They share a powerful connection, the ‘typical student’ and the prominent philanthropist, but have never met and likely never will. Local roots and a liking for active recreation would be commonalities, but they are of different eras. Still, there’s that connection. One wants to build a better community by helping others. The other wants her to have the opportunity. 

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The benefits of being irresistible

Greetings!

Once upon a time, when I was a candidate for the chancellor’s position here, I was asked if I knew the magic formula for successful fundraising. My reply was that there is no one recipe, there are no shortcuts. The secret to successful fundraising is to create an institution that is irresistibly worthy of support.

Five years later, with record philanthropic and volunteer support for our academic enterprise, it is at least arguable that UW-Green Bay, more than ever, is becoming that irresistible force.

If that sounds a bit boastful, consider this month’s groundbreaking for our student sports and events center, made possible by $10 million in private, matching gifts. Consider also this fall’s Scholarship Dinner, by far our most successful to date. (That’s me, above, in rare black-tie style, with Cyndie). These two milestones weren’t isolated accomplishments.

The Phase II academic side of the capital campaign is off to a solid start. Annual giving has never been higher. We are finalizing plans for three new named professorships.

These sorts of gains accrue to rising institutions, and your University fits the profile. We have popular programs, a growing academic reputation and first-rate facilities.

Most of all, we have good people. Success always starts there. I invite you to browse these pages to meet some of these remarkable people—students, community leaders, alumni, employees, and nearly 2,500 contributing partners—who are coming together to make this University increasingly hard to resist.

With so many options, these days, to engage with so many organizations, we are genuinely grateful that many of you stay connected to UW-Green Bay. Thank you for helping us “Connect learning to life.”

Bruce Shepard
Chancellor
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Some time in fall semester 2007, an out-of-town freshman lining up for a concert, convocation or basketball game will glance up, see the name in lights outside UW-Green Bay’s sparkling new student sports and events center, and ask: “Who are the Kresses?”

If someone tutors the newcomer with “prominent local family,” that would be an acceptable answer. Mentioning “Green Bay Packaging” would be a bonus. To earn full credit, though, would require an essay of bluebook-busting proportions to accurately describe the family legacy of paper-industry innovations and community good works.

“Their actions set a terrific example for our students, in so many ways,” says UW-Green Bay Chancellor Bruce Shepard.

Start with entrepreneurship. Family patriarch George Kress invested his life savings in a small manufacturing plant in 1926 and a few years later transitioned to a relatively new product, corrugated boxes. Business took off when interstate commerce did, making relics of heavy, costly-to-ship wooden crates.

Continuous innovation would be another

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Kress Center facts

- Groundbreaking Nov. 1, 2005; completion fall 2007
- Total cost $32.5 million
- Lead gift by Kress Family Foundation
- Funding sources: UW-Green Bay students ($15 million in student fees over course of the project), community donors ($10 million), state of Wisconsin ($7.5 million)
- Central area with seating capacity of about 4,000, new and improved facilities for running, racquet sports, intramural sports, cardiovascular and aerobic activities
- Site for important campus events such as commencement, summer orientation, student career fairs, festivals, multicultural activities

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Powerful Connection

In important ways, Melissa Detert is a typical student. A native of Northeast Wisconsin, she is first-generation college with big plans to help shape our community. Her UW-Green Bay education gets a boost from generous local families who fund scholarships, learning initiatives and—in the case of Jim Kress and his family foundation—campus-life projects that make the University complete. The powerful connection between donors and students is our top story, Inside UW-Green Bay.
chapter. The family's small business didn't stay that way for long, with technical advances beginning in the 1950s setting the stage for sustained growth. Today's operations employ 2,500 skilled workers in 14 states. Annual sales top $800 million.

Perhaps the greatest lessons, though, involve philanthropy. The latest Kress project, the lead gift for UW-Green Bay's events center (facing page), is only one of many community-changing contributions (following page).

“We get a lot of satisfaction out of doing this,” Jim Kress says, simply.

Jim Kress became company president and director in 1963 when his father, George, stepped down and began devoting more time to community affairs. Jim followed a similar path three decades later when his own son Will took over as CEO. Jim remains company chairman but has taken a more active interest in the family's George Kress Foundation, which distributes more than $2 million annually to local civic and charitable organizations.

It is an affectionate inside joke, Jim hints, that family tradition calls for the younger generation to keep the elders in spending money—for myriad charitable causes.

“I used to say, 'I raise the money and my father gives it away,'” recalls Jim, now 76. “At the time, I would tell him we'd have more to give away if we reinvested in the company. Will could probably say the same thing, today.

“It means more to me, now,” concludes Jim, “to give something back to the community.”

Closeness to his hometown's University of Wisconsin can be traced through geography (Green Bay Box Company's first site was on what is now University Avenue, not far from the present-day campus) and family history.

George Kress, a legendary patron of the arts, was director in 1988 when the foundation announced the first local contribution to Weidner Center programming and followed up with a series of generous gifts. Jim, like his father a proud UW graduate, helped raise private funds for the new Green Bay campus and served as a director for the Founders Association. Jim and his wife, Julie-Anne, have been acknowledged for their long-term philanthropic efforts. Jim's daughter Meg is a UW-Green Bay graduate, and son John, current foundation president, took a special interest in the sports and events center plans.

“I think John was very impressed by the financial commitment our students made to this project,” says Steve Swan, assistant chancellor for university advancement, “and both he and his father appreciate how it will transform the campus.”

While outsiders may marvel at the family's generosity, insiders know it is woven into the foundation, family—even corporate—fiber.

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MELISSA DETERT

My parents are helping with tuition and school loans. I take care of my living expenses. The money I make during the summer goes toward living expenses and some goes toward buying books.

I chose UW-Green Bay because the campus life and student involvement were appealing, as was the friendliness of all the people we met at Preview Day. The faculty and staff have been very helpful and open. I wanted to be far enough away from home to be independent, but close enough that I can go home if I need to for the weekend.

My father attended a few years of technical school in Appleton but I am the only one in my family to attend a four-year university. My younger sister is looking into taking classes at the tech school starting next semester.

Future plans? I am working on getting an internship with the Brown County Department of Health and Human Services, working with troubled teens and kids.

Melissa Detert, 20
Junior – Psychology and Human Development, Appleton

With money, I used to think the fun was in making it. Now the fun is in giving it.

—Jim Kress
Green Bay Packaging’s early embrace of recycling was a positive far beyond the company. The main mill reached 100 percent use of recycled fiber by 1991 and led the way with a move to a closed-loop water system. Jim Kress made no attempt to patent the closed-water technology, however, even sharing the expertise for the good of the industry and the environment. A Canadian competitor facing government shutdown, St. Laurent Paperboard of Montreal, was able to keep its mill open as a result.

Recognition for that sort of corporate citizenship abounds. The company received honors from the state DNR, the national Isaak Walton League and the White House, which awarded it the 1992 President’s Environment and Conservation Challenge Award.

There has been personal recognition, too. Last month, Jim was inducted into the Paper Industry International Hall of Fame. He and his late father, inducted the year before his death in 1997, are the first father-son duo.

Another honor is awarded only by the cold eye of the marketplace. There, too, Green Bay Packaging is a winner. The high-quality, low-cost producer is the largest privately held corrugated manufacturer in the United States.

