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From the CHANCELLOR

Richard H. Wells, Chancellor

The new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Petra Roter, center, is just one of many the recent additions to the campus community. Roter saw the investment in building projects as one of many good reasons to be at UW Oshkosh, both from a faculty and a student perspective. Shown with her are two students of distinction, Eric Stetler and Sarah Edbauer, in front of the newly renovated Taylor Hall.

Stetler, a junior from Blue River, is triple majoring in accounting and Spanish. A four-year Academic Excellence Scholar and a member of the Honor’s Program, Stetler represents UW Oshkosh as a College of Business Ambassador and an Odyssey Captain for the orientation program. While maintaining his impressive 3.94 grade-point average, he works about 35 hours per week in a local real estate investment firm and as a management information systems computer technician. He recently was awarded the John E. Kerrigan Scholarship.

Edbauer, a junior from Kingsford, Mich., is an elementary education major with minors in math and French. She chose UW Oshkosh for its outstanding education program. In addition to being a University Honors Program student on the Dean’s List for four semesters, she was awarded the Excellence in French Language Award for 2004-2005 and was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, in 2004. Edbauer works as a Residence Life leadership development specialist, a University Honors Student Association activities director, a Big Brothers/Big Sisters School-Based mentor and as a volunteer at South Park Middle School.

UW Oshkosh is committed to following “green” or earth-friendly, principles. In October, the University hosted the largest Earth Chariter community summit in the world. Everything from expos on clean energy and “green” business to wolves in Wisconsin and “Wars, Energy, Global Climate Change and the Environment” were part of the fifth annual event.
In May, the philosophy department presented students Benjamin Zamzow, Green Bay, and Tabitha Zehms, De Pere, with the 2005 Socratic Award. Philosophy faculty, from left, included Alice Kyburg, Larry Herzberg, Ronald Cardero, David Gilboa, Larry Carlin and Marshall Minser.

Four UW Oshkosh students have been awarded a 2005 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. Bridget Bell of Green Bay is a biology/premedicine major with a minor in Spanish. She wants to become a pediatrician who cares for children with cancer or blood disorders. Nardalyn Johnson of Oshkosh has excelled academically in management information systems and nursing. She graduated in May with degrees in both majors. She enrolled in the College of Nursing’s intensive, one-year accelerated nursing program while completing work in the accelerated nursing assistant program with the campus免费 exam rooms, a lab room and teaching space. The new clinic, which has outgrown its former location on the UWO campus. The clinic, which has served the uninsured of Winnebago County for 10 years, has received a $250,000 grant from the Mercy Health Foundation, Aurora and ThedaCare. The clinic, which has served the uninsured of Winnebago County for 10 years, has outgrown its former location on the UWO campus. The unique collaboration has created a clinic with seven, fully equipped exam rooms, a lab room and teaching space.

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UW Oshkosh physics students soared above most of the competition in the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium’s first Student Rocket Design Competition in spring 2005. UW Oshkosh was the only team to get a perfect 15-point score for performance. Team members constructed a two-stage missile that was launched more than a mile into the sky and parachuted safely back to earth. Three students received a $1,000 grant from the consortium to build the two-stage missile.

UW Oshkosh geology professor Daniel Lehrmann, left, with researcher Hiroyoshi San of Kyoto University and some of the rocks they collected with UW Oshkosh student David Follett and a researcher from Harvard during field work last winter in Japan. Lehrmann and his student researchers have collected data showing that a sudden increase of carbon dioxide, probably caused by a massive eruption of volcanoes, caused the greatest mass extinction of life in world history. Lehrmann’s cutting-edge research also has taken him and his students to China, Turkey and Indonesia.

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Biology/microbiology Department Wins Regents Award

Whatever the achievement has earned the UW Oshkosh biology and microbiology department the 2005 UW System Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award for departments and programs. The department’s faculty members have brought millions of dollars in lab improvements, research grants and contracts to UW Oshkosh for projects that have helped communities throughout Wisconsin. Teaching and research in the department has prepared students to excel at international conferences, rise to the top in graduate school and quickly advance in careers. The honor includes $5,000 for professional development. It is the sixth Teaching Excellence Award won by UW Oshkosh faculty members and departments since the award was established in 1992.
UW Oshkosh theatre department playwright Richard Kalinoski’s play Beast on the Moon was named one of five must-see plays by the New York Daily News. The play has earned rave reviews, and its run at New York’s Century Theater was extended through Labor Day. The New York Times commented on the play’s importance in educating Americans about the significance of the Armenian genocide in Turkish history.

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Ruth DeYoung Kohler, a leading presenter of contemporary art in Wisconsin, and former U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson both received honorary doctorates of humane letters at UW Oshkosh. Kohler has been director of Sheboygan’s John Michael Kohler Arts Center for 33 years. Nelson, the father of Earth Day and a lifetime advocate for “rich land, clean air, safe water” in Wisconsin, received the nation’s highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 1995. He passed away on July 3, 2005.

UW Oshkosh student Kasey Berwig, left, helps out at the second annual UW Oshkosh Fishing Has No Boundaries last May. Adapted physical education professor Robert Weber, 20 of his students and many other student and community volunteers, staged the successful event.

Frederick Yeo has been named dean of UW Oshkosh’s College of Education and Human Services. Yeo had been the department chair at Southeast Missouri State since 2000 and an education faculty member there since 1996, when he earned a doctorate in education at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Longtime Kimberly-Clark Corp. executive Linda Bartelt has been named director of the UW Oshkosh Center for Community Partnerships. The appointment is a significant development for the nonprofit organization serving the university and region. Bartelt also will teach in the university’s College of Business.

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The UW System has approved a UW Oshkosh proposal to design a bachelor’s degree program for fire and emergency personnel. If campus groups and the UW System Board of Regents approve the plan, UW Oshkosh will offer the first baccalaureate degree program in Wisconsin specifically for fire and emergency personnel.
On UW campuses statewide, there is a definite flavor to the buildings. Built as baby boomers began their exodus from home to higher education, many classrooms and residence halls sprang up in the 1950s and 1960s to meet growing demand. By 1970, the population exploded to about 10,250 students from the 1950 enrollment of 792, at what was then called Wisconsin State University Oshkosh.

In the decades that followed, building project funds simply were unavailable to modernize, expand and adjust with the times. The buildings started to feel dated, and members of the campus community found themselves surveying their surroundings to declare, “We need a campus that reflects our promise and culture!” Some daunting challenges faced UW Oshkosh. Over time, class offerings expanded, and normal wear and tear began to take its toll. More savvy students demanded better facilities and greater amenities. Campus parking became an issue for students and faculty alike. And drastic budget cuts loomed ominously over each biennium. If UW Oshkosh was going to build itself into a campus worthy of the 21st century and six Regents Distinguished Teaching Awards, there were serious hurdles to clear.

Growing pains had hit the campus.

Recent issues of UW Oshkosh Magazine have explored our campus’s distinctiveness as it manifests itself through our alumni, faculty and colleges. But anyone who has spent any time at UW Oshkosh in recent years can see that we are building distinction through our surroundings, too. As we explore the physical structures that define us, we find that we’ve carved out many places of distinction.
“At UW Oshkosh, we embrace the integration of the three Ps—people, place and program,” Chancellor Richard H. Wells said. “We are always striving to provide first-rate facilities for our quality people and programs.”

Quality programs and innovative services bring credibility to the campus, but also pose challenges. For instance, the College of Nursing’s Living Healthy Community Clinic (LHCC), which provides primary care services for Winnebago County’s uninsured, saw huge growth in the number of patients served over recent years. While the people served received needed medical and nursing attention and the students involved got great hands-on service, the facility—cramped and hard to find in a remote corner of the Nursing Education building’s basement—struggled to be enough for all people.

