Good time for a good cause

Event raises more than $20,000 toward academic honor scholarships

It was some enchanted evening, according to revelers at the first Chancellor’s Scholarship Ball in the Great Hall at UW-Stout. The chancellor donned his tuxedo and danced until the midnight hour with more than $20,000 being raised for scholarships. “The response for the first year of this event was exceptional,” Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said. “I was impressed with the attendance and the enthusiasm.”

The idea for the ball finally came to fruition after having been danced around for half a dozen years. “We wanted something that would focus on the community and the university together to support students coming to our campus,” the chancellor said.

A social hour was followed by an epicurean dinner and dancing. Ball goers danced to the music of Legend, which performed music from the ’50s and ’60s.

“The objective of the ball, of course, was to earn scholarship dollars,” stated Sue Pittman, UW-Stout alumni director and co-chair of the organizing committee. “But beyond that, the enjoyment and great camaraderie made the evening very special. In fact, it more than exceeded our expectations.”

Benefits from the event are directed toward the Chancellor’s Academic Honor Scholarship Fund which awards $1,000 to incoming UW-Stout freshmen who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class. In the fall of 1997, 84 students were awarded a Chancellor’s Academic Honor Scholarship.

This particular scholarship fund has been in existence for about seven years. It became a project of Sorensen’s when he first arrived at UW-Stout. “Stout wants to attract the cream of the crop, and if there are two or three schools a young person is considering, this may be one way to sway them in our direction,” Sorensen said.

Two examples of students benefiting from the scholarships are Nancy Dellbrugge, a graphic communications management student from Cameron, and Craig Rykal, an applied mathematics major from Chetek. “It was a good reward for doing well,” Dellbrugge said. She used her scholarship money toward tuition. Rykal agreed that the recognition was important, not to mention the money, which he used to purchase a computer. “In my program, that (a computer) is pretty much necessary,” he said.

The event was such a success that the date for next year’s ball has already been set. “It could not have been accomplished without the great committee made up of members from Stout and the community,” Pittman said. “The committee was creative, hard working and enthusiastic, and the excellent results reflected that.”

Persons interested in a gala holiday soiree of fine dining, dancing and socializing that at the same time contributes to academic scholarship should plan to attend the Second Annual Chancellor’s Scholarship Ball to be held Dec. 11, 1998.

“It’s a good time for a good cause,” Sorensen said.
Five new board members were appointed at the annual meeting of the Stout University Foundation, held Sept. 27, 1997. Retiring board members were recognized and new board members appointed for three-year terms. New board members include Kathleen Skarvan, plant manager, Hutchinson Technology, Eau Claire; Daniel Hampton, BS ’71, MS ’75, senior vice president, Robert W. Bartel, La Crosse; Donna Skidmore ’76, manager, Food Division, Dole Packaged Foods Co., Thousand Oaks, Calif.; David Barnard, BS ’46, MS ’47, dean emeritus, Learning Resources, UW-Stout, Menomonie; and Steve Vande Berg ’75, owner, Best Western Holiday Manor, Menomonie.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen welcomed the new members and explained, “The Foundation’s responsibilities increase each year. Pre-eminenence does not preclude financial security. Fund raising, which includes special campaigns, will continue to be an important responsibility of the foundation related to the successes at this university. You will help us design the future of UW-Stout.”

Sorensen acknowledged the retiring board members. “We appreciate your time, effort and financial commitment to UW-Stout. You have helped direct the fund-raising activities, and you have made a difference,” he said.

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## Portion Photos of Popular Foods

Nutrition assessment studies should help the client with nutrition and food choices. One of the most difficult items to assess is exactly how much does the client eat. Mary Abbott Hess, who currently serves as the Evelyn Carol Van Donk Steenbock Chair in the department of food science and nutrition, UW-Stout, has designed and produced an actual portion size book in full color of more than 100 of the most frequently consumed foods in the United States.

The foods are presented in three portion sizes with only one food selection per page. According to Abbott Hess, “The varied serving sizes allow clients to identify portions they typically consume. This format will increase the accuracy of nutritional assessment.” Nutrition Facts, the USDA Pyramid and diabetes exchange portions are coded for the educator’s ease in nutrition assessment and counseling sessions.”

The book is spiral bound and a handy alternative to food models. The book includes photos of standard food-measuring equipment and common household dinnerware. Tables of portions shown in volume or measure and weight in grams are included.

## Gauthier and Wright establish endowment

Lorna Gauthier and Lawrence Wright have established an endowment in memory of Clifford Gauthier and Jeanette Wright. The couple married in 1996 after each lost their spouse. The endowment will provide a scholarship for a junior, senior or graduate student, and will support grants for faculty research or curriculum initiatives, and student services health and wellness programs on alternate years.

