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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY'S HOVERSON RELEASES FIRST BOOK

"Land of Amber Waters, The History of Brewing in Minnesota" Published by University of Minnesota Press

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Oct. 22, 2007 – Saint Thomas Academy social studies teacher and debate coach, Doug Hoverson, recently released his first book, "Land of Amber Waters, The History of Brewing in Minnesota," the culmination of a year-long sabbatical from the Academy during the 2004-05 school year.

The book starts with the state's first brewery in 1849 and recounts the small-town breweries that gave way to larger companies with regional and national prominence (including Hamm's, Grain Belt, and Schell's) to today's vibrant beer culture, fueled by a new wave of breweries, craft brewers, brewpubs, microbreweries, home brewers and beer aficionados. The book includes a comprehensive list of the nearly 300 breweries that have operated in Minnesota—including many never before listed in print.

The book was published by the University of Minnesota Press and is available for purchase at: http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/H/hoverson_land.html, as well as bookstores and online retailers.

Hoverson will host a public release party at Summit Brewing Co., 910 Montreal Circle, Saint Paul, on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

Hoverson has taught at Saint Thomas Academy for 16 years. He is associate editor of *American Breweriana Journal*, an award-winning homebrewer, and a certified beer judge.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, military/leadership, Catholic, college preparatory school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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