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NAADA's Coming, You're Invited!

WALSAA is hosting the 2007 National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association Conference, June 16-19, in Madison and area CALS alumni are invited to participate in some of the events. For the evening of June 16, you may choose from the Botham Winery tour and dinner, or Madison Mallards baseball game and tailgate party.

Botham Winery, located near Barneveld, features a 15-acre vineyard, regional wines, gallery and gift shop. Named one of the country's top 100 wineries, Botham Winery produces and markets international medal-winning wines. This event, which costs \$35, includes a winery tour, dinner and wine tasting. Plan on meeting there at 4:30 p.m. The event is expected to conclude at 8 p.m. For more information about Botham Winery, visit www.bothamvineyards.com.

WALSAA has reserved a suite in the Madison Mallards' Duck Blind, which will allow you to visit with other ag alums from around the country. The \$40 ticket includes

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Breakfast For December Grads

The WALSAA sponsored December graduation breakfast was well attended by CALS graduates, their families and friends.



Susan Orth Most Active

WALSAA President Thomas presented the Activity and Leadership Award to Susan Orth at the December graduation breakfast.

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Why WALSAA?



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CALS
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I write this
as we have
just come off

about 30 inches of snow in the last two weeks of February. And after several hours of snow-blowing, helping dig out the neighbors, and snow-fort and igloo building with the kids, we are officially ready for the snow to melt and for spring to spring. It is tournament time in Wisconsin. March Madness is in full swing with area high school teams making their way to the state tournament. Our basketball and hockey Badgers are thrilling the faithful with last second shots as we await the post-season tournament runs.

Meanwhile, I have been asked several times by fellow alumni who are not yet WALSAA members the question. Why WALSAA? Why should I join they inquire. Here's my answer.

"WALSAA brings together college alumni, students and faculty for networking and camaraderie at a wide array of events – from Fire-Up to trips to outings to picnics. The funds we receive through memberships and donations are used to directly support students to gain a greater educational experience with scholarships, travel awards and activities. We help recruit the best and brightest students to carry on the traditions of the college, and we recognize students, faculty and alumni for their out-

standing achievements. WALSAA membership enables alumni to continue benefiting from CALS long after graduation, with ongoing connections to the faculty, students, research and information. WALSAA is the connection that keeps on giving."

I challenge each of you, as a member of WALSAA, to think about your answer to "WHY WALSAA?" Your answer to a colleague, friend, or fellow alumni may be the single biggest reason why that individual decides to take advantage of the WALSAA connection. Your encouragement of others to join WALSAA will help maintain the student support, programs, activities and events that WALSAA can make available to our members.

What's going on with WALSAA right now you ask? WALSAA continues planning for the National Agriculture Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) convention in June. Your board members, Jennifer Vincent and Jessica Agnew, along with Dean Daluge and Brian Hettiger, of the UW-Foundation are leading the charge in pulling together the details of this event. A big thank you goes to all of the volunteers who are serving on the planning committees and to those who have chosen to support this event with financial and in-kind donations. Your involvement and support is much appreciated. Look for more details in the rest of the WALSAA EXPRESS for activities that you can support or be involved in during the NAADA convention.

In other action the WALSAA board continues to support students at the college with scholarships and travel awards. We recently approved a proposal brought to the WALSAA board by the Ag Student Council for supporting student trips to the Agriculture Future of America conference. This conference is a leadership and development opportunity for students.

Every spring your board meets with representatives of the various student groups on campus. We had the pleasure of meeting with these groups at our board meeting on Feb 16. It is truly amazing the ever increasing range of activities that are available for students to be involved with across campus. From Bacteriology to Badger Dairy Club, and from the newly formed Ag Business Club to the Collegiate FFA, all provide experience, learning and leadership opportunities for CALS students. The WALSAA-sponsored CALS ambassadors welcome prospective students to campus and assist in recruiting the best and brightest to come to Madison. I also call your attention to join the Association of Women in Agriculture for their annual "Breakfast on the Farm" to be held at the Stock Pavilion on Sunday, April 22. All are welcome.

