What ever happened to the Environmentalists?

How the ‘Eco U’ activists — and their University — have changed since the ’70s

And how they haven’t

MAY 2007
Dear Friends,

It’s a little like “bringing coal to Newcastle,” but a cleaner, more environmentally friendly metaphor would be “like putting the ‘green’ in UW-Green Bay.”

I’m referring to my trip next month to a national environmental summit where I’ll join hundreds of my counterparts in signing on to an initiative called the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. A major development will be our pledge to target and ultimately neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on each of our campuses.

I’m excited about that initiative, but it’s the coalition’s second pledge — to educate the next generation of leaders in the areas of energy conservation and environmental awareness — that strikes me as “old hat,” a bit redundant for us here in Green Bay. We’re already there. Always have been.

At the time of the first Earth Day in 1970 I wasn’t around Green Bay. Home in California and completing my doctoral work in political science, however, I certainly heard of this pioneering campus riding the crest of the environmental movement. “Eco U,” the magazines called it, or “Survival U.”

Years later, I would develop a much deeper appreciation of just how far-reaching were the innovations of UWGB and founding chancellor Edward Weidner. The “Man and his Environment” theme grabbed the headlines but there were other, even more significant ways, UWGB challenged the higher education orthodoxy of the day.

By integrating disciplines into interdisciplinary “concentrations,” by offering liberal-education seminars and the January special-studies period, by emphasizing problem-solving and “communiversity,” the University helped re-shape the status quo. It’s interesting to note that many of the 1970s-era alumni interviewed for this magazine cite these innovations as being influential to this day.

In a sense, we’ve come full circle. Recycling, once radical, is now mainstream, as are other environmental advances. As new concerns emerge, I tend to agree with UW-Green Bay alumnus and Clemson Prof. David Freedman, who sees the enthusiasm of his generation recycled in today’s activists rallying for awareness of “carbon footprints.”

He and the other 1970s grads can be proud. With an energy-conservation showplace in Mary Ann Cofrin Hall; student support for sustainability, green energy and our new Master Plan; a directive from the governor that UW-Green Bay will pilot new strategies for achieving energy independence… their University remains at the forefront.

Thank you all for your support of this University, its time-honored commitment to sustainability and environmental awareness, and its focus on connecting learning to life. Enjoy this Inside.
May 007

Today, his quest for the pristine solitude of absolute wilderness — where he captures the purest sounds of nature — takes him far from his alma mater. At least three times around the globe, in fact. “Gordy Hempto, of all of us,” says college buddy Eric Avildsen, “probably got the closest to many of our dreams.”

A self-described “acoustic ecologist,” with 60 albums and an Emmy Award to his credit, Hemptoon is the Green Bay grad with arguably the most enduring commitment to the 1970s-brand of activism that defined Eco U.

He is now a recognizable brand name himself: The Sound Tracker. His work was nation-ally celebrated in the 1990s documentary “Vanishing Dawn Chorus.” A PBS crew followed him to the Australian outback and the Brazilian rain forest, places where it is still possible to audiotape earth’s tones without the intrusive hum of civilization, distant roads and airplane overflights.

“The extinction rate for quiet places vastly exceeds that for living species,” Hemptoon likes to say.

He claims most people today will never know a true wilderness experience, no matter how far they backpack: “I have recorded sounds from more than 20 miles away. And a single jet can obliterate (the experience).”

Nevertheless, Hemptoon dutifully stalks the sounds of wildlife and wild places. He selects a likely spot for his companion, Fritz, a mannequin-like head with ultra-sensitive, binaural microphones to replicate human hearing.

Once the taping begins, he stealthily retreats to a distance to let nature take over. His recording of loons returning to a wilder-
ness lake at nightfall, to the accompaniment of distant frogs, toads and owls, required both luck and many days in remote northern Minnesota.

He’s on YouTube and i-Tunes, and sells tapes from SoundTracker.com. He also accepts — commercial clients. Musicians, galleries, museums and media producers — Microsoft, Smithsonian, National Geographic, Discovery Channel and National Public Radio among them — all contract for professional audio.

PACK THE VW: ‘Sound Tracker’ takes case to D.C.

True to his activist roots in the 1970s, Gordon Hemptoon is aiming his 1964 VW camper on a cross-country, 106-day, awareness-raising trek across America.

He left Washington state in April on a meandering route to visit media outlets and professional and political allies in support of his “One Square Inch of Silence” campaign. His goal is Washington, D.C., by early July, where “The Sound Tracker” plans to lobby the FAA, EPA and National Park Service for noise-pollution legislation and no-flight zones over selected ecological landscapes.

“‘One Square Inch’ is what Hemptoon says is the quietest place in the United States, in the Hoh Rain Forest at Olym-
pic National Park. He marked the spot on Earth Day 2005 with a small red stone. Insulate just that one-square inch of real estate from noise intru-
sion, Hemptoon argues, and hundreds of square miles of wilderness will benefit. The stone — a gift from a local Quileute tribal elder — is symbolically riding along on Hemptoon’s trip. He plans to return it to Olympic this autumn.

Supporters may track his progress at www.onesquareinch.org.

It started in 1980, he says, with a cornfield epiphany. Driving back to grad school by way of backroads Iowa, he pulled over as a thunderstorm rolled past, got out to enjoy the warm rain... and listened. “It was a beautiful moment. I can’t stay in bed. It’s 4 o’clock and I’m anxious to work. There’s that old saying ‘Find a job you love and you never have to work a day in your life.’ That’s how I feel.”

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‘Eco U’ a magnet for activists, big ideas

It was an elective place at the dawn of the 1970s. A story in Newsweek magazine labeled the school “Eco U.” The New York Times, Harper’s magazine and other national press on the concept of America’s first environmental university, a place where every day would be Earth Day.

