

WALSAA EXPRESS



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So Your Child Wants to Be A Badger...

As an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences you have worked hard to instill Badger pride into your children in the hopes that one day they too will want to be a Badger. How can you help your child realize the dream of attending our premier institution?

First, let your child know that we have no prescribed minimum test score, GPA, or class rank above which admission is guaranteed. Rather, the UW admits the most-deserving students for the limited space available.

Support your student's good study habits. Grades and class rank are the most important factor when it comes to being admitted to UW-Madison. Currently our incoming freshman students have an academic GPA (GPA in courses of math, science, English) of 3.53-3.94 and a class rank in the 85-96 percentile. If your child shows an increasingly strong academic record from ninth grade on up it improves chances of being admitted.
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Farewell Seniors

It was another successful WALSAA Commencement Breakfast for outgoing CALS seniors and their parents this past December. WALSAA wishes the graduates much success in their exciting new careers.



Leadership Awarded

WALSAA Board President Jennifer Vincent presents the WALSAA Activity and Leadership Award to outgoing seniors Andrea Brossard (left) and Naomi Uhlenhake (right) at the annual December Commencement breakfast.

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Happy New Year WALSAA Members and Friends!



I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying a productive start to 2006. With the rapid pace that January and February passed us by, I catch myself expecting spring tomorrow! Yet, as I write this message, I am reminded by the bitter cold and snow covered ground, that yes, it is still winter in Wisconsin. One of my favorite winter pastimes includes cheering on the Badger basketball and hockey teams. What a great year to be a Badger fan! Both the men's and women's teams have been displaying exceptional talent, and are exciting to watch. I'm sure the members attending the WALSAA hockey event on March 4 are in for a real treat, and hopefully another Badger victory!

In December, I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at the WALSAA sponsored commencement breakfast. As I addressed these young men and women at the breakfast, two things were very apparent. First, CALS continues

to produce outstanding graduates semester after semester, and second, the demographics of these graduates continues to change semester after semester. It is very clear: the college is becoming more urban and female with more life science majors (biochemistry, biology, genetics and bacteriology) and fewer production agriculture majors.

As WALSAA looks to its future, we need to be aware that our college demographics are changing rapidly, and so, too, is our alumni base. Approximately 30 percent of our alumni are female, but our graduating classes are 50 percent female. Likewise, only about 30 percent of our alumni population is represented by a life science major but our graduating classes are laden with life science majors.

For the last couple of years, the WALSAA board has been focusing on these changing demographics, and transitioning not only the way we do business, but also the way we reach and work with alumni. The board itself has become more diverse over the past few years, including the addition of younger alumni, more women and more life science majors.

We have also been working hard to implement changes to our programming and communication to be more appealing to life science graduates. One of those communication changes will hopefully be evident to you in this newsletter. This particular issue will focus on the science departments, and feature updates on the biochemistry, genetics and bacteriology programs. I hope you take some time to reacquaint yourself with this rapidly expanding, stimulating, and vital part of our college.

As we move forward through 2006, the WALSAA board will continue its quest to transition our organization, programming, and communication to complement our alumni base. We will, of course, continue to provide the means for our members to have the opportunity to volunteer, to advocate and to financially support our students, college and university. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding our transition, or even this issue of the newsletter, we would love to hear them.

ON WISCONSIN!

Jennifer Vincent, President

Employment Possibilities at CALS Career Services

With May graduation approaching quickly, many of the CALS seniors are busily preparing their resumes, arranging job interviews and negotiating their first post-baccalaureate employment. Other seniors are making final choices about which graduate program, medical school, or veterinary school to attend. Seniors are not alone in their career search because many of our underclassmen are deciding

how to make the most of their summers through internships, course work, volunteer work and various summer employment opportunities.

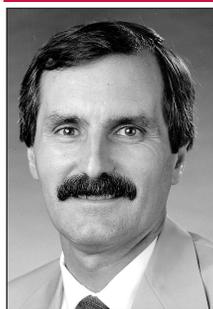
Take advantage of the easy ways you or your employer can connect to motivated and highly intelligent CALS undergraduates seeking career-related experience. For example, Career Services holds career fairs each spring and fall where you can meet many

students at once. They can also help you make connections to departments, faculty and student clubs and arrange internships and find students to meet your needs. If there are any ways you would like to be connected to outstanding CALS students, call Career Services Director Christina Klawitter at 608-262-5780 or e-mail cklawitter@cals.wisc.edu to discuss the options that would be best for you.