In a very encouraging development for CALS, Dean Molly Jahn reported to the board on an admissions policy adjustment enabling the college to give admission confirmations to students interested in production agriculture

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No doubt you have heard people say that Wisconsin needs a “new economy.”

Our state certainly must pursue new opportunities for long-range growth, and indeed that growth will be essential to sustaining the quality of life and the public institutions for which Wisconsin is so admired.

I also believe, as do many of our most visionary leaders, that the biological sciences have enormous potential for supporting these kinds of vibrant economic activity. Some of our best opportunities, however, may also be those deeply rooted in our historic economic strengths.

So my only objection is in labeling this a “new economy.” Really, there isn’t very much “new” about it. Exploration and innovation in the life sciences have fueled economic prosperity in Wisconsin for more than a century.

Think about the revolution in Wisconsin’s dairy industry in the late 19th century, when research and technological advances turned a fledgling industry into a national leader.

Think about the new hybrids of sweet corn – developed during the 1930s through CALS research – that helped the state’s sweet corn crop quintuple in less than two decades.

And think about the rapid expansion of knowledge we

are now experiencing in life sciences such as genetics, microbiology and biochemistry. At our college, research innovations in these areas in recent years have led to the formation of at least 34 brand-new companies and earned millions of dollars more in patent royalties – and we’ve just begun to scratch the surface in many of these disciplines.

What Wisconsin needs most is energized progress and innovation in the areas in which our state has historically been strong. Bioenergy is an outstanding example. The economic potential of this growing industry is clear, and Wisconsin is far from alone in its desire to play a significant role in developing and commercializing the renewable fuels of the future. But we have some clear advantages, from a reliable supply of biomass to a thriving business community to a world-class university with a history of translating new technologies to the market. We feel strongly that our state – and our college – should lead the development of this emerging field.

Earlier this year, CALS launched the Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative to facilitate research and discovery in this area. We have also filed a proposal to bring one of two new \$125 million research centers funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to Madison. The competition for these centers will be keen, and we won’t know until this summer if we have been successful. Yet we are confident that our position is unique, because it involves nearly every aspect of the college, from basic science on plants and microbial life to field applications for biomass treatment, as well as many strong partners. We are calling upon cooperation and innovation from farmers, from entrepreneurs, from government and from researchers, because that is the kind of extraordinary effort it will require to fulfill the promise of an exciting new field.

And that sounds like the sort of thing Wisconsin has done many times before.

*Molly Jahn,
Dean*

2007 Breakfast on the Farm Returns to the Stock Pavilion

After six years, the Association of Women in Agriculture’s Breakfast on the Farm will return to the Stock Pavilion on Sunday, April 22.

The event had been held at West Madison Ag Research Station. The event will run from 8 a.m.-noon with a huge breakfast, polka band, clogging group and petting zoo for the kids.

For further information contact Andrea Klahn at 608-628-7513 or aeklahn@wisc.edu.



Spring Welcomes Activities



Spring will soon be upon us and with it an increase in WALSAA activities.

This year we will be very busy as we host our colleagues from around the country when they come to Madison for the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) meeting, June 16-19. Elsewhere in this newsletter is information on how you can help with this event and which events we'd like to have Wisconsin alumni attend to host alumni volunteers and professionals from around the country.

As a result of hosting this conference, expect the usual May WALSAA Express to arrive in early June with the

football ticket order form. We will not know which games tickets will be available for until late May, nor will we know the date of Fire-Up until that time. Our preferred date for Fire-Up is Sept. 15, but this depends upon ticket availability. We will, of course, have some tickets for the Homecoming game, and two or three other games.

Another change you will soon see is that there will be one final issue of the venerable CALS Quarterly newsletter after which the College will be publishing a new magazine that will replace it. This new publication will include some alumni news but will not replace the WALSAA Express, although it may enable us to eliminate one issue.

