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On the cover
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The Research Vessel Kilo Moana, the newest U.S. oceanographic research vessel, is operated by the University of Hawaii. Kilo Moana means “one who is looking for understanding of the deep sea” in Hawaiian.

(photograph courtesy of SOEST/University of Hawaii)
MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR CHARLES W. SORENSEN

The 2007 academic year promises to be a productive, exciting year of planning and change. Our enrollments are right on target, we are initiating an aggressive marketing and branding campaign around our new polytechnic designation, and we finally have a budget! This allows us to continue to plan aggressively and receive actual financial support and positions us to fund our efforts. This budget means that we can get on with the important business of educating our students so they graduate and become productive taxpayers and involved citizens. It finally reverses the steady decline in state support for public higher education in Wisconsin. We can use this budget at UW-Stout to move forward as Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University. The budget, adopted by the Legislature, includes a partnership with UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College called NanoSTEM that has initiatives in the areas of biotechnology and nanoscience. It also adds money for two new majors at UW-Stout in polymer engineering and computer/electrical engineering. This part of the UW System’s Growth Agenda is tailored to meet the needs of students and employers in western Wisconsin.

Here are the details of what the budget means for UW-Stout:

1. Harvey Hall Theatre Remodeling: The project spends $5.14 million to upgrade the Harvey Hall Theatre, which was built in 1916 and has had periodic updates since. The project includes improving accessibility; and replacing the sound system, lighting, rigging, curtains and tracks. The balcony will be reconstructed to eliminate a tripping hazard. Seating will be replaced, which will reduce the capacity from 600 seats to 400 seats. The shop, control rooms and dressing rooms will be renovated, with electrical, plumbing and furnishing upgrades. There also will be ventilation improvements. Much of the building has the original heating and ventilation systems, and improvements made in the 1970s have reached the end of their service lives. Construction is anticipated to begin in winter 2009 with completion in late fall to early winter 2010.

2. Price Commons Second Floor Renovation: The project spends $3.08 million to renovate the second floor of the Price Commons, which was built in 1967. The work includes asbestos abatement, and upgrading the mechanical systems and the food service area.

3. Funding for the $3 million NanoSTEM initiative (a partnership between UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College): At UW-Stout this means providing two new programs important to the plastics and high-technology sectors in the Chippewa Valley – the polymer engineering and the computer/electrical engineering majors. Furthermore, the NanoSTEM part of the budget provided money to add two faculty members for biotechnology and two positions for nanotechnology. There are also positions for the polymer and computer/electrical programs.

4. Financial aid: UW-Stout has about 300 students waiting for financial aid under the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant program, and the budget will help alleviate this waiting list.

UW-Stout has earned a national reputation for excellence in many areas because we have a well-defined mission. That mission is clear and we plan in a bold, dynamic way. Our agenda, now planned around the polytechnic designation, ensures that our reputation, earned by the effort and hard work of our faculty, staff, students and graduates, will be retained.
UW-Stout Police Chief Lisa Walter went for a long run — all the way across China.

Walter represented Wisconsin and the United States on the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run during the Special Olympics World Summer Games. Officers and athletes from around the world carried the “Flame of Hope” from Beijing to Shanghai for the opening ceremonies Oct. 2.

Law enforcement officers are selected for this honor based on their significant involvement in Special Olympics. Walter has worked for the UW-Stout police department for 14 years, and during that time has volunteered regularly at local competitions and fundraisers for Special Olympics. Walter has participated in Wisconsin’s Law Enforcement Torch Run for the past 11 years. She also has helped provide leadership for UW-Stout’s involvement in the nonprofit organization.

“To have had this international opportunity was phenomenal,” Walter said.
Chancellor Signs National Pledge

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment on Sept. 12, making the campus a Charter Signatory for the pledge.

The climate commitment agreement is a promise by college and university leaders nationwide to reduce and ultimately neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses and to provide their graduates the education to help society to do the same.

Sorensen joins at least 375 other campus leaders in becoming a Charter Signatory of the climate commitment document. The request to sign the document was brought by the UW-Stout Student Association and supported by leadership on the chancellor’s advisory council.

“UW-Stout already is the most energy-efficient campus in the UW System,” Sorensen said. “Our work on the goals contained in this agreement will build on that accomplishment.”
Student Cuts Himself Some Slack

Student Dan Noll of Appleton walks the line—a couple of feet above the ground. Noll participates in a sport called slack lining, which is similar to tightrope walking but uses a flatter rope. The sport was started in 1980 by rock climbers, and it has been expanding ever since.

“There are always new challenges because there are no limits to what can be done on the slack line,” Noll said. Noll started in the sport last year but became much more involved in it this past summer. He sees it is a way to be outdoors while participating in a “low-key, calming sport.”

“It takes concentration and motivation,” Noll said. And Noll is able to concentrate despite the stares of passers-by. People often ask him if he is joining the circus, Noll said.

A TRIBUTE TO A FORMER CHANCELLOR

Former Chancellor Robert S. Swanson, whose name is etched in the hearts of many people affiliated with UW-Stout, now has his name etched in metal.

The UW System Board of Regents has named the UW-Stout Library Learning Center after Swanson, complete with a brass plaque announcing the facility’s new name as the Robert S. Swanson Learning Center. A ceremony honoring Swanson was Nov. 6.

“The Learning Center is more than a symbol of the university; it is the very soul of the university. It is an honor to recognize Bob Swanson in this manner,” Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said.

Swanson served as chancellor from 1972 to 1988, and the Library Learning Center opened its doors to the public in early 1982. Today, the center has holdings of more than a million items, including audiovisual resources, journals, books and microformats.

SCI-FI GREATNESS

Michael Levy, chairman of the UW-Stout department of English and philosophy, was presented the Thomas D. Clareson Award for Distinguished Service to the Field of Science Fiction Studies.

The award was presented by the Science Fiction Research Association, the oldest professional organization for the study of science fiction and fantasy literature and film. Only one recipient per year is honored with the distinguished service award.

Levy is co-editor of “Extrapolation,” a major scholarly journal in the field. He has published widely, has served on a variety of book award juries, organized and led scholarly conferences, and appeared on radio programs.

Levy also is a former president of both the Science Fiction Research Association and the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts.
The zebrafish has genetic similarities to humans, making it a model organism for the study of human cells. Two UW-Stout students worked as interns in this genomics and bioinformatics laboratory in Delhi, India. Heather Patnode and Becky Valaske sightsee in India during their cooperative education experience at the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology. Students helped biology professor Chuck Bomar confirm his discovery of a new grasshopper species.
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Campbell is a biological oceanography student and graduate research assistant in the department of oceanography at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, one of the top 10 oceanography programs in the United States. She studies the ocean as an ecosystem and researches the diversity of species living there.

Campbell focuses her research on the bacterial component of the plankton that drifts in the water column.

“What this means is that I am interested in what species are living in the ocean and how many of them are present relative to one another—their diversity,” Campbell said.

“This is important because different species eat different things and produce different waste products. A waste product to one bug may be a food source to another,” she explained. “As an example, useable nitrogen is in short supply in the upper ocean. All life needs nitrogen, so some bacteria called nitrogen fixers take nitrogen from the atmosphere and make it into a form that the algae can use—which feed the plankton, which feed the fish. So, knowing how many of a known nitrogen-fixing species are present helps us to know more about that system.”

UW-Stout provided Campbell the resources she needed to be accepted into a top-notch graduate program, she said. Her future plans include earning a doctoral degree in microbiology and becoming a research faculty member at an institution, studying marine microbial ecology.

Campbell is one of the first applied science majors to graduate from UW-Stout. The applied science major was established at UW-Stout in 2001, and already graduates and students of the program are making their mark in the world.

