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FROM THE CHANCELLOR

MORE POSITIVE SIGNS FOR UWM

People who have lived in Milwaukee much longer than I have confirmed that June 8 was a landmark day for our university. At the UW System Board of Regents meeting that morning, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo Sr. all stood up in support of the expansion plans for UW–Milwaukee.

Milwaukee entrepreneur and philanthropist Michael Cudahy was there in our Union Wisconsin Room, too, telling stories about his experiences with the remarkable economic success of corporations in Silicon Valley and Ireland. To that, he added, “There’s no reason in the world this can’t happen in Southeastern Wisconsin... I am very enthusiastic and very interested.”

The main focus of their comments was locating UW–Milwaukee engineering activities on the Milwaukee County Grounds, about eight miles west of the East Side campus. But I need to tell you that excitement about our future does not stop there. There also has been outstanding interest in and support for our plans to potentially locate a School of Public Health on a downtown site – possibly on the campus of the Aurora Sinai Medical Center and/or the former Pabst Brewery site. Our School of Public Health received an absolutely remarkable endorsement in September when real estate executive Joseph J. Zilber, founder and chairman of Zilber Ltd., Milwaukee, dedicated \$10 million to the project.

With so much happening, it is easy to understand why the Regents in July approved a resolution to allow UW–Milwaukee to conduct a campus master planning process, including a study of potential new sites for university facilities. The resolution supported the expenditure of \$2 million to fund the master planning process. The State of Wisconsin Building Commission has authorized the use of these funds for planning purposes. The study will encompass a 10- to 20-year planning horizon with a comprehensive analysis of the use of existing facilities and future needs.

The Regents addressed another very important issue in July by revising rules pertaining to our university’s research and making the UWM Research Foundation the exclusive technology transfer organization at UW–Milwaukee. This is a very good development for UWM because it allows the university to:

1. Develop its intellectual property within a broader framework of support for research;
2. Leverage its current research (and financial returns on that research) to grow its future research operations; and
3. Support Southeastern Wisconsin with an organization focused exclusively on advancing research in this region.

Providing new leadership for our research activities is Colin Scanes, who joined us this summer as vice chancellor for research and economic development and dean of the Graduate School. He comes to us with an outstanding record as both a research scientist and academic administrator. His extensive experience directing a broad array of research initiatives makes him the ideal candidate to lead UWM’s efforts to greatly expand its funded research activities. We also expect Dr. Scanes to help UWM build its strong relationships with area businesses as part of the university’s program to promote regional economic development.

I know I wrote in the first sentence of this column that June 8 was a landmark day at the university. Looking back at these other important developments over the past few months, perhaps it would be more appropriate to state that the entire summer of 2007 has been an important milestone for us. Considering this all comes at the start of our university’s second 50 years, it is absolutely invigorating to consider all of the developments to come for UWM.

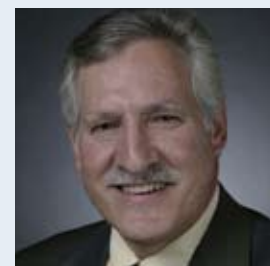


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On the cover: With help from UWM’s Access to Success initiative, Journalism and Mass Communication students Megan McAvoy (left) and Brandy Riley are realizing their dreams.
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—Carlos E. Santiago
Chancellor

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ENGINEERING TEAM PINPOINTS AARON'S FINAL HOMER

On July 20, 1976, Hank Aaron recorded his 755th career home run while playing for the Milwaukee Brewers at County Stadium. Aaron's record was broken by San Francisco Giants' slugger Barry Bonds on Aug. 8, but it still represents one of the most historic moments in Milwaukee Brewers and Major League Baseball history.

To identify the exact landing spot of Aaron's final home run ball, the Brewers called on UWM's Alan Horowitz, professor and chair of the Civil Engineering and Mechanics Department, to perform a thorough study.

With the assistance of several students from UWM's chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Horowitz calculated GPS measurements, reviewed surveys of County Stadium, studied aerial photos of Miller Park and County Stadium, and closely examined the home run video to determine the ball's exact trajectory and final resting place.

Aaron belted the homer off pitcher Dick Drago during the seventh inning of a Brewers victory over the California Angels. The ball traveled over the left field wall and landed in the grandstand along the left field foul pole.

Horowitz and his students pinpointed the spot at coordinates N43°1.821"/W87°58.347", which is in Brewers Lot 1 just east of Helfaer Field. They determined that the ball traveled 363 feet.

A plaque marking the spot was unveiled during a ceremony at Miller Park on June 7, with Aaron and Horowitz in attendance.

"It's in a preferred parking lot," said Rick Schlesinger, Brewers executive vice president-business operations. "I guess now it's even more preferred."



"X" marks the spot. UWM engineering professor Alan Horowitz (second from right) and his students check the landing spot of Hank Aaron's final home run at County Stadium.

PETER JAKUBOWSKI '07

ANOTHER WAY
TO SHOW YOUR
PANTHER PRIDE!

PERMANENT UWM E-MAIL ADDRESS

The UWM Alumni Association has entered into an agreement to offer UWM graduates an e-mail account through Google. Participants' new e-mail address will be:

YOURNAME@uwmalumni.com

A pilot program is currently available to members of the Class of 2007 who graduated in May. The UWMAA anticipates offering this service to all alumni by May 2008.

May 2007 graduates can initiate the service by filling out the request form on the UWMAA Web site, www.alumni.uwm.edu.

All other alumni – stay tuned!

The Alumni Association is excited to offer this service to grads. It's another great way to show your Panther Pride!

THREE NEW PH.D. PROGRAMS APPROVED

The UW System Board of Regents recently approved creation of three new doctoral degree programs for UWM – in Educational Psychology in the School of Education, in Communication in the College of Letters and Science, and in Information Studies in the School of Information Studies.

The doctorate in Educational Psychology has four areas of specialization: Counseling Psychology, Learning and Development, Research Methodology and School Psychology. The programs specialize in educating psychologists and psychological scientists who are multiculturally competent to work in an urban environment.

The Communication Ph.D. program will alleviate the short supply of doctoral graduates in the field, says Mike Allen, chairman of the Communication Department. Demand is high both nationally and at UWM, he says. Currently, the only other Communication-related doctoral program in Wisconsin is offered at UW-Madison.

The focus of the new doctoral program in Information Studies will be on information retrieval, information policy and information organization, all areas of growing expertise within the school.

In the last three years, the number of doctoral programs at UWM has grown from 19 to 24. The three new Ph.D. programs begin in fall 2008.



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ALUMNI COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS WATER INSTITUTE

UW System alumni from across the state came to Milwaukee to see the wonders of UWM's Great Lakes WATER Institute (GLWI) on June 28.

More than 125 guests took in a tour of the huge research-oriented complex on Milwaukee's lakefront, stepped on board the venerable research vessel, the Neeskey, and enjoyed water-inspired treats. Mostly, though, they came to see the fish, all manner of aquatic creatures that swim in the giant fish tanks that have become a hallmark of the institute.



Top: UW System alumni enjoy the view of Milwaukee Harbor from the WATER Institute's pier. **Above:** A visitor gets a close-up look at a lake sturgeon.

J. Val Klump, director of the institute, introduced guests to this world of freshwater research and the practical application of studies currently under way which impact our use of the Great Lakes and other regional waterways. UWM Alumni Association Board of Trustees President Tim Schoewe and Alumni Director Andrea Simpson shared in welcoming guests.

The event was sponsored by the institute, the UWM Alumni Association and the UW System Alumni Council, a consortium of alumni leaders representing all of the four-year University of Wisconsin campuses.

The event was the third in an Alumni Council series designed to highlight timely campus-related research initiatives. Earlier events showcased nanotechnology achievements in the Eau Claire area and stem cell research efforts on the UW-Madison campus.

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM NATIONALLY RANKED

The School of Education's Counseling Psychology program has been ranked among the top 10 such programs in the country. The program, one of four areas in the Department of Educational Psychology, was ranked eighth nationally by the Chronicle of Higher Education on a list that included top programs such as those at Boston College, Teachers College and Penn State.

Counseling Psychology, previously offered as part of the Urban Education doctoral program, is now an area in the new Educational Psychology Ph.D. (see item on page 3).

The program's focus on a multicultural approach is one of its strong points, says Associate Professor Azara Santiago-Rivera. "We have one of the best models in multicultural competencies. We infuse multiculturalism into the curriculum." The area also specializes in educating psychological scientists for research in counseling psychology.

"Our program is very young compared to many," says Professor Nadya Fouad. "To be ranked in the top 10 in our 11th year is very gratifying."

FREE TUITION FOR VETERANS

Getting a college degree has become even more affordable for Wisconsin veterans.

Eligible veterans are now entitled to a 100 percent waiver of tuition and fees at any University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System school through the Wisconsin GI Bill. That includes UWM, where the Military Education Benefits Office in the Department of Financial Aid is gearing up for an influx of new applications.

The Wisconsin GI Bill covers tuition for up to eight full-time semesters, or 128 credits, whichever is greater. Dependents of veterans who died in the line of duty or who are more than 30 percent disabled due to service injuries are also entitled to tuition remission.

For additional information, contact the UWM Military Education Benefits Office at 414-229-6627 or vets@uwm.edu, or visit www4.uwm.edu/financialaid/FinancialAid/Options/military.html.

More information on the Wisconsin GI Bill, including an application packet, can be found on the Web site for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, dva.state.wi.us/Ben_education.asp#TuitionGrant.

CHANCELLOR'S SOCIETY HONORS FOUNDATION PIONEER

Members of the Chancellor's Society for 2006-07 gathered for a reception in their honor on July 18 at the home of Doug Weas ('87) and his wife, Nancy.

Guests visited with Chancellor Carlos Santiago and his wife, Azara Santiago-Rivera, and UWM deans and administrators. They also enjoyed entertainment by student musicians from the Peck School of the Arts.

The evening's guest of honor was Bob Zigman, the founder of the UWM Foundation, who also served as its first president (1974-77). Santiago and Bruce Block, the foundation's current president, paid tribute to Zigman for his vision and commitment in starting an organization that now manages assets of over \$75 million and stewards those funds for donors and the university.

The Chancellor's Society honors the exceptional generosity of alumni, parents and friends, as well as corporations and foundations, who contribute \$1,000 or more to the university during the current fiscal year. Donors may elect to designate their gift to one school, college or program, or to divide their giving among several recipients.

For information on the Chancellor's Society, contact Stephanie Ackerman at 414-229-3018.

Chancellor's Society members were feted at a July 18 reception at the home of Doug ('87) and Nancy Weas. Guest of honor was Bob Zigman, founder and first president of the UWM Foundation, shown at right with current president Bruce Block.



ALAN MAGAYNE-ROSHAK '72

KENILWORTH CAPTURES TWO AWARDS

The renovation of the Kenilworth Building at 1925 E. Kenilworth Place has won the Best Public/Private Partnership category in The Business Journal's Real Estate Awards.

The Kenilworth Building also has received a Top Projects of 2006 award from The Daily Reporter and Wisconsin Builder. This award recognizes "projects that faced and overcame significant challenges, used new materials and techniques, or made important contributions to the community they serve."