I was saddened by the deaths of many active WAL-

SAA members the past few months. Of particular note were Robert Bray and Buell Gunderson, both well known to the college and meat animal community. We lost Lyle Hill, who donated the funds in 1988 to remodel the Undergraduate Programs and Services office suite in Ag Hall where I currently work. Lyle was a most generous man who founded Vita Plus Corporation.

Finally as we ask some of you to again help us to present CALS scholarships to high school seniors at awards programs this spring, please say yes if you can. It is a great way to extend the College's reach into our high schools and students certainly appreciate meeting you.

On Wisconsin!

*Rick Daluge,
Secretary/Treasurer*

Golf Outing Will Support Dairy Science Student Activities

The UW-Madison Dairy Science Department will host its second annual Dairy Science Golf Classic on Wednesday, May 16, at the Bridges Golf Course in Madison. This event offers the departments, alumni and supporters the opportunity to relive their college days tales, connect with others in the dairy industry, and get a head-start on the summer golf season - all while supporting the undergraduate dairy science program.

"The first golf classic was a huge success and generated financial support for our Legacy Scholarship Program and our Judging and Dairy Challenge Teams but we feel the outing can grow and be even more successful," said Ric Grummer, Dairy Science departmental chair. "It's

a great chance for our alumni and partners in the dairy industry to donate to a great cause and have fun doing it."

The Golf Classic is open to the public and will be a scramble format where each team member plays the ball closest to the hole after each hit.

The fee is \$90 per golfer for those registered by April 15 and \$100 for those who register after that date. The fee covers 18 holes of golf, prizes, golf cart rental and lunch. All proceeds will support the dairy science department scholarships and dairy judging and challenge teams.

Teams can also sponsor a hole at either the \$250 or \$600 level. Hole sponsorships include a team registration. Silent auc-

tion donations will be accepted until May 9. If you are interested in donating, contact Claire Campbell in the Dairy Science office at 608-263-3308 or e-mail cjcampbell2@wisc.edu.

The UW-Dairy Science Golf Classic will accept walk-in golfers on the day of the event, but pre-registration is recommended. Registrations at the course will start at 9 a.m. The shotgun start begins at 9:45 a.m.

To register or to obtain more information about sponsorships, either go to the Dairy Science website at www.wisc.edu/dysci and click on the "golf" link, or contact Claire Campbell mentioned above or e-mail Eliza Ulness at ejulness@wisc.edu or 920-242-1622.

Short Course Reunion Well Attended



Wiltbank, Vance Awarded



Photo by George Baumeister



Photo by George Baumeister

Over 250 Short Course Alumni and friends attended the annual Reunion held this year at the Comfort Inn at DeForest on Jan. 27. The pre-Reunion seminar was conducted by John Petty, executive director of the Agri-Service Association who spoke about biofuels and the role Wisconsin can play in this exciting field.

Byron Palmer of Elkhorn, class of 1934, was the oldest graduate in attendance and another 1930's graduate, George Baumeister traveled all the way from Florida to attend the Reunion. George also took several photos, which appear in this newsletter.

Milo Wiltbank received the "Service to Agriculture" award and Mary Vance, Short Course office staff received the "Friend of Short Course" award. Speakers also included Alice in Dairyland Nicole Reese, CALS Dean Molly Jahn and WALSAA President Steve Thomas. Short Course director Rick Daluge showed the new Short Course recruitment DVD and provided an update on the program.



FISC Awards

Farm & Industry Short Course Alumni President Chad Ryan, left, presented Dairy Science Professor Milo Wiltbank and Mary Vance awards at the Short Course Reunion while Short Course Dean and Director, Richard Daluge, right, looks on. Professor Wiltbank was recognized for his years of service to the Short Course program and Wisconsin Agriculture. Mary Vance of Middleton received recognition for her more than 20 years of service to the Short Course program.



Meeting Alice

1930's graduate George Baumeister and Alice in Dairyland Nicole Reese enjoying the Short Course Reunion. Baumeister traveled to Wisconsin from Florida to attend the Reunion.



NAADA Needs You!