“The faculty gave me more opportunities to learn than I knew what to do with,” Campbell said, “and lots of advice.”

Other graduates of the program are meeting their career goals as well. Brady Hurtgen '05 is earning a doctoral degree in microbiology and immunology from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, and Levi Stodola '07 is conducting research at UW-Comprehensive Cancer Center.
Faculty-student collaborations
As students, all three of these graduates—Campbell, Hurtgen and Stodola—conducted field and lab research with biology faculty members Chuck Bomar and Steve Nold that resulted in the discovery of a new species of grasshopper.

In 2001 Bomar was surveying grasshoppers in a high-quality remnant prairie along Cranberry Creek in southern Dunn County. As he examined some red-legged grasshoppers known as *Melanoplus femurrubrum*, he noticed some variables in their appearance.

He and the students gathered more specimens in the field for further testing.

Nold then taught the students to analyze the specimens at the molecular level. They extracted mitochondrial DNA and looked for patterns of mitochondrial sequence variation—differences at this level would represent big differences at the species level.

Their research proved that Bomar’s hunch was correct. The grasshopper specimen turned out to be a new species, which has been named *Melanoplus lockwoodi*.

Current students also are working on a growing number of health science-related projects, especially in the area of biotechnology, with assistant professor Michael Pickart.

Pickart and his students use genomics technology in models of stem cells, artificial tissues and zebrafish to investigate human health and disease. They are collaborating with Marshfield Clinic and other medical institutions to pursue technological advances in organ and tissue development, regenerative medicine and cancer.

This past summer, two applied science students—Heather Patnode and Becky Valaske—chose to pursue a cooperative education experience with one of Pickart’s colleagues at the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology in Delhi, India.

“I feel honored to have worked in India, and for such an esteemed institution as IGIB,” Patnode said. The institute is one of the premier laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a governmental agency in India. The institute carries out research and development activities, focusing mainly on genomics and bioinformatics.

Patnode and Valaske’s co-op project was in the area of biophysical research. They worked with zebrafish as a model organism and performed laboratory duties such as making solutions, stocking materials needed for daily use, using equipment, performing experiments and attending meetings.

“The most important benefit of this internship is that I got to experience what it is like to have a position in a working biotechnology lab,” Patnode said. “I was given a project to complete, and I was the leader of that project. With the guidance of my supervisors, I was given instructions and the tools I needed to fulfill the job. The planning and execution was up to me.”

Several courses at UW-Stout prepared the students for the co-op experience. Prior to their work at the institute in India, they were able to complete coursework in biotechnology, advanced biotechnology, molecular biology, biochemistry and issues for scientific professionals.

However, co-op experiences in working laboratories teach students more than a single class or a single experiment can teach.

“Completing a project from start to finish takes an amazing amount of planning and focus,” Patnode said. “Solutions and materials were not ready-made for my use—I had to make them. I had to arrange for everything from a pH meter, to a nutator, to new chemicals, to the making of baskets for the embryos before I could get started. I took most of these things for granted at Stout because they were all readily available.”

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A future in applied science
Students in the applied science major work with instructors from a broad range of fields, such as biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, materials science, biotechnology, nanotechnology, technical writing and data analysis. This versatility offers the interpersonal and problem-solving skills employers are looking for in today’s college graduates.

As these graduates and current students are finding out, career options are plentiful for students with a degree in applied science. Potential careers include corporate research and development, environmental safety testing, government compliance, criminal apprehension testing, pharmaceutical or chemical sales, and teaching.

“Now that I’ve completed this co-op, I am positive that I would like to continue this type of work,” Patnode said.
MESSAGE FROM CHAIR, POLYTECHNIC STEERING COMMITTEE FORREST SCHULTZ

On March 9, 2007, UW-Stout was designated as Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University by the UW System Board of Regents. This monumental day affirms and establishes national recognition for the traditional strengths and bright future of UW-Stout.

We “Stouties” always knew the value the UW-Stout experience provided students, faculty and the Chippewa Valley. Now, the new designation provides an opportunity for Stout to better convey its mission in higher education.

As a polytechnic university, UW-Stout benchmarks itself against other UW institutions and against a collection of polytechnic universities across the United States, such as California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Illinois Institute of Technology.

After more than a year of study of polytechnic characteristics, the faculty, staff and administration at UW-Stout came to realize that what we loved and cherished about our university was really that which describes polytechnic universities across the United States.

Now that UW-Stout has formally entered the arena of many other great polytechnic universities, expect to see even greater things emerge from our campus.

The university has launched an aggressive plan to establish new majors including polymer engineering, computer/electrical engineering, applied social science, and cognitive neuroscience. We should expect to see greater collaborations with business and industries and the public sector in the Chippewa Valley through well-established entities such as the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute and the Stout Technology Transfer Institute.

And, our applied learning focus will begin to attract an even greater amount of much-needed external funding through research grants and contracts.

Through enhanced collaborations, we will see the economic strength and human welfare of the western Wisconsin region reach new heights.

CAREER FOCUS: A polytechnic university offers a comprehensive curriculum that prepares graduates for professional careers.

APPLIED LEARNING: A polytechnic university combines theory with practice to produce innovative solutions to real world problems.

COLLABORATION: A polytechnic university works closely with business, industry and other educational institutions to benefit students and grow the economy.

Forrest Schultz
Chair, Polytechnic Steering Committee
Chair, Department of Chemistry
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Kitrina Carlson, an assistant professor of biology, has received a research grant from the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity to evaluate medicinal plant use by the Hmong population in Wisconsin.

The project is a collaborative effort between at least four faculty members and four students at UW-Stout and UW-Manitowoc. Team members will survey local elders, and UW-Stout student La Vang-Lor will serve as translator. The results will be used to develop a database of plants, including how and why the plants are used by the Hmong people. Team members will then detect, extract and evaluate the plant’s molecules for their medicinal properties.

“All information we collect will be shared with the Hmong community,” Carlson said. “We are hoping our work creates a bridge between cultures and serves to preserve this information for future generations.”
FRESHMAN MEASURES UP

UW-Stout student is first from university to be awarded an NIST fellowship

Jarrod Feight, a freshman majoring in applied science, returned to campus this fall with a prestigious internship under his belt. Feight participated in a 2007 summer undergraduate research fellowship with the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md.—an unusual accomplishment for a student so early in his college experience. The institute’s mission is to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life. Only 100 of 400 to 500 applicants nationwide are accepted into the research program—and very few are freshmen. Feight worked with students from University of California-Berkeley, Notre Dame, University of Maryland, Harvard and Georgia Tech, to name a few. Under the supervision of NIST researchers, Feight worked in the nanoscale metrology section of the manufacturing engineering laboratory. He worked mostly with a scanning electron microscope to help develop techniques to obtain accurate three-dimensional measurements in the 100nm to 1km range.

Now back on campus, Feight is continuing his scanning electron microscope research with Forrest Schultz, professor of chemistry, and sharing what he’s learned with other students.
UW-Stout, the Innovator

UW-Stout is the largest contributor to the WiSys Technology Foundation, the nonprofit technology transfer organization of the UW System comprehensive universities.

The campus leads in the number of inventions and intellectual property that are marketable. After discoveries are disclosed to WiSys, the organization investigates whether the discoveries are patentable and pursues that protection if revenue potential exists.

After the Madison and Milwaukee campuses, which run their own technology transfer offices, UW-Stout is the next most active campus systemwide with 37 disclosures, and counting.

UW-Stout also is the only campus in the state where some of the inventions have come from students, according to WiSys.

