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LIGHT WEAPONS—HEAVY CASUALTIES

by Stephen Hill

In May of this year the 188 member-states of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) will meet in New York to discuss the latest developments in their attempts to curtail the spread of nuclear weapons. Though the NPT regime was born over thirty years ago, the continued fear that any easing in the availability of these Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) would greatly increase the likelihood of conflict has helped maintain international attention on its success. This concern has only intensified with the horrific events of 11 September 2001, which demonstrated in the most graphic terms the danger present in the potential nexus between WMD and international terrorism.

Nevertheless, though limiting the proliferation of nuclear weapons may be essential to the continued stability of the international community, there are many who believe that the true WMD of the past thirty years has not been nuclear weapons, but rather a more conventional type of armament: small arms and light weapons (SALW). Though various definitions exist for what constitutes this type of weapon, one need only analyze the weapons actually being used in conflicts around the world to gain an empirical answer as to what they are. In this sense, SALW include handguns, carbines, assault weapons, submachine guns, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades, light anti-tank missiles, small caliber mortars, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and hand placed land-mines. During the 1990s alone, these weapons are believed to account for the deaths of between 3 and 4 million combatants and civilians around the world.

Fortunately, since the end of the Cold War the international community has increasingly turned its attention to the immense destruction being wrought by these weapons. One of the first attempts to conceptualize a global approach to the control of SALW came from the former UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who in his 1995 document 'Supplement to an Agenda for Peace' encouraged the international community to concentrate at least as much energy on controlling the proliferation of SALW (a policy he called microdisarmament) as it was on preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons (a policy he called macrodisarmament). By revealing where SALW were being produced, by tracking their transfer, by regulating their acquisition, and by finding ways to collect, control and destroy them, Boutros-Ghali was confident that the international community could bring an effective microdisarmament regime into being.

As it is now ten years since Boutros-Ghali first called for the creation of this microdisarmament regime, it seemed appropriate that the academic community should reflect on the achievements that have been made during that time. It was with this in mind that I proposed a special issue of the journal *Contemporary Security Policy* that is due to be published early next year. However, its timing is pertinent not only because it coincides with the tenth anniversary of Boutros-Ghali's request, but also because it will precede the UN Review Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons of 2006. The first conference was held in 2001. The aim of the issue is thus not only to reflect on the lessons of the past decade, but also to proffer suggestions to improve future SALW control. I have been fortunate enough to have attracted a number of the most prominent scholars in the fields of international relations theory, arms control and conflict resolution to participate, and the articles included will concern such issues as SALW production and demand, global and regional SALW control mechanisms, gender and SALW, and post-conflict disarmament. I hope the issue will inform the wider academic community, including alumni of political science like yourself, of the desperate need to improve our means of limiting the massive human, physical and economic destruction that SALW still inflict and that it will encourage you to participate in the ongoing discussion on SALW that will culminate in next year's UN conference.



FROM THE CHAIR

by Rodd Freitag

My wife thinks I'm weird. I've fallen in love with a television commercial! It's the one from the financial investment company called TIAA-CREF. The scene is a large classroom auditorium and the camera slowly pans across the attentive students until it rests finally on the lecturing professor. An uplifting tune plays in the background and a voice says, "for those whose work serves the greater good." It gives me the chills every time I see it!

Unfortunately, that inspirational message is not one we've heard much lately. Our state elected officials continue to cut the higher education budget without regard for what it's doing to the UW System and its employees, much less the future prosperity of the state. Nationally, the college teaching profession has come under political attack from some conservatives who claim there's an orchestrated effort to indoctrinate college students into being radical leftists. While there are certainly a few bad apples who teach with an agenda, the real challenge and joy of higher education is in teaching students *how* to think (and read, write, and speak) clearly and critically, not in telling them what to think. It is demoralizing for the great majority of us who devote our lives to teaching to hear our profession attacked by critics who have never taught one day in college.

