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*Jim Perry,  
Campus Executive Officer/Dean  
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley*

## **Tuition Dollars and Sense**

\$1 million. That's what the Bureau of Labor Statistics says a bachelor's degree is worth compared to a high school diploma. On average, a person who has a bachelor's degree will earn \$1 million more over the course of his or her lifetime. It rises to \$3.5 million for a graduate or professional degree. Why then all the concern about tuition costs?

We hear routinely from legislators that the UW tuition is second lowest in the Big Ten. Caution! That only applies to UW-Madison, not the other 13 UW institutions.

UWFox tuition is the lowest in the UW System at about \$4000 per year. I recall that, when I was a student at UW-Marathon County, the cost of my entire first year was \$380, including books. In 2005 dollars, that is \$2261. Books today average about \$100 for each course. If a

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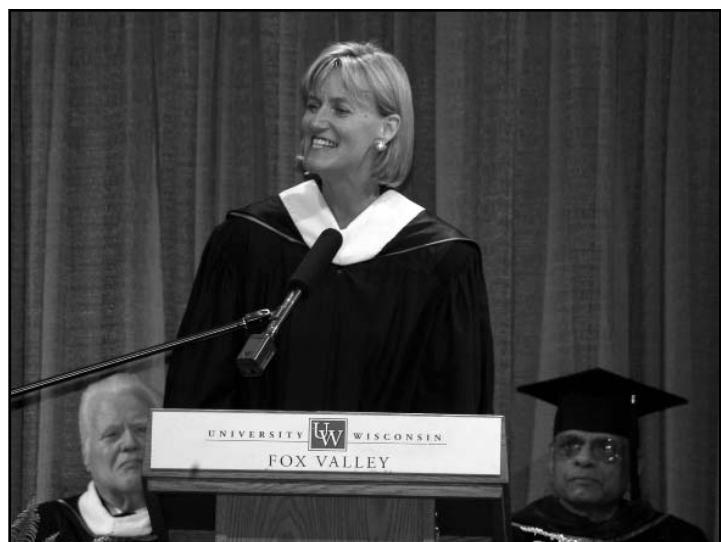
## **UWFox Hosts 2005 Commencement Ceremony Largest Class in UWFox History Graduates**

The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley held its 2005 Commencement Ceremony and Awards Program on Friday, May 20, 2005 in the campus Fieldhouse. With Campus Executive Officer and Dean Jim Perry presiding as the master of ceremonies, Wisconsin Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton was the featured guest speaker.

Nearly 160 students qualified for the Associate of Arts Degree during the past academic year, which represents the largest graduating class in UWFox history. Over 500 family members and friends attended the ceremony and watched the graduating students have their degree conferred, and various other students receive departmental awards and scholarships.

In addition to spotlighting the graduates, scholarship and award winners, a number of UWFox faculty and staff were individually recognized. Susan Rabideau (Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Theatre Director) was named, "UWFox Teacher of the Year." Bill Bultman (Associate Professor of Computer Science) was recognized with the "Cutting Edge Award."

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*Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton speaks at the 2005 UWFox Commencement Ceremony. Looking on are UWFox Trustees Chair Joe Maehl (left) and Grand Marshal Badri Varma.*

full-time student today takes eight classes per year the cost of books alone would add \$800 to today's tuition. Subtracting \$800 from my 2005-equivalent annual costs of \$2261 makes the latter \$1461 vs. today's real \$4000. What has happened?

The short answer is that the State of Wisconsin is providing less support for college students today...a lot less support.

Some folks say that, given the enormous return on a college education, we should not feel so bad about asking students to pay more of their own way. Taken to the extreme, we could expect them to pay "full freight." However, that would then make UWFox and the other state campuses equivalent to a private university.

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Several points need to be made.

First, high tuition inhibits many students from enrolling in college because they fear the enormous debt that they will incur as a result of their need to take out loans to pay for college. Unlike the \$90,000 average family income of UW-Madison students, UWFox students' families can have a very difficult time affording even the most reasonable tuition.

This puts us — the campus, the students and their families - in a real bind. When the state continually cuts our budget there is only one place to make up the need - by charging more tuition. (Anyone who says we - UWFox - can just become more efficient should spend a week with us and then decide if that's true.) The quality of the academic enterprise cannot be sustained with year after year after year of budget reductions.

