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ON THE COVER

Robert W. Arnholt, '80, recipient of the 2012 Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumnus Award, spent time when returning to campus to work with graduate students Olivia Hudson, left, and John Scheil, right. They played beeper baseball, goal ball and wheelchair basketball – games they use to keep people with disabilities active. Arnholt is recognized internationally for his work in adapted physical education. Hudson and Scheil are in UW-L's graduate adapted physical education program.

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A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

It took time to adjust to college. My new home had more than twice as many people as my high school class.

Living in a residence hall changed my life. I learned to live with people from different religions and cultures. As a hall leader, I discovered how to build consensus when working with disputes and on community projects. And I made friendships that lasted decades.

Much of residence hall life didn't just happen — it was carefully tweaked by hall directors and staff. They guided my newly found freedom. Today's staff continues that tradition.

It's reassuring that despite all of today's changing technologies, personal relationships still play a key role in college life.

Proud to be a UW-L alum,

Brad Quarberg
Brad Quarberg, '85

BOOKS, E-READERS, COFFEE & MORE

Libraries have changed significantly since I started as an academic librarian in the '70s — first at Oklahoma State, then Michigan State before coming to UW-L in 1987.

Libraries were much less “self service.” It wasn't simple to retrieve information via computer. Librarians used command language to search online services that charged by the minute!

In 1988 when the library purchased its first CD-ROM education database, ERIC, the campus community could search at a single computer without a librarian. Today, users access library-provided e-content worldwide.

With more e-information, book purchasing has declined. However, e-resources have not supplanted many older formats. Physical books are still a wonderful resource — they're portable and some books are available only in print. The microfilm collection is shrinking. We still buy DVDs, but also subscribe to an online film service.

One significant cultural shift has been physical spaces. In 2006 Murphy Library's first floor was remodeled for collaborative student work in a wireless environment. Students can check out laptops and iPads, and plug into large, mobile monitors.

The library has become much more “student-friendly” and attracts those who like tradi-



tionally quiet spaces and others who prefer group interaction. In 2007 a café, Murphy's Mug, opened for those wanting a research break. Foot traffic increased substantially after these changes.

It's been exciting to see library staff rethink spaces and adapt to new technologies. This year Murphy will launch a new service with other UW schools to make it easier to search across e-resources.

Libraries just keep getting better at connecting users to scholarly information. Stop by!

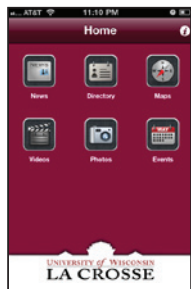
Anita Evans

Anita Evans, Murphy Library
director, retired this summer.



Kiplinger's 'Best Value'

UW-L remains on Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of 100 best values in public colleges nationwide. The February 2012 issue ranked UW-L No. 62 for in-state and No. 52 for out-of-state students. Rankings cite the top 100 four-year schools that "combine outstanding education with economic value." UW-L is still the top ranked UW comprehensive university in the state. Get complete rankings at: www.kiplinger.com/reports/best-college-values.



UW-L app options grow

Android cell phone users can now find a mobile app for UW-L. The app joined the Apple version introduced earlier in the year. The app includes the campus directory, events listings, maps, news, photos, videos and library info. Get the Android app from Google Play. Visit iTunes for the iPhone app.

New provost hired



A Minnesota native who lived in England for more than two decades has returned to the Midwest

to become provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Heidi Slettedahl Macpherson, previously pro vice chancellor of Research and Innovation at De Montfort University in Leicester, England, began her UW-L post July 1, 2012.

Macpherson expects her 22-year experience overseas to help her transition into the role at UW-L.

"I have been impressed by the care and attention offered to the student experience at UW-L, by the real sense of community shown by students, faculty and staff, and by the welcome I have already received," she says.

Macpherson follows Kathleen Enz Finken, who resigned in December to become provost at Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

New leadership

Bruce Riley,
Dean of the College of Science
and Health

Riley came to campus in 1985 as assistant professor in mathematics. He was promoted to professor in 1993. He chaired the



Mathematics Department from 1996-2009 before being appointed interim dean in 2009. He

became permanent dean in early February.

Bruce May, Dean of the College of Business Administration

May has been CBA associate dean for eight years, including two years as interim CBA Dean. May has been appointed CBA dean



from July 2012 through the 2014-15 academic year, when a national search for a dean will occur. He replaces Bill Colclough who will return to teach in the Finance Department.

Marcie Wycoff-Horn, Director of the School of Education

Wycoff-Horn came to campus in 2002 as assistant professor in the Department of Health Education and Health Promotion.



She was promoted to professor in 2010. Wycoff-Horn, who has served as interim director of the School of Education for the past two years, was named permanent director of the school in March following a national search.

THE TIME WAS JUST RIGHT



**JIM AND JAN
GALLAGHER MADE
A DONATION TO THE
UW-L FOUNDATION
TO START A
SCHOLARSHIP FOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
STUDENTS.**

Jim and Jan Gallagher say education transformed their lives. Exposure to new ideas and perspectives sparked curiosity. It led to extensive studies, multiple diplomas and, eventually, careers doing what they loved.

Jan, who earned her master's in Business Administration from UW-L in 1988, was director of UW-L's Small Business Development Center from 1993 to 2010. Jim, who taught archaeology at UW-L from 1977-2002, helped start the university's archaeology major — one of a handful of undergraduate archaeology degree programs in the U.S. He also helped found the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center on campus.

Not only has education transformed Jim's life, but, as a professor, he watched it transform the lives of students.

"I've seen freshmen students who practically didn't know which end of

the shovel to pick up," jokes Jim. "But, by the time some of them were seniors, they were delivering professional papers at national conferences."

Recently the couple made a \$25,000 commitment to the UW-L Foundation to start a scholarship for archaeology students. They hope the gift inspires others to give. At age 70 1/2 people are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA accounts. Jim and Jan plan to use a portion of their distribution to complete the gift commitment.

"Tuition has gone up and it's getting harder and harder for students to afford a university education," notes Jim. "We wanted to help make it easier."

The couple's commitment to education and students has been there all along. "The timing is just right for us now," says Jan.



From left, UW-L Biology Professor Scott Cooper reviews data with students Jenna Kerr and Leah Morgan.

Blood relation?

Research could lead to answers about human heart conditions, bleeding disorders

Ground squirrels can do something really cool humans can't. They can burrow into the ground and hibernate, slowing their heart rate to four beats per minute.

If a human's heart slowed down that much, blood in the body would clot.

The big question is: 'How does a squirrel do that?'

It's a question UW-L Biology Professor Scott Cooper and his student researchers are trying to figure out. Their research project recently received a \$303,700 grant from the National Institute of Health.

"If we can figure out how squirrels prevent their blood from clotting, we can possibly figure out how to do it in humans," says Cooper as he

looks at pictures of a squirrel heart in his lab. "It's a puzzle. As a scientist, that's what keeps you going."

Solving this puzzle isn't just for fun. It could contribute to

"It's a puzzle. As a scientist, that's what keeps you going."

Scott Cooper

saving lives. About 40 percent of all deaths in America are due to a blood clot in the heart, notes Cooper. Preventing clotting could also lead to treating bleeding disorders and heart disease.

Cooper started the research about five years ago by studying the extensive and complex process of how squirrel blood forms a clot.

"Science can be described as putting a puzzle together," explains Cooper. "But sometimes, even before you can do that, you have to find the pieces."

Leah Morgan, UW-L graduate student in cell and molecular biology, feels a personal connection to the research since her father recently had a heart attack.

"It's good to know you're doing research on a project that has a purpose and direction," she says.

An advocate for people with disabilities

ROBERT W. ARNHOLD

Robert Arnhold has impacted persons with disabilities nationwide.

The Slippery Rock University professor who earned a master's in adapted physical education from UW-L in 1980 has done much more than research and teach about those with disabilities. He's advocated for them for decades.

Arnhold was called to help revive programs for Camp Shriver, a Special Olympics initiative founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver that focuses on developing sport skills and friendship building. His students assisted Special Olympics coaches with volunteer training.

Arnhold was also key in helping Slippery Rock University establish the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center. The one-of-a-kind facility caters to those with mental and physical disabilities by using horses in their therapy.

His expertise has landed Arnhold national leadership roles in advocating for persons with disabilities. He often heads to Washington, D.C., to advocate for getting people involved in physical activities.

"Robert is one of only a handful of experts in the U.S. who specializes in the areas of legislative issues for health and wellness among persons with disabilities, and horseback riding as a therapy for persons with disabilities," notes UW-L Professor Garth Tymeson.