"For years, the massive and tattered Kenilworth Building warehouse looked out of place among the many trendy restaurants, bars and stores that line North Prospect and Farwell avenues on Milwaukee's east side," wrote Mark Kass, editor of The Business Journal. "But thanks to a \$68 million renovation in 2006, the 500,000-square-foot building is now a focal point of the revitalization of the neighborhood, offering much-needed student housing for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, along with renovated space for the college's Peck School of the Arts."

Kenilworth Building owners are the City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority and UWM. The municipal partner is Milwaukee Development Corp. and the developer was Weas Development Corp. Construction manager was KBS Construction and the architectural firm was HGA Architects and Engineers.

Fifty UWM Alumni Association Sustaining Contributors (previously Life Members) and guests enjoyed a special tour of the Peck School of the Arts facilities at the Kenilworth Building in April.



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ALUMNI GATHER AT AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL

Milton Coleman ('68), deputy managing editor of the Washington Post, and Douglas Holton ('92, '95), Milwaukee's new fire chief, were among the prominent UWM alumni featured at the Association of African American Alumni (AAAA) gathering at African World Festival. The festival was held on Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds last month.

Coleman and Holton spoke about their years at UWM and how they used their education to become successful in their fields.

Tom Luljak ('95), vice chancellor for university relations and communications, spoke on behalf of Chancellor Carlos Santiago about UWM's Access to Success program (see page 8) and the importance of urban institutions of higher learning.

Clayborn Benson ('87), a retired photojournalist with WTMJ-TV, founder of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum and president of the UWM AAAA,

was instrumental in reorganizing the group. He sees AAAA as playing a key role in recruiting African American students to the university and mentoring to help them overcome obstacles.

"This is a big responsibility that we do not take lightly," Benson says. "We have been asked to encourage and recruit African American students to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This will provide opportunities for first-generation students to attend college. African American alumni will also mentor and share their experiences while also promoting success in our communities."

In addition to the event at African World Festival, the AAAA gathered at the Marcus Garvey Day celebration Aug. 18 at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum.

To find out how to get involved with the AAAA, contact Benson at Clayborn@execpc.com or 414-372-7677. To learn more about the UWM Alumni Association's many constituent and regional alumni groups, contact John Bartel ('74), constituent alumni/advocacy coordinator, at jwbartel@uwm.edu or 414-906-4665.



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Speakers at the UWM African American Alumni Association event at African World Festival included (from left) Tom Luljak, vice chancellor for University Relations and Communications; Douglas Holton, Milwaukee's new fire chief; Andrea Simpson, executive director of the UWM Alumni Association and director of alumni relations; Milton Coleman, deputy managing editor of the Washington Post; and Clayborn Benson, retired photojournalist with WTMJ-TV, founder of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum and president of the UWM AAAA.



LAURA GLAWE '88

Panther Advocates gather in the office of state Sen. Jim Sullivan.

PANTHERS RULE AT UW SYSTEM SPIRIT DAY

A contingent of 19 alumni and friends of UWM traveled to Madison April 19 for UW System Spirit Day – the largest group from any UW System institution.

The group spoke with nine lawmakers on behalf of UWM's request for \$10 million from the Wisconsin Legislature this biennium to support expanding faculty and research that will make the state more competitive in three areas: biomedical sciences, advanced automation and manufacturing, and health care.

All alumni are encouraged to help support UWM's Growth Agenda and the research and access initiatives that are so important to the university. Sign up to be part of Panther Advocates – check out www.pantheradvocates.uwm.edu.

NEW DIGITAL COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS UWM'S HISTORY

www.uwm.edu/Libraries/digilib/

By Michael Doyle

The UWM Libraries is pleased to announce the latest addition to its digital collections: the UWM Photo Collection.

The UWM Photo Collection assembles 684 images from three separate physical collections in the Archives Department: the George M. Richard Photographs of UWM collection, the UWM Photographic Services records and the UWM Department of Theatre and Dance records. Combined, these images provide superb visual documentation of the history of UWM and its predecessor institutions, Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee (formerly Milwaukee State Teachers College) and the University of Wisconsin Extension Center at Milwaukee.

The digital collection features images of student life and activities, athletics, performing arts and campus buildings. Also included are images of UWM chancellors, from J. Martin Klotsche to Carlos E. Santiago.

This is the second of two collections created to celebrate the university's 50th anniversary. A digital collection of the student yearbook, "The Ivy," which was published from 1942 to 1968, is also available at www.uwm.edu/Libraries/digilib/.



Two images from the UWM Photo Collection. Above: Taping a UWM radio program, 1956. Left: Sorority toga rush party, 1958.

BUCKS WIN, STUDENTS SCORE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Milwaukee Bucks, along with two deserving – and lucky – high school students, won big time on April 4.

Joe Bauer, an incoming senior at Johnson Creek High School, and Alexandria Gibbs of Burlington, a senior at Faith Christian School in Williams Bay, each won \$1,000 scholarships from the UWM Alumni Association during halftime ceremonies at the sixth annual UWM Scholarship Night at the Bucks Game.

The scholarships were presented by outgoing UWMAA Board of Trustees President Tim Schoewe ('71); Tom Luljak ('95), vice chancellor for university relations and communications; Alumni Relations Director Andrea Simpson; and Jan Krystkowiak ('88), a star player on the Panther women's basketball teams of the late '80s, and wife of Milwaukee Bucks Head Coach Larry Krystkowiak.

Adding to UWM's luster, the Pep Band entertained Bucks fans as they entered the Bradley Center before game time, with the UWM Cheerleaders and mascot Victor E. Panther on hand to create extra spirit. The Men of Song, a 50-voice ensemble representing UWM's Peck School of the Arts, performed the National Anthem. UWM's dance team joined the cheer squad and Victor E. during the halftime festivities in Center Court.

High school administrators from throughout Southeastern Wisconsin nominated top achievers in their schools for the scholarships. Awardees must be accepted by UWM and choose to enroll to receive the scholarships.

The evening ended well – really well – as the Bucks toppled the Boston Celtics, 98-89.



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ACCESS TO SUCCESS

By Beth Stafford

After being admitted to UWM, Brandy Riley had some doubts.

"I was a little bit nervous about my studies," she admits. "I knew that this was a totally different ball game than high school. I knew that the work load would be different, and I knew that my responsibilities as an individual and a student were going to change.

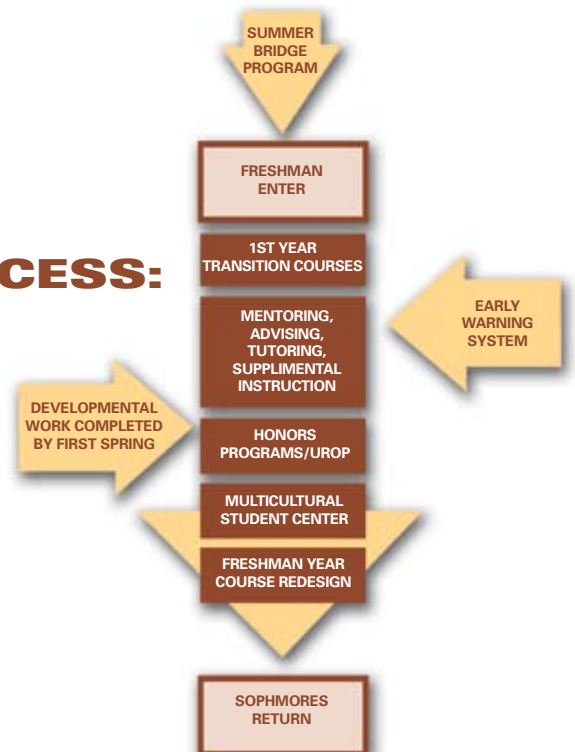
"I wondered if I would be able to adjust, and I worried if I would be able to manage."

Not only did she "manage" – she made the Dean's Honor List in the College of Letters and Science last fall.

As Riley was making the Dean's List, freshman Megan McAvoy was taking her mentor's advice: Seek out your teachers during their office hours.

She credits extra help in English 102 with helping her qualify for Honors College, where undergraduates study in small, seminar-style classes.

ACCESS TO SUCCESS: THE FIRST YEAR



BRANDY RILEY

A PROGRAM WITH IMPACT

Tools for success

The tools Riley and McAvoy needed to build successful college careers were ready and waiting at UWM. The two young women demonstrate the “success” in the university’s Access to Success initiative.

“Access to Success is the campus blueprint to enhance access to UWM while also promoting student success for all entering freshmen,” says Rita Cheng, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Launched in fall 2005, the program covers students’ complete university experience, from recruitment to graduation. Goals include:

- Building a pool of diverse, high-achieving prospective, admitted and enrolled students.
- Increasing first-year retention and performance of all freshmen.
- Decreasing the gap in first-year retention and performance between students of color and white students.
- Decreasing the gap in first-year retention and performance between students with college-level math and English skills, and those who need developmental courses.

A tale of two students

Brandy Riley entered UWM through the Academic Opportunity Center (AOC), a program that admits students who are serious about continuing their education and show academic potential for university study, but do not meet regular admission criteria.

As part of her admission through AOC, Riley enrolled in UWM’s Bridge program immediately after graduating from Menomonee Falls High School in June 2005. This four-week program involves classes in English, math, reading and learning skills.

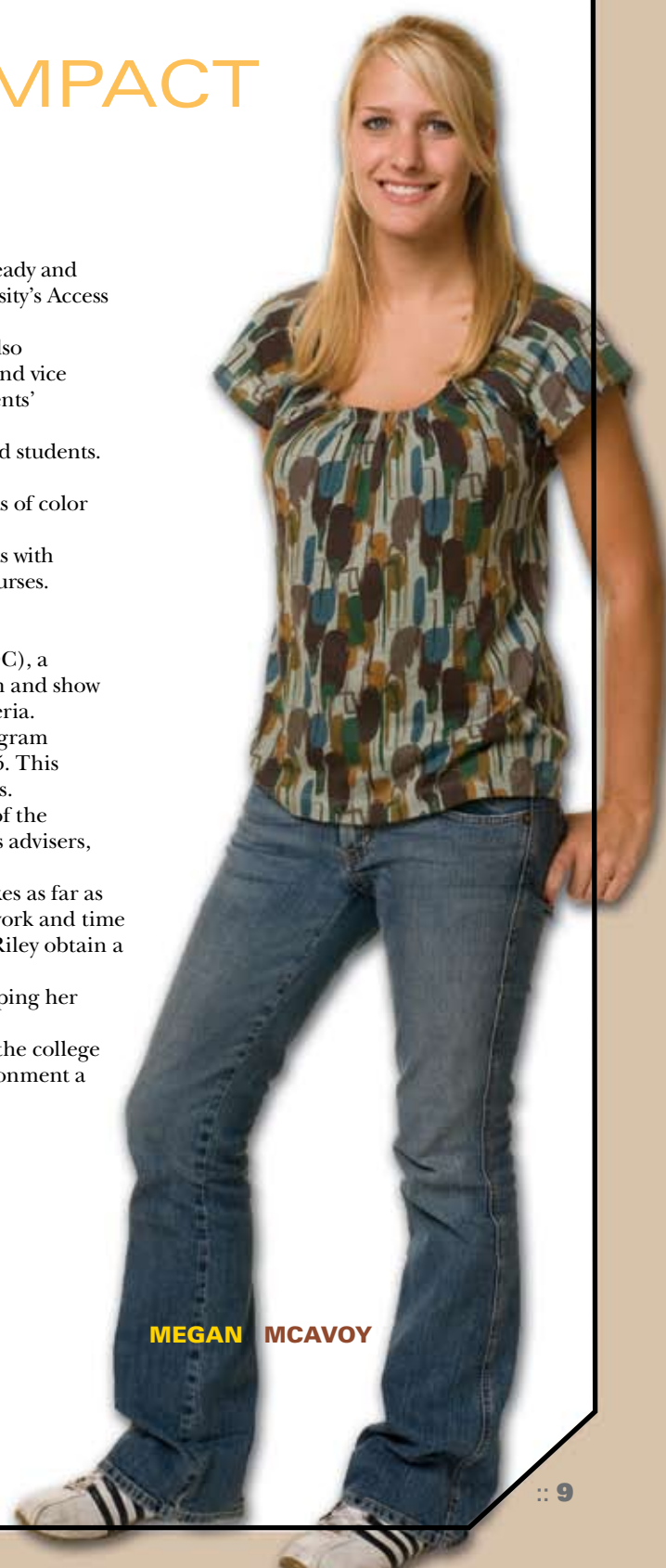
Then, when Riley’s regular fall semester classes started, she took advantage of the tutoring resources on campus and gained academic support from one of AOC’s advisers, Vicki Provost.

