Recreation complex receives pledge

Former community leader and Menomonie businessman, Mark Peddecord, has pledged $10,000 to the UW-Stout Recreation Complex. Peddecord recently participated in the Father Blecha golf tournament and met with Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen. Steve Terry, UW-Stout athletic director, and Steve Vanderberg, recreation complex community campaign chair.

Peddecord explained he is proud of Menomonie, and “this gift is a way I can give back to the community which was good to me for nearly 24 years as a restaurant owner/operator of Cheesy Pizza and Pasta. Furthermore, this facility will provide a great playing field for both the high school and the university, a state-of-the-art fitness center and, for the first time, great seating for the spectators and an overall safe environment for all.”

Sorensen noted that Peddecord has been extensively involved in the community. He was an active member of the Chamber and Rotary, besides being a strong supporter of the Menomonie High School athletic program and UW-Stout’s booster program. In 1995 he received the Athletic Letter Award for contributions and dedicated service by the Menomonie High School football team, and in 1997 he received the Outstanding Service Award from the UW-Stout Alumni Association.

“The Mark has always been there for us with his time, energy, financial assistance and great pizzas,” Sorensen said. “We’re very proud of his past alliances with the city and UW-Stout, and we appreciate his gift to this project.”

Terry noted, “Mark has always been extremely active in giving back to the community. This gift puts an exclamation mark on the tremendous generosity and support Mark has given to the community, the University and Blue Devil athletics over the years. We’re most thankful for his commitment to the future wellness of this community and university.”

Charitable gift annuities

Stout alum increases income, saves taxes by making a gift to the Stout University Foundation.

It may sound too good to be true, but that’s exactly what Hugh Moltzau ‘36 did recently by establishing a charitable gift annuity with the Stout University Foundation Inc. While this was a brilliant financial decision on Hugh’s part, he will admit that the idea came from his wife, Orvetta ‘36, who established her own charitable gift annuity with Stout in 1997.

Hugh established his annuity with a gift of 1,200 shares of stock which he had purchased for approximately $12,000 and had appreciated to more than $26,000. The stock was paying a dividend of 6 cents a share—$288 a year.

In exchange for his gift of stock, the Stout University Foundation Inc. will pay Hugh an annual income of $2,572—an increase of almost 800 percent. He is guaranteed that income for life, as is Orvetta, if she survives him. Part of that annual income will be tax free, part will be taxed at the lower capital gains rate, and the final portion will be taxed as regular income. In addition, Hugh receives a charitable tax deduction of almost $13,000.

After their passing, the remaining funds will be added to the Hugh and Orvetta Braker Moltzau Scholarship which they had previously established at UW-Stout. Their scholarship is designated for incoming students from Eleva-Strum and Menomonie (Wis.) high schools. Hugh attended school in Eleva prior to moving to Menomonie in 1928.

UW-Stout and Menomonie both hold special places in the Moltzau’s hearts. Hugh recalls his first evening in Menomonie. After being picked up at the train depot by his father, the family went to a restaurant near Lee’s Drug Store for dinner. “As I sat eating my dinner, the only thing that important than ever that you consider a financial gift to your alma mater. As always, it is vital that we raise dollars to support student scholarships and faculty development. This year it is also very important that we meet our goal of increasing our number of donors by 2,000.

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1998-99 Annual Fund Giving

Thank you to all the donors who supported UW-Stout in the past year. More than 6,000 alumni and parents showed their support through various phonathon campaigns by providing more than $270,000.

The alumni annual fund campaign generated $180,000 from 3,925 alumni. Alumni supporting more specific programs included the college of arts and sciences general fund campaign with $29,800 and the Applied Mathematics “Challenge for Excellence Campaign” with $20,200 from 650 and 210 alumni respectively. Some 1,310 parents of UW-Stout students also provided outstanding support through the annual fund campaign by donating more than $41,900.

Thank you for your support of UW-Stout through our Annual Giving program. Visit our website at: http://www.uwstout.edu/foundation/

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James Kichefski believes that after a serious childhood illness, his life was changed because of the special interest a Rhinelander, Wis., high school principal and an industrial arts instructor, a Stout graduate, took in obtaining rehabilitation scholarship funds for his undergraduate degree.

The Kichefski Scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to a physically disabled student in any major at UW-Stout. The first $500 scholarship will be awarded to a Rhinelander resident this fall.

Dee Rogers Mercer Endowed Scholarship

Elvera “Dee” Rogers Mercer ’27 believes the education and experiences she gained while a student at The Stout Institute were invaluable in reaching her potential in the field of dietetics. Mercer established this scholarship to assist Stout students in obtaining their dreams and goals in their chosen field of study.

The first Dee Rogers Mercer Endowed Scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1999 to a student pursuing a degree in the College of Human Development.