“It makes sense that UW-Stout is a major innovator because of its close ties with industry and its focus on applied research,” said Sue Foxwell, research administrator.

UW-Stout has a new video talk show. You won’t see Oprah crying, Jerry screaming, or Regis and Kelly tittering, but you will get interesting information about what makes UW-Stout tick.

The monthly show, “About Stout,” features Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen being interviewed by Doug Mells, UW-Stout’s director of university communications.

Shows contain updates from Sorensen on events and issues on campus, as well as interviews with other UW-Stout officials or students on their areas of expertise or occupation.

The show is recorded at the UW-Stout studios in Millennium Hall by the staff of Learning Technology Services. The video is posted on the UW-Stout Web site and can be viewed using Windows Media Player.

Current and archived videos are available at www.uwstout.edu/aboutstout/. The videos also are played on cable access channels in western Wisconsin.
Extra! Extra! 
Read All About UW-Stout

News from UW-Stout is now carried in UW Business News Wire, a monthly online publication of the UW-Madison Office of Corporate Relations.

UW Business News Wire is intended to build and strengthen awareness of, and appreciation for, university resources and programs that assist the Wisconsin business community.

UW Business News Wire has expanded its coverage to include information and articles about the business-specific programs, resources and activities of other UW System institutions. The November issue, for example, featured UW-Stout’s Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center.

UW Business News Wire has more than 600 subscribers and is viewed by more than 1,600 readers a month. To read the latest edition or to sign up for a free subscription, visit http://buswire.ocr.wisc.edu/

Former Dean Passionate About New Role

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen has appointed Bob Meyer, former dean of the College of Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing, as director of federal and state relations.

Meyer will work as a liaison between the university and federal and state agencies, elected representatives and other officials to find financial support for the university’s initiatives.

He also will serve as director of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute.

Meyer said the recent designation of UW-Stout by the Board of Regents as Wisconsin’s polytechnic university provides a direction and focus for UW-Stout.

“I am passionate about my new role because the university is rapidly expanding its offerings in science, technology, engineering and math,” Meyer said. “This positions the university well to raise money to support projects that bring high-tech businesses and employment to Wisconsin.”
Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen joined the campus leaders of UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls and Chippewa Valley Technical College in writing and signing a letter to encourage a regional approach to economic development and to market the area as an entire region.

The letter was presented to the board of directors of Momentum Chippewa Valley, a regional economic development organization. As a result, Momentum Chippewa Valley has decided to expand its membership from its current four counties to nine. Other counties from west-central Wisconsin now are invited to join.

“You must have regional cooperation to drive the economy and to make a healthy state,” said Sorensen, a member of the Momentum board. “You must have cooperation between the four (higher-education) schools in this region to make that happen.”

Regional Development Gains Momentum

A grant from the federal government may make it easier for students with disabilities to conduct scientific experiments in labs and classrooms. The Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute began developing a science lab station for persons with disabilities this fall, a project funded by the National Science Foundation. The project is a partnership among UW-Stout, the WiSys Technology Foundation of UW System, Spectrum Industries of Chippewa Falls and the NSF. The final result of the partnership will be a product ready for manufacture and installation in middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities. The science lab station also will have business and industry applications.

The project continues the work and concepts initiated by UW-Stout with the universally designed food preparation work stations and media center.

Designing Access to Science

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Hi-Tech Here, Hi-Tech There

Almost 1,700 undergraduate students at the university were surveyed in the 2007 Spring Learning Survey. When asked how well UW-Stout prepared them for the workforce, participants reported they were most prepared for using technology in the workplace. Student respondents also felt prepared to organize information, meet deadlines, plan and complete projects, and be active learners on the job.

Overall satisfaction with UW-Stout’s digital learning environment was high, with a mean rating of 3.16 on a 4-point scale. The UW-Stout Teaching and Learning Center and the Office of Budget, Planning and Analysis conducted the survey.

The final report can be viewed at [www.uw stout.edu/bpa/ir/indexlearn.htm](http://www.uwstout.edu/bpa/ir/indexlearn.htm).

UW-STOUT

a Major Contributor to Economy

Each year, UW-Stout pumps more than $367 million into the local economy and $386 million into the state economy, according to a new report.

The report by the UW-Stout Social Science Research Center, written by assistant professor of economics Rula Qalyoubi-Kemp, is a detailed look at the economic impact of the total spending of the institution, its staff, students and visitors, and the “ripple effects” of this spending. Qalyoubi-Kemp said an often overlooked part of the economic impact of a university is visitor spending, which includes parents who move students in and out of Menomonie, career conference visitors and official business travelers. Besides direct spending of $23 million, visitors generated $1.3 million in sales tax revenue, according to the report.
David Williams is returning home to become a key administrator at UW-Stout.

Williams has accepted an offer by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen to become vice chancellor for University Advancement and Marketing. He will be one of three vice chancellors reporting directly to Sorensen and will be in charge of the university’s alumni and foundation offices, as well as overseeing its marketing efforts.

“Dave is a very experienced, mature professional who will provide strong, effective leadership to the UW-Stout Foundation,” Sorensen said. “He will contribute a great deal to the leadership team, and we all look forward to his arrival.”

Williams will not need a map to navigate the campus in central Menomonie; from May 1981 to April 1990 he served as director of Development and Alumni Services at UW-Stout, where he worked with the Stout University Foundation to raise annual, capital and planned gifts. Williams launched UW-Stout’s first capital campaign, increased alumni participation and spearheaded efforts that led to the creation of the Stout Technology Park.

Williams said he was honored to be returning to UW-Stout.

“With the university’s new polytechnic designation, I believe there are great opportunities to find private support for the university and help advance its mission of service and education,” Williams said. “I am looking forward to bringing my experiences from both public and private higher education institutions, and utilizing the leadership skills I’ve been able to develop, to advance the university.”

From UW-Stout, Williams worked at Ripon College in Wisconsin for 13 years, serving as vice president for development and, for one year, as interim president. He has served as vice president for University Advancement at Minnesota State University, Mankato, since August 2003.

From Oct. 28 to Nov. 10, Williams will complete a two-week Fulbright Scholars program in Germany, where he will share his fundraising expertise and learn about German higher education administration. The Fulbright Scholars Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. State Department, is the premier international educational exchange program in the United States.

Williams will begin at UW-Stout on Nov. 26.

“For my wife and me, returning to Stout will truly be a homecoming,” he said.
Family Legacy Leads to Honorarium

Boy meets girl at UW-Stout. They marry. They have four children, also graduates of UW-Stout. Two children marry other UW-Stout grads. The cycle continues with one grandchild at UW-Stout now.

This is the family legacy of Darrel “Fritz” BS ’58, MS ’61 and Cynthia BS ’58, MS ’68 Ebert.

When the topic came up what to do for their parents’ 50th wedding anniversary, the answer was clear to the Ebert children—collectively send a financial gift in their parents’ honor to their (all of their) alma mater.

“They were thrilled with the donation in their names,” Rebecca Ebert Koon ’80 said.

The gift will fund scholarships, which fits perfectly within the Ebert legacy. Fritz and Cindy Ebert were both teachers before retiring and are great supporters of students who further their educations—especially at UW-Stout, the institution that brought them together.

Stout Grows Its Scholarships

Dwight ’66 and Linda Nyhus ’67 Davis have made a significant gift toward scholarships at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The donation will be added to an endowed fund they previously established in their names.

Because of the generosity of alumni like the Davises, the Stout University Foundation continues to grow its annual scholarship awards program.

This year, 583 scholarships totaling more than $600,000 were distributed to UW-Stout students Sept. 13. The scholarship distribution was the largest annual amount awarded to date.