Second, we at UWFox are increasingly reliant on the philanthropic good will of donors who give through the UW-Fox Valley Foundation. Let's put this into perspective. Both UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh provide \$500 scholarships to two departing UWFox students who are transferring to these campuses. That's not very much money considering the overall cost for each campus... not even covering the cost of books! Based upon what I see taking place, the philanthropic giving is not keeping up with the costs! If we are really to rely on philanthropy, philanthropists are really going to need to give more. Or the state needs to provide more.

Finally, I can make the case that higher education is really a public benefit. Remember that additional million dollars that a bachelor's degreed person makes? Think about how much in taxes that generates...and think about the economic impact to the community.

There are really two bottom lines, dear readers. There is a need for more bachelor's degreed Wisconsin residents (and UWFox is willing to help make that a reality). And, the investment by the state ultimately pays a healthy dividend, both for the individual and the state.

Simply cutting the budget and raising tuition is a very, very short-sighted way of balancing the needs for Wisconsin's future.

— Jim Perry

## **UWFox Buzzes with Summer Youth Programs**

While the UWFox campus is normally busy with the hundreds of college students taking summer classes between May and August, the intergenerational nature of the campus is further highlighted by all the programs offered to area young people.

The Office of Continuing Education summer program offers a wide range of activities to a variety of age groups. Among those featured this summer, "Grandparents' University at UWFox" is being offered for the first time at the Menasha campus. Children age 7-14 can register with a grandparent and attend sessions on August 4 and 5 that expose participants to art, biotechnology, astronomy, and engineering.

Other summer youth activities through CE are "College for Kids" (July 11-15), "Middle School University" (July 25-29), "Sports for Kids" (July 11-28), and "Mindstorms™ Mission" (various session July 11-August 5). Information about these programs is available by calling 920-832-2636 or by visiting online at [www.uwfox.uwc./conted](http://www.uwfox.uwc./conted).

The Weis Earth Science Museum is offering the "Wisconsin Earth Adventure," being held for kids entering grades four through six during three, week-long sessions in July. The "Wisconsin Space Academy" is offered by the Barlow Planetarium and is being held for kids entering grades four through eight during four, week-long sessions in July and early August.

For more information about "Wisconsin Earth Adventure" and "Wisconsin Space Academy," contact the Barlow/WESM staff at 920-832-2868 or check the program websites at [www.uwfox.uwc.edu/wesm](http://www.uwfox.uwc.edu/wesm) or [www.barlowplanetarium.org](http://www.barlowplanetarium.org).

— Dave Hager

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Kristin Runge (Associate Lecturer in Communication Arts) received the "Marilee White Instructional Academic Staff Award." Sandra Ankerson (Program Assistant II in Student Services) was presented with the "Larry D. White Classified Staff Award."

Badri Varma (Professor of Mathematics) and Jerry Watt (Associate Professor of Engineering) were recognized as UWFox faculty who were retiring.

More detail about the individual faculty and staff awards can be found within the "Fox Facts" portion of this issue of Aluminations.

Lieutenant Governor Lawton's speech can be found at [www.uwfox.uwc.edu/whatsnew/lawtonspeech05.html](http://www.uwfox.uwc.edu/whatsnew/lawtonspeech05.html).

— *Dave Hager*



*Badri Varma (Professor of Mathematics) served as Grand Marshal for the 2005 Commencement Ceremony. He led the processional across campus and was followed by Jim Perry (right), faculty, staff and students.*



*UWFox graduates who took part in the 2005 Commencement Ceremony.*

## *Lighting the Path*

### *Donors and Recipients Partake in UWFox Scholars' Evening*

On April 28, the second annual University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Foundation "Scholars' Evening," was held to recognize UWFox students who were awarded scholarships as well as the generous individual and corporate donors who provided the financial support. More than 150 guests and honorees were in attendance.

The program was hosted by the Foundation's Executive Director Lisa Weiner and Campus Dean Jim Perry, with assistance from Foundation Grants Committee Chairperson Bill Harke and Foundation President Paulette Laffin.

According to Weiner, "94 scholarships, totaling nearly \$109,000 were awarded to 60 new students and continuing students, with several students receiving multiple scholarships. That's a new record for dollars awarded by the Foundation.

