In 1969 Mike Leckrone became Director of the UW Marching Band and in the years since then, he has generated enthusiasm among students who compete each fall for coveted positions in the band. He also directs the band program that includes the concert bands and ensembles, the concert band, and a separate section for non-majors. Fans of Badger athletic programs – especially football, basketball, and hockey – are simultaneously fans of the Marching Band, and they feel the band’s performance and hi-jinks are critical elements of a game event.

Professor Leckrone, the son of a band teacher, grew up in Indiana. He attended Butler University and was director of their bands before he moved to Wisconsin. Here he teaches, composes and arranges music for marching and concert bands. In his “spare” time he designs the annual Varsity Band Spring Concert, a spectacular combination of fine music, glamour and glitz, gymnastics and dance, clowning, surprises, and pep rally. Make your dinner reservation to discover which aspects of all this will he choose to reveal on October 27.

Cocktails can be purchased beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by dinner. The menu offers you a choice of Broiled Orange Roughy with Lobster Sauce or Roast Pork Loin Normandy, both of which will be accompanied by green salad, mashed Yukon potatoes, roasted fall vegetables, and a dessert of Blueberry Cobbler. (A vegetarian option is available upon request.) The cost is $35 per person. Reservations are due by Tuesday, October 19.

Please return the reservation form (on page 7 of this newsletter) with a check payable to The University League, Inc. to Cynthia Benevenga, 6410 Appalachian Way, Madison, WI 53705.
From the President:
Roma Lenehan

Now that fall has arrived, I hope that all of you have been able to resume your University League activities, renewing old friendships and meeting new people. Most activities have begun again, but it is not too late to join an Interest Group or volunteer for a new activity!

Thank you for taking time to fill out the survey that was in the last newsletter. The Long-range Planning Committee will be collating the answers and a summary of responses will appear in the next newsletter.

This month, I had the pleasure of sending $19,500 of donations from generous University League members to the twelve University of Wisconsin Colleges and Schools as well as $3000 in grants (see article on page 4). In addition, in the past year the University League’s twenty-one Endowed Scholarships, managed by the University of Wisconsin Foundation, have given an additional $48,425 to the University. University League provides more scholarship money than any of our Big Ten peer group organizations. We should be proud of our generosity. The University of Wisconsin and its students greatly appreciate it. Thank you all.

Unfortunately, too few people know about the wonderful things University League does. Many people think that we are just a social group, or just a women’s group, or are only open to University people. We all need to change these misperceptions.

You are our best ambassadors. Please help us to raise awareness of University League in the University of Wisconsin and the greater Madison Community. Please tell people the positive things about our group. We are proud of our Interest Groups, social activities, and learning opportunities. We are open to all and have members from all over the Dane County and much further away! We welcome everyone who wants to support education and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Raising awareness helps us recruit and retain members, raise money, and achieve our mission.

I am impressed with the generosity of University League members. I want to thank the people who have this month stepped forward and agreed to fill vacant Board positions. The Long-range Planning Committee (Linda Harvey, Sally Lorenz, Caroline Liedtke, Beverly Schrag, and Beverly Zarnstorff) has agreed to serve as the Program Committee for next year. Without a Program Committee, we would have no programs next year – so thank these generous members who are taking on another big responsibility. As the last newsletter was going to press, Dorothy Standridge agreed to be this year’s Scholarship Benefit Chair, enabling us to raise needed scholarship money. Jill Feldkamp has agreed to be the Newsletter Assistant. Thank you all!

I hope that I will see you at the Autumn Dinner, where Michael Leckrone will share his experiences with the University of Wisconsin Marching Band.

Meantime, enjoy the cool weather and lack of mosquitoes!
The Pride of the Badger State: UW Marching Band

In the years following the founding of the University of Wisconsin in 1848, a drum served as the only musical accompaniment for the University Military Battalion when it marched. By 1883 that seemed inadequate so a fife and drum corps was organized. Initially this new group consisted of 11 members and in 1894 the unit, then numbering 26 members, was designated as the University of Wisconsin Marching Band and began playing at football games. By 1928 the band was divided to create the Concert Band and the Marching Band. The 100 strong, all-male Marching Band became responsible for music at football engagements. Soon the Band played at other athletic events.

With the advent of On Wisconsin in 1909, the band incorporated this song into its performances. Today, while the song has a distinguished history of its own, it also is recognized as the signature feature of the Marching Band.

As with all organizations, the band changed as directors came and went. Then, in 1934, Raymond F. Dvorak took over and during the next few years the band itself drew increasing attention. Dvorak developed the singing band, the arm swing during the singing of Varsity, and in 1947, an annual show at the Memorial Union Theatre. Then Mike Leckrone arrived in 1969 and with him came the era of emphasis on physical conditioning, a demanding high step style of marching, and showmanship. The first women were admitted to the band in 1974.