Much like my favorite commercial, however, the Political Science Department Spring 2005 Newsletter makes me proud of my chosen profession and colleagues. From the opening piece by Stephen Hill and the Faculty News Update on pages 6 and 7, you get a glimpse of the remarkable scholarly and service work being done by the faculty in the department. Political Science at UW-Eau Claire has a proud tradition, and we are honored this year to have Karl Andresen report briefly on his life in retirement. As many of you already know, several of Karl's students and friends established a scholarship on his behalf soon after his retirement in 1988. For nearly 20 years, the Political Science Department has been awarding a cash gift to one or two of our best graduates to help them fund their first year of law school or graduate school. Two of those recipients, Barbara Palmer (Class of '89) and Scott Yenor (Class of '93), both now college professors themselves, share their thoughts and memories with us on pages 4 and 5.



Glowing commercials are nice, but the ultimate reward for this job, of course, is to see the impact of our teaching on the lives of our students. The students we work with daily, however, are not always the most appreciative of our efforts to improve their thinking skills and add to their knowledge base. It is you, the alumni of the department, who provide us with the greatest feeling of satisfaction for a job well done. The kind words of Barb and Scott are perfect examples of what I mean, as are the responses we report in the "Alumni Doings" on page 8. It truly brightens our day when we learn of all your accomplishments. If you haven't been in touch lately, please complete the Political Science Alumni Information Form on page 10 and send it back to the department. You are also very welcome to drop us an email at any time. We would love to hear from you.

We are also gratified beyond words by your overwhelming generosity to the department and its students. The Karl Andresen Scholarship fund has grown so large that, in addition to the annual award for a student going on to graduate or law school, we have created the Karl Andresen Term Paper Award, which awards \$500 (in total) to the best papers from our junior students. This year's winners are recognized along with the two Andresen Scholarship recipients on page 9. We have another scholarship in honor of a more recently retired member of our department, Len Gambrell. The Leonard Gambrell World Politics Fund will begin awarding next year by partially funding the travel expenses for a student presenting a paper or organizing a student panel at the annual spring meeting of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies. The Wisconsin Institute was very dear to Len's heart and we thought this was an appropriate way to pass along his legacy to our students. If you're interested in contributing to these funds (or the Political Science Advancement Fund, which helps cover the expenses for this newsletter), you can use the form on page 11 or contact the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. Finally, you can help our students in yet another way. The Career Services Office has created the "Ask an Alum" database, described on page 9 of the newsletter, for helping our current students begin planning their own particular career paths. Please follow the instructions provided if you're interested.

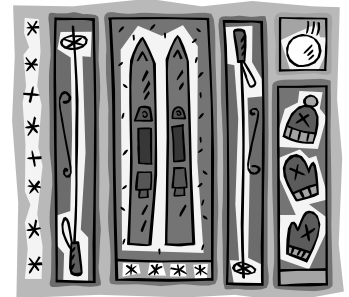
Once again, on behalf of the department, I thank you for all of your support. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Meanwhile, keep your eyes open for my favorite commercial and tell me I'm not weird for getting the chills!



REFLECTIONS ON RETIREMENT

by Karl Andresen

What have I been doing since I said goodbye to John Locke and Marbury vs. Madison 17 years ago? At first my working link with the University was not completely severed. I did continue my volunteer coaching of the men's club soccer team for four more seasons. After that I was on my own. Since I had been a part of the very first American Birkebeiner cross country ski race, and since this race had quickly become the largest ski race in our country and a regular feature in my life, I decided to continue with my ski racing. So for 30 years I competed in every Birkie, completing the 51 km. long race for the last time in February 2003. I still ski, but now for fun only. Skiing without preparing for the Birkie is like reading books without preparing for lecturing.