"It's important to note that the \$109,000 doesn't even include the scholarships that were awarded to our departing students during the 2005 Commencement program, nor does it include any UWFox students who received two-year scholarships last year," she added.

Weiner explained, "There were 24 new scholarships awarded at this year's event that were established by generous individuals and companies during the course of this past year. For example, Thrivent for Lutherans established eight new scholarships. J.J. Keller & Associates established 10 new scholarships in memory of Ethel D. Keller, co-founder of that business. Mrs. Marilee Minahan established a scholarship in the memory of Mr. V. I. Minahan, a former editor, publisher and president of *The Post Crescent*, who retired in 1984."



*UW-Fox Valley Foundation Executive Director addresses the audience on "Scholar's Evening."*



*Scholarship award winners Ashley Liebhauser (left) and Elysse Jansen flank Charles Coonen of Community First Credit Union.*

"Gary McGoey is a UWFox alumnus who established a scholarship. NSight TelServices established an engineering scholarship. Our own campus chemistry club also established a scholarship. And, 'Women in Management,' a local organization comprised of women business leaders, established its second scholarship for UWFox.

"All of the donors hold torches that are lighting the paths for the 60 qualified and deserving scholarship recipients who were honored during the evening," Weiner said. "The acts of philanthropy in establishing scholarships are an expression of truly caring for one's fellow human beings. These acts are a belief in the future, and that the future can be good. It is investing in that future and helping to make a dream of achieving a college education come true."

Weiner was quick to credit the Campus Scholarship Committee who chose the scholarship winners from among 154 applicants. "Professors George Waller, Martin Rudd, Susan Rabideau, and student Theresa Kelderman went through a long and difficult process in choosing among many qualified applicants."

In thanking the donors at the conclusion of the program, Weiner said, "Every dollar that you have given and, I hope, will continue to give, creates the freedom for a needy student to concentrate on bettering his or her life, while worrying less about the finances associated with higher education."

Scholarships and recipients are listed on page 5.

— Dave Hager

## *Scholarships and Recipients*

*American Association of University Women, Menasha Branch*  
Ann Pabst

*Shirley B. Anders Creative Writing*  
Amy Schnorr

*Ken & Ruth Anderson Theatre*  
Dannon Raith, Michiel Marsh

*Banta Corporation Foundation*  
Alison Drager, Kaylin Helm, KaliAnn Hovie, Benjamin Turner,  
Ben Mader

*J. C. Bubolz Memorial*  
Jill Aronson

*UWFox Business Club-New Student*  
Amber Huss

*Business Leadership Network Woman's*  
Jennifer Brandner

*Campus Leasing Solutions, University Bookstore*  
Katie Klessig, Lindsey Koehler, Jenna Madden,  
Jonathon McCarthy

*CBS 5 WFRV-TV*  
Samantha Spielbauer

*UWFox Chemistry Club*  
Kasey Harroun

*Walter R. Cloud Foundation*  
Maggie Hubers

*Community First Credit Union*  
Elyse Janssen, Ashley Liebhauser

*Howard & Alice Curler, Academic Excellence*  
Ryan Kurkowski, Amber Zeamer

*Discipline Area-Humanities, UW-Fox Valley Foundation*  
Samantha Spielbauer

*Discipline Area-Natural Sciences, UW-Fox Valley Foundation*  
Nathan Edeler

*Discipline Area-Social Sciences, UW-Fox Valley Foundation*  
Katherine Jones

*Excellence in Humanities, Anonymous*  
Maxwell Frechette

*Fox Communities Credit Union*  
Kasey Harroun

*William Guither - Math & Natural Sciences*  
Michelle Theisen

*James Hauxhurst - Health Sciences*  
Danielle Biese

*Heid Music*  
Jack Rinehart

*Sally Johnson*  
Sarah Nelson

*Ethel Keller Scholarships, J.J. Keller & Associates*  
Michelle Brittnacher, Michael Gehrke, Andrew Gilbertson,  
Katie Klessig, Jacob Leeman, Amanda Morrell, Joel Peterson,  
Joshua Suhonen, Ethan Wagner, Jason Wagner

