



What's Up?

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Compiled by Paula Wagner
Apfelbach '83

early years

A sculptor and former student of Alexander Meiklejohn's Experimental College at the UW, Professor Emeritus **David Goode Parsons '34, MS'37** has retired from Houston's Rice University and is residing in Guanajuato, Mexico. His sculptures in wood, stone, bronze, and welded steel are displayed throughout the U.S., but he's especially pleased that a cast-bronze *Mother and Child* was recently accepted into the permanent collection of the UW's Elvehjem Museum. Parsons would enjoy hearing from fellow Badgers c/o Susan Crawford, 5804 Olney Street, Duluth, MN 55807, or at scrawford150@earthlink.net.

40s-50s

In November, the online *Wall Street Journal* hosted a discussion with Silver Spring, Maryland, resident **John Withers MPH'41**, an African-American army lieutenant who led an all-black supply convoy during World War II. Violating army orders, he allowed his men to hide two young concentration-camp survivors — nicknamed Salomon and Peewee — for more than a year. After the war, Withers taught at several universities and spent twenty-one years with the U.S. Agency for International Development. His son eventually located Peewee, and at age eighty-four, Withers was reunited with his old friend.

Gerald Gruen '47 of Grafton, Wisconsin, did very well at the fourteenth annual Writers Institute, held in Madison in July. His poem "Reproductive Schemes" earned first place for

poetry, and "Swimming Upstream" placed third in the nonfiction category. The national event is sponsored by the UW's Division of Continuing Studies. Thank you to Gruen's son-in-law, **Bill Nagler '77** of Germantown, Tennessee, for letting us know.

Jodie (Joan) Zeldes Bernstein '48 received the 2003 Miles W. Kirkpatrick Award for Lifetime FTC Achievement in December. She joined the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 1970, and during her most recent service as the director of its Bureau of Consumer Protection, she led attacks on fraudulent Web operations and identity theft. Bernstein is now with the law firm of Bryan Cave in its Washington, D.C., office.

"My career has been exciting, both as a mentor and a physician," reflects **Sheldon Burchman '49**, who recently retired from the Department of Anesthesiology in the Pain Clinic at Milwaukee's Medical College of Wisconsin. The emeritus professor notes that his work to found the first hospital-based hospice at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee was among his most rewarding. Burchman is now affiliated with UW-Milwaukee's College of Nursing.

"I have always worn two caps: one as a musician and another as an outdoor writer," says **Richard Bowles MS'50** of Gainesville, Florida. Involved with the summer band camps established by the late UW Professor **Leon Iltis**, he went on to lead several bands, including that of the University of Florida, and has published more than one hundred musical pieces. Bowles, now eighty-five, has also been writing for *Florida Sportsman* magazine for twenty years.

The career of **(Marion Bette) Betts Van Liew Rivét MS'53** has encompassed most

aspects of the educational arena: she's been a teacher, counselor, school psychologist, and administrator, and following her 1992 retirement, she spent eleven years as a volunteer English teacher at Hwa Nan Women's College in China. Now back home in Orange, California, Rivét remains active in leading the International School Psychology Association.

If you've never had a mountain named after you, **Osmund Holm-Hansen PhD'54** can tell you what it's like. Mount Holm-Hansen in the Antarctic was named in honor of this graduate's extensive, ongoing studies on that continent and in the Southern Ocean, beginning in 1959. Since 1963, he's been a research oceanographer at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California.

The 2003 Seventh Generation Research Award has gone to **Bill Liebhardt '58, MS'64, PhD'66**, who spent many years at UC-Davis as the director of the University of California's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. The award is sponsored by the Center for Rural Affairs and the Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. Now retired in Davis, Liebhardt still works with some nonprofit groups that are "attempting to make the planet a better place."

When in Rome, do as **(Margaret) Jeanne Barry Oelerich '59** does: consult a walking guide! This Glencoe, Illinois, travel writer and tour leader has produced pocket guides about what to do and where to eat when you're on foot in Rome, Paris, London, Florence, Venice, or Chicago (www.walkingguides.com). Published by Just Marvelous, the concise editions include maps, historical timelines, and museum diagrams.

60s

Offerings: The Collected Works of Thayer Drake Thompson, 1951 to 2003 (Inter-State Printing) is an unusual collection indeed. **Thayer (Ted) Thompson '60** of Sedalia, Missouri, chronicles his life — including his UW years — through materials such as research papers, essays, Haresfoot program notes, plays, speeches, letters, poems, and a candidate's position paper.

The new menopause host at the Web site BellaOnline for Women is **Carolyn Stark Chambers Clark '64** of Minneapolis, who also serves as BellaOnline's director of wellness resources. At the site (www.bellaonline.com/site/menopause), Clark offers articles, quizzes, links, and a newsletter that covers the spectrum of menopause topics.

