Million-Dollar Smiles

With the University capping its largest capital campaign ever, at $30 million, learn why students and grads are bound to benefit
Greetings from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay!

As of this writing I have served about six months as chancellor. I’m not yet to the point where people entirely stop calling me “the new guy,” but I’ve been here long enough to feel fully at home.

My wife, Cathy, and I have been genuinely touched by the warm and supportive welcome. Family members who traveled here in October for my formal installation (that’s some of them, but not all, surrounding us below) noticed the same thing. They congratulated us on our good fortune in joining a community that believes so passionately in its public university.

Please see the list of contributors to the just-concluded $30 million capital campaign, and the names of nearly 2,500 community leaders, alumni, employees and partners who support this institution on an annual basis. They help make UW-Green Bay a special university.

I came to Green Bay after a decade with a university that is exactly the same age, 40 years old this fall, so I know the challenges of a growing institution. That UW-Green Bay is so far along is a tribute to the people of this region and all who support its mission.

We face significant challenges, of course. In addressing faculty and staff to open the school year, I noted that public expectations for American higher education have never been greater. Degree completion, access, cost containment, job development and economic development are critical issues. What’s more, enrollment demand is rising at the same time severe recession is squeezing resources and battering our region.

It can be hard to be an optimist. Yet, as I said in my remarks to campus, things cycle, and they cycle faster for those who are optimistic and anticipate the opportunities. Having good friends helps, too. That’s why I believe we are on the precipice of even greater things coming to and coming out of UWGB. I look forward to working with you.

Thomas Harden
Chancellor
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Cover: Graduating seniors await their call to stage at the May 2009 commencement ceremony at the new Kress Events Center. Completed through a student/state/private partnership that included $11 million in community donations, the Kress earned glowing reviews as a spacious graduation day venue with ample seating and good sight lines.
Million-dollar smiles

What can an influx of more than $30 million in private philanthropy do for a regional public university? Plenty to benefit today’s students and tomorrow’s graduates. Plenty to smile about.

The recent Campaign for UW-Green Bay yielded major gains in student scholarships. That makes college more affordable for the less affluent, and increases the number of merit scholarships to attract top applicants.

New facilities — in particular the Kress Events Center — foster a dynamic campus atmosphere that should help retain talented students.

Additionally, the Campaign’s success in establishing endowed chairs and professorships enhances academic quality by rewarding faculty standouts and creating new opportunities for student learning.

Campaign’s finish line a $30 million drive creates scholarships, facilities, academic options

Chancellor Thomas K. Harden announced in December that the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay’s capital drive, the Campaign for UW-Green Bay, has concluded having raised more than $30 million.

The six-year Campaign exceeded its stated goal of $25 million and succeeded in advancing academics, boosting student scholarship endowments and remaking the physical campus.

“The community response was remarkable,” Harden said. “Other universities may lean heavily upon alumni, but with our moderate size and youth, that alone won’t get us where we need to be. That’s why we are fortunate to have such a generous community, with donors who appreciate UW-Green Bay and the value of a strong public university.”

The drive netted approximately $19 million for academic purposes and $11 million to support construction of a new student sports and events center. For many contributors, their gifts represented capstone or largest-ever gifts to charity.

There were six separate gifts of $1 million or more. Two dozen gifts of $100,000 or more. And more than 2,500 gifts in total, from individuals, families, companies and foundations.

Former paper company executive Tom Olson and civic leader Ginny Riopelle stepped forward as volunteer co-chairs when planning was initiated. Later, retired financial services executive Mike Meeuwsen joined as an unofficial, third co-chair. Honorary co-chairs at the outset were Elizabeth Hendrickson ’79, and the late Edward W. Weidner and John M. “Jake” Rose.

Harden also credited former UW-Green Bay officials including chancellor Bruce Shepard, interim chancellor David Ward and assistant chancellor Steve Swan for their leadership. He also praised the work of Dan Spielmann and the University Advancement division, and the ongoing strength of annual giving via the University’s Founders Association.

“Given the uncertain economy during much of this time, and the pressure of declining state support,” Harden commented, “this was a very impressive group effort by campus and community, working together.”
Community leaders earn campus thanks

Knowing that challenging work loomed ahead, they said “yes,” anyway. Now, years later, Tom Olson (above, left) and Ginny Riopelle are fielding congratulations as volunteer co-chairs of the largest capital campaign in school history, the recently concluded, $30 million Campaign for UW-Green Bay. Also sharing in the achievement is Mike Meeuwsen (above, right), who was a catalyst behind private fundraising for the new sports and events center. Comments Chancellor Thomas Harden, “We owe so much to them. Highly respected in the community, they were able to inspire others to go above and beyond in supporting UW-Green Bay.”

starting point for change

Campaign accomplishments:

- Created more than 50 new named scholarships, more than doubling the scholarship endowment
- Established UW-Green Bay’s first endowed chair, the John P. Blair Endowed Chair in Communication
- Established a second endowed chair with the new Austin E. Cofrin Chair in Business
- Created or expanded four named professorships — the Frederick E. Baer Professorship in Business, the Patricia Wood Baer Professorship in Education, the Austin E. Cofrin Professorship in Management, and the enhanced Philip J. and Elizabeth B. Hendrickson Professorship for Business
- Restored and remodeled Lambeau Cottage on the campus bayshore
- Added a campus bell tower, the Weidner Memorial Carillon
- Remade the campus landscape with the Kress Events Center — funded one-third by Campaign contributions in partnership with state funds and student fees — and the companion project to the Kress, the $6.2 million remodeling of the University Union funded by revenues and student fees

Caitlin Gurlt
Sophomore, Oshkosh psychology major

“My goal is to become a clinical psychologist. Being selected to receive an award from someone who had a huge impact on the University and is such a positive role model for my department is an honor.”

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They created the Bonnie M. and Fergus P. Hughes Annual Scholarship to assist students majoring in Human Development and psychology. It was an act of generosity that reflects lengthy commitment to UW-Green Bay and its students. Fergus Hughes began his career as a faculty member in 1972, and Bonnie is a 1974 UW-Green Bay graduate long active in campus and community activities, including service to the school’s Alumni Association. Well-known to generations of students who took his psychology classes, Prof. Hughes moved from the classroom to administration as interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for three years before retiring in 2007.

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It is the largest private donation for academic purposes in UW-Green Bay history.

It caps an ambitious University fundraising campaign and propels it well past its goal.

It allows one of Green Bay’s famous families to more fully honor its patriarch’s memory.

A $5.5 million gift from Dr. David A. Cofrin will accomplish many things, but foremost among them, it provides UW-Green Bay new resources to elevate its popular business and accounting programs and to enhance academic excellence across campus.

“This is a magnificent contribution, and we are deeply grateful,” says Chancellor Thomas Harden. “Few universities are blessed with friends as loyal as the Cofrin Family.”

It was shortly before Dr. David Cofrin’s death last summer (see story at right) that the family contacted the University about yet another milestone contribution to campus and community. Motivation was Cofrin’s desire to honor his father, Austin E. Cofrin (1883-1980), whose ingenuity and drive transformed what in 1919 had been a small mill on the Fox River into the Fort Howard Paper Co., a world leader in the paper products industry.

University officials say they’re delighted by the symbolic link to one of 20th century America’s great industrial entrepreneurs. Austin E. Cofrin was a Green Bay original, a self-made man who emphasized efficiency and top quality for customers. He was an unpretentious, hands-on CEO who in the early years sometimes slept on a cot in the basement of the mill to be near the action. He often walked to work, taking a shortcut from his East Side home by marching across the high train bridge spanning the river.

UW-Green Bay will honor his memory with the following:

- The naming and dedication of the Austin E. Cofrin School of Business on the UW-Green Bay campus.
- Creation of a $4 million permanent endowment to fund academic excellence.
- Allotment of $1.5 million to an existing named professorship — the Austin E. Cofrin Professorship in Management — in order to elevate it to the status of a fully endowed chair.

The University is finalizing plans for applying the endowment proceeds, and a formal dedication of the renamed business program is likely at a later date to focus attention on the Cofrin legacy.

Prof. Marilyn Sagrillo, chairperson of the Business Administration program, says there’s a lesson for current and future students in Austin E. Cofrin’s unrelenting drive to be the best.

She points to a simple quote, framed and embraced as a Fort Howard motto:

“We’re going to do this. And we’re going to do it better than anyone else.” — A.E. Cofrin
Dr. David A. Cofrin, whose name stands tall across Northeast Wisconsin, died Aug. 11 in Gainesville, Fla., at the age of 85.

A Green Bay native and the youngest son of the family that founded Fort Howard Paper Co., David Cofrin pursued medical studies, served as an Air Force surgeon and set up practice in Gainesville, Fla. Although he moved away decades before his hometown realized its dream of having its own public university, he and his wife, Mary Ann, would later embrace that vision with an unparalleled record of philanthropy.