*Keller, Inc., Engineering*  
Michael Gehrke

*King's Daughters-Infant Welfare Circle*  
Megan Resop

*King's Daughters & Sons-WI Branch*  
Bobbi Jome

*Charlie & Loie Kliefoth*  
Sarah Peterson

*Veldor Kopitzke - Business and Economics*  
Lee Stadler

*Sara Ruth Krueger Memorial*  
Maxwell Frechette

*Lisa Mae Larson Memorial*  
Erin Bonnin

*Gary McGoey*  
Petra Robinson

*Ruth & Sarah Mielke Educational Grants*  
Bobbi Jome, Ethan Wagner

*V. I. Minahan Journalism Scholarship*  
Alison Drager, Samantha Spielbauer

*Michael & Sharon Minock Nursing*  
Elena Fassbender

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## Fox Facts

### Recent Professional Accomplishments and Activities of the UWFox Faculty and Staff

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**Sandra Ankerson** (Program Assistant II in Student Services) was presented with the “Larry D. White Classified Staff Award” at the 2005 UWFox Commencement Ceremony held in May. Ankerson was cited for her excellence in service to the campus and for her work in supporting the overall operations that benefited the UWFox students.

**John Beaver** (Associate Professor of Physics) has been elected “Chair” of 2005-2006 UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee.

**Jean Berger** (Assistant Professor of History) attended the Senator Rush D. Holt History Conference on “Global Insecurity and Terrorism” held at West Virginia University-Morgantown on March 3-6, 2005. At the conference she presented a paper entitled, “When Do Women Kill? Life and Death in Tsarist Russia.” The paper examines the conditions and events which led three young Russian women in the 1870s and 1880s to conclude that acts of terrorism were the best means of achieving their political and social objectives. Her paper is to be included in the book, *Defining Security in an Insecure World: Historical Perspectives on Radicalism, Terrorism, and State Responses*, and published by West Virginia University Press in July, 2005. Berger was named as a “Chancellor's Teaching Fellow” for the 2005-2006 academic year and involves undertaking a year-long scholarly teaching project, presenting her findings at the 2006 UW Colleges Colloquium, and culminates with presenting her findings either as a published article or at a conference. Berger presented a lecture on Golda Meir as part of the “Influential Thinkers and Leaders Series” offered through UWFox's Office of Continuing Education. Her presentation examined Meir's life, which transcended three cultures: tsarist Russia, America, and modern Israel. (Meir was born in Russia, but grew to adulthood in Milwaukee, WI, where she taught in the public schools. She later immigrated to Israel and became the “founding mother” of the modern state of Israel.)

**Jim Brey** had several publications over the past year. Jim was a co-author on “Digital Forestry: A White Paper Journal of Forestry,” Vol. 103, No. 1, January/February 2005. He also contributed 22 entries dealing with atmospheric science to *The Essentials of The Environment*, an encyclopedia of environmental topics, edited by Joseph Kerski and Simon Ross, published in 2005 by Hodder Arnold. His professional presentations included, “Ultimate Integrative Learning: Science and Art as New Traveling Companions,” presented with **Judith Baker** (Associate Professor of Art) for the Association of American Colleges and Universities 2005 Annual Meeting in San Francisco; “DataStreme Meeting Extras: Taking Teachers A Step Further Through Delightful Demos, Fantastic Field Trips and Terrific Tours!” an illustrated poster presented as part of the 14th Conference on Education, Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society in San Diego; “Changing Lake Michigan Lake Levels,” an illustrated presentation presented for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Manitowoc, WI; “Art and GeoScience As Traveling Partners” co-authored with Baker, presented at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver; “Teaching About Trends Using Maps of Florida Citrus Locational Change,” presented at National Council for Geographic Education Annual Meeting in Kansas City; “The Importance of the First Course in GIS for Any Discipline,” a presentation at the First International Workshop on Digital Forestry, Beijing and Yanji, China. Brey also teamed up with Baker to present, “Humanities and Sciences as Traveling Partners: Interdisciplinary Study Abroad and other Interdisciplinary Educational Examples,” a workshop at the Second International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, July 2004, Prato, Italy.

**Bill Bultman** (Associate Professor of Computer Science) was presented with the “Cutting Edge Award” at the 2005 UWFox Commencement Ceremony. The award is given annually by Appleton Downtown Rotary Club and the Appleton Breakfast Rotary Club, to recognize and reward an educator from UWFox, “who has made significant contributions or displayed exemplary leadership and skill in developing and/or utilizing advancements in teaching and learning methods for the benefit of the community and its quality of life.” This year's award was presented by Rotarian Aaron Janssen.