What else? Some traveling--two major trips under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institute with my wife Helen and a trip to Murmansk in the then Soviet Union to compete in the Polar Olympics ski race. Some volunteering--regular but limited work with the Meals on Wheels program and as Tower Ridge cross country ski trail controller for the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department. Plenty of grandparenting--with seven grandchildren my wife and I have had much joy with grandparenting, particular with the kids when small. As the grandkids grow into adolescence, the grandparents drift into obsolescence. A dynamic, fast-changing society has contributed to this, as the early experiences of the older generation have little or no relevance to current society and the younger generation.

In an effort to delay the onset of dementia, I take music lessons and practice regularly on my Lowrey electronic organ. Also, I play a progressive version of chess. I play both the white and the black sides. That way I can declare myself the winner or the loser depending on the mood of the day.

Some reflections: Regarding aging--I have discovered that in every area of life I can truly say that the older I get, the better I was. Also, with the aches and pains that go with getting older, I have also discovered that aging is not for sissies. Regarding the political and cultural scenes and the state of the world--one thing is the objective reality (what a sad mess!) and another is our subjective response (is misery optional?) If or when the real world becomes complex and brutal, one can take two steps away from it, to be uninvolved and to be uninformed. Then the old maxim that "ignorance is bliss" can take over our personalities, our culture and our policies.

But, in a democracy, the delusional, though it should not be suppressed, neither should it be mainstreamed. In a democracy, what is preferable: for the citizen to give blind consent to government action or to manifest reflective dissent? Finally, it is tempting to believe that the work of the warrior is all there is to patriotism, important as that work is. But is it not patriotic also to be willing to pay taxes for the sake of policies that safeguard the welfare of our fellow citizens and that provide for the common good?

I wish all our alumni good luck and much happiness.



Karl Andresen taught in the Political Science Department from 1956-1988. Professor Andresen was known for having high expectations in the classroom and great warmth and geniality outside it.



FROM AN ANDRESEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT...

Barbara Palmer, '89

Washington Semester Program

American University

I vividly remember the last class I ever took with Professor Karl Andresen. It was his last semester of teaching before he retired, one of the last classes he taught. He gave a lecture on the importance of the First Amendment and having the freedom to be able to speak out against your government. His classes had always been entertaining (and of course informative), but this lecture was different. It was passionate and moving, from the heart and sincere. When he finished, we gave him a standing ovation.

I have been a professor of American government myself now for eight years. I have received several teaching awards, but I have never gotten a standing ovation. Not even after the time I spontaneously tap danced in the middle of my lecture. Of course, the reason I was tap dancing was because about half the class was dozing off. I had to do something to get their attention. But for me, that day in his class, Professor Andresen set the standard that I still aspire to.

I am currently a professor in the Washington Semester Program at American University. Students who participate in this program come from all over the country to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. taking intensive seminars and interning. It's kind of like a study-abroad program in Washington. My students have interned for Senators, the FCC, EMILY's List, the RNC, the ACLU, and the American Enterprise Institute. A typical week of classes might include a trip to the Supreme Court to watch oral arguments and then a meeting with one of the attorneys who argued that morning. Then we'll spend the day on Capitol Hill, attend a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, and meet with congressional staffers to get an update on Iraq. I'll never forget the time we rode in an elevator with Madeline Albright. Once, when I took my students to the White House, we literally ran into the President of the United States (he's shorter than I expected). The entire city is our classroom. For someone who loves politics and loves teaching, this is the best job in the world. And the summers off ain't bad either.



Most of the students who participate in the Washington Semester Program are very interested in politics, or else they would not choose to be in the program to begin with. But even these students still think of politics as something bad or "dirty." In the wake of September 11th, they see the world as a dangerous and cynical place. But then we meet with someone like Ashraf Haidari, who witnessed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan as a child, grew up in unimaginable poverty, and then had to flee from the Taliban. He is now the press secretary for the Afghan Embassy and works closely with President Karzai. Every semester my students and I have the honor of meeting people who are proof of the power of individuals, how one person who is passionate and sincere about what they do can change the world.