Gift evokes Fort Howard Paper history

When the historic archives of the Fort Howard Co. were donated nearly a decade ago to the University library, then-Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin spoke at the dedication ceremony.

“You can’t tell the story of Green Bay without telling the story of two things: the Packers and papermaking, particularly Fort Howard,” Jadin said.

The Fort Howard collection (including the photos and marketing samples shown here) is available for review, upon appointment, at the Area Research Center on the library’s seventh floor. Records extend from the company’s founding to just prior to consolidation with James River and, later, Georgia-Pacific, which runs the Green Bay mill today.

Reminders of the Cofrin legacy are prominent across campus. The institution’s landmark building, the eight-story library learning center, stands at the physical and academic center of campus. It was renamed the David A. Cofrin Library in his honor in 1990. Other facilities bearing the family name include the classroom building Mary Ann Cofrin Hall; the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity (a center for environmental research and education); the 2,000-seat Cofrin Family Hall inside the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts; and the 290-acre Cofrin Memorial Arboretum encircling campus.

“Behind his incredible generosity was a person of genuine kindness and wisdom,” comments Prof. Robert Howe, biodiversity director, who led Dr. Cofrin on bird-banding and nature excursions. “I’ve been privileged to see many, many students, faculty and others benefit from the gifts of Dr. Cofrin, Mary Ann, and their children.”

Dr. David A. Cofrin is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Harn Cofrin; sons David H. and Paige, and daughters Mary Ann, Edith and Gladys; grandchildren and other relatives.
Scholarships pay off

As investment, Campaign’s push for student aid will yield dividends

In casual conversation, scholarships are often said to have been ‘given’ or ‘received,’ as if they were neatly wrapped presents. Actually, most UW-Green Bay scholarships are earned. Awards are made to high-ability individuals or to those of modest means but significant potential.

With creation of 50 new named scholarship funds, the Campaign for UW-Green Bay has succeeded in roughly doubling the number of scholarships available to students. The majority of the funds listed below didn’t exist a decade ago.

Scholarships go to students who return the investment by making their classmates’ experience more competitive and by contributing to the community’s economy and quality of life following graduation. Admissions officials say the increased aid should also help make UW-Green Bay more competitive in recruiting top students.

Baylake Bank Scholarship
Lois Beisel Phuture Phoenix Scholarship Fund
Bollem Family Scholarship
Julie Brickley Memorial Scholarship
Margaret Nelson Bubolz Scholarship
Frank Byrne Memorial Scholarship
James E. Casperson Memorial Award
Chancellor’s Achievement Scholarship
Chancellor’s Scholarship for Musical Excellence
Concerned Hearts Nursing Scholarship
Bradford L. Cook Memorial Scholarship
Coryl Crandall Memorial Scholarship
David L. Damkoehler Art Scholarship
Thomas E. Daniels Scholarship
Craig A. Mueller Phuture Phoenix Scholarship
Craig A. Mueller Scholarship for Arts and Visual Design and Communication
Sidney and Ruth Morris Scholarship
Robert T. and Betty Rose Meyer Scholarship
Robert H. Maier Memorial Scholarship
Madigan Family Scholarship
Meredith B. and John M. Rose Scholarship
Ruby Wolverton Nursing Scholarship
University Academic Excellence Award
Van’s Lumber & Custom Builders, Inc. Student-Athlete Scholarship
Veterans Scholarship
Joseph J. and Gloria E. Schott Memorial Scholarship
Byron L. Walter Family Scholarship
Gary R. Weidner Memorial Scholarship
Gary R. Weidner Phuture Phoenix Scholarship
Jean B. Weidner Scholarship in Social Work
Loretta A. Wells Nursing Scholarship
Rolfe E. White Scholarship for Social Work
Ruby Wolverton Nursing Scholarship
Women and Gender Studies Scholarship
Elizabeth E. Wyngaard Memorial Scholarship
Karl Zehms Accounting Scholarship
Paul D. Ziemer Scholarship
University Memorial Scholarship
- Arthur Atkinson
- Nancy Datan
- Dennis Girard
- Abe Shepard
- Alvin Swinerton
- Hans Van Beek
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Fortunately for UW-Green Bay, the non-traditional student who spent an on-and-off decade piling up credits at the new University and its forerunner, the two-year Green Bay center, wasn’t done yet. Mueller went on to become a commercial air pilot, an America’s Cup crewman and a dedicated philanthropist, always with a deep love for his alma mater.

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Establishment of endowed chairs can help move an already strong academic program to an elite level. New named professorships — although on a slightly more modest scale — accomplish the same thing.

The $30 million Campaign for UW-Green Bay achieved gains in both categories. Donors made unprecedented investments in the institution and its faculty. Prior to the Campaign, the University was similar to many public institutions of its size and relative youth in that it had yet to create its first endowed chair. Such a multi-million-dollar fund covers the salary of an additional position in an area of special importance, and typically involves the hiring or retention of a faculty star.

In 2003, the late Mrs. Dorothy Blair (facing page, above) made what was then the single largest gift to a specific academic program in UW-Green Bay history. More recently, the family of Fort Howard Paper Co. founder Austin E. Cofrin made a generous gift to create the University’s second endowed chair (pages 4-5). The two positions lend strength to well-regarded and popular programs in Communication and Business Administration.

Another Campaign highlight was the impressive expansion of the list of named professorships, now totaling eight. The professorships are multi-year awards to top faculty members, channeling additional resources to fund cutting-edge research, outstanding teaching and valuable community service.

The newest professorships — the two Baer funds, the Cofrin and the enhanced Hendrickson fund — are additions to a portfolio that dates to the University’s first major capital campaign in the early 1980s. Former assistant chancellor Donald Harden was point person for the drive co-chaired by local business and civic leaders Donald J. Long and James Temp. That campaign also led to construction of UW-Green Bay’s first residence halls.

**Campaign wins:**

For students, love of travel lives on

For 34 years, UW-Green Bay Prof. Tony Galt shared his global worldview and love of travel with his Social Change and Development students, certain that an international experience would forever impact their lives. His own academic career was marked by groundbreaking historical and ethnographic studies in Sicily and southern Italy. After he lost his battle with cancer in 2005, his wife, Janice, and son Alex established the Tony Galt Student Travel Scholarship in his memory. Each year, it provides one student a $2,500 scholarship for a travel-abroad experience such as studying at a foreign university. Janice Galt appeared (above) at the December 2005 commencement to receive Tony’s emeritus plaque from former chancellor Bruce Shepard.

Libbi Larson
Senior, Green Bay
Human Development and psychology major

“I received the Galt Scholarship and spent spring semester 2009 studying abroad in Florence, Italy. I would go back instantly if I had the chance.”
Blair Chair was first for UW-Green Bay

Mrs. Dorothy Blair and Prof. Timothy Meyer shared lunch in the Vista Conference Room during her 2003 visit to campus (left). Her $1.5 million donation was the first major gift announced for the Campaign for UW-Green Bay. She funded the John P. Blair Endowed Chair in Communication — which Meyer now holds — to honor her late husband, a Madison Avenue executive with Wisconsin ties who helped develop the business model that would fuel TV’s “Golden Age” boom in the 1950s. Annual interest from the Blair endowment helps underwrite advanced research and an additional faculty position in Meyer’s area. Students benefit from new courses, more and smaller sections in existing courses, and expanded internship and research opportunities.

An endowment is a permanent fund that is invested to earn income to support a specific area or the greater needs of the institution as a whole. The principal is protected.

Endowment earnings support a wide array of programs and activities. Many student scholarship funds (page 6) are endowments. Numerous endowments generate funds to help support operation of specific academic programs, campus life programs, facilities, library acquisitions, arts initiatives, athletics, and more (listed below).

The institution’s most prominent endowments include named professorships (with current recipients listed here, at right) and endowed chairs.

