list all of our generous donors. Many thanks to each of you! There are several donors, however, whose belief in what we are doing is so strong and their sup- port so significant that they merit special attention and thanks in this column. The College was thrilled to receive a gift of $500,000 from alumnus Al Lenzmeier and his wife Kathy. This leadership gift has been key to the success of our Information Technology Initiative.

Also, key to the initiative was Wells Fargo Bank’s gift of $100,000. Haddie Olauson, president of Mankato area Wells Fargo, spearheaded efforts that led to this donation. Wells Fargo has been a longstanding supporter of our College and is a major employer of our graduates.

Private gifts also make an important difference to our College Scholarship Fund and enhance our accessibility to deserving students. Thus alumnus Norb Harrington’s generous personal gift of $100,000 to the University, $50,000 of which went to the College Scholarship Fund, is most appreciated! The College has also been well provided for in the University-wide Scholarship pool. Alumnus Lynn Nagorske and his wife Pamela deserve special thanks for their personal donation of $100,000 to the Presidential Scholars Fund. This donation has been designated for Business students. Lynn’s employer, TCF Financial, as part of its corporate matching gift program donated an additional $100,000 to the same scholarship fund. TCF Financial has also been a longstanding support- er of our College and is a major employer of our graduates. A separate article in this edition of Network focuses on the students in the College who have been awarded Presidential Scholarships. This year also saw the implementation of the Schmitz’s endowed scholarship fund. TCF Financial has also been a longstanding support- er of our College and is a major employer of our graduates. A separate article in this edition of Network focuses on the students in the College who have been awarded Presidential Scholarships. This year also saw the implementation of the Schmitz’s endowed scholarship fund. TCF Financial has also been a longstanding support- er of our College and is a major employer of our graduates.

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From that point, the Council’s work of selecting and recognizing the recipients of the various annual awards began. The criteria for these awards were established by the Advisory Council and are reviewed annually. Awards were presented at the October 5th Annual Advisory Council Meeting, and a feature article in this newsletter lists the awardees and describes their accomplishments. The Council also developed and ran its first-ever Student Appreciation Day on April 25th.

This very successful event involved more than a dozen Advisory Council members visiting individ- ual classes so that the members could share their knowledge and experience directly with students and faculty. On that same day the Advisory Council con- ducted a “wrap-up” of the MSU E-mentoring Program. A separate article dis- cussing the phenomenal success of this effort is included in this newsletter. Working with the Council is a joyous experience for me and I am very grateful for the support its members have given to me and to the College.

From this brief overview I hope you can see why I am very proud of every- thing that the College is doing. I welcome your ideas and energy as we move forward in creating the future of collegiate business education here at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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Spring additions will include Accounting 210 (Managerial Accounting) and Business Law 200. All students who are leasing a notebook from the University for fall semester will receive a $100 Lenzmeier scholarship to help defray the costs of the lease. Scholarships for subsequent semesters will be awarded by application.

Courses will continue to be added to the list of those using the notebook com- puters until the Fall of 2003, when all College of Business courses will have a notebook application. Until that time, students will have the option of enrolling in either a notebook or non-notebook section of a course.

The College of Business is proud of the progress it has made with this Initiative. Only a dream five years ago, the effort to bring new technologies to students is becoming reality. Our graduates will now better acquire the technological skills needed for a smooth transition from education to career.

At the Races

Thanks to College of Business alumnus Randy Sampson ‘86; friends and alumni of MSU’s College of Business had the opportunity to have some fun and take a chance at the races last August. Sampson, President and General Manager of Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minnesota, worked with the College to develop and publicize the event.

This year’s 2nd Annual Evening at the Races will be held on Friday, August 16. An alumni reception will begin at 5, with races following at 6:30. Races with MSU-related names will run throughout the evening, adding some fun for race-goers.

Rigorous AACSB Standards Upheld

In May, 2000, Milton R. Blood, Managing Director of Accreditation, International Association for Management Education, wrote the following to College of Business Dean Norm Solomon: “I congratulate you for the role you play as an important contributor to higher education. You lead a management education unit that has met the rigorous review stan- dards of AACSB accreditation...this signals your commitment to continuous improvement of the quality of the programs you provide...This letter is a reminder of the warranted pride you have achieved in your programs.”

MSU is one of only four Minnesota collegiate schools of business accredited by AACSB; twenty-five percent of business schools nationwide are so recognized.