A challenging year

Each and every one of us has been challenged in this past year. The September 11 tragedy has had a profound impact on every American citizen and our friends around the world. We have all experienced the full range of emotions over this egregious act.

If the goal of the terrorists was to weaken our country, they failed. We are stronger. If their goal was to divide our country, they failed. Their actions have united us. If their goal was to anger our country, well they succeeded and our president has rightly responded.

Hopefully, each of us, in our own special and unique way, can take something positive from this. We live in the greatest nation on earth, and we hold dear the things that make us special. We are free, and nobody is going to take that away from us!

There is no simple way to segue from a topic so disturbing to a topic so positive, but I’m going right to it: we won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award! What an incredible achievement this is!

This award recognizes that our great university is in a constant state of improvement. It continues to be on the cutting edge in preparing our students for their professional careers and it anticipates how those jobs are constantly changing and how our programs must reflect the needs of the changing workforce.

While much of the success of UW-Stout comes from our continuous efforts to grow and change, there are many things that have remained constant over the many years of our existence. As President George W. Bush stated, prior to presenting the award to Chancellor Sorenson, “… this annual presentation is a reminder of the projects that must never change: the passion for excellence, the drive to innovate, the hard work that goes with any successful enterprise, the need to be open, and the call for integrity. This year’s Baldrige Award winners have shown these qualities, and have taken their place in a distinguished line of leaders.”

This remarkable recognition, being the very first university afforded this distinction, is due in large part to our great Chancellor Sorenson. Sorenson is the longest serving chancellor in the University of Wisconsin System and has built upon the success of the previous leaders of our university. Our wonderful faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, and supporters of UW-Stout also deserve credit for their roles in this remarkable accomplishment. Has it off to you all!

Plan ahead and mark your calendar for these special events

Reunion for Alpha Sigma Alpha
Date: Friday, July 26, 2002 – Sunday, July 28, 2002
Location: Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
Contact information: Charolotte Janeczko
Phone: 309/383-2888
E-mail: janeckz@ntceu.com
Block of rooms: call 800/338-5253, request Alpha Sigma Alpha block, release date: June 15, 2002.

Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Conference 2002
Date: October 17 and 18,
Location: Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Building
Contact information: Sherilyn Staliker
E-mail: stalkers@uwstout.edu

Vet’s Club Reunion
Date: Friday, October 18
Location: Memorial Student Center, Crystal Ballroom
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Contact information: Glenn Kroft
E-mail: UWStoutVets2002@aol.com

Basketball Shootout in Hawaii
Date: December 27 – 30
Location: Kaimuki High School Gymnasium – Hawaii
Time: December 27, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Practice
December 28, 6:00 p.m. Nebraska Wesleyan
December 29, 6:00 p.m. Illinois Wesleyan
December 30, 4:00 p.m. U.Mass - Dartmouth
Make plans to come and cheer Stout on to victory! More information will follow.

Chancellor’s Honor Scholarship Ball
Date: Saturday, February 15, 2003
Location: Memorial Student Center, Great Hall
Contact information: UW-Stout Alumni Association
Phone: 866/716-6685 (Toll-free)
Thanks to the generosity of our donors, more than $58,000 has been raised for the Honor Scholarship Fund in its five-year history.

Classes of 1945-1965 Reunion
Date: Saturday, July 12, 2003
Location: Home of Lyle B.S. ’57, M.S. ’62 and Darlene Pyatt Martens ’56
6504 CTH-R, Denmark, Wis., 54208
Contact Information: Lyle and Darlene Martens
E-mail: kmart@worldnet.att.net
Members from the classes of 1945–1965 are encouraged to participate on a committee to assist in the planning and implementation of this reunion. For information, contact Lyle and Darlene Martens.

Gathering in Las Vegas
Date: October 4 and 5, 2003
Location: Treasure Island at the Mirage
3300 South Las Vegas Blvd.
As we cannot send invitations to all alumni, we are asking you to contact the alumni office to put your name on a mailing list to receive an invitation. Please call our toll-free number: 866/716-6685. More information will be included on our web page and in future publications.

For a complete listing of upcoming events see page 23.