To hear Jim tell it, though, the recognition that matters most is local, subtle, and even internal: The recognition by private citizens that they can build a better community through civic support of education, the arts, healthcare…whatever they choose.

“The Green Bay area is a great place to live and raise a family,” he says. “We have excellent schools and high-quality public facilities. We always find a way to get things done, for the next generation.”

**Kress legacy touches campus, community**

**Lead-donor gifts include:**
- Student sports and events center, UW-Green Bay
- Brain and gene research center, UW-Madison
- Kress Inn, St. Norbert College
- Kress Family Branch, Brown County Library

**Other major gifts by family or foundation include:**
- Bellin Hospital redevelopment
- St. Mary’s Hospital emergency room
- Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
- KI Convention Center enhancements
- Green Bay Botanical Garden

**Significant ongoing support:**
- Weidner Center for the Performing Arts
- Phoenix Fund
- Green Bay Symphony Orchestra
- Meyer Theatre
- St. Vincent Hospital
- Other causes too numerous to mention

The late George F. Kress (left) founded corrugated-products manufacturer Green Bay Packaging and laid the groundwork for a family empire—in philanthropy. Today, the charitable foundation that bears his name awards more than $2 million annually to Green Bay area causes. Both business and foundation remain in capable, family hands. George’s successor and son, James D. Kress, is flanked above by the third generation in sons Will, the business-side CEO, and John, president of the foundation.

Our students—on average

- Were born July 17, 1984 (median age of about 21)
- Work 12–15 hours per week during the school year
- Participate in a co-curricular activity (the largest is intramurals, drawing 1,000 participants per semester)
- Live on campus, or formerly lived on campus (53%)
- Are female (ratio of nearly 2:1)
- Have a computer (90%) in their room; 50% have a laptop
- Are online in their residence halls as late as 3 a.m. (a few years ago, most were “offline” by midnight)
- Have a grade-point average of 3.07
- Have completed or will complete an internship (58% of graduating seniors)
- Are “first-generation” college in the sense that neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree (true for 66% of students)
- Are “first-generation” and first in family to have any university experience (42%)
My parents pay my tuition, so all I’m responsible for are my living expenses. I think that the number of kids whose parents pay tuition is a big change from years ago. My Dad paid his whole way through college himself, as was the case for most of my friends’ parents who went to college.

I haven’t had a house phone for two years. I rely strictly on my cell phone.

A lot of underclassmen probably spend too much time…sleeping in too late…not using every day to its potential. I did it when I was younger so I can say that. The key is to have a good balance. College can be very stressful if you don’t get out between work sessions. But it’s very easy to fall into a trend where fun becomes the priority…. That’s when school becomes the most stressful because it’s like you look up and the semester is over.

I was very lucky to have landed a solid internship the summer after my junior year. I interned for H&R Block financial advisors and after two summers they offered me a job.

Bailey Ogrin, 23
Senior – Business Administration (finance), Buffalo Grove, Ill.
Having a job is a necessity for me so that I can afford to pay for my own education and living expenses. I think about debt and get nervous when I think about the student loans I have accumulated thus far. It is scary to think I am so young but already have a debt looming above me. However, when I keep things in perspective, the education I am obtaining now will be well worth the money spent.

College life is fun but challenging at the same time. Numerous hours go into studying and sometimes there is not enough time in a day to accomplish everything on my “to-do” list. To stay sane though, I make sure to find time for myself and pursue interests outside of school like running or hanging out with friends.

As my undergraduate career comes to an end and I reflect on my college career, I have really enjoyed my time being a student. There were days that went on forever, but in the end the time just flew. I have learned so much, developed into a much stronger person, and made lasting friendships along the way. The experience has been priceless!

Ashley Moreno, 22
Senior – Human Development and Psychology, Little Chute
When Janet Lieb’s family relocated to Northeast Wisconsin in 1984, they did something a little different, for them. They stayed.

Green Bay and its University are glad they did. Today, Lieb is a leading advocate and volunteer for the University’s highly successful Phuture Phoenix Program, the annual Chancellor’s Scholarship Dinner, and any number of community initiatives promoting education and programs for at-risk young people.

“Janet’s enthusiasm is catching and she is never daunted by what others may think is hard work,” says Cyndie Shepard, who coordinates Phuture Phoenix. “Janet gives her all to what she believes in, and it shows.”

Earlier in their marriage, Janet and her husband, Charles, had moved near, far and often because of his military career. In that regard, putting down roots in Green Bay represented a clean opportunity—literally—when Charles began his long association with PDQ Manufacturing Inc. He is now president of the local company that rose to become the world’s leading producer of touch-free car wash equipment.

For Janet, Green Bay brought a chance to pursue a college degree in earnest.

“Before that, I hadn’t been in one place long enough,” she recalls. “I took courses through the University of Minnesota, San Jose State, a number of community colleges in California…”

Attending part time at UW-Green Bay as a returning adult student—“a great experience, I really felt at home with the faculty and the traditional-age students”—she earned her bachelor’s degree in human development and psychology.

With her own children Matthew, 34, Brandon, 30, and Kristine, 25, now successful college graduates and professionals themselves, she devotes additional energy and resources to Phuture Phoenix duties and scholarship fundraising at UW-Green Bay, and gives of her time to Margaret Schomaker’s kindergarten class at Jefferson Elementary School. She has also worked on behalf of Salvation Army youth programs, the Service League’s back-to-school store, and the PEO scholarship program for women.

“This program (Phuture Phoenix), encouraging children as young as fifth grade to be excited about education and higher education, is good for our community,” she says. “It fits with what I see as a great need.”

Ben Birkinbine, 23
Senior – Communication, Madison

People always talk about the stress of growing up, then they talk about a mid-life crisis. They never tell you about the “Graduating from College” crisis. Where do I fit in? Do I abandon my dreams because I don’t have the money to do so? These are unfortunate realizations…it’s incredibly nerve-racking.

I’m pretty involved in school. I edit the opinion page for the Fourth Estate and volunteer for the Green Bay Film Society. I also work at the Attic Books and Coffee. Best job ever—I get to talk to people about books and drink coffee.

My cell phone is my only phone, so I couldn’t live without it.

I think college has become another necessary step on the long road to the middle. People expect to go to college, but there is a lot of variation in the motives of the students here…I think that if “higher education” is going to retain its title as “higher education,” we need to hold students responsible for truly higher learning…
Bayfest news brings earful of Alumni memories

They might respect the business decision, but a core group of UW-Green Bay alumni is sorting through sweet corn memories and bittersweet emotions following announcement that Bayfest 2005 would be the last.

“The festival, and especially the corn tent, hold wonderful memories,” says Pam Stoll ’74, former alumni president and longtime volunteer. “Working in the tent was the first thing I did as a returning alumnus.”

Athletics Director Ken Bothof made the announcement that Bayfest, after 25 years, had run its course as a sports fundraiser. The festival failed to generate significant revenue its last few years—with increased competition and always-iffy weather—and the department moved to redirect its resources to more reliably profitable ventures.

The UW-Green Bay Alumni Association staffed the corn tent for each of the past 13 years. Association volunteers roasted and sold close to 5,000 ears of corn annually to benefit student scholarships and special events. Asked by ‘Inside’ for favorite recollections, several gave us an earful:

“We always had fun, rain or not,” said Rick Chernick ’74, who never missed a summer. (Son Ryan ’00 chaired the organizing committee for several years.) “The many good friends and the new friends we met always made it worthwhile.”