Sisters **(Mary) Rosemarita MS'65, MFA'67** and **(Mary) Carla MA'75 Huebner** — two sisters (in the biological sense) who are also sisters (in the religious sense) — both received the 2003 Outstanding Art Educator Higher Education Award from the Wisconsin Art Education Association in October. They've been teaching at Milwaukee's Mount Mary College for thirty and twenty years, respectively. **Bob Tarrell MFA'95**, an art professor at Madison's Edgewood College, received the 2003 Art Educator of the Year Award at the same ceremony.

It was a notable summer for **Ed Rogan II '65**. After twenty-five years as the sole owner and president of the Rogan Corporation in Northbrook, Illinois, he became its chair. He also accepted a 2003 Silver Industrial Design Excellence Award from *BusinessWeek* and the Industrial Design Society of America for the company's line of soft-grip knobs and handles. Rogan, whose management practices have been lauded in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Inc.* magazine, is now active

in additional Chicago-based entrepreneurial businesses.

In 2003, San Francisco attorney **Alan Caplan '66** was voted the Trial Lawyer of the Year by the national organization Trial Lawyers for Public Justice for litigating anti-sweatshop cases. And, in 2002, he was voted Appellate Lawyer of the Year in California by *California State Bar Magazine* as counsel for the plaintiff in *Kasky v. Nike*. Caplan is with the law firm of Bushnell, Caplan & Fielding.

"In the fall of 2002, I made an unlikely return to teaching after a twenty-four-year hiatus, during which I worked as a dairy farmer and newspaper editor, among other things," writes **Mike O'Connell MA'66**, who's now an instructor at UWC-Baraboo/Sauk County. His piece "Rethinking Robert Frost" appeared in the November/December issue of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*.

The Long Island [New York] Board of Realtors named a Long Beach, New York, Badger its 2003 Realtor/Broker of the Year: **Neil Sterrer '67**. He's been in the business since 1980, after retiring from a teaching career that was crowned by a nomination for the 1980 New York State Teacher of the Year award.

When **George Antonelli MA'68** won the fifty-and-over age category of the Duke University 5K race in November, he also set a new course record. (We should all be so fit at age sixty-two!) Antonelli lives and runs in Mebane, North Carolina.

Christopher Browning MA'68, PhD'75, a University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill professor of history, delivered the first of the George L. Mosse Distinguished Lectures at UW-Madison in 2002. Now the UW Press has published Browning's book based on that lecture: *Collected Memories: Holocaust History and Postwar Testimony*.

Part of a 'High Purpose'

When the *Mars Spirit* and *Opportunity* rovers landed on the Red Planet early this year, **Scott Tibbitts '80** was one ecstatic guy.

As president and founder of Starsys Research Corporation of Boulder, Colorado, which makes motors and actuators for space-mission vehicles, the engineering graduate experienced "an amazing emotional connection to what was happening on Mars."

Starsys provided the rovers' temperature controls and nearly two dozen actuators, driving virtually every moving part.

"When the first pictures from Mars showed our logo and the NASA program manager said the mission couldn't have been accomplished without companies like ours, we whooped and hollered," says Tibbitts.

His interest in space began with watching *Gemini* and *Mercury* flights and a shuttle launch with his father, UW Emeritus Professor **Theodore Tibbitts '50, MS'52, PhD'53**, a horticulturist and a leader in growing plants — notably potatoes — in space.

At the UW, Scott Tibbitts worked with Professor **Edwin Lightfoot**, now an emeritus professor of chemical engineering, taking sheep on simulated scuba dives to determine at what depth they suffered from the bends.

After graduation, he worked for five years in nuclear weaponry for Rockwell International, but the entrepreneurial spirit he'd possessed since grade school resurfaced. Tibbitts left Rockwell, and, with an inventor friend, began building home water heaters in a garage.

Eager to get into space and high-tech fields, he convinced NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to use his fledgling company's actuator, and seventeen years ago, Tibbitts started Starsys, which now employs one hundred people.

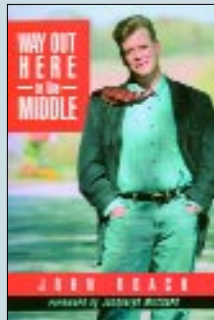
As for projected human space exploration, he considers it a "high purpose, an incredible expression of the very best of what humans are about, what they can accomplish." — *Joel H. Cohen*



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Pat Fabiano MA'68 had the pleasure of receiving an award from Washington's lieutenant governor in October. The occasion? As the director of prevention and wellness services at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Fabiano accepted the Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award for the institution's WE CAN Works program.