George & Eleanor Burridge
Performing Arts Fund
David Christenson Memorial Counseling Award
Cofrin Memorial Arboretum
Cofrin Arboretum Directorship
Jerry Dell Memorial Award
Friends of the Cofrin Library
Philiz E. Holz Environmental Award
Joseph LaForce Faculty Development Award
H. Weldon McGee Environmental Fund
Natural and Applied Science Award
Point Sauble Wetland Fund
Russell & Virginia Rosemann Student Loan Fund
Students in Free Enterprise University Education
UW-Green Bay Alumni Association
UW-Green Bay Athletics

Create a lasting legacy
An endowment creates a permanent legacy at the University honoring a donor or a person or entity of his or her choice. The endowment may be restricted to support an area or activity that is of interest to the person or entity being honored. To learn more about establishing an endowment, please contact a member of the University Advancement Office staff at (920) 465-2074, or visit www.uwgb.edu/giving/

Frederick E. Baer Professorship in Management
Holder: Prof. Meir Russ (through 2013)

Patricia Wood Baer Professorship in Education
Holder: Prof. Cliff Abbott (through 2013)

Barbara Hauxhurst Cofrin Professorship of Natural Sciences
Holder: Prof. Robert Howe (through 2011)

Frankenthal Family Professorship
Holder: Prof. Cheryl Grosso '78 (through 2009)

Herbert Fisk Johnson Professorship in Environmental Studies
Holder: Prof. Denise Scheberle (through 2015)

Ben J. and Joyce Rosenberg Professorship
Holder: Prof. Lynn Walter (through 2011)
As early as the 1990s, students, alumni and UW-Green Bay officials were pushing hard for student-life facilities worthy of a rising, well-respected academic institution.

“People, when they come here, should have a full experience,” observed one student leader at the time. “We’re not getting the experiences that students have on other campuses.”

Student tour guides, embarrassed, stopped bringing prospective freshmen through the undersized and badly outdated Phoenix Sports Center. The Top 25 women’s basketball team played its home games in a 1,500-seat bandbox gym. The campus was outgrowing space for spring commencement, student life and all-campus convocations.

Things took a turn for the better in spring 2000. Student representatives agreed to a fee increase to fund future PSC and Union expansion. That gave a green light for campus officials to seek matching state funds ($7.5 million) and private support ($11 million) through the Campaign for UW-Green Bay.

Now a reality, the $33 million Kress Events Center earned a national award for innovation in architectural design earlier this year. The Kress boasts a 4,000-seat arena for women’s basketball games and volleyball matches, a state-of-the-art fitness facility for campus, community and alumni, renovated and expanded office spaces, new practice facilities, an indoor turf gym and more.

“It has certainly become a point of pride on our campus,” Athletics Director Ken Bothof says. “The positive impact it has had for our athletic program and our student-athletes is obvious. The positive impact it has had on the recreational and intramural benefits of our students can be seen in the large increase in the numbers of users and participants.”

Also a hit is the expanded and remodeled University Union, which was dedicated the following year.

The University honored the event center’s lead private donors, the Kress Family and Kress Foundation, at groundbreaking in 2005 and again at dedication in fall 2007. Posing (below) near a framed sketch of the facility were Kress family members Jim and Julie Kress (foreground), joined by Jim’s sons John and Will (holding his own son).
Campaign wins: 
Loud and clear, gift was tribute to mom

When Alvina Hintz passed away just shy of her 102nd birthday, her daughter Ceil took steps to pay lasting tribute. With a five-figure gift in 2003, the UW-Green Bay graduate and former staff member established the Alvina A. Hintz Scholarship to benefit physically challenged college students. “Mom never had the opportunity to go on to school,” says Ceil (at right in the family photo above), “but that was no barrier.”

Born in 1901 in central Wisconsin’s cutover country, Alvina had no formal schooling. It’s not that there wasn’t a schoolhouse nearby, or that her parents needed her on the farm or that she somehow wasn’t clever enough. The reality was that in those years, rural districts had few options for hearing-impaired children. The family was encouraged to keep her at home. Remarkably, the girl who heard so little soon mastered not only the Polish language of her immigrant parents but English and German, too. “I believe that because she was self-educated, she truly valued education and encouraged it all the more for her children,” Ceil says.
He’s Wisconsin’s Professor of the Year

It was a proud day for UW-Green Bay when one of its own traveled to Washington, D.C., in November to accept recognition as one of America’s top educators.

Prof. Regan A.R. Gurung was formally recognized as the Wisconsin Professor of the Year. Awarded by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the honor spotlights 50 teachers who excel at influencing the lives and careers of their students.

A UW-Green Bay faculty member since 1999, Gurung is famous on campus for knowing each of his Human Development and psychology students by name (even in large classes), for encouraging them to pursue advanced research, and for inviting the best to present their findings at professional conferences. His own research in health psychology has garnered national attention in areas dealing with culture, stress, body image, smoking cessation and related topics.

Green Bay goes big with Earth Day plans

Economics and ecology will be at the forefront in April when UW-Green Bay celebrates the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day. The campus will host its second annual Green Innovations Symposium April 22 and 23 for businesses interested in improving their bottom lines through innovation and sustainability. Breakout sessions will target transportation, the wind-energy economic cluster, employee wellness, and sustainable business practices.

UW-Green Bay’s Environmental Management and Business Institute is organizing the event. For details, visit www.uwgb.edu/emi/.

Economy helps fuel enrollment

UW-Green Bay had a record-setting number of students attending class this fall. The official student headcount of 6,549 students was up 300 from the previous year. Factors include a large freshman class, a big increase in distance-education learners through the Adult Degree program, and strong retention of previously enrolled students. Officials say the University also felt an obligation to keep admissions open longer to serve local students who wanted a close-to-home option when their education plans changed because of the economic downturn.

Cuts hit home

Shirts for sale at the Phoenix Bookstore milk the issue for laughs, but the state-ordered budget cuts are real. UW-Green Bay identified four common “furlough days” that will trigger campus closings; remaining dates are Dec. 28, Jan. 15 and May 28, 2010. All state employees are required to take as many as eight furlough days annually and a 3 percent reduction in earnings. In a letter to students, Chancellor Thomas Harden wrote: "After years of lean budgets and belt tightening, there’s no longer a question as to whether we can somehow negate the impact of budget cuts and fully maintain services. We can’t..."
Heir to Wehking dynasty leads soccer’s return to NCAAs

Over a 15-year stretch beginning in 1972, Gene and Mary Wehking of St. Louis sent four sons to Green Bay to help power the program’s early rise as a soccer power: Mark (1972-75), Matt (1974-77), Murray (1977-80) and Mike (1982-85).

That’s uncle Mark, left, with his nephew at a recent campus reception. Ryan Wehking, who is Matt’s son, played nearly every minute in goal and posted nine shutouts for Coach Tom Poitras this year. The Phoenix went 14-3-2 and earned its first NCAA bid since 1983.

Education focuses on tribal issues

Through partnering with tribal elders, UW-Green Bay’s new Center for First Nation Studies aims to help future educators do a more comprehensive job of teaching youth about the history, culture, sovereignty and contemporary issues of American Indians. The state of Wisconsin mandates the topics be taught, but observers say the depth and quality of K-12 curricula vary widely. The UW-Green Bay program seeks to be a clearinghouse for best practices. Prof. Lisa Poupard, chair of the University’s First Nations Studies program, and Prof. Tim Kaufman, Education program chair, direct the program. They say a key aspect involves matching UW-Green Bay student teachers with local tribal elders who will assist the project.

LAATSC TO MINNESOTA?

One of UW-Green Bay’s most popular and longest serving faculty members called it a career last summer, after 43 years.

Prof. William Laatsch began as an instructor with the Green Bay and Fox Valley center campuses in 1966-67. He taught cultural geography, became an expert on Door County’s Belgian heritage region, and won awards for teaching excellence.

“I’d love to do it all over again,” he says. And I love our students. They’re the reason we’re here.”

In typical convivial form at his campus going-away party, Laatsch also joked about abandoning his initial retirement several years ago when the University lured him back to serve as interim vice chancellor. Now, he said, he’s really retired, “unless the Jets (or Vikings) call.”
Faculty/staff campaign bucks economic downturn

UW-Green Bay posted a big increase in employee giving to the annual Founders Association fundraising drive for UW-Green Bay.

Nearly two-thirds of faculty and staff members contributed to the campaign, setting a new record for participation despite the troubled economy. Chancellor Thomas Harden called it a “huge success” and thanked the volunteer facilitators, coordinators and captains who led the effort. Three teams hit 100% participation: Phoenix Athletics, the 8th floor administrative units, and the Outreach and Adult Access division.

“It confirms what I recognized about this University when I first visited a year ago,” said Harden. “This is a generous community.”

NEW PROVOST HAS BIG-SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Julia E. Wallace joined the UW-Green Bay administrative team in late summer as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, serving as the top academic officer reporting to the chancellor.

Wallace was previously provost for Central Michigan University, enrollment 27,000, and the longtime dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa, enrollment 13,000.

She succeeds Sue K. Hammersmith — who left in 2008 to become president of Metropolitan State University in the Twin Cities — and William Laatsch, who served one year on an interim basis.

Strong turnout for Vets Day at military-friendly UW-Green Bay

Visiting VIPs were in ample supply Nov. 11 for the annual Veterans Day gathering on campus.

