

Board Gift Honors Certain Legacy

On May 10, over one thousand campus and community members filled Memorial Union's Great Hall to honor Phil Certain (PhD '67, chemistry), who retired this year after eleven years as dean and more than thirty years as a member of the UW-Madison faculty.

Speaking on behalf of the Department of Chemistry, Professor John Wright expressed what many people felt when he said, "I have always considered Phil to be my older brother. When I was an assistant professor hoping for tenure, Phil was an associate professor granting tenure. When I became an associate professor, Phil was a full professor. When I became a professor, Phil was the department chair. When I became chair, Phil was the dean."

"So why did I consider him an older brother rather than my superior? Well, feeling superior just doesn't fit Phil. He is humble, honest, and he is looking out for you. And because of those qualities, you

want to grow up to be just like him," Wright said.

"I remember once asking Phil why anyone would want to be the (department) chair, and he replied 'to take care of people like you.' Phil has a deep respect and love for everyone — faculty, students, and his university. He should take great pride in being one of our best and most admired researchers, teachers, and servants. We are all better off for his efforts."

"My memory of Phil's career will always center on an L&S chair's meeting when we were doing the budget cuts and were getting sliced to the bone and beyond. But it was at that meeting when the entire room of chairs rose spontaneously in sustained applause to recognize the obvious sweat, blood, tears, and fairness that Phil had put into the effort to insure that the College of Letters and Science would remain strong and that the students would be protected. At that moment, I felt very proud of my 'older brother' Phil. It brought tears to my eyes."

At the end of the program, Terry Haller (MS '70, mathematics) came to the

podium. Haller, who is founder and CEO of Excel Inns and a prominent member of the Wisconsin arts and philanthropic communities, was there to make an announcement on behalf of his thirty fellow members of the College of Letters & Science Board of Visitors who had pledged a collective gift of \$1 million to the college to honor Certain.

Noting that the unprecedented gift reflects the board's great esteem for Certain and his leadership of the college, Haller explained that board members would designate half of their gifts to specific Letters & Science departments and programs. The other half would be designated to the Phillip R. Certain Fund, a new endowed fund that will be used to retain and recruit outstanding Letters & Science faculty.

Phil's friends and colleagues have joined the board in honoring him with gifts and pledges to the Phillip R. Certain Fund. With the Board of Visitors' group commitment of \$500,000, the fund is well positioned to reach its \$1 million endowment goal. For more information, visit: <http://www.ls.wisc.edu/certainfund.htm>.

Kaczmarek Gift Honors Bob Skloot, Inspirational Teacher

Emotions were running high during the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony this past May. Award recipient Jane Kaczmarek (BA '79, theatre and drama education) took them even higher when she announced a gift in honor of theatre Professor Bob Skloot.

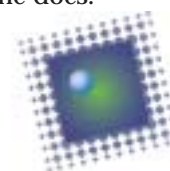
"You could not have chosen anyone who I am more proud to receive this award from than Professor Skloot," said Kaczmarek in her acceptance speech. "Bob Skloot is one of those teachers who made opening your mind and opening your heart a thrilling

proposition. He proposed choices in life that would present endless possibilities and endless responsibilities. He challenged me to think. And did I mention that he's really, really funny? When I think of the UW and I think of Bob Skloot, the same three things come to mind: a great sense of history, a great sense of social justice and a great sense of humor."

"Someone at my daughter Frances's school recently said, 'We sit in the shade of trees planted long ago,' and that has stuck in my mind. Thanks to the benefactors of this university and the passion of teachers like Professor Skloot, I was able to bask beneath the leafy canopy of this school called Madison. And I realize that time is passing, and the leaves are turning, and it's time for me to pick up a shovel

and dig a hole and plant some seeds to provide shade for my children and for all the students who will come to school here and love this place like I did."

"So I am making a gift to the UW theater department in Robert Skloot's name to generate a prize to be awarded every year to a graduating senior who possesses a good sense of history, a good sense of social justice and a good sense of humor — just like he does."