Bookmark



Way out Here in the Middle (Jones Books) is Madison author **John Roach '77's** take on life. A compilation of fifty-one columns that he wrote for *Madison Magazine* from 1993 to 2003, they take the form of letters to the magazine's editor, who was, at the start, **Doug Moe '79** and later became the late Brian Howell. The first letter begins by looking at the positive side of turning forty: "I don't have zits. I am not afraid of sex. I don't live in an apartment with nine other guys. My car starts." Roach ends on a somewhat more sentimental note in the final entry, written during the month he turned fifty. In between are musings on everything from home repairs, Christmas, ice fishing, and travel to birth, gratitude, aging, heroes, and honor. Roach also runs John Roach Projects, a TV and video production company; co-wrote the screenplay for *The Straight Story*, which became a David Lynch film; and created and produced the cult cable show *The Sports Writers on TV*. Author Jacquelyn Mitchard, a close friend of Roach, penned the foreword for *Way out Here*, in which she says, "Enrich yourself. Read this book."

The International Association for Plant Taxonomy has presented its Engler Medal in Silver to **Scott Mori MS'68, PhD'74**, the curator of botany at the New York Botanical Garden, for co-authoring the *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Central French Guiana, Part 2: Dicotyledons* (New York Botanical Garden Press).

Rhinebeck, New York, author **Scott Spencer '69** was among the five finalists in the fiction category of the fifty-fourth National Book Awards this fall, chosen for his work *A Ship Made of Paper* (Ecco/HarperCollins). Shirley Hazzard's book *The Great Fire* was the eventual fiction-category winner.

70s

Through her roles as the founder and executive director of the Milwaukee-based Endometriosis Association, **Mary Lou Ballweg '71** provides education, support, and research to help combat the disease. Now her association (www.EndometriosisAssn.org) has also produced *Endometriosis: The Complete Reference for Taking Charge of Your Health* (Contemporary Books/McGraw-Hill). Ballweg launched the book in October at a Fluno Center event that included UW Professor **David Olive** and Madisonian **Marla Ahlgrimm '78**, the president of Women's Health America.

James Dumesic '71 isn't waiting for the "hydrogen-fuel economy" to arrive — he's helping to make it happen. Named one of *Scientific American's* top fifty research leaders of 2003 in its December issue, the UW professor of chemical and biological engineering and his colleagues have developed economical, catalytic methods for turning the carbohydrates in biomass into hydrogen — and they're doing it with no net greenhouse-gas production.

The American Psychological Association has recently honored several Badgers. **Robert Gatchel MS'71, PhD'73** received the 2004 Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research. He's a professor of psychology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The roster of 2004 fellows includes **Rafael Klorman MA'67, PhD'72**, a professor of clinical and social sciences in psychology at the University of Rochester [New York]; **Herbert Heneman III MS'68, PhD'70**, a UW emeritus professor of business and a senior research associate at the UW's Wisconsin Center for Education Research; Washington, D.C., private practitioner **Ellen Baker MS'74, PhD'76**; and **Jill Fischer MS'81, PhD'85** of Winnetka, Illinois, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals' scientific liaison in neuroscience.

Drawing on his knowledge — MD and JD degrees — and experience in both medicine and law, **Rick (Richard) Goodman '71** served as the lead editor of *Law in Public Health Practice* (Oxford University Press). He's also the co-director of the public health law program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Aurora Health Care has a new VP of philanthropy: **Nancy Foreman Kaufman '71, MS'83** of Bayside, Wisconsin. Previously a VP with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she's been a representative to the World Health Organization, and as a registered nurse, Kaufman was nominated for the American Red Cross's Nurse Hero award for her post-9/11 work.

The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum in Chicago offered the perfect December setting for author **Victoria Bissell Brown '72, MA'74's** discussion of *The Education of Jane Addams* (University of Pennsylvania Press). Brown, who teaches history at

Grinnell [Iowa] College, counters earlier treatments of the reformer's life by drawing on previously unexamined sources.

As the newly appointed Palestinian minister of housing, **Abdel Rahman Hamad MS'72, PhD'75** plans to improve and provide more housing, as well as develop public-works projects. Formerly, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat appointed Hamad chair of the Palestinian Energy Authority, for which he supervised the construction of the first electrical power distribution station in Gaza.

Best wishes to **Paul Mayer MS'72** as he serves a three-year term on the board of the International Housewares Association. He's the president of the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin-based Chaney Instrument Company, a manufacturer of time and temperature products.