Beyond the actual space in the facility, patients struggled with what so many on campus find a primary problem: parking. And patient surveys revealed that they felt intimidated if they had to reach their appointment in between classes when students swarmed the halls.

So a new, off-campus facility, placed in an unused healthcare office on Doctor’s Court, offered plenty of parking and a building that allows patients a covered drop-off space. Moreover, there is no concern about a mob of students hurrying to their next class.

Although one healthcare facility replaced another, logistical and structural changes were necessary. Like so many other “campus” buildings, the new Living Healthy Community Clinic needed to have updates to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other codes.

Clinic to offer total healthcare planned and managed by nurses and nurse practitioners. Although medical doctors and other volunteers collaborate to make the program successful, a major healthcare decision are between the nurse practitioners and their patients. With great space in which to practice, the nursing practitioners offer invaluable experience to the students studying with them.

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Steve Arndt, director of facilities management, says that for decades little attention had been given to the physical needs of campus beyond necessary maintenance. The UW System’s budget simply was stretched too thin for the state’s 13 campuses to address their needs for much-needed physical infrastructure. As a result, UW Oshkosh’s last major new building was Kolf Sports Center in 1971.

“Each new building, which costs $30-50 million, requires the UW System to carefully evaluate the needs and priorities of each campus and the System as a whole,” Arndt said. “There just are not the funds to fulfill every need.”

So the Space Planning Committee, made up of UW Oshkosh deans and senior administrators, was formed to help get decision-makers more closely linked to the challenges at hand. This group of visionaries makes decisions about the direction campus buildings need to take to meet educational and community objectives.

While the money for new buildings comes from the capital funds accounts, all agency funding provides hundreds of millions annually for repairs and renovations to existing facilities. These funds help to address the ADA shortfalls, such as remodeling the Nursing Education Building’s restrooms that did not allow wheelchair accessibility, a project this past summer, cosmetics, like replacing the metal fascia on Kolf Sports Center; simply widening doors to make them handicapped accessible meant relocating electrical service or plumbing, which meant moving cabinetry and countertops.

What should have been simple updating turned into major overhauls. Facilities management is accustomed to these challenges, which make their jobs exciting.

And the programming and outreach rewards for their efforts are plentiful. North of Milwaukee, UW Oshkosh’s LHCC is the only such clinic to offer total healthcare planned and managed by nurses and nurse practitioners. Although medical doctors and other volunteers collaborate to make the program successful, a major healthcare decision are between the nurse practitioners and their patients. With great space in which to practice, the nursing practitioners offer invaluable experience to the students studying with them.

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TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY by Lori Kroening

In his 30-plus years of teaching instructional technology in the UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services, Henry Winterfeldt’s typical classroom environment has evolved from flipcharts and slide projectors to scanners and laptops. Winterfeldt lobbied for purchase of the first computers in the college years ago, recognizing their potential for classroom use.

College funding and UW System support to modernize labs helped these first computer stations develop into a well-equipped facility on the second floor of the Nursing Education Building. Here, Winterfeldt continues to teach his instructional technology class and write grants to keep the resources up to date, as does his colleague Susan Cramer. Methodology courses in specific disciplines also are taught in this room.

Emphasis is not placed on learning how to operate the equipment, which includes computers, scanners, DVD burners, laserdisc players, a VCR, 13 workstations and 10 laptops. “Today’s students certainly know how to operate a VCR, … but there is such a ‘disconnect’ between the technology students use at home and the amount they use in the classroom,” Cramer explained.

The courses taught here focus on “how to integrate technology into lessons and into the curriculum,” Winterfeldt explained. The future teachers learn to create WebQuest projects that require the students to use both Web-based and traditional materials to gather information. They may ask their pupils to research how to create a refuge for an endangered native animal, including the correct dimensions of an enclosure, habitat, proper diet, activities common to the animal, and a budget for keeping the refuge up to date.

Cramer has taught the instructional technology class in another computer lab, but finds the unique design and flexibility of the NEE 202 classroom key to its value. Long tables in the center of the room provide workspace, while a ring of tables around the perimeter hold computers with ample room for collaborative work. An instructor at the front of the room can see all the computer monitors, observing each student’s progress.

Given the ever-advancing field of technology, Winterfeldt and Cramer try to replace the equipment in the classroom every three years in order to stay current.

Many students wish they had taken the class sooner so they could have applied their newfound skills in their other classes. Some software programs, like Miro, which shows students to create their own movies, are so addicting they are deliberately introduced later in the semester.

In addition to learning technical skills, students’ creativity is stimulated. Cramer described one student’s foreign language tutorial project—suitable for language students of any age—that used the face of a cat. As the user clicks on various parts of the cat’s face, the corresponding Spanish word is displayed, along with a helpful audio of the correct pronunciation.

Examples of student projects can be viewed on Susan Cramer’s website at http://asimov.coehs.uwosh.edu/~cramer/.

Upgrading the space created a facility designed to support the major. And the top-notch facility has increased the attention—and enrollment—of well-qualified, high school and transfer students across the state. The major, with coursework that focuses on human anatomy and physiology, attracts these ambitious students. Their presence in general education classes affects the motivation and work quality of their peers.

By raising the bar of achievement in the classroom, the athletic training majors create a domino effect of excellence. “The enrollment of first-year majors has doubled for our program,” said Hal Strooth, director of athletic training education. “Most visiting students, parents and other athletic teams specifically mention that facility as first-rate. I’ve seen the quality of students improve each year with regards to their ACT scores, grade-point averages, life experiences and desire to be at UW Oshkosh before others.”

The new facility offers clinical space and offices that are located near each other, a major concern for the facility and students in the program. Strooth said that the facility has simplified his job considerably. “He can recruit potential majors more easily and give them the proper attention when they are enrolled in the program. Enrollment is at more than 100 students.

“Facilities are a significant factor in a program like ours. Our facility conveys that students will get a quality experience,” Strooth said.

1928 OSHKOSH STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Dempsey Hall
Built in three sections: 1917, 1918 and 1969
Dempsey was built after the 1916 fire. The frontage seen along Algoma Boulevard was the first section built—the foundation apparently was in place prior to the fire—for the science and administration wing. The second wing was the library wing. The war effort, which banned state building construction unless it supported the war, may have delayed the final construction phase for the northeast part of the building.

Swart Hall
Built 1926-1928
Renovated 1967 and 1990
Built as a practice school and theater, the building worked to remedy the decaying classroom facilities on campus. Amid controversy of too few funds available to properly heat and furnish the building, it was finally opened as a state-of-the-art facility—noted as one of the top science training schools in the U.S. The building served as home to more than 1,000 Army Air Corps recruits between 1942-1944.
The university’s commitment to becoming an environmentally friendly campus adds another facet to the building and updating initiatives. Looting to protect the environment and conserve resources, UW Oshkosh works to be a green leader within the Division of State Facilities. These efforts may be as simple as replacing conventional light switches with daylight-sensitive switches or as complex as building plans that include intricate storm water runoff and utility plans and provisions for recycling old building materials, such as the asphalt from the tennis courts being ground up for the parking ramp that will be built next year.

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Looking to create an environment that encourages student and faculty collaboration, the design plans promise a graceful, timeless design and state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. The facility will build for academics what the updated Rave Memorial Union and J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium did for the social and athletic sides of campus life: a sense of pride and purpose.

With all the development—residence halls, health and wellness, clinical space, social gathering spots, athletics and advising—it seems only appropriate that the new academic building should serve as UW Oshkosh’s crown jewel.

