2001 Retirement Program

Thursday, May 3, 2001
Retirement Luncheon Program

Centennial Student Union
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, Minnesota

11:30 a.m. Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Program
   Comments by President Richard R. Rush
1:00 p.m. Public Reception

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Dear Retirees:

I wish to express to you on behalf of the entire University Community our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service to this fine University. Minnesota State University, Mankato has developed and flourished because of people like you who have served it so well.

I also want to thank you personally. It is a pleasure to work with people who care so much for their community.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Rush
President
2001 Retiring Faculty and Staff

David W. Allan
Associate Professor of Library Services,
Memorial Library
David began working at MSU in July 1974 and will retire on June 15, 2001. He plans to expand his passion for creativity, woodworking and woodcarving. Americana, antiques, nautical art, international folk art and old books are favorite interests. He plans to travel, stay fit, and never stop reading and learning.

Mohamed Askalani
Professor of Economics,
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Mohamed began working at MSU in September 1969 and will retire on May 14, 2001. He plans to travel as much as possible when he retires.

Edward Babel
Professor of Curriculum & Instruction,
College of Education
Edward received his Master of Science degree from MSU in 1969. Edward began his career at MSU in September 1969 and will retire on May 14, 2001. He states that he has a fishing boat and a workshop that need attention.

Ronald B. Bailey
Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies,
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Ron began his career at MSU in September 1992 and retired on December 18, 2000. He plans on retiring in Santa Monica, California, where he hopes to complete a study on “The Supreme Court and the Slavery Issue.”
**William D. Bieber**  
Transfer Specialist in Admissions,  
Student Affairs Division  
Bill received his Bachelor of Science in 1968 and his Master of Science in 1973 from MSU. Bill began his career at MSU in October 1973 and will retire on June 29, 2001. He plans to hang out with his wife, travel, exercise, read and hike.

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**Joanne Boelke**  
Assistant Professor of Library Services,  
Memorial Library  
Joanne began her career in September 1990 and will retire on June 6, 2001. Joanne plans to travel, enjoy family and friends, and expand her volunteer services.

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**Duane O. Braaten**  
Professor of Computer & Information Sciences,  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology  
Duane started his career at MSU in September 1970 and will retire May 14, 2001. He plans to work on his hobbies, see grandchildren, travel, do some reading, and volunteering—all at his own pace!

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**Elizabeth Dixon**  
Professor of Nursing,  
College of Allied Health and Nursing  
Elizabeth began her career at MSU in September 1974 and will retire May 14, 2001. She is going to do some traveling in the U.S. and abroad. Elizabeth will be going to China in November. She plans on retiring to Ft. Collins, Colorado, and possibly working part time.
W. Glen Gober
Offset Press Operator, Printing Services, University Advancement Division
Glen began his career at MSU in July 1981 and retired on February 27, 2001. He wants to travel and work on his woodcarving, gardening and genealogy.

Ellsworth C. (Bud) Granger, Jr.
Associate Professor of Accounting, College of Business
Bud began his career at MSU in July 1968 and will retire May 14, 2001. He plans to catch up on his reading, wants to salvage his golf game, travel, relax and attend plays. His wife plans for him to clean the basement, garage, den, and library, and set up their computer database for recipes, videotapes, library books, etc.

Wayne Harris
Professor of Psychology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Wayne started his career at MSU in September 1970 and retired on December 18, 2000. He plans to pursue his research interests and travel.

Sheila Joyce Herke
Office/Recruitment Coordinator, Career Development & Counseling Center, Student Affairs Division
Sheila received an Associate of Science degree from MSU in 1980 and a Bachelor of Science in 1981. Sheila started her career at MSU in September 1984 and retired on January 16, 2001. She plans to devote her time to her business, “Satin and Pearls by Sheila,” where she is a wedding consultant. Sheila wants to spend more time with their children and four grandchildren. She wants to travel with her husband to visit friends and family, especially in Arizona. She also loves to do crafts, needlework and reading. Sheila plans to use up the yarn that she has collected for the last 40 years.
**Rita C. Hix**
Registration Secretary for the Extended Campus Office, College of Graduate Studies
Rita started her career at MSU in May 1991 and retired on February 2, 2001. She plans to travel, do volunteer work, and spend more time with her grandchildren.

**John B. Holden, Jr.**
Professor of Chemistry, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
John started his career at MSU in September 1968 and will retire on May 14, 2001. He plans to travel to visit grandchildren on each coast and participate in Elderhostels. John also wants to assist in teaching on a Navajo reservation in Mexican Hat, Utah, play golf, and continue to attend plays and movies.

**Lois Hughes**
Associate Professor of Family Consumer Science, College of Allied Health and Nursing
Lois began her career at MSU in September 1985 and will retire May 14, 2001. She plans to travel with her spouse and visit the grandkids and children.

