

absence of about twenty years, where we were blessed with unusually warm, sunny weather and best of all, a calm lake! Tagish Lake is still a marvelous, relatively unspoiled jewel, although jockeying with all the RV's on the Alaska highway to get there is a pain. Jim and Marion Brook are doing well—spending much of their time playing host at Brookland to tourists, whom Jim flies in for the day from the Skagway road.

I'm continuing to do research on several interesting projects, including a presentation with **Brad Singer** on the Precambrian geology of central Wisconsin at the 50th Institute on Lake Superior Geology; another presentation with **Ed Ghent, Herb Wang, John Fournelle** and **Emil Jelinek** on the P-T-t history of Variscan eclogite at a Czech conference celebrating the 250th anniversary of the term, granulite, where Emil and I led an excursion to one of my favorite peridotites, the Mohelno peridotite; further work on Proterozoic quartzites with **Bob Dott**; the petrological and structural characteristics of mantle xenoliths from California with **Basil Tikoff** and **Sarah Titus** and from Syria with **Alan Kobussen** and **Nik Christiansen**; the petrology and geochemistry of Norwegian garnet peridotite and pyroxenite with **Tom Lapen**; more on Norwegian eclogites to be presented at the 7th International Eclogite Conference in Graz, Austria, in July; and the petrology and geochemistry of Czech UHP eclogites with **Brian Beard** and Emil Jelinek in preparation for a December symposium at Stanford in honor of **J.G. (Louie) Liou** on the occasion of his retirement. Obviously, I've never learned to focus on one project at a time—there are just too many interesting topics to be explored!

LLOYD PRAY

Hello, *Outcrop* readers. This Badger geologist is reporting in for 2004. Carrel and I, both approaching maturity, are in reasonably good health at 85 and are enjoying our life at our farm home on Madison's west side and a new cottage on Lake Superior's south shore where I grew up. Lovely clear cold water and no carbonates. We both are busy with our large family and friends—wide scattering involves frequent fun trips.



The museum staff treated Klaus Westphal (and the department) to a farewell feast of cakes in his office on Jan. 30, 2004. It was the museum director's "last day on the job," and Lou Maber seems to be giving Klaus advice on the pleasures of being emeritus.

Carrel has evolved into a fine watercolorist, and had a landscape accepted in national 2004 exhibit.

Bob Stanton and I had a paper published on Capitan Neptunian Dikes (Nov. 2004 *J.S.R.*). Reading, and some SEPM national meetings help make me think I am still a geologist. I enjoy occasional visits to the Weeks Hall gang with activists including "Global" **Toni Simo, Alan Carroll** and **Bob Dott**. I plan to attend the June 2005 Calgary AAPG-SEPM hoopla, when **Rick Sarg** completes his SEPM presidential year. I hope to see many of you there or at this May's Alumni Weeks Hall completion celebration.

KLAUS W. WESTPHAL

After 34 years in charge of the Geology Museum, it was time for me to step down and let someone else take over as Director. I count the hiring of **Richard Slaughter** to be my successor among my greatest achievements. My main activity in the department is to identify and catalogue minerals, rocks, and fossil specimens, and to incorporate specimen donations. I also manage the Friends of the Geology Museum's specimen and book sales, the organization's main fundraiser. Through the museum, I am available for slide presentations on various topics in paleontology. I enjoy the company of the department's staff and students, and am looking forward to remaining involved for many years to come.

Lloyd Pray, right, with Richard and Kasia Allen at the Spring Banquet, April 2004.