Local and state elected officials joined a high-ranking U.S. Army delegation in saluting the contributions of all military veterans but in particular those of current UW-Green Bay students, faculty and staff. (Posing here are Col. Stephen Curda, brigade commander for the 308th Civil Affairs unit, and Maj. Matthew Miller, headquarters company commander for the homestate 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion.) Also in attendance was Brigadier Gen. William Gothard, who helped present certificates of appreciation to student veterans.

Earlier this year, UW-Green Bay was named one of the top “military friendly” schools in the nation by G.I. Jobs magazine. The award recognizes campuswide commitment to serving veterans, annual activities such as the reception and care-package collections, and assignment of a dedicated veterans assistance coordinator. That staff member, Elaina Koltz, says the University has about 300 students (about 5 percent of total enrollment) receiving veterans benefits this fall.

Remembering Stuart Stiles

Longtime friend and advocate Stuart L. Stiles passed away in May at age 93. He was the longest-serving board member (29 years) with the UW-Green Bay Founders Association and a former board president (1985-87). The retired president and CEO of Morley-Murphy Co., Stiles was a leadership donor to the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, and his wife, Nancy, headed the seat donor drive. Stu Stiles received the University’s highest community honor, the Chancellor’s Award, in 1986.

Self-described ‘C’ student gets ‘A’ for efforts

Donald Swette poses with his wife, Marilyn, after being honored at the fall reception of the UW-Green Bay Founders Association at the Weidner Center. The organization bestowed Founders Director Emeritus status upon Swette, a board member since 1986 and a tireless advocate on behalf of academic and scholarships initiatives. A veteran business person and owner of Appraisers Inc., Swette got a big laugh from the audience when he recalled his own education and career path. “Never forget the hard-working ‘C’ students,” he humorously advised the University. “They’re the ones who hire the ‘A’ students!”
Inauguration of a new era: UW-Green Bay welcomes Tom Harden

It’s the first full semester on campus for Thomas K. Harden.

In October, town and gown welcomed Harden with a student meet-and-greet, a community reception, and the observance of a centuries-old academic tradition with an investiture ceremony at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

The new chancellor took advantage of his inaugural address to introduce himself and his family to Green Bay. He focused on his own path to college and early years of young adulthood in Middletown, Ohio.

His working-class parents, neither of whom graduated high school, encouraged his plans for higher education. With a full-time job at a hardware store he worked his way through two years of liberal arts studies at nearby Miami University. He spent summers in a steel mill as a custodian, open-hearth helper, sheet stacker and “slag notcher.”

He dropped out of Miami, increased his hours at the mill and completed an apprenticeship for skilled tradespeople. The work was interesting, the pay excellent. Newly married, though, he learned something about himself from his wife, Cathy, who had meanwhile received a degree in elementary education.

“She was a great teacher, passionate about her students and her work,” Tom Harden said.

“Her commitment and passion affected me and transformed my personal expectations for the rest of my life. I no longer saw myself working in the steel mill. I knew that I wanted to be a teacher.”

He re-enrolled at Miami, earned his bachelor’s in industrial education, taught junior high and senior high, and got his master’s from the University of Dayton and doctorate in education from the University of Cincinnati.

One of the morals of the story, Harden told students in the audience, is to trust yourself — your own unique life experiences and education — regardless of your background or current circumstance.

“Education enables people to take their lives where they choose,” he concluded.

Harden began his tenure at UW-Green Bay June 1, 2009. He had served previously as president of Clayton State University near Atlanta.

Welcome week snapshots: Tom Harden at the lectern; visiting with Marge Weidner, widow of the founding chancellor; unveiling his official 1965 Room portrait by alumna Pam Stoll; and a friend greets Prof. Emeritus Al Loomer, at 96 the oldest participant in the Oct. 30 inauguration. Inset: signatures on a student artist’s caricature of the new chancellor.

Introducing the chancellor, via video:

In his inaugural address, Thomas K. Harden shared personal stories of how a Midwest upbringing, close-knit family and blue-collar jobs enriched his life. For video highlights, www.uwgb.edu/chancellor/
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Annual Report

The February 2006 issue of Inside UW-Green Bay celebrated the halfway point of the capital campaign and shared plans for Phase II and its goal of nearly $20 million in academic enhancements.
Local, state and national recognition in the form of donations, awards and outside grants made the 2008-09 academic year another banner one for UW-Green Bay’s Phuture Phoenix program.

Community supporters made possible an impressive gain in annual giving. (Listed below are contributors during the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). Donors also established the first Phuture Phoenix scholarships, ready to serve children from the program’s earliest years who will begin enrolling as freshmen in fall 2010. (See page 6 for a listing of Phuture Phoenix-related scholarships.)

In addition, high praise arrived in the form of a $125,000 grant from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. The grant will help replicate Phuture Phoenix at UW-Eau Claire. Officials there want to apply the Green Bay model of pairing fifth-graders from low-income school districts with college mentors as a way to boost educational aspirations.

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**THE THEATRE FIRST NIGHTERS** organization provides behind-the-scenes support to UW-Green Bay’s highly regarded theatre program. Dedicated to the memories of founders Louis O. Erdmann and Edward W. Weidner, the group provides resources for guest artists, student scholarships and program affiliation with the prestigious Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

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Alumni Association

**ALL GRADUATES** of UW-Green Bay automatically become members of the Alumni Association. The Association’s board of directors — two dozen volunteers representing a range of class years and majors — takes an active role in promoting the University and its 26,000 alumni.

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THE NIAGARA SOCIETY recognizes those who invest in the future through a deferred or planned gift. This September, friends, family and campus gathered to commemorate a $1 million bequest from the late Craig A. Mueller. His sister, Marcia (right), said the family was proud his gift, the largest ever for a UW-Green Bay scholarship fund and the largest by an alumnus, will provide aid to students enrolled in the Arts and Visual Design and Communication academic units.

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Donations from the Niagara Society have provided scholarships to students enrolled in the Arts and Visual Design and Communication academic units.

**Friends of the Cofrin Library**

THE FRIENDS OF THE COFRIN LIBRARY organization exists to extend the educational reach of the University library, raising money through annual giving, special events and “fun”drasiers, including a first-ever, mini-golf course in the library.

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FRIENDS OF UW-GREEN BAY ATHLETICS enjoyed a special year in 2008-09. Phoenix teams continued their winning ways on the field of play, and Phoenix student-athletes continued exemplary achievement in the classroom.

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100 YEARS,
10,000 WORDS,
SMITHSONIAN HONORS

In spring, about the time Maria Hinton, class of ’79, turns 100, she and UW-Green Bay Prof. Cliff Abbott will reach the 10,000-word mark in their spoken-word version of the Oneida dictionary.

Hinton, who is UW-Green Bay’s oldest living graduate and tribal elder of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, recently received the prestigious Prism Award from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

“This award from the Smithsonian is really quite impressive, because it’s national recognition,” Abbott says of his former student.

“From the moment that I met her it was clear the importance she placed upon education, family and preservation of the language.”

Hinton and Abbott have produced a searchable online database that includes written entries on more than 34,000 words in Oneida, one of North America’s most endangered languages. Because it was vital to preserve the actual pronunciation of the language, every Monday, Abbott and Hinton record sound files to archive to the internet.

1970s

Keith Pamperin ’70 urban analysis, Glen Titot ’81 social work, Sue Premo ’86 human development, Noel Halvorsen ’92 urban studies, Craig Van Schyndle ’99 manager of administrative science. James Flog ’01 master’s in applied leadership for teaching and learning, Eric Urben ’02 human development and psychology, Mary Jane Herber ’05 history and humanistic studies and Chris (Fiala) Danielson ’07 elementary education, were recognized as the most influential people over the 25-year history of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Green Bay program.

Ted Hoff ’71 communication and the arts, received the outstanding sales performance award from Place Perfect Realty.

Maureen O’Hern Hahn ’72 managerial systems, was appointed to the board of directors of National Mutual Benefit, a fraternal benefit society based in Madison. She is founder and president of encore Financial Group LLC, in Appleton.

Orie Milton ’72 communication and the arts, serves on the United Way of Door County board of directors.

Gary Florence ’74 regional analysis, is the 2009 vice president of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Florence works with Photo Science in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Terry Machut ’74 manager of systems, received distinguished sales and marketing executive designation from the Sales and Marketing Executives Association of Milwaukee. He recently formed his own private wealth management firm, T.L. Machut Equity Management LLC.

Juliet Cole ’75 modernization processes and ’80 master’s in environmental arts and sciences, is on the board of directors for the YWCA of Green Bay-De Pere.

Craig Pauly ’75 managerial systems, is the executive director at Marco Services, and is a director of First Manitowoc Bancorp Inc. and Bank First National.

Ann (Krumbach) Holdon ’76 nutritional sciences, is vice president of quality control at Standard Process Inc. in Palmyra.

Linda Kennedy ’76 managerial systems, serves on the board of directors for Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin. She is the CEO of the Business Lending Group of Northeast Wisconsin.

