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✍ NEWSLETTER ✍

FSS Member Profile: Tom Mills

A Trustworthy Friend

Anyone with a connection to Scandinavian Studies at the University of Oregon should know the name Tom Mills. Before his retirement in 2005 he served as the university’s Associate Vice President for International Programs, and he has been instrumental in establishing nearly all UO Scandinavian study abroad programs, from Bergen to Tampere, as well as the Mills Study Abroad Scholarship Fund. Professor Emerita Virpi Zuck says of Tom “His support for the Scandinavian program was unwavering. He was always there if I needed to seek counsel.”

In October 2007 the Mills International Center officially replaced the former International Resource Center in a wonderfully renovated space in the UO Erb Memorial Union. Tom has dedicated his career to welcoming students from all around the world to the UO, and the Center reflects that hospitality and spirit of international exchange.

With roots in Naustdal in western Norway, Tom has kept his love of Scandinavian culture and traditions alive, despite his demanding 35-year UO career. Tom recalls family life growing up in Spokane, WA fondly:



Tom Mills, a strong advocate for the Scandinavian Studies program.

“ We celebrated Norwegian style Christmases on Christmas eve and enjoyed lutefisk (that had been soaking in our basement for weeks) and, of course, lefse, and fattigmann and spritz cookies.”

Together with his wife Martha he visited Norway for the first time in 1975, which inspired him to start studying Norwegian language with Ingrid Weatherhead at the UO. Tom says of that first visit: “We so enjoyed meeting our kind and thoughtful relatives, and seeing the stunning landscapes and mountain side farms and villages, that we were determined to return for a longer stay.” He brought his family to Norway again in 1979-80 on a Norwegian Marshall Fund grant. They lived in Oslo for the year, experiencing the cultural differences in every day life

first hand. Tom continued his study of Norwegian at the University of Oslo and conducted research on the Norwegian education system.

Tom has also been very active in the Friends of Scandinavian Studies, serving as our very first president from 1986-89, and is now back on the Board again. He’s been a strong advocate for the Scandinavian Studies program both officially and as a private citizen, and his hard work has produced tangible results, particularly in giving UO students the experience of living in a Scandinavian country.

Virpi Zuck sums up Tom’s numerous contributions best: “In short, in Tom Mills the Scandinavian program had a trustworthy friend, and I’m ever grateful for his collegiality and friendship.”



Friends' President
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Fall is here – and another academic year is starting at the University of Oregon. The Scandinavian program is celebrating a significant milestone, the first graduate-level Scandinavian course in the history of the Department of German and Scandinavian. Professor Ellen Rees will teach this course, SCAN 407/507 Space and Place in Literature, during fall term. Please see the Upcoming classes on page 3 of this newsletter – and enroll!

Before fall term gets underway, we'd like to acknowledge everyone who contributed to the success of the Midsummer Picnic at Alton Baker Park last June. The music and dancing and food and friendship were indeed special.

Fossegrimen played wonderful Scandinavian folk music on the Norwegian Hardanger fiddle, the Swedish nyckelharpa and other instruments. Harriet Bagdade and Robert Burger introduced and lead the lively Scandinavian folk dancing. David Elliker-Vaagsberg and Bill Anthony brought poles and decorations for the maypole, while others brought greenery and beautiful flowers. Many decorated the maypole. And everyone contributed delicious food or drink to the potluck. Thank you, everyone!

Odin Lodge of Vasa, Sonja Lodge of the Sons of Norway, and the Friends of Scandinavian Studies jointly sponsor our annual Midsummer Picnic. We hope to have other local Scandinavian-related organizations – Danish, Finnish, and Icelandic -- involved in the future as well. Please reserve the third weekend of June for the 2009 Midsummer Picnic when you're making plans next spring. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

Kathie

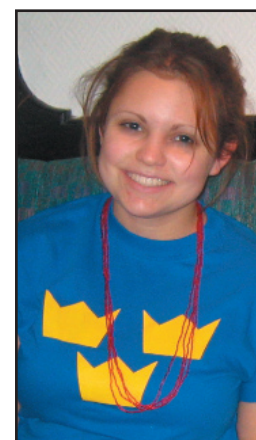
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Thank you!

June 24, 2008

Dear Friends of Scandinavian Studies,



I want to thank you sincerely for the generous scholarship you have awarded me for the upcoming academic year. Next year I will be studying on exchange in Uppsala, Sweden, thereby completing my degree in Scandinavian Studies. As you undoubtedly know, living in Sweden is expensive, and your support

has greatly helped me to be able to participate in the program. During my time in Sweden I will study Swedish language and literature; I am confident this experience will be invaluable to me as I pursue my goal of obtaining a Master's degree in translation and continuing on to a career in film and television subtitling. I could not be more excited to go to Uppsala, and again I thank you for helping to afford me this opportunity. Please let me know if I can keep you updated in any way about my time spent in Sweden.

Thank you again,
Rachel Weiner

Upcoming classes

FALL 2008

SCAN 251 Text and Interpretation
Tues & Thurs 4:00-5:20 (Stern)

SCAN 407/507

Space & Place in Literature
Mon Wed 4:00-5:20 (Rees)

Beginning language courses:

FINNISH 101
Mon Tues Wed Fri 11:00-11:50

NORWEGIAN 101

Mon Tues Wed Fri 8:00-8:50

SWEDISH 101

Mon Tues Wed Fri 10:00-10:50

Intermediate language courses:

NORWEGIAN 201
Mon Tues Wed Fri 10:00-10:50

DANISH 201

Mon Tues Wed Fri 11:00-11:50

SCAN 399/SWEDISH 301

Scandinavian Languages for
Reading Knowledge
Mon Wed Fri 12:00-12:50 (Rees)

Prerequisite: two years of Danish,
Norwegian, or Swedish, or the equivalent.

WINTER 2009

SCAN 259
Vikings Through Icelandic Sagas
Tues & Thurs 12:00-1:50 (Stern)

SCAN 351

Periods in Scandinavian Lit.: Roman-
ticism & the Modern Breakthrough
Tues & Thurs 2:00-3:20 (Stern)

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- President or Treasurer
- Vice President or Secretary
- Active Board Member

Some current board members
hold multiple positions, and
would like to see greater
participation from **you!**

Please contact Kathie Lindlan
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if you're interested in this
opportunity to support the UO
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