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Keeping members and friends in touch with the Wisconsin Union

QUARTERLY

YEAR-END 1998



Students are at the heart of the Union. This group just finished volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, a project sponsored by our student-run Community Services committee.

The Union tradition

We have a story to tell.

Actually, it's several stories about people who cherish the Union and carry good feelings for this place. You, too, may share their sentiments.

Remember the Terrace and the Rathskeller? Meeting friends. Great music. People everywhere.

Indeed, people are at the very heart of the Union. Always have been. You'll read about a few of them in the profiles inside. Many came here as students.

"I hope the Union continues to enrich the lives of students as it did mine."

Bill Kasdorf
1970-71 Union
volunteer

At the Union, they not only found a place to relax and

socialize, but they also found a place to get involved, to gain valuable hands-on experience and leadership skills through student volunteer opportunities.

Students have been at the center of the Union since Memorial Union opened in 1928. Indeed, it was a student, Lowell Frautschi, who led the student campaign that raised \$138,000 towards the campaign goal. "It is worth any sacrifice that we may be called upon to make in order to bring it to completion," said the sign on the building site.

This tradition of support continues today. You already cast your vote in favor of the Union when you purchased a membership.

Now, you can further your support by making a gift to the Union Endowment Fund where your dollars will enhance

programs in art, music, film and lectures, and in student leadership, in volunteer activities and more over the long term.

Please read the enclosed newsletter. Then use the enclosed card to make a gift to the Union. Your contribution will help us continue to make a mark on the lives of young people for many years to come.

Enjoy these stories which we hope will stimulate similar recollections from your times at the Union. Thank you for considering a gift to the Endowment Fund and please come visit the Union soon.

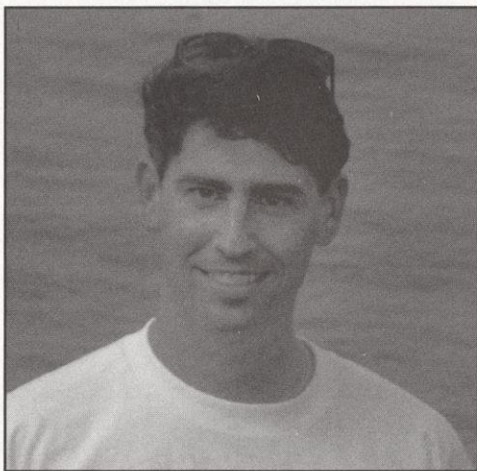
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THE WISCONSIN UNION

Once a Hooper, always a Hooper



Steve Beringer, during his days as a Hooper sailing instructor, club member and student leader. Steve's recent gift to the Union generated matching funds from his workplace.

Like many people, Steve Beringer discovered the Union as a freshman because of the Rathskeller, live music and Terrace sunsets. Already an avid sailor, it didn't take long for Steve to discover the Hooper Sailing Club and the Ski Club too. In time, Steve was named head sailing instructor as well as Hooper Council vice president. The experience would prove invaluable.

"Being an instructor with the Sailing Club gave me some of my best experiences ever," said Steve. "The best way to learn is to try to teach. I learned so much: listening, communication and management skills. I was constantly

challenged with new situations which made my transition to 'real life' easier. I honestly feel what I gained while at Hoopers should have counted for some sort of specialty degree."

A few months ago, Steve called us to find out how to make a gift to the Union and to Hoopers. Why? "Because it's just one way that I can give back. If my gift can help make some other person's Hooper experience be more enjoyable, then I would be happy." Steve works in Memphis, Tennessee as a regional sales analyst for Kimberly-Clark's Southern Region.

Building community service on campus

It was during the Vietnam war years that student government approached the Union with this question: Will the Union take over the reins to link students to volunteer opportunities in the community, a tradition that dates back to the university's founding mission? A resounding 'yes' led to the opening of the Volunteer Services office at Union South. Last year alone more than 5,000 students turned to the Union to find out how to help people in need.

Now, thanks to a major gift, the Union can expand its efforts to promote volunteerism on campus and settle into a new home: the Morgridge Center for Public Service in the Armory and Gymnasium. On the agenda is more training for student volunteers and outreach to faculty who want to incorporate community service into the curriculum.

