Sarah Vogel and others.

Eric Hoiberg was named honorary member of MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences), December 3, 2004 for his support and contributions in helping the ISU chapter organize in the 1990s, arranging for ISU to host the national conference in 1998 and 2004 and supporting the work of the College's Diversity Committee.

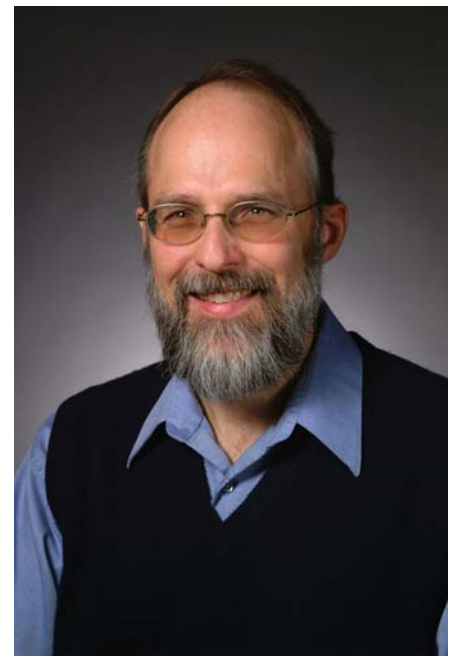
Eric was also presented the Honorary American FFA Degree at the 77th National FFA Convention in Louisville, November 2004. The national FFA organization includes more than 460,000 student members representing 7,194 chapters from 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA youth organization prepares student members for leadership careers in science, business and technology.

Andrew Hochstetler will receive the LAS Early Achievement in Teaching Award at the September 7th LAS Convocation for his outstanding teaching. Congratulations, Andy!

Gloria Jones Johnson and **Teresa Tsushima** were selected to participate in the Spring 2005 Grant Writers Workshop. This six-phase workshop is intense and requires a sizable time commitment. Acceptance is quite competitive—only a few researchers are selected each year.

Robert Mazur
At the ISU Foundation Governors Luncheon on Friday, October 29,

2004, it was announced that a \$10 million gift was being given to support the Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Program. (This announcement was the lead story in the business section of the Des Moines Register on October 30.) The director of this program is **Bob Mazur**, who has assembled an interdisciplinary team to address the urgent problems of poverty and hunger in the developing world, beginning in Uganda. Other members of the Management Team from Sociology are **Lorna Michael Butler** and **Tony Machacha**.



Robert Mazur, associate professor of sociology, has been named the 2005 recipient of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished International Service at Iowa State University.

The LAS Award for Distinguished International Service is awarded annually for outstanding international service in terms of teaching, research or administration within the United States or abroad.

Carl Roberts was a fellow at the Center for Surveys, Methods, and Analysis at the University of Mannheim, Germany during the first two weeks of August 2004. Based on work done during this visit, he (along with colleagues there plus a former student, Yong Wang) has submitted an article on his text analysis methodology, "modality analysis."

Steve Padgitt was named by an undergraduate student with outstanding scholarship and leadership accomplishments as a faculty who had been especially important in helping them achieve their outstanding record, April 2005.

Kathleen Waggoner was named by an undergraduate student with outstanding scholarship and leadership accomplishments as a faculty who had been especially important in helping them achieve their outstanding record, April 2005.

Graduate Student Honors/Awards 2004-2005

Patrick Archer selected to participate in expense paid NLS User Workshop in Demography, Ohio State University, Columbus, August 2004.

Ann Finan, Ph.D. student in Sustainable Agriculture and Sociology, is one of four people from a national pool of entrants to receive a dissertation award this year from the Rural Sociological Society's Endowment Fund. Ann's proposal, "A Discursive Approach to Exploring Farmer Rationalities: A Cross-Cultural Comparative Study," involves research in Peru and Iowa.

Hannah Lewis (major professor Jan Flora) was one of three students in Iowa State's Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (GPSA) who received a grant from the USDA-CSREES Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. Her proposal title is "Assessing Feasibility of Entry into Entrepreneurial Agriculture for Mexican Immigrants in Marshalltown."

Aaron Maitland received a Graduate College Research Excellence Award for Summer 2004.

Gail Wallace has been nominated by the American Sociological Association's Race, Gender and Class Section to chair a committee in concentration areas focusing on race, gender and class in sociology.