More Good News Than Bad News



Dean's Message



The past ten years or so have seen some dramatic changes in undergraduate education in the College, and I'd like to bring you up-to-date on a few of them. In general, the changes involve a bit of bad news and a lot of good news.

The bad news is that state budget cuts have decreased the funds available for undergraduate education, and at the same time increased tuition and the financial pressure on students. In the past six years the College has had more than a 12 percent cut in its budget. About 92 percent of our instructional budget is in the salaries of faculty and staff, so the cuts meant fewer people and less operating funds as well. The budgets for instructional supplies and expenses had no overall increase for at least ten years, and the recent cuts have reduced their level to 51 percent of ten years ago. Taking account of inflation means that faculty teaching a course have available, on average, only 35 percent of the funds they had ten years ago.

The good news is that faculty and departments have gone well beyond the call of duty, not only to continue to provide a very wide selection of good courses but also to markedly improve the quality of the undergraduate educational experience. Our students are increasingly well prepared and are able to take full advantage of the kinds of opportunities that faculty provide. The combination is an undergraduate education experience that was

always good and is now even better.

Some of the most important changes in the last ten years are in the use of technology, involving undergraduates in research, participation in international opportunities, volunteer work and service learning and the new college leadership program.

Technology

The use of technology has become so pervasive that it is now considered a normal part of delivering a course. You can check out Introductory Biochemistry 501 and see the lecture notes: (www.biochem.wisc.edu/courses/biochem501/syllabus.html). I would recommend Prof. Amasino's lecture #17 on nitrogen utilization. Or you can obtain lectures via podcast. These are downloadable radio-style lectures you can download singly or subscribe so they are automatically downloaded to iTunes as they become available. If you don't quite know how to do this, ask anyone whose age is less than 25!

Or, check out the Prof. Reznikoff's Undergraduate Seminar on Lateral DNA Transfer at www.biochem.wisc.edu/courses/biochem511/reznikoff/index.html. You can brush up on your introductory economics knowledge by going to www.aae.wisc.edu/aae215/main.asp and doing some of the problem sets or taking the practice exams in Agr. Economics 215. Try out the Virtual Museum of Minerals and Molecules created by Prof. Barak and colleagues in Soil Science (www.soils.wisc.edu/virtual_museum/index.html). These are just a few of the many

innovative uses of technology in teaching which is a major change for students in the past ten years.

Research

CALS is widely respected as one of the very top research institutions in agriculture and the life sciences. Our special niche in American higher education is to offer as many undergraduates as possible the opportunity to engage in research with faculty who are at the very forefront of their fields. Students learn laboratory and field skills and the complexity of science, knowledge that cannot be easily taught in a course. The College has research grants for undergraduates, as does the campus. The College's revitalized honors program is inclusive rather than exclusive and emphasizes its "research track." (see www.cals.wisc.edu/students/honors/). Many departments try to involve as many students as possible in the research enterprise. For example, Bacteriology requires some involvement in research for every undergraduate. In any given semester, about 25 percent of our students are enrolled in an independent study course, most of which involve research. Many other students are working in labs to help pay the costs of their education. We estimate that, in a typical year, at least 50 undergraduates publish in scientific journals.

Service

Since at least the 1920s, Wisconsin students have had a well-deserved reputation for their commitment to service to improve society. The US Peace

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Changes!



Change continues to be inevitable and it impacts individuals as well as organizations. How we all deal with change is the real challenge for any organization. WALSAA is facing many of those changes as we look to the future. We're excited about the prospect of a new dean arriving soon to lead the College and we're looking forward to hosting the National Ag Alumni and Development meeting here in 2007. Similarly WALSAA is challenged by the changes in the majors our newer graduates have chosen as compared to 10 or 20 years ago. The increasingly large number of graduates in the biological sciences over the past five years means that as an alumni association we need to evaluate and perhaps change the programs we offer to better meet the needs of this increasing segment of CALS alumni.