Summer Fun

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admission to the baseball game and all you can eat and drink. Dinner includes typical tailgate fare and beverages. Meet at the Mallards Stadium at 5 p.m. or ride the bus from the Concourse, which departs at 4:30 p.m. For more information about the Madison Mallards, visit www.mallardsbaseball.com.

Show off your Badger red and white at the June 18 Alumni Picnic and School Color Night, starting at 5:30 p.m., being held at the West Madison Ag Research Station. The menu features many Wisconsin food products and drinks. Meet alumni from around the country, enjoy brats and chicken sandwiches, wine, beer and much more for \$20 per person. The West Madison Ag Research Station is located on Mineral Point Road, just a half mile west of the Beltline Highway.

To reserve a spot for any of these events, fill out the form below and return no later than June 1. Let's show our Wisconsin hospitality to our visitors from around the country!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

_____ Reserve _____ spaces at the Botham Winery Tour and dinner June 16@ \$35 each

_____ Reserve _____ spaces at the Mallards Duck Blind June 16 @\$40 each.

_____ Reserve _____ spaces at the West Madison Ag Research Station School Colors Picnic from 5:30- 9 p.m. @ \$20 each.

Total payable to WALSAA _____

Enclose check or charge to:

Card # _____

Exp date _____

Name on card _____

Circle MC VISA

Mail payment to:

WALSAA, 116 Ag Hall, 1450 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706

WALSAA Wish List For National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) Conference

WALSAA is still in the need of the following items and services relating to the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association conference June 16-19 being hosted here in Madison.

Monday Picnic - 10-15 volunteer workers needed to serve and prepare food and drink at West Madison Research Station on June 18 from 3-9 p.m.

Monday Picnic

- Donations of soda, wine, and beer
- Donations of cups, plates, napkins, plasticware
- Donations of coleslaw, sauerkraut, and condiments
- Donations of cheese, sausage, and crackers

Tour Sponsors - Three of our four bus tours still need sponsors at \$600 each.

Registration Workers - We will need at least three people at a time to work the registration desk on Saturday and Sunday June 16-17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. Shifts would be 3 hours (9-noon, noon-3 and 3-6).

If you can help, contact Rick Daluge at 608-262-3127.

Ride the Rails to Happy Valley



All Aboard!

Ride the rails all the way to Happy Valley for the WALSAA Away Football Trip to Penn State, Oct. 11-15.

Our WALSAA Big Ten football trip to Penn State will depart Thursday afternoon and return around noon on Monday. This is our third trip to Penn State by train and the Badgers have won both previous games. Let's do it again! A \$200 per person deposit is due May 1 and the balance is due Sept. 1.

The trip includes the following:

- Round-trip motor coach from Madison or Janesville to Chicago Amtrak station
- Roundtrip Amtrak reserved coach ticket - Chicago to Altoona, PA
- Ground transportation/transfers by private Motor coach
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations (double occupancy) with breakfast
- Friday afternoon & evening activities and dinner on PSU campus
- UW-PSU Football Game ticket & Badger Pre-Game Huddle Event

Please fill out the form below, indicate if you'd like a sleeper on your return trip and return it to the WALSAA office at 116 Ag Hall, 1450 Linen Drive, Madison, WI 53706. Please note that we have not reserved sleepers eastbound due to transferring trains at 6 a.m. in Pittsburgh.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (of purchaser) _____

E-Mail Address (of purchaser) _____

_____ \$485 Tour cost per person (based on double occupancy)

_____ \$125 Single supplement for hotel accommodations

Select one option:

_____ \$175 Roomette "sleeper accommodations" on return train (Pittsburgh-Chicago) with 2 bunks (includes breakfast)

_____ \$259 Bedroom "sleeper accommodations" on return train (Pittsburgh- Chicago with 2 bunks (includes breakfast) also includes private restroom with toilet, sink & shower.