She is also serving on the American Sociological Association's Section on Race, Gender and Class Nomination Committee for best book and graduate paper award for 2004-2005.

Gail was elected chair of the Scholarship Development Committee, Midwest Sociological Society for 2004-2005.

Scholarship News

In the past year, two new scholarships have been established in Sociology. The Sadie Gardine Lasley Memorial Scholarship has been created by the Lasley family to honor the lifelong contributions of Sadie Lasley to community and neighborhood. The scholarship will be awarded annually to either an undergraduate or graduate student who exemplifies the qualities of community involve-

ment and reaching out to others as demonstrated by Sadie Gardine Lasley. The first award was made at this year's AKD Award Reception.

The Eric Hoiberg Scholarship was announced at the December retirement reception for Eric who retired as Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture. The scholarship will recognize outstanding undergraduate students in the Public Service and Administration in Agriculture Program. Eric was the coordinator of the PSA Program from 1974 to 1995. The scholarship was initiated with a \$10,000 contribution from the College of Agriculture.

Friends, colleagues and former students who would like to honor Dr. Hoiberg are urged to contribute to this scholarship through the ISU Foundation. The first award will be made at the 2006 AKD Reception.

In addition, the Department would like to acknowledge the many gifts that friends and alumni continue to make to the scholarship programs and the department endowment fund. While we make every attempt to acknowledge your gifts with a personal letter, we want to once again thank everyone who has contributed to these. Your gifts are important to the Department. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sociology Graduate Student News

Juggling the continual demands and challenges of graduate school while attempting to maintain sanity and clarity of mind has become our profession as sociology graduate students. Actually,

it's an exciting place to be during exciting times. With approximately fifty graduate students in the department there is an array of research projects and social activities in which we are involved. While significant time is designated to classes, research, and teaching, many of us are able to dedicate time and energy to other organizations and events. Numerous graduate students travel to a variety of conferences and workshops to present their most current research and ideas. The previous graduate student colloquium joined with the department this last year to develop the Sociology Department Seminar Series offering both faculty and students opportunities to share in their research and receive valuable feedback. This has turned out to be a well-regarded series.

We have a number of student colleagues conducting very interesting research covering a wide range of topics and spanning diverse geographic areas. Many graduate students find interest in local (Iowa/Midwest) research

considering issues pertaining to the natural environment, community studies, housing, dating and marriage, various social inequalities, and many others. Other students have expanded their research to address international interests. One Ph.D. student has conducted research in Oaxaca, Mexico looking at the important connection between healthy forests and healthy communities. Another student is currently conducting a comparative study of farmers in the highlands of Peru with farmers in Iowa. Graduate student research remains innovative and practical moving towards greater understanding of the dynamic social world in which we live and participate.

The graduate student domain (the fourth floor of East Hall) continues to be a place of collaborating with fellow peers, late night studying, and plenty of laughs. Our common interest in sociology is the foundation of creative research and lifelong friendships.

Changing of the Guard

One of the important functions of an external review is to provide a chance for the Department to look back and to take account of the past as it sets its focus on the future. In the last years of George Beal's term as chair, the department experienced a spurt of growth and several new faculty were hired in a two year period. However, that was nearly 30 years ago, and that cohort of new faculty that brought much vitality to the department is retiring. While we have been fortunate to fill many of those positions, we miss their leadership, collective wisdom and counsel. One section of the self study report for the External Review highlights the generational turnover in the faculty that has occurred since 1995. Because of their many contributions to the department, I thought many of you would like to see the changing of the guard that has occurred in the past ten years (Table 1).

Table 1. Faculty turnover between 1995-2004.

<u>Faculty who retired (n=12)</u>	<u>Faculty who have joined (n=14)</u>	<u>Faculty who took other jobs (n=13)</u>
Brent Bruton	Beverlyn Lundy Allen	Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin
Gordon Bultena	Cynthia Anderson	Rand Conger, University of California, Davis
Harry Cohen	Sharon Bird	Michelle Frisco, Pennsylvania State University
Willis Goudy	Lorna Michael Butler	Clare Hinrichs, Pennsylvania State University
Eric Hoiberg	Jill Bystydzienski	Hayward Horton, State University of New York, Albany
Joseph Hraba	Alicia Cast	Danny Hoyt, University of Nebraska
Gerald Klonglan	Matthew DeLisi	Jacquelyn Litt, University of Missouri-Columbia
Motoko Lee	Andrew Hochstetler	Robert Meier, University of Nebraska, Omaha
Martin Miller	Daniel Krier	Eddie Munoz, University of Wyoming
Charles Mulford	Marta Maldonado	Scott Myers, Washington State University
Vernon Ryan	Lois Wright Morton	Stacy Rogers, University of Nebraska
Robert Schafer	David Schweingruber	Ronald Simons, University of Georgia
	Susan Stewart	Les Whitbeck, University of Nebraska
	Teresa Tsushima	