At the same time, we need to be mindful of our existing market segment and continue those programs that have been successful in the past. Some of you are receiving this issue of the WALSAA Express for the first time, or have not received it regularly. While we would love to be able to send it to all alumni, our budget does not allow us to do that. I hope you'll consider joining WALSAA and letting us hear from you about ideas you have that can make WALSAA more relevant in your life. One thing we can all agree on is WALSAA's core mission to provide ongoing support for CALS, its students, faculty and alumni. In

order for us to continue that support, we need your membership.

Another change that has an impact on WALSAA is availability of football tickets! While we will have some football tickets available again this fall for members, we will not know which games are available until June, so our usual May newsletter will not include a football ticket order form. Instead, watch your mail in mid June for a special flyer to order football and Fire-Up tickets. Likewise we will not know the date of the Football Fire-Up game until mid-June either, although our preference is for either Sept. 9 or 16.

As I write this column looking west out of my office, another big change is in view. Rising behind Hiram Smith

Hall is the new Microbial Sciences building scheduled for completion in June of 2007. This building is huge, dwarfing the previous Fred Hall, and certainly will keep Wisconsin in the forefront of research and teaching in the Microbial Sciences.

Finally, I wish Richard Barrows, associate dean for academic affairs, and my boss the past 13 years, the very best as he begins a new stage of his life - retirement. Dick has guided academic affairs in CALS for over a decade. He has always taken a strong interest in WALSAA and often attended board meetings. Dick, enjoy your retirement and remember we're always looking for volunteers!

On Wisconsin!

*Rick Daluge,
Secretary-Treasurer*

CALS ALUMNI Tell Us About Yourself!

Name _____

Year of Graduation _____ Major/Degree _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Here is what I have been up to lately!

Return this form to:
 WALSAA
 116 Agricultural Hall
 1450 Linden Drive
 Madison, WI 53706
 or e-mail walsaa@cals.wisc.edu

CALS Legacy Visit Day Planned – April 26



Carrying on the Legacy

Is your child currently in eighth or ninth grade? If so, WAL-SAA and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences would like to invite you and your family to a special program designed to help students entering high school make the most of their academic opportunities and be fully prepared for admission to

UW-Madison.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the CALS campus. Your visit will include lunch, meeting a CALS Dean, hearing from the Office of Admissions, a student panel and current students in addition to opportunities for some hands-on activities.

Students in eighth and ninth grades are free; parents and guests are asked to pay \$10 each to cover the cost of their lunches. We will provide a parking pass. There is room for 30 participants in this program. Complete the registration form below, enclose your payment and return it to 116 Agricultural Hall by April 10.

Child

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ted; a downward trend diminishes chances.

Help your child choose challenging course work in high school. Although the course work UW Admissions uses as minimum requirements has not changed in many years, students who are admitted are doing more than the minimum and taking advantage of honors courses, Advanced Placement (AP courses) and International Baccalaureate (IB). If your high school does not offer these types of courses, explore offerings at your local community college. Currently, 70 percent of our incoming students will receive credit for AP, IB or college coursework completed while in high school.

Encourage your child to study for the ACT and/or SAT exam. There are many good preparation books available from your local bookstore on both exams. Being familiar with the exams including the types of questions and exam style can be helpful on the actual test date. By using the practice tests, your child can identify areas of weakness prior to the exam. If your child is unhappy with the score received, encourage them to retake the test. The UW will take the best score submitted. Currently our incoming fresh-

men have average ACT scores in the range of 26-30, and SAT scores in the range of 1180-1350.

Encourage your student to participate in community service, leadership opportunities and part-time jobs. The UW looks first at academic indicators as they select students for the next Freshman class but community service, leadership

skills and part-time employment also play a role in the admissions decision. These will not make a weak application strong enough for admission, but can make a good application even stronger.

To learn more about the admissions process, visit the Office of Admissions at: www.admissions.wisc.edu.

CALS Legacy Visit Day

Registration Form

Wednesday, April 26, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please include all names of people attending. Nametags will be provided as well as parking permits.

Cost \$10 per person

8th and 9th Grade Students are Free

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Interests _____

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WALSAA, 116 Agricultural Hall, 1450 Linden Dr., Madison, WI 53706

Registrations are due Monday, April 10.

Call 608 262-5784 or e-mail walsaa@cals.wisc.edu with questions.