Today about 225 band members make the run-on entrance to the football field and later perform the concert. During each game, the tuba march occurs and small units of trumpets play in the stands and concourse. When the game ends, The Marching Band plays for the unique Fifth Quarter with its rituals of the Chicken Dance, Beer Barrel Polka, the Bud song, and Varsity.
University League Gives Scholarships to Twelve Colleges, Continuing a Thirty Year Tradition of Generosity

In 2010, thanks to the generosity of University League members, the University League gave $19,500 in scholarships to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This included $1,200 to each of twelve Schools and Colleges and the $5,100 University League Memorial Scholarship given to the College of Letters and Science, the biggest college in the University. The University League Memorial Scholarship comes from gifts from League members made “in memory of” and “in honor of” individuals throughout the year. For more than thirty years University League has given scholarship money to these twelve Schools and Colleges: Adult and Student Services Center, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, College of Letters and Science, College of Engineering, School of Human Ecology, School of Business, School of Education, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Medicine and Public Health, School of Veterinary Medicine, and School of Law.

This money is appreciated. E. Alison Rice, Undergraduate Scholarships Coordinator, College of Letters and Sciences, said in a thank you note, “The work of the University League has provided support for so many students to attend UW-Madison. I can think of no organization that has worked to raise money for scholarships over such a long period of time. You are really to be commended for your contribution to the College of Letters and Science.”

The money is also needed. E. Alison Rice adds, “Over the last 3 years the College [of Letters and Sciences] has seen a significant increase in the number of students applying for scholarships. Many of these students and their families need help with the increased cost of undergraduate education.” Julie Underwood, Dean of the School of Education, notes that “The UW-Madison Office of Admissions estimates that the cost of attending the University for the 2010-11 academic year (tuition, room & board, books, etc.) will be more than $21,000 for an in-state undergraduate. In these tough economic times, financial assistance plays an especially important role in the lives of our students. In fact, many would not be able to complete their degrees without the help of alumni and friends like you.” Robin A. Douthitt, Dean of the School of Human Ecology, points out that “As tuition costs rise, a growing number of our students balance part-time employment with a full course load. Your gift is truly important to their academic success.”

Another $3000 was given as $500 grants to six organizations that University League supports: Bookworms, Chazen Museum of Art, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Friends of the Arboretum, Madison Friends of International Students, and the Wisconsin Historical Society. Each of these organizations has had a special relationship with University League and the League is pleased to be able to continue to support their missions.

Thank you for your generous donations – they made a difference to many students.

IN MEMORIAM
The University League sends its deepest sympathy to long-term member and past president, Jane Loper, on the passing of her husband Carl R. Loper, Jr.
News From Interest Groups

Art Appreciation
The Art Appreciation Interest Group has enjoyed some wonderful experiences while gaining knowledge and appreciation for art in many forms. Last year we saw exquisite silver pieces from India at the Chazen Museum of Art, books created by artists, and studios of UW art faculty and student artists.

This fall with the Photo Midwest juried exhibit in Madison we will explore the art of photography and perhaps reveal our own individual expressions of photo art. Later in the year the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art will provide a view of "True Self: Search for Identity in Modern and Contemporary Art" exposing the artists through portraits. There may also be an opportunity to see art in the work place similar to the visit to Epic Systems headquarters last year. Madison has much to offer for those interested in appreciating art.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. The contact person is Margaret Strauss (831-4728) mstrass@tds.net

Genealogy
The Genealogy Interest Group of the University League has been active since 1982 with new members joining every year. Currently we have approximately 21 members who meet on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. and who are always interested in recruiting new people with similar interests. Contact Joyce Nigbor at billyjoycenigbor@aol.com.

Our purpose is to inform our members about all things pertaining to family history. We accomplish this with member interaction, member and outside speaker presentations and/or visits to sites of genealogical importance.

We encourage our current interest group members to invite people who have an interest in genealogy to attend our meetings. They could become new University League members. Help us grow!

We have a great line up of speakers and topics. The Fall schedule is:

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Bookworms getting ready for this year’s preschool reading program. Additional readers are needed. Contact Mary Warfield at 273-9809

Pictured are: Bev Zarnstorff, Helen Read, Mary Warfield, Marguerite Sykes, Kathy Knox, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Robbie Preston, Kathy Sandefur, Rhonda Croxson

Share Your Thanksgiving With An International Student

Madison Friends of International Students, Inc. (MFIS) is a non-profit organization that offers friendship and assistance to international students, scholars and their families. One of the ways we do this is through our Thanksgiving Hospitality program, which gives international students the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a local family. To make this possible, we rely on the generosity of local families to host the students.

If you have room for an extra person or two around your Thanksgiving table, please consider hosting an international student. It’s a wonderful way to share our Thanksgiving traditions and food with people from around the world. It also creates a memorable experience for them as well as for your own family. To host a student or for more information, please contact Janet Wood at 277-7959 / email: woodjanetk@aol.com, or MFIS at 263-4010 / email: info@mfismadison.org
Please sign up by November 19, 2010.

Additional Donations To The University League General Scholarship Fund:

Patricia Bender, Josephine Grosch, Maureen Kind
Program: Michael Leckrone, If It Was Easy, Anyone Could Do It!

Member: _______________________________________

Guest: _________________________________________

Dinner Choices:
Broiled Orange Roughy with Lobster Sauce _____
Roast Pork Loin Normandy_______

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