

Communication Students, Alumni and Faculty Gather on Campus

In May, the Communication Department held a Spring Celebration and the Parkside Communication Alumni Association (PCAA) followed with their annual meeting. These events offered the alumni a chance to mingle with current students, other alumni and professors. PCAA is planning to have another event in October 2008 focused on networking. More details will follow, but the event will tentatively empower current students with resume and interviewing workshops and also offer alumni the opportunity to make meaningful connections with each other through networking. Following that event, PCAA members will meet to elect a new board and plan for further expansion of the organization. The PCAA's mission is to encourage and coordinate the connection of University of Wisconsin-Parkside Communication alumni with each other, with faculty, and with students. For more information go to uwp.edu, keyword: PCAA.

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Basketball in the Brew City!

The Ranger men tip-off the 2008-2009 season with an exhibition game against UW-Milwaukee, Saturday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the U.S. Cellular Arena. Two years ago, the Rangers stunned the Panthers – last year, a Parkside rally fell just short as UWM prevailed 86-83. This year, anything can happen!

The following Monday, Nov. 10, the women take on the Marquette Golden Eagles in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. in the Al McGuire Center.

For ticket and special alumni event information, visit www.uwp.edu Keyword: *Alumni*.



Alumni Garden Tour Raises More Than Dollars

Saturday, June 21 was a day of made-to-order blue skies and sunshine, as seven alumni opened their garden gates to welcome visitors to the first UW-Parkside Alumni Garden Tour. With much enthusiasm, the alumni and scholarship offices joined forces to create an event not normally associated with the university – but one that resonated with its planners from

the beginning. According to UW-Parkside Alumni Director Amber Engel, “We love gardens and we love raising money for UW-P scholarships; so planning a garden tour seemed like the natural thing to do!” Others thought so, too.

It didn't take Engel long to make connections with alumni in Racine and Kenosha who had outstanding gardens to show. “The hard part was limiting ourselves to just seven gardens,” Engel said. “We tried to find a real mix of styles and types, and I think we succeeded. We offered something for everyone.” Some of the gardens



featured on the tour included a rain garden, a hosta and conifer garden, a cottage garden, and a certified wildlife habitat in the city, just to name a few.

In addition to the gardens themselves, special guests were on hand to guide visitors

and offer their expertise throughout the day, including: The UW Extension Racine and Kenosha Master Gardeners; local garden expert and radio host Jerry Nelson; Dr. Irwin Johnson, president of the Wisconsin Hosta Society; and horticulturist/certified arborist John Schluckebier. Drawings were

held at both Racine and Kenosha gardens, offering art pieces and planted containers.

“The comments from visitors were so positive and complimentary that we are seriously thinking about making this an annual or bi-annual event,” said Engel. “We hoped to raise money for scholarships – and we did that. We weren’t expecting to make this incredible connection with the community in the way that we did. We are very grateful to have had this opportunity to do so.”

Photo Note

The last issue of Perspective included a photo from the 2007 Casino Night event, but we neglected to identify the people in it! Event co-chairs, Heather McGee and Peggy Karls are flanked by casino show girls.

Amber's Book Club

There are alumni authors among us! In each issue of Perspective, I will feature an author or two! As the Alumni Association acquires books, they will become a part of the UW-Parkside Library collection. Both novels are available at Amazon.com.

Sister Salty, Sister Sweet by Shannon Krings Biró & Natalie Krings ('01)

This is a coming-of-age story told with dark humor and refreshing honesty. Told in alternating voices of two very different siblings, *Sister Salty, Sister Sweet* is not another dysfunctional family memoir; rather, it is an unpredictable, often hilarious yet deeply personal story that reveals the unexpected life lessons born of sisterhood. It's a memoir aimed directly at everyone who has a sibling, or ever wanted one.



Renaissance by Larry M. Mason ('83)

This is a historical novel of Lorenzo Demarco, his travels and the story of his life in Florence, Italy, during the times of Michelangelo and da Vinci. He learns to live his life as his own person, even though his mother would have him go into the priesthood, and his father desires him to study art. Mason crafted a wonderful story around the history of the times, weaving well-known characters from religion and art into his novel. Anyone with an interest in the Old World or Italy will surely enjoy this wonderful story.