Microbial Sciences Building on the Rise

Bacteriology Update

The Department of Bacteriology is looking forward to moving into the new Microbial Sciences Building in 2007. The building, rising on the site of E.B. Fred Hall, will be home to Bacteriology as well as the Food Research Institute and Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. The new building will include world-class research laboratories, state-of-the-art teaching labs, a Discovery Center where we can share the excitement of microbiology with learners of all ages and lots of space for students to gather. It will also include a Symposium Center and an outdoor patio for gatherings. UW visitors will find many stimulating reasons to visit the building when it is completed.

The Department of Bacteriology runs two programs that give undergraduates a chance to do science in labs outside their home college or university. Its summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) was started in 1988. Students from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico who participate in this 10-week program have a chance to explore their interest in a scientific career by doing research in a microbiology lab at UW-Madison. Many REU participants do go on to pursue graduate studies, some in UW-Madison's doctoral program. The REU-Microbiology program, now under the direction of Dr. Robin Kurtz, has just been funded by the National Science Foundation for three more years. For the past two summers, Dr. Jon Roll took the lead in a successful pilot program that sent UW students to Thailand to do research at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. The International

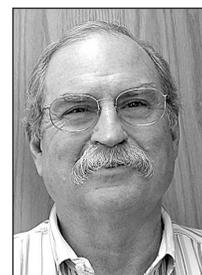
Research Experience for Students in Microbiology, which grew out of close contacts between UW-Madison and alumni in Thailand, has also just received three years of funding from the National Science Foundation.

When Cameron Currie joined the Department in Fall 2004, colonies of leaf cutter ants and their fungus gardens took up residence in the Department of Bacteriology. Dr. Currie studies the relationship between the ants, their fungal cultivars, mutualistic bacteria, and specialized garden pathogens. He recently demonstrated that the ants have species-specific structures on their bodies that shelter antibiotic-producing bacteria used to protect their gardens. This specialization provides more evidence that the bacteria, fungi and ants have been co-evolving for millions of years. It could also provide new ways to look at the development of antibiotic resistance.

In other research news from Bacteriology, Dr. Timothy Donohue and his lab found a cellular pathway in the phototrophic bacterium *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* that detects singlet oxygen and protects the cell against this highly reactive and toxic photosynthetic product. Homologs of the pathway exist in a variety of bacterial species and this discovery may have important agricultural and medical implications. Another enlightening discovery comes from Dr. Katrina Forest who recently published the first three-dimensional structure of a phytochrome. A surprising feature of the protein is that it has a knot, a structural component that may make the conformational changes that occur in

response to light more efficiently channeled to downstream proteins. This discovery could lead to engineering new phytochromes that respond to different wavelengths into plants thus allowing more control of their growth and flowering times.

Glenn Chambliss,
Bacteriology
Department
Chair



New Life Members

Jenny Lynn Byl, BS '04
Therese Ann Puhek-Sandberg, BS '83

New Life Installment Members

Naomi Uhlenhake, BS '05
Andrea Brossard, BS '05
Poh Hui Chia, BS '05

New Annual Members

Garritt Boettcher, BS '05
Gene Bohnhoff, FISC '68
James Chandler, BS '05
Mark DeLeeuw, BS '05
Robert Grabarski, FISC '68
Mary Jo Fait, BS '05
Thomas J. Franz, FISC '66
Kayla Gorges, BS '05
Daniel Hammersley, BS '05
Jeffrey Nelson, BS '05
Elizabeth Palmer, BS '05
Dexter Runyard, FISC '04
Dan Short, FISC '71
Ricky D. Templeton, FISC '76
Blane Zumwalt, BS '05

Changes Made Within



Biochemistry Update

I am pleased to provide this report that highlights a few of our many activities and recent changes within the department. Last summer, Hector DeLuca stepped down as chairman of the department, a post he has held for the vast majority of the past 35 years. He is focusing on his research, understanding the metabolism and mechanism of action of vitamin A and D. As the new chair, I am looking forward to what I believe will be an exciting future for the department.

Established as the Department of Agricultural Chemistry in 1883, we are building on a long tradition of excellence in basic research that has led to important practical advances. Today, a modern department, with emphases in cellular regulation, chemical biology, molecular genetics, computational biology, protein folding and structure, enzymology, hormone action, virology, and developmental biology has been built on this strong historical foundation.

