What about Bob?

Don Shippar, recently retired President of Minnesota Power and UW-Superior alumnus, reflects on the impact Dr. Bob Beam had on his educational experience, career and life.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Denny O’Hara

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The following awards will be presented at the annual donor recognition event on September 16, 2010 at the Yellowjacket Union.

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

This award is presented to an alumnus of UW-Superior whose success serves as an inspiration for current and prospective students.

Mr. Tony Hernandez was born in Havana, Cuba. At the age of five, along with his parents, he boarded a “Freedom Flight” and fled Cuba.

Mr. Hernandez is the co-founder, president and CEO of Latino Broadcasting Company (LBC), which produces, distributes and markets various nationally syndicated Top 20 music countdown shows, celebrity features, and sports programs and provides content to multiple websites. Mr. Hernandez is also the co-founder and executive producer of the Immigrant Archive Project, the first non-profit, comprehensive digital history project on Latino immigrants in the United States.

Dave Anderson, Chair, UW-Superior Alumni Association said, “The Association is honored to recognize Tony for his accomplishments. His success in working with the Latino Community serves as an inspiration to UW-Superior alumni and students.”

Mr. Hernandez will be giving a community lecture on the topic of his Immigrant Archive Project on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the UW-Superior Multicultural Center (Old Main Room 232). All are welcome to attend and no reservations are required. Please call 715-394-8452 or toll free 888-893-8593 with any questions.

**Honorary Alumnus Award**

This award is presented to a person who is not an alumnus of the UW-Superior, whose success serves as an inspiration for current and prospective students.

Since being appointed as the President/CEO of the Superior/Douglas County Chamber in 1993, Mr. Dave Minor has worked diligently to build the relationship between the business community and the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He accomplished just that. Dave attributes the success to both sides realizing that they needed each other to succeed and the stronger the relationship, the more successful the community was going to be. Chancellor Julius Erlenbach couldn’t agree more.

“Dave, on behalf of the Chamber, has done so much for UW-Superior over the years that I can’t think of a more worthy individual to receive this award.”
Don Shippar was thirty-something, a young parent and working for Minnesota Power when he enrolled in UW-Superior’s Extended Degree program. “I realized that to get ahead in my career I needed to complete my college education. I could be the smartest and most articulate candidate for a job but without a college degree I would not be considered for high level positions.”

The UW-Superior Extended Degree program was new. Only a small number of faculty members were involved in the growing program making it somewhat complex for a student to navigate coursework. “I entered this program before email communication – so all correspondence was done through letters,” recalled Shippar. “It was slow going at first.”

Then Shippar met with Dr. Bob Beam and the barriers were removed. “Although Dr. Beam was not involved in the Extended Degree program, he jumped at the opportunity to work with me and to build a degree program that would be meaningful.”

Shippar was taken by Beam’s enthusiasm and energy. Shippar recalls, “It was amazing to watch Bob teach with his overhead projector. “He would get so excited about economic theories. His energy and excitement made the topic interesting and exciting.”

Dr. Beam started his career at UW-Superior in 1980 – just a year earlier than Shippar. “I remember Don in the classroom. He was tall, quiet and attentive,” reflects Beam. “I wanted to help him.” Beam worked closely with Shippar on research projects that applied economic theory to real world experiences, in particular to the work Shippar was doing at Minnesota Power. “Bob had a way of connecting theory to practical application.”

Shippar believes his business and economics degree provided him a broad, more diverse educational experience. In particular, his unique experience working with Dr. Beam provided the foundation to his ascension as Minnesota Power President.

Over the years Shippar watched his Minnesota Power mentors honor important individuals in their lives through charitable giving. This planted the seed for how Shippar would honor the legacy of Dr. Beam. “I considered for a number of years the creation of an endowment to recognize the time, energy and effort Bob dedicated to my education and to the education of thousands of UW-Superior students.”

In April 2010, Mr. Al Hodnik, President and CEO of ALLETE, presented UW-Superior with $250,000 from the Minnesota Power Foundation to create the Don Shippar and Dr. Bob Beam Economics Program Enhancement Fund. This fund will annually support student scholarships, research initiatives, internships and program enrichment.