Payment Options:

___ Check enclosed \$ _____

___ Charge \$ _____ to: ___ MasterCard ___ Visa

Name on Credit Card _____

Card # _____ 3 digit code _____ Expiration date _____

Billing Address _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone# _____ E-Mail Address _____



What's New in Bacteriology

By Glenn H. Chambliss, Chair

If things go as planned, this will be the last time I write to you from our temporary home in Old Biochemistry. By this time next year, most – if not all – of us will have moved into what will be the newly completed Microbial Sciences Building (MSB). Construction is scheduled to be complete in early May.

Following completion of construction, finishing touches to the interior of the building will take about two months.

We hope to start moving in to the MSB in August 2007. Our plan is to move the instructional laboratories first so that we can teach our labs there in the fall '07 semester. The research labs will move throughout the fall semester.

We anticipate it will take 8 to 10 weeks to move everyone into the building. It's a huge operation in logistics and coordination, but one we look forward to with enthusiasm.

In addition to a name change, we are doing an in-depth analysis and revamping of our undergraduate curriculum. We want to broaden the scope of our curriculum to reflect the breadth of the field of Microbiology, without sacrificing the rigor of our major. Many of the curriculum changes will be implemented in the fall of '07 but it will be an ongoing process for the next several years.

Our Ph.D. program, the Microbiology Doctoral Training Program (MDTP), which we share with the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology (MMI), continues to be extremely successful. U.S. News and World Reports rated it No. 3 of all Microbiology Ph.D. programs in the country and No. 1 for public universities. That's

not bad for a cow college in Wisconsin! Our Mater's degree program continues to thrive with graduates being in great demand by employers.

The other big news is that the Department of Food Microbiology and Toxicology (FMT) has voted to disband, thus leaving the six faculty members appointments in Bacteriology. At the time most – if not all – are expected to accept our offer. In fact, Associate Professor Jaehyuk Yu has just joined us. With the dissolution of FMT, only two departments will reside in the new building (Bacteriology and MMI), rather than three as originally envisioned. The Food Research Institute will continue to exist and

will be housed in the new building. The influx of 4-6 new faculty members from FMT will balloon our faculty number from 16 to 20-22, the largest it has ever been in the history of the department. WOW!

Although no formal date has been set, there will be a grand dedication of the new building within the next year.

Editor's Note: Jo Handelsman has been voted chair-elect of the Department of Bacteriology. She will officially take over for the current chair, Glen Chambliss in November 2007. In the meantime she will be working on some development projects and other administrative work for the Bacteriology department.

Major Will Be Microbiology in Fall 2007

The undergraduate major and timetable listing formerly known as bacteriology is now microbiology. The name change was approved by the campus Academic Planning Council in December and was announced in January. This undergraduate program is housed in the CALS Department of Bacteriology, and the major is also awarded in the College of Letters and Science. The name change is to be implemented for the Fall 2007 semester. The name of the department will not change, nor will the master's program name for Bacteriology.

Among the points the department made in proposing the new name for the major:

- The curriculum covers microbiology, a much broader area than bacteriology.
- Potential employers advertise for microbiologists, not bacteriologists.
- Students don't necessarily appreciate the connection between the bacteriology major

and the field of biotechnology, while microbiology is often referred to as the basis for biotechnology.

- Students may not realize that a bacteriology major includes aspects of microbiological and biological science.
- Students may not recognize bacteriology as a part of modern biology. A search of web resources for high school teachers finds more historical documents with bacteriology as a key word and more modern resources with microbiology is used. They do recognize genetics and biochemistry as modern sciences.

• Students, parents and guidance counselors looking for undergraduate majors may not look for bacteriology. Web searches turn up many more programs named microbiology.

The name change will provide an opportunity to reach out and market the degree to an audience that is familiar with the breadth, excitement and marketability of the field.



Order Transcripts Online

Need A Transcript?

Starting in June 2007, you will be able to order a transcript of your degree coursework online by going to www.ordertranscript.wisc.edu.

There is a base charge of \$8 for a transcript and if you order more copies additional fees may apply. You can pay by credit card and expedite handling to one day if you wish. Normal delivery is two to three days.

Short Course alumni should continue to order their transcript by writing to the Short Course office in 116 Ag Hall, 1450 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706.

