Four join alumni board

At the March board meeting, the UW-Stout Alumni Association elected Adjide Johnson Afolayan BA ’80, MS ’81, Ed.S. ’82, Irvin Lathrop ’50, Kent Korth BS ’85, MS ’96, and Anne Warnka Ward ’87 to its board of directors.

Adjide Johnson Afolayan and his family, Victoria and three children (one of whom was born in Menomonie while Johnson was attending Stout), currently reside in Mankato, Minn. Afolayan is an associate professor of education, Educational Foundations, College of Education, Mankato State University. When questioned about his involvement with the Alumni Association and his upcoming tenure on the board of directors, Afolayan said, “My deep appreciation of Stout, its programs, its faculty and staff and everything that Stout stood for in America and in the world has impressed me so much that I want to be part of Stout. I believe Stout is one of the unique institutions that takes pride in diversity, technology and career opportunities for every human being. I enjoyed the opportunity while I was there, and I want the legacy to continue.”

Irvin Lathrop enrolled at Stout after World War II. He earned a degree in industrial education and began teaching printing at the high school in Ottumwa, Iowa. After earning a master’s degree and a doctorate from Iowa State University, Lathrop spent one year teaching at Western Michigan University. He moved to Long Beach, Calif., to teach graphic arts and direct the graduate program for the industrial arts department at California State University. Lathrop also served as department chair and associate dean of extension before retiring in 1988.

“I have always had a soft place in my heart for Stout and for the faculty I knew,” he said. “The education I received from Stout helped me greatly in both my teaching and administration. One of the greatest strengths of Stout has been the knowledgeable and caring faculty. I have kept active in alumni affairs by being involved in the reunions we have held in California. I thought perhaps I could give something back to Stout by being part of the Alumni Association.”

Kent Korth is working with the school district of Rhinelander. Korth states, “My new position as the School to Work coordinator is a challenging one. A basic definition of my role is to build partnerships from the school district to the business community, developing job shadowing, work experience opportunities and youth apprenticeships for students. This year, I am at the embryo stage as I begin making contacts with community representatives.”

“My interest in serving on the alumni board is based on my vision of assisting our future society by providing UW-Stout students with the opportunity to make their Stout experience an educational springboard to the future. I look forward to representing my fellow alumni,” he said.

Anne Warnka Ward resides in Milwaukee and is a customer service representative for Quality Color Graphics. Ward stated, “I am very pleased to become part of the alumni board of directors. As a more recent graduate, I am looking forward to sharing my ideas and concerns with alumni and current students. I would like to work toward developing more involvement between the two entities.”

A busy and productive year

I know we should always look toward the future (and I do), but I believe it is also important to take a look at what we have accomplished. So, as I begin my second year in this office, I am taking a few minutes to reflect on 1997.

The Alumni Association hosted (and I was fortunate to attend) 15 gatherings, with attendance ranging from four to 250; four conferences with up to 120 alumni in attendance; an on-site alumni-employer visit; two alumni board meetings; two foundation board meetings; and the years of service recognition for faculty and staff. It was a wonderfully busy and productive year.

I have always believed that strangers are just friends we’ve yet to meet. And, in doing some rough calculations, I estimate I have had the pleasure of meeting, visiting and working with nearly 870 alumni, family members, friends, UW-Stout faculty and staff. Regardless of where I am or with whom I am speaking, the message is always the same: “Attending Stout was one of the best decisions I have made.” You are part of a prestigious group of individuals of which I am happy to be a part.

On another note, I would like to personally thank our outgoing board members who have collectively served more than 20 years: Connie Hines, Isaac Owolabi, Carol Lund and Greg Pottorff. Thanks to the dedication of all our board members, the Alumni Association is flourishing. A special thanks to Connie and Isaac for their personal support during my first year in this office. It has been a joy working with you!

Secondly, I want to welcome our new board members: Ajide Johnson Afolayan, Kent Korth, Annette (Anne) Ward, and Irvin Lathrop. I look forward to working with each of you and certainly welcome you on board!

As for 1998, I am looking forward to meeting another 870 potential new friends!

Alumni scholarships awarded

The UW-Stout Alumni Association offers graduate students scholarships to pursue a master’s degree at Stout. These endowed scholarships are financed by funds collected from past membership dues and from the revenue collected from the Stout Affinity Credit Card.