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Alumni News

1960s

Kaye Bache-Snyder (PhD '64, English) lives in Longmont, Colorado, and teaches writing workshops at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities near Denver, and reviews literary books for the SmallPress Review. In May 2004, Finishing Line Press released her poetry chapbook, *Pinnacles & Plains*.

John Hatch (MA '69, history, PhD '74, development) is the founder of FINCA and creator of the Village Banking method of poverty lending. Over the years, Mr. Hatch has served as FINCA's president and as chief of party for FINCA programs in Guatemala and El Salvador. Some eighty Village Banking programs currently operate in thirty-two countries worldwide.

David Huhn (BA '64, economics) a real estate broker in Albuquerque, New Mexico, returned this summer to Ecuador with several Peace Corps volunteers who had served with him in the 1960s.

Yoshiyuki Kasai (MS '69, economics,) has been named chairman of the board of the JR Central Railway in Japan.

Neil Payne (BA '61, biology) and **Richard Taber** (MS '46, wildlife) are co-authors of *Wildlife, Conservation, and Human Welfare: A United States and Canadian Perspective*. Payne is professor emeritus of wildlife at UW-Stevens Point.

Errol Morris (BA '69, history) won an Academy Award for his documentary, *The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert McNamara*.

1970s

Steven Gunderson (BA '73, political science) was one of three finalists for the position of president of the University of Wisconsin System. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1981 to 1997, where he spent several years as a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, and is now a public sector consultant for the Greystone Group in Washington, D.C.

Michael May (BA '75, journalism, JD '79), was named City Attorney for the City of Madison by Mayor **Dave Cieslewicz** (BA '81, political science) in April 2004. May has practiced law with the Boardman Law Firm in Madison since 1979, and was chair of the firm's executive committee.

Peter Fox (JBA '73, MA '82, journalism) has joined the Wisconsin Newspaper Association as its executive editor.

Robert Ivany (MA '76, PhD '80, history), former commandant of the U.S. Army War College and retired major general is now president of the University of St. Thomas, in Houston, Texas.

John Rumpf (BA '79, journalism) has been promoted to the position of managing director of Robert W. Baird & Co. He previously was the director of marketing and communications in the firm's Milwaukee headquarters.

Sera Streiff-Vena (BA '77, linguistics) is an instructor in the Intensive English Program at the University of Central Arkansas. She is married to **George Vena** (MA '75, education and Spanish), an assistant U.S. attorney with the Department of Justice.

Terry Tarnoff (BA '70, psychology) is author of *The Bone Man of Benares*, a memoir of his journey in search of a better home country during the 1970s.

1980s

Scott Broetzmann (BA '82, communication arts) is founder and president of Customer Care Measurement & Consulting, a Virginia-

based firm that researches customer satisfaction and its dark side: customer rage.

Shein-Chung Chow (PhD '86, statistics) is vice president of biostatistics and clinical data management for Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sean Essex (BA '88, journalism) joined TRACOM Group, a company that helps improve workplace performance, as director of marketing. He was formerly a vice president with Cunningham Communications.

Jeffrey Lacker (PhD '84, economics) has been named the new president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, where he was research director. He joined the Federal Reserve in 1989 after teaching economics at Purdue University for five years.

Marcia Slattery (BS '83, zoology, MD '88) is director of the Child and Adolescent Clinics in the Department of Psychiatry, UW-Madison. She was formerly at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Kwok-Leung Tsui (PhD '86, statistics) is on the faculty at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was honored as a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 2003. (Continued on page 8)

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Susan Zaeske (BA '89, MA '92, PhD '97, communication arts) will be a research associate and visiting professor in the Women's Studies and Religion Program at the Harvard Divinity School in 2004–2005 while on leave from her position as associate professor of communication arts, UW-Madison.

1990s

Michael Begler (BA '90, English) and Jack Amiel (BA '00, history), wrote the script for *The Prince and Me*, the 2004 romantic comedy set at UW-Madison and starring Julia Stiles and Luke Mably.