Next year, the increase in the Dwight and Linda Nyhus Davis Endowed Scholarship—and the addition of all other new scholarships—will raise this amount even higher.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of someone’s anniversary, birthday, retirement or other accomplishment, or a gift in memory of a loved one, please call the Stout University Foundation at (715) 232-1151.
When Steve Meyer M.S. ’00 began teaching technology and engineering education at Brillion High School five years ago, he updated the curriculum—from creating craftspeople to creating innovative thinkers and doers.

Students began to invent automated devices, such as a gas grill that weighs the cut of meat and cooks it for the appropriate length of time.

Technology and engineering education enrollment has now tripled, and more than two-thirds of the school population take the classes.

Local manufacturer Ariens Co. took notice of Meyer’s work, and recently donated $1.5 million to build a state-of-the-art technology and engineering education center for the school.

Zane C. Zander ’57 has been building and restoring cars since he was in high school. He started with Model As, moved to Chevrolets, and then to Corvettes.

His latest accomplishment is the reconstruction of a showcase car that was never produced: the 1954 Corvette Nomad, a sport station wagon. The original concept car is no longer believed to be in existence.

Zander and a group of more than 20 car enthusiasts and selected craftsmen started the project in 1999, after many years of research on the first Nomad.

The team pieced together a 1955 Pontiac Safari body, a 1977 Camaro front saddle, a 1954 Corvette dash, a mid-’80s Suburban tailgate mechanism, a 350 Chevrolet engine and a 350 General Motors transmission.

The goal was to build a Nomad that emulated as closely as possible the original 1954 model. Today, Zander’s re-creation is known as the Waldorf Nomad.

“It reflects more than seven years of personal hands-on and sleepless nights of thoughtful mental engineering,” Zander said. “All fun, of course.”

“A lot of planning, forethought and engineering preceded every reconstruction move.”
Chad Lewis ’99 has searched for vampires and werewolves in Transylvania. He has chased El Chupacabra through the jungles of Puerto Rico and Costa Rica. And he has tracked Big Foot in Canada.

Such is the life of an author and paranormal investigator. Lewis began researching the paranormal before and during his college days. He has discovered that “the world is a much more bizarre place than most people believe.”

From his research, Lewis writes about haunted locations, strange creatures and even stranger history.

While conducting research using old newspaper articles, Lewis stumbled across an article that struck him as odd. He began to find more bizarre articles. He thought to himself, “If I am finding so many strange reports by accident, how many can I find if I actively seek them out?”

Lewis began searching for the most bizarre stories he could find in newspapers dated from 1870 through 1910, and a series of “Hidden Headlines” books was born.

Marlene Bourne ’87 of Bourne Research tracks and writes about science and engineering breakthroughs that are taking place worldwide. She produces a weekly five-minute podcast in which she talks about how emerging technologies are changing the way we live, work and play.

“I think the main point consumers should know about emerging technologies is to be aware of the hype factor,” Bourne said. “In many instances, there’s an underlying agenda—such as getting venture capitalists and other investors interested, achieving some kind of government response, or simply getting press.”

She believes, however, most emerging technologies are being developed in responsible ways and are resulting in, frankly, some cool products.

Her goal is to deepen the public’s curiosity and understanding of emerging technologies and what they mean on personal and community levels.

“I see a real void here and I’d like to help fill that,” Bourne said.
No Longer Just a Football Town

Jeffrey Royle ’94 brought baseball back to Green Bay. Royle, owner of the Northwest League’s Green Bay Bullfrogs, bridged a half-century gap when his team opened their inaugural season in June.

Royle spent more than a year behind the scenes to make the summer collegiate team a reality. The process included meetings with the mayor, city council members and officials from the parks and recreation department. He renovated the historic Joannes Stadium and developed a marketing plan. It appears that his hard work and investment have paid off. More than 35,000 fans came through the gates—the largest attendance numbers for a Northwest League team in its first year. And the Bullfrogs had a successful season, posting a 15-game winning streak and a division title in the first half of the season. “It’s been an incredible ride,” Royle said.

“I am proud to have brought a vibrant, legitimate league to Green Bay.”

Designs That ‘Pop’

Look on grocery store shelves this holiday season and you’ll find the work of Joel Templin ’91, founder and principal of Hatch Design. You can’t miss it. It’s right there on the beverage aisle.

Templin and his design team created the graphics for the Coca-Cola Co. holiday series. The holiday message, “Give, Live, Love,” is carried out across the company’s five largest brands: Coca-Cola Classic, Diet Coke, Coca-Cola Zero, Sprite and Fanta.

The design stays classic with Santa and the polar bear, but a graphic snowflake pattern makes it a bit more modern and playful, Templin said. The team also created a bell illustration for Diet Coke and an ornament pattern for Coca-Cola Zero.

More examples of Templin’s work can be seen in the permanent collection of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York and the Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design.
Who Can Keep Up with Joan?

If you can catch up with Joan McLaughlin Boetcher ’58, then you’ve accomplished quite a feat.

Boetcher is a woman on the go. She has shown Quarter horses and raced Hobie Cat sailboats. She bicycles throughout Europe and runs marathons. All at age 71.

Competitive sports have always been a part of her life. It was something she could do away from her teaching job and still get the exercise she enjoyed, she said.

Even in retirement, Boetcher is not slowing down. Last March, she ran a marathon in Rome and won her age group. In October, she also won her age group at the Army Ten-Miler marathon in Washington D.C.

Pulled In Different Directions

Aloun Phoulavan ’95 explores the experiences and stories of Asian Americans in his paintings.

“Every person has a story to tell, an experience worthy of reflection and recognition,” Phoulavan writes in his artist statement. “Asian Americans in particular have unique stories to tell in that their stories are of identity, culture, and memories.”

Phoulavan recently created a series of paintings about the diversity of Asian-American women in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, and he hopes the paintings encourage dialogue on the issues identified by his subjects.

In one painting, he portrays women as having choices; that they are not bound entirely by one culture. In another painting, he depicts a young girl “balancing” her many roles on a bicycle as she carries her family.

“Asian Americans have a dual role to play in mainstream America,” Phoulavan writes. “Many have learned to live comfortably in both roles while some still struggle to find their place.”
1950s

Robert BS '54, MS '57 and Beverly Peterson Spinti BS '54, MS '76, Menomonie, received the 2006 Good Neighbor Award from the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce.


1960s

Lynette Schultz Hertel MS '63 and '67, Watertown, has retired from Madison Area Technical College. In her last position at MATC, she served as regional development associate director.

James Siebert '63 and wife, April, are retired in Trinidad, Colo., where they built a home at 6,300 feet on Fisher's Peak and enjoy views of snow-capped mountains.

Jeanette Kephart Hollenberger '65, Fennimore, is retired after working in education for 42 years.

Emily Minnichsoffer Behm BS '67, MS '78, Harrisburg, N.C., has retired from Cabarrus County Schools as the career technical education director. She was recently recognized as the North Carolina CTE Director of the Year.

Stanley Barr MS '68, New Richmond, was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame in Milwaukee by the Wisconsin Track Coaches Association.

1970s

Gregory Gorak MS '70, Milwaukee, is the president/founder of Gaits Aviation Seminars Inc., which is celebrating its 30th year of conducting FAA-approved flight instructor refresher clinics. Gorak is an eight-year NAFI master flight instructor, a captain in the Civil Air Patrol and a 42-year member of AOPA.

Dave Kottwitz '70 is manager of manufacturing engineering/industrial engineering for the generator division of Baldor Electric, Oshkosh.

Elizabeth Lloyd Lohse '70, Athens, Ga., has received an educational specialist degree in workforce education from the University of Georgia. She is the house director for Sigma Kappa Social Sorority at the University of Georgia.

