Your Thoughts and Ideas Are Needed

Changes are good — I’ve been telling myself that for years — and now we have an opportunity to implement some new and innovative ideas! I am asking you to take an active part in the Alumni Association by providing suggestions and recommendations you might like to see your alma mater activate.

Ralph Myhrman suggested we ask alumni how they would answer, “What did Stout do for you?” From that suggestion, we are developing a new column for the Outlook. If you are interested in writing a small paragraph on the topic, please send it to us, along with your photo. We’re looking forward to getting some great articles.

Another column to be initiated will feature companies and employers who have hired several of our graduates, interns or co-op students. The university produces excellent graduates who are creative, knowledgeable in their field of study, have “hands on” experience and a high work ethic. A great many companies look to UW-Stout first for their hiring needs. This will be our opportunity to see some of our alums in the field of work — for which parents are extremely grateful! If your place of employment has hired several Stout alumni, give me a call and we will feature the company in an article.

We are also considering developing alumni clubs/chapters throughout the United States where a large base of alumni are living. If you have an interest in participating, please give us a call.

Any other suggestions are welcome.

Become an active constituent

As we are preparing our yards and gardens for summer, we are also preparing our graduating students to be competitive in the world of work. UW-Stout has an outstanding reputation for training our future work force, along with an excellent employment record.

As alumni, we have every right to be proud of this institution and our affiliation with it. What we have gained from our education at UW-Stout also brings some responsibility. I encourage you to become an active constituent in the Alumni Association. Alumni can provide assistance in a number of ways:

- consider serving as a board member
- assist in arranging gatherings (both social and educational) in your area
- talk to high school students, encouraging them to consider enrolling at UW-Stout
- work with our current students in career exploration
- hire a student for their practicum or a co-op experience, or encourage your company to do so
- consider giving a speech at a local high school or alumni gathering,
- and, of course, there is always financial assistance we can provide.

Did you know that the Stout University Foundation and Alumni Association awarded more than 325 scholarships totaling more that $250,000 — what a wonderful way to “give back.”

Whatever your interest, be creative in your way of assisting UW-Stout. Give the Alumni Office a call, they would love to hear from you.

I wish all of you a great and safe summer and again encourage your participation as a Stout alumni, in any way you can contribute.

UW-Stout Alumni Card working for the future

The UW-Stout Alumni Association offers MasterCard, VISA or Gold MasterCard credit cards to all Stout alumni, students, faculty and staff. The UW-Stout Alumni Card provides a source of income for the Association.

Every time you use your UW-Stout Alumni Credit Card, a portion of that transaction is returned to the Alumni Association. So your money is working for you and the Alumni Association, an organization that works for our future.

Not only does the university benefit from the Alumni Card, but you will have a credit card that is competitive with others and serviced locally. The UW-Stout Alumni Association selected WESTconsin Credit Union as the financial institution to issue the Alumni Card.

Alumni MasterCard/VISA Credit Card benefits include:

- Low interest rate
- Available to alumni, students, staff and faculty
- No annual fee
- Virtual worldwide use

The Alumni Gold Card offers:

- $40 annual fee waived first year
- Minimum credit line of $5,000
- Air Travel Program with option of airline ticket or $300 cash
- Travel Assistance Services
- Retail Protection
- Emergency Cash Advance

You also have the option of consolidating your more expensive credit cards into the Alumni Credit Card.

If you would like an application, please call the Alumni Association at 715/232-1151 or call WESTconsin Credit Union at 1-800-924-0022, Ext. 125, Kim Uetz.

UW-Stout Alumni Association

San Diego, California

Sixty alumni and guests had an opportunity to meet and visit with one another at the Hotel Del in Coronado, February 22. A wonderful dinner, great conversations and new friends — could anyone ask for more? Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen shared new information and updates on the happenings at UW-Stout. What a terrific school we are associated with. We look forward to next year’s gathering in Southern California.

Bethesda, Maryland

Former Menomonie resident Tom Larson hosted a party March 8 for alumni residing in the Bethesda area. About 45 alumni and guests rekindled old friendships, enjoyed magnificent chamber music and heard the latest news about UW-Stout. Menomonie Mayor Charles and Lu Stokke also attended. Mayor Stokke spoke on the positive changes occurring in the Chippewa Valley.

For those who could not attend this year, we encourage you to make plans for next year’s event. To those who attended, it was a wonderful meeting you, and we look forward to seeing you again next year. A very special thanks to Tom Larson for sharing his home and providing the chamber music.
Get involved with Reunion ‘98!

Committee members for the Diamond and Golden reunions, classes of 1937, 1938, 1939, 1947, 1948 and 1949 have been established. The Alumni Office will be in touch with you soon to arrange a conference call to begin our plans for your big event.

Other class members who might have an interest in participating please give us a call. We would certainly welcome your assistance. The duties are varied, perhaps contacting classmates and friends, planning a private class dinner or developing the program and activities. Not much time is required, and participation on the committee by classmates near and far is encouraged.

The benefits you gain from working on your reunion are tremendous. You will have an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Reunion offers the opportunity to make reconnections with organizations, roommates and departments and to visit new and former faculty. You gain the satisfaction of supporting your alma mater through the revival of old traditions and the establishment of new ones.

If you are interested or need additional information, please contact the Alumni Office at P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790 or call 715/232-1151.

1972

Ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new $4 million Home Economics Building. Tentative enrollment hits 5,200. University Theater presents “Dial M for Murder.” Billy Jack is playing at theaters. The Stout swimming team has won its first championship. 300 received diplomas at commencement in December. Plans have been introduced for a North Campus footbridge. Resident Hall Visititation Policies are being revised. Governor Patrick Lacey will be holding a “rap” session in the Student Center Ballroom.

1977

The Blue Devil gridder booster club has just been organized. The Charlie Daniels Band performed on campus. The library has received a gift of 20,000 books from Milton Frater. An “old English Christmas Dinner” is being sponsored by the Symphonic Singers. 390 students received diplomas in December. Record breaking cold temperatures and snow are closing schools, factories and depleting the energy reserves. Mad Dog Vachon and the Iron Sheik battled it out in the fieldhouse last week. Due to enrollment limitations, freshman enrollment is closed for fall semester. The university concert band and the jazz ensemble tour the state on a good will journey. Tuition is expected to take a 6 percent jump in the next bimonth. 700 students to receive diplomas at graduation exercises in May.

1987

The campus response for having Saturday classes was not enthusiastic. “Mud Volleyball” is the newest sport on campus. Barbara Bush, wife of Vice President Bush, was in town to dedicate the Menomonie Public Library. Students are opposed to new law that raises drinking age to 21. Theme for this year’s international dinner is “One World for Peace.” Most students are displeased over tuition increases. Approval has been given to build a $5 million addition to the Fieldhouse. The third annual Budweiser Vets Club Snowmobile Speed Run will be held next week. The newest organization on campus is the Stout Wellness Club. Stout is experiencing a 93 percent placement rate for students. Hurricane Alice brews up a storm of rock n roll at Stout. The regional Olympics of the Mind begins at Stout today. Spring Fest begins with a “get down dance and beach party.” 800 students are expected to graduate in May.

Reunion ‘97

Remember classmates near and far is encouraged. Planning a private class dinner or developing the program and activities are varied, perhaps contacting classmates and friends. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help make Reunion ‘97 a success.

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