



PASSING IT ON

“There is no such thing as a ‘self-made’ (person). We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us has entered into the make-up of our character and our thoughts, as well as our success.”

— George Matthew Adams



The UW-River Falls Foundation and Alumni Association aim high in hope and vision, because generosity to the university by alumni and friends endures and inspires.

That's one of Shirley Christenson's favorite quotes. It helps explain her philanthropic relationship to UW-River Falls. A native of Cushing, Wis., Shirley majored in elementary education and minored in library science at UW-RF, earning her degree in 1960. She then spent 34 years in public education as a teacher, media services consultant, and gifted program coordinator. Since 1961 she's donated annually to the UW-RF Foundation.

A grateful recipient of scholarships during her student days, she was moved to establish the Shirley J. Christenson Scholarship. It's her way of passing it on. As Shirley says: "We, as alumni, are in the best position to offer financial and other forms of support to men and women in education, medicine, law, sciences, parenting, psychology, politics, and any other field of endeavor. We will pass the legacy on to the people of the next generation as it has been given to us, so that our gifts might enter into the make-up of their thoughts as well as their success."

If you would like to build a philanthropic relationship with the university through the UW-RF Foundation, consider these options. Unrestricted gifts can help support a wide variety of initiatives for faculty and students. Designated contributions may be used for academic scholarships, department needs, or other specific purposes. Or you may prefer to arrange a planned gift through a bequest in your will. To learn more, contact Bryan Sanders, major gift officer, Office of University Advancement, at 1-877-258-6647.

Can You Identify This Photo?

A CHALLENGE FOR ALUMNI FROM THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

These students seem to be enjoying themselves while sipping Cokes and socializing in the basement of a UW-RF dormitory. The three men in the photo were foreign exchange students from Iran in the 1950s. Can anyone recall their names? How about the two women in the photo? Have you kept in contact with international student friends over the years? We'd like to hear from you. Share your stories of UW-RF's global connections.



From the Last Issue:

Thank you to Dick Enstad, Marion Hope Olson, Louise Jacob, Julie McGuirk, and especially John Jarolimek (for whom the party was thrown) for writing in reply to the photo of the farewell party of 1943. Well-wishers at the party have been identified as (top row, left to right): Beulah Crownhart, Mildred Fleming, John Jarolimek, Rolf Nilsestuen, Elmer Hedlund; (bottom row, left to right) Olive Rietta Bergman, Louise Melbye, Sylvia Jarolimek, and Fern Belle Frost. Long-time physics professor James Jacobson hosted the party and took the picture. Mildred and John were married about a year later at the Marine base in Quantico, Va.



Also, remember this photo of Hathorn women from the Fall '04 Falcon Features. Reginald Hansen wrote to identify the woman second from the right as LaVerne Boll instead of Louanne Johansen. He's been married to LaVerne for 51 years, so he's pretty certain of her identity. Thanks for keeping us on our toes.



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