

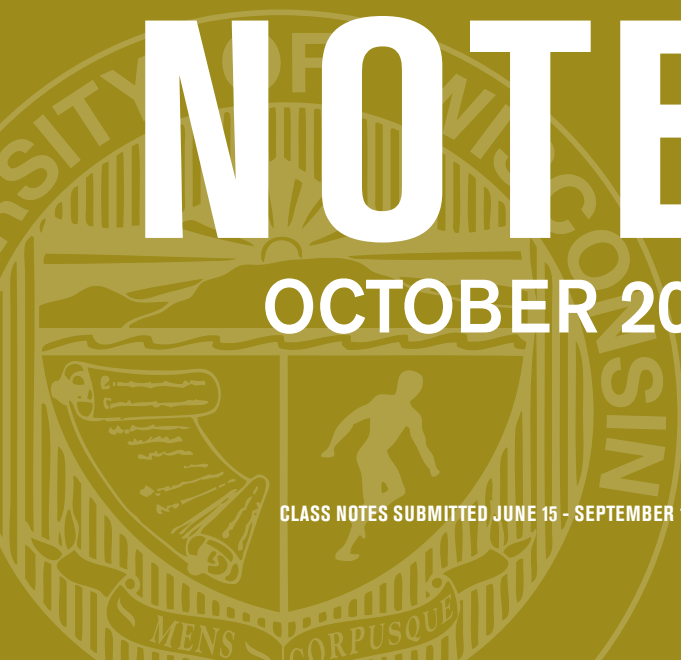


UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

# CLASS NOTES

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# '56

**Roger L. Nichols**, Tucson, Arizona, a professor of history at the University of Arizona, recently published his 15th book, "Indian Massacre: From Horseshoe Bend to Wounded Knee," published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

# '64 & '66

**Janice (Denter Blaney), '64, and Neil, '66, Winchell**, live in Greenfield. Janice is a retired library media specialist from School District No. 5 in Franklin.

# '83

**Kristine (Maxwell), '83, and Kerry Kravik, '84**, have retired after 35-plus years in their professions: Kris with UW Hospital and Clinics and Kerry in the insurance industry. They have moved fulltime to Estes Park, Colorado.

# '90

**Margaret "Peg" (Neer) Hoks**, Neenah, is an innovation sustainability research scientist for Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products. Hoks earned a Master of Business Administration from Lakeland University in 2006 and was certified in sustainable resource management in 2021. She currently serves on the Biodegradable Products Institute Board of Directors and is a committee member and technical contact for the Sustainability and Recycling Standards Committee.

# '91

**Paul T. Kriewall**, Gilbert, Arizona, is director of risk management at Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service in Tempe.

# '93

**Kathleen (Boland) Fredricks**, Onalaska, is a math instructor at Western Technical College in La Crosse.

# '95

**Megan Tanel**, Association of Equipment Manufacturers' senior vice president of Construction & Utility Sector, has been selected to serve as AEM president effective Jan. 1, 2022. Tanel joined AEM in 1995 as an intern, becoming a full-time employee later that year. She quickly grew in leadership to her most recent position. For many years Tanel led AEM's exhibitions and events initiatives and helped launch World of Asphalt in 2001, served as show director for The Utility Expo (formerly ICUEE) and CONEXPO-CON/AGG, North America's largest construction trade show. Through her leadership, she and the team she developed grew AEM trade show revenue by 80 percent over 12 years, worked internationally to establish strategic relationships with global partners in support of AEM services, and led the effort to extend key contracts for AEM shows, most notably CONEXPO-CON/AGG.

'96

**Jason Nehring**, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, is the head strength and conditioning coach at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

'97



**Mel Dow**

**Mel Dow**, '97 & '02, Stoughton, has been named associate director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. His responsibilities will include administration, coordination of duties and tournament planning for baseball, wrestling and tennis. Dow has served as the athletics and activities director in the Stoughton school district since 2010. Prior

to Stoughton, he spent 11 years at Prairie du Chien High School as a physical education and adaptive physical education teacher. He was an assistant wrestling coach at UWL in 1999-2000.

**Stephanie (Lund)**

**Sapp**, Spring Branch, Texas, is a foundations of computer science teacher in the Comal Independent School District in New Braunfels, Texas.