There can be no doubt that **Sonia Parry Tyson MA'72** is devoted to teaching Spanish — she's been doing it for the Montclair [New Jersey] Kimberley Academy since 1975. Previously the chair of its middle school foreign language department, Tyson is now creating a Spanish program in the primary school. *Gracias* to Tyson's friend **Deborah Myers Rheinstrom MA'72** of Lincolnwood, Illinois, for bringing us up-to-date.

We were pleased to hear from Brewster, New York, author **Linda Dahl Vogl '72**, who's published (as Linda Dahl) *Stormy Weather* (Pantheon Books); *Morning Glory: A Biography of Mary Lou Williams* (University of California Press); and *Come Back, Carmen Miranda: Stories of Latin America* (Xlibris Corporation). "I was introduced to jazz while at Madison," Vogl writes, "and it became one of two professions, the other being a Latin Americanist."

One of the chapters in *White Men Challenging Racism: 35 Personal Stories* (Duke University

Press) describes the involvement of **Rick Whaley '72** in the Chippewa treaty-rights solidarity work of the late 1980s and early 1990s — efforts that Whaley himself wrote about in *Walleye Warriors: The Chippewa Treaty Rights Story*. He's now a teaching assistant at Craig Montessori School in Milwaukee.

Anand Joglekar PhD'73 of Plymouth, Minnesota, has distilled fifteen years' experience as president of Joglekar Associates — which provides training, consultation, and software to implement statistical methods in industry — into a new book: *Statistical Methods for Six Sigma* (John Wiley & Sons).

Destination Europe: The Political and Economic Growth of a Continent (Manchester University Press) was a large undertaking, but author **Kjell Torbiörn MBA'73** was up to the task of discussing the major political, economic, and societal developments in Europe since the end of WWII — and projecting into the future. Torbiörn heads the economic secretariat of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg, France.

James Hecker '75, MS'77, an assistant professor of anesthesia at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia, is the primary investigator testing a technique that would protect neurons from trauma during brain and spinal surgeries. The work is courtesy of a \$1.7 million National Institutes of Health grant.

The educational initiative called Space Day 2004: Blazing Galactic Trails (www.spaceday.org) is coming up on May 6, and **Anne Bentsen Kinney '75** of Washington, D.C., will be an official spokesperson. As NASA's division director for astronomy and physics, she oversees thirty-five missions that extend beyond the solar system.

Dennis Melvin MA'76, the city administrator of West Bend, Wisconsin, since 1984, recently received the 2003 International City/County Management Association's International Professional Award for nurturing international relations through exchanges with its partner city, Pazardjik, Bulgaria.

There's no such thing as a career rut for **Adrienne Berg Yorinks '77** — she's on her third. Career one: professional dancer. Career two: operator of the Galloping Groomer dog-grooming business, and the author of *The Home Grooming Guide for Dogs* (Crown Publishers). But, Yorinks says, "I always felt I belonged in another century," and thus was born career three: creating award-winning quilts. She lives in Staten Island, New York.

Peter Botham '79 is pursuing his passion, and he told the Madison-area Business Forum all about it in December. Combining a lifelong love of farming with a serious interest in wine, he spent several years at a Maryland vineyard before settling in Barneveld, Wisconsin, to found Botham Vineyards in 1989.

80s

Working from the premise that "spiritual ignorance gets people into trouble," **Dan Meyer PhD'80** has written and self-published *Solving Life's Problems Quicker* (www.geocities.com/my77772003). The Fayette, Iowa, author focuses on divorce, but also discusses dysfunctional families, substance abuse, violence, and suicide.

Will Kenlaw III '81 says that when he envisioned his future family, he saw both genders — especially a Will IV. Four daughters later, however, he felt compelled to write *A Father's Guide to Raising Daughters: Because I Need One!* (Trafford

Publishing) — a compilation of wisdom "from the heart and from the hip." The Kenlaws live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The news this fall from Medellín, Colombia, was that **Sergio Fajardo Valderrama MA'81, PhD'84** was elected the new mayor by a wide margin. Reports **Tom Yuill MS'62, PhD'64** — who was in Medellín to celebrate the veterinary collaboration between the UW and the Universidad de Antioquia — Fajardo is not from one of the traditional political parties and is viewed as a breath of fresh air.

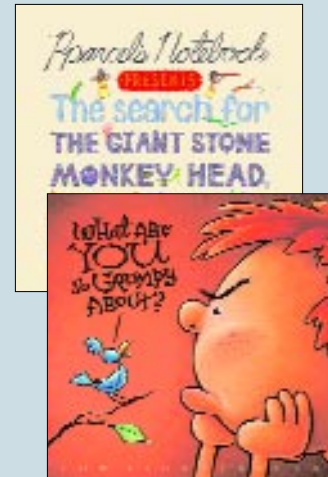
Jim Butts '82, of the UW's entomology department, let us know that a symposium honoring the work of UW Emeritus Professor **Gene DeFoliart** on insects as a global food source took place in October as part of the Entomological Society of America's annual meeting. Its title? Eating Healthy: Nutritional Aspects of Insectivory.

