President gives insight on Foundation

The Stout University Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation founded in 1962 by the late William “Bud” Michaels, Stout State University president 1961-1971. Michaels saw the potential for a strong backed organization that would raise private money for Stout programs. Less than 40 years later, the foundation surpassed $20 million in assets. Through the generosity of our donors, the foundation has helped Stout with laboratory equipment, library resources, faculty research and development, numerous scholarships, an expanded student emergency loan fund, endowed professorships and chairs, and capital projects.

The foundation is a separate entity from the university. It is governed by a 40-member board of directors. The board members include alumni, friends of the university, and business and industry leaders. The following questions are some of the more common asked about the foundation.

Where does the money come from?

Revenue comes from generous donors, corporations and foundations. Donors give to UW-Stout in a variety of ways. Many individuals choose to make a gift on an annual basis. Such gifts include gifts of cash, including matching gifts from employers; gifts of securities; or gifts of personal property.

Alumni, parents and friends are solicited on an annual basis through the phonathon program. The annual phonathon provides an opportunity for alumni to learn what is new on campus. Dollars raised through the annual phonathon support the university’s unrestricted accounts. These dollars support student scholarships, faculty grants, emergency loans and other high priority needs on campus.

Other donors choose to show their support by establishing a planned or deferred gift. Planned gifts are just what their name implies. They are gifts which are planned over a period of time. For the most part they are larger in value. The most common type of deferred gift is a bequest. Other forms of planned gifts include trusts, annuities, unitrusts and gifts of life insurance.

What is an endowment gift?

An endowed gift can be made with a current or planned gift of cash, appreciated securities or other assets. When a gift is endowed, only the interest earned is available for the intended purpose and the fund lives in perpetuity. The principle is never decreased. Our current endowment is approximately $20 million and ensures the Foundation’s continued support of UW-Stout.

Unrestricted gifts to the foundation are added to the foundation’s general fund. Restricted gifts are used for the purpose specified. The foundation supports initiatives on campus that are not funded by state or tuition dollars. Through the support of generous alumni, parents and friends, the foundation is able to provide almost $2 million annually to the university. Such initiatives include student scholarships, faculty grants, professorships, and capital projects such as the recreational complex.

I invite your inquiries. You can contact the Foundation office at 715/232-1151 or visit our web site at www.uwstout.edu/foundation.

Gift Annuities meet different needs

After reading about charitable gift annuities in a previous issue of the Stout Outlook, Bob Kraese ’59 called to learn more about them and how a gift annuity might work for him.

Bob and Helen Kraese share an interest with Hugh and Orvetta Molzau — all of them believe in UW-Stout and the outstanding education it provides. All of them want to make the same education available to students in the future through scholarships.

Bob had other interests also. He realized that after his death, Social Security payments and retirement plan income to his wife would be reduced, and he wanted to provide her with funds to make up some of the difference. In addition, Bob was looking for a federal income tax deduction to offset some of the capital gains tax on highly appreciated stock.

By establishing a charitable gift annuity, Bob was able to achieve all his goals. The C. Robert and Helen Krause Endowed Scholarship will be funded following their deaths. Bob and Helen have increased their current income, offset some capital gains tax and received a substantial tax deduction in exchange for their generosity.

While planning his gift, Bob asked a number of questions that others have asked in the past:

How and when will my contribution be used?

Charitable gift annuities are part gift and part annuity. Your tax deduction is the value of the “gift” portion of your contribution, which generally is between 40 and 50 percent of the contribution.

How and when will my contribution be used?

You can specify how you want your gift to be used. Your gift will be used by the foundation following your death, and since needs can change significantly between now and then, unrestricted gifts are greatly appreciated. However, you can restrict your gift for a specific use such as a scholarship, a professorship, or another special interest of yours.

How are my payments guaranteed?

Your annual payments are made in the form of a check. The major difference between a gift annuity and an annuity is the life expectancy of the annuitant. The major draw of a gift annuity is the income payments it provides. Your payments will continue to you and your named beneficiary.

How is the interest rate for my charitable gift annuity determined?