“IT was amazing,” recalls Donald L. Freedman, today a distinguished environmental professor at Clemson University, then a teen from Massachusetts who wanted to be an endowed professor at UWGB. “Dr. John Reed was an amazing teacher. I am one of the few acoustic ecologists in the world. Certainly, UWGB was a major contributor to what I am doing today.”

CAME FROM: Potomac, Md.
WHY: “UWGB’s environmental program. It was the ground floor of a new experiment, a new vocabulary, an innovative way of think-

A real strong attraction for me was the independent-study aspect there. I knew I wanted control of my education.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: “Dr. John Reed was an amazing teacher. I remember the interdisciplinary seminars at UWGB. One with David Dankoehler (environmental design) opened windows on how to approach problems.”

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DEGREE: Population Dynamics, 1976

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Gordon Hemptoon ‘76, called by USA Today “America’s foremost guru of silence,” in Bryce Canyon, Utah.
'There was nothing in Al Gore’s movie that wasn’t taught at UWGB in 1972'

— Eric Avildsen

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: ‘What a surprise to find that there was no UW-Green Bay, to speak of. The library was under construction. I met with the admissions people on the Decker campus and I thought ‘Whoa, what have I got myself into?’

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: ‘People like David Krebs, David Freedman, Margaret Nicholson, Gordie Hempton, Mike Conklin, Chris Stix, Jay Alexander, Bruce Balenger, Mary Sherwin, Billy Marsh, Linda Raczek, Claudia Schmitt and Prof. David Galaty, an inspiration.’

COLLEGE LIFE: ‘I have great memories. Some of us fixed up and lived in a farmhouse in Luxemburg that hadn’t been inhabited in about seven years. Rent was so cheap, like $50 a month. We had one working car between seven people.’

DEGREE: Personal concentration. 1976

FULL CIRCLE: ‘Just last summer I watched Al Gore’s movie, An Inconvenient Truth. I remembered my studies in Green Bay and thought ‘we talked about all of this in college.’ We discussed things like the danger of population growth, the impact on natural resources. We were developing hybrid vehicles 25 years ago. Friends built a digester, producing methane from cow waste. There was nothing in that movie that wasn’t taught at UWGB in 1972.’

today—

Eric Avildsen lives today in Burlington, Vt.

He earned a law degree, post-UWGB, and is closing in on 20 years as executive director of Vermont Legal Aid. He oversees 35 other lawyers and 40 additional staffers giving low-income, disabled and elderly citizens affordable access to legal services.

“It keeps me busy, and I get to wear the white hat,” he says. “Not every lawyer has the opportunity to say that. I feel like I’ve done important and rewarding work.”

‘The road eventually got built, but we made a statement about advocacy’

— Mary Sherwin

CAME FROM: Rock Island, Ill.

WHY: ‘I started at Oregon State in the zoology program. I read about UWGB in a Seventeen magazine listing of the top 10 innovative schools in the country. It probably fed into my passion about nature and the sciences.’

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: ‘Exactly what I wanted, with concentrations like Ecosystem Analysis, and studying the relationship between the environment and people. There was this very tight, but always evolving group of folks who were fun and exciting, many of whom had already done work for environmental causes. We all were very active with trying to make sure UWGB stayed true to what we had come there for — environmentalism, but also interdisciplinary and problem-solving. The campus was so raw and new, just barely out from under construction.’

DEGREE: Ecosystems Analysis, ’74

today—

Nearly 35 years after UWGB, Mary Sherwin remains oriented to social justice and community action.

She resides in Hartford, Conn., where she carries the title “pollution prevention coordinator” for her state’s Department of Environmental Protection. She writes grants and coordinates citizen education on pollution, climate change, household toxics and green cleaning. Her special project is the Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Project, cleaning up one of the nation’s poorest cities.

Following graduation, she worked for CCAG — a Ralph Nader activist organization — and completed three master’s degrees, in environmental advocacy at the University of Michigan, and public health and management at Yale.

“I think back to how personal one’s passion is in college. It comes alive again when you go through it with your own children,” Sherwin says. “Hers, Liam, 22, and Fionna, 19, share a passion for social justice.”
‘It was Eco U! And I was a high school eco-freak’
— David Kriebel

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “I met a group of highly motivated students and faculty (Dave Joswell was a favorite professor) who shared a common sense of purpose: showing how interdisciplinary education could tackle the complexities of the environmental crisis. The faculty were very supportive of whatever we wanted to do, and to their credit, generally got out of the way when we made a coherent argument about how we thought our education should be organized.”

COLLEGE LIFE: “We fought unsuccessfully against a major campus expansion into what was then still part of the golf course. We organized demonstrations, marches, and finally a sit-in in Chancellor Weidner’s office. I helped organize the Union of Young Environmentalists; a pretty radical group. We lobbied the state legislature for a special designation for UWGB as having an environmental mission... We also organized a national conference, inviting student activists from all over. Our group had an office way up on a top floor of the library. It was the major hangout, and we were there all hours of the day and night. The faculty staff was very tolerant.”

DEGREE: Biology, 1977

today—
David Kriebel, now a college professor and administrator himself at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, reflects with admiration on UWGB of the early 1970s, particularly Founding Chancellor Eduard Weidner.

“He was a visionary, and quite courageous, to try such a bold idea for an entire campus,” says Kriebel. “I think in retrospect that the original vision may have over-reached, but I am glad that I was able to be a part of it.”

After UWGB, Kriebel worked with Dr. Barry Commoner, famed champion of the environmental activist movement, coordinating Commoner’s biology laboratories at Washington University in St. Louis and working on his 1980 Citizens Party campaign for president. Kriebel then discovered his professional passion and earned a master’s in physiology and a doctorate in epidemiology from Harvard. He won a Fulbright fellowship to Italy to study at one of the world’s premier cancer-prevention centers.

Today, Dave Kriebel is co-director of the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production. He specializes in the epidemiology of occupational injuries, cancer, and certain respiratory diseases; works to refine the use of quantitative exposure data in epidemiology; and to better advise decision-makers on health and environmental policy.