Robert W. Arnhold file

- Respected professor.
- Advocate for people with disabilities.
- Recognized internationally and nationally for work in adapted physical education.
- Successful grant writer, obtaining more than \$2.5 million for adapted physical initiatives.
- Long-time professor at Slippery Rock University.
- Earned a master's in adapted physical education from UW-L in 1980; bachelor's in physical education and health from Temple University (1977); doctorate in adapted physical education from Texas Women's University (1988).

The Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumni Award ...

recognizes alumni who have achieved honor and distinction with recognition and reputations that extend well beyond the immediate environments in which they live and work.

distinguished alumni award recipient



An inclusive leader

Thomas Harris has done much to advance diversity on campus — and in the La Crosse community.

Harris came to campus as a hall director in 1990. After three years, he moved into the Residence Life Office to advise the Residence Hall Association Council and National Residence Hall Honorary, provide leadership development, and serve as a liaison with Multicultural Student Services.

Retired Assistant Director of Residence Life Ruth Kurinsky says Harris quickly became highly respected by students, colleagues, administrators and those in the community. “People actively sought opportunities to work with and learn from [him],” notes Kurinsky.

Former La Crosse Mayor John Medinger, ’70 & ’72, calls Harris a friend, as well as a key contributor to the betterment of the community. “He has influenced and made life better for countless individuals over a long period of time,” notes Medinger. “He continues to do that today.”



THOMAS HARRIS

Thomas Harris file

- Distinguished professional in the field of student affairs.
- Leader of efforts to pursue racial equality and social justice.
- Honored by the Wisconsin United Resident Hall Association, a student-run leadership organization, when it renamed its top adviser award the “Thomas Harris Advisor of the Year.”
- Founder and president of the 7 Rivers Region Diversity Collaboration Initiative Inc.
- Assistant Director of the UW-L Multicultural Student Services Office since 2003; worked in the UW-L Residence Life Office from 1990-2001.
- Graduated with a bachelor’s degree from UW-Stevens Point, 1988; earned a master’s in college student personnel from UW-L, 2001.

The Rada Distinguished Alumni Award ...

recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past 20 years and have achieved distinction in their field, made an outstanding contribution, demonstrated exceptional ethical qualities and participated in humanitarian activities.

Gregory Banks file

- Worked with the Social Security Administration in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Madison.
- Served as a policy research analyst at the UW-Madison Center for Health Systems Research and Analyses.
- Served as administrator for the Madison Metropolitan School District.
- Member of Madison Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities; Madison's Affirmative Action Commission.
- Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in 1996. Died Sept. 30, 2011.
- Graduated with a bachelor's in political science and public administration from UW-L in 1981; attended The Robert M. La Follette Institute of Public Affairs in Madison.

Parker Multicultural Alumni Award ...

recognizes outstanding multicultural alumni who have graduated and have significantly contributed to or advanced multicultural understanding.

a pioneer for diversity

GREGORY BANKS



It was the mid-70s when Gregory Banks came to campus. He was among the first students recruited into a newly designed pre-collegiate program aimed at making UW-L's student population more diverse.

Banks excelled in that role, recalls Professor Emeritus of English Robert Treu: "Gregory performed ably both as a student and as an advocate for a number of multicultural issues."

Professor Emeritus of History William Pemberton remembers Banks as a leader among his peers and in the classroom. "He had an unusual ability to take remote historical forces, understand how they applied to his life, and then use his excellent verbal ability to show his classmates how such abstractions shaped their lives."

Banks worked with the Social Security Administration in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Madison, and eventually became a Madison Metropolitan School District administrator.

Banks was forced to retire early when he was diagnosed with ALS. But, his impact remains. "Greg cared deeply for all the people he came into contact with," notes friend and fellow alum Bill Coleman. "His humanitarian spirit was immediately apparent in his sparkling eyes and his affectionate nature."

distinguished alumni award recipient

La Crosse businessmen receive *honorary degrees*

Two prominent La Crosse area businessmen received honorary degrees during spring commencement. David R. Skogen, chairman of the board for Festival Foods, and Donald J. Weber, founder and chief executive officer of Logistics Health, received honorary bachelor of science degrees.

Honorary degrees are given to highly deserving individuals who merit special recognition for exceptional achievement and distinction in a field or activity supporting the mission of the university.



DONALD J. WEBER

Don Weber's Marine battalion in Vietnam had the motto "Whatever it takes." Weber placed that motto on a plaque in UW-L's Veterans Hall of Honor. Under that line, he added, "Exemplify our Motto." Weber has.

Weber has led numerous creative health service programs. His latest is Logistics Health Inc., a world-class leader in military medical and dental readiness. LHI has grown to more than 900 employees.

Weber's connection to the military — he served in Vietnam from April 1967 through May 1968 and earned a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars — remains strong. Not only does his company assist veterans, it honors them.

Weber and his wife, Roxanne, have established the Weber Family Foundation and are involved in various community service projects.



DAVID R. SKOGEN

The Onalaska native grew up excelling in sports and dreaming of coaching. He didn't end up coaching athletes, but he's become a team leader among supermarket staff for more than 50 years.

Skogen worked in the meat department of his family's Skogen's IGA in Onalaska. In 1974 when the store began expanding, he stepped into store operations. He's been a leader in the family business since, which has expanded into 16 Festival Foods stores statewide.

Skogen was named IGA International's "Retailer of the Year" in 1989 and in 2005 received the honor of "Wisconsin Grocer of the Year."

Skogen has been successful in the community as well, serving with many non-profit and service organizations throughout the area. He and his wife Barb, '67, are leading philanthropists.

Reunions set for fall

From left, Sonya Roberts, Mary Deckert and Carol Sanders, all Class of '61, returned for their 50th reunion last fall. A similar photo was taken of the three in 1960 in the old stadium. Make plans to attend Alumni Reunion weekend, Oct. 19-21, 2012.



Is it Homecoming? Or, Family, Friends & Alumni weekend? UW-L fall celebrations have had a variety of names and different formats over the years. But, no matter what we call it, it's a time for alumni to return to reconnect and live "The La Crosse Experience."

This year, rekindle old friendships and take a walk down

memory lane during one of two weekends in October. The first (Oct. 5-7) will have a varsity athletic theme; the second (Oct. 19-21) will welcome back affinity groups, and classes celebrating milestone anniversaries.

Whichever weekend you select, know the UW-L lantern is shining brightly and will always welcome you home.

reunion schedule

Varsity Homecoming Oct. 5-7

Focus is on varsity athletic reunions. The 2012 Athletic Wall of Fame inductees will be recognized, and the football captains and the 1992 championship football team will reunite.

Alumni Reunion Weekend

Oct. 19-21

Reunion groups scheduled to return: Delta Sigma Phi 45th reunion, Beta Sigma Chi, Silver Eagles, Concert Choir, Class of 1962 and Class of 1987.

Get more info and register at: www.uwlalumni.org.

HELPING OUR OWN

Alumni can help the UW-L Food Pantry by donating non-perishable food items. The campus pantry, open since fall 2006, allows students to receive food items at no cost, which many need during challenging collegiate economic times.

The most common items needed: cereal, pasta, canned meat, pasta sauces and peanut butter. Drop off items at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center, 615 East Ave. N., on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more info contact Kaye Schendel at kschendel@uwlax.edu, or Janie Spencer at jspencer@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8495.



UW-L Alumni Association board members donated to the UW-L Food Pantry. You can too. Drop off items at the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Kristine Mason, left, earned a bachelor's degree in recreation in 1973 and a master's in library science in 1979. She became a media director in Eau Claire Public Schools where she taught for 25 years. Schley, '78, graduated with a major in English and taught high school English before becoming a State Farm Insurance Agent. Schley has established a scholarship in memory of Mason that aids education majors.

Fund established to nurture curiosity, grow great teachers

Jane Schley remembers nature lessons on hikes through Myrick Park in 1974. Her new college friend, Kristine Mason, would pull down tree branches and bring the White Pine needles to her fingertips. Mason, '73 & '79, would count the needles — w-h-i-t-e — five needles like the word. Mason loved to teach others about trees — she loved teaching and learning.

On cool, quiet mornings, she would ask children and friends, "Would you like to learn to pet a bee?" Then, through the dewy leaves, she would pull back soft petals of a flower and pet the back of a sleeping bumblebee.

She would ask her students to do the same.

Mason could identify birds by their call. She was enthralled when a butterfly would emerge from its chrysalis, gently opening its wings.

"We both really loved learning," Schley says about herself and Mason. "We had key people in our lives who taught us that it was OK to contemplate a butterfly or to pet a bee."