“Vicki was very open to what I had to say, and worked with my likes and dislikes as far as picking out classes that had my best interest versus classes that required more work and time – a great listener,” says Riley. Provost also gave financial aid advice and helped Riley obtain a job with AOC as an office assistant.

Riley credits AOC and a peer mentor from UWM’s LINKS program with helping her through freshman year and transition to higher education.

With her self-confidence boosted by an “A” in English 102, Riley leaped into the college experience with gusto. She’s one of those students who found the college environment a much better fit than high school.

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MEGAN MCAVOY



At a summer orientation session before her first semester here, **Megan McAvoy** took advantage of an Access to Success opportunity and requested a faculty mentor. She was paired with Kathryn Dindia, a professor in UWM's Communication Department.

"She was so helpful," says McAvoy. In addition to academic pointers, Dindia encouraged McAvoy to get involved outside the classroom. After learning

that her mentee was interested in volunteering, Dindia steered her to UWM's Center for Volunteerism and Student Leadership. They also talked about campus clubs related to McAvoy's career goals.

McAvoy has her sights on a job in advertising or public relations, so UWM's Ad Club was a natural fit. She credits her experiences with the club for connecting her with professionals in Milwaukee advertising agencies and public relations firms. Ad Club speakers, she says, also helped her know "where I would want to work and where I wouldn't want to work." She plans to join the UWM chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PSRA) this semester.

Other activities are just for fun. McAvoy enjoys playing volleyball with friends at the Klotsche Center. She was captain of an intramural dodgeball team during her first semester here, and has helped organize a campus skydiving club.



Brandy Riley says she wasn't very social in high school. "One of my goals was to become engaged with campus life," she says. "I was determined to find my niche in a campus organization."

Riley's goal is to become a broadcast journalist, and her "home away from home" on campus has become the student chapter of the Minority Media Association. "It's the first organization that I've taken a lead in," she says, "and since it's a new organization, I'm very passionate about it."

Riley also has become an advocate for UWM, often speaking to prospective students at recruitment events. Her enthusiasm is contagious as she encourages high-schoolers to "be ready to tackle your college experience!"

Riley would like to launch a mentoring program for community youth. She also sees herself as a voice for students already on campus. "I think my input is helping new students with issues such as adjusting to college or feeling accepted."

When she talks to high-schoolers, Brandy Riley describes UWM as "a diverse campus with opportunities around every corner."

Megan McAvoy puts it this way: "I love it!"

Access to Success reinforces their messages.

It takes a community

The Access to Success plan recognizes that to be a success, the entire UWM community must embrace its goals and actions. In January, Riley and McAvoy joined seven fellow students on a panel to discuss the Access to Success experience with campus administrators. The discussion covered everything from clubs to dorm life to classes.

“We responded to questions about everything from whether it was hard to study for midterms and finals in the dorms, to how students who didn’t live in the dorms got involved with campus clubs,” says McAvoy.

“It felt good to help with Access to Success.”

Numbers tell the story, too

While students like Brandy Riley and Megan McAvoy are testimony to the impact of the Access to Success initiative, the numbers also tell the story.

In its initial year (2005), Access to Success programs such as first-year courses, tutoring, the summer Bridge program and supplemental instruction made a difference for undergraduate students at UWM, leading to higher retention and graduation rates, says Provost Rita Cheng. (See Chart 2.)

CHART 2

ACCESS TO SUCCESS ONE-YEAR RETENTION RATE INCREASES: PARTICIPANTS VERSUS NON-PARTICIPANTS 2005-06 COHORT

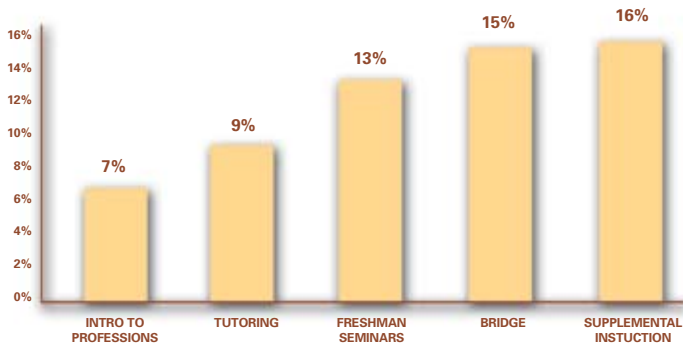
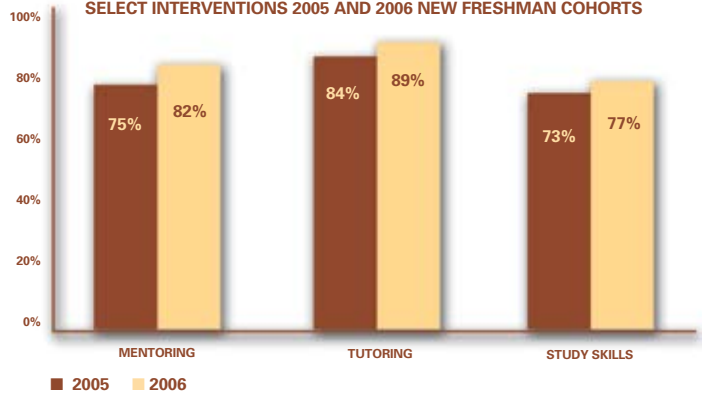


CHART 3

ACCESS TO SUCCESS ONE-YEAR SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE BY SELECT INTERVENTIONS 2005 AND 2006 NEW FRESHMAN COHORTS



The second freshman cohort (2006) had higher satisfactory-performance rates for Access to Success participants than the 2005 cohort – that is, the programs were more successful. (See Chart 3.)

“We’ve seen that Access to Success initiatives are having a positive impact,” Cheng says. “For 2007, we are working to increase participation. While some programs such as Freshman Seminars touch much of the freshman class, others, such as supplemental instruction, need to reach more students who would benefit from the extra attention.”

Participation did increase in 2006. (See Chart 4.)

Looking ahead

With the help of input from students like Riley and McAvoy, there are exciting developments for Access to Success during the upcoming academic year.

A new Student Success Center is being established that will bring Access to Success initiatives such as tutoring, undergraduate research and mentoring together in one administrative home.

Learning Communities are being expanded. Members of these communities attend many of their classes together. Special events are being planned outside the classroom to enhance student learning and allow students to develop relationships with faculty members and classmates.

Access to Success already is having an impact on student achievement. It looks toward even greater success in the future.

CHART 4

ACCESS TO SUCCESS PARTICIPATION INCREASES, 2005-2006	
Freshman Mentoring Network	173%
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program	150%
Math Course Re-Design	100%
Supplemental Instruction	48%
Summer Bridge Program	24%



GIFT WILL ENDOW PROFESSORSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ED

By Kathy Quirk

The UWM School of Education has received a significant donation to establish the school's first endowed professorship.

The gift, from Mary and Ted Kellner, will be used to establish the Kellner Distinguished Professorship in Education.

"I've been involved with the Next Door Foundation's early childhood programs, and I've seen how important it is for children to get a good start, especially when they don't come from privileged backgrounds," says Mary Kellner ('78). "So many children get to school and they start behind and they never catch up."

Because the School of Education has a strong focus on urban education and a comprehensive and rapidly growing early childhood education program, she says, endowing a professorship was an option that made sense. "UWM is a gem in the community – it's a Milwaukee school and it just fit with my interests and being on the UWM Foundation Board."

Committed to education

Mary Kellner, who earned a master's degree in Educational Psychology from UWM, has a long-standing interest in helping children overcome economic and educational disparities. She is a trustee for the Faye McBeath Foundation, and has served as president of the Next Door Foundation Board. She is on the boards of the Nehemiah Project and the UWM Foundation, and volunteers with Junior Achievement. She is currently completing her doctorate in Education Leadership at Cardinal Stritch University, writing her dissertation about the culture of a successful urban school and what makes it work.

Ted Kellner, who is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Fiduciary Management Inc., is also interested in education issues, though he focuses on higher education. He is a former chairman of the University of Wisconsin Foundation Board of Directors. The

Kellners also have contributed to the School of Education and the Lubar School of Business through the Kellner Scholarship Fund.

The endowed professorship is structured to have a new faculty member filling it every five years. "I liked that idea," says Mary Kellner, "because it gives a chance for different people to take part in it. If they're doing something cutting-edge, it might offer them a little more funding to do what they need to do and achieve their goals."

The term allows a faculty member to conduct significant research in the field and make an impact on students and other faculty, says Kellner, but at the same time assures a fresh scholarly perspective every five years.