Ph.D. Degrees Granted in the 1980s

134. Leonidas Kazakopoulos, February 1980
135. Jacob Voh, May 1980
136. Dennis Kaldenberg, August 1980
137. Lacey Tillotson, August 1980
138. Betty L. Wells, August 1980
139. Ajaga Nji, November 1980
140. Frederick O. Lorenz, February 1981
141. Rodney Ganey, August 1981
142. Geetha Solomon, August 1981
143. Christopher Johnson, December 1981
144. Mahmoud Mesbah Abdel-Rahman, May 1982
145. Don Albrecht, May 1982
146. Philip David Holley, December 1982
147. Amadu Bangura, May 1983
148. Cynthia Fletcher, May 1983
149. Stephen Goetsch, May 1983
150. Kathleen Waggoner, May 1983
151. Sidney Joe Jackson, December 1983
152. Nancy Fox Mouser, December 1983
153. Fouad Abdel-Latif Salama, December 1983
154. Ahmed H. Senani, December 1983
155. Richard Henry Coon, May 1984
156. Mary Holt Yearns, May 1984
157. Bradley Anderson, December 1984
158. William K. Wasson, December 1984
159. Mohamed Ibrahim Elezaby, August 1985
160. Rudolph E. Stewart, August 1985
161. Curtis Stofferahn, August 1985
162. Boyejo Oludaisi Adefuye, December 1985
163. Judith Ann Linneman, December 1985
164. Thomas Kakara Atala, May 1986
165. Mohd Isa Bin Haji-Bakar, May 1986
166. Gary David Nelson, May 1986
167. Yousry Abdel-Hamid Raslan, May 1986
168. Michael Gene Breci, August 1986
169. Hemchandra Gajbhiye, August 1986
170. Jack Mitchell Geller, August 1986
171. Thomas Jefferson Hoban, August 1986
172. Lois Malmberg Sabol, August 1986
173. Rogelio Sàenz, August 1986
174. James Whyte, August 1986
175. Richard Statler Jones, December 1986
176. Melvin C. Ray, December 1986
177. Viyouth Chamruspanth, May 1987
178. Brad S. Stewart, May 1987
179. Gale E. West, May 1987
180. Konadu Acheampong, August 1987
181. Carol A. Gosseling, August 1987
182. Phyllis Ann Gray, August 1987
183. Yuko Nakayama Iijima, August 1987
184. Donald Joseph Wagener, August 1987
185. Sook-Hyun Lee Choi, December 1987
186. Abdel-Hamid Mohamed Hasabelnaby, May 1988
187. Terry E. Huffman, May 1988
188. Wanna Panmunin, May 1988
189. Okhee Park Hong, August 1988
190. Daisy Kabagarama-Ruhweza, December 1988
191. Richard Edward Worryingham, December 1988
192. Kazi Aziz Ahmed, May 1989
193. Robert Eldon Meyer, May 1989
194. Nuriyah Noriah Moon, May 1989
195. Antonio Jose Ybarra-Rojas, May 1989
196. Francine Jean Green, August 1989
197. Seung-Pyo Hong, August 1989
198. Siddig El-Tayeb Muneer, August 1989
199. Andin Hadiwinarno Taryoto, August 1989