Willis “Bill” Herron BS '71, MS '74 has retired as administrator at Kettle Moraine High School, Wales. He was at Kettle Moraine for 31 years and has spent a total of 37 years in education.

Donna Priebe Lafferty '71, Elmwood Park, Ill., is a food stylist and home economist. In addition to food styling, recipe development, prop styling, and occasionally art directing, she also conducts a seven-day food styling seminar twice a year in Chicago. She has produced “Special Effects,” a 50-minute educational video that teaches techniques for those who want to enter the business of food styling or photography.

Margaret “Maggie” Foote '74, Menomonie, won the Small Business Administration Wisconsin 2007 Home-Based Champion award. She was recognized for volunteering time and energy to improve the conditions of home-based and women-owned small businesses. Foote operates Oaklawn Bed and Breakfast and works as a marketing consultant for regional independent medical clinics and health-care professionals, and other small businesses.

Jacalyn See BS '74, MS '76, Rochester, Minn., is a clinical dietitian at Mayo Clinic and an assistant professor of nutrition in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Terri St. Arnauld '75 has accepted a position with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services developing and implementing contract performance measures for the agency’s Purchased Client Services division.

David Voss '76 is president of Miron Construction Co., Neenah. Miron was among the many companies that worked on the recent renovations at Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers.

Patricia Wittrock MS '75, Chaska, Minn., has retired from her position as counselor and dean with the Chaska School District.

Steven Joseph '79 is vice president of manufacturing at Fluoresco, Tucson, Ariz. Fluoresco is a manufacturing company that designs and fabricates custom indoor and outdoor lighting systems for airports, casinos, office
buildings, retail establishments and stadiums.

Patrick Lutz BS ’79, MS ’86, Beaver Dam, has been both a volunteer and employee of Ten Chimneys in Genesee Depot. Ten Chimneys is the museum/estate of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, who were considered one of the greatest acting teams in the history of American theatre. Since 1999, Lutz has completed numerous restoration projects including furniture and display pieces.

Kevin Wilde ’80, Eden Prairie, Minn., is vice president of organization effectiveness and chief learning officer at General Mills.

Luanne Neumann MS ’81, Prairie du Chien, is a financial counselor for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse. She also continues to operate Neumann House Bed and Breakfast.

Julie Mattson Ostrow BS ’81, MS ’85 is the school nutrition program manager for Midwest Dairy Council, St. Paul, Minn.

Alan Ikeler ’82, Spring Green, has started his own consulting firm, which specializes in construction management for retail clients such as The Gap and McDonalds Corp.

Carol Massoth Yoho MS ’82 teaches Web graphic design at Washburn University, Topeka, Kan. She also helps run Dancing Goat Press, publisher of three novels and one collected work by her husband, Max Yoho.

Elizabeth Woletz Gunderson ’84, St. Louis Park, Minn., is director of organization effectiveness at General Mills.

Peter ’84 and Loreen Johnson Kramer ’83 live in Copper Center, Alaska. Peter is a retired teacher and presently does carpentry and commercial fishing; Loreen is the business manager for the Copper River School District.

Tom Malmstadt BS ’84, MS ’90, Random Lake, is superintendent of the Random Lake School District.

Craig Railton ’84 is vice president of merchandise planning for Macy’s North Division, Minneapolis.

Wynne Woolsey Schendel ’84, Shoreview, Minn., was promoted to NPI sourcing specialist in the dental division of 3M.

James Gigstead ’85 is an agent with The Diedrich Agency, Ripon.

Robert Hinn ’85, Waukesha, was promoted to plant manager at Andes Candies, a division of Tootsie Roll Industries.

David Clifford ’86 is vice president of operations for DecoArt Inc., Stanford, Ky.

Carrie Rymer Coenen ’86, Waunakee, is a nutrition management unit supervisor for the Wisconsin WIC Program, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

Dallas Olson ’86 is director of manufacturing support for North American Tire Operations, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio. He has recently returned from an international assignment in Brazil.

William Weiberg ’86 has been named general manager of the Westin Minneapolis, created within the historic Farmers & Mechanics (F&M) Bank building in downtown Minneapolis.

Dean Hintz BS ’87, MS ’97 received a doctorate in educational leadership in
Teacher Helps Students See ‘The Beauty of Life’

Jan Bowe BS ’95, MS ’01 was awarded the Joseph B. Whitehead Educator of Distinction Award for exemplary dedication to the field of education. This national award is given by Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation to acknowledge educators who, with vision and purpose, enhance the minds and experiences of the future leaders of this country. Bowe is currently a technology education teacher at North High School, Eau Claire.

2006. He is currently assistant principal of instruction for the Houston County Board of Education, Perry, Ga.

Daniel Mehl’s ’88, Lake Elmo, Minn., is the senior project manager for the new $500 million Minnesota Twins ballpark.

Carla Eckert Marr’89, Fish Creek, has earned the School Foodservice and Nutrition Specialist (SFNS) credential from the School Nutrition Association (SNA). She is currently the food service director for Gibraltar Area Schools.

Andre Lyon Prahl ’89, Shakopee, Minn., is the budget director at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Gary Steffen ’89 is director of brand standards-Doubltree Brand, Hilton Hotels Corp., Beverly Hills, Calif.

1990s

Ken Schomburg ’90, Wayzata, Minn., is owner and president of Evolution Product Development, a consumer products design firm.

Patrick Brill ’91 is director of operations for Impact Performance Group Inc., Wellesley, Mass.

Cynthia “Tina” Edwards Feigal MED ’91, is a parent coach at River City Clinic, St. Paul, Minn. She has been featured on KARE 11 TV as the Twin Cities’ own “supernanny.” Feigal is the author of “The Pocket Parent Coach: Your Two-week Guide to a Dramatically Improved Life with Your Intense Child.”

Christine Boyle Southbloom ’91 recently accepted a position as materials management manager at Cambridge Medical Center, Cambridge, Minn.

Gary Parkos ’92 is industrial/ fleet business manager at Lube-Tech, Golden Valley, Minn.

James Maurice ’93 has been promoted to food service western regional manager at Hormel Foods, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dee Peeples Balentine ’94, Minneapolis, is the owner of Suede Inc., specializing in suede garments and accessories.

Andrea Hougaard ’94, Wauwatosa, is a market manager for Kellogg’s.

Joan Severson Runnheim MS ’94 is the owner of Pathways Career Success Strategies, Hudson. She recently became a Certified Five O’Clock Club Career Coach and a Certified Career Management Coach.

Jennifer Montague Schnur ’94 is owner of Montague-Schnur LLC, an interior design consulting business.

Lucy Ross MS ’95 has been appointed financial aid associate director at Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minn.

Marya Wilson BS ’95, MS ’06, Colfax, is a program and planning analyst at UW-Stout.

Angela McDowell Zeyen ’95 and husband, Steve, are the owners/operators of three Subway restaurants in Hastings, Minn.

Charlie Fredrickson ’96 is vice president of project delivery and partner with Community Living Solutions based in Neenah.

Jennifer Kelley Kemp ’96, St. Paul, Minn., is an elder care adviser with A Place for Mom.

Brent Kindred ’96, Madison, received the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association. He was selected for this statewide honor from a pool of nominees representing the 16 technical college districts in the Wisconsin Technical College System. Kindred is currently the technology and pre-engineering state consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as well as the state director for SkillsUSA, a national nonprofit organization that prepares people for trade, technical and skilled service occupations.

Jill Quilling Connery ’97 is a pastor at Bethany United Methodist Church, Green Bay.

Lynn Niggemann ’97, Colfax, is treasurer/comptroller for the city of Menomonie.

