Class Notes

1939-1969
Elmer B. ’39, MS ’40 and Isabelle Clausen, Olym- pia, have observed their 50th wedding anniversary. June 6. Elmer was president of the Stout Student Association in 1938-39 and was the recipient of the UW-Stout Distinguished Alumni Award in 1979. Wayne B. ’46, MS ’52 and Jean Laude, Detroit Lakes, Minn., celebrated their 50th wedding aniver- sary in June 3, Sheboygan Falls, recently published a historical book, The Kneesser’s Hotel – A Sheboygan Landmark 1887-1978, to document the city’s Wisconsin’s Sesquicentennial. Allen Loew ’55, Villa Park, Ill., was a teacher and coached football and had spent over 450 children and adults on a daily basis.

1970-1979
Darlene Linsenmeyer Melton ’70, Phoenix, Ariz., is an accounting supervisor for United Drugs, a co-op of 1000 independent pharmacies throughout 15 western states. William Minter ’70 Woodbury, Penna., is the owner of William Minter Bookbinding & Conserva- tion Inc. He has been manufacturing a special machine for the bookbinding industry for 20 years.

1980-1988
Robert Griffin ’75, Woonder Lake, Ill., is a tech- nology education instructor at Ripon Middle School. He was previously a manufacturing supervising for Meritec/ Rockwell Automotive in Chicago. Ronald Kubik ’80, MS ’88, Appleton, has received from Neenah Joint School after 2 years of teaching. Anne Pollock ’80 received a master of education and organizational development at General Mills.

1989-1999
Adele A. Spees ’69 is a laboratory manager for the Interior Screen Systems Group of Lear Corp., Carlisle, Penna. Larry Spees ’69, Gallopill, Ohio, has been included in the 1998 edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. He retired from the University of Rio Grande this past summer after serving as a professor of education and school administrator since 1969.

2000-2009
John Lorenz ’58, Detroit, Mich., is a packaging engineer for Emerson Electric Co. Donald Stewart ’61, MS ’67, Racine, retired in 1995 after 32 years of teaching, coaching and drivers education. He now enjoys his two grandchildren, over 450 children and adults on a daily basis.

2010-2019
Deborah Biling ’88 received an award for Excellence in Career Development from the Wiscon- sin Career Information System in recognition of her work in the area of career development. She is a guidance counselor with the Department of Public Instruction. Christopher Bracken ’81, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is director of marketing for the Saggy Marlin Resort. Shelly Ramey ’81, Valleym, Ill., was promoted to director of stores at Marshall Field’s ‘vomines’. Carmen Bingar Parker ’81, Allen, Texas, is an agent with Century 21 Port O’Beau. She recently received the Master’s Award for 1998 with a sales volume of more than $53,000.

2020-2029
David is rooms director for the Nicollet Island Inn, Minneapolis, and the Lowell Inn, Stillwater; Anne is employed by Schneider USA; Lori is a safety and customer service coordinator/trainer at Century Tele- phone.

2030-2039
Michael Gallagher ’74, Beaver Dam, was recently elected to the International Board of Directors of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). An SME member since 1980, he was the first student chairman of Student Chapter at Stout in 1973-74. Joanne Carini Hagmann ’74, Mesa, Ariz., is the Manager of Information and Technical Services, the Library District. She is a liaison between business/industry and education for the School-to-Work program.

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The text contains information about various individuals, their professions, places of residence, and educational backgrounds. It seems to be a directory or a listing of people, possibly from a school or another organization.

For example, it mentions people like Deshler High School, Tuscumbia, Ala., Wayne Stiel '93, who is the owner of Market America, and Kelly Schneider Sattel '93, who is a teacher.

The text also includes sections on Marriages and Deaths, indicating significant life events such as marriages, deaths, and career changes.

Overall, the document appears to be a compilation of personal and professional updates, possibly for an alumni newsletter or a similar publication.
Births


Adoptions

Tony '78 and Mary Workman Gruher '76, Fort Atkinson, a son, Christopher Andrew '98, Whitby. A daughter, Alexander '89 and Mary Norton, Maple Grove, Minn., a son, Zachary Joseph, April 16, 1998.