The new dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Seoul [South Korea] National University is **Mooha Lee PhD'82**, who notes that there are six Badger alumni at the institution.

This sounds like a big job: as the director of information technology (IT) for PPG Industries' fiber glass businesses, **Julie Otto Poepping '82** of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, oversees the IT strategy and development for fiber glass applications worldwide. Thanks to proud father **Bob Otto '57** of Alvaton, Kentucky, for this update.

Chicago's fifth ward has a new alderperson: **Leslie Hairston '83**. An attorney in private practice and a former assistant attorney general for the state of Illinois, she has taught litigation and business law and has a long record of community service. Hairston is also a member of WAA's African American Alumni Association.

Bookmark



Author and artist **Dan Graves '91** may have a hit on his hands with his first illustrated children's book, a "quirky, epic adventure story for all ages" called *Pparcel's Notebook Presents: The Search for the Giant Stone Monkey Head, Truth, Friends and Strange Food* (Love Cultivating Editions). The story follows Precious Pparcel Perkins through the Ecuadorian jungles and recounts her encounters with exotic insects, tropical foods, and some very odd characters. Graves is also a published poet, sculptor, and chef in an organic restaurant in Minneapolis.

Child magazine has named *What Are You So Grumpy About?* (Little Brown) one of the Best Children's Books of 2003 — and that makes its author and illustrator, **Tom Lichtenheld '79**, anything *but* grumpy. He talks to kids on their level, empathizing with their very real, very "grump-inducing" moments, such as when their gravy touches their peas, or their fathers take them to the "most boring museum in the universe." Lichtenheld, of Geneva, Illinois, has also created *Everything I Know about Pirates* (Simon and Schuster) — one of the best children's books of 2000, according to *Newsweek*.

Continuing the Culture

Susan Chapman MBA'98

likes telling her grandmother that she's done more in her thirty-five years than most people do in a lifetime.

And Chapman isn't exaggerating.

Named one of the fifty "best and brightest" under age forty by *Black Enterprise* magazine, she's the director of global real estate for Level 3 Communications, a broadband communications and software company and one of the nation's largest bandwidth providers.

With residences in Denver and London, Chapman clocked 140,000 travel miles in 2003 on assignments around the globe, enjoying the chance to "get to know different cultures and make friends all over the world."

She describes her biggest satisfactions as achieving some amazing results in a basically dead real estate market, raising or saving \$250 million in a year and a half, and growing Level 3's real estate acquisitions from zero to some 13 million square feet in five years.

But Chapman isn't all business. A pianist since childhood, she's composing music for a children's gospel CD she's producing; writing two non-fiction books; and, with one of her brothers, working on a family cookbook.

She chose Wisconsin because "it has one of the country's best real estate MBA programs and one of the best alumni networks I've ever seen. So many alumni remain active in the Wisconsin Real Estate Alumni Association." Chapman does, too, and she keeps in touch with several professors and former classmates, noting that the UW's real estate program "breeds a culture that continues" (see *Philanthropy*, page 61).

She's been blessed with mentors throughout her life, including the engineering dean at Vanderbilt, where she majored in engineering before earning a master's in planning at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Goal-oriented Chapman plans on staying in the corporate world, preferably as a Fortune 400 CEO. Meanwhile, she mentors young women in order to give them the same opportunities that she had.

— *Joel H. Cohen*



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Two eighties grads are doing good things for Cleveland, Ohio. In October, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland recognized **Erbert Johnson, Jr. '83**, the chief financial officer of the Cleveland Municipal School District, for his commitment to education. Meanwhile, **Colette Taddy Hart '86** has joined the

Cleveland Bridge Builders Flagship Program, which identifies and nurtures young civic and economic leaders.

Dedicating his career to improving the health of young people — especially in the area of substance-abuse prevention — has earned **Chad (Chudley) Werch PhD'83** the 2003 Research Council Award from the American School Health Association. Werch is a graduate research professor at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, as well as the director of the Center for Drug Prevention Research.

The first textbook on tissue engineering has been co-authored by **Bernhard Palsson PhD'84**, a professor of bioengineering and an adjunct professor of medicine at the University of California-San Diego. *Tissue Engineering* (Prentice Hall) is considered a comprehensive resource for teaching about this field, which combines biological sciences, engineering, medicine, and biotechnology.