Schley, '78, and Mason believed curiosity needed nurturing to grow, so they decided to, one day, set up a scholarship fund to help others learn, grow and become teachers too. After

college, the two began saving money. But in 2001, Mason died unexpectedly at age 50 before the fund was established.

As part of the healing process, Schley set up the Kristine A. Mason Scholarship Fund for an education major with a strong financial need. Preference goes to applicants with a minor, emphasis or concentration in environmental studies or science because of Mason's strong environmental ethic.

"It's planting the seed, so they can go on and become teachers," says Schley. "It is this perpetual ripple — it would really make her happy."

Honoring VETS

Interactive kiosks, monitors bring an array of veteran info to campus

You can now see photographs and biographies of La Crosse area veterans on campus. And, you can step in front of a webcam to thank a vet or share your military story.

The Hall of Honor at Veteran's Memorial Field Sports Complex continues to expand in how it's honoring veterans. The area was expanded this spring to include two touch-screen monitors that show photos and bios of area vets, along with Wisconsin Public TV videos of "Wisconsin Stories" from WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Also, a two-sided kiosk allows visitors to track down information on vets and wars. And, the kiosk serves as a guest book, along with

allowing visitors to record messages and personal stories to be archived on YouTube and shared worldwide.

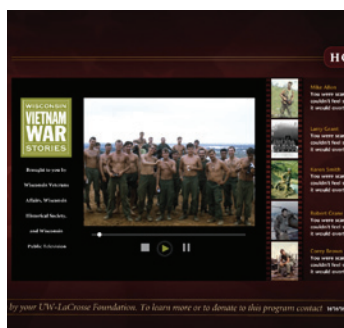
The interactive media are among the hall's additions that include a new veterans' recognition wall. Improvements were completed in time for Freedom Fest in June. They're made possible from donations made through the UW-L Foundation.

Al Trapp, president of the UW-L Foundation, says the hall is quickly becoming a showcase on campus. "The Hall of Honor is intended to be a destination where people may come to remember, honor, thank and learn about our veterans," explains Trapp.



ABOVE: An interactive kiosk in the university's Hall of Honor allows visitors to record messages to vets and share personal stories about the military. The recordings are archived on YouTube.

BELOW: Touch-screen monitors recently installed in Veterans Memorial Stadium Sports Field Complex show images and bios of area vets, along with videos about Wisconsin vets who served in WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.



SUPPORT
Veterans Hall of Honor

Donate online at www.uwlfoundation.org; call us 608.785.8489; email foundation@uwlax.edu; or mail your donation to UW-L Foundation, P. O. Box 1148, La Crosse, WI 54602-1148.

CAMPUS & BEYOND



FAR LEFT: Anne (Morgan) Hlavacka, '84, in May 2012.

LEFT: Anne (Morgan) Hlavacka, '84, is pictured far left during the ground-breaking ceremony for the Cartwright Center addition approved by students in 1984 when she was president of the Student Association.

ABOVE: Architectural renderings of the new Student Center. Learn more at www.uwlax.edu/studentcenter.

NEW STUDENT CENTER COMING

Students shape an ever-evolving campus

Construction hat on head and shovel in hand, Anne (Morgan) Hlavacka stood between Graff Main Hall and Cartwright Center in 1984 watching ground break on a new addition to the student center.

Cartwright's Gunning Addition was added when Hlavacka was president of the UW-L Student Association. At the time, the campus was booming as student population was nearing its mid-80s peak at nearly 9,900 students. Students voted to add on to the center for gathering, networking and community events space.

The needs of UW-L students have evolved since then, but students' commitment to the campus' future remains strong, says Hlavacka, '84, now director of UW-L's Small Business Development Center.

In an April referendum, students approved construction of a new student center. The new \$55 million building, planned on the Wimberly Hall parking lot, will replace Cartwright and be funded by student fees.

"Usually when people make a decision it's about 'what's in it for me,'" notes Hlavacka. "Student decisions are about what is good for the future of the

campus and the students. That's the way that students looked at it back then and that's the way they look at it today."

Construction will likely be completed in fall 2016 and most students who voted for the facility will not set foot in it as a student.

"They will not see the return personally, but they will know they did something important in the long run to see the campus continue to evolve," she notes. "It demonstrates the ongoing commitment of students to see the campus be the very best it can be."

PEACE AMONG THE CONFLICT

Alum finds peaceful place amid turbulent spring



Jordan was amid the Arab spring that rocked the Middle East starting about 18 months ago. The country has become home to waves of refugees from Palestine, Iraq and Syria after fleeing conflict in their own regions.

Despite the commotion, Tim Tschumperlin, '89, describes this place as peaceful — “the most remarkable place” he has ever lived.

“Even though this part of the world appears to be a powder keg ready to explode, the Jordanians are happy liv-

ing in their peaceful country,” says Tschumperlin. “I find the Jordanians to be the friendliest people I have ever met. Even the poorest of the poor are willing to invite us in without asking anything in return.”

As director of community service for American Community School Amman, in Amman, Jordan, Tschumperlin is contributing to the peace. Part of his role is ensuring all students commit to community service in Jordan and surrounding countries. They build Habitat for Humanity homes, raise funds for victims of natural disaster, and help Syrians fleeing their country to the border of Jordan and Turkey. Tschumperlin recently organized a toy drive for Syrian children living in poverty in the Jordanian village of Mafraq.

“Most have clothing and food, but nothing to hug or hold, so putting a toy in their hands was something I will never forget,” he says.

Tschumperlin got the travel bug while involved in UW-L's Wisconsin in Scotland program. He has taught overseas since 1991 in Norway, Denmark, Hungary and Cyprus before Jordan.

“Once I began teaching at international schools, I became addicted to the fact that I could see the world and work with kids from so many different backgrounds,” he says.



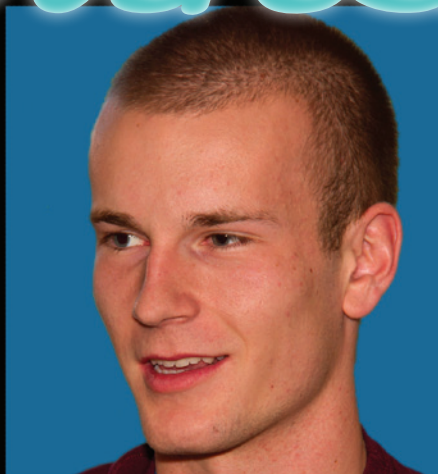
ON TOP: Tim Tschumperlin, '89, says it's a tradition for him to do a victory jump after each community project he is involved with as director of community service for American Community School Amman, in Amman, Jordan. “As I get older, the hang-time of the jump decreases,” he notes.

ABOVE: Tschumperlin poses with Syrian children during a toy drive in the Jordanian village of Mafraq in February.

Learn more about Tschumperlin's school and community service timtschumperlin.com/service.



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THOSE JOBS YOU
HEARD ABOUT IN
HIGH SCHOOL.
YOU PROBABLY
DON'T KNOW WHAT
A RESIDENCE HALL
DIRECTOR DOES.
LEARN ABOUT
THEIR WORK AND
HOW MENTORSHIP
COMES FULL CIRCLE
FOR THIS GROUP
OF RESIDENCE LIFE
STAFF.





From left, Troy Richter, '89, and Patrick Heise, '98, both assistant directors of Residence Life at UW-L; Lisa Jicinsky, '05, Coate Hall director; Justin Helmkamp, a UW-L sophomore.

Within a span of 45 minutes, residence hall directors could be helping a student with a serious mental health issue, engaging in long conversation with parents or developing a plan to help a student adjust to college life.

He or she is responsible for a residence hall — a home to hundreds of students. These directors stay awake late nights, rise for early morning meetings and have living quarters where they work.

"It's really kind of a kooky job when you sit down and look at it," says Troy Richter, former Laux and Hutchison Hall director. "But it's a lifestyle, and it seems like every hall director I know really enjoys what they are doing and is invested in the students."

Richter, like Lisa Jicinsky and Patrick Heise, says he's grateful for the people who tapped him on the shoulder and made him aware of the opportunities in residence life. All three became hall directors because of mentorship from each other. Richter and Heise went on to become assistant directors in the UW-L Residence Life Office.

TEACHING THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

Jicinsky recalls attending UW-L in early 2000 when she had her heart set on being a teacher. That was until her former UW-L hall director — Heise — opened her eyes to residence life opportunities.

"He helped me see a lot of my strengths could be used as a hall director," she says.

She learned from Heise that residence life was another form of teaching — "teaching through relationships rather than lesson plans," she explains.

Residence life friendships formed that didn't end when the contract was up, she says. Heise agrees. His former hall director in the 1990s — Richter — was the brother he never had.