John Brodtke (BA '99, history) has been named legislative aide in charge of animals and wildlife, public lands, and arts issues in the Washington, D.C. offices of Congresswoman Pam Tauscher (D-CA).

Shoshanah Wolf Conover (BA '98, English) is the new assistant rabbi at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in South Tampa, Florida. Before entering rabbinical studies, she taught creative writing in a retirement community and nursing home and did on-air program promotions for a public television station. She is married to **Damien Conover** (BBA

'98, MS '01, business: finance, investment, and banking).

Eric Cullen (BA '97, psychology) has been named press secretary for Congressman George Nethercutt's (R-WA) campaign for the United States Senate. The former editor-in-chief of the *Badger Herald* had served as campaign director for Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI).

Tim Dienger (BA '99, political science, MA '01, urban and regional planning) has been hired by the Green River, Wyoming, Urban Renewal Authority to help with downtown renovation projects. Dienger previously was downtown manager for the Portage Business Improvement District/Main Street Portage Inc. in Wisconsin.

Gregory Flessas (BA '92, economics) is the software developer and founder of ScheduleSoft Corporation.

Mark Graul (BA '92, history and political science) is heading the Bush-Cheney campaign in Wisconsin while on leave from his position as chief of staff to Congressman Mark Green (R-WI).

Annie Guo (MS '91, statistics) lives in the San Francisco Bay area, where she is employed at ICON Clinical Research.

Jay Hatheway (PhD '92, history), associate professor and chair of the history department at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, is the author of *The Gilded Age Construction of Modern American Homophobia* (Macmillan/Palgrave 2004).

Ron Huberman (BA '94, English and psychology) is executive director of emergency management and communications for Chicago, where he is the youngest member of Mayor Daley's cabinet. He was previously the assistant deputy police superintendent, where he helped design the city's crime-fighting cameras and a statewide criminal database.

Carol Mitchell (PhD '93, library and information studies), lives in India, where she is deputy field director of the New Delhi Office of the Library of Congress.

Ann Richmond (BA, '91, journalism) was named publisher of the Milwaukee-based *The Daily Reporter* in January 2004.

Jennifer Rudin (BA '94, history) is head of casting for Walt Disney Feature Animation, and cast the upcoming animated features *Chicken Little* and *The Wild*, and the recent theatrical release, *Brother Bear*. Before joining Disney in 2002, she

was a freelance casting director for film and theatre in New York City.

Jennifer Tate (BS '98, mathematics and physics) received a PhD in physics from The Ohio State University.

Howard Thomas (JBA '91, journalism) has joined the *Flint Journal* as its sports editor.

2000s

Toby Lightman (BA '00, communication arts) released her first album, *Little Things*, in March 2004, to strong reviews across the country.

Kyle Roberts (MS '03, geophysics) is in Basic Training for the United States Army at Fort Benning Georgia. Kyle will be going on to the Advanced Infantry School after completing basic training.

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In Memoriam

1920s

Harriet Lindwall (BA '27, MA '29, French) taught high school French in Manitowoc in the 1930s before beginning a family.

1930s

Stella Whitefield Revell (BA '34, economics) counseled children and couples in the Family Service Agency before beginning a career as bulletin editor in the UW Publications Office. She is survived by her daughter, **Mary Revell Zillman** (BA '72, education) of Madison. (February 2004)

Bertrand Russell Seidman (BA '38, MA '41, economics) of Falls Church, Virginia, was an AFL-CIO economist for more than four decades, specializing in pension and health care issues. He was the AFL-CIO European representative (1962 to 1966), a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations' International Labor Organization (1958–1976 and 1987–1988), and a member of the ILO governing body (1972–1975). He also served on numerous presidential commissions and task forces. (June 2004)

1940s

Herschel "Herky" Bernard (BA '49, economics), was a lawyer, civil rights activist and skilled strategist for the liberal wing of the Democratic Party in Texas. (April 2004)