Jennifer Drew Olson ’97, Shoreview, Minn., is a category analyst for Mike’s Hard Lemonade.

Jennifer Grom Yerkes ’97 is a technical designer for Harley-Davidson, Milwaukee.

Amy Ramseier Bauer ’98, Chippewa Falls, was named employee development manager at RCU.

Daniel Ross ’98 is a process development engineer at Boston Scientific, Plymouth, Minn.

Brenda Bonesteel Stoddard ’98, Mondovi, was recently honored with the Cambridge 2007 Who’s Who Among Teachers Award. She is
currently a second-grade teacher for the School District of Mondovi.

**Nancy Heinze Walcott ’98** is an operational risk consultant for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Minneapolis.

**Thomas Driscoll ’99**, Eagan, Minn., is a business development manager with Adalis Corp., an innovation and technology company providing consulting and engineering services to consumer, medical and industrial packaging, as well as panel and corrugated manufacturing industries around the world.

**Robert “Ed” Legge ’99** has moved to Washington, D.C., where he is a media relations representative for Edison Electric Institute.

**Kendra Naef ’99**, Appleton, was selected as the 2007 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences National Teacher of the Year for her program, P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S. The Teacher of the Year Award, which is co-sponsored by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill and AAFCS, recognizes exemplary family and consumer sciences education programs. Naef is a family and consumer education teacher for Kimberly Area School District.

**Bradley Rowe ’99** is national marketing manager at Thermal Design, Stoughton.

**Eric Stein ’99**, Chicago, is a communications associate for the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association.

**Tara Tepe Tannhauser ’99** is executive assistant at Walt Disney World—Theme Park Merchandise, Kissimmee, Fla.

**2000s**

**Bryan Barts BA ’00, MS ’03**, Philadelphia, Pa., is assistant director of the Career Services Center at Philadelphia University.

**Christopher Kandziora ’00**, Indio, Calif., was named director of sales and marketing at Miramonte Resort & Spa, a Destination Hotels & Resorts property.

**Kelli Mangan Scott ’00**, Minneapolis, is a first lieutenant with the Minnesota National Guard. Her 17-month Iraqi tour concluded in August 2007.

**David Burkey ’01** is the owner of KD Guest Ranch, Adamsville, Ohio.

**Andrea Price McDonough BS ’01, MS ’03**, Fargo, N.D., is a trainer for DMI Industries.

**Kimberly Slowiak Soderberg ’01**, Minneapolis, is the founder and CEO of I Do & Baby Too, a retail boutique specializing in wedding and baby merchandise and apparel.

**April Dassow Bergren ’02** is a technical design assistant with Lands’ End, Dodgeville.

**Luke Haase ’02** is operations director at Eagle Creek Golf Club, Hortonville.

**Jennifer Hahn Kalka ’02**, Sun Prairie, is a convention sales manager for the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Robin Morgan ’02**, Milwaukee, teaches at John Long Middle School in Grafton, and is completing a master’s degree in reading and learning disabilities at Cardinal Stritch University.

**Becky Austin Richartz ’02**, Menomonie, is the graphic designer for University Advancement at UW-Stout. Richartz is also the graphic designer publi- cation editor for the Outlook magazine.

**John Harsdorf ’03** has joined Allen Interactions Inc., Mendota Heights, Minn., as interactivity developer. Allen Interactions is an award-winning custom designer and developer of e-learning solutions.

**Brenna Lee BS ’03, MS ’05** lives in Italy and works for the Italian department store UPIM. She works for the men’s division in design and product management.

**Sigrid Peterson ’03** is a senior art director with Jostens Inc., Minneapolis.

**Prescott Phillips ’03** has been promoted to strategy analyst at Target Corp., Minneapolis.

**Abbey Steffen ’03** is an executive chef at Republic Steakhouse Inc., Green Bay.

**Joshua Towner ’03** is the sports sales manager for the Waukesha and Pewaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pewaukee.

**Melanie Henke Zuehls ’03** is a human resource benefit specialist for Brakebush Brothers Inc., Westfield.

**Joseph Bauer ’04** is a territory manager for Flowline, Baltimore, Md.

**Nathan Goltz ’04**, Murrieta, Calif., is an R&D packaging design engineer with Abbott Vascular.

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**The Full Spectrum of Life**

At the age of 95, **Ramona Klatt Pinkepank ’35** still exercises with a personal trainer twice a week and walks a quarter mile each way to the bus when going to the senior center in Seattle, using a Maori-carved walking staff from New Zealand to add confidence to her stride.

Pinkepank has enjoyed life. She was a career woman who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees, which was uncommon for women of her generation, and now she is an artist.

Pinkepank worked as a beautician, a health lab technician, a middle school teacher of home economics, and a school librarian before retiring in 1972.

She then took up painting with acrylics. She has sold her paintings and exhibited her work in a one-artist show.
Jessica Husmoen ’04 recently joined the North Hudson Police Department. She is the first woman to serve as a North Hudson police officer.

Leann Rodewald Larson ’04, Brainerd, Minn., is an HR/accounting coordinator with Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Angie Przybylski BS ’04, MS ’06 is a research analyst at Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn.

Alexis Tackmann ’04 is a clinical dietitian at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis.

Matthew Vanderloop ’04 is assistant art director for Empire Screen Printing, Onalaska.

Shannon Michaels Walker ’04, Beaver Dam, is a clinical dietitian at Beaver Dam Community Hospital.

Amy Skibba Wittig ’04 is a project coordinator for Welman Architects, Waukesha.

Monica Wittrock ’04 is a store manager for Follett Higher Education Group.

Cathryn Cox ’05 is a graphic designer for Minuteman Press, Eau Claire.

Brandon Olson ’05 is a financial adviser for Merrill Lynch, Stillwater, Minn.

Joshua Olson ’05 is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin, Eagan, Minn.

Patrick Petersen ’05 is a marketing and business education teacher at Lakeville South High School, Lakeville, Minn.

Lisa Schickert ’05 is the assistant art director for Midnight Velvet and Midnight Velvet Style catalogs at Swiss Colony, Monroe.

Nicole Nelson Sidenbender ’05 is a family services coordinator for Indianhead Community Action Agency, Ladysmith.

Rachel Tierney-Chavez ’05 is a kindergarten teacher for Medina Valley ISD, Castroville, Texas.

Lacey Werner Voss ’05 is a design and production manager for Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Tina Mensink Bartsch ’06 is store manager at Steve & Barry’s, Abilene, Texas.

Jennifer Beaver ’06, Alameda, Calif., is employed in human resources with Hilton Hotels-San Jose Doubletree.

Michael Blazel ’06 is a personal banker with Associated Bank, Eau Claire.

Alaina Blume ’06 is a client service coordinator for IWCO Direct, Chanhassen, Minn.

Janet Lohr Carman ’06, Goldsboro, N.C., is completing her dietetic internship and is enrolled at East Carolina University in a master’s program in dietetics.

Diana Miemietz ’06, Independence, is an officer with the Arcadia Police Department.

Callie Neuville ’06, Sturgeon Bay, is a textile development assistant for Lands’ End Inc.

Daniel Plizga ’06, Rochester, Minn., has recently joined Weis Builders Inc. as a project coordinator.

Lisa Robinson ’06 is assistant housekeeping manager for Renaissance Grand and Suites, St. Louis, Mo.

Jodi Rosandich ’06 is a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Joseph’s School, Stratford.

Troy Schimek MS ’06, Wisconsin Rapids, is a
guidance counselor for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools.