This is a case where older is definitely better! The interest rate is based on your age and the age of your named beneficiary. For a single annuitant age 69, the interest rate is 6.6 percent. At age 70, the rate for a single annuitant is 7.5 percent and at age 80, the rate is 9.2 percent. When two beneficiaries are named, the interest rate is based on both of their ages. For example, an annuity for two lives, ages 70 and 80, would receive a 7.2 percent interest rate. These are great rates, and they are guaranteed!

Youthful alumni and friends may want to consider a deferred gift annuity that will pay an income to you at a future date. In addition to making a significant gift to UW-Stout, a deferred gift annuity provides you a charitable income tax deduction and income at a later date (such as during retirement) when the funds might be more needed. The interest rate for a deferred gift annuity is based on the donor’s age when payments start. For example, a 40-year-old who establishes a deferred gift annuity for a single annuitant has a 2 percent rate if payments start at age 65, and that increases to 8.2 percent if payments start at age 75.

How do I establish a charitable gift annuity with the Stout University Foundation?

Call Patti Besider Dahl at 715/232-1151 for a personalized illustration of how a gift annuity might work for you. There is no obligation, and you may learn that a charitable gift annuity might help you meet your unique financial and charitable goals.
Professorship and Chair recognition ceremony

The Stout University Foundation held a recognition ceremony for those who received professorships and chairs for 2000 in the Great Hall at Memorial Student Center on August 28. A special thanks to our generous donors for their dedication and commitment to higher education research and service. These funds are provided through endowed gifts held by the Stout University Foundation.

G.A. Taft Manufacturing Engineering Professorship

Dawn J. Bee, College of Technology, Engineering and Management

The G.A. Taft Professorship, initiated in 1993, has been made possible through a gift from Robert E. Quinn and Esther Taft Quinn in honor of Esther’s father. G.A. Taft was associated with the Dunn County News before moving to the Twin Cities where he was co-founder of the Deluxe Check Printing company. Taft’s wife, Gertrude, attended what was then the Stout Institute in the early 1900s. The professorship is three to five years in length.

Reinhold and Borghild Eng Dahlgren Professorships

Robert W. Hendricks, College of Technology, Engineering and Management; Mary Hopkins-Best, College of Human Development; Denise A. Skinner, College of Human Development

Dahlgren professorships are in honor of Reinhold and Borghild Eng Dahlgren, 1916 and 1918 UW-Stout graduates. The professorships were established to assist faculty in scholarly activities and public service and instruction. The Dahlgren professorships are two years in length.

Maybelle Ranney Price Professorship

Dorchan Pomock, College of Arts and Sciences

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 master’s degree in 1957 from Stout. The professorship is two years in length. Price established the fund through an estate plan.

Lenore Landry Design/Manufacturing Professorship

Donna Albrecht, College of Technology, Engineering and Management

Landry, a 1945 graduate in home economics education, established this professorship to retain and attract competent apparel design faculty to UW-Stout. Landry, a UW System specialist, was respected throughout the county for her expertise in textiles and clothing. The professorship is three years in length.

Evelyn Carol Van Donk Steenbock Chair

Gour Choudhury, College of Human Development

Steenbock, a 1925 graduate, established the first chair at UW-Stout in the areas of food science, nutrition and dietetics. The focus of this two-year appointment will be nutrition education and service to undergraduate and graduate students and the greater community. This chair has been made possible through a bequest from the Steenbock estate.

University Honors Program

Special Educational Projects Submitted by Jeffrey Dippman and Alec Kirby, Interim Co-directors for Special Educational Projects, submitted by Jeffrey Dippman

The honors program is relatively new to campus. In 1999, the foundation assisted the program with funds to set up an office and hire a part-time office assistant. This year’s award is a continuation of the initial commitment made in 1999. The University Honors Program provides top quality students an environment to network and socialize.

Recognizing 30 years of Teaching Excellence

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Four reasons to say “Yes!”

when an Annual Fund volunteer calls.

One:
Annual fund gifts support scholarships which attract the best students to UW-Stout.

Two:
Annual fund gifts maintain UW-Stout’s margin of excellence among higher education institutions.

Three:
Annual fund gifts help ensure the value of your Stout degree.

Four:
Annual fund gifts will make a phonothon caller very happy!