“Bob could have taught anywhere but he made his career at UW-Superior,” said Shippar. “This endowment honors a man who dedicated himself to the lives of students and to their futures. It’s a fitting tribute to a man who believes life and work is “a we thing.”
Members of the University of Wisconsin–Superior Athletic Hall of Fame have excelled as Yellowjacket athletes, made outstanding contributions to the success of the university’s athletic program and have achieved noteworthy careers in coaching and wellness.

Individual Awards Inductees

JOE GAYAN ’80 of Ironwood, Michigan

Joe was a four-year letter winner in football and wrestling, was named all-conference in 1979 and he was the team captain for both sports. In 1980 Joe became the assistant coach for UWS football and assistant coach for UWS wrestling in 1981.

ABBY GLAWE ’05 of San Carlos, California

Abby was a three-sport athlete for four seasons. Her sports included volleyball, basketball and softball. In recognition of her outstanding academic standing, Abby was named to the WIAC Women’s Scholastic Honor Roll from 2000-2005. In 2004 she was named UWS Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year and UWS Most Valuable Player.

MELANIE MILLER ’79 of Pacific Grove, California

Melanie was involved in volleyball, basketball and track. She was named to the WIAA second all-conference team in basketball, all-conference in volleyball, and co-captain of the women’s basketball team. Melanie remains active in coaching and teaching.

Mertz Mortorelli Coaching Achievement Award Inductees

ANTHONY LEONARDO ’67 of Clio, Michigan

Anthony’s coaching career began after graduation at Beecher Community Schools in Flint, Michigan, where he coached freshman football, varsity track and varsity wrestling. From there Anthony became a teacher, coach, Athletic Director and Transportation Supervisor for the Grand Blanc Community Schools in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Anthony has coached many victorious teams and players throughout his career, including three future NFL players.

DUANE MATYE ’57 of Osseo, Wisconsin

Duane has been a dedicated and beloved football and track and field coach for more than 30 years. He has been the head coach in Osseo-Fairchild and Minong, Wisconsin, and assistant coach in Oconto Falls. He led his team to 11 conference and three state championships in football, and 13 conference and five regional championships in track and field. Duane was selected as the head coach for the State All-Star Game, was published in the Athletic Journal, and in 1995, he was inducted into the Wisconsin State Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

PETER SUSENS ’76 of Wausau, Wisconsin

Peter started coaching hockey in 1974 for the Superior Amateur Hockey Association. Upon graduation he taught at Wauzeka, Wisconsin, where he coached boy’s freshman basketball and varsity girl’s softball. For the past 31 years, he has been at Wausau West High School, where he led his hockey team to win six conference titles and qualified for nine state tournaments.
JOSEPH A. KRIEG ’74 of Iron River, Wisconsin

Joe helped coach numerous different sport teams throughout the years, including hockey, t-ball, little league, basketball and flag football, and served as a WIAA and Twin Ports hockey official. He promoted personal responsibility through his work, DARE, and numerous Superior Police department initiatives.

LYDIA C. THERING MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD INDUCTEE

CHANCELLOR JULIUS ERLENBACH of Superior, Wisconsin

In addition to being an avid and knowledgeable Yellowjacket fan, Chancellor Erlenbach supports athletics behind the scenes. During his tenure, the Marcovich Wellness Center was constructed, significant renovations were made at Wessman Arena, and a new soccer field was installed. UW-Superior teams have competed at the highest levels of competition, bringing home national championships and conference titles.

CARL VERGAMINI CONTRIBUTIONS TO YELLOWJACKET ATHLETICS AWARD INDUCTEE

WOMEN’S 2004 SOFTBALL TEAM

Players and coaches include: Tiffani Anderson, Jamie Bang, Katie Beadles, Monica Brzezinski, Erin Campbell, Kathleen Duffy, Abby Glawe, Amy Jo Stach, Kristi Jurek, Erin Kegley, Anne LeBard, Katie Moench, Melissa Nelmark, Allison Ohms, Courtney Pulsifer, Sarah Tarasewicz. Coach, Roger Plachta. Assistant Coach, Mike Sylvester

In 2004 the team placed 3rd in the WIAC Conference and won the WIAC tournament. The team also made a NCAA Regional Appearance, winning two games, which is the most successful season in school history.