**Danielle Bleck ’07** is a resident counselor at Illinois Math and Science Academy, Aurora, Ill.

**Alison Clark ’07** is a kitchen and bath designer for The Home Depot, Onalaska.

**Curtis Clements ’07** is employed in accounting/payroll for the Department of Defense/WIARNG, Camp Douglas.

**Carrie Coffey ’07** is an interior designer with Floor to Ceiling, Duluth, Minn.

**Edith Kadlec ’07** is associate director at West Wisconsin Land Trust Inc., Menomonie.

**Jacob Ruff ’07** is a teacher/coach for the Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha.

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Gary Schnur and Jennifer Montague ’94 live in Chaska, Minn.

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Alumni Reunite to Honor Coach Bostwick

Row 1, (l to r): Duane Ramberg ’65, Coach Robert Bostwick, Don Stewart ‘61, Fred Schleg ’61, Monte McDonald ’60.


Row 3 (l to r): Bill Kindshy ’59, Fred Seggelink ’63, Bob Sorenson ’60, Pat Krall ’63, Cy Pontillo ’65, Joe O’Leary ’65.

Bill Starks ’64 and John Zuerlein ’65 were in attendance, but not pictured.

Vincent and Jolie Jelacic Fazio ’90, West Jordan, Utah, a son, Andres Felipe.

Patrick ’91 and Cheryl Brill, Wellesley, Mass., a son, Charlie Patrick.

Brian and Heidi Roeder Bukoskey ’91, Little Elm, Texas, a daughter, Brielle Marie.

Patrick ’91 and Dawn Cramer, Phoenix, Ariz., have completed the adoption of two children. Gunnar and Merritt were born in Ethiopia.

Mark BS ’91, MS ’99 and Jeannette Levisee Fenton ’02, Elk Mound, a son, Gabriel Paul.

Bob and Rachel Gossman Schultz ’91, Fayette, Iowa, a daughter, Ashton.

Scott and Colleen Forster Skifstad ’91, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a son, Blake William.

Bob and Jenny Skudlarczyk Laiko ’93, Menomonie Falls, a son, Charles Julius.

Steve and Angela McDowell Zeyer ’95, Hastings, Minn., a son, Vincent Patrick.

Michael and Erin McEvoy Widman ’96, Rochester, Minn., a daughter, Burke Patrick.

Jason ’98 and Jennifer Skinner DeShaw ’97, Shakopee, Minn., a son, Parker Delbert.

Daniel ’98 and Kristi Ross, Watertown, Minn., a son, Evan Ross.

Jeff ’98 and Kelly Resch Velander ’97, Mound, Minn., a daughter, Lauren Jean.

Aaron and Nancy Heinze Walcott ’98, Blaine, Minn., a daughter, Alex Grace.

Sean ’99 and Kim Russell Fagan ’01, Janesville, a daughter, Addison Paige. She was welcomed by big sister Kelsi.

Wayne and Erin Graham Nierenhausen ’99, Menomonie, a son, Joshua Logan.

Michael ’00 and Lindy Bethke, De Pere, a daughter, Paige.

Chris ’00 and Laura Nelson Dumont ’00, Minneapolis, twins, Charles Nelson and Sofia Marie.

Dale ’00 and Nicole Jennings Kimball ’00, Montrose, Minn., a daughter, Kiersten Theresa.

Wade ’00 and Rital Lambrigtsen, Menomonie, a son, Aaron Jacob.

Brent ’01 and Carrie Bowen, Kaukauna, a son, Samuel Robert.

Daniel ’01 and Tori Fritschler Breunig ’00, Apple Valley, Minn., a son, James Wilfred.

Chris and April Dassow Bergren ’02, Mineral Point, a daughter, Meadow.

Jason Nelson and Jessica Kaufhold ’02, Rosemount, Minn., a daughter, Sophie Rose.

Chad and Alison West Kurth ’02, Circle Pines, Minn., a daughter, Julianne Rose.

Jacob Young and Robin Morgan ’02, Milwaukee, a son, Jacobson Reiley Rourke.

Jason and Erin Brevig Bluhm ’03, Elgin, Minn., a daughter, Jesalyn Elizabeth.

Zeb and Melanie Henke Zuehls ’03, Montello, a daughter, Olivia Irene.

Matthew ’04 and Rebecca Hoyt Vanderloop ’03, Onalaska, a son, James.

Ryan and Nicole Nelson Sidenbender ’05, Hawkins, a daughter, Rylie Nicole.

Alice Ostrom Betterley ’32, July 17, 2007, Iowa City, Iowa.

Clifford Nauta ’33, July 7, 2007, Racine.


Robert Kellermann ’48, May 6, 2007, Marion, Ohio.

Norman Watson ’48, Sept. 9, 2006, Osage, Iowa.


Richard V. Johnson BS ’51,

Patricia Peterson Wensel ’52, Sept. 29, 2006, Omro.

Lewis Lausted ’53, Nov. 24, 2006, Colfax.

Lyle Teppen BS ’56, MS ’62, Nov. 10, 2006, New Richmond.

Harry Nysather ’57, July 8, 2006, Brainerd, Minn.

Carl E. Smith BS ’57, MS ’57, July 16, 2007, La Farge.

Myrna Shearer ’59, July 15, 2007, Chetek.

Max Farning ’60, March 17, 2007, Onalaska.


Doris Larsen Wagner MS ’69, April 20, 2007, Menomonie.

Clifford Cone MS ’70, July 9, 2007, Stevens Point.

Patrick Black BS ’71, MS ’85, July 16, 2007, Eau Claire.

John Norgel BS ’72, MS ’76, June 20, 2007, West Bend.


Kartik Das BS ’79, MS ’82, March 3, 2007, Eden Prairie, Minn.


Christopher Susedik ’80, May 15, 2007, South Milwaukee.


Paul Brennhofer ’83, June 14, 2007, Menomonie.


Bohdan Halushka MS ’92, Ed.S. ’96, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Philip Urbanski ’93, July 12, 2007, Farmers Branch, Texas.


Matthew Bronner ’04, June 6, 2007, Marshall, Minn.

Douglas Beard, 66, of Stoughton, formerly with UW-Stout’s athletic department, died June 22, 2007, at his home. He was senior associate athletic director at UW-Madison, overseeing operations of the university’s 23 sports programs. He had been on the staff at UW-Madison since 2001. Before that, he was at UW-Stout from 1987 to 1989, and at UW-Milwaukee from 1989 to 2001.

Gene Bloedorn, 64, professor emeritus from UW-Stout’s art and design department, died Sept. 14, 2007 in Fitchburg, after a short, intense struggle with cancer. He began his career teaching art at Kimberly High School. He came to UW-Stout in the fall of 1971, and taught art education and drawing. He served as chair of the art and design department, and also as Gallery Curator. He retired in May 2000.

Paul Hoffman, 78, of Tucson, Ariz., professor emeritus, died April 15, 2007, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Tucson. Hoffman came to Menomonie in 1964 after receiving a doctoral degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He was a member of the rehabilitation and counseling department, and served as executive director of the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute. He retired from UW-Stout in 1996.

Robert Melrose, 82, of Menomonie, associate professor emeritus, social science department, died March 19, 2007, at Dunn County Health Care Center. He served in World War II as a member of the Army Air Corps. He taught and coached football at Bruce High School, and taught history and coached football and basketball at Menomonie High School. He then became a staff member in the social science department and an assistant football coach at Stout State College. He taught government, political science and history classes for 30 years, retiring in May 1987. He was an Outstanding Teacher five times, and received UW-Stout’s Distinguished Service Award.
State Sen. James Huff Stout, President Lorenzo Dow Harvey, and William C. Ribenack, Stout’s secretary, signed the Articles of Incorporation that created the Stout Institute on March 20, 1908.