“Not only will the new academic building provide state-of-the-art classrooms and labs for students and faculty campuswide, but the additional space also will mean opportunities for expansion and renovation of current facilities to benefit the entire campus community,” said Sue Neitzel, Interim Foundation President. “The project is an investment for the future—the future of UW Oshkosh, our community, northeastern Wisconsin and the state.”

Chancellor Wells’ vision for UW Oshkosh as a quality place for education is coming alive with the demolition and rebuilding of old structures and ambitious plans for new ones. That vision is turning into reality—a very distinct place, indeed.

The students worked with UW Oshkosh scientists and a biochemist from Lawrence on current research.

“This was one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had, because so many of these students are at a crossroads in their lives and in their education,” Sandrin said. “Some said the experience here was life-changing, in terms of their future education and training.”

Some also said they want to enroll as undergraduate or graduate students at UW Oshkosh.

With more than $300,000 from NSF and the state, the first of a two-phase remodeling project was completed this fall at the Aquatic Research Lab. Director Michael Lizotte hopes funding for a second, $300,000 phase will be approved soon by the State Building Commission.

About half the equipment for the lab has been purchased, but most of it will remain at Halsey Science Center until the second phase is finished. It includes sophisticated units that use sound waves and laser beams to measure water flow and particles in streams and rivers. Both will help monitor pollution and explain changes in aquatic food chains that could help preserve fish populations.

“When it’s finished, the lab not only will advance research to help area communities but also educate people of all ages about area waterways and even incubate waterway business development,” Lizotte said.
**International Education**

International students from across the globe find a home at UW Oshkosh.

They come from 46 countries, and each of the 75 international students attending UW Oshkosh has a different story to tell. But there’s one thing you can say about all of them. “They’re something special for our students,” said Bryan Mylrea, international student advisor. Most students come from within 200 miles of Oshkosh, he said, and may not ever have been further away from home than “Up North.” “Students from Pakistan, Japan and Russia bring a much different experience,” Mylrea said. “Knowing them can make you see the world a little bit smaller for our students.”

That’s why the campus is making such an effort to attract more international students. Mylrea and the university’s new Office of International Education are stepping up efforts to get the word overseas on what a good educational opportunity UW Oshkosh offers.

They also are taking steps to make the campus more inviting to international students, including educational sessions where faculty and others can learn about the special challenges facing students from overseas. Mylrea and the International Student Association (ISA) are increasing efforts to help students who encounter problems when they get here.

“The biggest challenge we face is trying to let people abroad know we’re here and how great our programs are,” Mylrea said. Steps being considered include advertising in overseas publications, giving materials to the increasing number of UW Oshkosh students and faculty studying overseas to distribute to prospective students and setting up recruiting tours for foreign students.

Alex Zinoviev came to the U.S. five years ago from just north of Vladivostok in far eastern Russia. Living with a host family, he adjusted quickly as an exchange student at Oshkosh West High. After graduation, he enrolled at UW Oshkosh, despite getting scholarship offers from several schools, so that he could remain with his host family and save money.

As an exchange student, adjustment was easier for Zinoviev. An “A” student, his biggest challenge at UW Oshkosh has been getting too involved. He’s in activities all over campus, and he takes a lot of extra classes. “I’ve squeezed everything I could possibly squeeze out of this place!” said the senior marketing student, who plans to attend graduate school.

Aliko Sinozaki came from Japan in 1998 as an exchange student in Beaver Dam, and she studied in Iowa before transferring to UW Oshkosh to major in social work. She now works as an intern for state Sen. Carol Roesler of Oshkosh.

“My experience here has been great,” she said. “People are very understanding, and I was surprised how many know about Japan and its culture.”

Both Sinozaki and Zinoviev have been heavily involved with the ISA. Not so much because they needed the guidance and mentoring of other ISA students, but because they knew how important it was for students new to Oshkosh.

As president of ISA, Zinoviev organized social activities for new students. With Sinozaki as ISA president last year, the group held an International Education Week, International Week activities for Asian Heritage Month, trips to Chicago and Appleton, cookouts and other social events.

“Both international and American students get involved,” she said. “It’s a great place to get to know people, a really fun organization.”

International students aren’t just having fun at UW Oshkosh.

“In general, these students are the cream of the crop,” Mylrea said. “They have a nearly 100-percent graduation rate. All-in-all, we have a group of very well-adjusted international students here.” —Frank Church

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**People of Pride**

Fluorescent lights, not the limelight, define Jo Ann Rife’s work. And furniture, ergonomics, ADA compliance, durable and chemical resistant fabrics and finishes. As a facility designer, Rife plans and oversees some of the interior spaces on campus. And with all the renovation and expansion, this is no small feat.

A facility designer looks at the interior structure and creates plans to best implement functional space, while complying with building codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and challenging budgets. While her responsibilities range from choosing fabrics and furniture that will be functional and aesthetic, Rife decidedly is not an interior decorator.

“I work more like an interior architect,” Rife said. “I redesign the space can be something as simple as changing our cabinets or as complex as knocking down walls and relocating electrical and plumbing.”

“Each day is different,” Rife enthused. “I redesign a faculty office space one day and help construct a health-care facility the next. Each day has new challenges.”

She has worked on the athletic training facility, the Women’s Center and the registrar’s and advisement center’s redesign.

Rife was an integral part of redesigning the new Living Healthy Community Clinic that opened recently on Doctor’s Court. While it seems a simple process—opening a clinic in what had previously been used as a medical building—it was actually quite an undertaking.

“Just one issue at the new facility was that the doors were not ADA compliant,” Rife said. “To make the doors wide enough, we had to relocate them. Which meant that we had to relocate the cabinets and countertopstops, electrical and plumbing.”

Steve Arndt, director of facilities management, has many dedicated people in his planning department. “Jo Ann is a perfect example of the work ethic and dedication shown by the department as a whole,” he said.

—Heidi M. Heitmann

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Building Super

Chuck Hermes, building and grounds superintendent

It doesn’t even remotely rival what happened along the Gulf Coast, but Mother Nature also paid a nasty visit to UW Oshkosh this summer.

Luckily, Chuck Hermes was in charge of that relief effort.

When a downpour hit Oshkosh and flooded Kohl Sports Center, it did plenty of damage. Acting quickly, superintendent of buildings and grounds Hermes got his crew working, found a used transformer to replace one that was disabled in the storm and fixed the damage.

Later in the summer, a construction project shut down bathrooms in the Nursing Education Building. That’s a bad enough, but then a waterline for Clow Social Science Center and Clow Faculty ruptured and the elevator in Clow Social Science Center went out, both just before fall classes were scheduled to begin in September. Some might have called in the National Guard, but not Hermes.

It took a few days to find and install a new motor for the elevator, a few more to get the waterline fixed. But it all got done before classes began. The only inconvenience: staff had to walk farther for facilities.

Emergencies happen, but Hermes and his crew, numbering about 110, are good at coming to the rescue. “He’s got a great attitude in a very demanding job,” said Steve Arndt.

Hermes, 47, worked as an electrician at Kiel & Warner, Neenah, and UW-Madison before coming to UW Oshkosh in 1989. He moved up fast, becoming superintendent about six years ago.

“He’s gotten where he has because of his outstanding work ethic and because he works so well with people,” Arndt said. “He’s very good at dealing with contractors so they provide the campus with quality work.”

Thankfully, the Little Chute native also likes a challenge.

“I’ve asked him to do many things, and he’s never once objected,” Arndt said. “He’s eager to learn and improve.” —Frank Church
William Povletich, a native of Mesopotamia, and a 1995 graduate, served as the supervising producer for the film. Povletich, a 2003 recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, has been involved in several award-winning productions. Hired as an associate producer for Fear Factor in 2001, Brad Carr, a native of Oshkosh, coordinates the more than 100-person crew on location. “Today we’re in Los Angeles, and tomorrow we’re in Long Beach,” Brad said. “We’re constantly moving.”