The endowment will help enhance the professor's salary, provide support for a graduate research assistant and make additional funds available for travel, supplies, research and other expenses.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR UWM FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN NEARS ITS GOAL

The Campaign for UWM, the \$100 million comprehensive fund-raising effort to support access and research at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, is near to meeting its goal. Announced in January 2006, the campaign has received donations and commitments for \$97,264,975 through Aug. 31 of this year.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007, the university raised over \$26 million. Recently announced major gifts include:

- **\$2.5 million from David O. Nicholas ('87) to establish the David O. Nicholas Applied Finance Lab at the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business. Equipped with state-of-the art professional databases, streaming financial news, financial software and high-power, dual-monitor computers, the lab will feature the same technology and real-time market data, analysis and news available to professional traders in investment firms.**
- **\$1.25 million from Mary ('78) and Ted Kellner for the School of Education to establish the Kellner Distinguished Professorship in Education, to be awarded to a faculty member who demonstrates leadership in research in early childhood education as well as excellence in teaching (see story at left). The gift will also support an endowed scholarship fund for low-income minority students.**
- **A \$1 million planned gift from campaign co-chair Gale E. Klappa ('72) to establish the Gale and Judi Klappa Scholarship Fund in the College of Letters and Science. The endowed scholarships are intended to prepare students in Journalism and Mass Communication to succeed as writers in a business setting and/or as journalists covering corporate and financial matters.**
- **\$300,000 from KBS Construction to support the operations of the UWM Research Foundation. The foundation's primary purpose is to further research and innovation at UWM by supporting the patenting and licensing process, assisting with research commercialization, providing funding for scholarships and grants, and engaging in corporate partnering activities to that end.**
- **\$250,000 from La Macchia Enterprises for the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business to support La Macchia Enterprises Entrepreneur Interns and provide professional development for students to attend national and regional entrepreneurship conferences. In addition, the gift will establish an annual business-plan competition in the Lubar School, set to launch this fall, and will provide support for the Center for Technology Innovation.**
- **\$212,000 from the estate of Jacob Bernheim for the UWM Libraries' American Geographical Society Library (AGSL). The gift will be used to establish an endowment to strengthen and promote AGSL collections and services.**

Alongside these and other major gifts, a key to the success of the campaign is the increasingly broad base of philanthropic support for the university. Most gifts to UWM come through the Annual Fund, either from the student-staffed Telefund program or via the mail. Donors support the school or program of their choice with funds that will be used in the current year to benefit their selected recipient. The Annual Fund had a strong year, including reaching the following milestones:

- **A 9 percent increase in the total dollars given from alumni (an increase of nearly \$50,000).**
- **More than 1,000 new donors.**

The Annual Fund is also reaching out to more alumni than ever before, including a mailing this spring sent to approximately 88,000 households. As each and every gift – no matter the size – counts toward the campaign total, this broad outreach and support will help the campaign successfully meet its goal. For more information on the Annual Fund, contact Chris Ciancimino at 414-229-3175 or ciancim@uwm.edu.

A major gift from Mary ('78) and Ted Kellner will promote research and teaching excellence in early childhood education.

A growing program

“Our Early Childhood Education program has increased in size significantly in recent years, and this generous gift will allow us to focus research and teaching efforts on this vital area of education,” says Education Dean Alfonso Thurman. “This endowed professorship will enhance our efforts to develop the best practices in preparing early childhood educators, particularly teachers who will be working in urban programs.”

UWM’s School of Education, which currently has more than 2,800 students in bachelor’s to doctoral-level programs, prepares most of the teachers going into Milwaukee Public Schools, and prepares more teachers overall than any other school in the state. The Early Childhood Education Program, which educates teachers working with young children both in schools and in child care settings, has more than doubled in size in recent years.

“Study after study has shown the positive long-term impact of quality early childhood education on lifetime achievement, especially for children who face early economic disadvantages,” says Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago.

In recent years, he adds, the business community has begun to recognize the value of investing in education at an early age. “An educated work force is vitally important to successful economic growth,” Santiago says. “This gift from the Kellners represents a major investment in educating our youngest children, who will eventually determine this region’s future.”

GIFT TO UWM'S COMMUNITY NURSING CENTERS HELPS IMPROVE **ACCESS TO CARE**

By Kathy Quirk

Imagine taking a child screaming with pain from an earache on an hour-plus bus ride across town to an emergency room.

Now imagine being able to take a short walk or 10-minute trip to a clinic in your neighborhood and be taught how to deal with such episodes in the future.

That child with the earache is an example Sally Lundeen, dean of UWM's College of Nursing, often uses to illustrate the difference UWM's three community-based nursing clinics are making to those with limited access to medical care.

Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the ABB Foundation, the three nursing centers, which serve uninsured and underinsured individuals and families, will be able to increase their outreach to the community.

"They do good work for underprivileged people," says Ahmad Ashour, strategic operational excellence manager at ABB Inc. in New Berlin, who was instrumental in getting ABB involved in supporting the community clinics.

The money will help fund portable information technology that nursing center workers can use to support the centers' clinical work outside typical clinic exam rooms – in the neighborhoods where people live, work, learn and play, says Lundeen.

This ties in with research and work the College of Nursing is doing on health informatics, particularly in documenting care and treatment to improve health outcomes. Keeping track of crucial health information for clients who may find it



Jean Bell-Calvin, director of UWM's Silver Spring Community Nursing Center, and Ahmad Ashour, strategic operational excellence manager at ABB Inc., display the giant check representing ABB's gift.

difficult to access the health care system through regular visits to the same provider is often challenging, Lundeen says.

ABB Inc., an international firm specializing in power and automation technologies for utility and industry customers, has an interest in supporting good health care, says Ashour. Ashour is married to Kim Wintersberger, the former assistant director of corporate and foundation relations at UWM's Office of Development. When he learned about the important work the health care centers were doing in the community on a shoestring budget, he was impressed. "I said, 'Let's see what I can do.'" He then took the lead in approaching ABB's national foundation for funding.



This gift will make it possible to expand the provision of services to those who need it most through the use of health information technology.

The three centers – the Silver Spring Community Nursing Center, the House of Peace Community Nursing Center and the Riverwest Pierce Community Nursing Center – provide primary health care and health promotion services to thousands who have no other access to services. UWM nursing faculty and students provide primary care and intensive case management for chronic illnesses as well as preventive/wellness programs such as immunizations, physicals, health education, and nutrition and exercise classes.

Since the first UWM nursing center was established in Milwaukee more than 20 years ago, the centers have provided more than 90,000 visits to uninsured and underinsured adults, teens and children. Successes include a 97 percent teen pregnancy prevention rate in an area that traditionally had high teen pregnancy rates.

“These centers do great work in providing primary care, wellness programs and education. They help keep people out of emergency rooms and support them to be effective in self-management of many chronic conditions, including hypertension and diabetes,” says Lundeen.

The centers accomplish all of this without a reliable source of funding from year to year. “That’s why we are extremely grateful to donors like ABB and individuals like Ahmad Ashour for their help and support.”

For more information on the community nursing centers and how to get involved in supporting them, contact Jennifer Clearwater in the Office of Development at 414-229-3175 or jenwater@uwm.edu.



REMEMBERING ROGER FITZSIMONDS

By Brad Stratton

Roger Fitzsimonds earned his first degree from UW–Milwaukee in 1960, then spent portions of the next five decades giving back to his alma mater. Mr. Fitzsimonds died in March at the age of 68.

Mr. Fitzsimonds had a long career in banking and finance in Wisconsin, beginning in 1964 as a management trainee with the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee. The company went through several name changes and acquisitions as he ascended the corporate ladder of what today is part of U.S. Bancorp. Along the way, he was president and chief operating officer of First Wisconsin, and president and chief operating officer and later chairman and chief executive officer of Firststar Corporation. He retired in 1999.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Mr. Fitzsimonds also earned an MBA from UWM in 1971 and was awarded in May 1989 an honorary doctorate in Commercial Science.

Among his many UWM commitments, Mr. Fitzsimonds was a director of the UWM Foundation from 1977 to 1991 and served as its president from 1980 to 1985. The foundation showed its appreciation for his exceptional service by electing him a distinguished director. He also was a past president of the School of Business Administration Advisory Council. In 2003, he established the Roger L. Fitzsimonds Scholarly Achievement Fund within the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business with a major personal gift. The fund promotes scholarly excellence among faculty and doctoral students.

He served as chair for the university's Key to the Future Campaign (1981-84) and co-chair of the Second Century Campaign (1986-89). Both exceeded their goals and together raised nearly \$17 million.

“Roger Fitzsimonds exemplifies the outstanding individuals who, during our university's first 50 years, graduated from UWM and subsequently made several significant contributions to the university,” said Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago. “I am among many people who in the years to come will continue to be grateful for all he did.”

Mr. Fitzsimonds also was very active in numerous community organizations, among them Columbia Health System Inc., Greater Milwaukee Committee, Horizon Healthcare Inc., Medical College of Wisconsin, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.



JOE PICCIOLO

PANTHER PROWL 2007

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

By Peppy O'Neill

Runners and walkers can get their striding shoes ready. The third annual Panther Prowl 5-K Run/Walk event will kick off at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, on the UWM campus in pursuit of scholarship funds for deserving UWM students.

Sponsored by the UWM Alumni Association, the certified 5-K event will also benefit programming efforts aimed at UWM alums. The popular Panther Prowl route, which crosses the campus and winds in and out of Upper Lake Park, will remain the same.

Last year, nearly 800 striders participated in the Prowl, raising more than \$150,000 including in-kind services and donated items. The goal in 2007 is to attract at least 1,000 runners and walkers, including many who will participate as part of a team for the first time.

Registration is under way on the Web site at www.pantherprowl.net. The fees

are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and children.

Participants may also register by filling in and submitting the form in the Panther Prowl 2007 brochure, which is inserted in this edition of UWM Today.

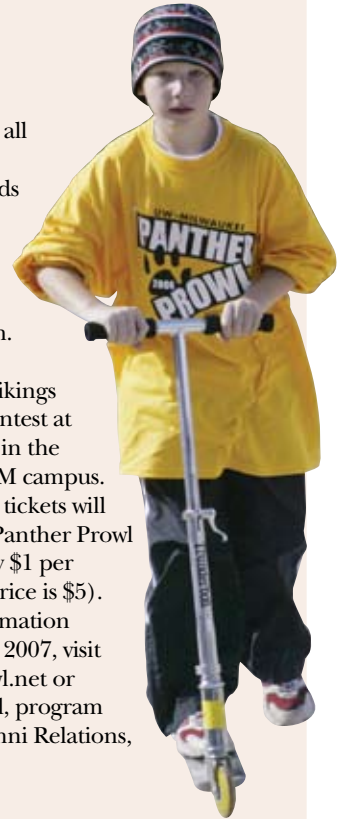
Last-minute entrants can sign up on the day of the event in the UWM Union Concourse, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 9:45 a.m.

The registration fee includes a high-quality, long-sleeved T-shirt, special gift bag, food and refreshments, and entertainment.

Awards will be presented at the Panther Prowl Post-Party on Spaight's Plaza right after the Prowl is completed. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age bracket, top overall female and male finishers, fastest team, largest team and top pledge-raising team.

After the party, all runners, walkers, families and friends are encouraged to stick around campus to cheer on the Panther men's soccer team. They take on the Cleveland State Vikings in a 12:30 p.m. contest at Engelmann Field in the center of the UWM campus. Super-discounted tickets will be on sale at the Panther Prowl Post-Party for only \$1 per person (regular price is \$5).

For more information on Panther Prowl 2007, visit www.pantherprowl.net or call Peppy O'Neill, program manager for Alumni Relations, at 414-906-4655.



2007 UWM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Fourteen graduates of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee are recipients of this year’s UWM Alumni Association awards. Awardees were honored at the 2007 Awards Reception in May, which marked the culmination of UWM’s 50th anniversary celebration. Special Life Achievement and Distinguished Alumnus award winners also were recognized at Spring Commencement.



Special Life Achievement Award

This special award is designed to recognize outstanding and original life experiences and accomplishments. In the history of the UWM Alumni Association, only eight alumni have received the award.

JOHN K. IGLEHART Founding Editor, Health Affairs

Few people have equaled John K. Iglehart’s journalistic standing in the field of national health care policy. Iglehart (’61 BS Journalism) has been covering health-related issues for more than 35 years, and his work is known nationally and internationally.