Blue Devils Online

Additional coverage of Blue Devil achievements, including Spring 98 and Fall 98 wrap-up stories, is available on the Stout Outlook web-site at: www.uwstout.edu/univel/outlook/...
**Alumni News**

**Spotlight**

Paul Andrew 'MS '75 received the Outstanding Graduate Award at the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Conference in October 1998. Andrew has been involved in the vocational rehabilitation profession for more than 20 years. Fifteen of these years have been in the management, coordination and administration of public and privately funded vocational rehabilitation programs. Throughout his career, he has worked both professionally and personally to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities through his work, writings and personal example.

Since obtaining his master’s degree at UW-Stout, Andrew has worked in various capacities including manager of vocational evaluation at Goodwill Industries of Santa Clara County in California, senior executive manager of Hope Rehabilitation Services, Gavilan Community College; regional training coordinator at the University of San Francisco, McLaren College of Business; national director of the Employment and Community Support Services division of the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF) in Tucson, Arizona.

Andrew is in high demand on the national speaker circuit and continues to promote strong, ethical self-employment and community-based standards for consumers of vocational rehabilitation services. Although very talented, ambitious and hardworking, Andrew’s greatest successes have been driven by his ability to communicate to others that a need exists to continuously improve services to consumers, to enhance organizational design and to improve our responsiveness to community stakeholders.

Marine Capt. Jeffrey D. Stray '88 recently participated in a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard two of the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

During the deployment, Stray received training on urban warfare techniques, rope rappelling, close-quarter battle, weapons and small unit fighting. His unit also completed training in Hawaii which tested all areas of amphibious warfare, including non-combat evacuation operations and amphibious assault. Stray and crew members also had the opportunity to visit Thailand.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, California, Stray’s unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. The 15th MEU can evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an internal landing force ashore, providing the USS Essex ARG commanders with a wide range of capabilities.

Jean Vanra Barth '65 recently began her term as 1998-2000 Midwestern Region governor of Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international community service organization for business and professional women. As governor, Barth serves as the top administrative officer of her region, one of 29 within the organization.

Barth is a member of Soroptimist International of Greater Macon, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that perform women-focused community projects around the world. She has served on committees in numerous projects and is secretary, president and committee chair for the 1994 convention.

Barth, a former junior high school teacher, is part owner of Plaza Restorations, a company that restores antique automobiles.

In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Barth has been involved with the South Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Mount Clemens Women’s Club, the Mount Clemens Business Association and the Model T Ford Club. She was awarded the Special Merit from the Model T Ford Club, and she serves as a contributing editor for the Model T Times.

Thor Burntvedt 'BS '82, MS '94,Ed.S. '96, assistant professor of marketing in the business department at UW-Stout, was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by the Memonie Area Chamber of Commerce. Burntvedt has taught classes for the business, industrial management and communications, education and training departments. He currently teaches sales and management and market research. He has been involved in numerous research projects and is a member of many committees and professional organizations.

Jean-Marie Dauplaisie ’87 has joined Berry College in Mount Berry, Georgia, as an artist-in-residence and assistant professor of rhetoric and composition. She will teach English courses which develop students’ awareness of the thinking-to-writing process.

Dauplaisie came to Berry from her position as adjunct professor of humanities for the Atlanta College of Art. After her graduation from UW-Stout, Dauplaisie earned a master’s degree in English literature from University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1992. She is a doctoral candidate at Emory University.

Gigstead was the recipient of numerous research and travel grants from Emory University from 1994–1997. She received the UMD English Department Merit Fellowship for 1990–1991, the UMD English Department Writer in Residence Award in 1990, and the 4-H Key Award for Outstanding Leadership in 1982. She is a member of the Modern Language Association.


Gigstead originally started out as a dishwasher at Barnekow’s (now Chipman’s Supper Club) when he was 14 and moved up to chef at the age of 16. Planning to pursue a career in the dining business, he worked as a chef at Alfred’s Supper Club in Green Lake until 1980. He went on to become a part of his family’s restaurant, the Coachlight Supper Club, which is now Chipman’s.

After working in food service sales for 10 years, he decided to try managing. He was manager of Jake’s Supper Club in Menominee for four years. He said that going from from manager to owner was not hard. What keeps him going is the people he meets. “It’s the camaraderie with so many different people and the fun every day,” he said.

