

# Alumni News

## PORT SECURITY COUNCIL NAMES VETERAN JOURNALIST AS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The Port Security Council, the organization representing the homeland security concerns of leading sectors of the U.S. maritime industry, has named veteran journalist Martin Edwin “Mick” Andersen as director of communications.

Andersen, 49, graduated from UW-Parkside in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He was a member of the Parkside Student Government Association and deputy editor of the *Ranger News*.

He is a former staff writer for Congressional Quarterly's *Homeland Security* daily. He also worked as an investigative reporter for *Insight on the News*, a *Washington Times* magazine, and as a special correspondent for *Newsweek* and the *Washington Post* based in Buenos Aires during the 1980s.

The Port Security Council was created last May to address terrorist threats to the nation's seaports and the maritime transportation system through the promotion of greater public and official awareness of the dangers posed to these facilities, and the need for them to receive federal support.

Some 95 percent of all non-North American U.S. trade is handled by the nation's public-owned and operated port authorities, and security experts say that federal spending on strengthening them against terrorist attack remains insufficient to meet their needs.



Andersen, of Churchill, Md., is a former member of the professional staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He also served as legislative assistant for foreign affairs and defense to then-Senate Majority Whip Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and has worked as a senior adviser for policy planning at the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.



## UW SYSTEM BIG NIGHT AT MILLER PARK

(AKA Big Reunion II)

Attention UW-Parkside alumni, families and friends – come join your fellow Rangers for an Alumni Association Big Night at Miller Park and cheer on the Milwaukee Brewers as they battle the Washington Nationals. Bring your Ranger spirit and join more than 1,000 alumni from the entire UW System for the second UW System Big Night at Miller Park.

July 16, 2005, 6 p.m.

\$45 (includes bus ride, T-shirt, tailgate party, and game ticket)

Meet at Tallent Hall on the UW-Parkside campus for a bus ride to Miller Park at 3:30 p.m.

**For more information and to reserve your spot, visit the website or contact Andrea Simpson at [university.advancement@uwp.edu](mailto:university.advancement@uwp.edu) 262-595-2233.**



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In 2001, Andersen was awarded the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's Public Servant Award for extraordinary service in protecting national security information while at the Justice Department. He is the author of two critically acclaimed books on Argentina, the last is a 464-page history – written in Spanish – of that country's police from 1880 to 1999.

Andersen is the son of Edwin and Angie Andersen of Kenosha.

### WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

*Denise Bonnett, Marketing Manager Damage Control Inc., Milwaukee Organizations and activities: Residence Hall Association, Residence Life, Parkside Disc Golf Club, Music Club, Volunteer Center, Pre-Health Club, Psychology Club*

“I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life when I came to UW-Parkside, but then I saw all the possibili-

ties UW-Parkside had to offer. Through clubs, organizations and classes I have become a well-rounded individual. The small class size made it possible for one-on-one interaction with the professors, which made it easier for me to learn and gave me confidence. There were so many resources available to me at UW-Parkside and I definitely took advantage of them all. I frequented the Tutoring Center, Educator's Credit Union, Student Health Center, Library, Sports & Activity Center, Residence Life Office, professor's offices, and the Student Activities Office. I know that all of these extracurricular activities have made me the confident, educated individual I have become today. I owe so much gratitude to UW-Parkside. I know that many more students will attend UW-Parkside and have the same (or better) experience that I had because of all the great programs and activities UW-Parkside has to offer.”

## – 1970s –

**Robert Wirch** ('70) was re-elected state senator representing the 22nd Senate District of Wisconsin.

**Mike DeWitt** ('72) was recently recognized for reaching the 100,000-mile mark in racing and run-walking. DeWitt is the women's track and cross country coach at UW-Parkside and teaches fifth grade at Mitchell Elementary School, Racine.

**Robert Toeppe** ('73) is president/treasurer of Wisconsin Plating Works, Racine. The company, a regional commercial metal finisher, recently celebrated its 85th anniversary.

**Stephan Barootian** ('74) is chairman of the Mathematics Department at Horlick High School, Racine.

**Marsha Connet** ('74) is special projects coordinator for the Racine Literacy Council. Connet is coordinating a project that will provide a basic family home resource library to families in the council's programs.

