UW-Stout held a dedication of the campus’ Bell Monument Saturday, Oct. 22, immediately following the UW-Stout Homecoming Parade.

No other landmark on the campus has more meaning to students, alumni, faculty and staff than the historic clock tower on the northeast corner of Bowman Hall. From the beginning, the tower housed a bell. By 1914, however, the pneumatic controls had broken and were too expensive to repair. The bell’s regular function of marking the quarter hour went silent.

After decades of being rung by hammers in the hands of students celebrating football victories or fraternity rushes, the bell cracked. Once cracked, it refused to ring. Eventually, a mechanical and then an electronic carillon replaced the bell. In 1997, the bell was removed, and five new bells were installed.

To preserve the history of the old bell that tolled for the university campus and the city of Menomonie for many years, the Bell Monument was built in the grassy knoll across from Micheels Hall, a tribute to the impressive history of UW-Stout, and a gateway to a promising future.

Each part of the design has a direct relationship to UW-Stout. The four steel pillars represent Honor, Skill, Learning and Industry—the four precepts inscribed on the lintel of Bowman Hall. Each word is also engraved on one of the four benches encircling the monument. Red bricks in the foundation symbolize the original red brick of Bowman Hall.

Ben Pratt, associate professor of art and design, was part of the campus committee that worked to memorialize the bell. As a project for his spring 1999 design theory and methods class, groups developed different concepts for the monument. Several different designs were presented to UW-Stout Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen for approval. David Larson, David Loewe ’02 and Deborah Podsedly Olson, ’01 created the design selected.
Reinhold and Borghild Eng Dahlgren and Maybelle Ranney Price Professorships

Two University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty members have been named Dahlgren Professors, following action by the UW System Board of Regents. They are Martin Ondrus, chemistry; and Hans Timper, technology.

Selection for the professorships is made on the basis of an individual’s outstanding abilities and promise. The Dahlgren Professorships are two years in length and provide $7,500 to support professional activities. The Dahlgren Professorships are in honor of Reinhold and Borghild Eng Dahlgren, 1917 and 1918 Stout graduates, who left a bequest to the university upon their deaths. Funds for these professorships are allocated through the Stout University Foundation.

The emphasis of the Dahlgren awards is to provide resources to improve teaching. This may include professional travel, attendance at special meetings and conferences, supplies, equipment, books, reports, periodicals, computer time or secretarial help.

Maybelle Ranney Price Professorships

Steven Deckelman, an associate professor in UW-Stout’s mathematics, statistics and computer science department, has been named the university’s Maybelle Ranney Price Professor. The professorship was established in honor and memory of Maybelle Ranney Price, who died in 1993. Price received a bachelor’s degree in 1945 and a master’s degree in 1957 from Stout.

The professorship is one year in length and provides $3,500. Funds were obtained through the Stout University Foundation. The award is to be used for academic pursuits that contribute to UW-Stout’s academic mission, including scholarly activities, public service and instruction.

Charles Bomar – Winner of Faculty Award of Excellence

Charles Bomar’s strong commitment to teaching has earned him the 2005 Merle Price Faculty Award of Excellence. The award goes to a faculty member who has a strong record of teaching and learning innovation or has produced research contributing to the mission of the university including research involving students.

“I am deeply honored by the award and feel a bit overwhelmed by the support from my colleagues and the generosity of Bob and Kathy McCord in establishing this award,” said Bomar, a biology professor. “Teaching has been a wonderful experience for me. Working with students in the classroom and the research lab has been a very productive experience for me. Perhaps most rewarding were the letters of recommendation I received from my students for this award.”

Robert Zeidel – Academic Staff Award of Excellence

Robert Zeidel, a senior lecturer in the social science department, has been recognized with the Merle Price Academic Staff Award of Excellence for 2005 for his service to UW-Stout, its mission and its students.

“For me, there is no higher honor than to have others in the academic world, and the McCords through this award, acknowledge the high quality of your work,” said Zeidel. “That this award came from my home institution, and that I was chosen by peers from among peers, is especially gratifying.”

“Working at a college or university, conveying knowledge to others, and having the opportunity to contribute to that body of knowledge is a career second to none,” added Zeidel.

“Students and colleagues have challenged me and made me strive to be the best. While UW-Stout is a relatively large university, its campus culture has allowed me to get to know students, and see them succeed in the pursuit of their dreams.”