**Darren DeFrain** (Assistant Professor of English) had his essay, “Angel Dave,” appear in *The Cimarron Review* (issue #150). His story, “Fat Broad,” is to be published in *The Bryant Review*. His essay, “Ms. Goffrier,” is to be published by *The Gihon River Review*. DeFrain also taught a nature writing workshop at the Mosquito Hill Nature Center. He was the guest presenter for the UWFox Scholars Series on April 25. His presentation was entitled, “Texture in Writing: A Memoir Reading and Discussion,” and he read his essay, “Angel Dave.” After the reading he spoke about that selection and about using various kinds of writing (“pastiche”) together for effect. DeFrain is leaving UWFox to become the Director of the Writing Program at Wichita State University.

**Scott Emmert** (Assistant Professor of English) organized and presented on a panel titled, “Teaching Sports Literature as Social Engagement,” at the 2005 National Conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, held March 23-26, 2005 in San Diego, CA. His presentation was derived from experiences teaching in a UWFox Learning Community with **Pam Massey** (UWFox Athletic Director and Assistant Professor of Physical Education).

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**Terry Goode** (Senior Lecturer in Philosophy) read a paper, "Learning From Argument" to the UW-Oshkosh Philosophy Club in February. He made a presentation titled, "Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?" to the Appleton Westside Rotary Club in March. He also vetted the forthcoming book, "How Do Institutions Steer Events?" for the author, Professor John Wettersten of Mannheim, Germany.

**Terri Gonya** (Associate Professor of Biology) has been elected "Convener" of the 2005-2006 Senate UW Colleges Academic Policy Committee.

**Karen Klamczynski** (Director of the Barlow Planetarium) was elected to a fifth term as secretary of the (international) Digistar Users Group, a professional planetarium organization. She is serving a fourth term as the newsletter editor for that group. In November 2004, Klamczynski attended the Wisconsin Earth and Space Science Initiative Conference, held at UWFox. On November 17th she presented an invited talk to the Northeast Wisconsin Stargazers about the history and science of zero and voids titled, "Something About Nothing." In December 2004, Klamczynski joined the Steering Committee of the Christa McAuliffe Academy. In February 2005, Klamczynski became the UWFox representative on the International Papers "Community Advisory Committee."

**Joanne Kluessendorf** (Director of the Weis Earth Science Museum) co-presented a talk on the Schoonmaker Reef (the first fossil reef identified in North America and a National Historical Landmark) in Wauwatosa, WI at the Wauwatosa Historical Society in January. She also conducted an interactive mineral identification presentation at the "Einstein Expo," held in Green Bay in January, which was attended by more than 3000 children. In February, she presented a talk to the Neenah Rotary about the WESM. She appeared in a live remote broadcast from the WESM via WFRV-TV on March 22 for the exhibit, "Treasure Under the Trees: Crystal Collecting in the Colorado Rockies," at the time the exhibit was featured in the WESM. In February and March, she was an invited scientist at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University, where she provided curatorial advice for the Fisk Holbrook Day Collection of Wisconsin fossils.

**Dubear Kroening** (Assistant Professor of Biology) led discussion groups for the Appleton Public Library, covering four books on germs during the months January, February, March and April. He took five of his students to the "Posters in the Rotunda" session in Madison (April 7) to present their findings on "probiotics research" to state legislators, the UW System Regents, media and general public. Kroening has also been elected as a faculty member representative to the UW Colleges Senate Online Program Committee for 2005-2007.

**Jeff Kuepper** (Student Activities Coordinator) was recognized as the "Outstanding Academic Staff Member of the Year 2004," by the UW Colleges Division of Student Services. He is the first staff member from UWFox to receive this particular award, as he was chosen by a selection committee comprised of various campus representatives from the Student Services Division making up the UW Colleges. He was presented with the award in March at a meeting in Madison.

**Laurel Mills** (Lecturer in English) has been awarded a writer's residency at the Ragdale Foundation to complete work on her second novel. Ragdale is an artists' retreat in Lake Forest, Illinois, just north of Chicago.

