



**WAS DISTURBED BY ARTICLE** | Just wanted to make a note of something that was a little disturbing to me following *The Morningsider's* current issue. In the "Sharing Their Talents" article, I was glad that student Monica Rusk has been spending time with the treatment of HIV through her medical pursuit. However, I was not pleased that it was alluded she was a success through the voice of *Choice! Magazine*, a publication of Planned Parenthood. . . . I do not understand at all why Morningside would take on this position to its students and alumni. It was disappointing, and hopefully we can still learn and, then, teach that the biggest detriment to sexual disease and unplanned pregnancy is to promote abstinence. Thank you.

**Jennifer Noble 1998**  
**Sioux Falls, S.D.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE** | *The paragraph about Morningside student Monica Rusk was not intended to be taking a position about anything but was simply a statement of fact that one of our students had been recognized on a national level for her service to others.*

**MAGAZINE PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF MORNINGSIDE'S SUCCESS** | Thanks for another great issue of *The Morningsider*. From content to format, it really was a nice read and informative. I believe Morningside is on the rise again, and certainly, if people read this issue, they will find evidence to support this claim.

**Steve Hansen 1977**  
**Sioux City, Iowa**

**LIKES BOTH MAGAZINE AND E-NEWS-LETTER** | Wow! Morningside must be on the (technological) move! I really love the look of the new *Morningsider*, and your e-mail is great, too.

**Celia McGill 1970**  
**Newcastle, Neb.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE** | *Alumni, subscribe to On the Move, the college's e-newsletter, by sending your e-mail address to phillips@morningside.edu.*

**FOR A PRIVATE INSTITUTION TO THRIVE IS NO EASY TASK** | I am a 1968 Morningside graduate. I was the director of public relations at Morningside from 1980 to 1986. I worked closely with **President Tommeraasen 1943, Don Poppen 1957, Russ Wilson, Fred Erbes 1962**, and others. Previous to working at Morningside, I worked in a similar position at Briar Cliff College and then spent two years working for a German newspaper in Bremerhaven, Germany, my wife's hometown.

I moved east to New York with my family in 1986. I served as director of marketing for a State University of New York college for twelve years and have been the director of university relations at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for the past several years.

I want to compliment President Reynders on his incredibly impressive achievements at Morningside. From all appearances, he has been and continues to be the right leader at the right time for Morningside. For a private institution to survive and thrive anywhere in the United States . . . as dynamically as Morningside has . . . is no easy task. This can only happen as a result of highly effective leadership. I see the evidence of physical growth and campus beautification on my occasional visits home, and it is stunning. At the same time, the college's continuous attention to and service to students as well as academic excellence is clearly a high priority and obvious. I see this every time I get *The Morningsider* (which, by the way, gets better with each issue), or when I log on to the college Web site.

They say that a president must have good people to help carry out his vision. Clearly I am sure Morningside has the right team in place under the right leader at the right time. Keep up the good work.

**Doug Smith 1968**  
**East Stroudsburg, Pa.**



**PHOTO AROUSES CURIOSITY** | Can you tell me the date of the photo on the back of the latest *Morningsider*? One of my friends thinks it is a picture of me. I cannot remember the coat (and I had few enough clothes then, believe me). We thought it would be fun to know for sure.

**Marjorie (Kasten) Grimoskas 1946**  
**Davenport, Iowa**

**EDITOR'S NOTE** | *Unfortunately, we don't have even a date for this photo. It would be wonderful if anyone knows who the people in this photo are; please send a note to us if you do. We have so many photos in our archive, where this photo was found, for which we have no information. From time to time, The Morningsider will publish some of these in hopes of gathering information.*