"Troy was a charismatic influence in my life. He made me aware of this profession," says Heise. "He was someone I wanted to model my own life path after."

Richter says he too had a mentor in residence life who encouraged him to get involved and eventually become a hall director. That man was Kevin Helmkamp, director of Wentz Hall in the 1980s.

The Res Hall Bunch

KEVIN HELMKAMP:
Hall director in the
1984-87

TROY RICHTER:
Hall director from
1994-97

PATRICK HEISE:
Hall director from
2002 to 2006

LISA JICINSKY:
Current Coate Hall
director since
July 2011

JUSTIN HELMKAMP:
Resident Assistant
2012-present. Future
hall director?

"Each of us had a light bulb go on and we fell in love with it (residence life)," says Heise. "It's affirming when the person you worked with so closely has chosen the same career you have."

MENTORSHIP COMES FULL CIRCLE

Fast forward more than 20 years. Helmkamp is now an associate dean at UW-Madison. His son, Justin, just finished his first year at UW-L and will be a sophomore and a resident assistant at Eagle Hall in fall.

"If I would have scripted his freshman year, it would not have been any better than what it was," says Kevin. The key? Getting involved in residence life, says Justin.

One evening while in the basement of Coate Hall, Justin overheard a meeting of resident assistants and executives from the building. They didn't have anyone to take notes, so they asked Justin to help. He did and eventually was voted secretary of Coate Hall.

"I've had the best year I could have because I've met so many people and I know I have friends for life," says Justin.

His mentor for the year? Coate Hall Director Jicinsky.

Kevin says he recognizes the long line of mentors in residence life, but never expected it would come full circle — involving his son.

"Housing really allows you to integrate with students' lives in the tough times, celebrations and when they are learning about themselves," says Kevin. "I hope Justin can emulate Lisa, Troy and Patrick in his work."



Justin Helmkamp, UW-L sophomore, with his father, Kevin Helmkamp, associate dean at UW-Madison, on move-out day in May. Justin, who will be a resident assistant this fall, is following in his dad's footsteps. Kevin was a hall director in Wentz Hall in the 1980s.

Drake Hall

A LOOK BACK AT THE FIRE



An early morning fire in Drake Hall forced students into the January cold — and out of their rooms for the rest of the semester. Yet, Drake residents quickly discovered their community was more than a building.

A basement smoke detector activated the building's alarms at 4:23 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Students were out of the building when firefighters arrived to find flames in a basement study.

When firefighters extinguished the fire a short time later, much of the building suffered smoke damage. Electrical, alarm and technological systems were compromised. By Sunday afternoon, temporary beds were set up in Eagle Hall and other students volunteered to temporarily house Drake residents.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, investigators informed university staff the damage was more extensive than originally thought. Residence Life staff decided to close the building for the semester and by Thursday evening students received rooming options.

Of the 271 residents, only 70 cancelled their housing contracts and moved off campus with friends, or into space at either Viterbo University or Western Technical College residence halls, or local hotels. Others found space in other residence hall and studies.

Friends, families, university employees and area residents helped students with the unexpected move. Our own Alumni Association provided all hall residents \$25 gift cards to help ease the transition. Food and supplies were donated by La Crosse businesses.

Drake students received an outpouring of support from fellow residence hall students — and from other UW campuses. Throughout the semester, get-togethers were held for floor communities and special "Drake" study areas were established.

The hall is expected to open for the fall 2012 semester, following \$2.5 million in repairs. The fire originated in a piece of furniture. The cause has not been determined.

Representatives from two national organizations promoting fire safety visited campus to document student, staff and fire department reaction. Campus Firewatch and the Minger Foundation plan to develop fire safety information from the interviews to distribute nationwide.

NEW COACHES

Lily Hallock: named volleyball



coach replacing Sheila Perkins, who retired at the end of the 2011 season. Hallock had served as

a graduate assistant volleyball coach at Smith College (Mass.) the last two seasons. She was assistant coach at the University of California, Santa Cruz (2007-10) and assistant varsity coach at South Eugene (Oregon) High School (2004-06). Hallock earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and is pursuing a master's degree at Smith College.

Charlie King: named swim-



ming & diving head coach, replacing Rich Pein, who retired at the end of 2011-12. He

had been assistant swimming & diving coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Utah since 2008. King was head coach at Millikin University (Ill.) and Augsburg College (Minn.) and a graduate assistant at St. Cloud State University (Minn.). He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at St. Cloud (Minn.) State.

PLAY BALL: Baseball team joins forces with Loggers



The UW-L baseball team and La Crosse Loggers have announced an agreement to provide long-term financial stability for the UW-L program while raising funds to improve Copeland Park where the Loggers play.

In the partnership, the Loggers will make an annual donation to cover the baseball program's yearly fundraising needs. Facing budgetary pressures from the state in May 2009, UW-L discontinued funding head coach salaries for baseball and men's tennis. The programs were revived through private donations.

The collaboration will give the baseball program a consistent revenue stream. UW-L will assist the Loggers in raising funds to pay for \$650,000 in improvements to Copeland Park, where the Eagles would move their games. The partnership hinges on the Loggers completing an agreement on Copeland Park with the City of La Crosse.



WIAC coaches of the year

Three coaches earned Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year honors this spring:

- Josh Buchholtz, '01, Men's Outdoor Track and Field
- Pat Healy, Women's Outdoor Track and Field
- Chris Schwarz, '02 & '04, Baseball



TITLE TOWN

UW-L hosted the 2012 NCAA III Wrestling Championships at the La Crosse Center in March. A total of 170 wrestlers from 62 teams competed. The two-day championships marked the second straight year UW-L hosted the national tournament in downtown La Crosse. The Eagles placed fourth, with all five wrestlers earning All-America honors. It's UW-L's 18th top-10 finish at the national championships since joining the NCAA III in 1992.

100 YEARS OF SPORT

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has recognized five UW-L coaches and 112 UW-L student-athletes as part of its centennial celebration in 2011-12.

All-Time Teams were selected in men's and women's sports classified as "championship" sports in the conference.

Coaches and athletes will be honored Aug. 4 in Madison. The UW-L coaches selected are:

Phil Esten, men's cross coun-



try: head coach of men's cross country for 28 years (1970-97), leading the team to the

1996 NCAA III title. Esten won 20 conference titles and was 1996 National Co-coach of the Year.

Barb Gibson, '78, women's



gymnastics: finished her 27th season as the women's gymnastics head coach in 2012.

She started at UW-L in 1985 and has led the program to 15 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association championships, including 10 of the last 12. The Eagles have won 18 WIAC titles under Gibson, named conference coach of the year six times. She has been selected national Coach of the Year five seasons.

Mark Guthrie, men's track & field: men's track & field head coach for 19 years (1988-2006),



earning 22 NCAA III championships, including 12 indoor and 10 outdoor. The Eagles

swept indoor and outdoor national titles 10 different seasons. Guthrie won 34 league titles and was WIAC Coach of the Year 16 times. He earned eight national coach of the year awards.

Roger Harring, '58, football:



head football coach for 31 years (1969-99), winning three national titles, NAIA II in 1985

and NCAA III in 1992 and 1995. He captured 15 conference titles and was WIAC Coach of the Year seven times. Harring earned three national Coach of the Year titles and recorded 261 wins, the most in WIAC history.

Martha Stephens, badminton:



coached women's badminton (1968-79) and women's tennis (1968-76). Neither ever

lost a conference title during her tenure. In national AIAW badminton tournaments, her teams tied for second, and placed fourth and fifth. Another of her squads placed in the top 10 with only one-half of a team complement. She taught physical education from 1968-99.

On your mark. Get set ...

UW-L will host the 2013 NCAA III Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. The men's and women's championships, May 23-25, will feature nearly 800 competitors. The meet is the largest single site for number of competitors in any of the championships hosted by NCAA III.



NCAA issues investigation report

The NCAA's Committee on Infractions has issued a report finding UW-L to have committed three major violations related to the school's financial aid practices. The NCAA found that no one involved in UW-L Athletics, including university or departmental leadership, members of the coaching staff, or student-athletes, acted intentionally to violate applicable rules. The report also found no evidence that student-athletes actually received aid inappropriately — only that the process itself lacked sufficient safeguards to protect against improper awards. The NCAA placed the university on two years' probation. Find out more at: www.uwlathletics.com/ncaacase.