As an essayist and national correspondent, he has written more words for The New England Journal of Medicine than any of its writers in the publication’s 190-plus-year history.

In the 1980s he created the policy journal Health Affairs, which deals with medical, political and health issues, and he continues to edit it. The Washington Post referred to Health Affairs as the “bible of health policy.”

Health Affairs is read by more than 60 percent of the staff members of congressional committees with jurisdiction over health care – more than quadruple the readership rate of any other health publication.

Because of his accomplishments, Iglehart last year received Academy Health’s prestigious Chair Award, which recognizes national leaders who have significantly contributed to moving health services research into policy and practice. He serves on numerous professional boards, including that of the National Academy of Sciences. He has also been a journalist-in-residence at Harvard University.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDS



Gregory Banaszynski
Distinguished Alumnus in the
Field of Health Sciences

Gregory Banaszynski ('76 BBA Marketing) is often consulted for his knowledge and expertise in emerging health care technology.

Currently he is president and CEO of SynergyHealth Inc. in Washington County, Wis. Banaszynski has been the leader of several large non- and for-profit health care providers and hospital systems since 1977.

From July 2001 to January 2006 he served as president and CEO of Fort Healthcare of Fort Atkinson, Wis. Banaszynski's accomplishments at Fort Healthcare include leading a \$40 million hospital expansion and renovation, and the development of the first partnered regional cancer care center with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Banaszynski has supported UWM by serving on the Advisory Board of the College of Health Sciences, where he has taken the lead in raising corporate funds for student scholarships and has helped raise more than \$100,000 towards scholarships. Through SynergyHealth Inc. he has been instrumental in securing internship opportunities for students in the Health Care Administration program.

With two daughters now attending UWM, Banaszynski proudly claims even more reasons to be a "Panther Backer."



Wilfred W. Fong
Distinguished Alumnus in the
Field of Library and Information Science

Wilfred W. Fong ('85 MLIS), a former faculty member in the UWM School of Information Studies (SOIS), is associate dean and acting director of IT programs of the Faculty of Business and Information Technology at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa.

A founding faculty member of that newly established university, he developed the Master of Information Technology Security program, the first and only program of its kind in Canada. He also developed a Bachelor of Information Technology program, which offers specialties in game development and entrepreneurship, networking and IT security with Cisco Network Academy partnership.

As Resource Center manager and later assistant dean at SOIS, Fong helped develop the school's program, which has grown to become one of the largest and most prominent in the country. He also provided support for the school's first online and hybrid courses, and joined other SOIS faculty in teaching library and information science courses and training librarians in Mexico, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Malaysia, Egypt, India and other places around the world.

He assisted Professor Mohammed Aman, former SOIS dean, in developing the MiTech/IT2000 project, which trained thousands of minority and disadvantaged high school students to use computer and information technology. Funded by the Helen Bader Foundation and the Private Industry Council, the program received national attention and received the U.S Department of Labor's Region V award for best practices.

In addition to his master's degree from UWM, Fong earned his B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Western Ontario.

His publications have appeared in several journals, and his first book, "Information Resources on the Information Superhighway," was published in 1998. Fong currently is an editor of the Journal of Library and Information Science.

Fong was an active member of the UWM Alumni Association Board of Trustees from 1997-2003. He is a life member of the Asian-American Librarians Association and the Chinese-American Librarians Association, serving as its president in 1995-96. He often visits UWM when he is in Milwaukee.



Patricia A. Frost

Distinguished Alumnus in the Field of Art and Design

Patricia A. Frost ('77 MA Architecture), principal/architect with PACE Architects SC, Milwaukee, is a contemporary groundbreaker.

When she finished her master's degree in architecture, there were fewer than a handful of women in her graduating class. With fellow alum Cynthia Ethington ('81), AIA, she founded PACE Architects in 1986, one of the first women-owned architecture practices in Wisconsin.

Today, PACE is one of the top 24 architecture firms in Milwaukee and has become a working model for subsequent women-owned practices. Her firm's experience ranges from educational and child care buildings to specialty retail, medical and corporate office facilities.

In addition to professional organizations, a number of groups benefit from Frost's commitment to community service, including Professional Dimensions, Junior Achievement, Taliesin Preservation and Wisconsin Women=Prosperity, an economic development effort.

From the day she graduated from UWM, Frost has remained involved, helping to establish the first SARUP Alumni Association in the 1970s. She became a member of the SARUP Dean's Club in 1992, a group that has collectively established a \$1 million endowment dedicated to student scholarships.



David O. Nicholas

Distinguished Alumnus in the Field of Business

David O. Nicholas ('87 MS Finance) has transitioned The Nicholas Company into the next generation of family leadership during a rapidly changing investment and economic environment. The Nicholas Company has encouraged entrepreneurship by investing primarily in small to medium businesses and has \$3.5 billion in assets under management.

His father, Albert (Ab) Nicholas, who founded The Nicholas Company in 1967, urged his son to get work experience with another firm before joining The Nicholas Company. David Nicholas started his career as a credit analyst at First Wisconsin Bank.

He joined The Nicholas Company in 1986 as a stock analyst. Respected for his work ethic and values-oriented leadership, he earned increasing responsibility within the firm, becoming president and chief investment officer in 1998.

Active in the community, Nicholas is a board member of the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation, and a member of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce and the Milwaukee Investment Analysts Society. Along with his wife, Lori, he founded the Highlander Basketball Club in Mequon.

His support of UWM also has remained strong. He is an active member of the business school's Advisory Council and the UWM Foundation Board of Directors, where he serves as Investment Committee chair. He also is a staunch backer of Panther athletics. In 2004, David and Lori established the David O. Nicholas Family Scholarship, the first funded scholarship for men's basketball at UWM.

In April, Nicholas announced a \$2.5 million gift to establish the David O. Nicholas Applied Finance Lab in the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business. The lab will be profiled in a future issue of UWM Today.

GOLD AWARDS: GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE



John Bell
College of Letters & Science

Following a successful 15-year career as an executive in the food industry, John Bell (PhD Biological Sciences '03) decided to pursue his lifelong dream of doctoral research in plant ecology and evolution. His pioneering dissertation work on plant pollination and paternity led to recognition by the Botanical Society of America. In 2003, he won the prestigious Karling Research Award.

After graduation, Bell began working as a principal ecologist and corporate vice president for Applied Ecological Services Inc., an environmental consulting and ecological research company based in Brodhead, Wis.

Bell recently authored a grant backed by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, and is leading a partnership of faculty from UWM to provide technical assistance for Romania's sustainable redevelopment efforts in regions heavily affected by mining and ecotoxicological waste by-products.

Bell continues to be involved in academic research at UWM. With the support of his employer, he established a grants program which provides awards up to \$7,500 for individual graduate research in ecology. He and his employer also helped restore a six-acre prairie at the UWM Field Station, planting native wildflowers to support bumblebee populations. The bees have been the subject of a study supported by two major grants from the National Science Foundation.



Angela S. Brunhart
Helen Bader School of
Social Welfare

Angela S. Brunhart's personal mission statement reads: "To bring compassion, caring and my personal best to any initiative I embrace in order to ensure that each person, group, community or organization is strengthened by my efforts."

In September 2006, Brunhart ('97 MSW, '77 BS Sociology/Clinical Psychology) became executive director of the Waukesha Training Center, an organization that provides job-related training and opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

Her career includes Children's Service Society of Wisconsin from 1997 to 2000, where she developed and implemented a statewide foster parent training initiative. From 2000 to 2003, she was executive director of Milwaukee Children's Village, and from 2003 to 2006, president/CEO of St. Rose Youth and Family Center Inc., the oldest child welfare organization in Wisconsin. Brunhart led St. Rose's effort to strengthen the Family Reunification program to maintain the parent/child connection while the parent or parents were incarcerated.

As a management consultant with Aurora Family Services, she coordinated staff training. As a crisis counselor with FEI Behavioral Health Training, Brunhart has worked with victims of three airline accidents, 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Since 2002, she also has served as a trainer and advocate with the National Council for Adoption through a federal grant.

Her community and volunteer work includes Future Milwaukee, Leadership Waukesha, Professional Dimensions and the Downtown Milwaukee Rotary Club. As a Rotarian, she has been involved in Reading Is Fundamental at Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) grade schools, has been a volunteer mentor at Riverside University High School and has developed programming for two MPS grade schools that emphasizes the importance of achieving a high school diploma and completing postsecondary education.

She also has served as a guest lecturer to classes at UWM; Concordia, Cardinal Stritch and Marquette universities; UW-Parkside; and MATC. In the UWM Alumni Association, Brunhart serves on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Leadership Committee of the annual Panther Prowl 5K Run/Walk.



Simone Conceição
School of Education

Simone Conceição ('97 MS Adult and Continuing Education, '92 BA Anthropology) is an assistant professor in the UWM School of Education's Department of Administrative Leadership.

Conceição's area of expertise is adult learning and distance education. She has co-authored and written chapters for several books, as well as many chapters for peer-reviewed journals. She has presented her work at seminars around the world and collaborated on projects with numerous colleagues both in the U.S. and abroad.

In the fall of 2006, she received the Early Career Award from the Commission of Professors in Adult Education. This award, based on selection by peers, is given to one outstanding professional nationwide.

She teaches graduate courses in the Department of Administrative Leadership's master's and doctoral degree programs, and is the coordinator of the online master's program in adult and continuing education leadership. She has developed and implemented online courses and has fostered technology use in both the School of Education and the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. She has also given guest lectures in the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business and School of Information Studies.

Conceição is an active volunteer at the university, with a particular focus on projects aimed at preserving and promoting the rights of women and minorities. She has also been a trustee on the UWM Alumni Association Board.

A native of Brazil, she is active in Milwaukee's Brazilian community. She helped found the Brazilian Association in Milwaukee, and serves as its education adviser. The organization promotes Brazilian culture, provides services to Brazilians in the area and offers support to new arrivals from Brazil and other South American countries – including new students at UWM.



Michael Doyle
School of Information Studies

Michael Doyle ('00 MLIS) is head of the Archives Department in the Division of Archives and Special Collections of the UWM Libraries.

In addition to that position as senior academic librarian, Doyle has delivered guest lectures and served as an adjunct instructor in UWM's School of Information Studies.

He is deeply interested in topics pertaining to archives administration, including collection development, records management and preservation. He has published on the topics of archival reappraisal and deaccessioning, gay and lesbian archives, and Milwaukee's gay and lesbian history.

Doyle helped the UWM Libraries conduct an experimental online auction to generate revenue from the sale of duplicate and other unneeded items. As head of the Archives Department, he has been involved in numerous special projects, including efforts to better align the department's manuscript collections with the instructional and research needs of the campus, invigorate the university's records management program and preserve endangered special-format materials. From 2006-07, he served as chair of the University of Wisconsin System Archives Committee.

In addition, he has served as archival consultant to America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, the Paper Discovery Center in Appleton and the St. Francis Historical Society.

His professional memberships and service activities include the Society of American Archivists, the Midwest Archives Conference, the Library Council of Southeastern Wisconsin and the Milwaukee LGBT History Project.

In addition to his UWM degree, he earned his B.A. in English from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate in literature from the University of California.