M.S. Degrees Granted in the 1980s

238. Thomas Atala, February 1980
239. Jan Cookson Fiechtner, May 1980
240. Maria Elisabeth Fouad, May 1980
241. Linda Burks, August 1980
242. Margaret Dashner, August 1980
243. Marynell Hollenbeck, August 1980
244. Suzanne Dvorak, November 1980
245. Maria Fournier, November 1980
246. Maciga Diawara, February 1981
247. Curtis Stofferahn, May 1981
248. Mary Drefcinski, December 1981
249. Paul Durand, December 1981
250. John Goudeau, December 1981
251. Candy Hill, December 1981
252. William Kang, December 1981
253. Brad Stewart, December 1981
254. Brenda Thorbs, December 1981
255. Gale West, December 1981
256. Hajime Hirai, May 1982
257. Keiko Yamanaka, May 1982
258. Maria Araujo, July 1982
259. Sook-Hyun Lee Choi, July 1982
260. Jeri Cole, July 1982
261. Victor Jike, July 1982
262. Nuriyah Moon, July 1982
263. Selvaraj Nadarajah, July 1982
264. Ahmad Anwar Mohd Nor, December 1982
265. Victoria Vogt, December 1982
266. Thomas Ward, December 1982
267. Sandra Burke, May 1983
268. Jannette Hass, May 1983
269. Addie Tarrance, May 1983
270. Carol Mulford Albrecht, July 1983
271. Patrick John Caldie, July 1983
272. Sherri Louise Korder, July 1983
273. Oi-ching Anita Luk, December 1983
274. Melvin Carl Ray, December 1983
275. Lorraine Ellen Regan, December 1983
276. Suzanne Rulifson, December 1983
277. Lisa Taran-Maddy, December 1983
278. Ali Ibrahim Al-Khelaifi, May 1984
279. Michael C. Bodensteiner, May 1984
280. John Robert Cook, May 1984
281. Phyllis Ann Gray, May 1984
282. Andre Nauta, May 1984
283. Widarya Noer, May 1984
284. Rogelio Sàenz, May 1984
285. Yulius Slamet, May 1984
286. Sung Pyo Jun, July 1984
287. Linda Leier, July 1984
288. Phyllis I. Murphy, July 1984
289. Charlotte Mekus, December 1984
290. Yuko Nakayama, December 1984
291. Basma Abu-Sway, May 1985
292. Saeed Hamdan, May 1985
293. Kenneth Rowe, May 1985
294. Konadu Acheampong, July 1985
295. Ziad Daoud Abdallah, August 1985
296. Warren Jay Beaman, August 1985
297. Kathleen Bock Hill, August 1985
298. Eva Marie Vann, August 1985
299. Hameed Khaleel Al-Shaygi, December 1985
300. Claudette R. Gross, December 1985
301. Tamara Jill Pfantz, December 1985
302. Pena Ramon Salgado, December 1985
303. Abjul-Wahid Almuslem, May 1986
304. Andrea Gwen Hansen, May 1986
305. Daisy Ann Hickman, May 1986
306. Okhee Park Hong, May 1986
307. Cheick Drame, August 1986
308. Lisa L. Enloe, August 1986
309. Seon-Hee Mo Hong, August 1986
310. Judith McNabb Linden, August 1986
311. Pamela Rodriguez, August 1986
312. Nadine Rae Beckwith, December 1986
313. Siddig El Tayeb Muneer, December 1986
314. Gonzalo Piñon-Jimenez, December 1986
315. Hugh Hansen, May 1987
316. Robin Ryerson, May 1987
317. Linda Marie Colby, August 1987
318. Mary Elizabeth Foley, August 1987
319. Michael Morris Jessup, August 1987
320. Vicki Lynn Miller, August 1987
321. Cleve R. Redmond, August 1987
322. Ibrahim A. Al-Humaidi, May 1988
323. Muhamad Suliman A. Al-Sakran, May 1988
324. Ammerte Cecilia Deibert, May 1988
325. Gary Henry Huber, May 1988
326. JoAnn Masterson, May 1988
327. Brian Josef Reichel, May 1988
328. Deborah Jeanne Schroeder, August 1988
329. Laurie Catherine Jordan-Raun, December 1988
330. Yu Shi Li, December 1988
331. Chyi-in Wu, May 1989
332. Linda Lee Ackarman, August 1989
333. Paul Gerald Lewis, August 1989
334. Joan Dolores Derosier, December 1989

Alumni in the News

Ross Blount (M.S., 1960) Wife Lorena and I were among the first Peace Corps volunteers in 1961 and stayed four years teaching at University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Finished seminary at the University of Chicago, then worked seven years in Appalachia on a social service ministry project. Returned to the family farm in 1973 and have farmed since then, serving part-time as pastor of the Allerton Presbyterian Church. Our son, Roswell Duncan Blount completed his M.S. in sociology at Iowa State and now teaches at Gaston College in North Carolina.