When I think back on my experiences at UW-Eau Claire, I am always proud of the high quality of education I received (and at an incredibly reasonable price). The most important thing I got out of my Political Science major was how to ask good questions and how to go out and find the answers. As a professor, this is basically what I do for a living and what I try to teach my students. The most important thing I learned from Professor Andresen was that you should do what you love, to find your passion, and the rest will work out for itself. I have been privileged and lucky enough to have been able to do just that.

*Barbara Palmer received the Karl Andresen Scholarship Award in 1990. Her Ph.D. in Political Science is from the University of Minnesota. She is currently writing a book entitled, *Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*, which will be out in early 2006. She can be reached at bpalmer119@hotmail.com.*



... FROM AN ANDRESEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Scott Yenor, '93

Department of Political Science

Boise State University

My education began in earnest on a particular day, with a particular teacher. I came to UW-EC a history major, but quickly changed to political science because the department was, in my experience, more interesting, rigorous, and true. History had emphasized impersonal social forces as determining the direction of our world, while political science seemed open to the possibility that individual choices were consequential and hence interesting and worthy of study. From Mort Sippess in American Government and Patrick George in International Relations, I learned that there was such a thing as statesmanship and that the substance of arguments mattered. I remember telling Professor Gambrell that I was going to become a political science major and he asked, "You aren't doin' it for the money, are ya?" and he laughed. At the time I thought it would be good preparation for law school or for teaching high school, perhaps.

Then came what was for me a life changing experience—my first class with Professor Peter Myers. I remember the substance of Professor Myers' opening lecture in Modern Political Theory as if it were yesterday. The lecture was an apology for studying early modern thinkers such as Machiavelli and Locke. Professor Myers raised an objection to the study of these books and natural right. Perhaps (I paraphrase from fifteen years ago) the belief that things can be naturally right ignores a fundamental fact about human life, namely that all thought and moral judgments are products of their time. In this case studying early modern philosophy is merely of antiquarian interest for these thinkers could have nothing to say to our time, which is of course very different from theirs. I remember sitting there, barely taking notes, since I had heard this all before. But then Professor Myers made an argument against this point of view, something that seemed amazingly intense to me. He argued that the thought that thought is merely a product of its time is itself a product of a particular time and could not conclusively prove its own validity. I left class thinking that this is what I have been looking for my whole life; it was as if a curtain was torn in two and I came to recognize that reasoning about the most important questions was a possible and noble endeavor. Within political science I could receive what I later learned was a liberal education.



I was so taken with political philosophy that I changed my career path and went to graduate school at Professor Myers' alma mater, Loyola University Chicago. With the aid of the Andresen Scholarship, I was able to concentrate full time on my studies for six years, after which time I was hired for an academic position teaching political philosophy at Boise State University. As providence would have it, the chair of the department at Boise State was an old UW-EC student from 1968-69; we often recollect the walks over the bridge, the mosquitoes, and other features of the campus. I had the pleasure of inviting Professor Myers to lecture in Boise on the history of race in America. For me it was a reminder of the rigor and seriousness that always accompanied his lectures; it was an inspiration for me to make sure that my students at Boise are treated with the same respect.

Scott Yenor received the Karl Andresen Scholarship Award in 1993. He received his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Loyola University in 2000. He can be reached at syenor@boisestate.edu.



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ALI ABOOTALEBI In the 2004-2005 academic year, Associate Professor Abootalebi continued with his teaching and departmental and university activities while remaining engaged in research and community activities. Abootalebi published three articles in different journals: *Iran Analysis Quarterly*; *Turkish Policy Quarterly*; and the *Middle East Review of International Affairs* online journal publication (MERIA). He also reviewed a book and an article for Westview and ISQ Press. Abootalebi continued representing the university as a member of the Executive Council of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies. Abootalebi remained active in informing the Wisconsin public about the Middle East, including appearances on local radio and TV news programs and delivering lectures in Fond du Lac and Eau Claire.