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— David L. Freedman

WHY: “I wanted to make a difference, clean up the environment. At UWGB there was a top-to-bottom infusion of environmental issues… in writing classes, chemistry, physics. The curriculum was revolutionary.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: “Not a lot of infrastructure there. What was there, we soon found out, was an incredible core of faculty members. And with no grad program, we got the benefit of small classes and research opportunities and access to the faculty.”

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “We did a lot of ‘learning by doing.’ It was unthinknable that freshmen and sophomores could do such a thing, but with Prof. Tom Abeles we got NSF funding for an enormously ambitious project. We wanted to build a digester to turn dairy waste into methane... I remember going to see people in the agricultural engineering department at Madison, and they had absolutely no faith in our ability to pull it off... Well, we built it! And it worked.”

FULL CIRCLE: “So many of the things that seemed radical back then are now institutionalized. I am encouraged by the fact — there’s almost a sense of déjà vu — that the same energy that spawned the environmental movement and UWGB in the 1970s is growing up now around global warming. I hope the younger folks at UWGB today will look at their faculty, administration and curriculum with that same sense of, ‘How can we make a difference?’”

DEGREE: Science and Environmental Change, 1978
‘There was a big group of us… I felt as though I found my own people.’
— Linda Raczek

‘The word on the grapevine… UWGB was truly exciting.’
— Bruce Ballenger

CAME FROM: Albuquerque, N.M.
WHY: “I had a high school teacher who read about UWGB in Harper’s magazine. I believe they described it as ‘Survival U.’ She thought it would be the perfect school for me. I was an Earth Day activist.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: “I remember a staff member saying, ‘This definitely isn’t Albuquerque.’ They were referring to the weather and the need for the tunnels. I loved Green Bay. I thought it really lived up to its name and promise. When I started in 1971, I found a large group of out-of-state ‘Eco-Freaks.’ I felt as though I found my own people.”

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “I became an avid birder at UWGB. Bruce Ballenger really got me interested in birding and introduced me to my favorite spot, Mahon Creek. I now help organize an annual birding festival in the Four Corners region (near home in Cortez, Colo.).”

DEGREE: Ecosystems Analysis, 1977

today—

Linda Raczek is an attorney and award-winning author. Her book “The Night the Grandfather Danced,” about dance on the Ute Reservation, won the Western Heritage Award in 1995.

After graduating from UW-Green Bay she worked seasonal jobs for the National Park Service and Audubon Society, returning to Green Bay to volunteer as a Caucasian human shield for the uprising at the Alexian Brothers Novitiate. (A group known as the Menominee Warriors Society tried fiercely to reclaim the land once owned by the Menominee Nation.) There she learned about legal advocacy, pursuing a career in law and becoming a children’s advocate.

She worked for Legal Aid within the Ute Mountain Tribe as a children’s attorney, and when she left, was asked to be a foster parent to a little girl (Autumn Eyetoo) and a little boy (Josh Crazy Ballenger really got me interested in birding and introduced me to my favorite spot, Mahon Creek. I now help organize an annual birding festival in the Four Corners region (near home in Cortez, Colo.).

COLLEGE LIFE: “I had a lot of fun. It was a tremendously positive experience with exceptional access to faculty. There was a large group of people interested in the environment. Most of them lived at the Bay Apartments and cooked some meals together. Gordie Hempton and I were later roommates in a little cabin off the bay.”

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “It was a lot of fun. The waters were cold but I did a fair amount of cross-country skiing and winter camping.”

DEGREE: Individual Major — Environmental Values, 1976

CAME FROM: Scarsdale, N.Y.
WHY: “I was always interested in the environment and in high school had organized Earth Days. I heard about campus and made a visit.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: “I loved the environmental courses. ‘Ecosystems Analysis’ focused on how species compete with each other, and how populations behave. I learned a strong set of skills for problem-solving in that course.”

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “It was important for the conservationist perspective to be part of the discussion.”

FULL CIRCLE: “Part of being young is being deeply passionate. I’m quite proud that many of the things we advocated later became extremely popular, status quo, part of the mainstream. What should today’s students know about those days? One, you can make a difference. Second, there’s quite a history at UWGB. It was one of the most innovative experiments in higher education, and really something quite remarkable.”

DEGREE: Population Dynamics, 1974

today—

Bruce Ballenger, the author of six books, is a professor in the English department at Boise State University.

In the years after UWGB he stayed in full-tilt pursuit of his favorite cause. With a University of Michigan master’s degree in environmental communication, he launched a public relations career in environmental advocacy, serving, among others, the Northern Rockies Action Group based in Helena, Mont.

After time back East, where he earned a master’s and then a Ph.D. in composition and literature from the University of New Hampshire, he returned west, to Boise State. He teaches composition, composition theory and creative nonfiction.

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—Chris Stix

CAME FROM: Highland Park, Ill. (and one year at Drake University in Iowa)
WHY: “After the first Earth Day (1970), about three or four very progressive institutions at the time were getting a lot of publicity — UC-Santa Cruz, Evergreen College in Washington, and UWGB. The word on the grapevine was that UWGB was just starting up with a Man and the Environment theme, and was offering something truly exciting. It was a place to get in on the ground floor.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: “It was the birth of the environmental movement, just an electric time. We had students from California, Missouri, Massachusetts, Illinois, a lot of New York folks, all coming together in Green Bay. The three buildings (that existed at the Shorewood site at that time) were not very impressive... The open meadows and fields, the location on the bay, the beautiful trails, the setting for the Bay Apartments, those were incredibly impressive. I became environmental editor of the Fourth Estate (newspaper) and I remember bird watching was big, and we had a snowy owl spend the winter... The class ‘Principles of Ecology’ was a favorite. We all idolized (Prof.) Keith White, a fine scientist and a passionate conservationist.”