Gauthier and Wright explained, “Both our families have valued education, and in the interest of helping others, we decided to establish this endowment. A planned gift of $100,000 of life insurance ensures our intent to memorialize Clifford and Jeanette, and our families are thrilled that we have taken this action.”

Both Gauthier and Wright have benefited from their education, as have their former spouses and their children. Clifford and Lawrence Wright were both recipients of the GI Bill. After graduate studies both families migrated to Menomonie, and both had strong relationships with UW-Stout. “Cliff was very proud of his 27-year affiliation with UW-Stout. He loved teaching and enjoyed his colleagues in the mathematics department and the Computer Center,” explained Loma. Jeanette Wright was an elementary teacher and taught one year in the Menomonie School System when Larry returned to UW-Stout as a student after his service in World War II. She was an active volunteer in community organizations including PEO Sorority.

Lorna Gauthier was a nontraditional student who graduated from UW-Stout with a bachelor’s degree in child development and family life in 1975. She was employed at UW-Stout in the peer counseling program, “Women Helping Women,” following her graduation. She then became director of the Dunn County Office on Aging where she remained until her retirement in 1990. Wright served as associate dean of Graduate Studies and Curriculum and had added responsibilities as acting dean at the time of his retirement in 1987. He served 21 years at UW-Stout. He received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in industrial education from Stout and his Ed.D degree from the University of Missouri.

Children from both families earned degrees from Stout. “We’ve been thinking about doing something for Stout, and we know this endowment will make a positive difference in the lives of others,” Wright said.

Neither Gauthier nor Wright have really “retired.” Both are very involved in community service. Lorna is a member of the Befriender program of Our Savior Lutheran Church and serves on the board of directors for the Institute for Learning in Retirement. Wright is a member and former chair of the Myrtle Werth Hospital board. Currently he is vice chair of the board of directors of the Menomonie Health Community Foundation Inc., and he chairs the grants committee. Wright’s long involvement with Rotary International included numerous assignments. He served as president of the Menomonie Rotary Club and was appointed governor of District 6250 in 1994.

In January Gauthier and Wright traveled to the Rotary International Council on Legislation meeting in Delhi, India. Wright represented District 6250 as the Council studied and took action on 197 enactments and 50 resolutions. Following these meetings, Gauthier and Wright extended their trip to travel to neighboring countries returning home in February.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen commented, “I applaud this altruistic, visionary gift. UW-Stout is a viable institution because of the generous support of people like Lorna and Larry. We are indebted to their magnanimous act.”

## Packaging labs to be among the best

A badge access reader, soda vapor lighting, new ventilation equipment, and disabled access ramp and lift are just some of recent improvements to Stout’s packaging labs that will be among the best facilities in the nation.

The new packaging lab complex will be one of the first on campus to use a badge reader to monitor and control user access into each of the lab areas. New soda vapor lighting in the machinery and prototype labs is superior to fluorescent tubes in these large, high ceiling areas. To accommodate changes that are sure to occur in the future, overhead electric buss bars are being installed along with air line drops and retracatable power extensions, allowing easy repositioning of equipment.
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Scholarships

Patrick A. Albright Endowed Manufacturing Engineering Scholarship
Friends and family members have established a scholarship in memory of Patrick A. Albright who died Feb. 22, 1997, as a result of a traffic accident.

Albright was a UW-Stout senior majoring in manufacturing engineering and would have graduated last May. While attending UW-Stout, he also worked summers on the family farm. He was raised in rural Colfax and graduated as an honor student from Colfax High School in 1992. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the FFA, and also played football during his time at school. He was an enthusiastic sports fan, and an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing.

The first scholarship was awarded to a senior manufacturing engineering student the fall of 1997.

Judy L. Brehnloth Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Family and friends of Judy Kuns Brehnloth ’85, MS ’89 have established an endowed scholarship in her memory and honor. She died Dec. 13, 1997 after a long and spirited battle with multiple sclerosis.

Brehnloth earned a master’s degree in guidance and counseling and family therapy at UW-Stout. She was elected to Who’s Who in Colleges and Universities, was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and an associate member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapists. While in good health, she was employed by Lutheran Social Services as a psychotherapist and by 3M as an employee assistance provider. She was involved in the Monomenon Theater Guild, church activities, Girl Scouts and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She also gave volunteer presentations on mental wellness.