It is important for FISC alumni to give their years of attendance when requesting a transcript. There is no charge for FISC transcripts, but we do ask that you supply a stamped addressed envelope.

New Life Members

- Rebecca (Becky) Adams BS'05
- Carolyn Deegan BS'83, DVM'87
- Jeff Duffin BS'91
- David Gundlach BS'05
- Mark Herrman BS'01
- John V. Kryger BS'88, MD'92
- Dana Pronschinske BS'04
- Merle Richter BS'72
- Christopher P. Salm BS'75
- Susan Salm BS'76
- William (Bill) Schaumberg BS'00
- Dr. Kelly Schaumberg BS'00, DVM'04
- Joachim "Joe" Von Elbe BS'59, MS'60, PhD'64



Babcock, DTS, AGR

Several WALSAA members enjoyed a trip to sunny Mexico in January and posed for this photo. From left are Norm Olson, BS'53, MS'57, PhD'59; Dale Bruhn, BS'48; Al Finger, BS'50; Harris Thatcher, BS'52; Bill Hantke, BS'68, MS'71; Gene Radloff, BS'56; Rick Daluge, BS'71, MS'75, PhD'82; Bernie Staller, BS'65, MS'66; and Don Schwarz, BS'55, MS'61, PhD'72. This photo was taken because all of these individuals were either members of Babcock House, Delta Theta Sigma, or Alpha Gamma Rho when in school. Also Don Schwarz was the first secretary-treasurer of WALSAA when it began in January of 1972, 35 years ago. Rick Daluge began those duties a year later.

Farm Technology Days Picnic Set

The 2007 WALSAA Farm Technology Days picnic will be at Larson Acres. Alumni Jim and Sandy Trustem and their family will host the event at their farm located just a few miles from the FTD site on the border of Green and Rock counties. Save the date of Sept. 19.

President's Message

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majors earlier so that these students can make firm educational plans sooner in their senior year of high school. This enables CALS to be more aggressive in the highly competitive recruiting game to bring to the university these highly qualified students.

In other board news, we unfortunately need to wait until May to set the date for the annu-

al WALSAA Football Fire-up. This is pending due to the Athletic ticket office not being able to let us know what football game tickets will be available for Fire-Up attendees. Stay tuned. We will keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued support and membership in WALSAA.

*Steven Thomas,
President*



Landscape Students Team With Professionals

Last October, students from the College's landscape architecture department completed the first stages of a student project to rehabilitate a small courtyard adjacent to the landscape architecture studio at Agriculture Hall.

Students worked on the project for two days and 15 sponsors chipped in to donate supplies, work, and time.

Plants will be installed in the spring and will be donated by Dave Watts, owner of Watts Landscaping. Watts recently returned to UW to receive a master's degree in landscape architecture.

According to Dan Williams, American Society of Landscape Architecture, the site is historically significant and was originally designed by Professor Franz Aust.

The stone wall Aust

designed and built is still in place and forms the northwest corner of the courtyard.

The site will be submitted to the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) in the near future.

The project received a matching grant from American Society of Landscape Architecture through the ASLA Wisconsin chapter.

Student groups submitted proposals to the Wisconsin ASLA chapter as part of a design competition.

Williams, who served as a member of that jury, said the students formed teams of sophomore, junior, and senior members and that each team prepared outstanding submittals, with the winning team ultimately incorporating ideas from all submittals into the final design.

CALS Student Named Fairest Of the Fairs

Sheri Nelson, a CALS sophomore majoring in agri-business, was selected form 38 contestants as the 2007 Fairest of the Fairs at the annual Fairs convention in January. Nelson was State FFA vice president in 2005-06 and has been in 4-H for 11 years. She represented Walworth County in the competition. As Fairest, she will visit other county fairs and work full-time during the Wisconsin State Fair promoting Wisconsin fairs. Nelson has been involved in several church mission projects as well as volunteering for the East Troy fire department.



Sheri Nelson

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So Your Child Wants to Be a Badger...