**Cathy Paynter** (Director of Continuing Education) was one of 36 members comprising the 2004-05 graduating class of "Leadership Fox Cities," a year-long community leadership program of the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Joy Perry** (Lecturer in Biology) has a new publication, collaborating with Ray F. Evert and Susan Eichhorn on, *Laboratory Topics in Botany*, 7th ed., published by W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (2005). She authored and updated a number of laboratory topics in this new edition, with an emphasis on student investigations and practice in the methods of science. This new edition lab manual accompanies a completely updated edition of *Biology of Plants*, the best-selling English language botany textbook. Perry also presented programs for both the Winnebago and Outagamie County Master Gardeners. There were two presentations. "Sex and the Single Plant," examined plant reproduction in general and flowers and their specializations. "Botany for Gardeners: Plant Propagation," was a presentation and workshop on methods in plant propagation and their botanical underpinnings. She is also serving a three-year term on the Steering Committee for Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Fox Cities" and planned that program's "Environment Day" on April 12, with a theme of "Environmental Change in the Fox Cities." The LFC class of local community business and organizational leaders pondered the subjects of sustainable residential development for the future, heard about the return of wolves to northeastern Wisconsin, toured the worksite of the project to clean up PCB-contaminated sediments in Little Lake Butte des Morts, and then spent an afternoon participating in environmental education programming at Mosquito Hill Nature Center. Perry was elected to the UW Colleges Senate Teaching Award Committee for 2005-2006 as the Instructional Academic Staff member representative.

**Greg Peter** (Assistant Professor of Sociology) was invited to make a presentation at Lawrence University (Appleton) in February 2005. He presented two papers at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in April: "Home Sweet Work: Farm Fathers Facing

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Space, Place, and Family,” and “Integrating Quantitative Literacy and Public Issues into Introductory Sociology Courses.” Peter also helped three UWFox sociology students present their undergraduate research posters at the Capitol Rotunda in Madison in April. The posters included information on the Wisconsin W2 program, the sociology of terrorism, and teenage suicide. He is also one of the facilitators for the UWFox Race and Ethnicity Seminar this spring. Peter became a member of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in January. He is working with New Holstein High School on their school forest project, and is working with a “Garbology” (study of garbage) project in collaboration with UWFox, Appleton West High School, and Lawrence University. Peter also helped do fundraising for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in the Fox Valley this spring.

**Dan Putman** (Professor of Philosophy) presented, “Modern Psychology Meets Ancient Philosophy” at the Academy Evening for the Wisconsin Academy of Science Arts and Letters, on May 3, 2005. The free event was held at The Overture Center for the Arts in Madison. His presentation was based on his new book, *Psychological Courage*. His paper, “Natural and Empty Desires: An Epicurean View of Musical Experience” has been accepted for publication by the journal *Contemporary Aesthetics*. According to Putman, “The paper discusses the distinction first made by the ancient philosopher Epicurus about desires which are ‘natural,’ i.e., those which spring naturally from the human body, and those that are ‘empty,’ i.e., those that are imposed by society and which cannot possibly ever be fulfilled such as fame, endless luxuries or unrealistic love stories. It then applies that distinction to musical experience and talks about the genuine enjoyment of music versus enjoyment that is blocked by empty desires imposed by society.”

**Susan Rabideau** (Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Theatre Director) was named, “Outstanding External Contributor of the Year 2004,” at a meeting in Madison held in March by the UW Colleges Division of Student Services. Rabideau was recognized as “an individual outside the area of the Student Services Division who has made an outstanding contribution to students and the operation of Student Services on their [respective] campus,” during the time period of January 1 - December 31, 2004. She is the first representative from UWFox to receive this award. Rabideau was also named, “UWFox Teacher of the Year” at the 2005 UWFox Commencement program held in May.

**Martin Rudd** (Assistant Professor of Chemistry) attended the American Chemical Society's Leadership Conference in Baltimore, MD, as a representative of the Northeast Wisconsin Section of the ACS. He also received a nationally competitive Passer Education Grant to attend the National Science Foundation's Chautauqua Program for College Teachers in May. He delivered an oral presentation at the Two Year Consortium of Chemistry Colleges (2YC3) annual meeting held at Palomar College (San Marcos, CA) titled, “The Use of Thinkwell Technology in General Chemistry.”

**Kristin Runge** (Associate Lecturer in Communication Arts) received the “Marilee White Instructional Academic Staff Award” at the 2005 UWFox Commencement Ceremony in May. She was recognized as one of the top classroom lecturers at UWFox, and for her work extending her teaching beyond the classroom and into the realm of applied learning and practical experience for her students.

