SING AT CARNEGIE HALL: TAKE HOME MEMORIES

You, on stage at Carnegie Hall?
Here’s your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
UW-Stout alumni and friends are invited to be part of an alumni choir that will visit New York City and perform in Carnegie Hall.
Composer and choral arranger, Patrick Liebergen, director of choral activities, UW-Stout, has been invited to perform his music in Carnegie Hall, November 20, 2006. Liebergen has extended an invitation to UW-Stout alumni and the UW-Stout Symphonic Singers to join him in this four-day trip to New York.
A full itinerary has been planned including time for rehearsals, sight-seeing, the concert and immediately after the performance, a two-hour dinner/dance harbor cruise. Rooms have been reserved at the Grand Hyatt, attached to Grand Central Station. Alumni choir participants would be required to attend one weekend of rehearsals on campus Oct. 27-29, 2006.
Cost per person is $989 for quad occupancy, $1,149 for triple and $1,299 for double, plus airfare.
Interested? Can you visualize the stage lights and hear the rustle of the audience? Then come along. For a complete registration packet, contact the UW-Stout Alumni Association. Registration and deposit deadline is Feb. 1, 2006.

Patrick Liebergen has been a member of the UW-Stout faculty for more than 25 years. As the director of choral activities, he’s enhanced the musical experiences of students who performed under his direction and his music has entertained the campus community and those in the Menomonie area, as well. Few would know that Leibergen is also a well known and respected composer and arranger of choral music. His choral arrangements are used by high school, college and church choral directors across the country.

VET’S CLUB REUNION

Thirty-two alumni and family members gathered for the 2005 Veteran’s Club Reunion. Joining the returning veterans this year were current members of the UW-Stout ROTC program and National Guard members who have served abroad. Members of the Vet’s Club participated in the homecoming parade as the Kazoo Band. Several members also served as the Color Guard for the parade and homecoming game. The next reunion for the Veteran’s Club members is expected to be in 2010.
SIX INDUCED INTO UW-STOUT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Excellence is the key word to describe the six outstanding athletes, Cindy Hovet (basketball/softball), Alissa Proshek (volleyball), Tom McNamara (hockey), Gary Busch (baseball), Pete Binelas (basketball) and Bob Thomas (coach), inducted into the UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 5.

Cindy Hovet ’94 was a three-time all-WWIAC selection in basketball and the 1994 WWIAC Player of the Year. Her 1,231 career points rank second on UW-Stout’s all-time list. In 1998, the Blue Devils retired Hovet’s number, 21.

An assistant basketball coach at UW-Stout (1994-95) and UW-River Falls (1995-2000), Hovet has posted a 69-59 record in her five years as head coach at River Falls. During the 2000-01 season, she earned WIAC Coach of the Year honors.


Tom McNamara ’73 along with two previous UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, Glenn LaChapelle (1970-73) and Terry Watkins (1970-73), played on a line recognized by the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame as the highest-scoring line in college hockey history at any level for its prowess in 1973. McNamara, UW-Stout’s 1973 MVP, tallied 61 points at Stout.

Pete Binelas ’95 fired 3-pointers for the Blue Devils from 1990-94. He is second in UW-Stout men’s basketball records for single-season 3-pointers made (67) and holds the single-season 3-point percentage (47.6 percent) mark. Binelas, who holds the record for most career games played (103) stands second on the Blue Devils’ all-time scoring list with 1,492 points. He played professional basketball in Greece, 1999-2000.

Gary Busch ’90 and Dan Larson, 1999 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, pitched UW-Stout to an NAIA College World Series appearance in 1989 and a repeat showing in 1990. Busch owns the program’s career winning percentage mark (.727). In 1990, Busch earned all-WSUC, all-District 14, all-Area IV, second-team all-NAIA and was the Area IV Player of the Year.

Bob Thomas was a 2004 UW-Superior Athletic Hall of Fame inductee. As an offensive and special teams assistant coach for the football team, Thomas helped develop five All-American players.

His UW-Stout wrestling teams produced three All-American athletes, including the only national wrestling champion in school history. Thomas was the acting baseball coach during the 1997 season when the team advanced to the WIAC Tournament. Thomas retired in 1997, but has since stayed active as a volunteer coach.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Richard Lowery received the Athletic Distinguished Service Award having served as an official scorer for UW-Stout men’s and women’s basketball teams, the voice of Blue Devil soccer, a member of the UW-Stout Hall of Fame committee, member of the UW-Stout football chain gang, and Blue Devil booster club. Lowery has retired from UW-Stout after 34 years.

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Beckham in fourth season with NFL Titans

Tony Beckham ’01 finds himself in his fourth season with the Tennessee Titans. Beckham endured a 2004 preseason knee injury that left him on the team’s physically unable to perform list for 11 weeks. “I want us to win more than we did last year,” said Beckham, selected in the fourth round as the 115th overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft after recording 154 tackles, five interceptions, 31 pass breakups, two kick return touchdowns and three receiving touchdowns at UW-Stout from 1998-2001. Beckham helped lead the Blue Devils to a 10-0 regular season record and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) crown in 2000. Beckham’s status in the NFL has proven huge for UW-Stout. “It’s obviously a great recruiting tool,” said Todd Strop, Blue Devil football coach, “when we can call a kid and say, One of our guys is playing on Monday night, flip to ABC, he used to play at our university.” Beckham expressed gratitude for what the UW-Stout football program offered him.

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