For the first time, the institution was separated from the administration of the Menomonie school system, although the two continued to cooperate on many things including the sharing of a heating plant. A five-member board of directors was created to head the new institution of higher education.

The Stout Institute owned the land on which its buildings stood, which provided stability and allowed for expansion of the institute both in terms of the physical plant and in terms of enrollment.

The Articles of Incorporation also gave the school a name that, for the first time, would identify it as a unique institution.

But perhaps the most important legacy of the Articles of Incorporation is that the document officially streamlined multiple educational pursuits into one structured unit, so that when Stout died two years later, the school was more easily recognized for its contributions to higher education. As a result, its administration was welcomed under the auspices of the state of Wisconsin.

For close to half a century, the name Stout Institute was recognized around the world for excellence in education.
A TIMELINE OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS

Following the death of President Lorenzo Dow Harvey in 1922, the Stout Institute entered a three-decade period of quiet contentment. It truly was a “Practical School of Exceptional Merit.” Stout had an excellent reputation with a quality faculty that was graduating well-trained future leaders in home economics and industrial arts. Many people on campus held the belief that if “it isn’t broke, don’t fix it,” but one man, John Jarvis, recognized that contentment is not always that far from torpor.

In the early 1950s, Jarvis introduced the industrial technology degree, designed for students who wanted to prepare for careers in industry. This not only turned the focus of many Stout students toward industry rather than education, it forced the administration to adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of the industrial sector.

An expansion of liberal studies and a new emphasis on technology provided students with the knowledge they needed to compete in and contribute to the rapidly expanding industrial nation that the United States had become. Before long, the industrial technology degree had become the largest program at Stout, and the school had turned in a new direction.

One of the earliest forays into new technology at Stout was actually the result of a campaign by students themselves. In 1951, Stout became one of the first campuses in Wisconsin to make television available to its students in the college union. The Stout Student Association led the charge, attaching 8,800 stickers to coffee cans in a yearlong campaign to collect money. The result was the addition of one 16-inch TV.

Another important technological advance on campus came with the introduction of a photocopier in the library in spring 1965. Copies cost the rather extravagant sum of 15 cents a page, but it made it possible for students to copy materials from the library; photocopying was done by a student operator, and request forms for copies had to be filled out at the circulation desk. Less than two years later, a self-operated machine was introduced that allowed students to make copies for only 10 cents a page and at the astounding rate of seven copies per minute.

Like many campuses, Stout began to use computers for registration and financial aid applications. Stout began by sharing an IBM punch card system with another campus. Stout’s IBM room, later known as the Data Processing Center, not only provided support to the university in terms of student and financial records, it also offered classes where students could learn basic data processing techniques and programming. In fall 1966, Stout held the first College Computer Users meeting with guests from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Stout carried the concept of computer usage a step further when, in spring 1967, several faculty members and students created their own computer. The SSU-3 analog computer was considered so advanced at the time that a computer sales representative said his wares couldn’t match what had already been developed at Stout.

For the past half-century, technology has been one of the leading ingredients in the educational process at Stout. There is little doubt that this will continue to be an increasingly important part of a student’s experience. There also is little doubt that Stout will continue to be the leader in the University of Wisconsin System in incorporating technology into its curriculum.
Hall of Fame Inductees 2007

**Greg Osterhaus**
Blue Devil catcher Greg Osterhaus ranks second in career home runs (30) and RBIs. A four-year first-team all-conference pick, Osterhaus earned 1995 DIII Midwest All-Region honors.

**Mike Kundinger**
Mike Kundinger holds the school and conference indoor (7-0.50) and outdoor (7-2.5) high jump records, marks he set in 1993. Kundinger earned both indoor and outdoor All-America honors.

**Bob Bostwick**
Bob Bostwick coached the Blue Devils’ football team from 1958-63, earning the respect of not only his athletes, but the entire student body. The 1962 Stout Outstanding Teacher, Bostwick recruited a number of eventual Hall of Fame inductees, providing a solid base for the upcoming years.

**Jack Voigt**
As a defensive back, Jack Voigt notched a then-school career record 15 interceptions from 1972 to 1975. Voigt twice earned all-conference honors and was the UW-Stout freshman athlete of the year.

**Mike Wilson**
Mike Wilson was a multitalented athlete, earning All-American honors in both football and track. The 1991 WSUC indoor 55-meter champion, Wilson excelled off the field in numerous organizations.

**Lisa Schultz Dormady**
Lisa Schultz Dormady helped turn the UW-Stout women’s basketball program around, earning its first post-season tournament bid in 1991, her senior year. Schultz finished her career with 858 points and 671 rebounds.

**Larry Kuester**
Larry Kuester earned the UW-Stout Athletic Distinguished Service Award. A member of the groundskeeping crew, Kuester labored constantly to make the fields playable for game day.

Keep up to date with all of the Blue Devil athletic programs at [www.uwstout.edu/athletics/](http://www.uwstout.edu/athletics/)

MAKING THEIR MARK

The spring sports season was a good one for the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

The baseball team advanced to the WIAC playoffs for the first time since 1999, and the Blue Devils (23-19) made the most of their time, knocking off top-seeded UW-Oshkosh, 9-7, in the first round. The Blue Devils were then eliminated by losses to UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh. The Blue Devils’ Seth Maier was chosen as WIAC player of the year and named All-American. Joining Maier on the all-WIAC first team were Rob Heller and Erik Johnson.

The Blue Devil men’s track team advanced Ryan Kawasaki, Ryan Ament, Ryan Carpenter and Derek Gonzenbach to the NCAA Division III outdoor championships. Kawasaki and Carpenter set school records this season: Kawasaki in the hammer throw (176-5) and Carpenter in the triple jump (47-5.75). Kawasaki earned indoor All-American honors in the weight throw. The women’s team advanced freshmen Sam Mayer and Ashlea Peter to the national outdoor championship. Peter was the WIAC outdoor triple jump champion.

Catcher Beth Lloyd of the Blue Devil softball team was a first team all-WIAC selection after leading the team in batting (.419).
Do you have news to share?
We’d love to hear from you and your fellow alumni would, too! Drop us a line about your promotion, a reunion or just to reminisce. Here are four ways to contact us at the Alumni Office:

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**Online**
Share your news or ideas at www.uwstout.edu/alumni

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Patrick Liebergen has been invited for a repeat performance in Carnegie Hall Nov. 2, 2008. If you have an interest, please contact the Alumni Association.

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In February, the Budget, Planning and Analysis Office will conduct an Alumni Follow-up Study of 2002 and 2006 graduates. Please check your mailbox or your Stout lifetime e-dress for the survey, and respond by March 1.
HEY, IS THAT BIKE LEGAL?

Harley-Davidson leaders wanted their 2007 Nightster, a back-to-basics and honest road bike, to lure younger riders. So they asked Rich Christoph ’05, the youngest member of the Harley design team, to be lead designer.

While designing the motorcycle, Christoph was influenced by ’40s- and ’50s-era hot rods and post-WWII bobbed motorcycle styles. He wanted the Nightster to look like it was handmade in someone’s garage.

He worked closely with Willie G. Davidson, grandson of the founder of Harley-Davidson, to give the bike an “illegal” look by eliminating the center stop lamp and putting the brake lights in with the turn signals. He also relocated the license plate to the side of the fender. These features helped to visually slam the bike even lower and clean up its profile—while still passing all legal road requirements.

Christoph has been receiving a lot of attention for his design work on the bike. He has been featured in the New York Times, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Cycle World.

RIGHT: Rich Christoph ’05 and Willie G. Davidson (grandson of the founder) show off the Nightster, a project the two worked on together.