**Marc Sackman** (Assistant Professor of Music) has been performing regularly with the “Big Band Reunion” band at Frank's Pizza Palace (Appleton) on baritone saxophone and flute. He also participated in the “Big Band Reunion” recording sessions; the new CD is scheduled for release sometime this summer/fall.

**Wendy Seegers** (AODE Program Prevention Specialist) spoke to over 200 college-bound, high school seniors, from Appleton West regarding alcohol and college success, in February.

**Steven T. Sheehan** (Assistant Professor of History) served as a discussion leader for the UWFox “Ethnic Reading” seminar during February and March. The seminar brought together members of the campus and local communities to discuss readings on race and ethnicity. In March, he taught a UWFox Continuing Education session titled, “Ranking Delano Roosevelt: His Life, Leadership and Legacy,” as part of the Influential Leaders and Thinkers series. He also led a day-long training session to develop secondary teachers' content knowledge in the areas of the post-World War II “Red Scare” and consumer culture on March 18 at UW-Marathon County. The session was hosted by the Marathon County History Teaching Alliance. Sheehan recently completed a final draft of his manuscript, “We Just Want a Comfortable Life for Ourselves: The Rise and Fall of the Chemical Century at Du Pont Toledo, 1945-1972,” which will be published in the forthcoming issue of the Ohio Academy of History's Proceedings.

**Badri Varma** (Professor of Mathematics) officially retired as a member of the UWFox faculty. He will continue to teach various math courses at the campus and has been granted “Emeritus” status. He was cited for his 44-year teaching career, including the last 22 years at UWFox, by WI Governor Jim Doyle in a statement read by Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton at the 2005 campus' commencement ceremony.

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*Sue Detienne (third from left), representing The Doug and Carla Salmon Foundation, with Salmon scholarship awardees (from left to right): Erin Bonnin, Sarah Nelson, Kara Nowak, Petra Robinson and Angela Van Straten.*

**National Assn. of Women in Construction, Fox Valley Chapter**  
Michele Theisen

**Neenah Rotary Club**  
Nicole Daubert

**Non-Traditional Student, UW-Fox Valley Foundation**  
Michael Brochtrup, Sara Harvell, Sara Nelson

**Nsight Telservices Engineering**  
Michael Gehrke

**Marion Regan**  
Lindsey Koehler

**Rotary Club of Appleton**  
Chieng Sengkhammee

**Doug & Carla Salmon Foundation**  
Erin Bonnin, Tina Breister, Maggie Hubers, Sarah Nelson,  
Kara Nowak, Petra Robinson, Angela Van Straten

**Scheels All Sports**  
Sarah Binish

**John D. Silha Memorial**  
Tina Breister

**Sloan & Gerard Fine Arts Studio**  
Stephanie Carlson

**Michael Rogers & Melanie Schroeder,  
UW-Fox Student Association**  
Ann Pabst

**Esther Kliefoth Stutzman Excellence**  
Serena Williams

**ThedaCare Pre-Nursing**  
Elena Fassbender

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**  
Erin Bonnin, Jessica Drath, Elena Fassbender,  
Ashley Liebhauser, Sarah Nelson, Chieng Sengkhammee,  
Angela Van Straten, Jacob Weigel

**Tusler Memorial**  
Angela Van Straten

**UW-Fox Valley Scholar Award, UW-Fox Valley Foundation**  
Jeremy Swiechowski, Nicole Yindra

**Valitchka, UW-Fox Valley Foundation**  
Kristen Kessler, Ann Pabst, Joshua Suhonen

**Van Wyk Family**  
Andrew Gilbertson

**Wells Fargo Bank, Fox Cities**  
Petra Robinson

**Women in Management, Fox Cities**  
Jessica Drath, Sarah Eickert

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**Kamlesh Varma** (Lead Teacher, Children's Center) officially retired as a member of the UWFox Children's Center staff in May.

**Jerry Watt** (Associate Professor of Engineering) officially retired as a member of the UWFox faculty. He was cited for his teaching career at UWFox by WI Governor Jim Doyle in a statement read by Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton at the 2005 campus commencement ceremony. Watt has been granted "Emeritus" status. Besides a lengthy and distinguished teaching career at UWFox, Watt has over 20 years' experience as a structural engineer in aerospace, nuclear, paper and construction industries.