As an alumnus of the 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; 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. 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 freshmen 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 Planned – April 20

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

Join us on Friday, April 20, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the CALS campus. Your visit will include meeting a CALS Dean, hearing from the Office of Admissions, a student panel and current students in addition to a campus tour. The program is free and we will provide a parking pass. We have room for 20 participants in this program. Complete the registration form located in this edition of the WALSAA Express, enclose your payment and return to 116 Agricultural Hall by April 10.

CALS Legacy Visit Day

Registration Form

Friday, April 20, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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

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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.



Alumni Updates

Congratulations

Stanley Bird, FISC'49, BS'63, was named

Outstanding Dairy Industry Pioneer/Service Provider by the Western Dairy Business magazine and the award was presented at the World Ag Expo in February in Tulare, Calif. Bird is a past WALSAA president and was a charter member of the Badger NAMA chapter. He has been involved with Holstein World publications since 1981. He and his wife Kathy reside in the Minneapolis area.



Stanley Bird

Roger Borgwardt, BS'70, received the Wisconsin Holstein Association's Distinguished Service Award in February at the organization's annual meeting in Fond du Lac. Sunnyside Farms, a family corporation composed of **Roger, Bill (BS'72), and Todd (BS'96)** Borgwardt also received the Distinguished Breeder award from the Holstein Association.

William Enters, BS'72, has retired from the Biological Systems Engineering department at UW-Madison after 34 years of service as a research specialist.

Daryl Brehm, BS'78, was recently appointed director of International Regulation and Standards for the office of Scientific Affairs in the Foreign Agricultural Service. Brehm earned his bachelor's degree in plant pathology.

Rich Peterson, BS'79, has

been hired as strategic marketing director for Avicom Marketing Communications in Waukesha. Peterson was previously with Scheibel Halaska and has over 20 years of experience in the Marketing and Public Relations field.

Randy Roecker, FISC'83, has been appointed to serve on the USDA's Dairy Promotion Board. Roecker farms near Loganville.

Lynn Perkins, BS'85, is the new director of Enrollment Management and Judicial Affairs at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill. Previously Lynn was with MATC in Madison.

Peter Kappelman, BS'85, has been appointed to serve on the USDA's Dairy Promotion Board. Kappelman farms with his brother near Two Rivers.

Cheryl (Helmeid) Zimmerman, BS'89, has been elected to serve as the National North Central Region vice-president for the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education. The organization consists of state staff that work in agricultural education and FFA. Zimmerman is executive director of the Wisconsin FFA.

Krista Knigge, BS'96, recently accepted the position of director, Global Brand Communications, for Case IH in Racine. She is responsible for developing and implementing global brand initiatives and campaigns to strengthen the CASE IH brand. She also monitors and

controls brand communications.

Jonathon Wuest, MS'01, has accepted a position as manufacturing engineer with John Deere Seeding division in Moline, Ill. He was previously with Deere in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Josey Morris, BS'03, has been named progeny testing promotions supervisor for ABS Global. Morris had been working in California for another artificial insemination company.

Jennifer (Weier) Staudinger, BS'04, is the communications specialist for East Central/Select Sires in Waupun.

Andrea Brossard, FISC'01, BS'05, is ration analyst and communications coordinator for Agri-Nutrition Consulting in DeForest.

Jenny Dierickx, BS'05, has been appointed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee for a three-year term.

Susan Orth, BS'06, is the communications specialist for the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin.

Christine Lepple, BS'06, is marketing manager for Animart in Beaver Dam.

Peggy Dierickx, BS'06, is the director of the Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation in Calmar, Iowa. She is responsible for fundraising and related activities of the Foundation.

Dairy Science Students Explore Mexico



National Landmark

They had warm weather and plenty of fun, but eight UW-Madison students weren't on vacation when they took a trip south of the border in January.

The group spent 12 days over their winter break learning about dairying and other agricultural enterprises in Mexico.

