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Business: More speakers to visit next year

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"We didn't come here with this intention, but we all had the same feelings about how a business should be run — with kindness toward the environment and people," group president Derek Smith said.

T.J. McIntyre, one of the group's founders, said the idea sprang from a conference on sustainability and business they attended last year.

"We were just blown away by what we heard," he said. "When

we got back, we started recruiting people and rallying support."

While support from students has been building slowly, the administration has embraced the idea. Business school Dean Dale Morse not only provided a space for a group retreat, but he set aside one day for a mandatory first-year MBA seminar on combining corporate and social responsibility goals.

Mike Russo, a business professor who is the group's advisor, said the combination of a progressive faculty and activist students

makes the University a good place to support the group.

"Increasingly, students want to work with companies they can identify with both morally and philosophically," he said.

Despite good intentions, group members said being sustainable and making profits can sometimes be tough.

"It's a wealthy man's game right now," Kwasny said. "They're the only people who can afford the products which are often more expensive." Kwasny's business sold \$900 bed frames to owners of

second homes in mountain resort areas.

"There are no 100 percent sustainable companies, but there are some people out there who are trying to make a difference," he said.

Russo said next year will bring more readings, colloquiums and speakers. Group leaders said they expect to attract more and more students as they get their message out.

"Who feels good about making money if you're screwing people at the same time?" Parker said.

Actor Phil Hartman shot to death at his home

Police say he was killed by his wife, Brynn, who then shot herself in a possible murder-suicide

By Jennifer Bowles
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" was shot to death at his home Thursday, apparently by his wife, who then

killed herself while police were inside investigating.

Police could offer no motive for what they described as a possible murder-suicide inside the \$1.4 million, eight-room Encino mansion of the comedian known for his anchorman's voice, his comically smug, insincere grin, and his impressions of President Clinton and Ed McMahon.

Police had gone to the home after getting an early morning 911 call about a gunshot. They were removing Hartman's two children — a 9-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl — for their safety when they heard a shot in the master bedroom, police said.

There, they discovered the bodies of Hartman, 49, and his wife, Brynn Hartman, 40. The actor had been dead "for a while," said police spokesman Lt. Anthony Alba.

"We are investigating this as a possible murder-suicide," he said. "We know for sure that the female inflicted her own gunshot wound."

Friends and relatives said the Hartmans had been married at least since the early 1990s. Brynn Hartman, whose given name is Vicki Omdahl, grew up in the small northwestern Minnesota town of Thief River Falls.

"We're still in shock," her mother, Constance Omdahl of Thief River Falls, told the Grand Forks Herald. Omdahl declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press.

She made her way to California with dreams of becoming a model or actress. She later changed her first name to Brynn, according to public records.

An Encino neighbor, Susan Kaplow, said that she had no sense of trouble in the house and that Brynn Hartman was happy

on Wednesday. "She left me a really happy message yesterday," Kaplow said. "Everything was fine. We leave each other silly messages all the time."

Hollywood expressed shock and sadness, saying Hartman's specialty in playing annoying, acerbic, morally challenged characters ran counter to his real-life personality as an upbeat, devoted family man.

"He was one of those guys who was a dream to work with. I don't know anybody who didn't like him," said Joe Dante, who was directing Hartman in the movie "Small Soldiers." He said Hartman would often ask about the shooting schedule so he could work in trips to the zoo with his children.

Comic actor Steve Guttenberg, who knew Hartman for 20 years since their days together with the Groundlings comedy troupe, said the manner of his friend's death was "totally contradictory to the kind of guy he is."

"It shows when you see people, you don't know the complications behind their lives," Guttenberg said.

"Phil was a deeply funny and very happy person," said frequent "Saturday Night Live" guest Steve Martin. "This is a great tragedy."

Born Philip Edward Hartmann in Ontario, Canada, Hartman — who later dropped the second 'n' — was one in a line of Canadian-born comedians to find success in the United States, including the late John Candy and "SNL" veteran Dan Aykroyd.

Unlike them, Hartman grew up in America, first in Connecticut, then in Southern California. At Westchester High School on Los Angeles' West Side, he was the class clown, already doing im-

personations of John Wayne, Jack Benny and President Lyndon B. Johnson.

After high school, he studied art and wound up in graphic design, doing album covers for rock bands.

Drawn to stand-up comedy, Hartman in 1975 joined the Groundlings in Los Angeles. He collaborated with fellow Groundling Paul "Pee-wee Herman" Reubens on the script of the movie "Pee-wee's Big Adventure."

In 1986, he joined the "Saturday Night Live" cast that then included Jon Lovitz, Dennis Miller and Dana Carvey. In his seven seasons, he did impersonations of upwards of 70 famous people, including McMahon, Clinton, Jimmy Swaggart, Phil Donahue and Frank Sinatra.

"NewsRadio" came along in 1995, with Hartman playing the vain anchor Bill McNeal. The show was a critical favorite but was bounced around NBC's schedule and had trouble finding an audience.

"NewsRadio" had several brushes with cancellation, and it was somewhat surprising when NBC announced last week it would come back for another season.

Hartman also did voices for "The Simpsons."

As his TV career moved along, Hartman turned to the big screen in supporting, comic roles in such movies as "Jingle All the Way" and "Coneheads," and he was seen as a rising star.

In a 1995 interview, he said: "I've succeeded beyond my wildest dreams — financially and the amount of fun I have in my life."

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