Some took their jobs as “corn shuckers and servers” more seriously than most. Pam Stoll ’74 and Sue Gullion ’93 made their own corn costumes, complete with pointed yellow hats and the lettering “Welcome to Aldo Santaga Stadium.” Stoll was alumni president from 2000 to 2002. She and her husband, John Stoll ’73, missed only two festivals.

Alumni Relations Director Mark Brunette ’85 recalls one volunteer who decided to hand out red, white and blue prophylactics as a bonus. “She had good intentions,” Brunette recalls with a chuckle. “She worked for a local social service agency at the height of AIDS awareness and thought it was a good venue to remind adults to be safe.” The unusual giveaway ended abruptly when organizers intervened, and the booth returned to a corn-only menu.

Mike Kline ’88 worked 19 years at Bayfest, the last 13 as the official corn roaster. Despite long days spent ankle-deep in butter and black ash, he’s going to miss it. He’s refusing to burn his greasy clothes and work boots until he knows he won’t get another call. “Maybe we’ll find a way to do a corn tent at some other venue,” he said, hopefully.

Can’t-miss theatre and music performances!

DEC. 1–3  Musical: Amahl and the Night Visitors
DEC. 5  Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band
DEC. 6  Phoenix Chorale, Concert Choir and University Chorus
DEC. 7–9  Student-directed comedy: Only You
DEC. 9  Percussion and Hand Drumming
JAN. 21  Jazz Fest XXXVI with ‘Nothing But Swing’ jazz trio
JAN. 26  Faculty Recital: Sarah Meredith, vocalist
JAN. 28  Honors Recital

Welcome to Aldo Santaga Stadium

Surrounded by family, friends and more than 40 soccer alumni, former Phoenix Soccer Coach Aldo Santaga was honored in September when Phoenix Field was re-named Aldo Santaga Stadium. The celebration recognized his 15 years as Phoenix head coach and his development of the sport in Northeast Wisconsin. Santaga, a Phoenix Hall of Fame inductee, tallied a 153-111-22 overall record, including a 71-28-9 mark at home. Sons Greg and Scott were standout players for the Phoenix. In the photo, Santaga is surrounded by his wife, Janet, sons Jeff, Greg and Scott and their spouses, and a number of talented grandchildren. The new scoreboard was unveiled as part of the recognition ceremony.

How about Ecuador, India, Costa Rica or France in January?

The Office of International Education is sponsoring four travel courses in January: Costa Rica Tropical Conservation Science and Policy; January in Paris; Ecuador: Land of Contrast; and The Arts & Culture: Northern India. The trips are open to the public, but current students have priority registration. To learn more, go to www.uwgb.edu/international/studyabroad/travel/index.htm or call the Office of International Education at (920) 465-2190.
Faculty and staff receiving 2005 Founders Association Awards for Excellence were Amy Bartelme and Sandra Servais, classified staff; Les Raduenz, institutional development; Prof. Kim Nielsen, teaching; Virginia Dell, academic support; Prof. Phillip Clampit, scholarship; and emeriti Profs. H. Jack Day and Robert Wenger, collaborative achievement.

Prof. Timothy Meyer has been selected to be the inaugural holder (2006) of UW-Green Bay’s first fully endowed professorship, the John F. Blair Chair in Communication.

Debra Anderson, coordinator of Special Collections, the Area Research Center and University Archives in the Cofrin Library, was presented the 2005 Governor’s Award for Archival Advocacy. The award cited her “unflagging efforts to develop archival programs, cultivate the UW-Green Bay Area Research Center and build relationships with researchers, students, faculty, government officials, and community members.”

Promoted this year to associate professor from the probationary status of assistant professor were Kevin Roeder, Social Work; David Dolan, Michael Draney and Heidi Fencel, Natural and Applied Sciences; Hye-Kyung Kim, Humanistic Studies; Kristy Deetz and Michael Ingraham.

Communication and the Arts; Steven Muzatko, Accounting; Andrew Austin, Social Change and Development; Linda Tabers-Kwak, Education; and Dean Von Dras, Human Development. Promoted to full professor were Scott Furlong, Public and Environmental Administration; Gregory Aldrete, Humanistic Studies; and Derryl Block, Nursing.

A C-SPAN appearance, a New York Times review and related national publicity accompanied the release of the book Thomas Paine and the Promise of America by Prof. Harvey Kaye, professor of Social Change and Development. Another UW-Green Bay author attracting attention was Prof. Rebecca Meacham of Humanistic Studies. Her short story collection, Let’s Do, was in select company as a finalist in the 2005 Paterson Fiction Prize, which awarded top prizes to Philip Roth and John Updike.

Sandra Deadman, director of academic advising, won the Outstanding Achievement in Advising Award at the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association Conference in Sheboygan. Another staff member receiving professional honors was Carmen Leuthner of Educational Outreach (see page 35 for details).

UW-Green Bay’s longest-serving faculty member, Prof. Bill Laatsch, is assuming additional duties as chairman of the Board of Trustees at his alma mater, Carroll College in Waukesha.

Prof. Sandra M. Stokes, Education and Women’s Studies, has been appointed to the Governor’s Council on Physical Disabilities. Closer to home, she led a Leadership Green Bay team that, as a public service, planned, funded and completed the first rest stop on the Fox River Trail.

Word was received in July of the death of Prof. Emeritus Norris Sanders of the Education faculty, who died at his home in Franklin, Mich., at age 81.

Prof. Chris Style, chairperson of the Art discipline, shared responsibility for her state association’s ambitious Japan/Wisconsin exchange. One element, the exhibit “Two Cultures/One Spirit,” was on display at the Neville Public Museum of Brown County through Nov. 13.

Business Administration Prof. Meir Russ and the Office of Outreach and Extension received a state grant to develop an “economic report card”—a set of useful indicators for measuring the region’s economic growth. The effort is a response to a 35 percent loss in manufacturing jobs in the 18-county area, and hopes of pursuing new-economy growth with a skilled workforce, entrepreneur-ship and more readily available risk capital.
Social Work students reach out in Central America

They ministered to malnourished children, pitched in at a homeless shelter, visited clients in remote mountain villages, and made nursing home rounds where they massaged the feet of elderly residents to aid circulation and simply share a caring touch.

Four UW-Green Bay students—graduating seniors Samantha Klinger of Medford, Nina Maroszek of Green Bay, Theresa Okokon of Milwaukee and pre-major Lindsey Guenther of Sheboygan—spent May and June in Guatemala helping local professionals serve the poorest of the poor.

“It was a life-changing experience for all of us,” says their instructor, Loretta Larkey of the Social Work faculty. “The students were incredibly dedicated.”

The students prepped for their field work with a three-week Spanish-language immersion program in the city of Antigua. Surrounded by volcanic peaks about 30 miles outside Guatemala City, the cobble-stone colonial capital was home base as the UW-Green Bay team reached out to both urban and rural poor. Their volunteer efforts were directed by the Nuestros Ahijados (Our Godchildren) project involving private aid agencies in Guatemala.

Larkey hopes the five-credit service learning course joins the curriculum as an annual option.