Fear Factor entered its sixth season, with 125 episodes, and has reached nationwide syndication. Brad has tested some Fear Factor stunts, even highway between oncoming riding a dirt bike on a semitrailer. He also has worked on the sets of Judging Amy, Steve Smarra and Dismissed. Brad and another alum, Kevin Vehrenberg (’93) of Eau Claire, were honorary marathons for the Oct. 22 UW Oshkosh Homecoming Parade. Vehrenberg, who also bolsters Fear Factor’s success, is a 2002 recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Deborah advises students pursuing a career in radio, television or film, to be active. “Who you know will get you in the door, but the work ethic keeps you there,” she said. “Seize the resources and opportunities at UW Oshkosh. Don’t wait until your senior year. Explore!” —Marie Martin

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Awards and Honors

James Alderson, technical director, theatre, was elected vice president of the Mid-Missouri section of the University of Tennessee Institute for Theater, Technology, Women, in spring 2005.

Bryan L. Bain, assistant director, undergraduate advising resource center, was elected to the board of directors of the American Lung Association, 2005–2006.

Karen Bower, student, academic affairs officer, Letters and Science, was elected to third term of the State Student government’s Charter School Advisory Board by the state legislature.

Laurence Carlin, assistant professor, philosophy, won the Colas and Afriturkie International Essay Prize Competition sponsored by the International Berkeley Society, fall 2005.

Shannon Chappy, assistant professor, nursing, was named the Winner’s Award in the category “Live Annual Meeting,” at the 2nd PostOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), New Orleans, La., spring 2005.

Martin Gruberg, professor, political science, was a delegue at the Bicentennial Convention of the American Liberty Union, New York, summer 2005.

Robert Harshari, assistant professor, English, was elected to the panel on “Innovation in Steerwater: What Does We Do in the National Park Service?” at the West Region General Conference, Portland, Ore., summer 2005.

Daniel Lehmann, professor, geology, awarded the SNC Manufacturing, endowed professorship, Oshkosh, fall 2005.

Marie Marlin, office operations associate, University Relations, was elected vice president for programs, American Association of University Women, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, branch, May 2005.

William Mociuk, professor, geology, was appointed to the Joint Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists of the State Department of Agriculture, fall 2005; he was also appointed a member of the Nongovernment Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey by State Geologist James Robertson, fall 2005.

Gail Panko, professor and department chair, art, had her piece “Temple Shadows” acquired, scovill, spring 2005.

Koji Sogin, assistant professor, coscience education, was elected vice presi- dent-elect of post-secondary education by the Wisconsin School Counseling Association, Stoughton, Wis., spring 2005.

Buck Turner, professor, management and entrepreneurship, was named a Wis- consin Seoul Sister City Program and also given the American Asso- ciation for Leaner and Recreation Tommy Wilson Award, fall 2005.


William Woolf, professor, management information systems, presented “15 Years of Looking at a Learning Center” at the National College Learning Association Annual Conference of Directors of Financial Aid Programs and Learning Communities, cincinnati, summer 2005.

Jan Norton, director, Center for Academic Resources, presented “15 Years of Learning” at a Learning Center” at the National College Learning Association Annual Conference of Directors of Financial Aid Programs and Learning Communities, cincinnati, summer 2005.

Jean Poenssen, lecturer, mathematics, was using “An Animated Power- Point Presentation on The Role of Transformations” at the annual Hawai’i International Conference on Statistics, Honolulu, Hawai’i, winter 2005.


Martin Gruberg, professor, political science, co-presented “People’s Choice Award” at the Wisconsin Political Science Association, Milwaukee, annual meeting, fall 2005.


Marilyn Hart, professor, operations management, presented “Can I Trust the Accuracy of Statistical Results? The horizontal course” at the “How To Test the Accuracy of Statistical Results” at the Winter Science Institute of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, fall 2005.


Judy Lambrecht, professor, education, presented “Conceptually Divided Academic System: A Thorough Approach in the Construct of the Interna- tion as the International Reading Association annual meeting, san Antonio, Tex., spring 2005.

Robert Steller, professor, business, economics, and political science, presented “People’s Choice Award” at the Wisconsin Political Science Association, Milwaukee, annual meeting, fall 2005.

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Bruce Turner, professor, management and entrepreneurship, was named a Wisconsin Seoul Sister City Program and also given the American Association for Leaner and Recreation Tommy Wilson Award, fall 2005.

Jennifer Wenner, assistant professor, nursing, won the Writer’s Contest Award in the category “Live Annual Meeting,” at the 2nd PostOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), New Orleans, La., spring 2005.

Kelli Saginak, assistant professor, nursing, presented “The Effects of Deposited Fine Sediment on the Growth and Development of the Yellow Perch Perca Flava” at the Wisconsin State Reading Association annual meeting, spring 2005.

Beck Turner, professor, management and entrepreneurship, and Susan Schramm, assistant professor, management and entrepreneurship, presented “Family Meetings Matter!” Their Relationship to Planning and Performance Outcomes” at the “The United States State Reading Association and Annual Conference, New Orleans, la., spring 2005.

James Timas, director, the Defiant Power of the Human Spirit” at the First International Conference on Business, Honolulu, Hawaii, spring 2005.

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Ronald Marks and Stanley Sibley, professor, marketing, “Distance Education and Learning Style.” Some Interesting Results” at the International Applied Business Research Conference, Penticton, B.C., spring 2005.


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Diana Vuong, professor, biology/microbiology, presented “Mechanical Retinex- ity in the Cone-Dominant Ground Salisbury Redtail,” “A Study of a Newfoundland Dog’s Retina” and “A Study of a Newfoundland Dog’s Retina” at the National Reading Association annual meeting, St. Lourdes, Fr., spring 2005.

Elizabeth White-Stainbrook, professor, foreign languages and literatures, presented “The Effects of Deposited Fine Sediment on the Growth and Development of the Yellow Perch Perca Flava” at the Wisconsin State Reading Association annual meeting, spring 2005.


Roman Steiner, professor, business, economics, and political science, presented “People’s Choice Award” at the Wisconsin Political Science Association, Milwaukee, annual meeting, fall 2005.

Sung Tak Kim, professor and chairman, presented “Predictors for Academic Performance” at the Wisconsin State Reading Association annual meeting, spring 2005.

Michael Voelkel, professor, biology/microbiology, presented “Monitoring Leaf Temperature Dynamics” at the American Chemical Society annual meeting, Chicago, Ill., spring 2005.

Jennifer Mihalick, assistant professor, psychology, presented “Teaching Supply Chain Coordination with Excel Solver” at the 16th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business, Honolulu, Hawaii, spring 2005.

Grants

The grants listed below for Dec. 31, 2004 and June 1, 2005, and apply to those projects that have received funding for $5,000 or more. They are limited by project purpose.

Stephen Banerjee, biology/microbiology, Plants and Soil Microbes, $2,125,188, National Science Foundation.

Lori Carver, communication, UW System Office of Professional and Interna- tional Development (OPIID) Teaching Fellow, $5,000, UW System OPIID.

Michael Ford, human development and family studies, $3,000, Health in Aging, $7,400, Northeast Wisconsin Area Health Education Center.

Rozin Corna, foreign language and literature, International Berkeley Essay Competition and Reflections in the Colonial Period, $7,500, UW System Institutes on Race and Ethnicity.

Craig Feidler, special education, Refugee Teacher Training, $25,000, Wiscon- sin Department of Public Instruction.