RANDY BEGER continues work on a project that examines the application of sexually violent predator laws to juveniles. In October 2004, he presented a paper, with Dr. Marc Goulet (Mathematics), entitled *The Misapplication of Sexually Violent Person Laws to Juveniles* at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association meetings in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Beger will be teaching in the study abroad program at Harlaxton College, Grantham, England during the fall semester of 2005.



MICHAEL FINE attended the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in April in Chicago to deliver a paper on the Tenth Amendment as it relates to the recent cases in federalism before the Supreme Court. This is part of the ongoing project with Jim Tubbs on federalism and the founding. He hopes that he can find time this summer to write a substantial part of the book if those pesky Minnesota Twins allow for sufficient time off. As he passes the 100th time he has taught State and Local Politics, somehow the system manages to provide new anecdotes and stories. The nice thing about studying 85,000 governments is that every year there seems to be something tried somewhere that no one considered before. Maybe history doesn't always repeat itself.



RODD FREITAG In addition to performing his duties as department chair and course instructor, Rodd Freitag had a busy year speaking to the media and various community and student groups about the 2004 elections. He served as President of the Wisconsin Political Science Association this year and as the campus faculty representative to the UW System's Office of Professional and Instructional Development. Finally, as father of two young boys (seven-year old Joseph and four-year old Thomas), Rodd watched more hours of soccer this year than his entire lifetime previously.



MARGARET GILKISON continues to research the implementation and impact of diversity policy at the University of Wisconsin campuses as well as the changes in the design of the policy promoted by subsequent evaluation of its successes and failures. She was a featured member on the UW-EC Women's History Month panel on "Electing a Woman as President: How Do We Get There from Here?" As faculty advisor for the honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, she coordinated and participated in the thirteenth annual Workshop on Applying to Law School and Graduate School, which featured the following Pi Sigma Alpha students who are headed to law or graduate school in the near future: Jacob Curtis, John Fischbach, Erin Lundquist, Krista Steinmetz, and Kasey Swanke.



OBIKA GRAY's book, *Demeaned but Empowered: The Social Power of the Urban Poor in Jamaica*, was published in 2004 by the University of the West Indies Press. Gray also served as a chapter reviewer for the Jamaica Human Development Report commissioned by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Gray also submitted invited articles on the political careers of two Jamaican prime ministers and another on urban poverty in the Caribbean. The articles were commissioned for the *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, published by Macmillan Reference USA (Gale imprint). Gray's "Civic Politics in Jamaica: New Populism or Political Breakthrough," was accepted for publication in *IDEAZ*, a journal published by the Department of Sociology at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. Gray is currently writing up his research on the politics of the Marxist Left in Jamaica.



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STEPHEN HILL's second book, *United Nations Disarmament Processes in Intra-State Conflict*, was published by Palgrave-Macmillan in late 2004. He has an article entitled, 'Neorealism, Neoliberalism, Constructivism and the Role of Third-Parties in the Disarmament of Civil Warring Factions' forthcoming in the journal *Civil Wars*. He is also currently editing a special issue of the journal *Contemporary Security Policy* on the issue of small arms and light weapons, which is due to be published early next year. This year he also became the very proud father of a Mini Rex rabbit named Buby!



STEVEN MAJSTOROVIC presented "Solving Kosovo: A European Union Integrative Approach" to a panel on "EU Expansion" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago and also served as discussant for a panel on "International Organization and Democratic Development." Steve's daughter, Sofia, was the shortstop for a softball team that won the area championship and was the top 7th grade cross country runner for her school last fall. However, she is a science and math whiz who doesn't want her friends to know. Steve's son, Shane, is finishing his second year at UW-Madison in molecular biology. He works in a genetics research laboratory that is searching for a cervical cancer cure and plans to go on to medical school. Steve's better half, Signe, skied her first Birkebeiner cross country ski race this winter and is trying to convince Steve to try it next year. He is scared--it's 32 miles!!



