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# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## Sunday, May 24, at two o'clock

### CHANCELLOR GARY A. THIBODEAU PRESIDING

Commencement Concert beginning at one-thirty o'clock  
 The University Concert Band, James A. Kurschner, Conductor  
 The University Concert Choir, Elliot R. Wold, Director

<b>PROCESSIONAL*</b>	Sine Nominé ..... Ralph Vaughn Williams The University Concert Band
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM*</b>	Star Spangled Banner ..... Francis Scott Key The University Concert Band and Concert Choir, Members of the Graduating Class, Faculty and Audience
<b>INVOCATION*</b>	The Reverend Herbert E. Hoefler Luther Memorial Church
<b>ADDRESS</b>	"The Future of the World Environment" The Honorable Bruce F. Vento Member of Congress
<b>MUSICAL SELECTION</b>	Psalm 150 (O Praise the Lord) ..... Cesár Franck The University Concert Band and Concert Choir
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES</b>	Dr. Nancy C. Parlin Vice Chancellor  Dr. Gary E. Rohde, Dean, College of Agriculture Dr. Daniel H. Brown, Dean, College of Education Nanette J. Jordahl, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Michael G. Davis, Associate Dean, Graduate School
<b>CONFERRING OF DEGREES</b>	Dr. Gary A. Thibodeau Chancellor
<b>INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS</b>	Dr. Gary A. Thibodeau
<b>WELCOME INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b>	Keith Rodli President, UWRF Foundation
<b>BENEDICTION*</b>	The Rev. Herbert E. Hoefler
<b>RECESSIONAL*</b>	Folk Dances ..... Dmitri Shostakovich The University Concert Band
<b>RECEPTION</b>	A reception in the Student Center for graduates, parents and friends will follow the Commencement Ceremony.
<b>*Audience standing</b>	Members of the audience are asked to withhold applause until diplomas have been distributed to an entire group.

### Honor Graduates are recognized on the program as follows:

- CAPITAL LETTERS:** Honors Degree. The student has completed an extra twelve hours in honors courses.
- \*\*\* Special Academic Honors: The student has a grade point average of 3.75 or above for the final 70 credits.
- \*\* Academic Honors: The student has a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.749 for the final 70 credits.
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## TODAY'S SPEAKER

### The Honorable Bruce F. Vento

Congressman Vento was the recipient of the University of Wisconsin - River Falls Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986. He represents the Fourth Congressional District for the State of Minnesota in the United States House of Representatives, having been elected first in 1976.

St. Paul, Minnesota is Vento's place of birth. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls in 1965. His graduate work was done at the University of Minnesota.

Vento began his career as an educator and taught science for more than ten years. Before his election to Congress, he served three terms in the Minnesota Legislature, where he was Assistant Majority Leader from 1974 to 1976. He has also worked with the neighborhood movement in St. Paul, and with many other community groups.

Vento has received many awards for his leadership and legislative contributions in Congress, including those from the National Council of Senior Citizens, National Taxpayers' Union, Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Federation of the Blind, American Legion and YMCA-Youth in Government. The National Audubon Society has named him Conservationist of the Year, and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce gave him the Capitol City Award.

In the United States House of Representatives, Vento serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee; Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and the Select Committee on Aging. He is a member of the Environmental Studies Conference, Congressional Arts Caucus and the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on Irish Affairs. He is an adviser for Close-up, the national education organization.

Bruce Vento and his wife Mary Jean have three sons.

## 1987 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

### Dr. Roger J. Gerrits

This year's recipient of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Distinguished Alumnus award is Dr. Roger J. Gerrits, a member of the class of 1958. He is a native of the State of Wisconsin, having been born in Green Bay. Gerrits graduated from Wrightstown High School, completed the University of Wisconsin - Madison Agriculture Short Course, and received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education from UW - River Falls. He then enrolled in the University of Minnesota and received a Master of Science degree in Dairy Science - Physiology and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Animal Science - Physiology.

In 1963 Gerrits was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture as a Research Physiologist and was based at Beltsville, Maryland. He has remained at Beltsville, steadily moving up in the field. His current title is National Program Director for Animal Production, United States Department of Agriculture, ARS.

Gerrits' list of honors and awards is long and impressive including the Chevalier du Merite Agricole by the French government, USDA Sustained Outstanding Performance Award, USDA Superior Service Award, Public Service Award - National Pork Producers Council and the Distinguished Service Award - National Pork Producers Council.