I am thankful for my preparation in rural sociology and agriculture at Iowa State for it has served me well as a practitioner "in the trenches."

Mary Ann Evans (Ph.D., 1992) through her work at Iowa State University (ISU), has been a voice for women within the academic community, a path builder for girls and women interested in nontraditional careers, and an enabler for international women in science and engineering. Since 1978, she has been a leader in recommending how ISU could better serve women students and employees. She was a driving force on the University Committee on Women for more than 20 years. When it became clear that both faculty and students had a critical need for childcare, Evans led the way in developing the ISU Child Care Resource Program, which grew from a single child care center to a system of services. She completed this important work while at the same time returning to school to earn master's and doctoral degrees from ISU. Recognizing how few women were enrolling in

science and engineering at ISU, she founded and directed the Program for Women in Science and Engineering (PWSE), a university-wide administrative program focused on women in science and engineering. PWSE is a comprehensive program serving numerous girls and women, both on and off campus, with initiatives such as career conferences, mentoring programs, internships, role models, and scholarships. Evans was also a co-founder of Iowa State University's International Women in Science and Engineering program (IWISE), whose activities have reached women working in research institutes, universities, government labs, and nongovernmental organizations in more than 20 countries. She has been active in the community, serving as a volunteer at the Center for Creative Justice, Ames United Way, Ames Civil Service Commission, and the Iowa Women's Political Caucus.

Marlene Fisher (Ph.D., 1997) Achieved tenure and promotion in 2003. Coordinates Criminal Justice major and Women's Studies minor.

Phyllis Gray-Ray (M.S, 1984; Ph.D., 1987) Appointed Vice President for Research at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida on June 2, 2003. Also, am professor of sociology. During the first year of my tenure as Vice President for Research, the University secured a record level of external funding in excess of \$100 million.

Previous position: University of North Carolina System at Winston-Salem State University—Chief Research officer and Dean of the graduate school.

Currently coordinating the State-wide University System of Florida (11 public institutions) Consortium on Homeland Security Research, through the Office of the Chancellor of the Florida System.

Christine Johnson (M.S, 1992; Ph.D., 1996) received the 2004 Meritorious Service Award from the Association of Councils (AOC), National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) at their annual meetings in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Johnson is the Director of the Bureau for Social Research and an Adjunct Associate Professor in Human Development and Family Science at Oklahoma State University. The award recognizes "Dr. Johnson for her outstanding and long-time work on behalf of the Oklahoma Council on Family Relations. Her excellent performance in the roles as treasurer and board member is indicative of her commitment and dedication to the field of family science."

William D. Lawson (Ph.D., 1978) Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Tennessee State University to Executive Vice President, effective July 19, 2004.

Ajaga Nji (M.S., 1978; Ph.D., 1980). My work as Inspector of Academic Affairs involves policy formation for higher education; supervision, inspection, quality control in six state universities and private institutions of higher learning. Published a book "Why Poor People Remain Poor," 240 pages (ISBN 9956-401-05-6). Does consultancies for UN Agencies and international development organizations. Couldn't have received the training I got at ISU anywhere. Look forward to visiting my alma mater and perhaps striking a deal with ISU Press to reprint my book.

Janice Olawoye (M.S., 1976) served as Head of Department, Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development for past six years (1998-2004). August 1, 2004, will become the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry. This will be the first time a rural sociologist will serve as Dean of the faculty and the first time a woman will assume this position in the faculty here at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

Professor Olawoye has taught at the University of Ibadan since January 1978 and was promoted to the rank of Professor of Rural Sociology in October 1998. She is a native Iowan.

Rogelio Sáenz (Ph.D., 1986) was asked to author a publication in the Russell Sage Foundation/Population Reference Bureau pamphlet series on The American People. "Latinos and the Changing Face of America" was published in 2004. He's a professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University who has published extensively on demography and social inequality. In 2003, he received the American Association of Higher Education Hispanic Caucus Outstanding Latino Faculty Award in Research and Teaching in Higher Education.

Susan Stall (Ph.D., 1991) New book in 2004 with Roberta Feldman "The Dignity of Resistance: When Residents' Activism in Chicago Public Housing". Cambridge University Press.