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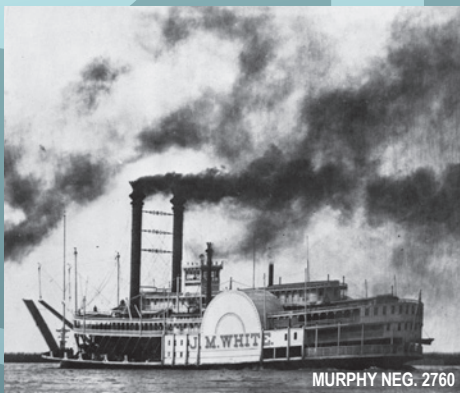
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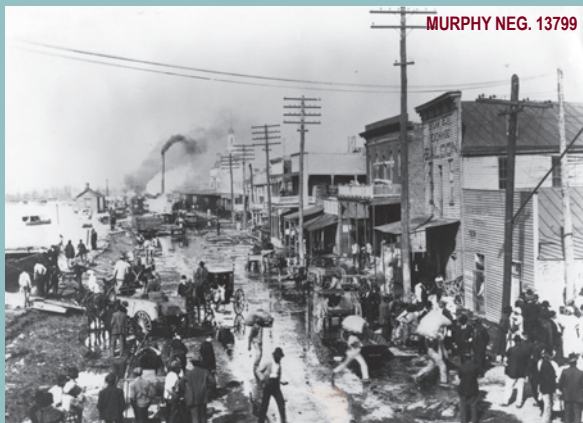
40,000+ PRINTS

The UW-L Historic Steamboat Photograph collection consists of more than 40,000 photographic images of steamboats on inland U.S. waterways, primarily the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri rivers and their tributaries. Photos depict steamboats in every phase — from construction to destruction — along with daily operations from the 1850s to now.



29,000 NOW ONLINE

You can find nearly 29,000 images from the collection online. Murphy Library worked with the UW-Madison Digitization Center over the past four years to scan and host the images. Hits to the site have grown from 2,096 in fiscal year 2008 to 45,988 so far this fiscal year.



Each image has an identifier (i.e., MURPHY NEG. 13799). Use these identifiers to easily find the images you're interested in.

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WHO COLLECTED IT ALL?



For 35 years La Crosse native Ralph Du Pae crisscrossed the country asking steamboat photo collectors to share a copy of their prints. When Du Pae died in 2008 at the age of 83, his passion was responsible for the world's largest collection of steamboat photos.



MORE THAN BOATS

The photos show steamboats in all kinds of settings — on the water, going through a lock, at a city's waterfront or levee, tied up at shore. Other river images include:

- steamboat captains
- engineers
- pilots
- passengers
- crews
- city and town waterfronts
- levees
- locks and dams
- river-related activities (fishing, swimming, clamming)

1 TO 100+

Some steamboats, especially the bigger excursion boats, have more than 100 photographs. For others, there might be only a single photo to document its existence.



CHANGING PAGE

Editor John Smalley on the 35-year transformation of newspapers

John Smalley recalls watching state news break 35 years ago. It streamed into the newsroom with the clacking of the ticker tape. Today he watches the same exciting process as the reporters he manages post 140-character tweets.

The evolution of the newsroom has been fantastic, says Smalley, '81, editor of the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison.

"On the one hand, certainly there is a nostalgic aspect — to wish it was the way it used to be in simpler times," says Smalley. "But the reality is we can do so much more now and serve the audience in more useful, quick and efficient ways."

The mass communications major got his start as a sports reporter at the La Crosse Tribune in fall 1977. He ended up working 40 hours a week while attending UW-L. As Smalley gained skills in reporting, he attempted to

help launch an alternative student newspaper to counter The Racquet. He also campaigned to become vice president of the student association. Smalley jokes

"The reality is we can do so much more now and serve the audience in more useful, quick and efficient ways."

John Smalley, '81

both of the attempts failed, ending his alternative newspaper and political careers.

However, Smalley made an influence with the career path he chose. Today the 140-character tweets from the State Journal newsroom followed up with

more in-depth stories, have helped people understand the issues of the day. When Gov. Scott Walker's proposed legislation to end public employees' right to collectively bargain led to a month of protesting, the Wisconsin State Journal covered the controversy and was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

"I was really proud," says Smalley. "And it was gratifying for the staff."

But that gratification comes with its challenges. Smalley notes the industry took a double hit as technology exploded at the same time as the economy collapsed in 2007.

Working for news can be stressful, says Smalley. But his feelings for the industry still haven't changed.

"I love it as much now as did in the fall of 1977," he says. "It's a lot different, but I still love it."

ON THE AIR

BROADCASTERS RECALL HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN RADIO



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Bob Bruce,
David Schaper,
Tim Scott.

All broadcasters have the same bad dream, says Bob Bruce.

Sitting in the studio, they turn on the microphone to go on live. But, just as they hit the button, they promptly forget what to say.

"When I walk into the studio, I still think 'Please don't let this be the day where I completely forget how to do what I'm doing,'" jokes Bruce, who attended UW-L from 1985-89.

But the host of a radio talk show based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, notes that day hasn't come yet. Luckily, Bruce and other alums in broadcast careers had great mentorships from UW-L mass communications professors and at WLSU, the campus Wisconsin Public Radio station. It gave them plenty of opportunities to work the bugs out before launching into radio careers.

At WLSU, they learned valuable lessons like soda and pizza aren't a good mix right before broadcast time. "Let's just say I had to swallow a belch," recalls UW-L Alum Tim Scott, now Operations Manager- Clear Channel Media & Entertainment-Madison.

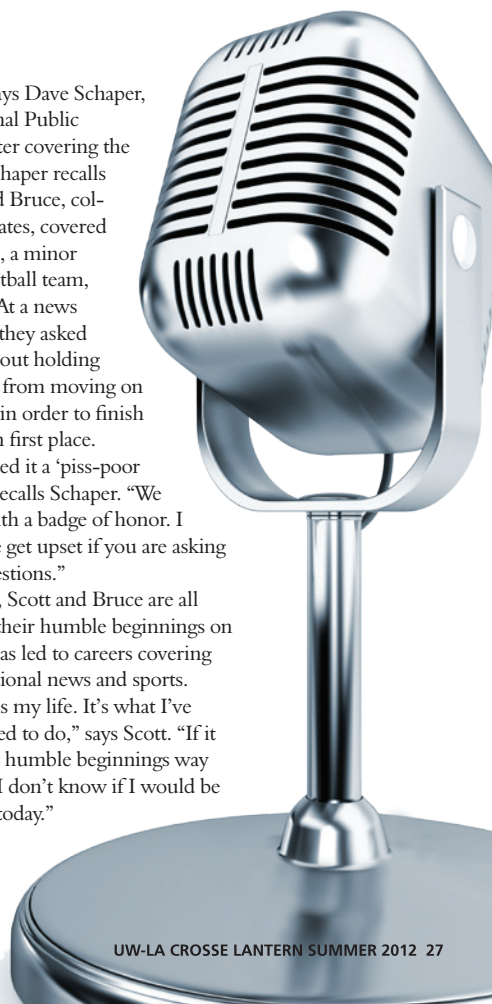
They also learned essential journalism skills — like how to ask the hard

questions, says Dave Schaper, '88, a National Public Radio reporter covering the Midwest. Schaper recalls when he and Bruce, college roommates, covered the Catbirds, a minor league basketball team, for WLSU. At a news conference, they asked the coach about holding players back from moving on to the NBA in order to finish the season in first place.

"He called it a 'piss-poor question,'" recalls Schaper. "We wore that with a badge of honor. I think people get upset if you are asking the hard questions."

Schaper, Scott and Bruce are all grateful for their humble beginnings on campus. It has led to careers covering state and national news and sports.

"Radio is my life. It's what I've always wanted to do," says Scott. "If it were not for humble beginnings way back when, I don't know if I would be where I am today."



CLASSNOTES

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Ruth Kelsh, Eau Claire, saw her granddaughter graduate from UW-L in May. Kelsh says when she entered college in 1945 there were only about 600 students. "We had two buildings — it was easy to get around," she recalls. Kelsh remembers wonderful teachers such as Wittich, Reuter, the Bairds, Rovang, Wentz and, of course, "the ultimate mentor in P.E., Emma Lou Wilder." Tuition was \$36 per semester, very few men were in school in that era so they didn't have school dances. "By the time I graduated, the men had come back from the war," Kelsh says. She keeps in touch with classmates. "Coming from a little town of 300 (Humbird) college opened a whole new world for me, and I have been forever grateful," she says.

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Allegra (Jostad) Silberstein, Davis, Calif., had a chapbook, "Through Sun-glinting Particles," published by Parallel Press in Madison. She hopes to do some readings in Wisconsin. In March 2010, she became the first Poet Laureate for the city of Davis, where she has lived since 1967.