Marilyn Kooper, completing her master’s degree in home economics with a child/family services concentration, is using the 1997-98 Stout Alumni Graduate Scholarship for tuition and expenses incurred on her thesis. Cheryl Skroch is also a 1997-98 recipient of the graduate scholarship. Jeanne Wittman Rothaupt ’82 received the Robert S. Swanson Alumni Fellowship. The Alumni Association, at the time of Chancellor Swanson’s retirement, named this fellowship in his honor. Stout graduates may apply for the fellowship to pursue post graduate or research studies.

Committee seeks board nominations

The Nominating Committee of the UW-Stout Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors. Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations by completing the form below and returning it, along with the nominee’s current resume to the UW-Stout Alumni Association, Nominations Committee, Louis Smith Tanner House, PO Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790. All nominations and resumes will be kept on file for future consideration.

Nominees should be:

• Willing to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors.
• Able to attend two meetings held in Menomonie, annually.
• Willing to serve actively on committees as needed.

Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

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Thank you to all alumni for taking time to complete the questionnaire for our alumni directory. Most likely you have also received a call to verify personal information to ensure it is accurately reflected in our reference book. If you have any questions regarding the directory, you may contact the alumni office. There is still time to order your own personal copy of the directory by calling 1-800/858-8284.
Class Reunions set for June

Plans are well underway to celebrate the Golden Reunion honoring the classes of 1947, 1948 and 1949, and the Diamond Reunion honoring the classes from the 1930s. We will be celebrating the Golden and Diamond Reunions along with Wisconsin’s Sesquicentennial and James H. Stout’s 150th birthday. The committees are hard at work developing programs and activities for all to enjoy. Dates for the Golden/Diamond Reunion are June 26 and 27, 1998.

Classes of 1958 and 1968, mark your calendars for your 40th and 30th class reunions, which are scheduled for June 12 and 13, 1998. Watch your mail for upcoming information.

Nominees from among the 1998 reunion years are being sought for the Distinguished Alumni Award. The honorees will be recognized during the reunion festivities. Please take some time to reflect upon whom you believe is deserving of this most prestigious recognition.

Events being planned include:

Chancellors Welcome Address
An opportunity to meet Chancellor Sorensen and hear his comments on the changes UW-Stout has experienced since your graduation.

Afternoon Tea Social
Remember the teas in Harvey Memorial? This is an opportunity to “re-capture” the time of the afternoon tea. Join us at the Louis Smith Tainter House for a tea social.

Reception
Join old friends and former classmates for an evening of reminiscing. Hors’ d’ oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar.

Early Bird Walk on Red Cedar Trail – Riverside Park
Join Bob and Penny Swanson for a brisk early morning walk down the Red Cedar Trail (old railroad bed).

History of Menomonie and UW-Stout, John Russell
Revisit the history of UW-Stout and Menomonie through this anecdotal slide presentation by local photographer John Russell.

Tours of Technology and Food Labs
Learn about the changes in the field of technology since your days on campus.

Tour of the Origen Center, UW-Stout Technology Park
Hear the latest developments at the Tech Park and see the “Super Computer” in action.

Nominations sought for 1998 Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards

The UW-Stout Alumni Association wishes to recognize the accomplishments of its alumni, and to acknowledge their personal, professional, and community contributions. Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni, Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards are being solicited from alumni, the faculty, staff, and administration. The Outstanding Alumni Award is presented to UW-Stout graduates no more than 15 years out from the receipt of their bachelor’s degree. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to UW-Stout graduate more than 15 years out from receipt of their bachelor’s degree. The Service Award is presented to alumni and friends of UW-Stout in recognition of outstanding support in the development of the university and alumni affairs. As there are many outstanding alumni who meet the criteria listed below, you are welcome to nominate more than one recipient. Your written nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of UW-Stout alumni. Complete the form and return it to the Alumni Office by May 10, 1998. Thank you for your help in identifying UW-Stout’s finest!

Nominees for the Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni Awards should exemplify:

Professional Distinction and Achievement—significant and broad professional accomplishments reflecting credit upon the individual and UW-Stout.