'03

**Nicole (Twombly)**

**Mittenzwei**, Prairie du Sac, is a scheduling operations analyst at UW Health in Madison.

'04

**Sara (Brunner) Broge**, Stoughton, started new job in July as a benefits analyst for UW Health in Madison.

'06

**William C. Zenisek**, Muncie, Indiana, is an associate lecturer of kinesiology and baseball

strength & conditioning coach at Ball State University in Muncie.

**Nathan Weaver**, Gloucester, Massachusetts, works for Rockport Music.

'08

**Ryan and Heather (Sine) Solis**, both

'08, live in Stoughton. Heather is self-employed as a medical massage therapist in Madison. She also serves as the high school swim coach at Stoughton High School.

'11

**Megan T. Brandt**, Madison, has married Neil Manthe. Megan is vice president of examinations at Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.

'12

**Russell "Rusty" Brunner**, Lakewood, Colorado, is human resources manager for the Colorado School of Mines Foundation, Golden, Colorado.

# '14

**Luke M. Klefstad**, Richfield, Minnesota, is program director for experiential learning at Carleton College in Northfield.

**Emily (Mitch) Ward**, Raleigh, North Carolina, is manager of Health, Wellness, & Accountability for Alpha Phi International Fraternity based in Evanston, Illinois.

# '17

**Veronica Tabor**, Lincoln, Nebraska, is the Nebraska Now coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

# '18

**Julia E. Price**, St. Louis, Missouri, is a career specialist at St. Louis Community College.

# '21

**Ashley Christman**, Vernon, Connecticut, is director of Fraternity and Sorority Development at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

**Natalie Day**, Goodview, Minnesota, was hired by the Fastenal School of Business in Winona as an instructional designer. "I am so thankful for my professors and peers who helped me reach this point," she says.

## A lasting friendship



They both served their country. Then they both came to UWL on the GI Bill.

George Schubert, left, and David Spencer posed for this photo while stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado, in 1955. The

two became good friends and in 1958 became first-year students on campus and graduated in 1962.

Schubert, currently in Grand Forks, North Dakota, completed a master's at UW-Madison before earning a doctor-

ate at the University of Washington-Seattle.

He's now dean and professor emeritus at the University of North Dakota.

Spencer, Stillwater, Minnesota, earned a master's at Missouri

and taught many years at Indiana University before retiring as professor emeritus.

“The pictures show what 59 years will do to old Army veterans who attended UW-La Crosse on the GI-Bill,” says Schubert.

The duo got together at Spencer’s in June.

They are pictured with Spencer’s wife, Mary, ’63.

Schubert has very fond memories of Professors Marie Toland and Robert Frederick in the Speech Department, as well as others who were “so very kind to me.” He cited Glenn Smith, Carl Wimberly, Richard Gunning, Ken Lindner,

Ralph Phillips, Adelle Stokke, William “Bill” Vickroy, Bernadine Kunkel, Doug Martin and Cliff DeVoll.

“There were others and they all helped me in some way by keeping me in school,” Schubert notes.