**Teresa Weglarz** (Lecturer in Biology) was elected to the UW Colleges Academic Staff Personnel Committee for the term 2005-2007.

## UWFox Highlights and Short Stories



The two finalist candidates for the Winnebago County Executive position came to UWFox to share their views and positions on various issues facing both the county and the campus with members of the faculty, staff and students. Challenger Mark Harris (pictured standing), the eventual winner of the April 5 general election, visited the campus on February 5. Incumbent Jane Van De Hey was a guest on April 4.

Bill Bassett, President of Bassett Mechanical, Inc., spoke to the UWFox/UW-Platteville mechanical engineering students at UWFox on March 10. Bassett's presentation was to the "Mechanical Contractors Association of North Central Wisconsin - UWFox / UW-Platteville student chapter." Pictured (left to right) are John Klemp, UWFox/UW-P engineering student and chapter president; Jeff Hoerning, UW-P Assistant Professor of Engineering at UWFox; Bassett; Daryl Logan, UW-P Professor of Engineering at UWFox; and Barry Ison, HVAC Project Engineer at Bassett Mechanical, Inc.



Brian Tanner, Organizing and Communications Director for the state-wide United Council of Students, speaks to members of the regional media, UWFox faculty, staff, and students at a news conference hosted by the UWFox Student Association on February 7. UWFox's SA leaders expressed their concerns over proposed increases in tuition. Tanner brought "doors" to sign, that would be delivered to the WI State Legislature symbolically saying, "Keep the doors to the UW open to all students." Seated, left to right, Jim Perry, UWFox student Kris Regeth, and 2004-05 SA President Katrina Klein also addressed the audience. 2005-06 SA President Dannon Raith is standing at the far right.

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## ***Math and Engineering Professors Retire Varma and Watt had lengthy and distinguished careers***



— photo by Tom Frantz

**Dr. Badri Varma** has been teaching undergraduate and graduate college and university level courses in India, Canada, Africa and the USA for 44 years, including from January 1983 through May 2005 at UWFox. Professor Varma and his wife, Kamlesh (who also retired as a “Lead Teacher” at the UWFox Children’s Center), have a son and a daughter, as well as three grandchildren. He has been an active member of the campus’ governance process through his committee involvement.

Varma earned his B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics from the Aligarh Muslim University (India) and his Ph.D. in mathematics from Simon Fraser University (Canada). His area of academic specialization is “Graph Theory and Combinatorics,” and he has published three text books and several research articles in various international journals.

During his 22-year career at UWFox, he has taught, “Trigonometry,” “College Algebra,” “Pre-Calculus,” “Calculus and Analytic Geometry I,” “Calculus and Analytic Geometry II,” “Calculus of Several Variables,” and “Ordinary Differential Equations.”

Varma “...strongly believes that it is time for me to give back to the community...that has brought me to this point in life.” He has been actively involved in Fox Cities volunteerism, including as a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center; as Vice Chair of Toward Community: Unity in Diversity; as a founder of IndUS of the Fox Valley, an organization dedicated to promoting Indo-American cooperation.

Retiring as a Professor of Mathematics, Varma has been officially granted Emeritus status by his department.

— Profiles by Dave Hager



**Dr. Jerry Watt** taught at UWFox from January 1981 through May 2005. Before coming to UWFox, Watt had fifteen years’ experience as an engineer in the aerospace, nuclear and paper industries. He served as a structural engineer on the Apollo program’s main stage and upper stage liquid rocket engines used to land astronauts on the moon. He was project engineer responsible for all of the coolant piping in an experimental nuclear breeder reactor. He was active as a consulting engineer in the design of pressure vessels, factories, and electrical power plants.

Watt earned both his B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering, from Michigan Technological University and the University of Southern California, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in Engineering Mechanics from Michigan Tech. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

During his 24-year tenure at UWFox, he taught “Engineering Freshman Orientation,” “Introduction to Design Methods & General Engineering Graphics,” “Statics,” “Strength and Materials,” and “Dynamics.”

He and his wife plan to live in the La Crosse area. They have four grown children.

Watt retired as an Associate Professor of Engineering, and has been officially granted Emeritus status by his department.

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