Michael Haupt, human development and family studies, UW System PK-16 EQ, $15,934, Accredited Licensing Program for Early Childhood Professionals, $10,000, UW System.

Maurice Hawkins, division of Academic Support, Pre-College, $17,000, UW System Institutes on Race and Ethnicity.

Toni Kallas, biology/microbiology, Rodents Research and Function-Quasar Redline Sites, $311,620, National Science Foundation.

Stephen Kechter, nursing, Teaching Quantitative Skills-Geosciences, $100,000, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Rocio Cortes, community health education, Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, $21,695, National Science Foundation/University of Pennsylvania.
On a sunny afternoon in early September, the dedication of the newly renovated football field at the Oshkosh Sports Complex brought the $5.7-million renovation project another step closer to completion.

Sophomore quarterback Joe Patek led the UW Oshkosh Titans to a 41-13 victory over Concordia University, as the crowd of more than 5,000 cheered.

“We were honored to be with John Keller and his family prior to the game to dedicate the field,” said Phil Meyer, Titan head football coach. “Our players were excited to play at J. J. Keller Field and bring home a victory in front of a great crowd at the Oshkosh Sports Complex.”

Before the kickoff, UW Oshkosh and the Titans recognized J. J. Keller & Associates Inc. as a major contributor and private donor to the Oshkosh Sports Complex by dedicating the new football field as J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

“J. J. Keller has proven to be a generous benefactor, dedicated investor and significant employer of UW Oshkosh alumni,” said Darryl Sims, UW Oshkosh athletics advancement officer.

The million-dollar contribution made by the Keller family marks the largest to date in UW Oshkosh’s history and has been instrumental in facilitating the renovation project at the Oshkosh Sports Complex.

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Through a unique partnership among UW Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area School District and Unified Catholic Schools of Oshkosh, the new track and sports complex will become the home for many of the city’s middle and high school and collegiate athletes.

Funded entirely through private donations, the ambitious project is entering its third phase, which includes updating locker rooms, team meeting rooms, coaches’ rooms and restroom facilities.

Sims said the UW Oshkosh Foundation still needs more community support to complete the project. “We are not done!” has become our rallying call as we enter into the most critical component of the entire project,” he said. “The next phase will allow us the flexibility to hold events at the complex, events that could generate more than $30 million annually. We still have a lot to do to bring the complex to completion. We’re gearing up to finish it as soon as the resources are available to move forward,” Sims said.

For more information about the Oshkosh Sports Complex, visit www.osc.uwosh.edu or contact the Foundation at (920) 424-2178.

—Marie Martin

**Titans Earn Share of WIAC Title**

UW Oshkosh earned a piece of the 2005 WIAC women’s volleyball championship by defeating UW-La Crosse, 3-0, on Oct. 19 in La Crosse.

The Titans won games of 30-22, 30-16 and 30-26 to finish WIAC play tied for first place in the league standings with UW-Whitewater. UW Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater both won seven of their eight WIAC contests, with the Warhawks grabbing their portion of the league’s prize by defeating UW-Platteville, 3-1.

UW Oshkosh’s WIAC women’s volleyball championship is the seventh in school history. The Titans, who were picked to finish seventh in this year’s WIAC race, also captured league titles in 1982, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995 and 2001.

UW Oshkosh (26-2), ranked seventh in the NCAA Division III by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, led 19-17 in game one before going on a 9-1 scoring run to lead 28-18. The second game was tied 6-6 before the Titans went on a 12-3 scoring run. UW-La Crosse (16-7/4-4 WIAC) led 17-15 in the third game before UW Oshkosh rallied to take a 24-14 advantage. The Eagles cut their deficit to 27-26, but the Titans scored the final three points of the contest.
Keefe Accepts Post at Saint Louis University

foundation President Thomas Keefe has accepted the position of vice president of development and university relations at Saint Louis University. He resigned his UW Oshkosh post, effective Nov. 25. “Tom has given us four, great years,” said Chancellor Richard H. Wells. “Under his leadership, the Foundation has achieved record levels of giving and has been a catalyst for positive campus growth at a time of major reductions in state funding.”

Wells noted the major role Keefe and the UW Oshkosh Foundation have played in increased funding for student scholarships and faculty research, along with launching the Oshkosh Sports Complex project, acquiring the Foundation Center and advancing efforts to build a major new academic building at UW Oshkosh.

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Department of Geology Endowed Research Fund, established by an anonymous donor and supplemented by alumni and patron contributions, will support students engaged in geological research.

New Funds and Scholarships

- simpaint Inc. and Adventures in Advertising Graphic Art Scholarship is awarded to graphic arts students with 75 or more credits and a grade-point average of at least 3.0.
- AnchorBank Scholarship is granted to business majors with 75 or more credits, a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 and financial need.
- Linda L. and Jeffrey D. Bartelt Fund will support scholarships for business students with an interest in entrepreneurship, small business and/or family business. Linda (MBA ’94) was recently named director of UW Oshkosh’s Center for Community Partnerships.
- Arnold Peterson Chalberg and Charlene Barr Chalberg Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to finance majors. The scholarship was funded through bequests from Arnold and Charlene Barr Chalberg, ’59 and MST ’69 of Oshkosh and a contribution from the Barbara and Roderick Bartell Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.
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Rose Legacy Society

There is still time to become a charter member of the Rose Legacy Society. The society was formed to recognize those individuals who have designated the Foundation as the recipient of a bequest or other planned gift. Please contact the Foundation at (920) 424-2178 or visit us at uwosh.edu/foundation for more information.
See full schedule: www.uwosh.edu/dayinthewild

Feb. 9–11, 16–18, 7:30 p.m., The Visit, Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.


Feb. 12, 19, 2 p.m., The Visit, Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.


March 2–4 7:30 p.m., Student Directed One-Acts, Experimental Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

March 3–23 High School Art Exhibit, Allen Priebe Art Gallery (920) 424-2235.


March 12 7 p.m., "Christmas Nights," Planetarium Show, Buckstaff Planetarium. (920) 424-0287.


March 19 5:30 p.m., Dan Zevin, "Life After College," UW Oshkosh Speaker Series, Kevin Roberts. (920) 424-7042.

March 20 7 p.m., "A Deeper Look," Planetarium Show, Buckstaff Planetarium. (920) 424-0287.


April 7 7 p.m., "Starry Nights—Spring Skies," Planetarium Show, Buckstaff Planetarium. (920) 424-0287.

April 9 7–9 p.m., "Slasher Broadway on a Budget Film Series," Allen Priebe Art Gallery. (920) 424-2235.

April 10 7 p.m., "The Visit," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

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April 13 7 p.m., "A Deeper Look," Planetarium Show, Buckstaff Planetarium. (920) 424-0287.

April 15 7 p.m., "Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

April 20–22, 27–29, 7:30 p.m., "Zombies from the Beyond," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

April 21 7 p.m., "Zombies from the Beyond," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

April 23 30 p.m., "The Visit," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

April 27 7–9 p.m., "The Visit," Fredric March Theatre. (920) 424-7042.

May 5 Seventh Annual UW Oshkosh Student Symphony for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, UW- Stout. (920) 424-1195.

Where Have You Shown Your Titan Pride?

Sandra Gutierrez, ’04, and Katie Parsons, ’04, recently visited Florence, Italy, where Parsons sported a UW Oshkosh T-shirt on the Ponte Vecchio bridge.

Warmest regards,

Christine Gantner
Director of Alumni Relations
Alumni Calendar of Events

Check out our line-up of 2006 alumni activities below, and please spread the word. Make this the year you reunite with some of your college friends. Remember, the Alumni Office can help you gather addresses of friends you have "lost."