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## In Remembrance

**1949** — Elvera Camp, Morgan Hill, California.

**1956** — Dolores Ellis, Oshkosh.

**1956** — Ronald Stram, New Berlin.

**1958 & '62** — Nicholas Roger Harring, La Crosse.

**1958** — Wilmar Homstad, Westby.

**1958** — Charles Schanke, Chula Vista, California.

**1961** — Donald Soderberg, Stevens Point.

**1962** — Clark Berg, La Crescent, Minnesota.

**1962 & '73** — Leif Marking, Brice Prairie.

**1963** — Jan Yeskie, Denver, Colorado.

**1964** — Dale Johnson, Sun City West, Arizona.

**1964** — Sandra “Sandi” Libke, Englewood, Florida.

**1964** — John Konrad, Madison.

**1964** — Norman Flynn, Monona.

**1966** — James Hartzheim, Mesa, Arizona.

**1967** — Theodore “Ted” Verges, Winter Haven, Florida.

**1969** — James Burkhardt, Viroqua.

**1969** — John “Jake” Hetzel, Elkhorn.

**1969** — Michael Hilton, Muskego.

**1969** — Richard Lunenschloss, La Crosse.

**1969** — Jerome Stadler, Jackson.

**1970** — John Morrison, Mesa, Arizona.

**1970** — Jeffrey P. Nelson, Madison.

**1971** — Ruth Anderson, La Crosse.

**1971** — William Felch, Rochester, Minnesota.

**1971** — Marilyn Keefer, Orlando, Florida.

**1971** — Jon Rudolph, Phoenix, Arizona.

**1971** — Thomas Tepper, Chicago, Illinois.

**1973** — Ronald Klitzkie, Random Lake.

**1974** — Louis Clszek, Oxford.

**1975** — Marta Shaw, Denver, Colorado.

**1977** — Dolores Patros, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

**1982** — Paul Abraham, Bangor.

**1983** — Eugene “Gene” Purcell, Madison.

**1985** — Daniel Balduzzi, Onalaska.

**1985** — Cheryl Christianson, Rosholt.

**1996** — Christopher Finn, Milwaukee.

**1994** — Carolyn Ostrander, Soldotna, Alaska.

**1994** — Charles Zwald, Woodville.

**1995** — Jon R. Lee, Coon Valley.

**2003** — Mark Seitz, Holmen.

# Faculty & Staff

## Lu Bardill

Lu Bardill, 94, died Aug. 6, 2021, in Port Charlotte, Florida. Bardill was the academic associate in the Foreign Language Department (now Global Cultures & Languages). She and her late husband, Ed, both had long UWL careers. After retirement, they moved to Florida but kept many close contacts in La Crosse. Following Ed's death in 2001, Lu established a scholarship to support photography students. She is survived by a brother. Memorials may be given to the Edward and Lu Bardill Memorial Scholarship Fund through the **UWL Foundation**.

**See her complete obituary**

## Nicholas Roger Harring

Roger Harring, 88, died Aug. 12, 2021, at home in La Crosse. He graduated from UWL with a bachelor's in physical education in 1958 and a master's in physical education in 1962. He lettered in football twice at St. Norbert College and twice at UWL, where he played every position except quarterback and center. During the Korean War he served with the U.S. Marine Corps, including two years overseas. Before becoming head UWL football coach in 1969, he taught and coached high school in Ladysmith and Wisconsin Rapids. At UWL, Harring had 28 consecutive winning seasons, compil-

ing a 261-75-7 record, making him the 20th winning collegiate coach at all levels. His teams went to 13 national playoffs, all making it to the final four and winning three national titles. Harring was conference Coach of the Year eight times and was twice Division III Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the UWL Wall of Fame, the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame, and was No. 92 on ESPN's 150 Greatest Coaches in College Football History. He was the 2001 Oktoberfest Parade Marshal, and the stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex is named in his honor. Harring is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children. Memorials may be given to the Roger Harring Scholarship Fund at the **UWL Foundation**, or the **UWL football team**, 1725 State St., La Crosse 54601. **See his full obituary.**

## Heda Najmaie

Heda Najmaie died July 1, 2021 at her home in Winona, Minnesota. Najmaie was a developer and analyst in UWL's Information Technology Services from 2018 until her death. She graduated from Winona State University with a bachelor's in management information systems and was nearing completion of a master's in computer science at UWL. Najmaie is survived by her husband, William.

### Ronald McKelvey

Ronald “Ron” D. McKelvey, 77, died Sept. 1, 2021, in La Crosse. McKelvey was a distinguished faculty member in the Chemistry Department, teaching from 1978-2006. He mainly taught organic chemistry and was an expert in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. His federal grant proposal led to the acquisition of UWL’s first NMR instrument, which aided many students and faculty conducting high-level research to solve intricate chemical problems. The NMR room in Prairie Springs Science Center is dedicated to his memory. He spent extended time in Japan conducting research and in India on a Fulbright Scholarship teaching at Pune University. **See his full obituary.**

### Barry Miller

Barry Miller, 73, died June 9, 2021, in Sarasota, Florida. Miller moved to La Crosse in 1964, his senior year of high school. He attended UW-Madison. His military career spanned 23 years, and he retired as an Army Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. Miller served as UWL’s director of purchasing from 1994-2009. He is survived by his daughters and sisters. **See his complete obituary.**

### John Nuttelman

John R Nuttelman, 74, died in his Barre Mills home July 3, 2021. He served in the U.S. Air Force and Army, but was a farmer at heart. He retired from the military in 2007 and went on to work at UWL as a leading member of the custodial services team in Wimberly Hall until retiring in April 2020. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and stepdaughter.



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