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Dalen, Geoffrey Thomas
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Name:	Geoffrey Thomas Dalen
What brought you to Mankato:	The one college I applied to during High School. Attended and graduated twice.
What was Minnesota State Mankato Called?	Mankato State University
Year you graduated:	Yes. BS 1982, MBA 1988
Degree and Major:	BS Business Administration & Economics 1982. MBA 1988
Did you work for the University?	Yes. August 1986 to June 1988
Positions:	College of Business Advising Center Graduate Assistant I advised undergraduate students and potential incoming MSU students for Larry Herke
Old Main:	I visited Old Main while attending Business classes my freshman year at MSU, 1978 / 1979. This was the last year of Lower Campus.
Memories of Old Main:	I loved the Old Main building. It was a traditional brick building that was rather old in 1978 when I arrived at MSU. But it was very well maintained. There was beautiful woodwork throughout. It reminded me of the Northrup elementary school in Rochester, MN (built 1913) that I attended kindergarten through 2nd grade at. I thought it was much more interesting than the 1960's era buildings of lower campus (Nichols Hall and Searing for example) or the upper campus buildings (Morris, Armstrong, Nelson and Gage, for example). These buildings are modern,

	<p>economical, useful, square, plain and boring. Old Main was (and is) beautiful, traditional and memorable. I've seen the outside of Old Main just a few times since leaving Mankato in 1988. I'm glad that it has been re-purposed and still stands. I lived in Gage Hall for three years and enjoyed it. But it rather quickly became obsolete. My college roommate and I watched it implode a few years ago. My wife and I attended a concert last Summer in Mankato. I drove her around upper campus. When we got to lower campus, I parked in the Old Main lot and told her about these memories.</p>
Old main was used for:	Classrooms and bookstore
Any other memories:	-