LASTING IMPRESSIONS: “I recall two important projects. One was the Mobile Center for the Study of the Environment. Students wrote a Ford Foundation Grant to buy a mobile home, van, and outfit it as a teaching classroom throughout the Fox River watershed. We weren’t really supervised by faculty; we were just college kids traveling around, visiting schools, putting ‘communiversity’ into action... We had our field gear and testing equipment, and the kids and their teachers would put the waders on, too, and help us measure pollution in the streams... We always ended with a big assembly, and we’d pull out the guitar and sing ecology songs... Another major project involved Dave Kriebel, we tried to reach out to other campuses with a national organization, the Union of Young Environmentalists... the peak experience was going to Washington, D.C., meeting with the under-secretary of the Interior, and making an environmental case to stop the Alaska pipeline project. It was unsuccessful, of course, but it was important for the conservationist perspective to be part of the discussion.”

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Landscape has changed, but environmental legacy still strong

David Freedman ’78 sees himself and early UW-Green Bay history in the small photo at bottom left. That’s him in the checked shirt. Visible in the distance are the Bay Apartments (circa 1974) and little else. Also evident, if you know the story, is a bit about the student environmentalists themselves.

“That old black-and-white picture says a great deal about our resourcefulness,” Freedman says. The college kids enlisted the help of the construction unit of the local Army Reserve to help with their manure-to-methane digester (page 7) at a farmyard on the edge of campus. Sgt. Batts and the Army Reserve, presumably for practice, are one example, it’s a story repeated across UW-Green Bay today, where hands-on learning, problem-solving and student resourcefulness live on.

‘Sustainability’ is today’s environmentalism —
• Gun- Jim Doyle has designated UW-Green Bay one of four campuses to pilot a program achieving energy-independence by 2011.
• A newly appointed Sustainability Committee is a fulcrum for campuswide resourcefulness. New named endowed scholarships:
  • David and Mary Ann Cofrin Hall is a showcase for sustainable-design features and by contributing to the region’s economy and quality of life following graduation.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR UW-GREEN BAY

Newest scholarships

New to UW-Green Bay’s list of named endowed scholarships:

- Bolton Family Scholarship
- Julie Brickley Scholarship
- Green Bay Photожournalism Scholarship
- Jenny Green Family Scholarship (Human Biology)
- Haggenmiller Family Art Scholarship
- Philip J. Hendrickson Business Scholarship
- Sally and Bernard Kilman Scholarship (Education)
- Robert Moyer Scholarship
- Craig Mueller Phatuber Phoo Scholarship
- Prist/Gautman Scholarship
- Loretta Wohl Nursing Scholarship

New ‘annual scholarships,’ in which donors agree to make an annual or one-time gift, include the Concerned Hearts Club Nursing Scholarship, Ken Fleurant Scholarship, Tony Galt International Travel Scholarship and the NEWONS (NEW chapter of Oncology Nurses Society) Nursing Scholarship. Named scholarships can be created for as little as $30,000, creating an annual payout of about $500, in perpetuity.

Concerned hearts nursing

Drivers for the Red Cross, creators of the “Heart Hugger Pillow,” volunteers who staff Bellin Health’s waiting areas and counseled families and recovering patients — members of the local Concerned Hearts Club are known for good work. Now the Club is doing something special for nursing students at UW-Green Bay. They will award $1,000 annually to a student with a career goal of heart-related medical care. “We agreed it’s a good cause,” says club president Jim Tusch. “Nurses helped us, so we’ll help them.” Club members have all had cardiac conditions. Their fundraisers include golf outings and dinner dances. Additionally, this year the Club was a beneficiary of the Packers Heart Cap promotion sponsored by the team and American Family Insurance.

Throns’ gift a tribute to gifted colleague

Julie Brickley was a talented and popular instructor whose passion for good writing had the capacity to inspire even previously indifferent students. Colleagues Joan and Michael Thron enjoyed observing Brickley in action as early as 1967, when the brand-new University was assembling its English faculty. “Julie believed passionately that language lived at the heart of learning in every discipline,” Joan says today. “She brought its joy and beauty to her daily teaching.” In tribute, Joan and Michael have made a five-figure commitment to create the Julie Brickley Memorial Scholarship. The permanent endowment will make available annual scholarship assistance to a continuing student or students. In keeping with their friend’s legacy, the Throns have designated that recipients be chosen by the composition program from among the entire student body, not just English majors.

Baird creek: a story for students and community

Jessie Fink ’05 has had a big impact on a little waterway. A star graduate of UW-Green Bay’s master of science program in environmental science and policy, Fink devoted her master’s thesis to Baird Creek near campus. Her work was critical to a private citizens group establishing a master plan for protecting and expanding the greenway. “Suburban development is encroaching on the once-rural picnic spot and natural area.” Fink was invited back to speak at the 2007 dinner of the Baird Creek Parkway Preservation Foundation. Today, she works for JJR, a national engineering and architectural landscape firm based in Madison; she was certified a specialist in energy/environmental design by the U.S. Green Building Council. Numerous other UW-Green Bay students and faculty have contributed to Baird Creek initiatives in recent years, and Steve Lambert of Green Bay, board president of the non-profit Preservation Foundation, is a 1977 graduate.

Named scholarships push campaign for UW-Green Bay past $15 million

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay’s capital campaign has passed a notable milestone. Private donations to the Campaign for UW-Green Bay have surpassed $15 million, reports Steve Swan, assistant chancellor for university advancement. Swan says it is fitting that a flurry of new named scholarships, rather than a single exceptionally large gift, provided the momentum.

This is a community and campus-wide effort, and it’s gratifying to see the donor response,” he says. “We had more than a dozen new scholarship endowments created in the last year alone. Every time that happens, UW-Green Bay students benefit for generations to come.” The Campaign’s overall goal is $25 million. Phase II priorities also include various academic enhancements such as programming, professorships and faculty/staff development.