Albert Kinyon ’76 (well, officially ’91) communication and the arts, is a retired technical marketing engineer with Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, Calif. Kinyon says he considers himself a 1976 UWGB grad since he marched during 1976 graduation ceremonies but was too financially strapped to pay for the three biology credits he needed to receive his diploma. He completed his three credits in 1991 at Mission College while working for Intel and living in Silicon Valley. A member of the Screen Actors Guild since 1988, Kinyon is an actor as well, with roles in television including the series “Nash Bridges” and an ABC Movie of the Week, “A Long Road Home,” as well as a number of national commercials. Read more at www.kinyons.com/aciresum.html

Douglass Owens-Pike ’76 science and environmental change, attended a sustainable design conference in Portland, Ore., sponsored by Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

Deborah (Young) Scray ’76 humanism and cultural change, is on the board of directors for the YMCA of Green Bay-De Pere.

Joseph Laux ’78 public administration and ’86 master’s in environmental arts and sciences, is the city and zoning administrator for Eagle River.

Carol Mishler ’78 master’s in environmental arts and sciences, was recognized with a leadership award by Fox Valley Technical College.

1980s

Susan Dreyfus ’80 business administration, is head of the Department of Social and Health Services for the state of Washington.

Bill Seleen ’80 humanistic studies, is the director of the Green Bay area ReStore. The store sells donated construction material and products with profits going to support Habitat for Humanity.

Bill Lindmark ’81 human adaptability, finished three strokes away from taking the title at the Wisconsin State Senior Open in September. The Shorewood Golf Course manager shot a two-day score of 71-75—144 to take second place in the over-50 event.

Luke Warpinski, M.D. ’81 human adaptability, joined Aurora Health Center in New Franken. He is a family medical physician.

Ivan A. Delbecchi ’82 business administration, is the managing director of Baylake Insurance Agency, Inc. Delbecchi is a former Phoenix men’s soccer player and Phoenix Hall of Fame inductee.

David Diedrich ’82 business administration, was appointed director of First Manitowoc Bancorp Inc. and Bank First National. He is the president of Bank First National.

Joseph Hoffmeyer ’82 business administration and regional analysis, joined Baylake Bank as president and chief operating officer. He is also responsible for managing Baylake Bank’s Wealth Services Division.

Joan McLester ’82 social change and development, is the president-elect for the YMCA of Green Bay-De Pere board of directors.

Shannon (Shallow) Baldwin ’83 managerial accounting, CMA, CPA, is controller at Laureate Group. She is a certified management accountant and a certified public accountant. She is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and was the recipient of the award of excellence from its Greater Milwaukee Chapter.

Deb (Mancheski) Ledvina ’83 social work, is the ombudsman for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (the first of its kind in the country) and will serve as “the conscience of the department,” according to its commissioner.
Karen (Sorenson) Stewart ’85 communication and the arts, had her artwork displayed at Main Street Art Works in Hilbert. Stewart’s art comments on the world using feminist, historical and pop iconography.

Lynn LaRock ’84 business administration, is a sales/service associate for the Antigo Post Office.

Terry Powers ’84 communication and the arts, vice president – operations for the (Indianapolis) 500 Festival, announced recently that the 500 Festival earned 17 industry honors from the International Festival and Events Association as the industry’s best event.

Amy (Murto Hobbins) Anderson ’85 business administration, is the president of the board of directors of Management Women Inc., Green Bay.

Carol (La Luzerne) Gibson ’85 communication and the arts, was elected to the board of directors of the Wisconsin Chapter, Green Bay Division of the March of Dimes.

Kathryn (Haffeman) Lemke ’85 humanistic studies, works for Independent Printing, De Pere.

Patti Martens ’85 nursing, a registered nurse at Unity, achieved recognition as a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN).

Greg Wilkey ’85 business administration, is president of Fisher-Barton Manufacturing in Waukesha.

Fred J. Begale ’86 chemistry and human adaptability, was named vice president of business development at Badger Meter, Inc., Milwaukee.

Scott Koffarnus ’86 communication and the arts, and John Behnke ’00 communication processes, celebrated the grand opening of Cineviz, digital signage solutions, in downtown Green Bay. Koffarnus is the owner of the company and Behnke is the project manager.

Brian Blank ’87 English and humanistic studies, is now a published novelist with his novel, The Revenant: A Horror inDodsville.

Frank Kowalkowski, J.D. ’87 business administration and economics, joined Davis & Kuelthau law firm in Green Bay. He practices in real estate, business, and construction litigation law.

Tim Nixon ’87 public and environmental administration, has been appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to its Preliminary Review Committee. He has also been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Judge W. Reynolds Community Building Award by the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. He was also recognized as one of the 2010 Best Lawyers in America and co-authored Understanding Fraudulent Transfers, published by Aspen Books of Boston.

Jeffrey Spindler ’87 business administration, is assistant vice president of commercial lending at the GoVantage Credit Union’s Shawano branch.

James VandenHouten ’87 business administration and economics, is assistant vice president and a loan officer with Bank First National in Manitowoc.

Steven Arendt ’88 music and communication and the arts, was honored by RE/MAX Select Realtors, Green Bay, with its Hall of Fame award, given for career sales and service.

Thomas Baugnet ’89 human development and psychology, and his wife Jill, own Open Wings Pottery and Gallery in Munising, Mich.

Lisa (Pelletier) Runtrock ’89 art, is a certified goldsmith/silversmith and owner of Bejeweled Images Fine Jewelry LLC, De Pere.

Jo (Bates-Torgessen) Norman ’89 business administration and psychology, earned a master of project management degree from DeVry University’s Keller Graduate School of Management.

1990s

Patrick Boucher ’90 business administration and economics, is the store manager of the Walgreens on West Mason Street, Green Bay.

Rita (Paider) Christensen ’90 nursing, is a board-certified family practice nurse practitioner at Advanced Pain Management in Green Bay.

Brad Pfaff ’90 public and environmental administration, business administration and political science, was named state executive director for the Farm Service Agency in Wisconsin by President Obama. He will provide guidance on agricultural and natural resource issues, convene listening sessions with agricultural producers and commodity groups, and contribute to farm bill and dairy legislation.

Along with being the CFO of the College of Menominee Nation, Laurie Reiter ’90 business administration and economics, is currently chair of Menominee Tribal Enterprises, the business arm of the tribe.

Jeffrey Hess ’91 music and nutritional sciences, sings professionally in the Twin Cities area and across the Midwest. Last spring he sang the cantor part for the European premiere of the Stephen Paulus Holocaust oratorio, To Be Certain of the Dawn, in Dusseldorf, Germany. He is currently on the music faculty at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn. He earned a D.M.A. in vocal performance at the University of Minnesota.

Barb Viste-Johnson ’92 human development and social work, specializes in evaluating individuals and families coping with behavioral health issues at Affinity Medical Group’s Kaukauna Clinic.

Patti (Bourassa) Bemowski ’93 communication processes and social change and development, received a first-place award for her painting “Turning the Corner,” that was exhibited at The Pen & Brush Gallery, New York University.

Wayne Resch ’93 business administration, is the assistant vice president-branch manager at Johnson Bank, De Pere.

A technical theatre major at UW-Green Bay and a former stylist for national touring productions of The King and I, Swing and The Sound of Music, Stacey Nellen Kolze ’98 has opened Nell’s Wigs in Green Bay.

It seems as though helping others (particularly those receiving cancer treatment, 90 percent of her client base) is a calling as powerful as bright lights and big stars.

“When you’re focusing on being well yourself, you don’t want to focus on your hair,” Kolze says. “My goal is to make clients feel comfortable with who they are.”

April (Foudray) Hartjes ’92 human development and humanistic studies, is an early childhood education instructor for Mid-State Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids. She will graduate from UW-Stevens Point in December with a master of science in education with an emphasis in early childhood education.

Melissa Metzler ’92 communication processes and social change and development, received a first-place award for her painting “Turning the Corner,” that was exhibited at The Pen & Brush Gallery, New York University.

She re-styles theatre career to serve chemo patients

Mike Peters photo courtesy of YOU magazine, Green Bay
Guys, does and ‘Doc’

Fred “Doc” Heide ‘74 analysis synthesis, was one of the masterminds behind “Guys and Does,” another successful musical comedy that played 54 consecutive sold-out performances for nearly 10,000 fans at Door County’s American Folklore Theatre this past summer. Heide’s day job is as a professor of psychology at Alliant International University in California. His love of theatre, music and humor manifests itself in his decades-long summer involvement with AFT.

Heide (at left in photo) co-wrote “Guys and Does” and co-stars in the wacky excursion into the world of Wisconsin deer hunting. The most popular offering ever at AFT’s home venue, the Peninsula State Park Amphitheatre, the show landed an indoor booking in early December at Green Bay Community Theatre’s Brault Playhouse. Another UW-Green Bay grad, Kaye Christman ’97 administrative science, is managing director for AFT.