Dave Rosen '84 finds himself in Edinburgh, Scotland, these days. Why? He's the new managing director of FLEXcon Europe. Headquartered in Spencer, Massachusetts, the FLEXcon company manufactures pressure-sensitive film.

"I just wanted to let *On Wisconsin* know what I was up to these days," writes **Madeleine Marie Slavik '84**. Since emigrating to Hong Kong in 1988, she's worked as a photographer, writer, curator, editor, activist, guidance counselor, and poet. In 2002, Slavik co-founded Sixth Finger Press to publish literary works in Chinese and English (www.sixthfingerpress.com).

Normally the legal adviser to NATO's Joint Headquarters Centre in Heidelberg, Germany, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel **Michael Hokenson JD'86** was reassigned this fall as the legal

adviser to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan, when NATO took command of it.

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recently profiled **Gary Mueller '86** as one of its Faces of Hope. As a senior VP/creative director at BVK Direct in Glendale, Wisconsin, he had the idea to spin off the ad agency's pro bono work into a nonprofit subsidiary called Serve, Inc. As its president, Mueller now works with volunteer Serve staffers during their off hours to provide marketing for small, underfunded charitable organizations.

Two Badgers found their way into the glow of TV's lime-light this winter. **Patrick Fernan '87, MA'90, JD'90** of McFarland, Wisconsin, did a fabulous job on *Jeopardy* in December, winning \$58,000. New Yorker **Pete Monty '97** — formerly with the Minnesota Vikings — was one of the groomsmen in the wedding of Trista and Ryan of ABC's *The Bachelor* fame. Thanks to **Angela Smith Wellsmith '98** of Waukesha, Wisconsin, for letting us know!

Catholic Charities USA honored **Jackie Bushong-Martin '88** of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, with its 2003 National Volunteer of the Year award this fall. She mobilized the talents of hundreds in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program to sew nearly two thousand school uniforms for Haitian children. She also runs a nonprofit, therapeutic, horse-riding program from her farm, Razberry Ranch.

Samir Gupte '88 is the new VP of human resources for Bahama Breeze, a Caribbean-inspired chain of eateries owned by Darden Restaurants. The Orlando, Florida, resident is also pursuing a culinary arts degree from Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky.

School of Business grads: what's your guess as to which

of you was the first to be inducted into the UW's Entrepreneur Hall of Fame? If you said **Aaron Kennedy MBA'89**, you're right on the money. Kennedy, the founder and CEO of the Boulder, Colorado-based Noodles & Company national restaurant chain, was inducted in October as part of the Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship's alumni reunion.

90s

Camille Hempel '90 knows — and loves — a hideous couch when she sees one. Her love affair began with one she tossed out to the curb in college and culminated in September with an appearance on *Live with Regis and Kelly* as one of three finalists in an ugly-couch competition. A Brooklyn, New York, jewelry designer, Hempel won the contest, garnering a \$5,000 prize, a *New York Times* article, and a contact by a publishing house to see if some of the hundreds of ugly-couch photos she's taken might become a book — perhaps one you'd display on an ugly coffee table?

On the fiftieth anniversary of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, **Catherine Prendergast MA'91, PhD'97** has published *Literacy and Racial Justice: The Politics of Learning after Brown v. Board of Education* (Southern Illinois University Press), with UW Professor **Gloria Ladson-Billings** providing the foreword. Prendergast teaches English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The library at the Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan, recently underwent a technological and interior transformation under the leadership of Director **Cindy (Cynthia) Tews MA'91**. After her hard work was acknowledged with the 2003 Air Force Library Program of the Year

award, Tews said, "This is definitely the highlight of my career."

When D.R. Ellis — a.k.a.

Deborah Ellis '92 of Palmyra, Wisconsin — wrote *Luciferin* (1stBooks Library), she built a double reference into the title. Luciferin is a pigment found in bioluminescent creatures such as fireflies, but its devilish implication reveals the book's nature as a psychological thriller — one in which a long, hot summer turns nightmarish for a special-education teacher and her nephew.

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well among these nineties grads: **Melanie Paulsrud Schmidt '93** has opened AdHouse Creative, a Madison communications firm that's also the professional home of **Emily Tuszynski-Shea '96**, **Candice Niemuth Nielsen '97**, and **Sara Sieb '98**. Noting that this is her "first time having news to share with fellow alums," **Michelle Lock Jonson '95** of Geneva, Illinois, writes that she's become a self-employed agent for Farmers Insurance and Financial Services. And former Badger football punter **Sam Veit '95** has founded Veit Direct Marketing in Muskego, Wisconsin.

The new executive director of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters in Madison is **Michael Strigel MS'94**, who's stepped up from his two previous roles there. The academy has also welcomed a new associate gallery director — **Martha Appleyard Glowacki '72, MFA'78** — who will help move the Wisconsin Academy Gallery to downtown Madison's Overture Center this fall.

