

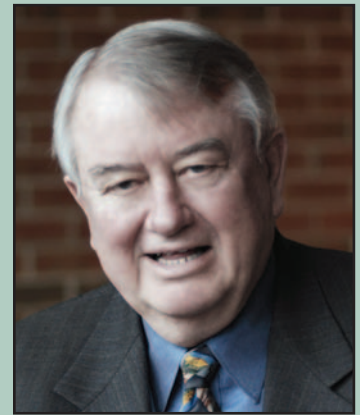
From the Chancellor

As many of you already know, during our spring convocation a few weeks ago I announced that I will be retiring in August. The 10 years that I have had the pleasure of leading our campus have gone by far too quickly.

In addition to the faculty and staff, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with so many of our fine alumni and great friends of this institution. Thank you for the stellar efforts in helping UW-Parkside become such a wonderful place.

We could all probably agree that it takes a great deal of work and it isn't always easy to make changes and to grow. In my view, that's what really makes UW-Parkside a true campus community. We care, and we work to make positive differences in the lives of our students. I am most proud to have been a part of the process.

I do want to remind everyone that while I've announced when I will retire, August, I am not done yet. I ask you to join me in making the most of the coming months. My focus will be to raise scholarship money for our excellent, hard-working students during the last months of my tenure at Parkside. Together we have made a difference and together we will continue to do so.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "James Keating". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Short Takes

UW-PARKSIDE \$1.5 M GRANT TO BOLSTER SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Nonprofit Development Program in the Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside received a three-year, \$1.5 million grant to strengthen linkages with faith-based and community organizations that provide social services. The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services approved funding for the Kenosha-Racine Compassion Capital Fund Project to support capacity building for these organizations.

"This will help them strengthen their ability to more successfully deliver their programs," said Debra Karp, director of the Nonprofit Development Program. "What we're helping them with are things like developing their boards, assessing their technology, strategic planning – more on the management-leadership-governance end rather than on the programmatic end."

Karp said, historically, area nonprofits have not had the money they needed to make long-term organizational improvements.

UW-Parkside Dean for Community Engagement and Civic Learning Tom Schnaubelt said the focus will be on assisting smaller agencies.

"This program is for emerging and smaller nonprofits, those with budgets of about \$400,000," said Schnaubelt. "We're talk-

ing about organizations that typically operate on a shoestring budget, or operate largely on volunteer time, as well as people or groups that are thinking about forming nonprofits."

Schnaubelt said another goal of the grant is to help forge greater cooperation in the nonprofit community rather than the proliferation of nonprofits. He credits Karp's previous work to strengthen area organizations for making the grant a reality.

The Nonprofit Development Program's community partners include human services departments, the UW Extension, United Way in Kenosha and Racine counties, Congregations United To Serve Humanity, Racine Interfaith Coalition, and the Volunteer Center of Racine.

UW-PARKSIDE RECEIVES GRANT FOR SCIENCE SCHOLARS

UW-Parkside recently received a \$515,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund the university's Model Science Scholars program. The grant will help top students in five disciplines finance the completion of their undergraduate degrees.

The five-year grant will aid junior and senior students in Parkside's biological sciences, computer science, geosciences, chemistry, and physics programs. Based on financial need, the grant will fund scholarships covering full tuition, on-campus room and board, books, an in-room computer for each student, and support to attend conferences. Students

will also be paired in a mentor program with a community member working in their field of study.

"The grant will give some of our current, brightest students and some very bright students at other schools who are facing financial need an opportunity to finish their degrees without financial worry," said Stuart Hansen, computer science professor and the grant's principal investigator. "That's what Parkside is about; serving students and helping them succeed."

To be eligible for these scholarships, students must be of junior class standing at the beginning of the award period, have good grades, and be in need of financial assistance.

"The two basic criteria are academic potential and financial need. To be eligible, they have to have maintained a 3.0 grade point average through their first two years of study and they have to be eligible for federal financial aid," Hansen said.



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Current Parkside students and those attending the two-year University of Wisconsin Colleges, and institutions like the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill., who transfer to Parkside are eligible for the scholarships. Application materials are available at <http://www.uwp.edu/departments/scholarships> on the Parkside website.

The NSF grant was a cooperative effort with five Parkside departments led by Hansen, Scott Thomson of biological sciences, Christine Evans of geosciences, chemistry's Gary Wood, and Jeffrey Schmidt of physics. Scholarships will be given to students in each discipline.

NEW ON THE WEB

There is always something new on the Parkside website. Check out the completely redesigned athletics page with more scores, more info and more photos than ever before. Visit www.parksiderangers.com or go to the university home page (www.uwp.edu) and select Athletics from the quick link column on the left.

Speaking of news, all the campus news is easy to find in the Daily Communique.



In addition to the latest university and athletics news releases, you'll find links to Parkside media coverage under Press Room. Where can you find all the Parkside blogs? In Daily Communique. Stay up to date on the accomplishments of faculty and staff with News & Notes. Visit www.uwp.edu/news/daily or go to the university home page (www.uwp.edu) and click on Daily Communique in the right-hand column.

IN MEMORY

Lorman Ratner

Former UW-Parkside Provost and Vice Chancellor Dr. Lorman Ratner died Saturday, July 14, at the age of 74. He served Parkside during and shortly after the administration of Chancellor Alan Guskin from approximately 1977 to 1983. He later taught at the University of Tennessee, and he served as a professor and university administrator at the University of Illinois.

Ratner's passion was American cultural history especially the period from 1800 to

1860. His publications include "Fanatics and Fire Eaters: Newspapers and the Coming of the Civil War," "James Kirke Pauling: The Last Republican" and "Andrew Jackson and his Tennessee Lieutenants: A Study in Political Cultural." In 2005, with colleague John Buenker, he co-edited "Multiculturalism in the United States: A Comparative Guide to Acculturation and Ethnicity," a revised and expanded edition of a volume originally published in the mid-1980s. Ratner received his doctorate from Cornell University in 1961.

Walt Shirer

Walt Shirer, who served as the public voice of UW-Parkside for 30 years and as a coach following his retirement, died Tuesday, July 17, at the age of 69. Shirer

was a part of the university long before there was a four-year campus in Kenosha. A 1963 journalism graduate of UW-Madison, Shirer came to southeastern Wisconsin in 1965 to teach journalism and serve as public information coordinator for the two-year UW centers in Kenosha and Racine. He continued in university relations through his retirement in 1995. He then took over as coach of the Parkside golf team turning that struggling program into a consistent winner. During his three decades at Parkside, a period that spanned the tenure of four chancellors, Shirer was known as the "institutional memory" of the campus. He received the university's Academic Staff Distinguished Service Award in 1979. Shirer was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.