HELPING HANDS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

UW-Green Bay women’s soccer players weren’t the only people from campus to help out after Hurricane Katrina, but they were among the first and closest. In Louisiana for a soccer tournament just days after the disaster, they volunteered at a Salvation Army Center in Lafayette, about 100 miles west of New Orleans. They assisted in sorting clothes (right), doing paperwork, greeting and helping evacuees, and entertaining children.

Other on-campus efforts to benefit Katrina victims:

- A dozen students in the Professional Program in Nursing and five members of the faculty and staff added their names to a nationwide bank of health-care volunteers available for deployment;
- Proceeds from a student ribbon sale with names of purchasers displayed in the Nicolet Dining Room;
- Campuswide donations of clothing and food;
- Cash donations collected by the American Choral Director’s Association and members of the Music Educators student group at a Weidner Center performance.

Among individual employees contributing in special ways was computing network staffer Peter Kretche. The award-winning Red Cross volunteer was granted leave to travel to New Orleans as a shelter manager.
THEY’RE BACK!

At UW-Green Bay, some of the best new ideas are actually old ideas. That’s probably not surprising at a campus famous for being into recycling even before it was hip. (Bins and barrels were in place here in 1970, and students and faculty went house-to-house rallying support for the first Earth Day.)

Now, some old favorites are making a comeback. Call it recycling... and a UWGB tradition.

IN THE 1970s AND 1980s students had their “Bluewhale Coffeehouse.” Now, they have their “Common Grounds.”

Thanks to University Union remodeling, UW-Green Bay again has a venue for stimulation, conversation and musical expression—all under one roof. Located in the former Timber Lounge area, Common Grounds is quickly becoming a prime campus hangout.

Save the ‘Whale’: Coffeehouse stages comeback

Almost from the time the University broke ground on the bayside site, campus folks longed for a coffeehouse. Students in the 1970s created their own—Bluewhale Coffeehouse was really a makeshift stage and a large wooden sign for a backdrop—set up on Saturday nights at the old Shorewood Club.

“In the ’70s, there was a pretty significant group of us who hung out and played music together,” recalls Linda Guinee ’78, who grew up in Chicago with its active folk scene. The humanism and cultural change major went on to study the songs of humpback whales, before working with the AIDS Action Committee. She is now a senior associate for the Interaction Institute for Social Change.

“A tight group of friends was responsible for the name and its development,” Guinee says. “We also launched a yearly folk festival—a weekend-long event with all kinds of local and national talent and workshops and food. I do recall that Mike Tincher and Teresa Bargielksi made the sign.”

The Bluewhale was popular through the mid-’80s, ending when the old Shorewood Club was torn down and the new University Union opened. Good Times programming set up “Bluewhale Sounds Stage” in the Union’s Niagara Rooms, but it was less of a coffeehouse and more of a venue for local bands playing punk, reggae and mainstream.

In recent years, Student Life’s Groovin’ Grounds series has featured coffeehouse-type performers without an actual coffeehouse. Now, after a two-decade dry spell, a “real” coffeehouse, Common Grounds, finally has its appropriate place and a dedicated space.

Gerald Saindon ’74 received the Helble Award, equivalent to teacher of the year for the Appleton School District in 2004–05. The Helble Award is given to the teacher or staff person most exemplifying the qualities noted in the person for whom the award is named. Herbert H. Helble was a life-long educator and the first principal of Appleton West High School, and considered a selfless, dedicated educator who gave generously of his time and skills in the raising up of future citizens of the Fox Valley. Saindon’s degree is humanism and cultural change.

Vicki (Benson) Furlow ’76 is the administrator for Ursuline Child Development Center, Ursuline Camp Schools in Louisville, Ky. Her degree is in humanism and cultural change.

Mike Jackson ’76 was named president and chief operating officer of SuperValu. The 25-year veteran had been executive vice president and president of distribution since 2001. His degree is in managerial systems.

Crandon Gustafson ’76 is the president of Harrington College of Design, located in Chicago. He majored in urban analysis.

Jim Allen ’77 was named the new executive director of economic development for Montgomery Economic Development Corp. in the Chicago suburbs, Allen spent 19 years launching economic development organizations in the Chicago area before heading the 1,100-member Chamber of Commerce in Waterloo, Iowa. He graduated from the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute at the University of Notre Dame. Allen majored in regional planning and urban analysis.

David Bancroft ’77 is the executive director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. He oversees development of several programs and initiatives including Builders for...
the Bay, RestoreCorps, Integrated Pest Management Retail Promotion, Land Use and Development White Paper, and Analysis of the Role of the Headwaters States in Chesapeake Bay Cleanup. His degree is in science and environmental change.

Richard Green ’77 and ’83 was appointed director of Environmental Protection for Waste Management in Scottsdale, Arizona. He and Maribeth Beer have two children, Carl and Rachel. Green’s undergraduate degree is in science and environmental change, and he holds a master’s degree in Science and Environmental Policy.

Sam Kapelac ’77 was named assistant executive director of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics, Minneapolis. The AAIP is responsible for communicating new innovations and technologies in implant prosthodontics to its members. He received his bachelor’s degree in humanism and cultural change.

Brian Lawrence ’78 completed missionary work in the Philippines in 2002, establishing a church with Muslim-background believers. He now lives in Canada and has a ministry to Kurdish refugees and immigrants. His degree is in science and environmental change.

Carol Jean (Kores) Rodesch ’79 has retired to Northeast Utah after a 30-year career in child psychotherapy and psychiatric social work in Green Bay. She is pursuing an interest in Southwest petroglyphs. Communication from friends is welcome at crodesch@ubtanetwb.com. She has a master’s degree in Environmental Arts and Sciences.

1980s

Daniel Katers ’80 published the first in a series of novels through Trafford Publishing. The book, Marlee, is widely available through online bookstores. His degree is in social change and development.

John Latz ’80 is a project manager with ESI in Bethesda, Maryland. His degree is in population dynamics.

Gary Miciunas ’80 is the senior vice president with Equis Corporation, Chicago—a multidisciplinary corporate real estate services firm that delivers integrated services exclusively to business space users. His other interests include the CoreNet Global Community Investment Challenge and the Three Oaks Michigan Planning Commission. His degree is in urban studies.

Kristen (Yarbrough) Richards ’80 is the assistant principal at Sand Hill Elementary School, Effingham County, Ga. She has been teaching in the area for 14 years and was chosen “star teacher” by the 2005 South Effingham High School valedictorian. Her degree is in humanistic studies.

Deborah (Nelson) Wilson ’80 is a psychiatric rehabilitation services coordinator with Clayton Residential Home in Chicago. Her degree is in social work.

Karen (Larsen) Andrew-Miles ’85 lives in El Dorado, California. She holds a master’s degree in library science from UW-Milwaukee and worked for the Roseville Public Library (Calif.) for 16 years before retiring in 2005. She writes that she and her husband (married in 2005) have 43 grandchildren and a handful of great grandchildren. Her UW-Green Bay degree is in humanistic studies.

Lois (Trzebiatowski) Ney ’83 is the long-term service coordinator for Goodwill Industries in Milwaukee. Her degree is in human development.

Sam Wong ’83 lives in the San Francisco area and is managing an international logistics company specializing in Asia/USA cargo movement. He generally visits the Green Bay area every couple of years. His degree is in urban and regional studies.

