

Minnesota State University, Mankato  
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Overby, Robert Lee  
Old Main Village History Form, Digital Submission, 2024.  
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<b>Name:</b>	Robert Lee, Overby
<b>What brought you to Mankato:</b>	I enrolled in graduate school in September 1973, and was a student in the Urban and Regional Studies Program. The director of that program, Dr. Robert Barrett, was my advisor.
<b>What was Minnesota State Mankato Called?</b>	Mankato State University
<b>Year you graduated:</b>	Yes. 1975.
<b>Degree and Major:</b>	Master of Arts degree in Urban and Regional Studies (land use planning and policy)
<b>Did you work for the University?</b>	No.
<b>Positions:</b>	-
<b>Old Main:</b>	I attended classes on-campus in the Fall of 1973 and Winter of 1974. One of my classes was Urban Economics. It was taught in a building on the lower campus. I'm not sure if it was in the Old Main building. I think so. The professor has a Finnish accent, so I had to listen closely, to try to understand him and the foreign language of Economics.
<b>Memories of Old Main:</b>	See above.
<b>Old main was used for:</b>	Classrooms is all I know about
<b>Any other memories:</b>	I spent most of my time on the upper campus and lived in a 1BR apartment on Monks

	<p>Avenue. I remember not liking the statistics class that was require (taught by a Dr. Shrewsbury). I did like a political theory class taught by Robert Pockrass. I finished my other classes back in the Twin Cities, with Dr. Barrett and a Geography professor who came to work on a motorcycle (cannot recall his name). I completed a 1-year internship at the old State Welfare Dept in Saint Paul. I had my graduation ceremony in Mankato on the upper campus, June 1975. I went on to work in State, Regional, county, and city government (as well as indirectly with township boards and officials); and a brief time at a private land use consulting company - all over a 29-year period. Then I did other work, and retired in 2022.</p>
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