Frances Antoinette Hardrick
College of Engineering and Applied Science

Frances Antoinette Hardrick ('02 MS Electrical Engineering) is working with cutting-edge technology that will ultimately have a positive impact on the environment and the community.

As a senior engineer with We Energies, Hardrick is working on the installation of Mercury Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant.

She also has provided engineering support at other power plants, such as the Milwaukee County Power Plant and Oak Creek Power Plant. Previously, she was an engineer with Siemens Fossil Power Corp.

In the community, Hardrick has been active as a mentor with the YMCA and a supporter of the Dream Chasing College Tour.

She also has been involved in the College of Engineering and Applied Science's Constituent Alumni Association (CEAS CAA), is a supporter of the annual CEAS alumni Panther basketball outings and has represented We Energies during the college's Industry Expo career fairs.



Nancy Kreuser
College of Nursing

Nancy Kreuser ('98 PhD Nursing), chief health officer of Wauwatosa, is recognized statewide as a leader in public health issues.

In Wauwatosa, she secured funding and provided leadership for a community-wide assessment. Results of that assessment included a focus on issues affecting the elderly population and championing a smoke-free environment. Wauwatosa is currently the only tobacco-free community in the Milwaukee area.

She has also provided significant public health leadership at the local and state levels. Currently, she serves as chairperson of the Integrated and Electronic Data Committee for the Wisconsin State Health Plan, and she coordinates the Southeast Wisconsin Preparedness Coalition. In 2005, she received the Froedtert Hospital Hope and Spirit Award for Community Leadership.

In addition, Kreuser secured funding for scholarships for the first Wisconsin team of public health workers to attend the Management Academy for Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

Kreuser has maintained a strong affiliation with the College of Nursing. She participates on the Advisory Committee of the college's Continuing Education and Outreach Program, has taught epidemiology and biostatistics to graduate students and draws on the vast expertise of UWM faculty and staff as she develops public health policy. In turn, she continues to share her knowledge and experience with campus leadership as plans for a School of Public Health are crafted.

GOLD AWARDS: GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE



Steven Riley Le Moine
College of Health Sciences

Steven Riley Le Moine ('00 BS Health Care Administration) has managed to give back as a student and as a professional while fast-tracking his career.

As an undergraduate, Le Moine was student chapter president of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, conducting research on stroke rehabilitation under the mentorship of UWM Professor Mary K. Madsen. He led two Habitat for Humanity alternative spring break trips and traveled to Thailand with the UWM chapter of the Burma Refugee Relief Coalition.

Le Moine received his Master of Health Administration and a Certificate in Information Systems in 2004 from Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia Campus. He is director of cardiovascular services at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn, Mich. Previously, Le Moine served as associate administrator at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

His dedication to community service continues. Le Moine is active in Habitat for Humanity, meets with groups of undergraduate students and speaks about his graduate school experience to students considering an advanced degree. He also emphasizes the importance of his role as father to "three beautiful children."



Patrick Sims
Peck School of the Arts

Patrick Sims ('00 MFA Acting, Professional Theatre Training Program) plays a number of professional roles – actor, assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Drama at UW–Madison, and founder and director of the Theater for Cultural and Social Awareness at UW–Madison.

His acting career includes stage, film and television credits. In addition, he focuses on theater-based outreach as it relates to diversity, and cultural and social awareness training.

For example, as an education artist with the Milwaukee Repertory Theater in 2003, Sims toured Milwaukee Public Schools with an autobiographical, one-person show entitled "Look at Me Now!" Written by Sims, the play relates a racially charged incident that occurred when he was in fourth grade and alludes to the themes of hope, life choices and surviving an urban environment. Dedicated to his grandmother, it shares her "words of wisdom."

As artistic director of the Human Experience Theatre at UWM, and founder and director of the Theatre for Cultural and Social Awareness in Madison, Sims has provided companies, schools and nonprofit organizations with staff training that uses theater to explore sensitive subject matter.

Also a playwright, Sims has written "The Walnut Way" and "Ten Perfect." "The Walnut Way" is based on a series of interviews with former residents of Walnut Way, a vibrant 1940s African American community in Milwaukee. "Ten Perfect" is inspired by the life of James Cameron, the founder of America's Black Holocaust Museum, who survived a lynching attempt in 1938. (Cameron, who died last year at age 92, received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from UWM in 1999.)



Paula Verboomen
School of Architecture &
Urban Planning

Paula Verboomen ('98 MA Architecture) is an architect and senior associate with HGA Architects and Engineers. Based in Milwaukee, the firm also has offices in Minneapolis and Rochester, Minn., and in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco, Calif.

An award-winning architect, Verboomen's work with HGA includes the Milwaukee County Zoo's Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Center, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, the Lynde & Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School, and the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Her project work on the Discovery World Museum at Pier Milwaukee earned the 2006 Midwest Construction Magazine's Cultural Project of the Year Award. Also, the versatile architect was recognized as a "Forty Under 40" professional by The Milwaukee Business Journal last year.

In addition, Verboomen strives to help young people in the Milwaukee community reach their potential by conducting seminars for high schools, hosting "job shadows" and supporting career-building programs such as "Pearls for Girls."

She has been active in SARUP's Architecture Summer Camp for high school students since 1999. And she actively raises funds for the Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship at UWM, which assists young women studying architecture.

CLASSNOTES

1960s

Richard Lee Dawley ('66 MS Education, '58 BS) has written and published his fourth book, "Amish Snowbirds," a journal of his two months of research in a unique settlement in Pinecraft, Fla. His other books are "Amish Assimilation," "Amish: Journey in Contentment" and "Amish in Wisconsin." Profits are donated to Amish settlements for extraordinary medical expenses or school needs. Dawley is the recipient of a 1997 UWM Alumni Association GOLD Award. dawley@voyager.net.

Michael LeMay ('67 MS Political Science, '66 BS) has been named a College of Letters and Arts Alumnus of Notable Achievement by the University of Minnesota, where he took his PhD in 1971. He is professor emeritus from California State University-San Bernardino, where he served as director of the National Security Studies Program, chairman of the Department of Political Science and assistant dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He is the author of 18 books, most recently "Guarding the Gates: Immigration and National Security" (2006: Praeger International).



Milton Coleman ('68 BFA Music), deputy managing editor of the Washington Post, was the recipient of The Milwaukee Press Club's 2007 Sacred Cat Award. He joined the Post in 1976 as a reporter on the Metro staff. He was named to his current position in 1996. He received a UWM Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1998.

1970s

Margaret J. Henningsen ('71 BA Sociology), founder and vice president of Legacy Bancorp and Legacy Bank in Milwaukee, received one of two Sacagawea Awards given annually by Professional Dimensions, a Milwaukee-based membership organization that promotes the professional and personal growth of women. The award recognizes career accomplishment and commitment to community.



SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

The approach to photographing Commencement doesn't change much – at least, not if you're a photographer graduating. UWM Photographic Services Senior Photographer Alan Magayne-Roshak caught colleague Peter Jakubowski photographing himself as he received his diploma in May. Alan supplied the clipping from the Milwaukee Journal showing himself doing the same thing in 1972. Jakubowski received his BFA in Photography; Magayne-Roshak has a BA in Art History.

UWM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

Three alumni were elected to serve on the UWM Alumni Association Board of Trustees. Election results were announced at the Alumni Association's annual meeting in April. Beginning their three-year term on July 1, 2007, are:

Ameera Ahmed ('03 BBA Marketing/Management Information Systems), account executive and market research analyst, ABRAZO.

Matthew Dumich ('03 MARCH, '99 BS Architectural Studies), architect, Valerio Dewalt Train Associates, Chicago.
Ellen Suttner ('91 BBA Marketing), senior business development manager, The Revere Group.

Five trustees were re-elected to another term on the Board:
Angie Brunhart ('77, '97)
Georgia Cameron ('80, '90)
Christine Faltz ('96)
Deryl Davis Fulmer ('90, '95)
Timothy Schoewe ('71)

Officers for 2007-08 elected at the Board's business meeting were:
President:
Christine Faltz ('96)
Vice President:
Lawrence Schnuck ('78, '86)
Secretary:
Allyson Nemecek ('90)
Treasurer:
Georgia Cameron ('80, '90)

Their terms of office began July 1, 2007.

The Nominating Committee accepts nominations for consideration throughout the year. If you or a UWM alum you know are interested in serving on the UWMAA Board of Trustees, contact Erin Harrass at eph@uwm.edu or 414-906-4662.

ALUM MAKES THE NUMBERS ADD UP

UWM CENTER DIRECTOR IS BREWERS' SCORER, HIGH SCHOOL COACH

By Claudia Ciske and Kathy Quirk

Tim O'Driscoll ('77 MS Curriculum & Instruction, '70 BS Secondary Education) is good at making the numbers add up. That's a useful skill in all of his careers. O'Driscoll, director of UWM's Center for Economic Education since January, also is the official scorer for the Milwaukee Brewers and the winningest high school baseball coach in Wisconsin history.

He was in the scorer's box at Miller Park on Opening Day, then back at the center working on plans for upcoming programs. And he continues to coach the Arrowhead High School team in Hartland, Wis.

His enthusiasm for his work enables him to do it all, he says.

Finding time for things you love

"You just find time for things you love," says O'Driscoll. "I'm very passionate about economic education, and I'm passionate about baseball and passionate about people. I just don't want to give up anything, because there are so many things that I want to keep on doing."

A former captain of UWM's baseball team, O'Driscoll decided in grade school that he wanted to be a teacher. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in the small Waukesha County community of Monches, with one teacher and 30 students in grades one to eight all learning together.

Helping out younger students fired O'Driscoll's interest. "I saw the excitement when they 'got' something you were trying to teach them. I knew in fifth grade that I wanted to be a teacher."

O'Driscoll taught at Arrowhead High School for 36 years before joining the UWM School of Education faculty in September 2006. He had worked with the Center for Economic Education's summer programs for many years before becoming director. Former director Mark Schug retired in December but is continuing to work with the center.

The center focuses on helping teachers prepare students for everyday decisions by improving their knowledge of personal finance and how the economic system works. The center's two-week summer program, the Youth Enterprise Academy, has been very successful in helping high school students,

many from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, learn to navigate the economic world successfully.

O'Driscoll, a social studies teacher, became involved in economics education when an Arrowhead colleague retired and he was asked to take over the classes. "I found I absolutely loved it [economics]," he says. He also served as chair of the high school's Social Studies Department and is active with numerous economics education organizations, including the Global Association for the Teaching of Economics.

Baseball in his blood

Baseball, of course, is his other passion. His grandfather played in the old-time Land O' Lakes league, where Tim O'Driscoll later played. His father, who organized the Lake Country area's first Little League team, also encouraged his son's baseball interest.

This summer, O'Driscoll coached his 1,000th high school baseball game for Arrowhead. He's had 30 seasons with 20 or more victories, 20 regional championships and a state championship, and was elected to the Wisconsin Baseball Hall of Fame.

He's modest, though, about the many victories. "All that really means is that I'm very old and have had some very good players." (Current UWM Baseball Head Coach Scott Doffek is one of his former players).