Olsen Typography and Page Composition Scholarship

Jill and Lance Olsen own and operate Olsen Typgraphy and Page Composition, a graphic design business in the Chippewa Valley. Jill has designed a variety of brochures, booklets and letterhead for the foundation and the university. One project Jill assists the Foundation with is the design and layout of the annual scholarship reception brochure. “I was impressed by the number of scholarships that the Foundation awards each year,” Jill said. “I enjoy working with the people at the university.

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The Olsen Typgraphy and Page Composition Scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of $500 to a junior or senior graphic communications management major or an art major with a graphic design concentration.

Helen Melville Roberts Scholarship

Helen Melville Roberts BS ’48, MS ’65 from Cadott, Wis., has established a scholarship to provide financial assistance to a junior or senior majoring in vocational education. Helen recognizes the importance of educators who will provide skills to high school students in the area of vocational education. “So many students haven’t a clue about what to do after high school,” Helen explained. “And so often, it’s the vocational educators in a high school who take the time to help those students explore careers. I want to help UW-Stout students who will pursue a teaching career in one of the areas of vocational education.”

Roberts spent a total of 39 years in vocational education beginning her career in Cadott, then to Stanley-Lloyd. She was a busy wife and mother, and was active in the Wisconsin Home Economics Association, working on several committees related to home economics education. Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen remarked, “Scholarships are an ideal way to help students through their years at UW-Stout, and the generosity of Helen Roberts will be shared with many students in the future as they fulfill their educational goals. We are honored Helen Roberts has chosen to contribute to her alma mater.”

The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1999.

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Earl and Shirley Simmons Scholarship Fund

Earl and Shirley Simmons established a graphics corporation which they operated for many years in Minneapolis. Earl passed away in 1992. Shirley wished to acknowledge Earl and their passion for the graphic communications industry by establishing a scholarship endowment at UW-Stout for incoming freshmen majoring in graphic communications management in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management.

Shirley met with the graphic communications management faculty and staff this past year to assess the program. She noted, “This is a program which provides excellent educational training and internship opportunities. I recognize the outstanding faculty and staff who are preparing students for the industry. I look forward to meeting the students who are enrolled in the program each year.”

The first scholarship in the amount of $1,250 will be awarded this fall to a freshman with a 3.0 grade point average in need of financial assistance. As the $175,000 fund grows, the earnings will provide 65 percent of a student’s university expenses including tuition, room and board.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen noted, “Shirley understands the needs of the industry and is willing to invest in students who are the employees of the future. Her endowment will make a difference in the lives of many students throughout the years. We are thankful for her generosity.”

C. Francis and Maryllis Oehlke Scholarship

C. Francis and Maryllis Oehlke are parents of a UW-Stout graduate. In appreciation for their daughter’s education, they have provided scholarships to assist current UW-Stout students. Their generous support will assist two financially needy students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.5. The two $500 scholarships will be awarded for the 1999–2000 academic year.

Searle Marketing Scholarship

Gary and Maxine Searle developed strong Wisconsin roots over the past 25 years as they lived in eight communities including Menomonie. Gary, from Chicago, and Maxine, from Nashville, met while he was in the paratroopers near Nashville.

After working in retail management for nine years in Nashville, Gary and Maxine moved to Wisconsin where he worked in marketing education for 25 years, the last 18 years at UW-Stout serving as professor of marketing education and program director of that major. In that capacity, the Searles met many talented students. In honor of the years Gary was with UW-Stout, the Searles have provided an endowed scholarship fund to provide funds for students in the marketing major.

Maxine had a long and varied 37-year career in the accounting and business offices of Southern Bell and Ameritech. Their two children also have a UW-Stout connection. Mary Ann received a B.S. in marketing and distributive education in 1984, and Michael received his M.S. in safety in 1987.

Gary and Maxine left their respective positions in Menomonie and Eau Claire in 1994 and retired to Palm City, Fla.

The first $500 scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate marketing student at the September awards ceremony.

Scholarship recipients recognized

The Stout University Foundation’s Annual Scholarship award ceremony was held Tuesday, September 7 in the Great Hall. The Foundation awarded over $375,000 to 400 students. Deanna House, chair of the Foundation’s scholarship committee noted there were 23 new scholarshipships this year for a total of 190 scholarships which provides earnings for the 400 awards.

“Our donors are most generous in financing student’s education,” she said. “This is a selfless act which helps each student immeasurably.”

Price professor selected

Michael Levy, professor in UW-Stout’s department of English and philosophy, has been named the university’s Maybelle Ranney Price Professor, following action by the UW System Board of Regents.

The professorship is one year in length and provides $3,500. Funds were obtained through the Stout University Foundation Inc.

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 UW-Stout.

The award is to be used for academic pursuits which contribute to UW-Stout’s academic mission, including scholarly activities, public service and instruction.