Azlina Ahmad ’85 works in television production and newspaper reporting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The double major in social change and development and political science is interested in reconnecting with old friends. She earned a graduate degree in Washington D.C. after leaving UW-Green Bay.

Karen (Larsen) Andrew-Miles ’85 lives in El Dorado, California. She holds a master’s degree in library science from UW-Milwaukee and worked for the Roseville Public Library (Calif.) for 16 years before retiring in 2005. She writes that she and her husband (married in 2005) have 43 grandchildren and a handful of great grandchildren. Her UW-Green Bay degree is in humanistic studies.

Sandy Ocker ’86 was named to the new position of core services manager at Infusion Inc., Green Bay, a marketing and communications firm with clients throughout the U.S. Ocker will assist in maintaining efficient workflow and on-time completion of agency projects. She has been with the company since 1999 and is also the agency’s primary proofreader. She majored in humanistic studies.

Greg Seubert ’86 is the sports editor of the Waupaca County Post. He recently adopted two, 2-year-old boys, Dylan and Kyle. He has a personal concentration in political journalism.

Hilda Wise ’86 is the quality assurance director with Dura-Fibre in Greenville, Wis. Her degree is in chemistry.

Sue (Mathes) Hauschel ’87 has been appointed business manager at Groth Design Group, Inc. The managerial accounting major brings 13 years of professional accounting experience to the role.

UW-Green Bay alums doing a capitol job

UW-Green Bay has three alumni currently serving in legislative office for the state of Wisconsin—impressive representation for a “mid-size” institution.

David Hansen ’71 is in his second term as state senator for the 30th District and is currently serving as assistant Democratic leader. Hansen serves on the Committee on Agriculture and Insurance, Committee on Education, Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform, and Joint Committee on Legislative Organization. He writes, “UWGB is part of my district and I am a proud supporter of UWGB and its future.” His degree is in humanism and cultural change.

Robert Cowles ’75 serves the 2nd District in the Wisconsin State Senate. He is chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Information Technology Committee, and is also a member of the Joint Finance Committee and Joint Audit Committee. His degree is in science and environmental change.

Frank Lasee ’86 represents Wisconsin’s 2nd Assembly District in the legislature. He has chaired committees on Insurance and on Government Operations and Spending Limitations. He currently serves on the Assembly Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Committee and is chairman of TABOR for Wisconsin. He majored in humanistic studies.
Tim Nixon ‘87 was selected by his peers for inclusion in “The Best Lawyers in America” guide. Nixon is a shareholder and lead attorney for Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Business Finance and Restructuring Group. He is extensively published in bankruptcy law issues. He graduated cum laude in public and environmental administration and is an ad hoc instructor at UW-Green Bay.

Cristian Soto ‘87 is a technology leader in material science for Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Originally from Chile, his career path took him from UW-Green Bay to Argonne National Lab and graduate school at UW-Milwaukee. He then received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry and worked for the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.

Jeanine Ste Marie ‘89 is owner of Electronic Scribe Indexing Service, Green Bay, offering indexing services to publishers, authors and others. She is a biology major.

Colleen (Matthias) Stowe ‘89 is the education coordinator for UW-Milwaukee School of Cytotechnology at ACL Laboratories in West Allis. She writes that Prof. Charles Ihrke enlightened her about this career choice “way back!” She has two daughters, Claire (7) and Kelly (4). Her degree is in human biology.

Kathy Wittkopf ‘89 and ’03 is a planning supervisor with Wisconsin Public Service, Green Bay. She has undergraduate degrees in business administration and economics, and her master’s degree is in administrative science.

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**IT’S AN EVENT** whose history is vague. Archives show that it began in the 1970s and was held annually for a decade or two.

The Mouse is in the house

What is known for sure, is that Prof. Bill Laatsch has always been “The Mouse.”

After a few years’ hiatus, the Bill Laatsch Wine and Cheese Classic is back, sponsored by the Alumni Association and moved to the Shorewood Golf Course Clubhouse. This year’s edition was held Oct. 14. More than 100 faculty, staff, alumni and students made the walk across campus to Shorewood and, for many, a trip down memory lane.

Laatsch, the most senior active faculty member on campus, once again packed his 6’4” frame into a mouse costume for purposes of building campus spirit.

The “Big Cheese” is known for his scholarly work in the fields of urban and regional studies, history and interdisciplinary studies. He is also known as a dynamic teacher, one of the University’s most popular and respected. Two years ago, alumni of the former Extended Degree program made a scholarship donation for naming rights to the William Laatsch Geography Classroom in Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, making him the first professor so honored.

Guests this year squeaked with delight at the return of the whimsical tradition. Said one, “We’re too serious sometimes, I think. This is a reminder that it’s okay to relax, have fun and not take ourselves too seriously.”

Tena (Steinfest) Gnewuch ’94 is a self-employed primitive artist and designer. Her work is available at the Olde-School Past to Present, De Pere. Her degree is in art.

Cheryl (Jakimczyk) Laufer ’94 is a maintenance sales specialist for IBM, Milwaukee. Her degree is in business administration.

Jeremy Ludvigson ’94 works for De Pere-based Humana in Southern California. His degree is psychology.

Donna Sheedy ’94 was promoted to manager-investor relations with Wisconsin Public Service. She also serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has an undergraduate degree in business administration.

Samantha Andrews ’95 is a public relations associate with Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee. Her degree is in communication processes.

Jill Neuendorf ’95 is currently a resident director of the Outbound Program in Vladimit, Russia, where she works with American university students studying Russian. This fall she begins five years of doctoral work at Bryn Mawr College in order to teach Russian at a university in the United States. Her bachelor’s degrees are in German and humanistic studies.

Gina Pesmark ’95 is a client service representative with Bellin Health Systems in Green Bay. Her degrees are in psychology and human development.

Peggy (Hudson) Williams ’95 celebrated 10 years as a marketing manager with Funjet Vacations and the birth of her son Jacob this summer. Her degree is in business administration.

Shelly Wozniak-Rosenquist ’95 is a senior graphic designer for Desktop Solutions, Milwaukee. She is also very active in gallery and exhibit work. View her portfolio at www.shellywozniak.com. Her degree is in art.

Valerie (Becker) Bielinski ’96 works for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College as an instructional designer. She completed a master’s degree in management and organizational behavior from Silver Lake College in 2000. Her degree is in psychology.

Carmen (Cullen) Leuthner ’96, Director of Education Outreach for UW-Green Bay’s Office of Outreach and Extension, is the recipient of this year’s “Professional Continuing Educator” award as presented by the Mid-America Region of the Univer-
Nicole Thompson ’97 is the victim/legal advocate for Sylvia’s Place, a domestic violence program for women and their children in Allegan, Michigan. She earned her degree in social change and development.

Heather (Meinhardt) Casiano ’98 is the outreach manager for the Girls Scouts of the Fox River Valley.

University and is an attorney with Meisner, Tierney, Fisher & Nichol, SC. He is currently in law school at Marquette and is a systems analyst with Northwestern Mutual. Stephanie’s bachelor’s degree is in political science. Nathan’s is in computer science.

Chris Friedel ’98 moved to Bozeman, Mont., after 15 years in Green Bay. He is an international (Africa and Russia) sales representative for TowHaul Corp. His degree is in business administration.