For more information about these events, contact Alumni Director Christine Gantner toll free at (877) UW0-ALUM—(877) 896-2586—or e-mail alumni@uwosh.edu.

Jan. 14, Women’s Basketball Reunion
Jan. 17, Fond du Lac Area Alumni Reception
Feb. 2-3, Alumni Reception at the Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention, Milwaukee
Feb. 11, Men’s Basketball Reunion
Feb. 23, Alumni Reception at the Wisconsin State Counselors’ Association Convention, Stevens Point
April 28-29, Alumni Weekend in Wisconsin Dells, Wilderness Resort (see page 39) (800)867-9453
April 29-May 7, Alumni Travel Opportunity—Best of the Alps: wwwglobalsholidays.com/avok/ or call Alumni Association from April 29 to May 7.

Austria, Tuscany Tours Planned
Experience Kitzbuhel in the Austrian Alps with the Alumni Association from April 29 to May 7.

At the main alumni tent, the Brass Band rocked the Titan Underground in the College of Business. The young alumni reception in Titan Underground drew more than 100.

The Titan football team scored a big win, 23-20, over UW-Stevens Point, making their record 6-1.


Many alumni, students, staff and community members gathered at Pollock Alumni House for the parade. The UW Oshkosh Alumni Association float featured the Winneconne Band and the 2005 alumni award recipients. Grand marshals were Kevin Wehrenberg, ’93, and Brad Carr, ’01, producer and associate producer of the hit NBC series Fear Factor.

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—Sheryl Hanen

Golden Titans

Class of 1965

Seated: from the left—Judith Wurich Roblee, Gail Fleisher Steinhalter, Patricia Johnson Rose, Harold Pelton, Harriet Lewandowski

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Future Homecoming Dates

Oct. 14, 2006
Oct. 6, 2007
Oct. 18, 2008
Eight Receive 2005 Alumni Awards

Eight UW Oshkosh alumni were honored for outstanding professional and civic accomplishments during the university’s Homecoming celebration. An awards dinner was held Oct. 21 in Reeve Memorial Union.

Distinguished Alumni

Recipients of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award, the Alumni Association’s highest honor:

Crystal (Hielberg) Gorwitz, ’80, Hortonville Northside Middle School physical education and health teacher, was the 2004 National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. She is respected as a national leader in the fight against childhood obesity and has garnered praise for inspiring students to remain physically fit for life.

In 2001, Gorwitz and two colleagues won a $233,000 grant to revamp the Hortonville School District’s physical education program. The district was one of only 18 in the country to earn the grant. With the grant money, Gorwitz and her colleagues took a fresh approach to physical education curriculum in Hortonville, where students can now choose exercise options, such as snowshoeing, mountain biking, in-line skating and backpacking. The curriculum has drawn national attention, including a 2004 Sports Illustrated article and a 2005 NBC Nightly News segment. Both detailed Gorwitz “outside the box” class offerings.

She also uses technology in the classroom—heart-rate monitors, computerized fitness testing equipment and personal digital assistants. Gorwitz has presented programs about her physical education program across the country.

Gorwitz received the 2005 CITATION Award from the Wisconsin Association of Sport and Physical Education Recreation and Dance, and was named a 2005 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. She regularly returns to UW Oshkosh as a guest lecturer.

P. Scott Hassett, ’74, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) secretary, joined the agency in 2003. Previously, he worked for Lawton & Cates, S.C., a Madison law firm where he spent 22 years handling environmental law programs. This certification helps

ensure forests will continue to be renewed—instead of managed.

He started the “Bring Back the Rivers” initiative, aimed at restoring the aesthetic and ecological integrity of urban river ways. He also has continued efforts to contain and eradicate chronic wasting disease in Wisconsin’s whitetail deer herd.

By leading the DNR’s acquisition of land under the state’s stewardship program, Hassett has emphasized controlling invasive species and assuring outdoor recreational opportunities for hunters and anglers. He also is credited with streamlining permitting processes.

Hassett was editor-in-chief of the Oshkosh Advocate-Titan in 1973. During his time on the editorial staff, the newspaper won the Pacemaker Award as the top college weekly in the nation. He graduated in 1974, and landed a job as managing editor at the Jefferson Banner in Jefferson, Wis. During his two years there, he won an investigative reporting award for a story relating to groundwater pollution.

In 1980, he earned a law degree from Rutgers University and joined Lawton & Cates, S.C. He later became a partner. Hassett is originally from Madison, the city he still calls home.

Michael Monroe, ’69, is the operations unit manager of the Milwaukee Flight Standards District Office, Federal Aviation Administration. He lives in Racine.

In 1967, Monroe became the first black resident at UW Oshkosh. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history and political science, he attended the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1970. In 1976, he earned a master of arts degree from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

Until his honorable discharge in 1982 at the rank of captain, Monroe served the Marine Corps all over the world in aviation; infantry and intelligence assignments. His final assignment was battalion executive officer, normally held by a major.

Monroe joined the Federal Aviation Administration’s Flight Standards Division as an aviation standards inspector in 1989. In 2004, he began his current position as manager of the operations certificate management unit, staffed with aviation safety inspectors.

He is responsible for the FAA’s oversight of flight-related operations at most airports in Wisconsin, including General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee and Oshkosh’s Wittman Field—the busiest airport in the world each summer during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture convention.

Monroe, Sussex, earned a master’s degree in special education from UW Oshkosh in 1970.

Patrick Roetzer, ’70, is a consultant in restorative dentistry at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Martinez, Calif. He is a dentist and inventor who holds seven patents for products and materials used in restorative dentistry.

One patent is for a resin sculpting system, which helps dental professionals sculpt natural-looking surfaces with resin. Through this and other dental product development, he is credited with helping bring dentistry out of the “dark ages” of amalgam-based (mercury) restorative materials to tooth-shade, biologically and environmentally friendly epoxy and glass composite filling materials.

Roetzer also is committed to helping his colleagues stay current in the field. In 1992, Roetzer established the North Bay Dental Education Center to provide continuing education for dentists and their staffs.

He also lectures nationally and internationally on a variety of dental topics, such as restorative dentistry and infection control. He serves as a consultant to various dental manufacturers on product development.

Roetzer has been featured on CNN, BBC radio, the Discovery Channel’s Beyond 2000 and in numerous newspaper articles. He has qualified as an expert witness in the San Francisco and Alameda County Superior Court systems.

A native of Marinette, Roetzer earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from UW Oshkosh. In 1974, he earned a degree in dentistry from Marquette University.

He lives in Benicia, Calif. —Sheryll Hanson

Call for Nominations

Nominations for 2006 Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni awards will close April 1. Distinguished Alumni nominees must be active in their field and widely recognized for their career or civic accomplishments. Outstanding Young Alumni nominees need to be UW Oshkosh undergraduates or graduate alumni of the past 15 years. Selection is based on professional or civic accomplishments and future promise.

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Alumni Anniversary Award

The Alumni Anniversary Award recognizes professional and civic achievements of a member of the 50th anniversary class.

This year’s recipient is Francis L. Schmitz, ’55. Schmitz dedicated his career to higher education. Described by former student as “rough but fair,” he is a professor emeritus at the department of physics and astronomy, UW-Stevens Point.

As one of the first liberal arts graduates of UW Oshkosh—previously a teacher education school—Schmitz majored in physics and chemistry and minored in mathematics. He later earned master’s and doctorate degrees in physics and physics education from UW-Madison.

He taught briefly at UW Oshkosh before joining UW-Stevens Point in 1959. Schmitz chaired the department between 1972 and 1993.