A larger scholarship array makes college more affordable for those with financial need, and increases the number of merit scholarships for top students from Northeastern Wisconsin and beyond. Recipients return the favor by making their classmates’ experience more competitive and by contributing to the region’s economy and quality of life following graduation.

Contribute to UW-Green Bay at www.uwgb.edu/advancement/
CONSERVATIVE TALKER DRAWS A CROWD

Distinguished author Michael Novak (right) greeted audience members after his UW-Green Bay lecture last month for the Historical Perspectives Lecture Series. The internationally known scholar with the conservative American Enterprise Institute was a guest of Prof. Harvey Kaye. Funding for the lecture series, which brings to campus prominent speakers from across the spectrum, comes in part from private donations to the Founders Association. Novak addressed a large Rose Hall auditorium audience on the topic "Washington’s God" and the religious orientation of America’s founding fathers.

Phoenix women keep on, keep on dancin’

What a year! Plowing through the dust and disruption of their new 4,000-seat home going up right next door... losing a few games early and then not losing again for three months... and ultimately dealing with a highly publicized coaching change...

The UW-Green Bay Phoenix women’s basketball team had a season for the ages in 2006-07. The 29-4 finish and a 6-3 game winning streak set program records. The team was No. 22 in the final AP poll (the program’s third national ranking in five years). Capping it all was yet another NCAA tournament trip, a 59-52 win vs. New Mexico in the opening round (post-game victory jig, at left), and a hard-fought, losing-at-half-time loss to perennial power Connecticut in a game played in Hartford.

In the fall issue of this magazine, look for more on the hiring of a new women’s basketball coach to succeed Kevin Borseth. The Upper Peninsula native stepped down as Phoenix coach to accept the top position with the University of Michigan.

Niedzwiedz lets his hair down

For nearly a dozen years, no one on campus had seen Prof. Bill Niedzwiedz with his hair down. It was in 1996 that he found the power of the ponytail: “I tied it back for noonball to keep the hair out of my eyes and just stuck with it.” He got a trim last year but his students had a better idea: Grow it out and donate it to Locks for Love, a charitable organization that makes wigs from human hair for those who have lost theirs. In December, with his mane at mid-back, Bill made the call to Theresa Neta, his stylist at Hats Off (called upon in recent years only for split-end duty) and said, “Let’s do this!” Fourteen inches lighter, Bill now has two purposes for future “ponies” — jump shots and charity.

LaForce gift benefits business faculty

Joe LaForce decided in December 2006 to make a major gift endowing the Joe LaForce Business Faculty Development Fund. His generosity will generate approximately $1,500 annually to enhance teaching and research. The former Founders Association director built LaForce Hardware of Green Bay into a national distributor of doors, frames and hardware. He passed away earlier this spring at age 84 and is survived by his wife, Eleanor “Mac” LaForce, and children Patricia, James and Jane.

Honors for Tony, Ben

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FACULTY AND STAFF

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A pilot program for first-year UW-Green Bay students aimed at increasing student involvement and improving retention has shown significant promise. In full semester 2006, six faculty members—Dennis Barrett, Scott Purcell, Regan Gurung, Stefan Hall, Andrew Kersten, and Greg Ahlgren—each taught small sections approximating 25 students, of which normally are 90 to 120 student general education core courses. Special emphasis was placed on writing and interaction with faculty, and an interdisciplinary group project tapped problem-solving and communication skills. A follow-up survey revealed high student satisfaction. The UW-Green Bay professors published their results in a UW System teaching journal. Receiving Teaching Enhancement Grants this semester to promote the development of innovative teaching practices were: Hsing Song and Bruce La Plante, Information and Computing Science; Dennis Barrett, Human Development; Regan Gurung, Human Development; Donna Ritch, Human Biology; Aaron Haynie, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Terri Johnson, Public and Environmental Affairs.

Prof. Christine Style of the art faculty received the Students’ Leadership Award at the annual student leadership luncheon in March. Style (pronounced ‘stil’) taught Munir (sculpture) also auto-volunteers for their art, with separate spring exhibits at the Wisconsin Art Board Gallery in Madison. A Universal and the first summer camp tradition since the 19th century, the annual Chillikook had a high-flying winner this year with Kay Emerick and Pat Sorelle representing the musicians. Their ‘Just Ducky Chili’ (below) took home the traveling trophy after a taste-test vote by400 onlookers in the Cloud City! Among entries barely edged out Jane Swans’ ‘Mississippi Special Chili’ and Fran Carmans’ ‘Grandma’s Chili.’

When the remarkable Maria Hinton returned recently to the Oneida Nation’s Turtle Elementary School, it wasn’t only a class of fifth-graders—below—who crowded around.

For the students, it was a rare honor. Mrs. Hinton is one of a dwindling handful—so few, perhaps—of native Oneida speakers in Wisconsin. She grew up on old Seymour Road in a home that spoke on the Oneida, and learned English at the government school at age 10.

These days, a steady stream of visitors brings her Highway 54 home. Family, friends and helpers check in regularly. Other callers reflect community interest in keeping Oneida off the endangered-language list. They seek tutoring on words and phrases, or her vivid recollections of tribal history.

Some come seeking Indian names, which she assigns to newborns and adults alike. Her own Oneida name, given half a century ago, is fitting: ‘She Who Remembers.’

Her keen memory was critical to the preserve-the-language movement in the 1970s. Maria and her brother, the late Amos Christopher, collaborated with Charles Belden to create the first written dictionary for the oral language.

It was the desire to enhance her linguistic and teaching credentials that led her to enroll first at Milwaukee, then Green Bay, where she studied with Prof. Cliff Abbott, himself a student and teacher of Oneida.

At the time, she was the oldest ever to receive a UW-Green Bay bachelor’s, at age 68. She is now the University’s oldest alumna, and one of its most honored: A few years ago, a major American Indian language interest flew her to Albuquerque to receive national ‘Year of the Arapaho’ accolades for her continuing work.