Photo by Len Villano

Jody Weyers ’96 communication processes and humanistic studies, volunteer and communications director with the American Red Cross-Lakeland Chapter, was recently certified in volunteer administration.

Inga (Abrahamson) Arendt ’97 accounting, is on the board of directors for the YMCA of Green Bay-De Pere.

Bridget (Carrievau) Bishop ’97 art and communication and the arts, is the university webmaster at UW-Green Bay.

John Konecny ’97 art and communication and the arts, is a senior graphic designer with Design Partners, Inc. of Racine.

Sandipa (Das) Newman ’94 social change and development, is the branch manager of Citizen’s Bank, Ashwaubenon.

Dr. Vickie Marie Cloutier ’95 human biology and psychology, is a family practitioner at ThedaCare Physicians-Shawano.

Cynthia Lindstrom ’95 master’s in administrative science, is an assistant professor of computer science at Lakeland College, Sheboygan. She earned her doctor of education in computing and information technology from Nova South-eastern University in Florida in 2008.

Sara Syring ’95 business administration and managerial accounting, is the treasurer-elect for the board of directors of Management Women Inc. of Green Bay.

Cathleen Zehms ’95 English and humanistic studies, is communications officer for the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. She is pursuing a master’s degree at St. Norbert College.

Tori (Elfstrom) Goetz ’94 communication and the arts and communication processes, is working with Independent Printing in De Pere.

Laura (Gordon) Myers ’94 business administration and economics, is the vice president of marketing for Infusion, Inc., a full-service advertising agency, Green Bay.

Stephen Malnberg ’95 public administration, is head of the environmental protection unit at the New York City office of management and budget.

Joel Nimocks ’95 art and communication and the arts, is a headstone engraver at Van Gemert Memorials in Allouez.

Steve Nuthals ’95 human biology, says he turned his graduation gift of a free massage into a new career. His business of 12 years, Steve Nuthals Massage Therapy LLC, was recently featured in the De Pere Journal.

Holly (Terrien) Rottier ’95 music and secondary education, was chosen as the Catholic schools director for the Diocese of Green Bay. She oversees staff and more than 11,000 students at 62 schools in the 16-county area.

Penny Schampers ’95 accounting and business administration, is the not-for-profit chairperson for the Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company accounting firm, LLP, De Pere.

Cassie (Rihm) Schuh ’95 public administration and social work, is co-president of the Mid-Day Business and Professional Women of the Fox Cities.

Cole Buergi ’96 communication and the arts and communication processes, is a senior account executive at Leonard & Finco Public Relations, Green Bay.

Kate (Hermann) Markwardt ’96 social change and development, is working within the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program at Lakeshore CAP, an organization helping those homeless and facing homelessness to maintain or find affordable housing.

Anastasia (Leonhardt) Mich ’96 social change and development, is a cook at the Kohler Company in Kohler. She graduated from Milwaukee Technical College in 2005 with an associate degree in culinary arts.

Cherie Mornard ’96 communication processes and elementary education, is a curriculum coordinator for the Green Bay Area Public School District.

Felicia (Calhoun) Smith ’96 environmental sciences and mathematics, is an assistant professor of business at North Greenville University in Greenville, S.C.

Navy Lt. James D. Stockman ’96 human biology, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal while serving as the media monitor officer-in-charge in Baghdad, Iraq.

Robert Paz ’97 chemistry and human biology, earned his MBA from Duke University and is now working in global treasury operations for Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis.

Connie Stahnke-Jankowski ’97 humanistic studies, is owner of Midwest Painting Company located in Cedarburg.

Michael Strege ’97 accounting and business administration, is assistant vice president – business banking with Bank First National’s Sheboygan branch.

Rob Zwettler ’97 economics and environmental sciences, partnered with a high school classmate to establish Town Accounting, a web start-up that offers accounting reports, bookkeeping, payroll processing and check-writing services to municipalities of 300 to 5,000 residents.

Jessica (Roberts) Beckendorf ’98 urban and regional studies, is associate vice president of economic development for Advance, the economic development arm of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sheila (Krambs) Blackman ’98 communication processes, joined the Kent State University Department of Athletics as an assistant director of athletic communications this past summer. Blackman serves as the media liaison for the Kent State women’s basketball and women’s soccer programs. Blackman previously served 11 years as an assistant sports information director with UW-Green Bay.

Naletta (Rucinski) Burr ’98 urban and regional studies, is vice president of the board of directors for On Broadway Inc., Green Bay.

Sara Syring ’95 business administration and managerial accounting, is the treasurer-elect for the board of directors of Management Women Inc. of Green Bay.

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Perfect game: With UW-Green Bay education, Weber is on a roll

Who says there is no such thing as perfection?

For Scott Weber ’86, it has occurred 27 times. Twenty-seven times he has rolled perfect 300 games in regional tournaments and local bowling alleys.

The manager of Weber Bowling & Awards, Weber has high expectations for his business, too. In 1989, Scott and his father Nick Weber, opened a bowling retail and engraving business conveniently across from Willow Creek Lanes at 2021 Verlin Road, Green Bay. In August of 2007, they expanded to a second shop on Green Bay’s west side.

Although league participation is down (by some estimates nearly 40 percent from its 1980s peak), open bowling is on the rise. And thankfully for business, so are awards and recognition. Weber has also found a niche in corporate recognition, youth recreational trophies and promotional products.

Weber graduated with a degree in chemistry, a minor in Human Development and near-minors in economics and physics.

“I credit my diverse education for making it easier to make financial business decisions and I also think it contributed toward being able to hire and manage employees effectively,” he said. “Bowling balls are more advanced than people think, and having classes in physics made it easy for me to understand the internal dynamics of bowling ball properties.” For more, see www.uwgb.edu and click “Alumni Rising.”

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**2000s**


Ken Eggert ’00 interdisciplinary studies and ’08 master’s in management, was promoted to senior vice president of sales and operations at Dean Distributing Inc. Green Bay. He will have direct responsibility as the Anheuser-Busch equity manager.

Erin (Knoche) Laverick ’00 English, received her Ph.D. in English from Bowling Green State University.

Jason A. Manders ’00 communication processes, is employed by Oneida Family Fitness.

Kari (Heier) Moody ’00 communication processes, is the vice president of public relations of the board of directors for Management Women Inc., Green Bay.

Marie Peasley ’00 communication processes, won the women’s division of the 2009 Fabulous Fall Triathlon in Ironwood, Mich. where she finished the 3-mile run, 12-mile bike and 500-yard swim in 1:27:09. She is a marketing and foundation associate with Bell Hospital in Ishpeming, Mich.

Aaron Richardson ’00 business administration, is a creative development specialist at American Family Insurance in Madison.

Matthew D. Blankschien ’01 chemistry, received his Ph.D. in molecular genetics from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is a post-doctoral associate in chemical and biomolecular engineering at Rice University in Houston, working on the modification of bacteria for the production of chemicals and fuel from renewable sources.

Janean Voss ’00 communication processes, received an award of merit from the Northeast Ohio chapter of the Society of Technical Communication in 2008. She is a project leader and technical writer on the IT Technical Communications team at Parker Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cole Hackert ’01 accounting and business administration, is the financial controller of Ameridrives Power Transmissions of Green Bay.

Andrea (Van De Walle) Maresh ’01 human development and psychology works in client services with Ameriprise Auto/Home.

Erik Misselt ’01 master’s in administrative science, is the new Fox Valley Metro Police Chief. He served 21 years with the Appleton Police Department.

Jason Pristelski ’01 social work and ’07 master’s in social work, is a visiting nurse association medical social worker for Aurora Health in Oshkosh.

Andrew Thiele ’01 music, is employed by RBP Chemical Technology in Milwaukee.

Stacy Blavat ’02 communication processes, is a national recruiter for 24 Hour Fitness in Dallas, Texas.

Chad Dalebroux ’02 human development and psychology, is a branch manager for Chase Bank in Ashwaubenon.

Shanna (Puls) Leider ’02 business administration and communication and the arts, is the marketing director at the Kettle Moraine YMCA.

Amy Livermore ’02 English, is a language arts teacher at Oneida Nation High School.

Kelly (Vaile) Olson ’02 environmental science, is a project engineer for Robert E. Lee and Associates in Hobart.

April Peterson ’02 human development, is a director/administrative teacher at Genesis Christian Preschool in Green Bay. She is married and has two boys ages 5 and 2.

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Nathan Erickson ’98 computer science and information science, joined the business practice group at the Milwaukee law firm von Briesen & Roper. He earned a J.D. in 2008 from Marquette University.