Judith (Kohel) Hunt ’98 has worked at VISA for five years in Colorado. She majored in business administration.

Joseph Maguire II ’98 is a registered stockbroker and supervisor with nine registered representatives specializing in customer service for clients in Rhode Island. His degree is in business administration.

Mitchel Metoxen ’98 is the higher education adviser with the Oneida Tribe. His degree is in political science.

Mandy Soland ’98 is in client relations with Landmark Staffing in the Appleton area. Her degrees are in human development and psychology.

Heidi Smrz ’98 is a regional sales manager in Southern California for Crescent Cardboard Company, a manufacturer of art products headquartered in Wheeling, Illinois. She recently received her real estate license for the state of California. She majored in Spanish.

Carrie ( Schmidt) Verney ’98 is a teacher in the Racine Unified School District and recently married. Her degrees are in psychology and human development.

Rebecca Buffo ’99 is the director of operations for the Anderson Animal Shelter, South Elgin, Illinois. She has a double major in biology and Spanish.

Veronica Brieno Rankin ’99 is a Ph.D. student in geology and a Sustainability Scholar at Michigan Tech. She will be traveling to Canberra, Australia later this year to conduct legal and scientific research in geological sequestration. She is an earth science major.

Jean Ehke ’99 is an internal auditor with Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation in Madison. She is a business administration major with an emphasis in finance.

Tania Krall ’99 has worked for Associated Bank, Green Bay, for five years, educating and providing financial services for the Hispanic community. Her degree is in social change and development.

Philip May ’99 completed his MBA at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in March of 2005. He works on the analysis and integration of mergers and acquisitions in the corporate development department for Schneider National. His major is business administration.

Gloria ( Schneider) Popke ’99 is a self-employed violin/viola studio teacher in New London. She has an interdisciplinary studies degree with an emphasis in string teaching.

Kevin ’99 and Amanda (Ware) Rasmussen ’99 live in Green Bay. Kevin, a double major in music and business administration, is president and owner of Kelly Equipment, Inc., and Amanda, a communication processes major, is a business development representative with Dimensional Insight.

Leanne Rocque ’99 works in Ames, Iowa for Sauer-Danfoss, Inc. in contracts and global procurement. She graduated in May 2004 from Drake University Law School with
a joint-degree of Law/Master of Public Administration (JD/MPA). She recently passed the Wisconsin Bar Examination. Rocque's degree is in public administration.

Tiffany (Yocum) Palmbach ’99 is the director of Autism Services with Integrated Development Services in Madison. She double majored in human development and psychology.

Susan Zellner ’99 is a development associate with the Delaware Theatre Company in Wilmington, Delaware. She majored in communication and the arts and Spanish.

2000s

Nate Barnes ’00 is a behavior specialist with the Midwest Center for Youth and Family in Kouts, Indiana. His degree is in urban and regional studies.

Todd Engelbert ’00, works in Appleton for Jansport Inc., as a manager for VF Outlet Account. He received his master's degree in business administration from UW-Oshkosh this past spring. His undergraduate degree is in business administration.

Nicholas ’00 and Sarah (LaCroix) Hanson ’01 live in Athens, Ohio. Nick is a personal banker for Bank One and received a 2004 national achiever award at the bank's national sales conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sarah is completing her fourth year as a Ph.D. candidate in clinical health psychology at The Ohio University. She received her master's degree in clinical psychology in 2005. His degree is in business administration, hers in human development.

Stacy (Rosandich) Melk ’00 and Jonathon Melk ’00 married in May 2004 and live in the Milwaukee area. Stacy works as a benefits coordinator at Direct Supply Inc., while Jon is attending dental school at Marquette University with anticipated graduation in May 2006. Stacy majored in business administration and Jonathon in biology.

Vincent Schamber ’00 is a financial analyst with Hudson Sharp in Green Bay. His degree is in accounting.

William Whiting ’00 and Peggy Whiting ’98 live in Chesapeake, VA. William is a physician in the U.S. Navy. He writes, "…Through their teaching, guidance and mentorship, Professors Murphy and Havens taught me that the humanities and literature are not meant to be idly read; instead, the humanities and literature are meant to be enjoyed, experienced, and shared…these men have instilled in me the desire and compassion to help others. I have become a physician because of these men, despite being an English major.” Peggy majored in music.

Brian Dickson ’01 is a transportation planner with the Tri-City Regional Planning Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His degree is in environmental policy and planning.

Crystal Elfe ’01 is a full-time graduate student at UW-La Crosse. Her degree is in business administration.

Dawn (Allen) Eggert ’01 is an accountant with Brown County. She double majored in accounting and business administration.

Jamie (Ramaker) Fikkert ’01 is a stay-at-home-mother for her son, Micah. Her degree is in social work.

Erin Maegdlin ’01 is a new area coordinator with Residence Life at UW-Green Bay. She is a double major in psychology and human development.

Kristie (McMillen) Mineard ’01 is a senior domestic internal auditor with Abbott Laboratories in Illinois. She is a double major in accounting and business administration.

Nick Mortensen ’01 was recently named Madison's Funniest Person and is a finalist in the Twin Cities Funniest Person contest. He has “formed a union of sorts for stand up comedians called WiSuc (The Wisconsin Stand Up Comedy Project).”

Mathew Polashek ‘01 works in Manhattan for McGraw-Hill and recently had his compositional premier in New York City, performing his own composition, "Undulations-

THE NEWLY LANDSCAPED LAMBEAU COTTAGE PRIOR TO ITS REDEDICATION ON NOVEMBER 5.
Bob (Robert) Proudfit '01 has begun his "dream job" as project manager for Naterra Land, Inc., Stevens Point. He earned a master's degree in environmental science.

Corey Young '01 works for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas as an assistant director-resource development. His degree is in psychology.

Robyn (Neff) Wood '00 is a school psychologist in the Lake Geneva School District. She has a master's degree in education and a specialist degree in school psychology from UW-La Crosse. She is a double major in psychology and human development.

Sara (Sheridan) Bille '02 and Kyle Bille '02 live in Monroe, Wis. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Monroe School District and he is teaching in the Argyle School District and coaching football at Pec-Argyle. Sara majored in elementary education and Kyle in history.

Christy Cork '02 is a kindergarten teacher in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. Her degree is in elementary education.

Amanda (Fischer) Flood '02 is a teacher in the Germantown School District. Her degree is in elementary education.

Monika Halarewicz '02 is a developmental associate at the Institute for the Study of Aging, New York City. She works on establishing a comprehensive fundraising program to further the mission of finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease and cognitive aging. Her degree is in communication processes.

Leslie (Williamson) Hill '02 and Matt Hill '00 live in Wauwatosa, Wis. Leslie completed her master's degree in mental health counseling from UW-Stout in May 2005. She is employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in West Bend as a behavioral health specialist on their inpatient behavioral health unit. Matt works for Siemens in their IT department. She is a double major in psychology and human development, and his degree is business administration.

Kristi (Vendehey) Hooyman '02, a school psychologist, recently earned a master's degree in school psychology from UW-Stout and is pursuing an education specialist degree at UW-Stout. The human development and psychology major is recently married.