According to Gigstead, another key to success is staff. Throughout his time in the industry, the main struggle has been finding good, quality help. “I’ve gotten lucky,” he said. “I have a good group of people.”

The restaurant has the usual Friday night fish fry and Saturday prime rib. It also offers a Sunday brunch. Nightly specials are created by Chef Dennis Knaer.

Gigstead hopes that customers find a little bit of everything. He thinks it’s important to target the local people, commenting that he knows quite a few who stroll through the door. But, Gigstead hopes “the traveling folks will enjoy us also.”

Karen Bourkow Gunvalson ’84 was named manager of the Terrace Restaurant of Lawsonia in Green Lake, Wisconsin. She began her employment with the Terrace in March of last year.

Gunvalson has worked in the restaurant industry for 14 years. Since her graduation from Stout, she has worked for five Steak & Ale franchises in three states, eventually becoming a general manager. Thereafter, she directed food services consecutively for Lehm Chin Chinese Cuisine, University of Minnesota’s Hubert Humphrey Dining Center, and Marriott Management Services. As an associate of Marriott, she was instrumental in producing a combined annual sales volume of $1.78 million for Prudential Insurance, Northwest Airlines and Fortis Benefits Insurance.

Gunvalson, who has earned continued education credits from the Culinary Institute of Arts in New York, will oversee the entire operation of the Terrace Restaurant which includes food ordering, inventory, banquets, special events, dining room, kitchen, outdoor vending services, budget, promotion and staff administration.

Anita LePage ’78, a 1976 graduate of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC), was named their Foundation’s Distinguished Alumnus for 1998. LePage, who has enjoyed a successful 20-year career in the fashion industry, is now a freelance consultant in Petaluma, Calif. She travels widely, doing many promotions, shows, photo shoots for publications, and seminars. She works extensively with Mervyn’s View publication at its Hayward, Calif., offices. Her last fashion show for Mervyn’s was staged on a padded runway over an ice rink which was created for a performance by Kristy Yamaguchi. It was held in the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

LePage has been involved in key positions for such companies as Seventeen Magazine, Esprit, Liz Claiborne, Allied Federated and Diesel.

Virginia Shoolbrock, dean of Instructional Operations Management at WITC, stated: “Anita has been a very supportive friend of WITC over the past 22 years. She has spoken to my fashion merchandising classes almost every year since the early 1980s. Whenever she came through the Twin Ports, she would take one to two hours to give the fashion students a presentation. LePage achieved success in a cut-throat industry in a tough town (New York). She has been with at least two companies who filed bankruptcy, but she continually bounced back with a new career path. She was endowed with a lot of Midwestian chutzpah.”

Since moving to California, LePage has been exploring other areas of her life and discovered that she has a real passion for riding horses. She and her thoroughbred horse, Miles Devin, train in the hunter/jumper program. Living in Petaluma has been great as it reminds her of Wisconsin in its friendliness and small town feel.

LePage expects the future to bring more travel, domestic and internationally, and continued big projects with Mervyn’s.

Randall J. Ruder ’93 has received the accreditation of “Certified Club Manager (CCM)” from the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). Ruder, employed by Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, New York, became the general manager of the club in January of 1998.

Ruder qualified for the CCM examination as a result of fulfilling specific requirements in club management experience, education and activity in the club management profession. The examination contains seven subject areas including private club administration, managerial accounting, food and beverage operations, and principles of management. The examination is administered by the Certification Committee at various college and university sites across the country.

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May
15 Commencement
16 Third Annual Spring Fling
(Twin Cities – Como Park)
23 National Restaurant Association Reception
Signature Room – John Hancock Building, Chicago

June
Colorado Area Alumni Gathering
(date and site to be determined *)

August
6 Commencement
10 Emeriti Breakfast
Michigan Area Alumni Gathering
(date and site to be determined *)

September
7 Foundation Scholarship Program/Reception
15 Eastern Wisconsin Retired Stout Alumni Luncheon
16 Eastern Wisconsin Alumni Gathering
(site to be determined *)
18 Alumni Board Meeting
25 Foundation Board Meeting

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