Coming from the directorship of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, **Michael Stafford PhD'95** has become the new president of the Milwaukee Public Museum. He's arrived in time to host the only Midwest showing of *The Quest for Immortality*:

Treasures of Ancient Egypt, which opens on March 28 (see page 62).

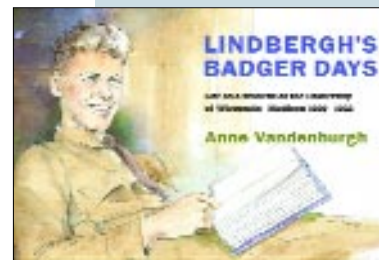
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has given one of its five 2003 Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting to **Bragi Schut, Jr. '96**. The L.A. resident's script, *Season of the Witch*, was chosen from more than six thousand submissions. Schut will be expected to complete a feature-length screenplay during the fellowship year.

Brenda Velasco '96 is also involved in the movie "biz," but in a very different way: she's the new media/education specialist at Burbank, California's Providence High School, which offers an intensive, film-career curriculum. "I can't believe I'm helping aspiring young filmmakers seek their dreams," Velasco says. "I'm sure there is a future Academy Award-winning director among the bunch!"

The McGrath siblings are giving back, each in his or her own way. **Ted (Edward) McGrath '97** is practicing dentistry at La Clinica de Los Campesinos, a Wautoma, Wisconsin, community health center that treats migrant farm workers and the underserved. His identical twin sisters, **Erin '00** and **Molly '00 McGrath**, both live in Washington, D.C. Erin works for U.S. Labor Against War and the Graphic Communications International Union, while Molly is with the AFL-CIO. "We all came away from Madison with a sense of humility and compassion for humanity," writes Ted McGrath. "This is, I guess, a thank-you to the UW. You gave us the tools to make ourselves better people and the world a better place."

Neal Vermillion MA'99 writes that he began a foreign-service tour in August as vice consul in the U.S. embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria. Congratulations!

Bookmark



What was **Charles Lindbergh x'24** like before he became, well, *Charles Lindbergh*? Madisonian and former UW librarian **Anne Vandenburg MA'82** offers a look at the pre-aviator Lindbergh who spent time at UW-Madison from 1921 until 1923 in her new book, *Lindbergh's Badger Days* (Goblin Fern Press). At age eighteen, Lindbergh and his mother moved to Madison, where he began studying in the UW's School of Engineering. Instead of serious study, however, he preferred spending time with friends and racing across campus on their motorcycles. After Lindbergh's interest in aviation overtook his interest in college, Vandenburg notes that he was dropped by the university and moved on to a flying school in Nebraska. He did return to the UW twice after his historic flight, however, to promote aviation and receive an honorary doctorate. To produce *Lindbergh's Badger Days*, Vandenburg worked with indexer and researcher **Robin Willard MA'91** and book coach **Kira Henschel '77** at Henschel's Madison-based Goblin Fern Press. Affiliated with the Press is Goblin Fern Cooperative, the first author-owned-and-operated retail bookstore of its kind in the nation.

2000s

The Bentley Company — a Milwaukee construction services firm since 1848 — added a sixth generation of family involvement this fall as **Todd Bentley '00** joined the business development department. Other Bentley Badgers include chief operating officer **Bob (Robert) Stelter '79**, as well as **R.J. (Rodney) Adel '77**, **Joe Widmann '82**, and **Nate Keller '98**.

Marry Me Marisa — a Madison wedding consulting firm — is in its fourth year of business, says owner **Marisa Menzel '00**, who assists with everything from budgeting and vendor selection to decorating and the ceremony.

obituaries

Uta Hagen x'41, honorary doctorate '00, the German-born Broadway star and acting

teacher, died in January in Manhattan, New York. A wide-ranging stage actress, she was best known for her Tony Award-winning performance as Martha in the original Broadway production of Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in 1962, and last played the role at age eighty. At age seven, Hagen moved to Madison, where her father, **Oskar Hagen**, founded the UW's art history department. She attended the UW, but then left to pursue an acting career. Following her professional debut as Ophelia in *Hamlet* at age eighteen, Hagen played many roles over seven decades, including Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. With her late spouse Herbert Berghof, she operated the HB Studios in Manhattan and was a respected teacher and textbook author.

Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch x'45 — football hero, former

UW athletic director, and NFL Hall of Famer — died in January in Madison. A Wausau, Wisconsin, high school athletic star, Hirsch made football history at the UW, which retired his number 40. He joined the Marines during WWII and was transferred to Michigan, where he became the only Wolverine to letter in four sports. Hirsch also played for the Chicago Rockets and Los Angeles Rams, and served as the UW's athletic director from 1969 until 1987. His movie career included appearances in *Unchained* and *Zero Hour*, and playing himself in *Crazylegs*, *All American*. The twenty-third annual Crazylegs Run — a popular run/walk fundraiser for the UW athletic department — will be held in Madison on April 24.

Paula Wagner Apfelbach '83 compiles Alumni News when she isn't busy seeking out the city's best chocolate-chip scone.

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Letters

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I loved "The Union 75." What wonderful memories we all have of this "home away from home." Graduating in 1954 and having returned to UW-Madison only occasionally, I am unaware of the Union South referred to so often in your fine article, and could find no information about the location or nature of the building. Could you fill me in?

*Kari Reymert Morlock '54
Lansing, Illinois*

(Editor's Note: Union South is located at 227 North Randall Street (near the engineering campus) and was opened in 1971 when it became clear that Memorial Union was not large enough to serve the entire campus. Union South features modern-style architecture, and it is perhaps best known to alumni as the site of tailgate parties that feature the UW marching band before home games.)

It was in 1948 that I first ventured into the Union as a veteran of World War II and a first-year graduate student in economics. I walked out on the Terrace, and there was that beautiful lake. My thought was, "Life isn't going to get any better than this!" One could always go to the Union, and there would be something to do. During my second year, I lived at the faculty club and made a daily journey to the Union for my evening meal, which always included custard for dessert.

My undergraduate years at Washington State College and my graduate years at Wisconsin opened the gates to an absolutely wonderful life as a faculty member at the Universities of Richmond, Cincinnati, and Missouri. Wordsworth, however, said it much better than I can:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

The Union and the university have changed a good bit in the past half-century, but both, as I knew them, are among my most precious daffodils.

*John Kuhlman PhD '53
Weaverville, North Carolina*

Rockin' the Rankings

I enjoyed Christine Lampe's feature, "Rockin' the Rankings" [Winter 2003]. But I have to side to some degree with the naysayers who doubt that Madison belongs in the top "rocking" cities in the U.S. My experience with the Madison local music scene was in the years 1982–84, primarily as a music critic with the *Badger Herald* and *Daily Cardinal*—and as a freelancer writing reviews for an indie music magazine.

I looked for it, but was never able to find a distinctive Madison musical "scene." I define a musical "scene" as a locality that has one or more of the following: a dominant musical style, culture, community, club, publication, artist, record store, radio station, or identity. The Madison of 1982–84 had none of these. In this regard, I don't think Madison was any worse off than many other college towns. Anyway, I appreciated your article. It brought back memories I've kept buried.

*James Kobielus MA '84
Alexandria, Virginia*

Hand-Waving Applause

Thank you for the wonderful article "Seeing Signs" about the American Sign Language classes taught by Michael Ginter [Winter 2003]. You touched on so many important concepts like deaf culture and the intricacies of non-verbal communication, and you did all of this without using the repulsive label of "hearing impaired."

As an undergrad at the UW, I majored in zoology. Since then, I have switched paths to become a nationally certified ASL interpreter. I am proud to see my alma mater embracing ASL,

giving it the credit and respect it deserves. Author Josh Orton is obviously very perceptive — Mike Ginter's "nose scrunching" is famous in the deaf and interpreting communities in Wisconsin. My hands are waving in applause!

*Amy Free '96
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Checking out Library Collapse

While reading my Fall 2003 *On Wisconsin*, I was pleasantly surprised to find a bit of nostalgia on page 12 [Dispatches] about the fall of the steel frame of the library under construction.

I was a junior that year, and I was walking up Langdon Street when I heard this tremendous roar. I turned around and ran in the direction of the noise. There, in front of me, spread around like so many pick-up sticks, was a mass of steel beams on the ground.

I recognized myself standing among the many curiosity seekers [in the photo]. I'm in the lower left hand, wearing a leather jacket and light pants with the sun shining on my back.

Actually, I should not have been in that picture. I should have been in class! Shhh! Don't tell anyone.

*Edwin Saul '52
Port Jervis, New York*

Charles Siefert Memorial

A Basketball Scholarship Fund has been established in the name of Charles Siefert by his family and former teammates. Chuck was co-captain of the 1953 Badger basketball team. To date, the fund exceeds \$9,000. Contributions can be sent in care of Trent Jackson, UW Foundation, P.O. Box 8860, Madison WI 53708.

Correction: In the article about Homecoming [WAA News, Winter 2003], a caption listed Larry Reed's degrees as MA'69, PhD'78. His correct degree is MS'76.