March 1, 2005

Dear Fellow Alumni of the UW Department of Geology and Geophysics:

You are invited to participate in the 2005 Department of Geology and Geophysics Building Dedication and Alumni Reunion on May 6-7. This is an exciting opportunity for you to renew friendships, meet hundreds of fellow alumni, and see the wonderful changes that have occurred in the Department and the beautiful UW campus.

The event begins on Friday, May 6 with the Dedication Ceremony to celebrate the newly completed addition to Weeks Hall. You will hear from the Deans of the College of Letters and Science and the Graduate School, Department faculty, the Board of Visitors and the UW Foundation regarding their vision of the future for the Department. During the lunch break, you can visit the Department, view student posters, and visit with students, faculty, and friends.

The theme for the exciting afternoon technical conference is “21st Century Challenges for Earth Science”, with presentations by internationally recognized UW alumni, including Richard Alley, Marjorie Chan, John Eiler, and Raymond Murray, as well as former astronaut Harrison Schmitt. This will be followed by tours of the “new” Weeks Hall and opportunities to visit with friends and classmates, culminating in a courtyard reception and brat cookout for all.

On Saturday, May 7 there will be an alumni continental breakfast, where Robert Dott and John Attig will be present to sign copies of their recent best seller, Roadside Geology of Wisconsin. After breakfast, there will be an outstanding field trip led by Professors Dave Mickelson and Toni Simo, and the day will be capped by the Department’s Spring Banquet.

More details on the activities may be found in the enclosed materials. Important dates are April 1, 2005, when registration materials should be returned, and April 4, 2005, the last day hotel rooms will be held.

Information on the event is posted on the Department’s web site at www.geology.wisc.edu.

We hope to see you in Madison for this exciting and memorable event. Please take the time to forward this announcement to friends and classmates, encouraging them to attend.

James Davis, PhD (1965)  
Chair, Board of Visitors

Tom Johnson, MS (1975)  
Vice-Chair, Board of Visitors