The long list of Gerrits' contributions and achievements has led to over 80 publications of either scientific or popular style. Much of his involvement has been significant in the international animal agriculture area. Currently he directs over 50 animal scientists who are involved in cooperative projects in all classes of livestock in 20 countries. Their activities provide better movement of scientific information between the United States and other countries.

In addition, Gerrits has found time to contribute to several civic groups, among them leading a Girl Scout Troup. He and his wife live in Adelphi, Maryland where they have raised six children.

The University of Wisconsin - River Falls is proud to add Dr. Roger J. Gerrits to the list of Distinguished Alumni.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The ushers are students affiliated with Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

The Marshals for today's ceremony are James Steinberger and Henry Peeters.

The names of candidates for graduation are read by Richard A. Jensen (College of Agriculture), Owen B. Bergsrud (College of Education), Michael D. Albert (College of Arts and Sciences) and Richard J. Brynildsen (Graduate School).

**SEATING ORDER ON STAGE** (Left to right): Dr. Michael G. Davis, Associate Dean, Graduate School; Nanette J. Jordahl, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Daniel H. Brown, Dean, College of Education; Dr. Gary E. Rohde, Dean, College of Agriculture; Dr. Nancy C. Parlin, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Gary A. Thibodeau, Chancellor; The Honorable Bruce Vento, Member of Congress; Dr. Roger J. Gerrits, 1987 Distinguished Alumnus; The Rev. Herbert E. Hoefler, Pastor, Luther Memorial Church; Keith Rodli, President, University of Wisconsin - River Falls Foundation.

## THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

Although the University has long recognized academic achievement through the granting of awards, scholarships and honors, non-academic accomplishments had not received similar recognition. It was for this reason, that, in 1977, the Chancellor and the Student Development Staff began considering a way of honoring students who have made significant non-academic contributions to the University.

It was recommended that a Chancellor's Award, in the form of a medallion, be established. The bronze medallion, in addition to displaying the elements of the University's official seal, has the words "Chancellor's Award - Service-Leadership-Skill." It was determined that the award would recognize service to the university; be granted primarily to upper classmen, although exceptions could be made; would not be based chiefly on scholastic achievement; and could be granted at any appropriate period, but would ordinarily be awarded at the University's Honors Day or, in the case of graduating seniors, at the Senior-Alumni-Faculty Banquet.

This year the highest non-academic award given to the University of Wisconsin - River Falls students was presented to the following graduating seniors:

Martinas Barney  
Richard Dado  
Tamara Kinning  
Randall Meyer  
Sharon Timko

## ACADEMIC GARB

The cap and gown which faculty and students are wearing today have a tradition going back to the 12th and 13th centuries during the Middle Ages, when students and faculty were considered members of the clergy with special political and social privileges.

The Bachelor's gown has a closed front and long, pointed open sleeves. The Master's gown has an open front with extremely, long closed sleeves, from which the arms protrude through a slit at the elbow. The end of the sleeve is square, with an arc of a circle just above the bottom. The Doctor's gown is an open fronted garment with voluminous bell shaped sleeves on which appear three velvet bars (usually black, but sometimes blue for philosophy). Gowns are usually black, although some universities use other colors (New York University - purple, University of Chicago - maroon).

The academic hood is edged in colored velvet which indicates the field in which the degree was earned. The Master's velvet is about two inches wide; the Doctoral velvet is five or six inches wide. The Doctoral colors are dark blue for the Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy), light blue for the Ed.D. (Doctor of Education) and light purple for Doctor of Laws.

For Master's degrees, the color of the velvet band is: agriculture, maize; arts & letters, white; business, drab; economics, copper; home economics, yellow; engineering, orange; fine arts, brown; library science, lemon; medicine, green; music, pink; physical education, sage green; science, golden yellow; social science, citron; speech, silver grey; theology, scarlet.

The colors in the lining of the hood indicate the institution from which the degree was obtained, e.g. Indiana University is crimson and white, University of Minnesota is maroon and gold, University of Wisconsin - Madison is red and white, State University of Iowa is black and gold.

The illustration on the Commencement program cover was drawn by graduating senior Ritchie L. Ellingson, who is employed by the University's Publications Office. Ritchie is graduating with a bachelor of science with emphasis in art and design.