52

C. Ashley Ellefson, Cortland, N.Y., professor of history emeritus at the State University of New York at Cortland, had a manuscript, "Fortune's Orphan: The Troubled Career of Thomas Macnemara in Maryland, 1703-1719," placed on the Web as Volume 847 of the Archives of Maryland Online. Macnemara was probably the best lawyer of his time in Maryland, but was constantly in trouble because he was not afraid to challenge a corrupt political system and a haphazard system of justice. At the same time he was popular enough with the voters of Annapolis that he became a member of the city council. From there he became an alderman, then mayor of the city and finally an alderman again. Historians have condemned Macnemara because they have believed everything his enemies said about him without looking further. Ellefson has tried to present a more realistic view of him.

Jerry Grunski, Evergreen, Colo., is enjoying a second career as an author after retiring as an instructor and chair of an English department in 1988. "Gerald," the 24th book he has contributed to, was recently published by Successful Sports Officiating, Human Kinetics in Champaign, Ill. He has had more than 300 articles published. Many were in Referee magazine,

but he is also published in a large number of regional publications. He won \$500 for a historical piece — the third time he has captured the prize.

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Thomas P. Rosandich, Daphne, Ala., received one of the first Liberty Medals from the Statue of

Liberty Club and The Wiegand Foundation. The U.S. Sports Academy president and CEO received the medal that honors individuals or organizations that promote freedom and liberty throughout the world.

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Judy(Eberlein) Ziemann, Bessemer, Mich., has been substitute teaching in elementary schools in Hurley, Bessemer and Ironwood, Mich. She looks forward to skiing and snowshoeing in winter.

61

Wesley Mooney, Sun City West, Ariz., has been named to a post at the headquarter offices of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in New York City. Mooney had

been on special assignment for Wisconsin Telephone Co., working out of the utility's Milwaukee headquarters. Mooney joined Wisconsin Telephone in 1964 as a communications specialist in the marketing department of the Racine district office. Mooney transferred to the company's Milwaukee headquarters in 1969, serving four years in the public relations department coordinating urban affairs. Before joining Wisconsin Telephone, Mooney, a Racine native, was a teacher for three years at Stephen Bull Elementary School. He was active in civic affairs, including the Racine Environment Committee and Urban League, where he served as president. In 1967 he was picked as one of the Wisconsin Jaycees' five outstanding young men of the year. He was the first black person named for the honor.

62

George Schubert and his wife, Arline, were asked to present a paper titled, "A Chronological History of Assumption of Risk & the use of Waivers & Disclaimers Used in Major League Baseball (MLB)" at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture in spring 2012.

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William Heineke, Gillette, Wyo., is in the 26th year of a Summer Day Treatment Program he developed for high-risk children and their families provided through the Community Mental Health Center, Behavioral Health Services at Campbell County Memorial Hospital. Since its inception, the program has served more than

1,000 children and their families.

67

Gail (Lloyd) Peterson Ream retired from the Camden County Board of Elections in New Jersey and moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C. She invites friends from Wisconsin to visit when traveling on the East Coast. Gail has five granddaughters and two sons.

68

Ray Byerly, Sheboygan, is a group dynamics teacher at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis. He heats and cools his home with a geothermal heat pump. Get info on the innovative system at www.richlinebuilders.com and click on "residential" and then click on the home in the upper righthand corner.

69

Dominic J. Cibrario, Racine, studied South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal (1962-64). He taught English and Latin at Horlick High School until retiring in January 2000. While on sabbatical he wrote his first novel, "The Pomelo Tree." After retiring, he expanded the novel into a trilogy. Find it at amazon.com.

Thomas H. Jacobson lives in Viroqua where he owns a photography business.

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Warren G. Dahl, Osseo, who coached basketball for 36 years

at Osseo-Fairchild (Wis.) High School, was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame Oct. 8, 2011. Dahl was named UW-L's high school basketball coach of the year in 1992. He recently finished his 6th season as an assistant basketball coach for his son, Keenan, at New Auburn (Wis.) High School.

Margaret Ewert, Hudson, Fla., is retired from teaching. She still plans tours, most recently to the Galapagos Islands in April 2012. The tours leave from Minneapolis and meet up with other groups. Last year's trip was to Costa Rica. Ewert sponsored a charity event, Leave A Legacy, in honor of her son, Joe Rakha, at the Onalaska Library in fall 2011, adding 240 new books to the collection. In summer 2012, she will teach art enrichment classes at La Crosse Logan High School. It's her 42nd year of teaching art in the La Crosse area.

Kristine R. Fritz, Sheboygan, has retired as a Pre-K PE program instructor for the Sheboygan Area Schools. She's still active in the Wisconsin and national health, physical education and recreation dance associations. She received the NASPE Joy of Effort Award in March 2012. The award culminates her lifelong career in physical education.

71

Irvine "Irr" LaFleur, Manitowoc, retired from teaching at Valders (Wis.) High School in June 2011. He taught mathematics there for 40 years. He and his wife, Candace, have been married 40 years, and have two adult children and a grandson.

73

Kenneth Montanye, '73 & '74, Eau Claire, is a semi-retired teacher. He still coaches and does some substitute teaching, along with teaching driver education part-time. His son plans to attend UW-L in fall 2012.

74

Jim Kobs, Onalaska, retired in 2008. He and his wife, Shirley, who retired in 2010, enjoy traveling and spending time with their two kids, Lisa and Travis. They planned trips to Europe and to New Zealand this year.

75

Fred Lautz, Brookfield, has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2012. Lawyers honored have received high ratings in peer-review surveys as they have earned respect for their abilities, professionalism and integrity. He works with the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee.

Cindy A. Mueller, '75, and her husband, Gary Stigler, '76, live in New Berlin. Cindy works for Franklin Public Schools. Gary is owner of Ideal Logos & Awards.

Peter Wysocki, Muskego, is in his 36th year as a student supervisor at Brookfield Central. His extra duties include videotaping football and boy's basketball. He is most proud of being in his third year coaching the long, high and triple jumps with the girl's program, after coaching boy's track for 34 years. He has coached five state track champions.

77

Daniel Heinritz, Appleton, has retired after 24 years teaching and coaching in the Appleton Area School District. He and his wife, Jill, enjoy visiting their six grandchildren. One of their daughters, Jennifer, graduated in '98. She married Tom Lee, '97.

78

Kevin D. Chroninger, Sterling, Va., recently retired after 34 years of service with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He and his wife, Nana, continue to live in Sterling.

Rebecca L Hawkins, Paradise Valley, Ariz., has retired after 34 years of practicing medicine. For the last 28 years, she was a teaching hospitalist at the Carl T. Hayden VAMC in Phoenix. As an associate professor of medicine with the University of Arizona, Hawkins has worked with interns, residents and medical students and has been able to "pass on the knowledge and work ethic taught to me by my mentors at UW-L and UW-Madison. The state of Wisconsin provided me with an excellent, affordable education." As she begins retirement, she sends best wishes to current learners and alumni, and especially to Dr. Rausch who stopped her in the hall one day in 1973 to ask if she had applied to take the MCAT exam. "That moment and so many moments shared by my mentors changed my life and opened so many doors for me," she says.

81

Marla Sepnaski, Kronenwetter, has been selected to participate in Leadership Wisconsin. As a fellow of Group XV, she will participate in a two-year program that will involve workshops and conferences throughout the state, nation and abroad. See more at: www.LeadershipWisconsin.org



James Watts, Indianapolis, has been named president and chief executive officer of the

Greater Joliet Area YMCA. Watts has worked at the Y for 30 years, including as vice president of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

84

Jeffrey Banta has been appointed to Managing Partner – Chief Operating Officer "COO" in Brazil for Ernst & Young. He will manage the audit, advisory, tax and transaction service lines with more than 5,000 professionals and \$500 million in revenue. At Ernst & Young, Banta worked in Brussels, London, Atlanta and Chicago prior to the assignment in Brazil.

Therese Granger, Jacksonville, N.C., taught with the Department of Defense schools on a U.S. Army installation in northern Italy. Last August, she was transferred to the Camp Lejeune (Marine Corps) schools in Jacksonville, N.C., where she is an early childhood inclusion teacher, teaching in a program for four-year-olds.

85

Jim Guest, Hoffman Estates, Ill., was inducted into the Illinois High School Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame Feb. 18.

Dan Paulus, Springville, Utah, has been promoted to president of Digital Technology.

86

Sandra (Jahn) Lee, Mount Juliet, Tenn., has opened a \$10 Boutique in downtown Nashville in the tourist district. Find it at tendollarboutique.com.

Daniel, '86, and Mary Jo (Boehme), '87, Taylor, live in Hartland. Their oldest son plans to attend UW-L in the fall.