**Grad students’ environmental research gets ink**

IMPRESSIVE RECOGNITION—publication in professional journals—is being achieved by several alumni and current students in the Environmental Science and Policy graduate program. Here’s a sampling:

- Steve Price, recipient of the 2003 Outstanding Thesis Award, has, along with fellow graduate student Dave Marks, published his work on habitat conservation for frogs and toads in the peer-reviewed international journal *Landscape Ecology*.
- The *Passenger Pigeon* has accepted two articles based on thesis research. Former graduate student James Broetzman published “The Effects of Lake Michigan on the Distribution of Breeding Birds in Eastern Wisconsin,” and current student Gregory Cleerman is publishing his work on birds of the Marathon County Forest.
- Former graduate students Bruce Snyder and Jeanette Jaskula both have upcoming articles in *Great Lakes Entomologist*. Snyder’s article, co-authored with former classmate Joel Whitehouse, looked at macroarthropods of the Toft Point Natural Area in Door County. Jaskula’s article examined spider populations of Great Lakes wetlands.
- Alumnus Bradley Herrick has had two articles accepted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. A piece on invasive wetland species will appear in the February 2006 issue of the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. An analysis of the vegetation of the University’s Point au Sauble Nature Preserve appeared in a recent issue of *Michigan Botanist*.

Each of the articles included a faculty co-author, either Prof. Robert Howe, Prof. Michael Draney or Prof. Amy Wolf.
Melissa (Perl) Kowalski ’02 founded MOMS Club of Appleton Wisconsin. She was married in 2004 and has a son, Nathaniel (1). Her degree is in communication processes.

Sarah Meier ’02, an English teacher in Chilton High School, is planning her December wedding. She is a double major in English and secondary education.

Robert (Bob) Nienhuis ’02 is a commercial lines underwriter with Acuity Insurance in Sheboygan. He double majored in psychology and human development.

Heather Plank ’02 works in the Green Bay Area School District as an elementary/middle school guidance counselor. She received a master’s degree in K-12 guidance and counseling in 2004. Her degree is in human development.

Jessica Sandene ’02 is a claims processor with WPS Health Insurance in Wausau, and has begun work toward a master’s in library and information science at UW-Milwaukee. She also works as a weekend curator at the Marathon County Historical Society. Her degree is in business administration.

Christopher Squires ’02 graduated recently from UW-Milwaukee with a master’s in urban planning. His undergraduate degree is environmental policy and planning.

Daniel Stringer ’02 began work on his Ph.D. in physiology at the University of Iowa last year. His degree is in human biology.

Meredith (Fronk) Tomesh ’02 teaches in the La Crosse school district. She will graduate with a master’s degree in school counseling in December 2005. Her degree is in elementary education.

Valerie Zehetner ’02 is an accountant with Bell Ambulance in Milwaukee. Her degree is in psychology and human development.

Shannon Chronister ’05 is a student activities and residence life specialist at Rockford College. She received her master’s degree in educational leadership from Central Connecticut State University in May, 2005. Her degree is in communication processes.

Kimberlee (Berchem) Ebben ’03 is a refractive technician/pre-op nurse with the Alexander Eye Institute in Appleton. Her degree is in communication processes.

Jennifer France ’03 is a first grade teacher in the Racine Unified School District. She majored in elementary education and human development.

Amber Glamann ’03 is a youth counselor/teacher assistant with Homme Youth and Family Program in Neillsville. Her degrees are in psychology and human development.

Kristine Goodrich ’03 is a reporter with Press Publications in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Her degree is in communication processes.

Andrew Gurka ’03 is an area coordinator for the University of Richmond in Va. He graduated in May 2005 from Loyola University Chicago with a master’s of education in higher education administration. His bachelor’s degree is in political science.

Sandra Hayes ’03 is a human resource manager with Pinnacle Service, Inc., in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Her degree is in business administration.

Sarah Heidtke ’03 is a forensic assistant with the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s office. Her degree is in human biology.

Valerie Mann ’03 is a naturalist intern at the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center (located in the Indiana Dunes National Shoreline. She majored in environmental sciences.

Marcus Reitz ’03, and Jennifer (De Bauche) Reitz ’04 reside in the Green Bay area. He is an account manager with FulfillNet, Inc., and

Campus Seen: Where on campus?

People Pockets, offbeat architectural flourishes and 1970s color schemes still persist in some areas of the UW-Green Bay campus, if you know where to look. A new Alumni Web site (www.uwgb.edu/alumni/) tests your memory of campus facilities. Here’s a sample:

- **A**. The most famous of the “People Pockets,” these carpeted half-pipes and platforms are located on the second floor of the old Socio-Economic Building (Wood Hall since 1985) were once award winners. They received best-architecture recognition in the spring 1975 issue of Rose Hall. They’re still there, located in the curved brick alcoves on the second floor, near the entrances to Rose Hall 250, the auditorium. It was always a great place to wait for the start of your next lecture. It’s especially crowded near the second floor. People Pocket. These carpeted half-pipes and platforms were once award winners. They received best-architecture recognition in the spring 1975 issue of Rose Hall. They’re still there, located in the curved brick alcoves on the second floor, near the entrances to Rose Hall 250, the auditorium. It was always a great place to wait for the start of your next lecture. It’s especially crowded near the second floor.

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she is a payroll administrator with Froistad and Associates. Marcus majored in business administra-
tion and communication processes. Jennifer majored in human develop-
ment and psychology.

Abby Walters '03 is a purchas-
ing agent with Schreiber Foods in Green Bay. Her degree is in busi-
ness administration.

Margaret Wollmer '03 is a dietitian
with Froedtert Memorial Lutheran
Hospital in Milwaukee. She and
Jason Wawryniak '05 are planning
a July 2006 wedding. Jason, a busi-
ness administration major, works
in the new business department of
Northwestern Mutual's Financial
Network. Margaret majored in
human biology and Spanish.

Rachel Workman '05 is a manager
with Buckle, Inc., located in Mentor,
Ohio. Her degree is in communica-
tion and the arts.

Rhonda Zander '03 is a graphic
artist with the Oshkosh Northwestern
after a similar position with the
Wausa Daily Herald. Her degree is in
communication and the arts.

Ben Anderson '04 is the media
director with Schultz and
Associates in Wausau. His degree is in
communication processes.

Nicholas Bandoch '04 is an
account coordinator with the Mil-
waukee Journal Sentinel. He majored
in English.

Megan Habermann '04 attends
graduate school at the University of
Rhode Island. Her degree is in com-
munication processes.

Jon Hagen '04 is a flight nurse
with the ThedaStar helicopter in
Neenah. He earned much of his
bachelor's degree in nursing via the
Internet through the Extended
Degree program.

Jennifer Hahn '04 works at
Waukesha Memorial Hospital and
is considering pursuing a master's
degree in counseling psychology.
She majored in psychology.

Amanda Harrison '04 is an
assistant store manager with Kohl's
Department Stores in West Bend.
Her degree is in economics.

Jen Keene '04 is an experience
director at Franklin Pierce College
in New Hampshire, where she is
working on an MBA in leadership.
She majored in communication
processes.

Angie Paul '04 is a custody accoun-
tant with Investors Bank and Trust
in Boston, Mass. She is a business
administration major.

Amanda Behr '05 is attending grad
school at the University of South
Dakota for adult and higher educa-
tion. Her degree is in psychology.