Their tour was part of a course on agriculture in emerging economies, offered by the Dairy Science department in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

The tour took the students to small, mid-sized and very large dairies. They also visited dual-purpose farms, where cows in the milk herd are also used to produce calves for sale as beef animals. They also toured Alpura, Mexico's second largest processing plant, and an on-farm cheese factory and dairy processing plant.

"The trip was a great way to connect with agriculture in another country with a different culture and language," stated Suzie Benoit, a senior in dairy science who took the course. "We saw a 2,000-cow operation at PROAN (abbreviated Spanish for "ANimal PROtein") and

then saw the flip side with a smallholder operation consisting of just a few acres and six cows milked by hand every day. It really was a great educational experience."

The students also had chances to explore other aspects of Mexican agriculture. This included a visit to Jalisco, the Mexican state where the agave cactus is grown commercially. The tour included a tour of a tequila factory that revealed how this liquor was made from the blue agave plant.

The group also visited historical sites to learn about Mexico's culture and history. A highlight was a visit to the Teotihuacán pyramids.

"It was quite interesting to see the opposite end of the spectrum as far as dairying goes, stated Jordan Matthews, a sophomore majoring in dairy science." It was more than a good experience; it's something that will stay with me for years to come."

The tour was the culmination of a semester-long course, where students met once a week to learn about Mexico's dairy industry and agriculture in

other developing countries.

"We're striving to provide students with a broad perspective of the forces shaping changes in agriculture around the developed and less developed world," stated dairy science professor Michel Wattiaux, the course instructor. "The days in class the semester before the trip gave students an opportunity to research and gain knowledge. The winter-break study abroad program was really a case study, where students could actually see what we had talked about in the classroom."

UW-Madison students have other opportunities to learn about dairying and agriculture in Mexico and other developing countries. Those who have taken the tour can take a two-credit discussion course to learn more about what they saw on their trip. Some students also spend a summer or semester studying at Mexico's Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey.

For additional information about this course and study tour contact Michel Wattiaux at 608-263-3492 or visit the course website at www.dairynutrient.wisc.edu/375.

CALS to Celebrate National Landmark Status of Old Dairy Barn

The public is invited to a program on March 28 at 7:15 p.m. to celebrate the designation of the UW-Madison's 109-year-old dairy barn as a National Historic Landmark.

The dairy barn, built in 1898, is recognized as one of the cradles of discovery of vitamins due to a series of nutritional studies begun in the building 100 years ago this spring. The barn was also the site of groundbreaking research that enabled

the practical use of artificial insemination in dairy cows.

It is the only barn among the nearly 2,500 sites designated as National Historic Landmarks by the National Park Service. There are now 39 buildings in Wisconsin with the designation. Others on campus include North Hall and the Red Gym.

In addition to the unveiling of the National Historic Landmark plaque, the program will include a review of the

barn's architectural history by landscape architecture professor Arnold Alanen and a summary of its role in the sciences by biochemistry professor David Nelson. There will also be tours highlighting the building's significant features.

Parking is available Lot 62, between the Natatorium and the School of Veterinary Medicine. Refreshments will be served in the nearby Dairy Forage Research Center.



WALSAA Continues to Grow

Thank You!

WALSAA thanks these super donors who contributed money to WALSAA or to WALSAA funds at the UW-Foundation since our last newsletter. Those persons with * in front of their names made scholarship contributions which will be matched by WALSAA and their names will be attached to those scholarships awarded this spring for next fall. All told these individuals contributed over \$14,000 to WALSAA sponsored programs!

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| April 22 | AWA Breakfast on the Farm ■ Stock Pavilion, Madison |
| April 26 | WALSAA Board Meeting ■ Gordon Commons, Madison |
| April 27 | State FFA CDE ■ CALS Campus |
| May 12 | Alumni Weekend/Dean's Club Breakfast |
| May 16 | Dairy Science Department Golf Outing ■ Bridges Golf Club |
| May 19 | Commencement Breakfast ■ Gordon Commons, Madison |
| June 16-19 | NAADA Conference ■ Concourse Hotel, Madison |