‘Oneida language is culture. It’s just our way,’ she likes to say. ‘You teach one doctor or the other. It’s all together.’

Today, Maria Hinton and Cliff Abbott meet weekly over her kitchen table on a new project. They digitally record her voice and proper pronunciations for a new teaching tool: an online, spoken-word version of the Oneida dictionary. For a full story, photos and links to audio, go to www.uwgb.edu/univcomm/news/page/inside.htm.

Alumni Notes

1970s

Daniel Boeckner ’72 is CEO for Northport Corporation of St. Cloud in Minneapolis. He has a full line of aluminum fishing and pleasure boats. Boeckner’s degree is in managerial systems.

Richard Piggon ’72 is a banker at Citizens Bank, Green Bay. He has 34 years of experience for Citizens Bank. His degree is in managerial systems.

Patricia Finder-Stone ’73 was appointed to the Midwest Board of the American Cancer Society. She is a long-time advocate for healthy living, especially in the area of tobacco control. She is a registered nurse and community activist. Her degree is in health and development.

Steven Karbon ’73 is a senior vice president, wealth advisor and estate planning strategist for Apex Wealth Management in St. Paul. His degree is in managerial systems.

David Rosscher ’75 is the business manager for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Fort Worth, Texas. His degree is in regional analysis.

Jeffrey Thoene ’75 is the executive producer for Renewe Science Inc., Appleton. He is currently producing large-scale natural history series including Hybrid Homes, proud of the present and grandparents.com. His degree is in ecosystems analysis.

Richard Chernew ’74, CEO of Cambridge Health Plan in Boston, Massachusetts in Green Bay, is undertaking an expansion of his Web site. It includes a larger Digital Photo Gallery, crop, size, print their photos. The renovation also creates a bigger classroom facility and expanded services. Chernew’s bachelor’s degree is in managerial systems.

Michael Hoffmann ’74 is a professor at Virginia Polytechnic College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. He also directs the Center of Cornell University’s Agricultural Experiment Station. His major is in ecosystems analysis.

David Pamperin ’74 is the professor of research and international studies at the Green Bay Community Foundation Board. Pamperin was previously director of the Historical Society of Milwaukee. In New York. He has also served the Historical Society program for the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Pamperin’s bachelor’s degree is in modernization processes and he has a master’s from George Washington University.
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Brian Ruchel ’74 is finance director and treasurer for the city of Manitowoc. His degree is in managerial systems.

Emmons Patzer ’75 came out of early retirement from heading Brus- sel Sylviuq Steel. He is responsible for marketing information and research unit to become director of marketing and consumer experience for Humana. One — the individual line of health coverage for Humana Corporation, Milwaukee (with additional offices in Green Bay and Madison). He spent three years in general surgery at UW-Madison hospitals and pro- tective with 21 years at Brusel Sylviuq Steel. He says he “occasionally dips back up on the old haunts.” He has a master’s degree in food and nutrition from the University of Hawai‘i and an MBA from UW-Madison. He received in nutritional science.

Jean Peerenboom ’75 is the volunteer coordinator for Community Shelter in Green Bay. Her degree is in communication and the arts.

David Williams ’75 is the chapter operations officer for the American Red Cross. His degree is in humanism and cultural change.

Hollicence Allen ’76 is the manager of the health investigations division for the Office of the Attorney General, and completed his day-to-day duties at The Woods but remains an owner. Terry Powers ’84.

On May 27th the check-ered flag will be waved by race- ing machines — color through the fin- ish line at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. The race will take a victory lap before being crowned the winner of the 2007 Indianapolis 500.

That dramatic moment is the yearly capstone to one of the world’s most storied sport- events, which celebrates its 97th year on May 27th. Since its inception in 1910, one of 405,000 visitors to Indianapolis and a month-long festival leading up to the big race, the Indy 500 continues to be an energetic celebration of the state and media relations. He also participates in the parade and mini-marathon for television. His degree is in communication and the arts.

Bill Lindmark ’89 has returned as head coach of the University of Minnesota Duluth Men’s hockey team. Coach Lindmark led the Bulldogs to the NCAA championship in 2002, when he was elected to the Board of Directors of the WPS Energy subcommittee. Delveaux ’80, a WPS employee, serves on the implementa- tion subcommittee. Annette Weinshach ’94, a science and environmental change major who worked for the Wisconsin Department of Public Service, is the manager of environmental arts and sciences.

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Chuck Stark ’95 is a market re- presentative for Cambra Natural Quar- tals in Eden Prairie, Minn. His degree is in public administration.

Julie (Lambo) Daubert ’96 is a senior instructional systems analyst in human development and completed a profes- sional program in education, received a Green Bay com- munity Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. She is a specialist in read- ing, math, science, and environmental education.

Linda (Gerber) Schegnin ’86 works for WSI Internet Consulting and produces educational and governmental com- munications for the global marketplace. Her degree is in busi- ness administration.

Jill (Martin) Will ’87 is a third grade teacher in the Luxemburg- Casco School District. Her degree is in human development.

Debra (Frouck) Deboer ’88 is a business process and data ware- house manager for KI. Her degree is in managerial accounting.

Jeffrey Ganczuk ’88 is working for European Frost-Dry, nation of Denmark. Her degree is in music.

Andrew Hilliard ’88 is the man- aging director for Beau Joubert Vine- yard and Winery in Stellenbosch, Western South Africa. His degree is in business administration.

Scott Emerson ’89 works on an independent videographer and pro- ducer based in New Berlin, Wis. His degree is in communication processes.

Jo (Raters-Torgersen) Norman ’90 is a business information project manager for Green Coal & Rental in Green Bay, a leading provider of customer-focused IT and commu- nications solutions for the global marketplace. Her degree is in busi- ness administration.

Beau Wou ’89 is a managing director for EAF Advisors in Minneapolis. His degree is in business administration.