The Center's student volunteers and staff have accomplished much already this fall:

- Organized A Day of Caring when 300 students helped those in need.

- Worked to assess the need for a South Madison food pantry.
- Awarded grants to campus groups engaged in community service.

"My work in community service has changed my life," said student volunteer Chris Bouda. "I've seen first-hand the incredible work that students and others are doing to make Madison a wonderful place for every citizen." Looking ahead,

Chris hopes to organize a nationwide volunteer day for his future employer, a major accounting firm.

Susan Vande Hei Dibbell is the director of the Morgridge Center and a former Union student volunteer who served as a Union vice president in 1983-84. She also contributes to the Union, "because I know my dollars will support cutting-edge, educational programs for the university community."



Chris and Susan outside the Morgridge Center for Public Service in the renovated Red Gym, a new home that builds on a tradition of volunteerism and community service at the Union.

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Enriching lives and careers

Bill Kasdorf was a new freshman on campus in 1967. As an undergraduate majoring in English, he was looking for a way to broaden his appreciation for literature beyond the classics of the classroom to include current fiction and

"The Union was the most valuable part of my university career...a special place that attracts special people."

poetry, being written right then, on campus and off. The Union's student-run Literary committee was the answer. "It offered me a way

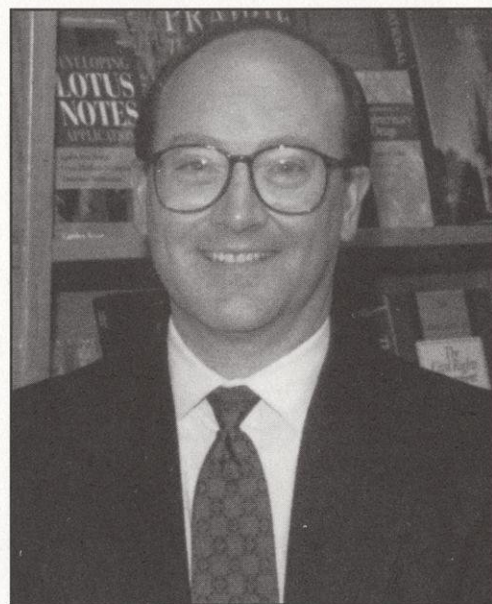
to extend my academic interest into the real world," said Bill. And it would fuel the fire for a future career in publishing.

Bill joined the Union's Literary committee and served as its 1970-71 director. He still looks back with pride at his committee's efforts: editing and publishing *Modine*

Gunch, an award-winning literary magazine, attracting some of the best student poets for a series of chapbooks and working to bring great poets of the day to campus.

"The experience was tremendously enriching and a lot of fun," said Bill. "What I hadn't envisioned was the leadership development it offered... that was what prepared me more than anything else to build a successful company consistent with the ideals and values that we were so devoted to in the late sixties and early seventies."

Today, among other ventures, Bill is the owner and editor of Impressions Book and Journal Services, a leading supplier of design, editorial and production services to major publishers throughout the country.



Bill Kasdorf, who recently made a contribution to the Union Endowment Fund, said, "Nothing I could give would repay all that the Union gave me."



Lecia Keaton directs her gifts to the Theater Endowment Fund which enables the Union to offer discounted Theater tickets, 50% off at times, to UW-Madison students.

A special place

About ten years ago, Lecia Keaton was an undergraduate looking for more than a degree from UW-Madison. While watching a movie at the Union, she learned that students develop the events here. It was the beginning of a long friendship.

During her senior year, Lecia served as the director of the Theater Arts committee, the student group responsible for working with the Union Theater director to bring us the Union's Performance, Concert and Travel Adventure series. Lecia was director during the

Theater's 50th anniversary season. She met and mingled with Maynard Ferguson, Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax as well as several of her predecessors during the celebration. "That's when I really understood what I was a part of," said Lecia, "an enduring experience, a place to make lifelong friends and a family."

Today, Lecia is a federal criminal appeals attorney, an instructor and doctoral student of social studies education at Indiana University and she remains a friend and donor to the Union.

Events calendar

All events held at Memorial Union. Call 265-3000 for general information.

