An exciting place to be

Even though the Alumni Association and Foundation offices are housed in one of the oldest buildings in Menomonie, you can rest assured — we’re ready! Yes, we have taken all the necessary steps in preparation for Y2K. We have all been taught proper procedures for turning off our computers. Steps were taken to re-teach us the “old fashioned” way of tracking the old paper filing system (you should see the one in my office sent in by Gene Miller ’47). We might add one of the menus from the Haute Cuisine dinners, or perhaps the plans for one of the houses our students have built. The prescription used by the Stout Technology Transfer Institute and students in assisting (and saving) manufacturing companies could also be included. If the capsule is large enough, we could bury a time capsule of Stout memorabilia. We could include some of the crafts that have been made throughout the years. I’ve seen some wonderful pieces of furniture and lamps made in the industrial arts program and ashtrays from the old foundry class (you should see the one in my office sent in by Gene Miller ’47). We might add one of the menus from the Haute Cuisine dinners, or perhaps the plans for one of the houses our students have built. The prescription used by the Stout Technology Transfer Institute and students in assisting (and saving) manufacturing companies could also be included. If the capsule is large enough, we could add one of the canoes that have been built on campus, the ukulele an alumni made and, of course, a picture of Bowman Hall. Perhaps we might add all the name changes that Stout has experienced. Stout Manual Training Schools, 1891–1908; The Stout Institute, 1908–1955; Stout State College, 1955–1964; Stout State University, 1964–1971; University of Wisconsin-Stout, 1971–present. I was just given a spoon from The Stout Institute (thanks to Catherine Kirk Windberg ’39). Maybe we could find pieces of memorabilia that would represent each name to include in a time capsule.

When you think of all the courses that have been taught, all the items that have been made, all the relationships that have been established (remember the kidney transplant story in the last issue of the Outlook), all the careers that have developed, as a result of this university, you can rest assured that we can end this millennium as proud alumni of Stout. With all that has been accomplished, one might think there couldn’t be anything left. But you, as alumni, have other ideas. You are already planning a huge alumni gathering in Las Vegas, reunion and homecoming activities are scheduled for Oct. 2, and there are many more activities in the works. (Make sure you keep an eye on our web page for a more current listing.) UW-Stout is an exciting place to be, and it is certainly an exciting time to be alive.

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

As president of the Alumni Association, I am pleased to share a wonderful resource with you. The resource is as close as your personal computer. The University of Wisconsin-Stout and the Stout Alumni Association have developed interesting and informative web pages, and I would like to share some of the information you might find there.

Go to http://www.stout.edu/alum.html to access the page titled “Information for Stout Alumni.” From this page, there are links to many other web pages. If you click on “Foundation Information,” you can access information about giving opportunities, scholarships or foundation grants.

Contacting one of your professors is simple—click on the “Faculty and Staff Directory” to search for the professor or the department, and the information you need is at your fingertips. If your child or grandchild wants to attend UW-Stout, you should go to the Admissions link. Help with a career change can also be found. The “Placement and Co-op Services” link has information about job-seeker services for alumni. As an employer, you could use the “Placement and Co-op Services” page to learn about employer services.

Another interesting page is the “Campus Tour Online” or “Campus Guides.” You can actually take an online tour of the campus and see how much the campus has changed over the years.

A list of alumni e-mail addresses can be found under the Alumni Association link. You may list your current e-mail address on the page, or search the page for long-lost friends, roommates and classmates. The e-mail list will be a great resource to Stout graduates as the list grows.

If you have access to a computer, take the time to check out this website. I think you will find it very interesting.

Nominations sought

James Huff Stout Award: James H. Stout was a true visionary in both his professional and personal lives. His philosophy of “learning through involvement” was the beginning of what is now known as UW-Stout. The implementation of his ideals brought positive changes within the community and the lives of thousands of individuals.

The Alumni Association wishes to honor the ideals and visions of James H. Stout by presenting an award to a UW-Stout alumni who has exemplified his attitude and manner. Alumni who are UW-Stout faculty, staff, administrators and former employees are also eligible for this award.

Alumni from any year, school or college program may be nominated. Contact the alumni office for additional information and request an application.

Distinguished, Outstanding and Service Awards: Nominations are being accepted for recognition of our Distinguished, Outstanding and Service awards. Contact the alumni office for additional information and request an application.

Committee seeks board nominations

The Nominating Committee of the UW-Stout Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors. Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations by completing the form below and returning it, along with the nominee’s current resume to the UW-Stout Alumni Association, Nominations Committee, Louis Smith Taunter House, PO Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790. All nominations and resumes will be kept on file for future consideration.

Nominees should be:

• Willing to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors.
• Able to attend two meetings held in Menomonie, annually.
• Willing to serve actively on committees as needed.

Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

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A special thanks to Kazukiyo “Jiggs” Kuboyama (holding ukulele) for his patience in teaching fellow alumni how to make a ukulele. Pictured (l-r): Bob Takasaki, Charlie Takahama, Jiggs, Mae Kuboyama, Sue Pittman.

Seattle, Washington


Las Vegas 2000

March 9–12, 2000
UW-Stout All Alumni Gathering

Call your friends and plan to join your fellow alumni for a fun-filled weekend at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Thursday, March 9 Reception
Friday, March 10 Beer and Brat Feed
Saturday, March 11 Dinner Program, Entertainment

To include your name on our mailing list, contact the Alumni Office 715/232-1151 or by e-mail at alumni2@uwstout.edu