PETE MYERS has had simply the best year of his life. Professionally, he continues to be absorbed mainly in writing a book manuscript, tentatively entitled *Frederick Douglass and the Rebirth of American Liberalism*. The year's highlight in connection with that project came as he was awarded a research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, effective for the fall, 2005 semester. An additional highlight came pursuant to an invitation to deliver a talk, "John Locke on the Basis of the Law of Nature," at Princeton University in April. But the year's biggest highlights by far came in his personal rather than his professional life. As many of his former students may know, his long years of suffering bachelorhood ended in April, 2001. Last summer, he and Paige were thrilled to welcome into the world their baby daughter, Eydie Jane, who as of this May is a healthy, happy, and exhaustingly busy eleven-month-old.



JUSTIN PATCHIN has thoroughly enjoyed his first year as a new assistant professor teaching criminal justice courses. In addition to his teaching, he presented six research papers at regional and national criminal justice conferences around the country, and helped organize a conference in Cable, Wisconsin that involved approximately 75 county administrators from across northwestern Wisconsin. He continues to work with local juvenile justice stakeholders in Eau Claire County to identify ways to improve the juvenile justice system and with jail administrators in Bayfield County to identify "what works" as alternatives to incarceration. He also recently completed a survey of adolescents regarding their experiences with cyberbullying. He co-authored a book chapter and two articles that were published in peer reviewed journals this past year, and several other manuscripts are in various stages of being published. He will be spending the summer training a German Shorthair puppy.



GEOFFREY PETERSON recently published a book chapter on the impact of early election returns on West Coast voting and is currently working on several projects with students, including public opinion of the Imperial presidency and the content of the television show *Law & Order*. Geoff and his fiancée Allyson tied the knot in the summer of 2004, and they and their menagerie of cats and dogs moved into a beautiful old house in Chippewa Falls in August.



JAMES TUBBS spent the fall semester on sabbatical leave writing sections of a book entitled *Inventing Federalism: Early Discussion of the Constitutional Allocation of State and National Power*.



ALUMNI DOINGS

PAT AHLM, '03, is a legislative assistant with Regional Aviation Partners (RAP), a non-profit lobby for small community air service. RAP, which is funded by Mesa Airlines, represents members from across the country that have a vested interest in government programs that subsidize air service in small communities.

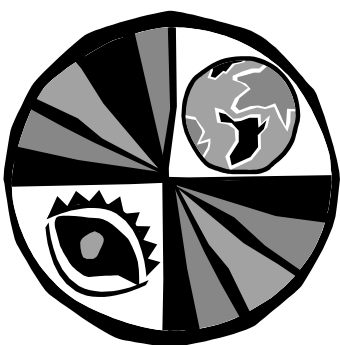
JOHN BARANIAK, '80, is a credit manager with Bay Industries, Inc. and lives in Green Bay, WI. John is Chairman of the Brown County Democratic Party and Chairman of the Board of Unity Credit Union.

JOHN BEATTIE, '75, is a Vice President and Treasurer with the Rayovac Corporation and just relocated to Atlanta, GA with their corporate group. John states that although he does not use his political science degree directly, it is an excellent base for the international finance he deals with.

LORI BOWER, '01, graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 2004. She interned with the Minnesota House of Representatives and is seeking a career in law and public policy.

ERIN BRANDT, '02, was the Resource Development Coordinator with the Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity in Greeley, CO. Last fall she began graduate studies at the Humphrey Institute—University of Minnesota for a master's degree in public policy, community and economic development, and foreign policy.

JENNIFER CORRY, '88, is an Assistant Professor of Spanish at Berry College in Rome, GA. Jennifer received her Ph.D. in Medieval Spanish from UW-Madison in 2000 and is awaiting the publication of her book, *Perceptions of Magic in Medieval Spanish Literature*.



ZACHARY FINCH, '03, is pursuing his MFA at the graduate conservatory in the School of Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts at Florida State University.