O'Driscoll has been scoring games for the Brewers for the past 20 years, earning a reputation for fairness and accuracy in keeping track of the runs, hits and errors. He's well-respected for his focus on accuracy and willingness to talk with coaches and

players to get their perspective on a play.

"I don't want to play God up there. I just want to get the call right," he told a writer for Inside Wisconsin Sports last year. In that same interview, he listed his top five most memorable baseball highlights: Robin Yount's 3,000th hit, the tied 2002 All-Star Game, Paul Molitor's hitting streak, the Brewers' move to Miller Park and Nolan Ryan's 300th victory.

O'Driscoll is the official scorer at most of the Brewers' home games. He hasn't been able to do them all because of conflicts with other work. When he was still teaching, for example, he chose not to skip school for games because he didn't want to set a bad example for his students.

In teaching and leading a center, as in baseball, he says, the key to working with young people is communication. "I think I've been very good at communicating with the kids, what their role is, selling them on the fact that they all have a vital role to play on the team and not everybody can bat third, and not everybody can be the starting shortstop or starting pitcher, but that they have a role to play."



CHAD HUG FOR INSIDE WISCONSIN SPORTS

Tim O'Driscoll scoring a Brewers game at Miller Park.

Jean M. (Reddemann) Weedman ('72 BS Secondary Education) has recently retired from a 34-year teaching career at Oak Creek High School. She has been involved with Historic Milwaukee Inc. for 12 years, including serving on its board of directors. Her work has involved environmental issues and prairie landscaping.

Robert DeVita ('73 MBA, '71 BBA) has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, one of the largest integrated regional health care delivery systems in Wisconsin.

John Bartel ('74 Journalism and Mass Communication), constituent alumni/advocacy coordinator for the UWM Alumni Association, has received a 2007 Professional Development Scholarship from the National Educational Alumni Trust (NEAT) to attend a professional development conference in 2007. NEAT is a not-for-profit organization that provides insurance and financial services to constituents of its 140 member associations.

Cherie K. Claussen ('77 MA Architecture, '75 BS Architectural Studies), principal/vice president and regional office director of Hammel, Green and Abrahamson Inc., has received the 2007 Golden Award from AIA Wisconsin, the state society of The American Institute of Architects. This is the highest honor that AIA Wisconsin can confer upon a member architect.



Norbert Kurth ('77 BBA Accounting) has been named corporate controller for MJ Care Inc., a Milwaukee-based health care services company providing physical, occupational and speech-language therapy.

Bruce Landis ('77 BA Russian) was appointed deputy assistant secretary for cyber-security and telecommunications for the Department of Homeland Security.

Bruce Kolb ('78 BBA Management) has been named chief financial officer and chief operating officer with MasterLink, CableMaster, and Suiters Distinctive Clothiers, based in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Architect **Martin Sell** ('78 MA, '76 BS Architecture) has been elected as the 2007 president of AIA Wisconsin, the state society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He is founder and president of RKETEK.com LLC, in Juneau.

Diana Ahmad ('79 MA History, '74 BA) has published a book, "The Opium Debate and Chinese Exclusion Laws in the Nineteenth-Century American West" (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2007). It discusses the links between smoking opium and the demands for Chinese exclusion that led to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. She is an associate professor of history at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

1980s
Sarah Bernstein ('83 MA Art History) is the director of research and systems for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee.

Sister Vicki Jean Chambers, SSND ('83 MLS), recently completed her first year as librarian at Memphis (Tenn.) Catholic Middle School. She also participates in the school's Office of Campus Ministry. This year she will offer a course, "Introduction to the Library." In May, she completed the two-year Spiritual Mentoring Program at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Jeanne Kreuser ('83 BA English) and **Joanne Kreuser** ('86 BFA Art) recently were ranked two of the top traditional holiday artisans in America in recognition of their handcrafted, painted canvas folk art. The ranking was made by a panel of experts convened by Early American Life magazine, a national magazine focusing on architecture, decorative arts, period style and social history. Joanne is the financial manager in UWM's Peck School of the Arts' Department of Music.

Walter Page ('84 MBA) has joined the Chicago office of American Realty Advisors as managing director of research and strategy. He previously was head of research and portfolio management for Equity Office Properties Trust.



Two photographs by Alan Magayne-Roshak ('72 Art History) have been accepted into the permanent collection of the Milwaukee Art Museum – "Foods" (left) and "Gas Pump" (above). Magayne-Roshak, senior photographer with UWM's Photographic Services, also is the featured artist for the 2007-08 UWM Bookstore academic-year calendar.

A WELL FOR TASSOBON

By Pita Lacenski ('03 Political Science/Philosophy)

I recently returned home from Niger (pronounced: knee-SHARE), West Africa, where I lived from January of 2005 until March of 2007 as a Peace Corps volunteer. Niger is a poor, poor, place: number 177 out of 177 countries on the United Nations list of developing countries. Niger is a hard place to live, a place where one in five children will not live to see his or her fifth birthday, where the life expectancy is just under 45, where less than one in five people can read and write.

In short, Niger is a desperately poor place with profound problems. However, I want Americans to understand that Niger, like Africa, is much more than its problems. It's a place filled with energy, tenacity, joy and hope.

I have now begun the complicated task of explaining to friends and family what my time in Niger was to me. The real difficulty lies not in trying to encapsulate two years of life and work into a 10-minute conversation, but in getting people to overcome their preconceptions about Africa.

I understand why Americans feel uneasy about Africa. Africa is a scary place, a place where malaria (a disease the United States all but eradicated from its soil by 1951) still kills over a million people a year, where someone dies of AIDS every 15 seconds and where food shortages and famine have become an annual event. It seems as if all we hear about African countries is famine, disease, conflict and death.

I want Americans to know that for every story of heartbreak and failure coming out of Africa, there are untold stories of triumph.

There was only one well in Tassobon when I arrived. Tassobon is an average-size village. There are about 1,000 people scattered among 11 hamlets. I lived in the central hamlet with the village chief, the locally elected representative and the primary school.

Women and girls gather at the old well in Tassobon, Niger. The entire town of 1,000 shared the well; during peak times, women often waited 30 minutes for one bucket of water.



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What Tassobon needed most

National regulations say there should be one well for every 333 people, but all 1,000 people in Tassobon shared the single well. Immediately a person can understand the problems this creates. During peak well times, early morning and dusk, women often waited 30 minutes for one bucket of water. All those women moving around the well raised the feculent dust into water standing in buckets, leading to an even greater likelihood of waterborne illness, and their continuous footsteps damaged the already desiccated land surrounding the well. When I asked the village elders what Tassobon needed most, the answer was unanimous: a well.

The process to get a development project like a well done in a village takes a long time. Like any developing country, Niger does not move at an American pace. So I immediately began the process of holding meetings with village men and then women. Niger is a conservative Muslim country; consequently, village meetings can only be effective when the genders are split. If women are at the same meeting as men, they defer to their husbands.

At the same time, I held meetings with nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in an attempt to get funding for our project. It was an incredibly frustrating – and fascinating – look into the internal politics of development work. The whole process, from the very first village meeting until we actually broke ground on the well, took 18 months.

A lot happened in that time. I gave up on trying to find funding from an NGO, and instead, with a lot of help from my family, raised the money from a web of friends, friends-of-friends, family, friends-of-family, neighbors of friends-of-family, and just random humanitarians. In all, we raised \$6,000.



During her Peace Corps assignment in Niger, Pita Lacenski (below, on the Niger River) raised \$6,000 to build a second well for Tassobon. Left: The nearly completed well. Bottom: The entire village contributed to the well-building project.



Muslim holiday, Tabaski. Known in other Muslim countries as Eid ul-Adha, Tabaski celebrates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismael to God. My village celebrated. It was three days of food, dancing and joy. Their happiness and gratitude for my work in their village filled my heart with so much love it bordered on grief.

While living in Niger, I often wondered how people who lived such desperately poor lives filled with so much suffering and loss could seem so happy. I learned it is a paradox to living: The less we have in our lives, the more things we will find to celebrate.

I am proud of my work in Tassobon, but I believe the real success story is in what lies ahead for Tassobon and for Africa. Niger and Africa are filled with good, hard-working, loving people whose joy taught me to be thankful, whose energy taught me to be committed and whose generosity created in me a whole new level of compassion.

Despite the continent's problems, the people still look for the good in every day, and they struggle to make each day better than the last. Africa has so much hope for itself.

I want you to know that in spite of what you may have heard or what you may believe, Africa is not collapsing. Africa is flourishing.

A village effort

We broke ground just after Thanksgiving 2006. I had less than three months left in Peace Corps service. What happened next was by far the most inspirational event of my life. My entire village came. If people couldn't help with the actual well digging, they found some other way to be of service.

Men built a shade cover for workers to stand under when they were finished digging. Women and kids brought water throughout the day for both the mixing of cement and for thirsty workers. People brought boiled cassava, kola nuts, millet porridge, even coffee and sugar. I wasn't surprised at the village effort – I was overwhelmed by it! I knew they wanted to build a well, but this was the first time I had seen my village mobilize on such a scale.

The well was finished just before Dec. 31, 2006. As luck would have it, New Year's Eve this past year also fell on the biggest

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Bruce Barchus ('85 BBA Finance) was appointed principal and strategic planning practice leader at Trissential, a Minneapolis-based management consulting company specializing in business improvement. He also has served as the COO of Gateway Plastics, a partner with the Sycamore Group (Wipfli), and CIO of Strong Capital Management. He began his career with Anderson Consulting, now Accenture.



Peter Doroshenko ('85 BFA Art) is director of the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, England, and has recently accepted an advisory role with the prestigious PinchukArtCentre in Ukraine. Previously he was director of Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst in Ghent, Belgium, and director of Inova galleries at UWM.

Carrie Salter ('85 MA Architecture) is a partner at DSA Builders, a boutique design firm that focuses on high-end residential renovations in New York City. The firm's work has been featured in Architectural Digest, Interior Design and Country Home magazines.

Leigh Albritton ('86 MA Art History) is the registrar for the new Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, where she will create and implement museum policies and procedures. Previously, she was registrar for the Milwaukee Art Museum since 1989.

Olafur Thordarson ('86 BA Architectural Studies) is an artist working in Iceland. An exhibit of his recent works, "Liquid Works and Monsters," was on display in June at the Reykjavik City Hall. www.thordarson.com.



James L. Ziemer ('86 EMBA, '75 BBA Business), president and chief executive officer of Harley-Davidson Inc., has been appointed by President George W. Bush to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. The private-sector advisory committee was set up to ensure that trade policy and trade negotiation objectives reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests.

James DeVita ('87 BFA Theatre) is an author, actor with American Players Theater in Spring Green, Wis., and resident playwright for young adults at First Stage Children's Theater in Milwaukee. He recently released his second book, "The Silenced" (HarperCollins Publishing, Laura Geringer books), a cautionary tale dealing with the human rights abuses of a fictional country. www.jamesdevita.com/trailer.



David W. Sladsky ('87 MBA) recently joined HellermanTyton Inc. as director of finance for North America. HellermanTyton is a global manufacturer of network cabling, cable management and identification solutions that has its North American headquarters in Milwaukee.