Barbara (Caldie) Forsberg ’86, a senior instructional systems analyst in human development and completed a profes- sional program in education, received a Green Bay com- munity Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. She is a specialist in read- ing, math, science, and environmental education.

Richard Emery ’81 of Emery Packaging, Inc. is a lawyer at law practice in the areas of patent, trademark, copyright, and contract matters. His degree is in environ- mental arts and sciences.

Drane (Halama) Anderson ’85 works for the University of Wis- consin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. She has also accepted a position in UW-Madison’s Wisconsin Program in Rural Medicine. Her degree is in business administration and regional analysis.

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Terry Powers and his wife, Julie ‘84, feel at home at “one of the most storied sports events in the world.” Terry works for the Indy 500 Festival and Julie works in compliance as a membership services staff at the NCAA offices in Indianapolis.
1990s

Edie (Boesen) Boggs '90 in 2007. Her degree is in communica-
tions. For more on Peters' dance-ography and photos, go online at http://www.uwgb.edu/univcomm/
news/page/inside.htm.

John Potokar '98 is a registered dietician and a current
consulting firm offering a full range
of services.

Kell (Kopfman) '99 and Michael
Schreiber '99 reside in the Twin
Cities. He is the national sales manager for KMD & WFTC (Television
affiliates of Milwaukee), and she is a
registered dietitian and a current
at-home mother with two children.

Christopher Jadin '91 is an execu-
tive vice president for Ajilon, Financial
Accounting and Financial Staffing specialists in Milwaukee. His degree is in accounting.

Aric '93 and Brad Schilling '97 will open Lending Capital Wells
Management in downtown Green Bay this May. The winery will be a "friendly,
informal" place that "will have a
collection of wines. Aric majored in
business administration and
design.

Beth Uck '95 has been accepted through the Fulbright Commission to teach English overseas in Austria
for the upcoming school year. She
will be teaching in a small town.
Scharding, and will be working with
other English teachers in the
German-speaking school district.
The program is designed to enhance
her teaching when she returns to
the United States. Her degree is in
German and Spanish.

Douglas Meek '96 owns Highland Building Consultants in
Green Bay. He was recently recognized as the Wisconsin State Home Improvement Program Consultant of the Year. His degree is in economics.

Conrado Nunez '96 is the man-
ger of strategic partnerships for In-
charge Debt Solutions Canada, which is a non-profit, charitable
credit counseling agency. His
degree is in business administration.

Karen (Wauters) Bolssen '90 is the manager of pharmacy benefit
administration and
development at De Pere. Her degree is in business administration.

Michelle King '94 was named district manager for the
Green Bay, Door, and Ashland counties
Wisconsin offices of Citizens Bank. She has
more than 20 years of experience in the
banking industry.

Debra (Vandermoss) Moulies '93 is a licensed professional counselor in Racine. She received her bachelor's degree in
psychology and human development.

Kathleen Bazaldua '97 and Scott
Nash '96 authored "Robots, Robots, Robots,” a book that was awarded a
15-year Government Service Award.

Kathleen Robazia '97 was a community Golden
Apple teaching award
award winner for 2006. She
recently graduated from
Green Bay Preble high school.

Linda (Broetzmann) '98 is a
registered dental hygienist and a current
standard bearer for the American
Dental hygiene Association. Her
degree is in hygiene.

Dona (Short) Koch '98 is an administrative assistant at United
Health Care in Green Bay. Her degree is in communication.

Kathy Lamers '00 is the owner of Blinds Unlimited LLC in Green
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Journalism
Bryan Rompelt '01 is a seminar-
member at the Associated Press in
Green Bay, studying for the Catholi-
college degree. His degree is in
business administration.

Andrea Soull '02 is a staff accountant at Beye Chris-
taniel fellowship. Her degree is in
business administration.

Christopher Spor's '02 is a planner and community develop-
ment consultant at the Wisconsin
Green Bay. His degree is in environ-
mental policy and planning.

Colleen Wisinski '02 is an expedi-
tionary guide for a satellite
coordinate in Patagonia, Argentina. She is employed by Port Valley Interna-
tional, which is based in the United Kingdom. Wisinski completed her master's degree in wildlife
management from Montana State
University in 2006. Her degree is in
environmental science and she is an environmental policy and planning.

Tracy (Trumbor) Behrendt '05 is a curator for the De Pere Public Art
Village in Farmington, Minn. Her
degrees are in communication
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Search Zurich, Jazz and WOW for This Green Bay Grad

Fortune Magazine recently ranked search-engine goliath Google as the top company in America for the third year in a row. The daily freebies — gourmet food, chair massages, doctors on staff — are extraordinary perks by anyone’s standards.

Randy Knaflic ’95 however, says those weren’t the reasons he signed on, nor the reason he’s successful. “The free perks are great,” he says, “but the biggest draw was the applied nature of the job. I was able to join those creating something amazing... something really big.”

“Google was the one company that seemed to really value what I was bringing to the table,” Knaflic said. “There were plenty of maps of programs on the Internet; he explains. “Google didn’t care. We found a better way for people to find their way.”

When I was first hired, my main focus was to help build Switzerland (his home base), he explains. “Google didn’t care. My success, (and Google’s) he says, can be explained by a “willingness to dig deeper and find a way to solve a problem.”

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Adam Drezewska ’03 is a fifth year working for Google Europe in Zurich. His degree is in business administration.

Brian Neugard ’03 is a financial associate at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Sheboygan. His degree is in business administration.

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Nan Yang ’05 works as a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Green Bay. Her degree is in education.

Kevin Anderson ’06 is a financial billing analyst for Celcom. His degree is in business administration.

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Lara Malavsky ’06 is a staff accountant at the auditing firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, in St. Louis. Her degree is in business administration.

Rachel Lindstrom ’06 is a substitute teacher for the Manistee Community School District. Her degree is in business administration.

