

Making News

Affirmative Action Officer chosen

Donna Weber has been named Affirmative Action Officer at UW-Stout, following a one-year temporary appointment. Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen announced. Weber, a former member of UW-Stout's psychology department, originally began her duties in August 1995.

Sorensen said that Weber was selected for the permanent position upon recommendation of an advisory panel he appointed. "Donna has done a superb job during her one-year appointment," Sorensen said. "The feedback from the campus has been extremely positive. I look forward to her continued efforts as part of my administrative team."

Weber received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology from Viterbo College in 1964; and a master of education degree in professional development from UW-Stout in 1987.

She has taught at UW-Stout since 1984. She has previous experience in accounting, human resources and public relations; and was an employment interviewer and counselor for the Minnesota State Employment Service. She is also a certified instructor of the Dale Carnegie Course.

Weber has been a member of the NCA Study Team; the program committee for the MS in training and development; and total quality project studies. She is a member of several professional and academic associations.

Weber received the Teaching Excellence Award at UW-Stout in 1992 and the Ethnic Services Outstanding Teacher Award in 1990.

Promotions and tenure announced

Promotions in rank and tenure designation for UW-Stout faculty and staff members were announced recently by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, following action by the UW System Board of Regents.

Promoted from associate professor to professor are Sharon Giroux, hospitality and tourism; Robert Meyer, technology; Darshan Perusek, English; Judy Rommel, human development, family living and community educational services; and Helen Swanson and Richard Tafalla, psychology.

Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor are Gladys Earl, food and nutrition; Robert Foley, physics; Judith Green, education, school counseling and school psychology; Sheri Klein, art and design; Ken Parejko, biology; Timothy Shiell, English; and Randall Upchurch, hospitality and tourism.

Tafalla was also granted tenure, along with J. Mark Pruett, speech communications, foreign languages, theatre and music; Alan Block and Amy Gillett, education, school counseling and school psychology; Bharath Josiam, hospitality and tourism; Bruce Kuehl, human development, family living and community educational services; Peter Heimdahl, Jerome E. Johnson and Norman Zhou, technology; Julie Furst-Bowe and Carol Mooney, communication, education and training; Sheryl Johnson and Donna Stewart, industrial management; and Karen Ferree, business.

Industrial technology degree offered through distance education

UW-Stout has been given the green light to offer its bachelor of science degree in industrial technology, special concentration, across Wisconsin. Three UW-Centers, Manitowoc, Marathon and Fox Valley; and two technical colleges, Northcentral and Fox Valley, have agreed to participate in the project. Partial funding for the project is supported by UW-Extension.

Distance education strategies will be used to pilot this program for two academic school years—fall and spring 1996-97, and fall and spring 1997-98—with full implementation during the third year, beginning fall 1998, after satisfactory evaluation results.

"The purpose of this project is to train faculty, develop course materials, train site faculty advisers and coordinators, and to pilot the bachelor of science degree in industrial technology, special concentration, utilizing distance education," said Donna Stewart, program director for the industrial technology degree.

Stewart said the degree is for students with a minimum of a two-year associate of applied science degree who have at least two years of work experience in a technical field, and who are unable to participate in campus-based offerings because of work, family or personal reasons.

"The student's technical degree will meet a portion of both their general education and professional studies," Stewart said. "An additional 30-32 credits of required UW-Stout course work would be offered through distance education beginning fall 1996. The balance of the general education will be earned either by distance education or at a local

UW center, UW university or other four-year colleges."

UW-Stout was authorized in 1988 to offer the B.S. degree in industrial technology throughout the state. But because of limited travel budgets and numerous sites to serve, program development was halted. "With the advent of better and more economic means to reach students across the state through distance education, interest in offering the degree statewide heightened," Stewart said. "A needs assessment indicated a continuing education need along with a B.S. degree to position technical workers for advancement and to learn skills needed to compete in the global economy. The vision for the '90s fits perfectly with this program."

Stewart said the UW-Center campuses will provide advisement and site coordination for students. UWC-Marathon, Fox Valley and Manitowoc will also offer specific courses needed for the program on their campuses, or advise students where they can take the courses to meet the needs of the program. Center campuses may design a required course and offer it through teleconferencing, audiographics or compressed video. In some cases, they will collaborate on the content and methodology of delivery with UW-Stout faculty.

The WONDER Network distance education facilities at Northcentral and Fox Valley technical colleges, and at UW-Stout, will be used for the UW-Stout courses.

The required UW-Stout courses will begin this fall with offerings on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Manufacturing assistance available by phone or on the Internet

Whether it's dialing an easy-to-remember telephone number or clicking a mouse to surf the Internet, small and medium-sized manufacturers in West Central Wisconsin, looking for assistance in solving real-world technical and business problems, now have improved access to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a program of the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Dialing 800-MEP-4MFG (637-4634) will directly link a smaller manufacturer with the nearest MEP affiliate, such as the one located at UW-Stout, or to the MEP headquarters office at NIST in Gaithersburg, Md. The MEP is a nationwide network of locally managed centers in 42 states and Puerto Rico offering technical assistance and the newest business practices to smaller manufacturers.