The Biochemistry undergraduate program continues to increase in popularity, with about 350 declared majors. Graduate education is also flourishing, with 200 graduate students working in departmental laboratories, including 70 from programs ranging from Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetics, and Nutritional Sciences to Chemistry and Biophysics.

An exciting change has been the movement towards a new graduate program - "Integrated Program in Biochemistry" (to be called IPiB) - a joint venture with the

Biomolecular Chemistry Department in the School of Medicine and Public Health. When the two departments first established doctoral graduate programs around the turn of the previous century, these independent programs satisfied the need for specialized training in plant and animal biochemistry in CALS, as compared to human biochemistry in the Medical School. However, in the ensuing decades, an understanding of the fundamental similarities of biochemical processes in cells of all life-forms has blurred the boundaries between research carried out by students in the two graduate programs.

Therefore, the two departments have crafted a plan for a new joint graduate program in Biochemistry, capitalizing on the strong history of graduate training in both departments. The faculties have worked together to include the best features of each departmental program. This spring the two departments are working together to recruit the first class of students for this joint curriculum, as we proceed through the bureaucratic hurdles to establish an official new program. IPiB highlights an exciting and unprecedented step for cooperation and collaboration in the biochemical sciences at UW-Madison.

The Biostar Building Project: Biochemistry Phase II is moving forward. The advertisement to seek an architect to design our newest building, centered on the present site of the 1956 wing, has finally been issued by the state. An architect should be on board sometime in April. The design

process should take about two years, with groundbreaking anticipated in the spring of 2008. It will be a complex project, with many physical constraints on the site. The plan is to preserve as much of the 1912 and 1937 wings as possible, and to ensure that the old elm tree is not harmed and the Curry murals preserved.

We have too many thriving research programs in the 35 individual laboratories in Biochemistry to mention in this brief report, but I want to highlight several groups who are leaders in outreach and service to the greater scientific community. The National Magnetic Resonance Facility at Madison (NMRFAM), directed by John Markley and William Milo Westler, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2005. NMRFAM is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, which was recently renewed until 2010. The facility is available to researchers from all parts of the country either by visiting the center or by sending samples and arranging for remote access.

The BioMagResBank (BMRB), directed by Eldon Ulrich and John Markley, is the international archive of NMR data. In 2005, BMRB, which is supported by the National Library of Medicine, became a member of the 'wwpdb'. In collaboration with other experts around the world, BMRB is helping developing a "one-stop" website for all information associated with three-dimensional structures of proteins and nucleic acids.

UW's Center for Eukaryotic Structural Genomics (CESG)

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New to the Newsletter?

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Corps recently announced that UW-Madison led the nation in the number of Volunteers in the field, for the 20th straight year. This remarkable achievement illustrates the culture of the state and the University, and CALS students are leaders in service to the university community and beyond. The formation of the Morgridge Center for Public Service on campus has made it easier for students to become involved (www.morgridge.wisc.edu/) and provides grants for students who team with faculty mentors. For example, CALS faculty and staff are working with a group of students to provide clean drinking water in rural Ugandan communities and with another student whose objective is to grow and strengthen the environmental education component in the Wisconsin FFA Association, by educating students and promoting sound environmental practices through ecological research. Today's students are extending the great traditions of the past by taking their service activities to another level.

Not Receiving the WALSA Express?

If this is the first issue of the WALSA Express that you have received in awhile, chances are good that you are not currently a dues-paying member of WALSA. This issue was mailed to over 6,000 alumni who we know are not current members. We'd love to have you join us, so fill out the form on page 11 and consider joining as either a life or annual member.

Study Abroad

After 9/11 many predicted that students would shy away from study abroad. In fact, the opposite happened. Participation in study abroad increased from 20 to 30 students per year before 2000 to over 100 students per year since 2003. Prof. Ntambi (Biochemistry) has a new study abroad program in Uganda, Prof. Nienhuis (Horticulture) has a new program in Costa Rica, both Dairy Science and Wildlife Ecology have significant new programs in Mexico, and the list goes on. CALS faculty have created many new international opportunities for students, and the students have responded very strongly.