During most of his tenure at UW-Stevens Point, he taught introduction to physics, a required course for physics, math, chemistry, paper science and pre-engineering majors.

In 1974, he led the expansion of his department—formerly known as physics—to physics and astronomy. He helped develop a minor in microelectronics, which taught primarily pre-engineering students to develop interface equipment. He also helped develop a physics course for natural resource majors.

Schmitz was state representative to the National Council of the American Association of Physics Teachers for 15 years, and served three terms as president of the Wisconsin Association of Physics Teachers.

After retiring as a full professor in 1996, he was granted the title professor emeritus. He now lives in Johnsburg, where he tutors fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders in math and reading. He serves his community in civic projects and is a trustee of his parish.

Francis Schmitz, ’55

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Outstanding Young Alumni

Recipients of the 2005 Outstanding Young Alumni Award, which recognizes the professional accomplishments and future promise of alumni who graduated in the past 15 years:

Steven Endries, ’91, is the second-generation president of Endries International, a global industrial distributor and provider of vendor-managed inventory services in Brillion.

Endries succeeded his father and company founder, Bob Endries, as president in 2004. The young Endries spent 15 years working in nearly all areas of the company—including sweeping floors and mowing the lawn for a time—before taking the reins as president. A resident of Appleton, he served as a mentor at Boys and Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley.

Jefferie Swenty, ’98, is head of the motion capture department at Newvectors, a video game development company in Woodland Hills, Calif. He previously was head of production for Motion Analysis Studio (MAS) of Culver City, Calif., a pioneer in the motion capture industry. He supervised motion capture for movies, such as "King Kong," "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" and "Constantine.

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Tom Swinton (LS) recently became a partner in Child Welfare Law in Milwaukee.

Lorrie Keating Heinemann, MBA ’92, is the cabinet secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions. Appointed by Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, she is the state’s banking and securities commissioner.

Heinemann is a strong advocate for regulatory reform and an active proponent of innovation in consumer protection. A resident of Menasha, she is active in the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Community YMCA and the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Class Notes

49 Sharon (Jann) Lynch (EHS) has been elected president of the Milwaukee Branch of American Association of University Women for 2005-2007. She earned a degree in arts & business from the University of Tampa, and is now retired as president of a large offi ce and office appliances. Sharon and her husband, Norm, are parents of seven children.

50 Roderick Bahr (LS) retired as a wildlife biologist from the State of Wisconsin.

60 Larry Didlo (EHS) has returned to graduate school and is pursuing a second master’s degree in education at age 64. He is focusing on multicultural studies with an emphasis on English as a second language and HIV/AIDS studies.

66 Louis Glasnapp (EHS) was appointed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia as the chairman, chief executive officer of Park Crest Holdings Inc., a nursing home and outpatient therapy company in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. He lives in Charleston, W.Va.

68 John Collins (EHS) was appointed deputy secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions in 2005. He is now director of the department.

69 Patrick Wheeler (LS) recently retired as the choirs director of St. Anne’s Parish in Escanaba, Mich. He was director of music ministry of churches since 1976 and director of the choirs since 1966.

82 Steve Weina (EHS) is president of Weina Industries, Inc., and is a licensed attorney and certified public accountant in the State of Wisconsin.

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- Stevens Point
- Wisconsin Dells
- Your City!
Timothy Walters (B) has been stationed in Germany since 1992, as a U.S. Army officer and is the chief of a joint staff group. He is responsible for operational and strategic level planning and support provided by the Defense Logistics Agency to the United States and allied military forces and other government agencies throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.”

Joye Moon (LS), an Oshkosh artist, recently juried an exhibit with the Visual Arts Society of Texas. She traveled to Florida, Colorado, Spain and France this year to work with fellow artists. Visit her watercolor and collage exhibit at www.joyemoon.com.

Lawrence S. O’Brien (BI) is a vice president and director of the public relations group of Bader Rutter and Associates, Brookfield.

Scott Bartol (EHS) is an elementary school principal in the middle school district. He previously taught at both the elementary and middle schools in Berlin.

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Kim Beck, MA, celebrated his 50th birthday by completing his first marathon in Longford, Ireland, which is only 10 miles from where his great-great-grandfather, Patrick Dunleavy, was born.

Lynette (Kreuzer) Anderson (EHS) wrote and published a textbook for third-grade students in the Kenosha schools. The book, Kenosha: Barkington the Paws, Past and Present, has been nominated by the Wisconsin State Historical Society for Book of the Year.

Sheryl (Jansen) Rycerz (LS), 95 MBA, is advertising revenue manager for the Bradenton Herald in Bradenton, Fla., a Knight-Ridder publication. She previously worked for the Duluth New Tribune.

Mark G. Dilley (EHS) enrolled in the graduate program for educational leadership and policy analysis at UW Madison in 1988. He is the legal services director for Plexus Corp., Neenah.

Nick Watson (B) was promoted to information technology director for Mediclinic’s Guided Surgery Business in Boulder, Colo.

Wenda (Will) Roycraft (B) joined Associated Bank–Fox Valley Region as vice president in business banking.

Rochelle (Ruz) Ragan (EHS) and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Christian Jeffrey, in March 2004. Christian is the first grandchild for UW Oshkosh graduates Russ Ragan (EHS), ’69, and Sue (Wynn) Ragan (EHS), ’71, and the first nephew of UW Oshkosh graduate Ryan Ragan (EHS), ’93.

Nick Watson (B) was promoted to information technology director for Mediclinic’s Guided Surgery Business in Boulder, Colo.

Bruce Schultz (LS) was promoted to dean of students at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Robert F. Schumacher (EHS) relocated from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Denver, Colorado, where he is an independent contractor with REP Productions. He works in videos and on feature-length films, television, and cable projects.

Ron Willis (LS) ran the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Oct. 9 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Team In Training. He ran in honor of friend and former Kenosha News Cowboys Rosemary Poplar, who died in March after a two-year battle with cancer. Willis lives in Kenosha.

Greg Haag (LS) coauthored the film script Hail Mary, which recently won second place in the Wisconsin Screenwriter Forum screenplay contest. He is writing three other scripts.

Mary Lynn (Hugheht) Leipzki (LS) is a software developer for Firstenberg & Lempers, Inc. She is married toforest. She is a detective for the Oak Creek Police Department Investigative Bureau. He also serves as an entry team.
member, specializing in close quarter battle and explosive broadband
for the Oak Creek Police Emergency Response Unit. He and his wife, Sarah, have two sons.

Kathy Dalsing-Kong (LS) graduated from the UW Oshkosh Department of Administration. He served in the Wisconsin House of Representatives from 2004 until 2006. He is currently a program manager at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection and has been a member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau since 2001.

John Wollner (LS) is a director of corporate relations for Thirteen Financial for Lutherans, has returned to Thirteen Financial’s Appleton office. Following three years leading the organization’s community programs from Minneapolis.

John Rathman, a hydrogeologist with the Department of Natural Resources as a hydrogeologist. Her husband, Fritz, is an environmental scientist with the UW Oshkosh Department of Environmental Science. She lives in Oshkosh with her three sons, Adam, Mark, and Ryan.

Shawn Piotter (LS) accepted a position with Protein Design Laboratories in Madison, Wisconsin. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and has been a member of the Wisconsin State Geological Society since 1998. He is a Lia Sophia independent jewelry consultant and has been a member of the UW Oshkosh Department of Business Administration since 2002.

Thomas Swigert (LS) serves as the executive director of the Wisconsin Estate Planning Association. He resides in Appleton with his wife, Greta Swigert, and their three children. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Wisconsin State Bar, and the Oshkosh Bar Association.