The first Judy L. Brehnloth Memorial Endowed Scholarship will be awarded this fall to an individual who is completing a degree at UW-Stout and is afflicted with multiple sclerosis.

Mary Huntzicker Snyder Endowed Scholarship
Jane Huntzicker ’44, former chair of the home economics department at Yakima Valley Community College, has established an endowed scholarship in memory of her sister, Mary, who died in 1995. Snyder graduated from Stout in 1946. After graduation she and her good friend, Peggy Pace, accepted teaching assignments in the state of Washington. She married, moved to Florida and subsequently to Los Angeles. She earned a master’s degree and became the supervisor of home economics vocational wage-earning programs for the Los Angeles Unified School District. When she moved to Florida, she taught early childhood education classes at Brevard Community College. The Snyder family returned to California, and she became involved with the adult education programs for the Torrance School System.

Jane Huntzicker noted, “Friends remember Mary’s involvement in current affairs, her love of family, her interest in others and her involvement in social issues. It’s fitting to honor her with a scholarship at UW-Stout to be awarded to students majoring in an area of home economics.”

Sue U. Stephenson Endowed Graduate Scholarship
Sue Stephenson lost her battle with cancer Sept. 24, 1997. Stephenson joined the Stout staff in 1970. With the exception of a leave of absence to complete her doctorate, she was a faculty member with the University Counseling Center from 1970 to 1992. She then taught in the guidance and counseling program, and served as the graduate program director.

Stephenson was very active on campus and served terms as chair of the Faculty Senate, and several committees. She was named a Dahlgren Professor, received the Chancellor’s Fellowship for advanced study in higher education and served as the advisor for the Alpha Phi Sorority.

Reap the benefits of charitable gift annuities
You can maximize your income, guarantee it for life, save taxes, and lock in capital gains with a Charitable Gift Annuity from the Stout University Foundation Inc. Here is an example indicating the benefits of a Stout Foundation Charitable Gift Annuity with a gift of appreciated stock.

Assume:
Stock Valued at .................................................. $60,000
Stock Purchase Price ........................................... $20,000
Dividend Yield ...................................................... 3.5%
Holding Period .................................................... Long Term

Option 1: Keep the Stock
Annual Income from this Stock ................................ $1,800.00
All taxable as ordinary income

Option 2: Sell the Stock and Purchase Bonds
Selling Price of Stock ........................................... $60,000
Capital Gain .......................................................... $40,000
Federal Capital Gains Tax ........................................ $8,000 (a)
Amount Left to Reinvest .......................................... $52,000
Your Income from 7% Bonds .................................. $3,640
All taxable as ordinary income

Option 3: Charitable Gift Annuity from the Stout University Foundation
Donation to the Charitable Gift Annuity ....................... $60,000
Capital Gain .......................................................... $40,000
Current Year Tax on Capital Gain ............................ $0
Amount Invested in Annuity ................................... $60,000
Annual Payment from the Annuity ............................ $4,200 (b)
Taxability of Annuity payment:
Tax-Free Portion .................................................. $678
Capital Gain Income .............................................. $1,355
Ordinary Income ................................................... $1,217

Federal Capital Gains Tax ........................................ $8,000 (b)
Federal Income Tax Savings ..................................... $8,572 (f)
Total Tax Savings .................................................. $16,571

(a) Income is guaranteed by all foundation assets for the annuitant’s life expectancy.
(b) Based on a 7% life annuity for a person 70 years old.
(c) Based on a 3.5% stock held long-term (over 18 months) is taxed at 20 percent.
(d) Income is guaranteed by all foundation assets for the annuitant’s life expectancy.
(e) Taxability of payment for annuitant’s life expectancy. Therefore all is taxed as ordinary income.
(f) Based on a life-time annuity for a person 70 years old.
(g) Income is guaranteed by all foundation assets for the annuitant’s life expectancy.
(h) Based on a 3.5% tax bracket.

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Faces behind the Phonathon
Do you wonder who the student is behind the annual fund phone call? Each year the foundation hires 20 students who gather to contact alumni and parents. Each of the callers are full-time students earning extra money to fund their college expenses. Two student managers supervise the calling staff. Student managers gain experience in managing a staff, scheduling, hiring, training and maintaining daily statistics.

These students raised more than $150,000 in pledges from alumni during the fall 1997 semester. Our schedule for the spring semester includes calling parents for the parent annual fund, packaging alumni, and alumni from the College of Arts and Sciences. We look forward to talking with you during the next few months.

Remember, our calls are not just for solicitation purposes. They also offer an opportunity for you to catch up on campus events and for us to answer any questions you might have about UW-Stout.