

Alumni Association News

Connecting with the past

As we put this publication together, I have had an opportunity to talk and work with those of you that have submitted articles. One article in particular helps us to remember what is really important (*see Gerry Kitzhaber's article, page 16*).

Each of us determines how we prioritize our time and life and where we place our values. More recently, most of us have re-evaluated and began taking stock of where we are, where we fit and, more importantly, what we do about it.

The Alumni Office has always received a number of calls from our graduates trying to locate 'old' friends but in the past few months, the numbers have increased. People want to reconnect with something from the past.

Maybe we are beginning to realize that simple pleasures have more meaning; and when did things seem the simplest for us—during our college years. It reminds me of the old Rolling Stones song ...“you can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes you might find you get what you need.” Maybe what we need has always been there—friends and family.

While in college, the friends you make are family. I was delighted to read in Gerry's article about the calls he received from Stout alumni—at one time in his life they were part of his family; it is reassuring to see they still are.

As I travel and meet with alumni, I notice more of a sense of connectedness. I've always known our alumni have a feeling of loyalty to

this university, like that of some private colleges, and it seems to be even more pronounced during these past months.

As I sit here and write this, the sun is shining on Lake Menomin, the boaters and skiers are taking advantage of the sunshine. I ask you to take a couple minutes to remember the lake; think about the picnics you had at Riverside park; the dances and parties you attended; remember also the walks across campus in sub-zero weather (*especially those who have relocated to warmer climates*); but most importantly, remember the friends you made while at Stout and appreciate the past as well as the present.

The alumni and foundation offices are here to serve you, our students, faculty and staff. We invite you to participate in our events and/or services in any way that you wish to. We invite you to stop by our offices if you are on campus, to connect with your past.

Finally, I would like to thank all our alumni who assisted in putting this publication together. This is **your** newsletter and without your contributions and stories, it would not be as well received. Thank you for your input!

Director's Message



Sue Pittman

A challenging year

Each and every one of us has been challenged in this past year. The September 11 tragedy has had a profound impact on every American citizen and our friends around the world. We have all experienced the full range of emotions over this egregious act.

If the goal of the terrorists was to weaken our country, they failed. We are stronger. If their goal was to divide our country, they failed. Their actions have united us. If their goal was to anger our country, well they succeeded and our president has rightly responded.

Hopefully, each of us, in our own special and unique way, can take something positive from this. We live in the greatest nation on earth, and we hold dear the things that make us special. We are free, and nobody is going to take that away from us!

There is no simple way to segue from a topic so disturbing to a topic so positive, but I'm going right to it: we won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award! What an incredible achievement this is!

This award recognizes that our great university is in a constant state of improvement. It continues to be on the cutting edge in preparing our students for their professional careers and it anticipates how those jobs are constantly changing and how our programs must reflect the needs of the changing workforce.

While much of the success of UW-Stout comes from our continuous efforts to grow

and change, there are many things that have remained constant over the many years of our existence. As President George W. Bush stated, prior to presenting the award to Chancellor Sorensen, "...this annual presentation is a reminder of things that

must never change: the passion for excellence, the drive to innovate, the hard work that goes with any successful enterprise, the need to be open, and the call for integrity. This year's Baldrige Award winners have shown these qualities, and have taken their place in a distinguished line of leaders."

This remarkable recognition, being the very first university afforded this distinction, is due in large part to our great Chancellor Sorensen. Sorensen is the longest serving chancellor in the University of Wisconsin System and has built upon the success of the previous leaders of our university. Our wonderful faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, and supporters of UW-Stout also deserve credit for their roles in this remarkable accomplishment.

Hats off to you all!

President's Message



Tom Fonfara

Plan ahead and mark your calendar for these special events

Reunion for Alpha Sigma Alpha

Date: Friday, July 26, 2002 – Sunday, July 28, 2002

Location: Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI

Contact information: Charolotte Janeczko

Phone: 309/383-2888

E-mail: janeczko@mtco.com

Block of rooms: call 800/338-5253, request Alpha Sigma Alpha block, release date: June 15, 2002. There will be a social on Friday and luncheon on Saturday.

Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Conference 2002

Date: October 17 and 18,

Location: Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Building

Contact information: Sherilyn Stalker

E-mail: stalkers@uwstout.edu

Vet's Club Reunion

Date: Friday, October 18

Location: Memorial Student Center, Crystal Ballroom

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Contact information: Glenn Kroft

E-mail: UWStoutVets2002@aol.com

Basketball Shootout in Hawaii

Date: December 27 – 30, 2002

Location: Kaimuki High School Gymnasium – Hawaii

Time: December 27, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Practice

December 28, 6:00 p.m. Nebraska Wesleyan

December 29, 6:00 p.m. Illinois Wesleyan

December 30, 4:00 p.m. U.Mass - Dartmouth

Make plans to come and cheer Stout on to victory! More information will follow.

Chancellor's Honor Scholarship Ball

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2003

Location: Memorial Student Center, Great Hall

Contact Information: UW-Stout Alumni Association

Phone: 866/716-6685 (*Toll-free*)

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, more than \$58,000 has been raised for the Honor Scholarship Fund in its five-year history.

Classes of 1945-1965 Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 12, 2003

Location: Home of Lyle B.S. '57, M.S. '62 and Darlene Pyatt Martens '56

6504 CTH-R, Denmark, Wis., 54208

Contact Information: Lyle and Darlene Martens

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Members from the classes of 1945–1965 are encouraged to participate on a committee to assist in the planning and implementation of this reunion. For information, contact Lyle and Darlene Martens.

Gathering in Las Vegas

Date: October 4 and 5, 2003

Location: Treasure Island at the Mirage

3300 South Las Vegas Blvd.

As we cannot send invitations to all alumni, we are asking you to **contact the alumni office to put your name on a mailing list to receive an invitation**. Please call our toll-free number: 866/716-6685. More information will be included on our web page and in future publications.

For a complete listing of upcoming events see page 23.