Three join board

Three new members were appointed to the Stout University Foundation Board of Directors at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003. President Steve VandeBerg ’75 welcomed the Board at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003. President Steve VandeBerg ’75 welcomed the Board at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003. President Steve VandeBerg ’75 welcomed the Board at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003. President Steve VandeBerg ’75 welcomed the Board at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003. President Steve VandeBerg ’75 welcomed the Board at the annual meeting on September 27, 2003.

Phyllis Wong Chan, CPA ’75, vice president, Citibank, New York, NY; Charles Geurink ’66, senior vice president — West Territory, Marshall Erdman & Associates, Madison, Wis.; and Sherrie Winger Kronforst ’84, senior management consultant, Right Management Consultants, Edina, Minn.

Chan graduated with a degree in hotel and restaurant management, and then went on to earn a M.B.A. with a concentration in accounting and taxation from New York University. She has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry. Chan started her career with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, a public accounting firm, and later moved on to Salomon Brothers. She has been employed by Citigroup/Citibank for the past 22 years and has experience ranging from operations unit head to financial control senior analyst.

Geurink earned his bachelor’s degree in technology education. He joined Marshall Erdman & Associates in 1977 as a project director responsible for the design and construction of medical office buildings and clinics. Geurink then went on to become the Dallas regional manager with responsibility for all regional operations. He was promoted to senior vice president in 2002, and currently oversees the company’s business development operations in the West.

Kronforst graduated with a degree in hotel and restaurant management and then went on to get her master’s degree in human resource development at the University of St. Thomas. Her professional career spans more than 20 years and encompasses leadership experience in human resource management, adult education and business operations. As a senior consultant with Right Management Consultants, Kronforst practices in both the career transition and organizational consulting areas of the business. She serves as an external HR consultant partnering with Fortune 100-500 organizations.

Foundation undergoing several changes

One constant in this world…change is inevitable. Many of you are aware of Patricia Reisinger’s retirement from UW-Stout as assistant chancellor for Development and Alumni Services. We are grateful to Pat for the many years of leadership she has given to the university, foundation, alumni and friends.

In times of change, it is beneficial to review an organization. To accomplish that, a consultant met with the staff of the Foundation Office, a number of board members, university personnel and alumni. Upon review of the consultant’s report, the chancellor will appoint a committee to assist in the hiring of an assistant chancellor for Development and Alumni Services. Also on a positive note, the recovery in 2003 of the stock market has been a factor in an increase in the value of the Foundation’s endowment. A feeling of confidence in the stock market is demonstrated in donor contributions, as indicated by the number of new scholarships.

As president of the Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to personally thank our donors, alumni and friends for their continued support of our university and students. I would also like to welcome our most recent members to the Foundation Board of Directors. We are looking forward to working with you.

House Specialties scholarship

In 1981, House Specialties Inc. was created by Deanna and George House to publish cookbooks written by Deanna. This scholarship honors the four cookbooks that are part of the House Specialties series. The scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior majoring in food systems and technology; dietetics; hotel, restaurant and tourism management or education.

Read more about House Specialties, Inc. on page 14.

Gustave B. Swanson technology education scholarship

Graduating in 1952 with a B.S. in technology education and in 1957 with a M.S. in vocational education, Gus Swanson spent 30 years teaching industrial arts at both the high school and junior college levels.

Swanson, who is committed to assuring young students have an opportunity to learn the trades, has established this scholarship to assist UW-Stout students pursuing their education to become teachers. Special consideration is given to a tradesperson returning to school to obtain a technology education degree.

Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association scholarship

During the past two years when the national economy was struggling, the home building industry helped carry our nation through these tough economic times. The Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association (CVHBA) realizes the importance education plays in the construction industry. CVHBA hopes that by partnering with UW-Stout in providing scholarship funds, they will be helping tomorrow’s business trades employees and future business owners.

Mary Kay Rossmeier endowed education scholarship

Mary Kay Rossmeier was a dedicated junior high school teacher for 34 years. She died after a valiant 11-year struggle with breast cancer. Having attained a B.S. in 1967 and a M.S. in 1973 from UW-Stout, Rossmeier's wish was to help other individuals committed to education.
Shirley Kay Stewart memorial endowed scholarship

Shirley Stewart passed away October 25, 2003, after a four-year encounter with cancer. She received a bachelor’s degree in 1970 from UW-Stout in family and consumer education. She also received a master’s degree in clothing/textiles and related art in 1973 and a second master’s degree in vocational rehabilitation in 1974. She earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration in 1998 from the University of Minnesota.

Shirley began her career at UW-Stout in 1973, working in many capacities for 30 years. She served on numerous committees and wrote many federal and state grants that brought new programs and services to people with disabilities, the students and staff at UW-Stout.

This endowed scholarship was established by Shirley’s husband, Bill, and her daughter, Toni, to continue Shirley’s legacy of service. The scholarship will be awarded to a vocational rehabilitation/special education major.

Shane M. Hopfensperger memorial scholarship

A 2002 graduate of the construction program, Shane Hopfensperger passed away in February of 2004. A scholarship has been established by his family through a fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. This scholarship will provide tuition assistance to a construction major at UW-Stout.

Lands’ End scholarship

Lands’ End is a leading national direct merchant of classically-styled clothing for the family and products for the home. The Lands’ End focus is on doing what’s right for its customers as well as its employees. The Lands’ End environment fosters creativity, originality and a commitment to education.

As a successful international corporation, Lands’ End has the good fortune to further the development of future leaders in the retail industry through the Lands’ End Scholarship Program. Two award recipients per year shall each be entitled to a $1,000 scholarship. The award recipients will also be encouraged to apply for a 12-week paid internship with Lands’ End.

Henry Redkey endowed scholarship

After retiring from the Public Health Service, Henry Redkey brought his years of experience to Stout, teaching in the vocational rehabilitation program from 1970 to 1973 as a visiting professor.

Returning to the university in October of 2002, Henry was presented with the Distin-
guished Service Award from the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute. Upon seeing the growth in the rehabilitation program and realizing the need for qualified professionals in this field, Henry made a commitment to establish a scholarship to support a student enrolled in the vocational rehabilitation program.

“Stone Soup” endowed scholarship

The UW-Stout Classified/Project Professional Development Endowed Scholarship or “Stone Soup” Scholarship was initiated as a result of several support staff employees setting the criteria and agreeing to contribute a small amount every pay period to this fund. The purpose of establishing the scholarship is to assist classified employees in furthering their education. Those small contributions every pay period since 1999 will result in the first award of $250 to any classified employee meeting the specified criteria for this particular scholarship.

To be eligible, you must be employed at least half time with classified or project status, be enrolled in at least six or more credits per year, be seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, maintain a 3.0 GPA, show financial need, and are encouraged, but not restricted, to attend UW-Stout.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund can contact the Stout University Foundation and arrange for a payroll deduction or payment by check.