ROGER HALMSTAD, '69, resides in Sweden where he is an IT Consultant with the Emigrant Register/Kinship Center. Roger has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

WARREN KRAFT, '74, is the city attorney for the city of Oshkosh, WI and recently was appointed to the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Municipal Annexation. He was re-elected as Regional Vice-President for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and was recently recognized for his work as a commissioned lay pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Warren resides in Oshkosh with his wife Karen and son Nate; his daughter Jess is a student at UW-Madison.

BRYAN McQUIDE, '95, is a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign where he is currently working on his dissertation and teaching an Introduction to American Politics class.

MARGARET MOGENSEN NELSON, '69, is a correspondent for People magazine and a contributing writer for Newsweek. She recently had a book, *Saving Body & Soul: The Mission of Mary Jo Copeland* published. Margaret and her sister, Marti, '70, have begun an endowment at UW-Eau Claire (the Martin Mogensen Education Scholarship/Lecture Fund) to honor their father, a '52 graduate.

BARBARA PALMER, '89, teaches in the American University Washington Semester Program. She also serves as the political director for Women Under Forty PAC, an organization that raises money for young women running for Congress.

JOHN TAUSCHER, '67, writes that his recent pursuits include world travel, play writing, and novice curmudgeon.

LORI WHITNEY, '90, is a postal clerk for the Wisconsin Assembly Sergeant at Arms and was the 2004 recipient of the Backyard Hero Award for volunteering with a non-profit organization in Madison called Prevent Child Abuse WI. She was featured in the "Know Your Madisonian" section of the Wisconsin State Journal.



ATTENTION POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI

Remember the difficult process you went through as a student, trying to determine what you wanted to do with your life and how to get there? Remember the time and energy you put into your job search? Wouldn't it have been nice to have had the opportunity to contact professionals working in a variety of careers and locations to help you learn what you really wanted in a job? The *Ask An Alum and Friends* program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire gives students that opportunity.

Ask An Alum and Friends, co-sponsored by Career Services and Alumni Relations at UW-Eau Claire, was developed to connect students with UW-Eau Claire alumni and friends who are currently working in a variety of occupations. Students can search the database of alumni to learn about college and the career paths alumni have taken. The students can also receive contact information and meet with the alumni on an individual basis, or job shadow the alumni in their workplace, discuss responsibilities and other aspects of their jobs and to get a feel for that specific work environment. Alumni involved in the *Ask An Alum and Friends* program can assist students in exploring career fields, developing realistic views of different work environments, and becoming comfortable with networking and informational interviews.

Career Services is currently building the database of alumni from all University departments and we would love to have you represent the Political Science Department. If you are interested in participating in the *Ask An Alum and Friends* program please check out our website at www.uwec.edu/career to register. For questions, please contact Eileen Oswald at (715) 836-5359 or via e-mail at oswaldek@uwec.edu.

2004-05 Karl Andresen Scholarship Award Recipients

Jacob Curtis – Krista Steinmetz

2004-05 Karl Andresen Term Paper Award Recipients

Bryan Pierce – Brian Reisinger

2004-05 Inductees into Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

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| Jennifer Beyer | Teresa Her | Adam Layne | Bryan Pierce |
| Laura Brackey | Lisa Huftel | Michelle Madsen | Matthew Rivard |
| Micah Clemens | Melissa Juedes | Rachel Mayasich | Scott Ruhsam |
| John Fischbach | Andrea Kilen | Erin McMenemy | Michael Schatz |

John Zanetti



We would like to hear from you! You can stay in touch the old-fashioned way by completing and returning this form to us, or you can go on-line to the department web page (<http://www.uwec.edu/PolSci/alumni.htm>) and complete the Alumni Doings form. Finally, remember to add your name to the "Ask an Alum" database through Career Services (see page 9 for a description of how to do this.)

POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI INFORMATION FORM

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