Theater (262-2201)

Complete Bartok String Quartets
November 21, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$7
David Finckel, piano & Wu Han, violin
December 4, 8 p.m.; \$25

Mini Courses (262-3156)

New catalog available January 4.

Holiday Craft Sale (262-0330)

December 3 and 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hoofer Ski Resale (262-1630)

December 5 and 6

Lecture (262-2216)

Dinesh D'Souza, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

Ski Rental Special (263-5181)

Three weeks for the price of one.
December 23 - January 13

Memorial Union and Union South
are closed December 24 - January 3.
Union South Games Room closes
December 24 - 25 only.

How one gift serves many



Nick Ehlinger meets Bill Johnson whose gift allows graduate students like Nick to gain hands-on experience at the Union.

Kurt Vonnegut. Cornell West. Oliver Sacks. Gloria Steinem. For every speaker who steps up to the podium as part of the Union's Distinguished Lecture Series, we can point to a small army who make it happen.

Bill and Charlotte Johnson, for instance. The Johnsons are former Union student volunteers. Bill, who served as the 1949-50 Union president, received a masters in business administration in finance and insurance and retired as chairman of National Investment Services. He is now a Union trustee.

This civic-minded pair from Milwaukee went looking for a way to give back to the Union and UW-Madison. Their creative idea: establish the William and Charlotte Johnson Internship to provide the money for a School of Business student to be an intern at the Union.

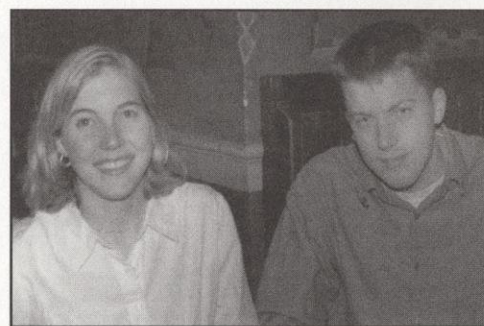
Just look at the positive effect that their gift set in motion.

Start with Nick Ehlinger. Nick is the recipient of this year's internship that funds his position as the staff advisor to the student volunteers who plan the lectures. The job met Nick's wish list: to work with students and gain experience in everything from contract negotiation to budgeting to working on a team.

"My appreciation for what the Union means to the university community has increased dramatically," said Nick, "particularly the out-of-classroom learning that the Union provides."

Which brings us to the student-run Distinguished Lectures committee.

This year, it includes junior Adam Briggs who serves as committee director and 25 student volunteers. According to Adam, "The lecture series is absolutely essential to the campus community because it devotes all its energy and resources to stimulating discussion and challenging ideas...the 'sifting and winnowing' that sets this university apart." Senior Christina Capperino adds, "It makes people think, and I'm very happy with that."



Students Christina Capperino and Adam Briggs help develop the Distinguished Lecture Series. Adam says, "The Union is great. It's the social and cultural epicenter of the campus."

Cultivating good citizens



"I remember a special place I fit in, where I was made to feel welcome and loved," said Paula Neumann. "I remember the Union."

It was a tumultuous time. All the more reason, perhaps, for students of the early 70s to seek a family of friends on campus - a place to be engaged and a place to belong.

Paula Perrone Neumann found it at the Union. Paula came to UW-Madison from Massachusetts. Her first stop: explore volunteer openings on campus via the Union's Volunteer Services Office. She was soon enlisted to develop events for families on campus and to chair the Union Outreach and Services student committee. The opportunity was a building block to her life as a community activist. Today, Paula is more likely to work with educators to address the needs of children at risk. "My experiences at the Union gave me the leadership skills I rely on today."

It's been said that the Union offers a training ground for good citizenship.

Students are empowered and encouraged to delve into the pressing problems of the day. We point to Paula as an example of that citizenship in action.

After leaving Madison, Paula worked in England to help develop university student volunteer programs there. She returned to Chicago to work as a volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross Blood Services.

Paula continues to lend a hand in community efforts while raising a young family. She writes for her local historical society, volunteers with youth/adult substance abuse projects, serves as a Voting Member of our Union alumni board and is actively involved with elder care issues. Paula found a friend in the Union and in turn, the greater community has found a friend in Paula.