Leah Malavsky ’06 is a staff accountant at the auditing firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, in St. Louis. Her degree is in business administration.

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ALUMNI NOTES

AN ELEGANT EVENING WITH DISTINGUISHED, RISING ALUMNI STARS

The grand foyer of the Weidner Center provided an elegant setting for the Alumni Association's annual awards program on April 14.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented by Chancellor Bruce Shepard (far left) to Joseph Carroll, Medical College of Wisconsin; Kathleen Christensen of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in New York; Wayne Mickisch of Quality Insulation and Asbestos Removal Inc.; Ma Manee Moua, Wisconsin Department of Justice; and Mike Jackson of Supervalu Stores Inc.

Christensen, Mickisch and Jackson received Distinguished Alumni awards. Each of the recipients referred to the outstanding faculty who served as inspiration for them. Christensen, who hadn't been back to the UW-Green Bay campus in 34 years, was impressed with the degree to which the University is a vital part of the community. She said she has carried concepts such as interdisciplinary with her throughout her career.

For photos, quotes and bio of these impressive honorees, click www.uwgb.edu/univcomm/news/page/photoA.htm.

A Alumni build (literally) a bigger scholarship fund

UW-Green Bay is teaming up once again. The group is donating time, talent and treasure to the Phoenix Home Build Project. Proceeds from the sale of the home, located just a few blocks from campus on Durham Road, will be donated to the Phoenix Fund for scholarships. The 2005 home build project raised $50,000. The new home will be ready for occupancy in June.

Alumni involved in the project (pictured above, from left) include Kyle Destree '88, Zoll Stone (stone exterior and fireplace); Scott Schreiber Foods, who returned to campus in spring to talk with students from campus on Durham Road, will be donated to the Phoenix Fund for scholarships. The 2005 home build project raised $50,000.

The scholarship will target continuing education that makes UW-Green Bay a special place to be a difference-maker for today’s students, and make a (tax-deductible!) gift…

ALUMNI EVENTS - Save the Dates

UW-Green Bay alumni are teaming up once again. The group has raised $50,000 in funds for scholarships. The 2005 home build project raised $50,000.

Thanks for coming

Pictured here are Tara Zack '98, Wipfli; Lori (Rose) Ohland '89, Wisconsin Department of Revenue and Mike Powers '00, Schreiber Foods, who returned to campus in spring to talk with majors.

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They call, you click!

Student callers are wrapping up another fabulously successful Phone-a-Thon. They’ve helped the University reconnect with alumni friends, update records and raise nearly $60,000 for scholarships and academic programs, providing the margin of excellence that makes UW-Green Bay special. It’s a great time to be a difference-maker for today’s students, and make a (tax-deductible!) gift…

But now it’s even EASIER, with a new point-and-click option at our secure-giving Website. Give it a try!
Students looking for a multi-disciplinary approach to environmental studies find a fit at UW-Green Bay. The graduate program in Environmental Science and Policy — "ES&P" for short — has faculty in engineering, physics, chemistry, earth science, biology, ecology, human biology, mathematics, economics, geography, environmental policy and political science.

"Having faculty with such diverse backgrounds allows students to pursue solutions to problems from a variety of aspects," says Prof. Patricia Terry, program chair for ES&P.

Currently, about 40 full- and part-time students are enrolled. Graduates find careers in a variety of settings in private business and government agencies.

**Biologist tracks wildlife, habitat in Rockies**

There are times when Russell Japuntich ‘00 and ‘02, hiking the Rocky Mountains backcountry and surveying the very few miles, thinks “I can’t believe I get paid to do this!” Japuntich is a wildlife biologist with the Federal Bureau of Land Management in Gavins Point, Neb., monitoring desert bighorn sheep, an endangered species.

A current project involves the impact of big game and drought on the Gunnison Basin shrub community. His assignment is working as an environmental health specialist for the U.S. Department of Energy — ES&G, erosion 8107, 8181.

**He fishes for answers on monster muskies**

You know your school project is a good one when it gets full-page magazine treatment even before it’s complete.

That’s the response Lawrence Eslinger is getting to his ongoing master's thesis.

With the help of faculty mathematician David Dolan, Eslinger is assessing musky populations in four northern lakes: a DNR test lake with no closed season or bag limits; a similar private property lake with extensive angular logbooks; and two “unexploited” lakes protected by a sportsmen’s club.

Eslinger is preparing a comprehensive analysis of lake biology and water quality. The hope is to find data that will help fisheries managers develop a predictive model for the popular gamefish. The results could influence future stocking strategies and sampling techniques.

Eslinger’s research was profiled in the September 2006 issue of Joe Bucher’s Musky Hunter magazine.

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NEW this year — 18 holes!

Friday, June 15th
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Proceeds benefit student scholarships!
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Contact the Alumni Office at (920) 465-2586, or alumni@uwgb.edu for additional information and event registration.

**At a glance: Environmental Science and Policy Grad Program**

ES&P master’s student Nick Reckinger (pictured here) earned an undergraduate business degree at UW-Green Bay in 2005, but his concern for the environment and his appreciation that being “green” is often just good business — lured him to return.

Reckinger works as a research assistant with the Lower Fox River monitoring program. He analyzes the effects of phosphorus on area watersheds, is helping with high school based monitoring projects as well, and helps with annual student symposiums and teacher workshops.

Says Reckinger, “I feel that I’ll be making a contribution to solving global issues that need to be addressed immediately.”

**For expanded notes and photos see Inside online**
It's you, again

UW-Green Bay grad student Lawrence Eslinger tests-nets muskellunge each spring for his well-publicized fisheries research in Northern Wisconsin (page 24). One fish he tagged was a 47-incher from Escanaba Lake. An avid rod-and-reel angler, he was casting weeks later and "I was lucky enough to catch and release her again." He'll likely see the monster musky at least once more when he concludes his sampling in spring 2008.