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2001 SCSU Winter Banquet: Alumni and Students Lettin' Loose

By Rob Loftus

Who would have thought that Dr. Mooney could dance like MC Hammer? It simply took the power of Master Hypnotist Michael Doubet to unleash the hidden talents of Dr. Mooney and other *victims* through the use of hypnosis at the 2001 SCSU Real Estate Alumni Association Winter Banquet.

This year's banquet was held at the Minneapolis Marriot City Center Hotel and was one of the best banquets ever with respect to the accommodations, quality dinner and entertainment. The evening began with a social hour followed by a wonderful dinner. After dinner, awards were handed out to Board members for their dedication throughout the past year.

The annual Corporate Award was given to Tom May of the Hennepin County Assessors office for their years of commitment to the SCSU Real Estate program by providing internships and jobs to our fellow students and alumni. Additionally, the annual President's Award was given to Keith White for his years of dedication towards growing the Alumni Association and recruiting students to the real estate program at SCSU. Thanks to everyone for attending the 2001 Winter Banquet and continuing our wonderful tradition!

Keep in mind that the 2001 SCSU Real Estate Alumni Golf Classic is coming up on August 9, 2001. This years event will be held at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker

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The Newsletter Editor would like to thank every person who contributed to the Spring 2001 newsletter.



Photos

Above: Jessica Peterson receiving this years scholarship from Tony Kuechle.

Far left: Master Hypnotist – Michael Dubet

Immediate left: Paul Gonyea receiving his award

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A Word from the President:

AHH – the sights and sounds of Spring are in the air: the birds are singing, the sun is shining, The Vikings are unloading dead weight and the Twins have been mathematically eliminated from winning the American League Central Division. OK, so I'm exaggerating, a little, but you gotta love their new slogan "The 2001 Minnesota Twins – Get to Know Them!" In other words, pick up a program and start learning to pronounce Mientkiewicz (man-cave-itch)! Seriously, their season should be fun to watch and with a little luck, maybe we can return to the excitement of '87 & '91!

With spring just around the corner, can golf season be far behind? Mark your calendars, the Annual Golf Classic is just a few short months off – August 9th to be exact. This year we will be having the tournament at Pebble Creek in Becker. Watch your mail for details! For all of you hackers, here are a few rules of golf to live by:

1. If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
2. The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental
3. Whatever you think you are doing wrong is the one thing you're doing right.
4. No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
5. Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

I'm desperately trying to think of something original to write about the organization and I'm not having much luck so I will just repeat most of my speech from the banquet! First, thank you to Rob Loftus and Mike Petroske for the great job they did on the banquet. The food and location were great and I'm told the entertainment was...entertaining! Hey, if you can't be humiliated in front of a few friends and prospective employers, who can you be humiliated in front of anyway?!

Second, thank you to all the students who joined the alumni for the evening. We know it's kind of a big chunk of money to lay out between the banquet and \$4 drinks, but our goal is to get you acquainted with as many alums as possible. We also want to show you a good time and get you a job so that when you graduate, you will continue be involved in the organization as a dues paying member!

Third, give some thought to getting involved in the Board. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at United Properties in Bloomington from 11:30am to 1:00pm. If you have comments or concerns you would like to share, please attend our meetings or call a board member. We are always looking for input from our members.

Here are a few important upcoming dates:

April/May – Local Boards of Review. Watch your mail for your valuation notices, which are coming out shortly. If your value is correct, attend the meeting anyway – they are often quite entertaining!

May 15th – 1st half of property taxes due! (Also, Billy Joel & Elton John are in concert at the Target Center!)

August 9th – Annual Golf Classic – Pebble Creek in Becker.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to solicit all grads/teacher wannabes to lend their expertise to others by teaching a seminar or course for the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers. The Education Committee of MAAO is always looking for challenging, new seminars to present to its members. Dr. Mooney and Diversified Real Estate Services have already accepted this challenge and will be putting on seminars for the organization in May and October. If you would like to get involved in teaching or would like more information, please call or e-mail me.