Leadership

A core CALS mission is to prepare the next generation of leaders in the disciplines, the professions and in communities and the state. Three years ago the CALS Student Council asked for more leadership education opportunities. The faculty responded with a leadership program that includes intensive retreats, student-led skills development workshops, a one-credit

seminar and other activities. In August the faculty adopted a competency-based Leadership Certificate and the first student completed the certificate last semester. (Details are at: www.cals.wisc.edu/students/leadership/). Leadership is taught in many other ways in CALS. For many years faculty have taught various aspects of leadership through courses such as the senior seminar in Soil Science, the Forest Ecology and Management summer camp, the college-wide freshman seminar and many others. The current surge of activity in leadership was started by the students but enthusiastically pushed forward by faculty.

Thus, undergraduate education is alive and well in the College in spite of the budget problems. Faculty have expanded opportunities for students to learn and the students have responded creatively and are taking great advantage of all that the College has to offer. Good faculty and good student produce good results.

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Richard Barrows, Associate Dean, Academic Student Affairs

Biochemistry

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has a mission that includes the rapid production of proteins and their structure determinations by X-ray crystallography and NMR methods. The Center, whose funding has also been renewed through 2010, has expanded its mission to include the study of medically relevant proteins and requests for assistance from the broader scientific community. Biochemistry Professors John Markley, Brian

Fox, and George Phillips direct the project.

We invite you to visit our departmental website: www.biochem.wisc.edu.



*Betty Craig,
Biochemistry
Department
Chair*

WALSAA Thanks Super Donors!



Short Course Graduates Reunite

The following WALSAA members contributed at least \$100 for a combined total of \$6,773 to WALSAA funds. Over half of this money was designated for the "new WALSAA Matching Scholarship" program where WALSAA will match the donated \$3,500. This will result in a total of \$7,000 in new scholarships awarded to eight different students in CALS for the 2006-07 academic year. If you would still like to contribute to any of the WALSAA funds through the UW Foundation or directly to WALSAA, you are most welcome to do so. Any contribution over \$100 will be recognized in the newsletter.

- Frank J. Bahowick, Darlington
- * Arthur Brehm, Beaver Dam
- Elwood Brickbauer, Middleton
- Wayne Craig, Mukwonago
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- Rick and Peggy Daluge, Madison
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- * Bob and Lisa Hagenow, Poynette
- Michael and Marla Harer, Kaukauna
- * Edward and Linda Jesse, Madison
- Neal and Darlyne Jorgensen, The Villages, Fla.
- * Robert Kaczmarek, Kenosha
- * Kenneth Kopp, Onalaska
- Robert and Vivian Miller, Alexandria, Va.
- Paul Mleziva, Denmark
- James R. Mode, Fort Atkinson
- George and Bonnie Morris, Dousman
- Thomas O'Connell, Mount Horeb
- Stanley Peloquin, Madison
- * John Phillips, Riverside, Conn.
- * Mark and Kathleen Sherry, Middleton
- Dick Story, Madison
- Robert Taylor, Logan, Utah
- Mark Waldvogel, Raleigh, N.C.
- * Scholarship match



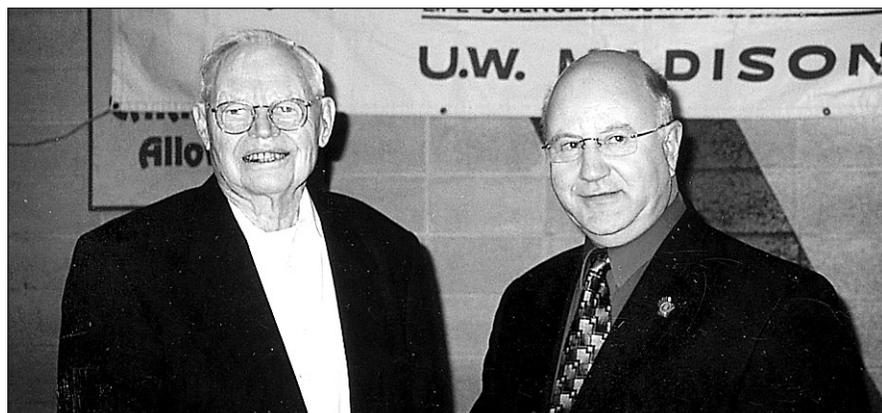
Short Course Awards Presented

Short Course Service to Agriculture awards were presented at the Jan. 28 Reunion by Short Course Alumni Board president Chad Ryan (left) to Dr. Robert Cropp (center) and George Barlass, (center right). Also pictured is interim CALS Dean David Hogg (right). Cropp was recognized for his long career in dairy cooperative work and Barlass for his work with the Jersey cattle industry and youth. The Wisconsin State Farmer received the Friend of Short Course Award, accepted by Editor Carla Gunst (center left).