All centers rely on experienced field agents who provide hands-on

assistance to address manufacturers' most critical needs. Typical MEP services include helping manufacturers access information on new equipment such as automation systems, find high-quality advice for optimizing manufacturing systems, reduce costs by lowering waste, improve quality, expand markets for products and find financing for modernization efforts.

Those with access to the World Wide Web can find information on the MEP and its affiliate centers and services through the newly revised MEP home page at <http://www.mep.nist.gov>. Called "The MEP Source," it includes a map highlighting centers and field offices that visitors can learn more about with a click of their "mouse." The source includes information for smaller manufacturers as well as for those who operate the centers.

Fahm appointed to new position

Esther Fahm, formerly dean of the School of Human Environmental Sciences at UW-Stout, has been appointed to a two-year term as interim associate vice chancellor, provost George DePuy announced.

UW-Stout recently restructured from four schools to three colleges. The new colleges are Arts and Sciences; Human Development; and Technology, Engineering and Management.

In her new position, Fahm will serve as a key member of the Provost's Office, according to DePuy. Her duties will include faculty and staff professional development, UW-Stout administrative representative to the UW System Undergraduate Teaching Improvement Council, planning activities related to North Central Association accreditation, and academic program review. Fahm serves as a member of the Provost's Council and the Chancellor's Advisory Council.



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Barnhart elected to Phi Upsilon Omicron board

Carolyn Barnhart, administrative officer in the College of Human Development at UW-Stout, has been elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation.

Barnhart began her term at the close of the Phi Upsilon Omicron biennial Conclave held June 23 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Barnhart was co-chair of Conclave when it was held at UW-Stout in 1994. She is currently adviser to the Tau Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron at UW-Stout.

Barnhart is also a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the National Academic Advising Association.

Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national honor society in home economics designed to recognize and promote scholarship, leadership and service. The organization's Educational Foundation fosters the honor society purposes through the granting of scholarships, fellowships, awards and an alumni research grant.

Toward the 21st century

Success stories continue to surround us as this dynamic university moves toward the 21st century. This issue of Stout Outlook showcases some of our developments in the last several months.

We are delighted with the outcome of the Fryklund Campaign, surpassing our \$10 million goal by more than \$1 million. It is this kind of special support that will help keep our programs up to date and dynamic.

Getting approval of three new majors reflects our foresight in addressing changing needs of the marketplace.

Graphic Communications Management, Telecommunication Systems and our new graduate program in Applied Psychology are all natural extensions of the UW-Stout mission. Yet they represent new direction, based on what employers tell us they need. I know that these new majors will enjoy the outstanding placement rate of our other programs.

Congratulations to the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute on receiving a multimillion dollar grant to serve the training needs of about a third of the nation's community-based rehabilitation programs. SVRI's national and international reputation continues to grow.

We continue to improve the appearance of our campus. Ray Hall, a prominent landmark for decades, has been torn down. Michells Hall, opened last January, is the replacement space for Ray Hall, and is an attractive and functional addition to the campus. The new pedestrian mall and historic corridor, pictured on the cover of this edition of Outlook, provides a pleasing and safe area for the campus.

Meanwhile, we continue to foster our close relationship with our alumni, including a variety of social and conference-related activities both in and out of state.

As I write this column, the opening of the fall semester rapidly approaches. Soon students and faculty will be hard at work again carrying on the fine Stout tradition. We are looking forward to another busy year. Keep us informed about what you are doing, and we will do the same.

Chancellor's Message



Charles W. Sorensen

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Operating budget figures released

An operating budget for UW-Stout, totaling \$78 million, was approved recently by the UW System Board of Regents.

The budget covers the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1997. Of the total operating budget, fewer than half of the funds come from state tax dollars. The balance is funded by fees, gifts and grants.

This year's budget contains \$51 million in salaries and fringe benefits for the university's 1,034 permanent employees and graduate assistants. The 1996-97 unclassified compensation plan includes a 2 percent average increase effective July 1, 1996.

Other items in the budget include \$12 million for supplies and services, \$4 million for equipment, and \$11 million for campus-based financial aid and debt service.

Mark Skutley, university controller, said a full-time undergraduate Wisconsin student at UW-Stout will pay approximately \$5,439 for tuition, fees, room and board during the 1996-97 academic year. Skutley said that represents an overall increase of 5.1 percent from last year. Tuition was increased by 5.0 percent, and fees, room and board increased approximately 5.1 percent.

The tuition figure includes a 2 percent tuition surcharge for special technology which will be used to meet student needs for instructional technology and information access. The budget also includes a fee of \$40 per year to fund a new recreation complex.

The approved budget continued funding for the instructional laboratory modernization, general computer access and classroom modernization programs, with annual funding of \$430,000.