Please go to the Alumni website to see a full description of the Hall of Fame awards and nomination criteria at www.uwsuper.edu/alumni/halloffame/nominations.
1965
Glenn Getgen was honored by having his plaque added to the Wisconsin Dells High School Wall of Fame in recognition of his work in building the school’s wrestling program. Glenn was head coach from 1964 to 1977, turning the team into a state powerhouse and leading 24 wrestlers to the state championship tournament.

1969
Bruce Chicoine is a retired real estate broker. He and wife Donna live in Lufkin, Texas.

1970
Rich Weisbrot and his wife Judy visited campus recently, for the first time in forty years. Rich graduated May 29, 1970 from what was known as Wisconsin State University-Superior at the time. He and his wife currently reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he is a Certified Public Accountant at RSM McGladrey.

1973
Paul Chialastri retired from New Page Corporation-Duluth. He lives in Superior.

1979
Jane Sigfrids earned an associate degree in architectural technology in 2008 and now works for Lindquist and Company of Duluth managing its office and performing computer aided design. She and husband James live in Superior.

1980
Joe Gayan was inducted into the Ironwood Area Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements in wrestling, football and track while a student at L. L. Wright High School in Ironwood, Michigan. Joe played football for the Yellowjackets while a student at UW-Superior.

1994
Aric Burch was recently appointed to Vice President Trust Officer at First National Bank and Trust Company in Beloit, Wisconsin. He majored in math at UW-Superior. Previously he worked as an attorney and focused on estate planning, trust administration, and probate. He has also worked as a high school math teacher and hockey coach.

1996
Chris Fitzgerald is running for election as sheriff of Wisconsin’s Barron County. Chris, who majored in criminal justice, was appointed to the position by the governor two years ago to fill a vacancy.

1998
Renee Hudacek has been in Istanbul, Turkey, for three years teaching English, and next year she will be teaching in Columbia. Renee joined the alumni group that was traveling in Turkey for dinner.

2000
Jill Wiesneski Patchin and Justin Patchin welcomed their first child, Mark, in January 2010. Jill works at the Eau Claire Public Library and Justin teaches at UW-Eau Claire.

2004
John Baker was hired as a technical writer by AMSOIL Inc. in Superior. John and wife Amanda Domagala Baker, Class of ’03, have a son, Isaac. They live in Duluth, Minnesota.

2006
Jessica Gast is now a flight attendant for United Airlines. She lives in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

2007
Shelly Brauer, MSE ’09, is now a special education teacher for the Mellen, Wisconsin, public schools. She lives in Saxon, Wisconsin.

2008
Kym Young this spring completed her master’s degree in art history at UW-Superior. She plans to pursue a doctorate degree in art anthropology with the hope of one day returning to campus to teach.
TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHAT’S NEW
We would like your personal and professional updates for Classmates. We would also like to see photos. It would be appreciated to include identification of all subjects by name and graduation year if applicable. You may also update your information on the alumni website at www.uwsuper.edu/alumni or send an e-mail to alumni@uwsuper.edu. It will be included in our expanded Classmates section in the fall Superior Alumni magazine. If you have already submitted news but it doesn’t appear in this issue, it will be included in the fall Superior Alumni magazine.

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Birth/Adoption Announcement

Parents’ name

Name of child Date of birth Place of birth

Other siblings

Marriage Announcement (no engagements please)

Names

Date of marriage Location of marriage

Death Announcement

Name of deceased

Class year Date of death

Other News (e.g. awards received, promotions, etc... Please attach additional sheets as necessary)

For more information regarding the events, please call UW-Superior at 715-394-8452 or toll free 888-893-8593. Information is also available online at www.uwsuper.edu/alumni.

Alumni Association Annual Meeting
July 15, 2010
UW-Superior campus
Yellowjacket Union Room 202

Ironwood, Michigan Alumni Reception
July 22, 2010
Manny’s Restaurant

UW-Superior Twin Ports Chapter BBQ at the Dragonboat Festival
August 27, 2010
UW-Superior campus site at Barker’s Island Superior, Wisconsin

Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
September 25, 2010
UW-Superior Campus
Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium

Save-the-date!
UW-Superior Yellowjackets vs. UW-Madison Badgers Women’s Basketball Game
November 11, 2010
Kohl Center’s Nicholas Suite Madison, Wisconsin

Save-the-date!
UW-Superior Reunion Weekend
September 30 – October 2, 2011
Travel to
SOUTH AFRICA!

May 22 - 31, 2011

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Reserve your spot today!