Large Crowd

Nearly 300 Farm and Industry Short Course alumni and spouses attended the 2006 Alumni Reunion held at Pooley's on Madison's East side on Jan. 28.



Oldest Graduate in Attendance

Short Course director, Rick Daluge congratulates Merval Shaw on being the oldest graduate of Short Course in attendance. He graduated in 1928!



Alumni Updates

Congratulations!

Henryk Jasiorowski, FISC '48, of Konstancin, Poland, is serving on the Board of Directors for Heifer Project International. Jasiorowski earned his doctorate in agriculture and has worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, and numerous other organizations. He is known worldwide for his work in animal breeding/dairy science.

Jim Elphick, FISC '50, received the Wisconsin State Fair Sheep Barn Hall of Fame Award at the 2005 State Fair. As UW Shepherd from 1950-1993, Elphick exhibited sheep at the State Fair during that entire time.

Ron Schuler, BS '62, PhD '71, received the Career Award from UW-Extension for his national leadership in working with youth and producers and adapting technology to those with disabilities. Schuler has been involved with Extension programming since 1984.

Tom Schomisch, BS '65, PhD '83, received the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives Cooperative Builder Award recently. Schomisch is a retired professor of Life Science Communications and worked for Lake to Lake Dairy prior to his academic career. Schomisch has also served on the board for Group Health Cooperative and Badgerland Farm Credit.

Dale Gallenberg, BS '78, has been named Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences at UW-River Falls. Gallenberg will assume his new duties on May 15. His bachelor's degrees were in plant pathology and horticulture and he holds master's and PhD degrees from Cornell.

Gallenberg has been on the faculty at South Dakota State University since 1984 as an Extension plant pathologist. Welcome back to Wisconsin!

Ann Groves Lloyd, BS '85, has been named associate dean for student academic affairs for the College of Letters and Sciences at UW-Madison. Groves previously was assistant dean for assessment and development for the Letters and Sciences college. She served six years on the WALSAA Board as well.

Dale Beaty, BS '87, was named the Outstanding FFA Alumni Member at the 2006 Wisconsin FFA Alumni convention in honor of his remarkable

contributions to agricultural education and FFA organizations on a multitude of levels.

John Friske, BS '89, is the owner and operator of Drumlin Equipment in Columbus. Drumlin specializes in John Deere rebuilt equipment and reconditioning equipment.

Eric Larsen, BS '95, was named the Outstanding Agriculture Instructor for Wisconsin at the FFA Alumni convention in February. Larsen teaches agriculture at Oconto Falls High School.

Ben La Barre, BS '05, has been hired as assistant golf course superintendent at Bristlecone Pines Golf Club in Hartland.



Short Course Grads National OYF Winners

Brad (FISC '86 & '87) and Kim (FISC '87 & '88) Schyvinck, Reedsburg, were named one of four national winners at the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) Awards Congress. They operate a 500-acre farm and milk 130 Holsteins on Pine Rock Road. Schyvincks, the 13th national winners from Wisconsin - have three children: Brittany, 9, Brianna, 7, and Brooklyn, 5.

Hundreds of past state OYF winners, including 11 from Wisconsin, members of the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA) also attended. Arizona will host the 2007 Congress and Wisconsin in 2008.

Candidates are judged on progress in their agricultural career, soil and water conservation practices and contributions to their community, state and nation. Schyvincks were sponsored at the local level by the Reedsburg Jaycees.

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WALSAA Board Meeting ■ Madison	April 20
AWA Breakfast on the Farm ■ West Madison	April 23
CALS Legacy Visit Day ■ CALS Campus	April 26
State FFA Career Development Events ■ CALS Campus	April 28
Alumni Weekend/Dean's Club Brunch ■ Edgewater, Madison	May 6
Commencement Breakfast ■ Gordon Commons, Madison	May 13
NAADA Conference ■ Virginia Tech	June 18-21
Farm Technology Days WALSAA Picnic ■ Sheboygan Co.	July 12
Wisconsin State Fair ■ West Allis	Aug, 3-13

Upcoming WALSAA Events