

# Alumni Association News

## Springing into 2001

We made the jump from black and white to a few color pages, a higher quality paper, additional pages and more information! We would like your response to our 'updated' publication, please see page 23 regarding our reader's survey. You may also access the survey via our Web site at [www.uwstout.edu/alumni](http://www.uwstout.edu/alumni).

Several "big" events have been scheduled for this spring. On March 31, we visited Washington D.C. for an alumni gathering at the home of Tom Larson, former Menomonie resident. More than 40 Stout alumni converged on the Larson home, and the evening was a great success—many thanks to Tom.

In April we visited Indianapolis. Alumnus Tom Roth '88 worked with us to arrange an alumni gathering at the new Marriott in downtown Indianapolis for Wednesday, April 11. From there we headed north. Chancellor Sorensen met with several alumni in Norway—Norway, Mich., that is, on Friday, April 20 at alumnus Dave Kasten's ('75) AmeriInn.

In May we made our annual trip to the NRA convention and The Signature Room in Chicago. Alumni Rick '82 and Susan Mark Roman '80 once again hosted an alumni reception on Sunday, May 20. Many alumni attending the National Restaurant Association were welcomed at the reception.

The classes of 1950, 1951 and 1952 will be celebrating their Golden Reunion on June 22 and 23 (see ad below for more information). This promises to be a great event, as the committee has put together some terrific activities—a little bit of something for everyone.

September also promises to be a busy month. We will be hosting a reception at the Print '01 convention on September 8; and the classes of 1955, 1956 and 1957 will be celebrating their 45th reunion on September 14 and 15. Mark your calendars for this event now!

Alumni gatherings are also scheduled for

Madison and Milwaukee areas on September 17—18. Southeastern Wisconsin Retired Stout Alumni will have their annual luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Alumni gatherings are also scheduled for the Portland, Ore., area alumni on Friday, October 5, and the Seattle area on Sunday, Oct. 7.

For your convenience we now have online registration forms that may be filled out, printed and mailed to the alumni office for events requiring registration. In many cases, these forms will be available prior to the mailing. You will also find our scholarship and award forms and alumni board applications on line as well.

Everything continues to be very busy on campus as well. In his column, Chancellor Sorensen has mentioned his commitment to addressing the problems associated with alcohol abuse by UW-Stout students. As a member of the Chancellor's Coalition Against Problem Drinking, I am proud that Stout has taken an aggressive role in addressing this concern. This coalition has actively sought ways to bring this topic to the students, faculty and staff. UW-Stout has worked hard to discourage heavy drinking and the negative consequences that often accompany these behaviors, but it is clear that we still have a ways to go. I commend Chancellor Sorensen for taking an active role in looking at this very serious and challenging issue. I would also like to hear your thoughts on this issue and encourage alumni involvement in alcohol abuse prevention initiatives.

### Director's Message



Sue Pittman

## High honors for Stout

Those who know me personally know of my affection for this university. I am extremely proud of our alma mater and delight in the successes UW-Stout continues to generate.

The fact that UW-Stout was the only educational institution in the country to receive a site visit for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award is a major honor to the university. This award, established by Congress in 1987, was to raise awareness about the importance of quality and performance excellence. Up to three awards can be given in each of the five categories, of which one is education. This was a lengthy process for the university and the administration is to be commended for putting forth such great effort.

As indicated by the Baldrige visit, Stout continues to be a leader in the development of new programs and degrees. Most recently acquired are applied science, which will start in the fall of 2001; and technical communication, which started in the fall of 2000.

Classrooms and state-of-the-art buildings are also high priorities for the university. A grand opening for the new Millennium Hall was held May 4. Millennium Hall, which replaces the Communications Center, will bring the campus's information technology components together in a single location.

Once the programs and educational buildings were taken care of, the students and administration addressed the issue of recreational activity. The new recreation complex will celebrate its grand opening during homecoming festivities on Oct. 20.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our winning football team this past season. The Blue Devils went on a record-setting roll as Stout made its first appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. It had been 35 years since Stout won a conference title.

These are just a very few of the reasons we can be proud of our alma mater. I encourage you to take an active role in the Alumni Association and attend one of the many gatherings they host throughout the United States. Give them a call or stop by the office the next time you visit Menomonie.

### President's Message



Tom Fonfara

## New alumni board members

The UW-Stout Alumni Association would like to welcome its two newest alumni board members Judy King-Gehler '01 and Susan Bell Harmon '70. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to working with them.

### Judy King-Gehler

A 2001 graduate of the Vocational, Technical, Adult Education program with a specialization in Training and Human Resource Development, Gehler is currently pursuing her graduate degree in Training and Development.

She is also a two-time graduate of Chippewa Valley Technical College with associate degrees in supervisory management and industrial engineering.

Gehler spent seventeen years at Cray Research and has held human resource and training positions at Hutchinson Technology, Silver Spring Gardens and Experience Works! Senior Workforce Solutions. Her current position is human resource director at Curt Manufacturing in Eau Claire.



King-Gehler

She is involved in several organizations in the Eau Claire community. Some of these are the CVTC Alumni Association Board (since 1996), CVTC Alumni President (since 1998), Co-Chair of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Indiahead Chapter 335, American Society for Training and Development Board member and is currently serving on the Eau Claire Community Task Force on Racial Justice.

### Susan Bell Harmon

Susan Lillis Bell Harmon '70 is the aerobic and water exercise instructor for Lake Arrowhead, a lakes and golf community. She also teaches private swimming lessons and lifeguards along with volunteering on several committees and singing in the choir.

Harmon has four stepchildren and four grandchildren that keep her on her toes. She also enjoys golfing and traveling in her spare time.



Harmon

## Committee seeks board nominations

The Nominating Committee of the UW-Stout Alumni Association is seeking nominations and applications for the Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors. Nominations and applications will be reviewed by the committee and recommended to the full board during the regular fall meeting. New members begin their terms in the spring meeting. All nominations and resumes will be kept on file for future consideration.

Nominees should be willing to serve a two-year term on the board of directors, able to attend two annual meetings held in Menomonie and be willing to serve actively on committees as needed.

Alumni are encouraged to apply themselves or submit recommendations for fellow Stout grads along with the applicant/nominee's current resume, to the UW-Stout Alumni Association, Nominations Committee, Louis Smith Tainter House, P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790.



## GOLDEN REUNION 2001

*Classes of 1950, 1951 and 1952*

Make plans now to join classmates  
and friends for your Golden Reunion  
this summer. A variety of activities have been  
planned, and we are expecting a great turnout.

Mark your calendar for June 22-23  
and look for your invitation soon in the mail

For more information, contact Sue or Lisa at the  
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