Michelle Bosworth (LS) is a news editor for the Verde Valley Newspapers in Cottonwood, Arizona. She was awarded first place for excellence in writing by the Arizona Community Newspapers Woman's division in 2002.

Candace (Betzold) Hetzer (LS) recently purchased Mayville Vision Center, Mayville. She is a director of optometry for Ratto and Associates.

Kari Hufnagel (LS) is a physician assistant with the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She graduated from the UW Oshkosh College of Health Sciences in 1998. She is a member of the Wisconsin Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians. She lives in Oshkosh with her husband, Tom, and their three children, Alex, Lauren, and Kate.

Gayle Lenz (LS) teaches English as a second language and Spanish for the Wauna School Unified School District, after teaching at a bilingual school in Mexico for the past two years.

Elizabeth O’Donnell, MSE, is completing a doctorate in urban education with an emphasis in counseling at Cleveland State University. She has been a psychotherapist-practitioner, RPT Foundation Inc., in Wisconsin, Ohio. She specializes in infertility with an interest in integrating complementary and traditional forms of mind/body therapy. She is a physical therapist and registered yoga teacher.

Janet Klee, MSE, teaches English as a second language and Spanish for the Watertown Unified School District, after teaching at a bilingual school in Mexico for the past two years.

Kathy Dalsing-Kong, MSE, is a member of the ad hoc faculty at UW Oshkosh in the counselor education department. She began a doctorate of education program at Northern Illinois University in 2005. She is a member of the Wisconsin Council for Exceptional Children and the Wisconsin Association for Special Education. She lives in Oshkosh with her husband, Tom, and their three children, Alex, Lauren, and Kate.

Katie Olson (N) practices in internal medicine at Froedtert Hospital of Milwaukee and is a staff registered nurse for internal medicine at Froedtert Hospital. She earned her credentials as a certified medical surgical registered nurse in March.

Courtney Perlino (LS) received a master’s degree in public policy from George Washington University and was promoted to research analyst at the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C.

Omar Humadi (LS) holds one of four lead roles in the UW-Madison/Wood Country, Ltd., and is a member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Association. He earned a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. He is a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

Meet Us in Wisconsin Dells
The second annual Alumni Weekend at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells will be held April 4 and 5, 2006. A reception is planned for April 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Giddy Up Mezzanine. The Wilderness is offering a special room rate with presentations.

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In Memoriam

20s
Millicent (Corning) Calvert (EHS), '29, Benton, Feb. 8, 2005
Margaret (Nebel) Pugh (EHS), '29, Campbellport, July 3, 2005

30s
Jeanette (Topp) Barlowe (EHS), '34, '35 and '37, East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 23, 2004
Eric Becker (EHS), '39, Beaver Dam, May 28, 2004
Jane (Herrmann) Dorn (EH), '39 and '40, Black Creek, June 6, 2005
Pronase (Dekeyser) Goymerac (EHS), '33 and '36, Rapid River, Mich., June 12, 2005
Joseph Hough, '35, Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 18, 2005
Wilma (Blech) Kalout (EHS), '37 and '43, Dushbau, Mass., May 9, 2004
William Lentz (EHS), '38, Carson City, Nev., April 4, 2005
Elizabeth Rohman (EHS), '38, Oshkosh, Feb. 16, 2005
Alice (Shea) Short (EHS), '39, Malland, N.C., Feb. 21, 2005
Dorothy (Harvey) Williams (EHS), '40, Wild Rose, Feb. 28, 2005

40s
Ruth (Haugan) Ehnth (EHS), '40 and '41, Green Bay, Nov. 15, 2005
Marjorie (Liner) Gozdinske (EHS), '41, Andover, Minn., June 17, 2005
Samuel (Harvey) Uhlenbrock (EHS), '42, Oshkosh, May 30, 2005
Robert Sternitzky, '43, Appleton, died Feb. 20, 2005

50s
Carla Bloomer, '49, Mishawaka, Ind., Nov. 6, 2004
Joyce (Broadway) Cavanaugh (EH), '50 and '52, Brandon, Feb. 3, 2005
Richard Davis (EHS), '50, Sterling, Ill., July 29, 2005
Richard Getchius (EHS), '50 and '52, Milwaukee, Feb. 5, 2005
Janet (Bell) Heckmann (EHS), '59, Newton, July 28, 2005
Robert Loppnow (EHS), '59, Hartford, Nov. 8, 2004
Leneil Meyers (EHS), '59, Ripon, June 23, 2005
Bradley Nielsen (EHS), '59, Sarasota, Fla., Aug. 24, 2004
Eleanor (Patchett) Simmonds (EHS), '59 and '64, Oshkosh, Nov. 27, 2004
Robert Sternitzky, '59, Appleton, July 22, 2005
John (Jack) Wippich (EHS), '57, Appleton, July 2, 2005
Eunice Zacharias (EHS), '55, La Crosse, Sept. 21, 2005
Nancy (Peterik) Zarnott (EHS), '50, Berlin, Jan. 31, 2005

60s
George DeJarlais (EHS), '61, Mukwonago, May 12, 2005
Julius Drover (EHS), '67, Berlin, Feb. 27, 2005
David Early (LS), '69, Shawano, May 2, 2005
Jack Godden (LS), '63, Oshkosh, Feb. 17, 2005
Irene Hanson (EHS), '65, Dousman, June 24, 2005
Karen Heidel (EHS), '66, Holmen, Feb. 1, 2005
Janet Kentner (EHS), '66, Howell, Mich., May 20, 2005
David Moore (LS), '69, Oshkosh, May 28, 2005
Mary Ninneman (EHS), '64, Ripon, July 20, 2005
John Page (LS), '66, Bellevue, Wash., July 24, 2004
Marilyn Ziender (LS), '67, Schofield, May 16, 2005

70s
Frank Berkovitz (EHS), '73, West Allis, May 2, 2005
James Bowman (LS), '71, Pocahontas, Ill., Oct. 29, 2004
Inez Cherry (EHS), '71, Crivitz, June 28, 2005
William Hobbs. MBA '76, Schofield, May 8, 2004
Victoria Lamers (EHS), '76, Little Chute, July 27, 2005
Michael Mason (B), '77 and MBA '85, Neenah, June 19, 2005
Harold Orlofske (B), '73 and MBA '82, Sheboygan, Aug. 18, 2005
Robert Tohulka (LS), '72 and MSE '75, Milwaukee, July 6, 2005
Cynthia Wilson (EHS), '76, Appleton, June 3, 2005

80s
Patricia Crockett (EHS), '81, Neenah, May 6, 2005
Joann Forster (EHS), '88, Appleton, Oct. 9, 2004
Joseph Kaczmarzki (B), '81, Madison, Feb. 2, 2005
Rick Reuther (B), '81, Oshkosh, June 3, 2005

90s
Benjamin Jansky (EHS), '89, Oshkosh, July 27, 2005
Annette Lamers, MBA '96, Eden Prairie, Minn., January, 2005
Brian Luckman (LS), '92, West Bend, June 1, 2005
Josephine Redemann (N), '93, Oshkosh, Feb. 6, 2005
Ann (Weyenber) Ridgley (LS), '94, Kaukauna, Feb. 20, 2005
John Schultz (EHS), '90, Potsdam, July 3, 2005

00s
Andrew Wallace (EHS), '93, Oshkosh, died Sept. 26, 2005.
Former Faculty and Friends
Ronald Crane, English, 1959-1992, died April 19, 2005
Karen Fonstad, geography, 1938-1998, died March 11, 2005
John Harris, criminology, 1999-2005, died July 20, 2005
Delmar Hawkins, facilities management, died Oct. 24, 2005
Joseph Starr, history, 1965-1999, died Oct. 6, 2005

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