88

Mary Beth (Lappe) Knoeck, Marshfield, started working as the adult student recruiter at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. She was a student there before transferring to finish her degree at UW-L in marketing.

89

Robert P. Bender, Artesia, N.M., has published his second book, "Worthy of the cause for which they fight: the Civil War diary of Brigadier General Daniel Harris Reynolds, 1861-1865" from University of Arkansas Press.

90

Rick P. Bender, Janesville, has been awarded the Chartered

Financial Consultant designation by the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The Chartered Financial Consultant designation is awarded to individuals who complete coursework in the areas of insurance, investments, estate planning and taxation.

Marilyn (Badran) Brant, Gray-slake, Ill., has completed her third contemporary women's fiction book, "A Summer in Europe," released by Kensington Books in December 2011. It's the story of a woman who gets a life-changing trip abroad as a 30th birthday gift from her eccentric elderly aunt and her aunt's friends. The novel was a featured selection on the Literary Guild and the Book-of-the-Month Club 2, as well as a bestseller in "Fiction & Literature" on the Rhapsody Book Club. It was the Barnes & Noble General Fiction Book Club's Read of the Month for May 2012. www.marilynbrant.com

91



Natalie Remier, has been named chief financial officer at Benilde-St. Margaret's School in St. Louis Park.

Michael, '91, and Heidi A (Schmidt), '96, have returned to Wisconsin with their family from Elmhurst, Ill. Michael started a new position at Associated Bank in the Green Bay corporate office. "It is very nice being back and being closer to family again," he notes. They live in De Pere.

92

Monica Rodriguez Bruesewitz, Reno, Nev., has been enjoying mission trips through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission during the past six years with trips primarily to Bolivia and most recently to Haiti. She works per diem at the clinic her husband, Mark, works in and also is a capital campaign manager for STEP2, a non-profit that works with women and children recovering from chemical and substance abuse. Her free time is spent volunteering at her children's school, at STEP2 or at church. In August 2011 she went to Haiti with a team of six from Nevada and Northern California for eight days to work with a community building, doing concrete work and forging relationships with local children. She is raising two daughters, Kyra (13), and Karle (10), and owns her own small home physical therapy practice.

94

Jason J. Parr, St. Paul, Minn., is co-owner of JSP Properties, a company he co-founded in 1997. The full-service property management company offers professional services for residential properties in the Twin Cities.

95

John Amann, Hudson, was awarded a Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award. The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in Wisconsin. Amann teaches U.S. history in Hudson.

Broadlands, Va., has been promoted to senior director of programs for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

96

Paul Bremel, Belmont, Vt., has moved the family to Vermont following “the turmoil in Wisconsin government.”

97

Terry Bolda, Menomonee Falls, formed her own business in 2011. Bolda Communications helps businesses and nonprofits reach target audiences. Primary services are communications planning, copywriting, public relations and fundraising for nonprofits.

Jesse Coates, Johnson Creek, has been selected to serve as a judge for the 2012 Wisconsin Governor’s Business Plan Contest, which encourages entrepreneurs in the creation, start-up and early-growth stages of the high-tech business in Wisconsin.

Kevin Alan Svoboda, Oak Creek, has been inducted into the William Horlick High School “Graduates of Distinction” for alumni of the Racine high school.

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Michael S. McBride and his wife, Mariette, live in Northport, N.Y. He is an administrator with Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co. They look forward to a La Crosse visit in fall.

Jessica (Laessig) Monville, West

Allis, is a training specialist at MillerCoors in Milwaukee. She earned a master’s in management from Cardinal Stritch University in 2008. She supports many internal and external initiatives within the company’s diversity and inclusion work, such as the United Way. In August 2011 she received a Philanthropic 5 Award from the Emerging Leaders of United Way-Greater Milwaukee. Monville is a board member of Women for MACC based in Milwaukee. She and her husband, Bill, have a daughter, Dora, (2).

01

Luke Eilderts, Williamsburg, Va., has earned a doctorate in French from Pennsylvania State University where he also received a master’s of arts. He is a visiting assistant professor of French and Francophone Studies at The College of William and Mary.

03

Weston Glasbrenner, Boscobel, a mathematics and computer science teacher at Fennimore (Wis.) High School, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

04

Brian M. Jackson, West Salem, is a CPA working as internal audit manager in North and South America for Lenovo. He recently relocated back to the La Crosse area and purchased approximately 60 residential rental units from a family business. He works from home and travels approximately

25 percent to South America and Raleigh, N.C. to perform audits.

Carl Laskowski, Rochester, Minn., received a doctorate in chemistry from The University of Chicago in 2010. He’s a post-doctoral scholar with the California Institute of Technology.

James A. Walcheske, Wauwatosa, co-founded a new employment law firm, Walcheske & Luzi LLC, with offices in Brookfield and Appleton, representing both employees and employers. See more at: www.walcheskeluzi.com.

06

Toby Garrod, '06, and Kristi Parker '08, were married Dec. 11, 2011. They live in Madison. Toby is finishing a doctorate in electrical engineering at UW-Madison. Kristi is working for UW Health in regional development and marketing.

Sarah Strohmeier, Muncie, Ind., is completing a Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education Master of Art program at Ball State University.

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David Driscoll, Milwaukee, has been with M&I Bank (now BMO Harris Bank) since he graduated. In March 2012, he became branch manager at Brookfield. He has been pursuing an MBA at Marquette University and hopes to graduate in spring 2013. He plans to participate in college recruiting curriculum and hopes to visit UW-L to welcome recent grads and discuss career opportunities with BMO Harris Bank.

Bradley Owen Hunt, Blaine, Minn., was promoted to Recreational Sports Director of Marketing and Communications at the University of Minnesota in September 2011. The department is expanding in Minneapolis, with a fall 2013 open date.



Devyne L. Schmidt, Lake Mills, received a master of public health degree from the Medical College

of Wisconsin in May.

Derek Sisko married **Kelley McDonell**, '09, in August 2010. They live in Waukesha. The couple started a business in June 2008 making eco-friendly cloth tape for bicycles. See: www.greengrips.org.

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Holly (Hartley) Braun, Rochester, has been named assistant coordinator for Ebenezer Child Care Cen-

ters' Oak Creek (Wis.) Center.

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Jessica Schuerman, Brookfield, is a risk consultant at Diversified Insurance Services. She had

worked for Westland Insurance in La Crosse.

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Hope Eike, La Crosse, is event coordinator at the Onalaska Omni Center. She plans large events, weddings and other events.

Choua Vang, Onalaska, is an advanced research associate at the Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care at Gundersen Lutheran. Vang is working with academic research on breast cancer along with physicians, geneticists, residents and nurses.

Class of 20??

Kristi (Heinemann), '98, and Timothy Partenheimer, Sun Prairie, a son, Mason, born Nov. 9, 2010. He joins a sister, Isabella, (5).

Sarah (Wasmundt), '98, and Tim Sonsalla, Woodbury, Minn., a son, Evan John, Sept. 14, 2011. He joins brother Gabriel (4).

Shawn and Katherine (Luebke) Kison, both '99, Cudahy, a daughter, Cailin Dawn, Oct. 21, 2011. She joins Braden (5) and Makenna (2).

Kristin (Ponto), '99, and Daniel Wilkins, Aurora, Colo., a son, Aaron Michael, Feb. 5, 2012.

Julie (Schadrie), '04, and **Chester**, '05, Janke, Holmen, twin daughters, Adelynn Ann and Ella Marie, July 8, 2011. Mom, dad and brother, Chester, Jr, (2) are excited to share their Eagle spirit with the girls at upcoming sporting events. Their dad is a former UW-L football and baseball captain and their mom is a softball alumna. Go Eagles! Chester is a substitute teacher.

Ken, '05, and **Michelle (Bingham)**, '06 & '10, Spindler, Oak Creek, a daughter, Morgan Marie, Nov. 18, 2011. Ken works for the Milwaukee Brewers and Michelle works with the School District of Cudahy.

Katie Jo (Du Mez), '07, and Davis Chance, Gilbert, Ariz., a son, Deegan, July 11, 2011.

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Top seniors

Meet the top graduates from the 2011-12 academic year:



Murphy Award for Academic Excellence & The Jake and Janet Hoeschler Award for Excellence

HOANG VO

- Graduated in May with a bachelor's in information systems and finance.
- Will pursue a doctorate in computer science and informatics at Emory University. Hopes to become a researcher and teacher.
- First graduate to receive two of the top graduating senior awards.



The Strzelczyk Award in Science and Health

CRYSTAL STUNDAHL

- Graduated with a bachelor's in general biology and a minor in Spanish.
- Will work as a clinical laboratory scientist, then consider attending graduate school in a health- and science-related field.