K.A.S. Wickrama (Ph.D., 1992) Received the National Council on Family Relations Reuben Hill award for his outstanding paper on family. This award is given annually and this is the second time he has won. January 2005.

Obituaries

Everett M. Rogers

University of New Mexico Professor of Communication, Everett M. Rogers, 73, scholar, teacher, writer and mentor, died Oct. 21 after a prolonged battle with cancer. A campus memorial was held December 4, 2004 in the Student Union ballroom.

Rogers' 30 books – translated into 15 languages – and more than 500 articles shaped and influenced the field of communication, sociology, marketing and political science. He is perhaps best known for his book "Diffusion of Innovations." He was known for developing a communication theory termed "diffusion of innovations," which explained how new ideas are incorporated into a culture. He wrote a book on the topic in 1962, one that is now in its fifth edition and still widely used by educators and researchers.

Rogers dedicated nearly 47 years to teaching and research.

In 2002, Rogers was selected the university's 47th Annual Research Lecturer—the highest honor UNM bestows on its faculty. He continued to teach at UNM until fall of 2004 when he was forced to retire due to illness.

Rogers is survived by his wife Corinne Shefner-Rogers and two sons.

Marvin B. Lind

If one word were to sum up the life of Marvin B. Lind, it would be EDUCATOR because his entire life was spent in the quest of knowledge.

He lived beyond the box in search of new things, processes and concepts. He helped found one of the first farmers' cooperatives in the state of Iowa, experimented with corn stills in the production of alcohol for gasohol, was instrumental in developing the Iowa Development Commission when it was in its infancy, and helped develop the minds of hundreds of college students at Iowa State University.

M.B. came to Iowa State College of Science and Technology where he majored in Rural Sociology and obtained his Master's Degree. Some years later he would complete his Ph.D. in Rural Sociology.

After serving Iowa State, he became a researcher with the Iowa Development Commission. He was well suited for this position because during his entire life he was in the forefront of development of such things as having a still for alcohol to make gasohol. Most recently he was looking at wind and solar power.

Dr. Marvin B. Lind died of a stroke in Cape Coral, Florida on May 5, 2004. He was 91.

Ed Powers

Edward A. Powers, March 10, 1941-June 24, 2004

Edward A. Powers received his B.A. in Sociology from Alma College in 1962, and his M. A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in Sociology in 1965 and 1968. Ed became a member of the Iowa State University faculty in 1967, when he was hired as an instructor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. He continued at ISU until 1987, when

he resigned as Head of the Family Environment Department to accept the position of Associate Dean of the College of Home Economics at North Carolina State University, Greensboro.

Ed's interests within sociology focused on family sociology and gerontology. He coordinated the 40+ sections of the Courtship and Marriage course that were offered in the Department of Sociology annually, served a term as Graduate Coordinator for Sociology, and was the Coordinator of ISU's Gerontology Program. He was the co-director of two longitudinal studies on aging, both funded studies that provided the basis for numerous publications offering insights into individuals, families, and the aging process.

After 13 years as a faculty member in Sociology, during which he rose through the ranks to Profes-

sor, he was appointed Chair of the Department of Family Environment in 1980. As an administrator, he never forgot what it was like to be administered. His support of faculty members in their many roles was clear and unequivocal. He was especially helpful to strong faculty members, perhaps because he had been one himself. He worked with people where they were, capitalizing on their strong points and helping them overcome their weak ones.

He is remembered by his colleagues for his sense of humor, infectious laugh, and compassion. He was a devoted race walker, and could be seen on most days power walking at noon. He is also remembered for his Saturday morning ice cream walks. People were invited to accompany him as he walked several miles, stopping for ice cream breaks along the way.

2006 ISU SOCIOLOGY REUNION

Plan now for the 2006 ISU Sociology Reunion that will be held in Ames on June 9-11. All Ph.D. and Master's graduate alumni from 1940-1970s are invited. Watch your mail for upcoming news about the reunion. The response to the reunion held in 2003 was so positive that it was decided by the alums that we should plan another one. If you received your Master's or Ph.D. degree before 1980, we would like to see you at the reunion. Hope to see you in Ames at the alumni reunion, June 9-11, 2006.

Laid-back Outdoor Recreation



Gwendolyn Stewart, 2, (Susan Stewart's daughter) enjoys being pulled on a sled by her father, Tim Stewart, in the snow near 13th Street in Ames.