Community Service—specific and meritorious service to the community, state or nation.

Nominees for the Service Award should exemplify:

Advancement of UW-Stout’s Mission—daily life exemplifying the mission and ideal of the university for promoting intellectual competence, personal development and service.

Additional Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominations may be submitted by alumni, faculty, staff and/or UW-Stout administrators.
2. Nominees must be graduates of UW-Stout. UW-Stout faculty, staff and administrators are not eligible.
3. Nominees must be selected from graduates of the following reunion years: 1930-1939 (Diamond Reunion); 1947, 1948, 1949 (Golden Reunion); 1958 (40th Reunion); and 1968 (50th Reunion).
4. Selected recipients are required to be present at the Golden/Diamond Alumni Reunion, June 26 and 27, 1998; and the 30th and 40th Alumni Reunion, June 12 and 13, 1998. Lodging expenses for the award recipients are provided by the UW-Stout Alumni Association. Recipients must provide their own travel expenses.

Selection Process:

1. Nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office.
2. An information form will be sent by return mail for each candidate nominated. This information form should be accompanied by a letter or statement in narrative form by the nominators explaining the qualifications of the candidate. Other details or pertinent data that might prove helpful in supporting the nomination include documentation of public or professional recognition, articles or books published and honors received.
3. Final decisions regarding recipients of the award will be made by the Alumni Association Awards Committee, subject to the approval of the UW-Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors.
4. Nominees not selected in a given year may be considered for awards in a subsequent year.

If you have a resume for the nominee, please include it with your nomination form. If you have any questions, call the Alumni Office at 715/232-1151.

Mail to:
Alumni Office, UW-Stout Alumni Awards Committee, Louis Smith Tainter House, P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790 or Fax: 715/232-5015
Southeast Wisconsin retired alumni meet

A luncheon was held Sept. 17 at Alioto’s, in Milwaukee, for 81 retired Stout alumni and spouses who live in southeast Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Classes from 1935-1961 were represented by the retirees. Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen updated the group on the new technologies and innovations which have occurred at Stout since 1988. Door prizes were awarded to Carlton Erickson BS ’47, MS ’48; Gerald Holman ’52; Fred Jelich; James Papez ’50; Ken Pederson ’39; Muriel Roesler; Evelyn Schule ’35; Joseph Serflek BS ’47, MS ’53; Robert Simon ’50; Helen Wolsey Tews ’50; Robert Thunmo ’48; and Ruth Bubeck Voll ’36. The next reunion will be held Sept. 16, 1998 in Milwaukee and will be the fifth anniversary of the group.

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to attend, please call Helen Tews at 414/425-3814, or mail the request to her at 8815 Westlake Drive, Greendale, WI 53129.


San Francisco

Stout alumni Kelly Bell worked with the Alumni Association to arrange an alumni dinner at the Marriott Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco in November.

Madison, Wisconsin

On Sept. 7, a reception was hosted by the Alumni Association and the Stout Typographical Society for alumni attending Print ’97 at McCormick Place in Chicago. Two current students, Scott Felty and Joel Heinzel, were recipients of the Ben Franklin Award, a prestigious award for screen printed media. They are the first students to ever win in this category.

Stout alumni attending Print ’97.

Save your seat at Print ’97 and any of the other alumni gatherings by registering in the UW-Stout Alumni Association at uwstout.edu. The UW-Stout Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Faculty and staff recognized
Annual homecoming reception honors 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to the university

Ten Years
Row 1 (l-r): Sandra Bodsberg, Linda Andersen, Mary Gruenhagen, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen.
Row 2 (l-r): B. Naidu Katuri, James Coppage, Marcia Oas, Carol Hagness.
Row 3 (l-r): Breck Schwartz, Steven Schluhig, Rosalind Christiansen, Rebecca Hendrickson.

Fifteen Years
Row 3 (l-r): Don Olsen, William Hansen.

Twenty Years
Row 1 (l-r): Ronald Borchert, Marilyn Jimos, Brenda Swannack, Christine Nasa, Rose McLean, Cynthia Jenkins, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen.
Row 3 (l-r): Allen Not, Robert Bethener, Diane Larson, Larry Kuester, Bruce Donicht, Mary Hintzman.

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