Till next time – Steph

Upcoming Events:

SCSU Golf Event:

August 23, 2000 – Crystal Lake Golf Course, Lakeville

Social:

May 3 & July 26 – Redstone – South of Ridgedale Mall

Board Meetings:

1st Wednesday of each month – United Properties – 3500 West 80th Street, Bloomington

Mooney's Memos by Dr. Steve Mooney, SCSU

Hi all,

I notice I have a phone message from Jerry and I'm assuming he's gonna remind me to get my memos in, so here they are. For the life of me I can't think of much to say. I'm writing this in the middle of spring break week so it's very quiet around here. Our youngest, Tim, is just home from Northwestern and he and Kate and I are leaving for Las Vegas tonight to see Aaron. He arrived in Nevada recently from Japan. He's gonna be there for 30 days so we are sneaking a quick visit with him this weekend.

The winter banquet was much fun. Some sort of hypnotist that had a number of us doing some strange, but not rude, things.

The Student Connection

By Stacy Hemming & Stefanie Lehman

By now, you all know what we are doing and what we are about:

Communication with the students!

We have one dinner a year with the students that are graduating in both the winter and spring semesters. We had the 2000-2001 dinner in November. Great turnout!

Seventeen students are graduating this year. They seem to really appreciate our efforts. We do think it helps the missing link between graduating and the student's first job.

Our semi-annual Student Night at DB Searle's on March 29th was a great success. We had approximately 35 students in attendance with a majority of them asking questions

The number of majors is still up and we are delighted with them. Stacy, Deb and Stef continue to do an outstanding job with the alumni career nights and I think they are paying dividends with new real estate majors.

SCSU is experiencing budget problems and I think they will be magnified next year if Jesse's budget plan is approved. If you get a chance to talk to, or e-mail, your state representative or senator, tell them that the largest most accredited university in the MNSCU system needs their support. If the current proposal goes through we will need to increase tuition almost 10% to meet the shortfall.

Keep working hard, but don't forget to take some time to relax. Spring graduation is May 12 and hopefully the snow will be gone and we'll be golfing by then. Call your mentees and invite them down for a visit.

Take care, Steve

throughout the presentation. Of course, they were most interested in finding out what they could expect to earn.

Thank You to the following speakers: Mike Petroske, Rob Loftus, Todd Streed and Stephanie Nyhus who took time out of their busy schedules to increase the students knowledge of the different job opportunities in Commercial Real Estate.

This continues to be a hit with both the undecided majors and the Real Estate Association members. Please contact Deb Vannelli at 612-376-4475 or Stacy Hemming at 952-837-3366 with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Take care,

Stacy, Stefanie, and Deb

Movers & Shakers

These are this year's graduates.

December

- Mike Dangers
- Tina Diedrich
- Jeff Horstman
- Tony Johnson
- Sara Leyk
- Sara Lofgren
- Jeff Mueller
- Carisa Peterson
- Craig Theis

May

- Greg McMillan
- Jessica Morgan
- Jessica Peterson
- Jennifer Siccard
- Jeremy Weestrاند
- Elizabeth Valentine

Summer

- Josh Arsenault

Mike Petroski: Has recently rejoined MarketPlace Home Mortgage.

Tina Diedrich: Has recently joined Diversified Real Estate Services as an Associate Appraiser.

Tony Johnson: Has recently joined Glaser Financial Group as a Real Estate Analyst.

Kurt Dayton: Has recently been promoted to Senior Underwriting with Glaser Financial Group.

If an important event has occurred in your life, such as a job change or a promotion, your SCSU Real Estate Alumni family wants to know. Please contact a member of the alumni board so we can announce it in our newsletter.

We are always looking for informed individuals in the real estate field to submit an article to the SCSU Real Estate Alumni Newsletter. If you an idea for an informative article or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact the Communications Committee.

Tony Johnson and Jerry Lindeen constructed this Newsletter. Any questions, comments or concerns in relation to the newsletter should be addressed to them.

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Please update the database to reflect the information below.

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