Robert Lystad (BA '41, philosophy) of Bethesda, Maryland, was a dean at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. A leading expert on African affairs, he was an early adviser of the newly formed Peace Corps (1961–1967), and helped train the first group of Peace Corps volunteers to serve in Africa. (June 2004)

Albert Myerson (PhD '48, biomolecular chemistry), of Sarasota, Florida was a research scientist in physical chemistry with Exxon Research and Engineering Co. (March 2004)



Ilse Riegel (BA '41, MA '49, zoology, PhD, '52, medical physiology), was a researcher in UW-Madison's McCardle Laboratory for

Cancer Research. While at McCardle, Riegel served as managing editor for the *Cancer Research* journal. She also was a friend, mentor, and den mother to countless students who came through the labs.

1950s

David Lee Hansen, Sr. (BA '56, French) taught high school German in Littleton, Colorado, until his retirement in 1988. (May 2004)

Harlan Schwartz (BA '50, MA '51), was owner and president of Schwartz Mfg. Company in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. (May 2004)

George Miller Stabler (MS '53, sociology), was an emeritus professor of sociology and anthropology, at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends. He is survived by **Jeanne Stabler** (BS '50, speech, MS '51, zoology). (July 2004)

Nancy K. Sullivan (BA '53) of Venice, Florida, was a registered nurse and community volunteer. (February 2004)

1960s

James K. Eagan III (BS '65, history) was a managing partner at Guida and Eagan, a private law

practice in Columbia, Maryland, and former Baltimore assistant state's attorney. He is survived by his wife, the former **Lindell Calder** (BS '65, Spanish education), whom he met in Madison and married after graduation. (May 2004)

A. David Schwartz (BA '60, history), was head of the Milwaukee-based Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops for over thirty years. Schwartz, who received the Publishers Weekly Bookseller of the Year Award earlier in 2004, is survived by his daughter **Rebecca Schwartz** (BA '84, English).

Helen Lee Wood (BA '66, anthropology), a former county horticulture agent in Alberta, Canada, had retired to Victoria, British Columbia. (May 2004)

1970s

Mary Louise Hoerr Bingham (MS '74, urban and regional planning) of Norfolk, Virginia, was one of the first female city planners for the City of Norfolk. (April 2004)

Glenn Jacobsen (PhD '76, history) was an assistant dean in The Graduate School at UW-Madison before embarking on a second career working with troubled youth at Mendota Mental Health Institute. (March 2004)

Thomas Kerver (MA '72, journalism and political science) was a longtime business editor at *Cablevision* magazine and later a weekly columnist at *MultiChannel News*. (April 2004)

Mark Olson (BA '78, communication arts) was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves and was employed at Booz Allen Hamilton in Tampa, Florida. (April 2004)

Michael Zinnen (BS '71, economics and political science) lived in

Barkhamsted, Connecticut, and was a CFP, CFC, CIC, CLU and a registered Principal with the National Association of Securities Dealers.

1980s

Christian Sanborn (BA '89, communication arts) originated, directed, and produced public television programs before beginning a career doing video editing and computer assisted design for commercials, trade shows, and conventions. (December 2003)

Faculty and Staff

Ann Bauhs was a secretary in the Department of Geology & Geophysics for many years. (March 2004)

LeRoy "Lee" Cooper (MS '62, mathematics) taught in the Math Tutorial Program, focusing on calculus for more than seventeen years. (March 2004)

Bernadette "Bunny" Gargan was a DNA researcher at UW-Madison from 1967 to 1974, and together with her late husband, history **Professor Edward T. Gargan**, was a friend and mentor to countless graduate and undergraduate students. She is survived by **Edward A. Gargan** (BA '74, MA '77, history) of Beijing, China, and **Christopher Gargan** (BS '74, art education, MFA '78), of Wisconsin.

Gregory Reinsel, professor of statistics, had been on the Department of Statistics faculty since 1976 when he arrived as a new assistant professor. He had studied the depletion of the ozone layer for many years and had received numerous national and international honors throughout his career. (May 2004)