**Ronald Hybertson**
Professor of Biology, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Ron began his career at MSU in September 1963-1966 and again in 1970 and retired on December 18, 2000. Jan and Ron plan to travel and visit their children and grandchildren more often, spend winters in the Southwest and summers in the Midwest, play golf and tennis.
James Jack
Associate Professor of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services, College of Allied Health and Nursing
Jim began his career at MSU in September 1964 and will retire June 21, 2001.

Jeanette E. Kendall
Office and Administrative Specialist for the Office of the Registrar, Student Affairs Division
Jan began her career at MSU in 1984 and retired on September 26, 2000. She is planning on some travel but mostly staying at home and writing poetry.

Bruce L. Larson
Professor of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Bruce began his career at MSU in September 1965 and will retire on May 14, 2001. He plans to continue research and writing on the Lindbergh history, Minnesota political history, and Scandinavian-American history, with an immediate goal of activity for the 75th anniversary of the Lindbergh flight in 2002. First, Bruce needs to make room for more books at home collected from a historian’s MSU office for 36 years! Bruce intends to take time for travel, golf, photography, gardening, and family genealogy. One of the joys of teaching is to maintain occasional contact with former students, which he hopes to continue.

Anne Latsch
Assistant Director for the Career Development and Counseling Center, Student Affairs Division
Anne received her Master of Science degree from MSU in 1987. Anne began her career at MSU in September 1986 and will retire June 29, 2001. She plans to travel, play golf, garden, and work part time with a travel company.
Miriam K. Lo
Professor of Geography, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Miriam began her career at MSU in January 1980 and will retire May 14, 2001.

Dan McCarrell
Men’s Head Basketball Coach, and Assistant Professor of Athletics, Student Affairs Division
Dan began his career at MSU in May 1984 and will retire May 18, 2001. He plans to relax and travel.

Kenneth C. Pengelly
Associate Professor and Chair of Library Media Education, College of Education
Ken received his Master of Science degree from MSU in 1972. He began his career at MSU in September 1968 and will retire June 28, 2001. Ken plans to do volunteer work with the Hennepin County Library Foundation and at church, locate a winter home somewhere warm, take some gourmet cooking classes, be able to do his gardening and continue with his book clubs.

Ronald D. Poole
Associate Professor of Speech, Hearing & Rehabilitation Services, College of Allied Health and Nursing
Ron received his Bachelor of Science degree from MSU in 1961. He began his career at MSU in September 1965 and will retire May 14, 2001. Ron wants to sail, travel and catch up on his reading.

Johannes Postma
Professor of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Johannes started his career at MSU in January 1969 and will retire on May 14, 2001. He wants to continue to complete various research and publishing projects.
Sanford L. Schuster  
Professor of Physics,  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology  
Sanford began his career at MSU in September 1968 and will retire May 14, 2001. He wants to travel at times when he couldn’t before, golf, and read the many books piling up on his “to be read” list. He has been so busy this semester that he hasn’t really given retirement a lot of detailed thought except for this “no more 8 A.M. classes!”

Steven Sharits  
Instructional Communication Chief Engineer,  
Memorial Library  
Steve received his Bachelor of Science degree from MSU in 1972. He began his career at MSU in September 1969 and retired on August 15, 2000.

Donna Tix  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean,  
College of Arts and Humanities  
Donna began her career at MSU in September 1984 and will retire June 1, 2001. She plans to spend more time with grandchildren, travel, garden, bike, cross country ski, and open a boarding home for cats.

Paul E. Tix  
Assistant Professor of Economics,  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Paul began is career at MSU in February 1984 and will retire May 14, 2001. He is planning on being a gentleman farmer in Central Minnesota where he will explore some new concepts in agriculture. He also plans to travel, especially to some of the premiere ski areas in this country.
**Robert P. Westphal**  
Men’s and Women’s Equipment Manager, Athletics,  
Student Affairs Division  
Robert began his career at MSU in December 1980 and will retire May 23, 2001. He is looking forward to spending time with wife, children, and grandchildren. He’d like to do more hunting and fishing. Bob and his wife would like to take a few trips and possibly do something for his community.

**Edith L. White**  
Assistant Professor of Modern Language,  
College of Arts and Humanities  
Edith began her career in September 1966 and will retire May 14, 2001. She intends to continue to work as a literacy specialist with SIL in northern Benin (West Africa) where she applies linguistics to analyze the local languages. With the information they gain by doing this, they help people come up with a workable alphabet for their previously unwritten language. Then she works with them to make primers and other books in their languages. She has recently been doing workshops to train people to become writers equipped to produce materials in their own language. She works with seven different language groups.

**James C. Whiteoak**  
Senior Account Clerk for the Business Affairs Office,  
Finance & Administration Division  
Jim began his career at MSU in October 1966 and retired on August 25, 2000. He plans to fish, travel, and take care of the grandchildren.

**Michael J. Zeller**  
Associate Professor of Psychology,  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Michael began his career at MSU in September 1967 and will retire May 14, 2001. He plans to build a lake home on Lake Thurmond near McCormick, South Carolina, and enjoy the southern hospitality.