**Vaughan Weeks** ('74) is the new part-owner and primary manager of Martha Merrell's Bookstore, Racine. He is in partnership with Pamala Handrow, lecturer/adviser in the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies at UW-Parkside.

**Jane (Erickson) Franz** ('75) was promoted to the position of aviation coordinator for the Aviation Department at Abbott Laboratories at Waukegan Regional Airport.

**Tamerin Hayward** ('76) is a history teacher at Case High School, Racine. Hayward received the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Teacher of the Year award.

**Stephen Hrpcek** ('79) was promoted to director of North America and Headquarters Center of Excellence with SC Johnson, Racine. He was previously category manager for the company's Air Care business.

## – 1980s –

**Gregory Hanson** ('80) was promoted to assistant vice president with M&I Bank. He is a loan officer at the bank's Kenosha branch, 4235 52nd Street.

**Alan D. Baker** ('81 MBA) has been promoted to deputy chief of police with the Racine Police Department. Baker is a 29-year veteran of the department.

**Paul J. Frederickson** ('83) was promoted to OEM and technical sales manager at Precise Corporation, Racine.

**Denise Wilcox** ('83) was elected vice president, human resources and member of the management and executive committee at Twin Disc, Incorporated, Racine.

**Rebecca Banks** ('85, '89 MBA) was awarded the professional designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) by the CFRE International. Banks serves as vice president, All Saints Healthcare Foundation, Inc., Racine.

**Manijeh Johnson** ('87) makes and sells confections under the name of Manijeh's in local coffee shops and at the Historic Century Market, Racine.

**James L. Neibaur** ('88) is a respected film authority and has just published his fifth book, "The Bob Hope Films." He is a special education teacher at the Mack Center, Racine.

**Douglas Miltimore** ('89) accepted the position of geographic information systems and publishing manager for Rockford Map Publishers. Miltimore had been with Rand McNally & Co. for 14 years.

## – 1990s –

**James Wigand** ('90) joined First Horizon Home Loans, Brookfield, as a loan consultant/relationship manager.

**Christopher Henkes** ('91) joined First Class Seats, Inc. in the newly created position of vice president, business development.

**Kathy Wakefield** ('91) was elected treasurer of the Easter Seals Southeastern Wisconsin Service Unit of Kenosha County for the coming year.

**Kevin Lazarski** ('92) was named marketing manager of the complete tank filtration line with Pentair Water Group.

**Dr. Ronda Ditter-Schmidt** ('93) joined the Antigo Medical Building in family practice, offering obstetrical, pediatric, and adult medicine services.

**Bridgette Johnson** ('93) was named chair of the ad hoc committee on equity and access with the Racine Unified School District. Johnson is director of the UW-Parkside Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and interim assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity.

**Michelle Gabor** ('96) was nominated for the 2004 Young Professional of the Year award by the Young Professionals of Racine.

**Jeff James** ('96) was hired as production manager at Quick Cable Corporation.

**Matthew Beck** ('97) is vice president of Ashmus Belting, Kenosha.

**Leslie Kallenbach** ('97) is the supervisor at the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin, Racine. Kallenbach was nominated as the Best Boss, an honor associated with National Boss Day.

**Katie Kruse** ('98) was promoted to officer at Marshall & Ilsley Bank, Kenosha. She joined the bank in May 2004.

**Jeanne Sanchez-Bell** ('98) was elected to serve as the National Education Association Hispanic Caucus Secretary and was named to serve on the National Education Association Minority Affairs Committee. She currently teaches English as a second language at Bradford High School, Kenosha.

**Kurt Lakatos** ('99) joined Quick Cable Corporation as an account manager for the material handling market.

## – 2000s –

**Susan Marcich** ('00) was named an officer of Southport Bank, Kenosha.

**Maggie Gillespie** ('01) recently completed her MBA in finance from the Block School of Business at the University of Missouri Kansas City. Gillespie is a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

**Joshua Slamka** ('02) joined the faculty of Catholic Central High School, Burlington.

**Adam Martin** ('04) was recognized for volunteering his time as a tutor for the Racine Literacy Council. He works full time in shipping and receiving at BioForm, Inc.

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