

# Short Takes

## Rohl and Heppner Shine at National Racewalk

UW-Parkside graduate Michelle Rohl ('89) shook loose from quick-starting Teresa Vaill just before the 5-kilometer mark and went on to win the USA Track & Field National women's 10 km racewalk in 48 minutes, 1 second, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn.



Al Heppner ('97) finished second in the men's event in 44:47. Curt Clausen of the New York Athletic Club won in 43:57.

Rohl and Vaill completed the first kilometer in 4:35, distancing themselves from the rest of the field.

"I wanted to push the pace early, so I could get out in the lead and relax. I didn't want to walk harder than I had to," Rohl said. "I backed off in the second half. It was pretty hot and humid and this is not a course for a personal record (time)."

The victory was Rohl's 17th U.S. national title and her second at this distance. She also won in Wilkes-Barre in 2000. Rohl is a three-time Olympian competing in 1992, 1996 and 2000.

Clausen walked away from the men's field at the start. He held an 18-second lead after the first 2 km and was 36 seconds ahead of Dave McGovern, who also attended UW-Parkside, at 4 km.

Heppner passed McGovern at 4.5 km, but still trailed Clausen at 5 km by 37 seconds and could not make up the difference in the second half. McGovern finished third in 46:10.



## Skop wins Kenosha Youth Audition

Mary Skop earned first place in the College Division at the 2003 Kenosha Youth Audition last January. Skop performed Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G Minor. Now a junior, Skop is working toward her bachelor of arts in music with a concentration in piano performance and a certificate in piano pedagogy and literature. Skop hopes to teach and play

as an accompanist after graduating. She is a rehearsal accompanist for productions of the UW-Parkside Theatre Arts and Music departments.

## Kinchen returns to Carnegie Hall

Back on Easter Sunday in 1998, Dr. James Kinchen made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut, leading a combined choir in a well-received program of spirituals. Kinchen, professor of music and director of choral activities at UW-Parkside, returns to the fabled stage to conduct a performance of the Gabriel Faure Requiem with orchestra, Sunday, March 21.

Without question, performing at Carnegie Hall is special. "When you think about all the giants of music who have performed there, you feel as though a mantle falls on your shoulders as you step on stage," Kinchen said. "I wanted to live up to the great tradition of Carnegie."

For the March performance, a high school choir from Green Bay, Wis., and a college choir from Madison, Wis., will combine forces with Master Singers, some UW-Parkside choral students and alumni, and Choristers to sing what is Faure's best-known work, and the favorite Requiem settings in all the literature.



## New Home for Racine SBDC

For more than a year, Cory Mason and the Racine Small Business Development Center (SBDC) shared cramped quarters with the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). That all changed in July when the SBDC and RCEDC moved to the new Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation building in Sturtevant, Wis. Now Mason, the SBDC and the RCEDC have the facilities that enable them to better serve small-business clients throughout Racine County. Contact the Racine SBDC at (262) 898-7414.



Direct from the Weather Channel, the Weather Wall came to campus in September. Sponsored by the UW-Parkside Career Center and Time Warner Cable, the Weather Wall gave students the chance to experience life under the lights and in front of the camera. More than 60 students took part and then took home a video tape of their performance.



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