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The Alumni Board met in September. Pictured are (left to right), back row: Carl Fricke, David Devine, John Mack, Mark Emerson, Dean of L&S Phil Certain, Rick Sarg, Department Chair Mary Anderson, the Foundation's Theresa Midthun, and front row: Jamie Roberson, Ken Ciriacks, Board Chair Jay Nania, Marjorie Rinaldo-Lee, and Herb Wang.

The Alumni Board

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Alumni Board News

Greetings from your Department of Geology and Geophysics Alumni Board! 2000 was a very exciting year for our team, making significant progress on our core initiatives known as the 3 M's: *Mentoring, Minorities, and Money.*

Mentoring: We have significantly increased the size of our pool of alumni that forms a sustainable core of mentor volunteers willing to serve as advisors to the department's student population. In addition, we have now made this program available to undergraduates as well as grad students. Board member Jamie Robertson is continuing to coordinate this effort. If you are interested in participating in this very worthwhile program, please contact Jamie at jdrsmr@mindspring.com.

Minorities: More appropriately "diversity." We continue to explore ways in which our board can be a champion for a more diverse population in the UW geoscience programs. As many of you are aware, this issue received significant attention this year at the university level, not all of it positive. A proactive effort by our board membership is fully supported by the dean of the College of Letters and Science. During our spring board meeting held in New Orleans in April, we heard from Patricia Hall of the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists. Ms. Hall educated the board as to the history and initiatives of the NABGG, and participated in our diversity discussion. As a result of the meeting, an Internet link to the

department's homepage has been placed on the official website of the NABGG (www.nabgg.org). In addition, the board supported the department's first ever participation in the NABGG's Annual Conference in October. Associate Dean Herb Wang, and graduate student Darrell Stanley represented the UW in Houston, and distributed department information to other delegates attending the conference. I would very much like to hear my fellow alumni's thoughts on this topic, including any ideas on how we might further our initiative.

Money: The **"Building for the New Millennium"** campaign has kicked into high gear. Our effort to raise funds in support of the proposed \$5 million addition to Weeks Hall has captured the imagination of alumni and friends of the department from coast-to-coast. With the support of the University of Wisconsin Foundation's Teresa Midthun, our board members have been reconnecting with fellow UW geoscientists across the country. The construction of this new wing will provide vital room to grow, ensuring the UW's continued leadership in the most exciting new areas of geoscience study. Board member Ken Ciriacks is

taking the lead on this exciting development effort. Additionally, we are targeting a major alumni reunion and conference to coincide with groundbreaking in 2003. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for all of us to participate in building a lasting legacy, one that will impact generations of geoscientists yet to come.

Your Alumni Board is recognized as one of the oldest and most influential board of visitors on the Madison campus. I want to thank all of its members, past and present, for the time and effort they have put forward to support their alma mater. Likewise, I want to thank alumni everywhere for the generosity they have shown in supporting their department, in particular with regard to the building campaign. This is an ambitious effort, and we still have a long way to go. We are all grateful for the excellent education we received at the UW, and I hope that each of you will consider giving something back in support of this significant department milestone.

As always, feel free to contact your Alumni Board at anytime and let us know how we can help you to play a continuing role in the advancement of geology and geophysics study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Good health and good fortune,
Chairman Jay C. Nania
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At GSA: Jim Dawson, Elwood "Woody" Brooks.



Phil Brown, Carl Fricke.



Mary Stoertz, Darrell Henry, Bob Sterrett.