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Dear Friend(s),

Another school year is underway and the Friends of Scandinavian Studies is pleased to announce that several Scandinavian language and literature classes are in session. The Fall 2010 enrollments are:

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| Danish 2nd year: 4 Finnish 1st year: 5 Norwegian 1st year: 12 Norwegian 2nd year: 7 Swedish 1st year: 18 Swedish 2nd year: 13 | Dan, Nor, Swe 3rd-year reading: 2 Scandinavian Conversation: 7 Text & Interpretation: 31 Vikings/Icelandic Sagas: 67 Periods in Scan Literature: 10 |
| | Total: 176 |

In an effort to reduce costs, we are mailing only one letter per academic year. Notices of events will be sent via email and posted on our website at <http://scandinavian.uoregon.edu>. Currently, a Norwegian Film Series is being shown on alternate Wednesday evenings at the Mills International Center, above the Post Office in the EMU at the University of Oregon.

The Friends' purpose is to continue to promote the Scandinavian program and to encourage students to participate and major or minor in Scandinavian. Therefore, each year FSS awards one or more Scandinavian Studies scholarships. Requirements and deadlines will be posted on our site in early 2011.

Thank you for your continued support! For your convenience, a donation form is located on the reverse of this letter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us at scan@uoregon.edu.

Warm Regards,

Lona

Lona L. Murphy

President, Friends of Scandinavian Studies

Congratulations to our Friend, Roger Adkins!

Roger Adkins, a longtime Friends of Scandinavian Studies member and former editor of this newsletter, received his UO doctoral degree in comparative literature in June 2010. Dr. Adkins' dissertation, titled "The 'Monstrous Other' Speaks: Postsubjectivity and the Queering of the Normal," focused on the role of monstrous characters in postmodern Scandinavian and American novels in relation to the historical uses of the monstrous in western cultures. He examined three novels in particular, including *Grendel* by John Gardner (U.S., 1971), *The Forest of Hours* by Kerstin Ekman (Sweden, *Rovarna i Skuleskogen*, 1998), and *Troll: A Love Story* by Johanna Sinisalo (Finland, *Ennen päivänlaskua ei voi*, 2000). Dr. Ellen Rees (former associate professor of Scandinavian who now teaches at the University of Oslo) served as Adkins' dissertation committee chair.

Dr. Adkins continues to serve as the UO's Assistant Director of Study Abroad Programs, managing the UO Global Seminars program (aka: faculty-led study abroad programs). His most recent work-related trip to Scandinavia was a visit to Bergen, Norway, in 2008. He is also continuing with his research and seeking an academic position in gender studies or literature. He noted that he would like to thank the Friends for their generous support over the years, including the scholarship that helped him study Icelandic language and culture in Reykjavík, Iceland, in the summer of 2003.

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