Kristi Kittel ’98 business administration and communication processes, joined Home Instead Senior Care, Green Bay, as director of employee engagement.

Steve Kunesh ’98 business administration and economics, received the outstanding sales performance award from Place Perfect Realty of Northeast Wisconsin for sales in excess of $1 million.

Ryan Racette ’98 business administration and information science, is owner of Acoustic Professionals, in Appleton.

Sarah (Mintner) Ramming ’98 social change and development and communication processes, teaches social studies and global studies for the Kiel Area School District.

Amanda Rhines ’98 humanistic studies and music, directed a UW-Marinette Theatre on the Bay production of Footloose the Musical over the summer. She earned a fine arts degree from The New School for Drama in New York City.

Patrick Brooks ’99 accounting, is a project manager/risk management auditor at Golden Bell Management in Sheboygan.

Vicki Buettner ’99 history, a social studies teacher at Suring High School, won a 2009 Herb Kohl Foundation Fellowship award.

Eric Pelnar ’99 business administration, is a certified financial planner with Olson Associates, Green Bay.

Michael Thill ’99 computer science, was promoted to senior systems architect at Acuity, Sheboygan.

Kari (Dederich) Van Lanen ’99 business administration, is a sales coordinator at Jones Sign Company, De Pere.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

Bruce Snyder ’02 biology and environmental science, and ’04 master’s in environmental science and policy, is an instructor at Kansas State University where he also coordinates the summer Biology Research Experience for undergraduates.

Eric Urban ’02 human development and psychology, is a sales manager at Advantage Office Solutions, Green Bay.

Solomon Ayres ’03 humanistic studies, was featured in the Aug. 24 edition of the Green Bay Press-Gazette. He is Green Bay’s first black police officer.

Greg Babcock ’05 political science and public administration, will focus on family law, civil litigation and general practice at the Green Bay law firm of Wanekz & Jaeckels, S.C. The former Phoenix men’s basketball player graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2006.

Brian Berggren ’03 art, is a 3-D designer with WildBlue Technology in De Pere.

Sandra Hayes ’05 business administration, is the human resources manager for Apex Management Group in Minneapolis, Minn. and recently received professional in human resources (PHR) certification.

Andy Hucek ’05 business administration, was promoted to the assistant operations office at the Bank of Luxemburg.

Heidi (Volkman) Krueger ’03 music, is the Camp Wabansi director for the Greater Green Bay YMCA.

Tammy (Harris) Lesandrin ’03 interdisciplinary studies, joined N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, Inc. as a team leader for organizational employment.

Bryan Mulheron, D.O. ’02 human biology and chemistry, completed the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University. He plans to complete a residency program in family medicine at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

Marcus Reitz ’03 communication processes, is the director of client satisfaction at FullfillNet, Inc. in Green Bay.

Nicole (LeBoy) Schmidt ’05 accounting, is a financial analyst at the Kewaunee Power Station.

Kristin Underwood ’03 elementary education, is the Christian education director at Congregational United Church of Christ in Neenah.

Jeffrey Black ’04 chemistry, married Jennifer Marie Kosmalski on July 12, 2008. He is employed by Ecolab in Joliet, Ill., as a production supervisor engineer.

Matt Bramschreiber ’04 urban studies, is the general manager with Swift Hospitality Group (Country Inn and Suites) in Green Bay.

Teresa (Schlink) Brogan ’04 business administration, is a manager at Fastenal Company in Sturgeon Bay.

Scott Busse ’04 computer science, is a senior programmer analyst at Acuity in Sheboygan.

Lisa Coutley ’04 English, will have her work published in a chapbook published by Articles Press. She is working toward completion of a master of fine arts at Northern Michigan University.

Paul Emerick ’04 business administration, is a commercial staff underwriter at Acuity Insurance in Sheboygan.

Kyle Frost ’04 information sciences, is a systems analyst with Orion Energy Systems of Plymouth.

Amanda (Becker) Mortier ’04 elementary education, is the owner of ABC Junction, LLC Group Child Care Center in Little Suamico.

Jason Myhre ’04 communication and the arts, is the vice president of marketing and design at Atomicine agency in La Crosse.

Joe Schoen ’04 economics and public administration, is an economics faculty member at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus, in Cambridge, Minn.

Jesse John Vieu ’04 human development and psychology, is a teen services librarian at the public library in Madison.

Allison (Brenner) Bain ’05 human development and psychology, is a case manager at Villa Hope CSP in Green Bay.

Jillian (Schofield) Banser ’05 human development and psychology, is a school counselor for the Rhinelander School District.

Dena (Dorsey) Baule ’05 biology, is a manager with The Picture People, located in the Bay Park Square Mall, Ashwaubenon.

Nate Bredel ’05 accounting, is the supervisor at SVA Certified Public Accountants, Madison.

Holly (Clark) Ertmer ’05 communication and the arts, is the creative director at RR Donnelley in Menasha.

Taylor Hansen ’05 business administration, received an outstanding sales performance award from Place Perfect Realty for sales in excess of $1 million.

Alicia (Polster) Huizenga ’05 business administration, works in sales for WBS in Appleton, a sales-solution company that does business with Fortune 500 firms.

Shawn (Schoenfeld) Jensen ’05 Spanish, is an instructor at North West Technical College, Bemidji, Minn.

Kristina (Miller) Klemens ’05 human development, is a financial aid counselor for Benedictine University.

Andrea Koehnnes ’05 communication processes, is a special events coordinator for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin.

Amanda Kugel ’05 human biology, is a student at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

Emily (Vandenburg) Myrda ’05 elementary education, is a third grade teacher in the Green Bay Area Public School District.

Leah Slonenik ’05 political science and public administration, graduated from Thomas M. Cooley law school in Lansing, Mich. She is also seeking a master of laws degree in corporate law and finance.

Shannon Smith ’05 earth science and environmental sciences, is a loadmaster and dropsonde operator with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron in the United States Air Force and is currently stationed in Keesler, Miss.

Angela (Zebro) Wix ’05 art and English, is a graphic designer at Finney Company in Lakeville, Minn.

**Travel pioneers dodged bobbies, loved London**

January will mark the 40th anniversary of the first international trip of UW-Green Bay students and faculty, when a contingent of about 90 spent a month in London.

“Since we were the first group to go on an overseas trip, we were told not to screw things up, because how we acted was going to determine if UWGB would do future trips,” recalls Thomas Loomer ’71.

Total cost of the month-long trip, per person: $326. All went well until the final night when a faculty-initiated sing-along on the steps of their hotel brought out bobbies and their paddy wagons. Loomer credits Dr. Richard Fontera with smoothing over a confrontation with local law enforcement.

Searching our files, we found photos from that era — including the Prof. Dean O’Brien-led tour shown here — but haven’t verified any as being from that first trip. If you have photos or stories to share, or want to access more photos and Loomer recollections, visit www.uwgb.edu/inside/0912/london/.
Melissa (Rupp) Carey ’06 communication, is an administrative assistant at Calcorp Industrial Sales in Waukesha.

Dana (Alvarez) Feld ’06 human development and psychology, is a youth care worker at Clinicare Corporation Milwaukee Academy.

Stephanie (Cornils) Fischer ’06 accounting and business administration, received her CPA designations from the state of Wisconsin. She works at Hawkins, Ash, Baptie and Co., Milwaukee.

Melissa Jones ’06 human development and psychology, is the unit manager for Nova Counseling Services, Inc. in Oshkosh.

Michael Mattes ’06 human development, is a unit supervisor for LSS-Home Youth and Family Programs in Shawano.

Amanda (Kumrow) McKenzie ’06 mathematics, is a math teacher at Prentiss Christian School in Prentiss, Miss.

Andrew Mertig ’06 communication, is a resident director at Concordia University in Mequon.

Nathan Petrashek ’06 political science and public administration, is a law clerk with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in Wausau.

Joseph Smith ’06 environmental policy and planning and public administration, is the assistant general manager of Shipwrecked Brew Pub in Egg Harbor.

Adam Warpinski ’06 political science and social change and development, is a staff member for United States Representative Steve Kagen.

Rebecca (Roens) Wilhelm ’06 human development, is a match specialist for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County.

Sarah Astmann ’07 English, is completing an M.A. degree in gender, sexuality and culture at University College Dublin.

Jessica (Rubolitz) Drumm ’07 human development, is a program specialist for N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, specialists in the treatment of brain injury and other neurological impairments.

Carrie (Mercier) Ewersmann ’07 human biology and psychology, is a research associate for the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

Jennifer Feyen ’07 early childhood education, is a first-grade teacher at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Green Bay.

Michelle (Dantinne) Gajeski ’07 accounting and business administration, is a senior accountant at Shopko.

Beth Kneisler ’07 communication, is an account assistant at Leonard & Finco Public Relations, Green Bay.