Murphy Award for Academic Excellence

SEAN HARRINGTON

- Graduated in December with a bachelor's in physics and mathematics.
- Research scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo.
- Will pursue a doctorate in materials at UC-Santa Barbara researching electronic and photonic materials.



The John E. Magerus Award for the Outstanding Graduating Senior from the College of Liberal Studies

VANESSA SCHWARTZ

- Graduated in May with a bachelor's in psychology.
- Will pursue a doctorate in school psychology at UW-Madison. Hopes to become a licensed school psychologist and work for public schools and an Autism resource center.



Rosandich Graduate Thesis Award

LESLIE SVACINA

- Graduated in May 2011 with a master's in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education.
- Thesis title: "From internship to classroom: A study of academic self-efficacy."
- Currently a first-year adviser in the UW-Stout Advisement Center.

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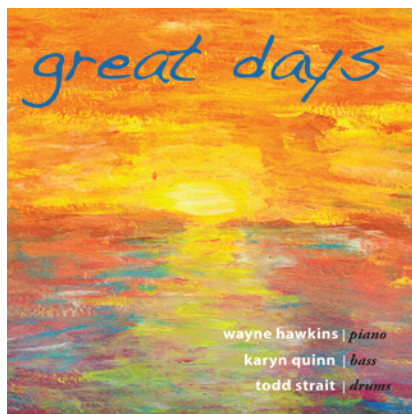
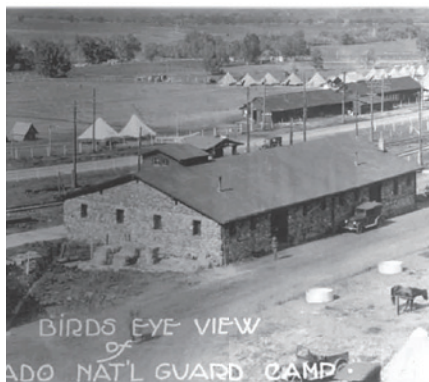
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Alum wins contest

Jerry Grunski, '52, took first place for the third time in a writing contest for historical articles in the magazine *Historically Jeffco*, published where he lives in Jefferson County, Colo. It's the 326th magazine article he's had published. Among them are profiles in regional magazines and advisory columns in "Referee," a magazine for sports officials. Grunski also had five chapters published in a textbook titled "Successful Sports Officiating." The retired Highland Park (Ill.) High School English Department chair had a double major in physical education and English. Find some of his works at: <http://historicjeffco.wordpress.com/>



CD: Great Days

A decade-long summer jazz workshop has resulted in a CD. UW-L faculty member and jazz bassist Karyn Quinn, '84, teamed up with Kansas City Pianist Wayne Hawkins and Portland Drummer Todd Strait to record "Great Days." Quinn says the CD, released last summer, is a hit for fans of jazz trios featuring piano, bass and drums. "The tunes have great improvisation, but nothing too 'wild' or 'far out' so they are fairly easy to listen to," she says. CDs are \$15 and available in La Crosse. Listen to and download tracks at iTunes or CDbaby.

Outlining Wisconsin's governors

The history behind Wisconsin's governors is rich and Ralph L. Whiting, '69, is sharing it. The retired La Crosse educator received a \$2,000 grant from the Wisconsin Educational Media Association Permanent Endowment Trust in 2008 to create and publish 5,000 posters featuring Wisconsin's 51 governors through 2010.

After retiring Whiting continued to teach summer school at Viterbo University. While teaching Wisconsin history, he realized there was no single source with information on all of the Badger State's governors. That inspired him to apply for the grant.

Whiting has distributed posters to public schools, libraries and historical societies. Personally delivering posters to six of the living, former governors, including Gov. Patrick Lucey who is now 94, was most rewarding. "He just beamed," says Whiting.



IN MEMORIAM

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Staff and faculty remembered

KEN EARNEST

Kenneth "Ken" "Captain Ernie" R. Earnest, 67, of La Crosse died March 4, 2012, at Mayo Clinic Health System, La Crosse after a short battle with cancer.

STEVEN R. INGLETT

Steven R. Inglett, 48, of rural Coon Valley died April 27, 2012, following an automobile accident.

DEWAYNE LESPERANCE

DuWayne A. Lesperance, 78, died of complications from Alzheimer's Nov. 8, 2011, at Heritage Assisted Living, Milwaukee.

SHIRLEY TOCK

Shirley Anne Tock, 75, of Crystal Lake, Ill., and formerly of La Crosse, died Jan. 25, 2012, at the Sunrise Assisted Living facility in Crystal Lake.

For complete obituaries on most listed staff and faculty, go to www.lacrossetribune.com.

Alumni remembered

1917: Gertrude M. O'Brien, Madison

1936: Eleanor Robinson, Onalaska

1937: Agnes (Blake) Benson, Sparta

1939: Bernice Anderson, Marina Del Rey, Calif.

1941: Louis Krueger, Escondido, Calif.

1942: Margaret Walsh Fenn, Seattle

1942 & '56: Lillian Leum, Westby

1943: Jean Tuttle, Whitewater

1948: Glen R. McCulloch, Mims, Fla.

1948: Shirley Jean (Briesemeister) Winters, San Diego

1950: William H. Andersen, Lancaster

1952: Frank Bremberger, Oshkosh

1952: Lou Ellen T. Elsner, Little Chute

1954: Howard Voss, La Crosse

1955: Laverne P. Snippen, Charlotte, N.C.

1956: Audre (Brown) Howard, Wisconsin Dells

1956: Jean (Nelson) Johnson, Fort Myers, Fla.

1956: Margaret (Loftus) Miller,

Winona, Minn.

1957 & '65: Frank Granger, Waukesha

1958: Shirley Tock, Crystal Lake, Ill.

1959: Gregory G. Genal, Greenville, S.C.

1960: Thomas L. Guenther, Peyton, Colo.

1961: William F. Ernst, Jr., Fairbanks, Alaska

1961: Henry Hahn, Beloit

1961: Helen A. Lennon, Saint Charles, Minn.

1961: Aileen E. Mitchell, Minocqua

1961: Jack Shank, River Falls

1961: Bruce Snyder, Sturgeon Bay

1961: George Wenz, Las Cruces, N.M.

1963: Dorris Jones Foth, Sparta.

1963: Roger Lebakken, Edgerton, Kans.

1963: Richard C. Schiessl, Portland, Ore.

1964: David C. Ibinger, Hot Springs, Ark.

1964: Ronald Rudoll, Rosemount, Minn.

1965: Vicki Jacobson Bigley, La Crosse

1968: George S. Anderson, Saint Paul, Minn.

1968: Richard Breitenfield, Aledo, Texas

1970: L. Peter Freisinger, La Crosse

1971: Reed H. Wetzels, New Berlin

1972: Susan Purucker, Peralta, N.M.

1974: Michael Monteen, New Berlin

1977: Cathy Ann Guthrie, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

1981: Greg Banks, Madison

1981: Michael Heim, Elgin, Minn.

1981: Douglas J. Swanson, Kenosha

1982: Eloise Morris, Waukesha

1985: Dean Klemm, Medford

1986: Mark Erickson, Chippewa Falls

1986: Craig Hupfer, Wausau

1986: Steven R. Inglett, Coon Valley

1988: Gloria Faivre, Eitzen, Minn.

1988: Todd Gordon, Onalaska

1991: Julie R. Baillif, West Linn, Ore.

2005: Kate Jensen, De Pere

Leaving a legacy

Retired CLS Dean John Magerus

For John Magerus, the decision to include the UW-L Foundation in his will was simple.

“The university was a good place for me. I enjoyed my time there,” explains the retired College of Liberal Studies Dean. “It’s just a continuation of giving that everyone should undertake. Besides, I’ve never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse.”

Magerus has always been generous, a characteristic he learned from his Oklahoma City parents, a factory worker and homemaker. “They were ordinary, hard-working people,” he notes.

To honor them, Magerus helped establish an Oklahoma City Community Foundation endowment in their name.

When he retired Magerus’ CLS colleagues organized a performance by faculty, staff and students to create a fund to honor the top CLS graduate. Friends and colleagues responded and Magerus added to endow it, creating the John E. Magerus Award for the Outstanding Graduating Senior from the College of Liberal Studies.

Magerus, a member of the UW-L Foundation Legacy Guild, encourages others to give. “All of us have more stuff than we need,” he notes. “It feels good to give back.”

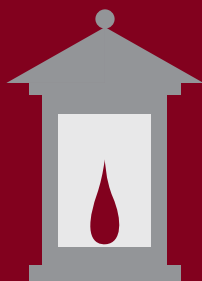


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