Eric Benthien '05 is an executive
assistant with Focus Features (a film
production and distribution com-
pany) in Universal City, California.
His degree is in communication
processes.

James Boeck '05 is a systems
engineer and software developer
with Raytheon Missile Systems in
Tucson, Arizona. His degree is in
computer science.

Ryan Bowe '05 is a financial repre-
sentative with Northwestern Mutual
Financial Network in Germantown.
His major is business administration.

Rachel Delebreau '05 is a kin-
dergarten teacher in the Algoma
School District. Her degree is in
elementary education.

Kristin Grudzielanek '05 is pursu-
ing a master's degree in school
counseling at UW-Milwaukee. She
is a double major in psychology and
human development.

Kerry Kassie '05 is a human
resources coordinator with Innova-
tive Services, Inc. of Green Bay. She
holds degrees in communication
processes and Spanish.

Stephanie Louis '05 is in her first
year of law school at the University
of St. Thomas School of Law. Her
degree is in philosophy.

Marilyn (Tangub) Melcher '05 is
a tax associate with Deloitte & Tou-
che LP in Milwaukee. Her degree is in
accounting.

Lindsey O'Dell '05 works for Safe
Haven: Domestic Abuse Center as
a sexual assault victim advocate in
Shawano. She majored in psychol-
gy and human development.

Brenda (Roerdink) Sharp '05 is
a staff auditor with Associated
Bank in Green Bay. Her degree is in
accounting.

Stacey Wegener '05 is in the
master's degree program for educa-
tional leadership at UW-Oshkosh.
She majored in psychology and
human development.

Natalie Yudt '05 works in Ottawa,
Illinois as a human resources co-
dinator with Community Hospital
of Ottawa. Her degree is in business
administration.
Theatre grads shine brightly

Graduates of UW-Green Bay’s award-winning theatre program continue to light up stages across the country, both figuratively and literally. We could fill an entire page with updates and Alumni Notes provided us by the program and its proud graduates. Here’s a sample:

Larry Gruber ’87 is working on a new design for an HBO film and has taken up temporary residence in Williamsburg, Va. In the 2004/2005 Broadway Yearbook, Gruber is listed as associate or assistant scenic design for Fiddler on the Roof, Dracula, Good Vibrations, The Glass Menagerie and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. He is a theatre major.

Maureen (Wilhelm) Christoffel ’89 is a longtime scenic artist at the prestigious Seattle Repertory Company and has just been elected president of her local I.A.T.S.E. (stagehands) union. Her degree is in theatre.

Erick Hoffman ’89 has joined the Omaha Performing Arts Society as vice president for marketing and communications. His wife Madeline (Gajkowski) ’87 works for the National Fair Housing Council.

Bill berry ’94 is assistant artistic director of the Fifth Avenue Playhouse in Seattle, Washington. Berry also directed a successful production of Smokey Joe’s Cafe for the Fifth Avenue Playhouse in Spring 2004.

Mark Schneider ’95 was recently named head of sales for the Baribzon Lighting company in Phoenix, Ariz. For 10 years he was a lighting specialist for the Weidner Center.

Mary Gallagher ’90 is “Mrs. Loud” in the big-budget Jodie Foster film Flight Plan released this fall. Gallagher is expecting her first baby in December and has an offer to join MAD TV in 2006.

April Struebing ’96 works with feature animation at DreamWorks and has worked on the Shrek series of films, Shark Tales and the upcoming Over the Hedge.

Dean Kolze ’96 and Stacey (Nell) Kolze ’98 recently completed the international tour of The Sound of Music, which became the first U.S. musical production to tour the People’s Republic of China in 2004/2005. Members of the Von Trapp family were present for the opening.

Teresa Gegare ’97 is the coordinator of international productions for Blue Man Group Worldwide. She has a double major in theatre and business administration.

Briana Fahey ’01 is a Professional Equity Stage Manager for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre.

Neil Roehrborn ’01 manages theatrical lighting and sound for The Lighthouse in Green Bay, putting in lighting and sound installations for concerts and shows throughout Wisconsin and the UP. He also gives his time to UW-Green Bay Theatre.

Kim Cook ’02 will complete her MFA in Costume Design at Ohio University and has been hired back repeatedly by the Utah Shakespearean Festival. She recently completed her first New York City off-off-Broadway production.

Steven Marxoff ’05 will be in the upcoming Chicago Shakespeare production of Much Ado About Nothing. He’ll follow with a lead in Two Rooms in Milwaukee (February 2006) reprising a role he first performed at UW-Green Bay in the Jean Weidner Theatre (previously Studio Two).

Milwaukee gathering for Phoenix vs. Panthers

Milwaukee-area alumni, let’s meet at the Phoenix/Panthers men’s basketball game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at U.S. Cellular Arena. More than 150 people attended last year’s reception. Cheer on the Phoenix with other UW-Green Bay supporters. Call 920-465-2625 for tickets. Watch the Web site closer to the date, at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/.

Former Pep Band members—apply here!

Wanted: Alumni with a combined interest in music and Phoenix athletics, to join the Phoenix Pep Band. Perks are great—free admission to Phoenix games and matches, possible NCAA tournament trips, and the excitement of being an important part of Division I athletics. Interested? E-mail Prof. Rebecca Tout at toutr@uwgb.edu.

Dive into Alumni fun at the Dells

Join UWGB alumni for a return trip to the wilderness—Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort at the Wisconsin Dells—Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2006. The first 50 rooms booked (occupancy of four, $15 for extra family members) will receive a double queen room at the hotel and unlimited access to the resort’s two indoor and two outdoor water parks and four-story dry foam playhouse, for $109 per night ($125 after 50 rooms are booked). Your Alumni Association receives a $9 rebate for each room booked. For more details, including contact information, call 920-465-2586 or go to www.uwgb.edu/alumni/assoc/events.htm.

Team with the Alumni Association for insurance discounts

Your Alumni Association has teamed with Liberty Mutual to help you save money on your home and auto insurance. Group Savings Plus allows you to take advantage of group buying power to receive outstanding rates. Call (920) 465-2586 for more information.

New address? New job? Let us know

Don’t become a lost alum! Updating your alumni information is just a click away with the Alumni Update Form at www.uwgb.edu/alumni/services/update.htm. It only takes a few minutes and it helps ensure that you continue to receive alumni and University mailings and information. Feel free to pass along the Web-link to friends and co-workers who are UW-Green Bay graduates.
Mark your calendar now for this exciting new memory-making event! Grandparents’ University will be held July 13–14, 2006. Make a lasting memory with your favorite young scholar. Alumni and friends of UW-Green Bay are invited to participate with their grandchildren (ages 7–14). Choose your ‘major’ from any number of subjects, all taught by UW-Green Bay faculty members.

All sessions begin July 13, and end at noon, July 14, with a ‘commencement’ ceremony. Stay on campus, if you wish, in our new, air-conditioned residence halls. Plan now for an exciting time; online registration and additional information will be available mid-January.

Questions?
Call 920-465-CAMP or, outside Green Bay, 1-800-892-2118 or email christem@uwgb.edu.

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WHERE ON CAMPUS?
This closeup from Rose Hall (formerly the Community Sciences Building) gets up-close with a well-known “People Pocket.” Remember those? A new Alumni Web page tests the memory and pays homage to vintage UW-Green Bay sights. For a better look, see page 38.