Elena Kossyrevu ’07 human biology, is a laboratory technologist at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Erica Millspaugh ’07 art, graduated with a master’s of fine arts in visual art from Washington University in St. Louis and is now pursuing a J.D. at Saint Louis University School of Law.

Jillian Nelson ’07 theatre, is the vice president for NBR 9 Jeans LLC in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Shelby Lane Philippo-Beck ’07 communication, is an insurance agent at Philadelphia Insurance Agency in Stephenson, Mich.

Adam Preder-Birschbach ’07 master’s of social work, is a social worker for the Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services.

Nikole Pucci ’07 human biology, is a recruiter for Aerotek Professional Services, Appleton.

Emile Schaumburg ’07 art, is employed with the Boys and Girls Club of Green Bay.

Molly Weber ’07 communication, is a development associate for the Milwaukee Ballet.

Jamie (Stahl) Webner ’07 human development is currently working as an inspector at American Orthodontics in Sheboygan.

Hannah Bobritz ’08 mathematics, is a high school mathematics teacher with the Mosinee School District.

Maria DiLoreto ’08 communication of the arts, is an ad designer for the Green Bay Press-Gazette.

Renee Dodge ’08 social work, is an ongoing case manager with Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare office in Milwaukee.

Aaron Frailing ’08 political science and public administration, is the membership director for Project VoteSmart in Phillipsburg, Mont.

Marisa Greguoli ’08 communication, is the administrative assistant in the development department at the Wisconsin Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Maris Jost-Edgar ’08 accounting, is a project accountant for Norum Structures, LLC, Menomonee Falls.

Karissa Kane ’08 psychology, is a quality control technician with Sigma Aldrich in Sheboygan Falls.

Ben Kotenberg ’08 communication, is in corporate marketing with State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Ill.

Elise Lindemann ’08 elementary education, is a substitute teacher in the Cherry Creek School District in Denver, Colo.

Ryan Miller ’08 communication and the arts, is a credit analyst at The Business Bank in Appleton.

Neil Montour ’08 theatre, is a project manager at Reed Rigging Inc. in Chicago. He passed the Entertainment Technician Certification Program exams in both theatre and arena rigging, joining a select group worldwide with dual certification.

Jennifer Schanen ’08 social work, graduated from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Pacific Region, after 10 months of community service nationwide.

Tamarisk Theusch ’08 human biology and psychology, is an independent living assistant for Homes for Independent Living.

Ryan Trost ’08 business administration, is a sales and service coordinator with Fox Communities Credit Union.

Carolyn (Noll) Url ’08 human development and psychology, is the manager at Marion House in Green Bay.

Judith Weshinsky-Price ’08 interdisciplinary studies, is emergency communication center manager for city of Amarillo, Texas.

Brian Bar ’09 psychology, worked with an AmeriCorps NCCC team as part of a clean-up effort in a 17-county flood stricken Greater Atlanta area in October that caused an estimated $220 million in damages. AmeriCorps NCCC is a 10-month full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24 that are organized into teams of 10-12 members. They serve in a region’s local communities by meeting needs in areas of disaster preparation, response and recovery, environmental conservation, public safety; urban and rural development and education. Members receive a $5350 education award.

Amanda Zinda ’09 accounting and business administration, is an accountant in the Office of Continuing Professional Development for the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health.

MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Lisa Pelletier ’89 to Brian Buntrock

Kelly Rue ’01 to Jeremy Kelner

Jenny Bein ’02 to Russell Oehmen

Lisa Stache ’01 to William Martin Jr.

Molly Kussow ’02 to Jamie Boylan

Susen Vander Heiden ’02 to Tony Reeves

Shannon Chronister ’05 to Andrew Williams ’04

Matt Bramschreiber ’04 to Allison Thielke

Kyle Frost ’04 to Lindsay Schroeder

Jen Keene ’04 to Erin Crouse

Holly Clark ’05 to Brian Ertmer

Adam Warpinski ’06 to Alissa Reddy ’07

Alicia Alvord ’07 to Aaron Halffman

Michelle Dantinne ’07 to Brad Gajeski ’07

Brian Grueneke ’07 to Stephanie Jansen ’08

Brian Holger ’07 to Jillian Bjork

Amy Johnson ’07 to Adam Benotch

Adam Kuss ’07 to Kristin Ann Ronk

Carrie Mercier ’07 to Michael Ewersmann

Jenny Onarheim ’07 to Tyler Vorpagel ’07

Shelby Philippo ’07 to Jordan Colter Beck

Amanda Tisch ’07 to Aaron Larson

Kevin Brill ’08 to Ashley Mikkelson ’09

Brittany Broder ’08 to Mark DelBoer

December 2009
Word Association: Student caller Nicole Michlig

Caller must-haves: Sparkling personality and the ability to not take everything personally.

Away from the call center: Intramurals, shopping, working out.

Career caller? Nope, but a communication-related career.

Favorite faculty to call on? Lucy Arendt.

UW-Green Bay: A home away from home.

Caller lessons: Expand my communication skills and interact with alumni.

Post-calling: Coaches Corner for wings and pizza every Thursday.

Nicole Michlig is a senior communications major and a third-year Phone-a-thon caller. Yes, she’s had her share of hang-ups and no answers, but she keeps coming back. Like other callers she’s appreciative that most alumni lead busy lives, yet she takes seriously her charge to help them remain connected with their alma mater. Watch for your call from Nicole and her peers in the months ahead. Update your contact information and maximize your opportunities to hear about the great events and benefits offered to alumni. And, if you’re so moved, make a donation to the scholarship fund. Above all, for the sake of Nicole and others, be nice!

Big Benefits!

Your Alumni Association partners with nationally recognized, pre-approved companies to offer discounted products and services to our graduates. They’re called affinity programs. You won’t believe the personal savings. Find out more at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/benefits. Here’s a few to get you thinking:

- Go Next Travel – first class overseas trips to Europe and Asia
- Bank of America credit card
- (see the new WorldPoints program and other enhanced benefits at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/benefits/creditcard.asp)
- Liberty Mutual home and auto insurance
- American Insurance Administrators group life insurance, health insurance and financial service plans
- Phoenix Bookstore – 10% off in-store and online gift apparel purchases
- Discounted rates at three Green Bay-area hotels

Travel plans?


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Summer camps on Facebook?

That’s right. Watch after the first of the year for a Facebook page for UW-Green Bay summer camps alumni. Many of us have great camp memories. Share yours!

Introducing… Your 2009-2010 Alumni Board Executive Committee

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VP of Alumni Operations, Sarah (Osterberg) Inman ’92
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Jennifer Keene-Crouse ’04
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Nominate a colleague for an Alumni Award

Your Alumni Association is calling for nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award and Outstanding Recent Alumni Award. View criteria at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/awards/. Deadline for nominations is January 1, 2010. Alumni Awards presentation is Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Don’t be a lost alum!

New job, change of address? Updating your alumni information is a click away, at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/updates/, or send us your information by mail, attention Mark Brunette, or call (920) 465-ALUM.

Alumni Calendar

DECEMBER
Saturday, 19 – Post-Commencement Reception, 8-10 pm, Titletown Brewing

JANUARY
Saturday, 9 – Alumni Post-Game Reception, 3-5 pm, Phoenix vs. Panthers men’s basketball game, Buck Bradley’s, Milwaukee

FEBRUARY
Saturday, 6 – Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Phoenix vs. Panthers men’s basketball game, 5-7 pm, The Bar on Holmgren Way

APRIL
Saturday, 17 – Alumni Awards Night, Weidner Center, 6 pm
Friday, 23 – Alumni Reception, EMPI, Green Innovations

MAY
Friday-Sunday, 7-9 – Alumni Weekend, Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Sunday, 16 – Cellcom Marathon Water Station (Volunteers Needed) 7 am to 9:30 am

JUNE
Friday, 11 – Scholarship Golf Outing, Royal Scot, New Franken

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As an intern at Leonard & Finco Public Relations, Green Bay, I help write press releases, attend brainstorming sessions for client ideas and create reports of media sources for our clients. The people I work with are incredibly skilled and effective in what they do, and it has been a great opportunity to study and be mentored in this field.

Holly Melander

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations

**Hometown:** Merrill, Wis.

Your gift helps motivated students like Holly to get the most out of their UW-Green Bay education. Her scholarship helped ease her workload and allowed her to add an internship that will help her get a foot in the door and a head start in her public relations career.

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P.S.

U-nique Greeting Cards

New this year, your friends at UW-Green Bay are brightening the season with greeting cards just for you, with dozens of attractive scenes from your U. The high-quality, reasonably priced cards generate a 25 percent donation back to the Alumni Association for student scholarships. To preview and order for 2010, go to www.uwgb.edu/alumni.