Tamara "Tami" Ryan ('88 BS Biological Sciences) has been appointed regional wildlife supervisor by the state Department of Natural Resources, and is stationed at the Milwaukee Service Center. She will direct wildlife management in Southeastern Wisconsin. Previously, she managed Chronic Wasting Disease control efforts in six Southeastern Wisconsin counties.

Teresa Velk ('88 BBA Accounting) recently was elected a vice president and managing director in the Business Consulting group of the Metavante Corp. in Milwaukee.

William Kadrich ('89 BBA Finance) has joined Marine Bank as senior vice president and commercial lender for the bank's Wauwatosa, Wis., office.

Christopher Zuzick ('89 BBA Marketing) has been named managing director at Cornerstone Business Services, a business brokerage and mergers and acquisitions firm with offices in Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and Detroit. He is a member of the Alliance of Merger and Acquisition Advisors.

1990s

Jochen Liesche ('90 MA Foreign Languages & Linguistics) has been promoted to group manager for Windows International Project Management at the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Wash.



Alan Caucutt with Kimberly Cosier, head of UWM's Art Education Department.

50 YEARS IN THE ARTS

Allen Caucutt ('63 MA Art Education, '57 BA) received the Outstanding Service Award at the Peck School of the Arts Graduation and Convocation Ceremony in May.

The award celebrates Caucutt's 50 years of teaching art, the last nine as senior lecturer in UWM's Art Education Department.

Dean Wm. Robert Buckner presented the award, citing Caucutt's dedication, energy and love for the profession.

Caucutt was the first artist for Milwaukee Public Schools' educational television series in 1958. He was an art teacher at Kosciuszko Junior High School from 1958 to 1962 and South Division High School from 1962 to 1964 before serving 35 years at Maple Dale-Indian Hill School (1964-1999).

Caucutt was a co-operating teacher with 160 student teachers. In 1992, his Creative Arts Program at Maple Dale-Indian Hill received a Rockefeller Fund award for outstanding art program – the only elementary school to receive the award that year.

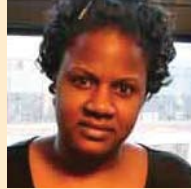
Andy Narrai ('90 BA Communication) has been promoted to director of client services at Scheibel Halaska, a Milwaukee-based business-to-business marketing communications firm. He is an officer of the American Advertising Federation and the Westown Association of downtown Milwaukee, and a member of the board of advisers for the Eisner American Museum of Advertising and Design.

Kim Megal ('91 BA Communication) is director of human resources at Tekra Corporation in New Berlin, Wis.

Dennis Buehler ('93 BFA Theatre) has been named the new executive director of the Milwaukee Ballet. He previously served as executive director of the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield. Buehler will lead the ballet with Artistic Director Michael Pink.

Terri Behling ('94 MS Taxation) has been promoted to senior manager at Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP, in the Milwaukee office.

Yolanda White ('94 BA Mass Communication) is a Milwaukee-based freelance writer with articles in publications such as The Business Journal, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the Shepherd Express. She also is literacy services coordinator and training specialist at Milwaukee's Meta House Inc., a nationally recognized drug and alcohol treatment center for women. www.yolandawhite.com.



Brenda Eckel ('95 MA Communication) is an independent consultant with Wausau (Wis.) Financial Systems, providing organizational management in the 100-person customer care/call center group. She also teaches part time at Concordia University in Wausau, Wis.

Douglas Holton ('95 MS Urban Studies, '92 BS Criminal Justice) has been named the new fire chief for the City of Milwaukee. He was hired as a firefighter with the Milwaukee Fire Department in 1978 and was promoted through the ranks. Since 2003, he has been fire chief in St. Paul, Minn.

John Holz ('96 MA Architecture, '92 BS Architectural Studies), a senior project designer at Plunkett Raysich Architects in Milwaukee, is working with a committee of 40 volunteers to bring affordable housing to blighted areas of the city. Partners include city planners, developers, UWM students and contractors.

Michael Psuik ('96 BBA Accounting) was promoted to principal in the Tax Department at Vrakas/Blum SC, which offers business consulting and compliance services.

Ann Stawski ('96 MA English) was promoted to vice president of marketing communications for Oshkosh (Wis.) Truck Corporation. She was most recently director of marketing communications for Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Medtec Ambulances, subsidiaries of Oshkosh Truck.

Gina Bontempo ('97 BBA Finance) was promoted to assistant vice president of underwriting at Maritime Savings Bank in West Allis, Wis.

Carol Obi-Washington ('97 BS Nursing) is assistant dean of clinical practice at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, and plans to begin work on her doctoral degree next year.

Heath Schecter ('97 BS Architectural Studies) won two honors at the Southwest Contractor 2006 Awards, which cover Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. He works as architectural representative for two companies, Border Construction Specialties and its sister company, Marvel Masonry, distributors of construction products.



Marisa Rodero '08 is a double major in biology and conservation and environmental science. Scholarship assistance from generous donors is helping her to achieve her goals.

Opening the doors of higher education to outstanding students from all backgrounds is one of the goals of the Campaign for UWM. This historic philanthropic initiative is nearing its goal of raising \$100 million to help the University become the region's leading transformational force for the future. Now is the time for all alumni to help UWM cross the finish line! Your gift will be put to work right away to help deserving students like Marisa.

Keep an eye on your mailbox in the coming weeks for information on how you can help the Campaign. To make a donation right away, or for more information, contact Chris Ciancimino at 414-229-3017 or ciancim2@uwm.edu.

CLASSNOTES

DARREN S. MCGUIRE



SHOW YOUR PANTHER PRIDE!

Linda Stephany McGuire ('84 BBA), Denis J. McGuire ('69 BFA) and Nolan S. McGuire ('07 BS Kinesiology) celebrated Nolan's May 20, 2007, graduation by flying to Europe on May 21. They displayed their Panther Pride in Paris at the Eiffel Tower (as well as at Omaha Beach, Normandy, France; Bruges, Belgium; and Köln, Germany).

Nolan was a member of the Panther Rugby team, which represented UWM at the National Tournament in Orlando, Fla., in 2006.

Denis is a media designer at MATC's Mequon Campus; Linda is executive assistant to the MATC president and the MATC District Board at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus; and Nolan is seeking employment in Chicago.



Gary F. Keller ('76 MA History, '68 BA) shows his Panther Pride facing the Syrian border on the Golan Heights in Israel. Keller visited Israel earlier this year with his wife, Claudia, a senior medical technician at UWM's Norris Health Center, who took the photo. Keller is founder and president of Keller Management Services LLC, an international consulting firm based in Hales Corners, Wis.

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU DISPLAYED YOUR PANTHER PRIDE?

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Mail photos to University Communications and Media Relations, UW-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Please include your name, address, degree year(s) and where the photo was taken.

Raymond Taft Cleveland ('99 MA Architecture) has joined SmithGroup in Detroit, one of the nation's largest architecture and engineering firms.

Previously, Cleveland was an architect/urban planner and health care planner for Albert Kahn Associates (AKA) in Detroit.

In addition, he is actively involved in missionary work in Ghana and West Africa, and works with several nonprofit organizations.



2000s

Michelle Adam ('00 BBA Accounting) has been named senior accountant at Kolb+Co in Brookfield, Wis.

Lindsay Mitz ('00 BA Journalism and Mass Communication) recently earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree cum laude from Chicago College of Pharmacy of Midwestern University.

Stace Rierson ('00 MA Curriculum and Instruction) is an assistant professor at Winona (Minn.) State University in the College of Education. With \$30,000 in grant money, she designed a new course that pairs WSU students with Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Winona to mentor Latino K-12 students.



Kristin Baldini ('01 MS International Business) has been named senior global treasury analyst at Rockwell Automation's Milwaukee headquarters.

KEEP IN TOUCH! SEND IN YOUR CLASS NOTES NEWS

Won an award? Started a business? Had an adventure? We'd like to hear about it. E-mail your Class Notes news to alumni@uwm.edu or write to UWM Alumni Association, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Please be sure to include your full name (including maiden name, if applicable), address, year(s) of graduation, degree(s) and major(s). Photos are welcome!

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Mary L. Lamping ('01 PhD Urban Education, '89 BS Physical Education) was appointed chief academic officer of the Waukegan (Ill.) Public School District. She has worked in several school districts around Wisconsin and Illinois, including Milwaukee, Rockford and Zion.

Amy Mattson Lauters ('01 Journalism and Mass Communication) recently published "The Rediscovered Writings of Rose Wilder Lane, Literary Journalist" (2007: University of Missouri Press). Lane was the daughter of Laura Ingalls Wilder of "Little House" fame.

Ramon Robinson ('02 BBA Accounting) has taken a position as an independent consultant at Williams CPA, LLC, which provides auditing, tax, bookkeeping and management consulting services.

Andy Shilts ('02 BA Journalism and Mass Communication), a photojournalist at KMSP-TV in Minneapolis, has been named the Ernie Crisp Television News Photographer of the Year by The National Press Photographers Association. His work has won local, state and regional awards, including a 2006 regional Emmy.

Matthew Schmaling ('03 BBA Finance) has joined Wells Fargo Bank's Credit Management Training Program in San Francisco, Calif. The six-month program focuses on commercial banking, real estate and capital markets.

Leda Strand ('03 MBA) was promoted to director of technology applications and industrial ingredients for Wixon Inc., a manufacturer of a comprehensive line of ingredients for the food, beverage and pharmaceutical industries. She has 17 years of experience and has held positions at Quaker, Gardetto's and Pillsbury.



Hermann Ndofor ('04 PhD Management) has been named assistant professor of management at the Mays Business School, Texas A&M University, College Station. He was previously at the Belk College of Business at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Nicola Rossini ('04 BFA Theatre Studies) has earned her master's degree in drama/stage management from Yale University. She has worked as production stage manager for The International Festival of Arts & Ideas in New Haven, Conn., The Midtown International Theater Festival in New York City, New Jersey Opera Theater and the Yale Repertory Theater.

Eric Cherney ('06 BA Theatre Studies) is a permanent cast member of the Blue Man Group Chicago, a performance ensemble that combines theatre, percussive music, art, science and vaudeville.

Shauna Oliver ('06 MA Foreign Languages and Linguistics) is a freelance translator and instructor at the Alliance Francaise de Poona, India.

Stephen Powers ('06 PhD English) has won the Catfish Prize for Poetry from Catfish Publishers. His entry, "The Follower's Tale," explores the imagery of Dolly Parton and her renowned Dollywood (www.catfishpoetry.com). He has published work in a variety of literary journals and anthologies, including "Shenandoah" and "Main Street Rag." He currently teaches at Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wis.



ALAN MAGAYNE-ROSHAK '72

FIRST UWM GRADUATES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Billing themselves as "First and Foremost," members of the Class of '57 reunited on the UWM campus May 18-20. Classmates may have begun their college years at Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, or the University of Wisconsin Extension Center, but after the merger of those institutions they all graduated from the newly minted University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Alumni attending the reunion took part in an evening reception, lunch the following day and a bus tour of campus. They also enjoyed a bus trip downtown to the U.S. Cellular Arena for the spring commencement ceremonies, where they led the procession of 2007 UWM graduates receiving their baccalaureate degrees. They also were honored at the UWM Alumni Association's annual Awards Reception, which officially brought to a close the university's yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary.

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