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## College of BILSA is proud to announce a new interim dean, Susan Hansen

Susan Hansen has been named interim dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at UW-Platteville. In making the announcement, former dean of BILSA, Duane Ford, assumed the role of interim provost on Aug. 1. Hansen's appointment also was effective Aug. 1. Hansen has taught in the business administration program at UWP since 1991. Hansen brings a wealth of experience to UW-Platteville and to her new position as interim dean. She has worked with students on our campus for 18 years, and during that time she has been a leader in campus quality initiatives, coordinated our online business degree program, and served as an international coordinator for the college. Additionally, Hansen has previous college level administration experience as assistant dean. She earned her bachelor's degree in business from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan. She worked in private industry for 11 years, as treasurer and controller, before making the transition to post-secondary education. Hansen's MBA was conferred by the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She earned her DBA in international management from the University of Sarasota in Florida.



## 2009 BILSA Golf Outing

The 2009 golf outing was a great success. Thanks to the work of Steve Becker and other dedicated individuals we had nearly 70 golfers, including several current and retired faculty members. All enjoyed a fine day of golf, renewing old friendships, and raising nearly \$3,500 in support for BILSA scholarships.

There were several local businesses and groups that sponsored holes and

participated in the fun. The 2010 annual golf outing for the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture will be held at the Platteville Golf and Country Club on June 25, 2010. The format is a three-person best shot. Prizes and dinner will follow the golfing.

Watch this website [www.uwplatt.edu/bilsa](http://www.uwplatt.edu/bilsa) for more information and the registration forms.



# Letter from the dean, Susan Hansen

We are off to a new academic year at UWP. The university is well prepared for over 1,000 new freshmen, many of whom will be joining us in majors offered by the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture. As the new interim dean of the College of BILSA, I am looking forward to greeting our new and returning students. Here are a few highlights since the last newsletter. Joining our college this year are several new faculty. We welcome Elli Hunt, assistant professor in industrial studies, teaching in the area of building construction management; Todd Carothers, assistant professor in business administration, teaching in the area of cost containment; Donita Bryan in the school of agriculture, teaching in the area of ornamental horticulture; and Tera Montgomery in the school of agriculture, teaching in the area of dairy management. In addition, we have several new staff members including Kelly Curtiss and Elizabeth Swift who serve as advisors in our business and project management distance education programs. We did have one retirement this year; Robert Fidrych in the business and accounting department retired last May.



We've also had several changes in administration recently. Chancellor David Markee retired as of July 31. (1) Carol Sue Butts will serve as interim chancellor, (2) Duane Ford will serve as interim provost,

and I will serve as interim dean. A bit about myself. I joined the business and accounting department in 1991 where I've taught international business coursework for both our on-campus and distance programs. I have a passion for preparing students for their careers in a global business world and am especially interested in developing opportunities for students to spend a semester studying and/or doing internships overseas.

The School of Agriculture recently celebrated two naming events; the Dottie John Pioneer Gardens (3) and the Tom and Lee Ann Lindahl staff Conference Room were named at ceremonies in July.



The final plans for the first phase of the (4) Boebel Hall renovation will soon be approved and hopefully construction will begin in late 2009. The biology department is looking forward to their new, updated laboratories slated to be available in fall 2010.



Industrial studies celebrated its 100th anniversary with a kickoff at Homecoming 2008. Throughout the year, the department recognized this milestone through a lecture series, re-institution of an honor society for technology, and several other activities to mark this occasion. The finale recently took place at this year's Homecoming.

The business and accounting department secured a \$16,000, two-year grant to fund the implementation of SAP, an information management system used by over 50,000 companies worldwide. The department hopes to integrate use of the system in many different courses across the curriculum.

Several awards have been bestowed on students in the communication technologies department. The student newspaper, (5) The Exponent, won first place for a graphic on diversity at the Wisconsin Newspaper Association convention. Students in broadcast production won first place for TV sports play-by-play.



I look forward to continuing an exciting year, and was so happy to meet some of you at Homecoming.

# Homecoming 2009



Homecoming 2009 brought many alumni back to their alma mater despite the chilly weather. Industrial studies completed the celebration of their 100th anniversary with several events on Friday. Highlights included working in the IS labs, touring the farm and Lifeline Amplifications with alumnus Scott Wright, of Lifeline Amplifications Systems Inc. The BILSA alumni recognition reception and banquet

included great food and recognition of award recipients: Scot Industries, Christan Miller, Don Wickstrum, Geoffrey Fletcher, Basil Eastwood and Heather Pick. Saturday consisted of the parade, football game and a special lighting of the "M" with great fireworks.

The BILSA alumni chapter held their annual meeting at the BILSA tent and gave an update on the business of the organization, along with electing new board of directors Ryan Gerlich and Jason James. Several alumni members were present to take part in the great food, family activities and catching up with other alumni, and retired and current faculty. This lunch was a great time and see those that made

your time at UWP so memorable. Who knows maybe some of your friends were there and you missed them! Below is a list of those that signed up with the chapter:

Grant Loy	1954	Amanda Trewin	1992
John Cottingham	1961	Ryan Weigel	1996
Virgil Pufahl	1963	Julie Harman	1996
Robert Baetz	1966	Dave Seiler	2000
Carl Babler	1970	Michele Ryan	2000
Joe Rottmann	1971	Jason Simmons	2002
Terry Cushman	1976	Kelsi Simmons	2002
Marilyn Bustle	1977	David Heimerdinger	2002
Mike Mee	1986	Kate Depauw	2006
Mark Haag	1988	Liz Wood	2007
Jodi McDermott	1990	Gina Udelhofen	2007
Doug Stephens	1991		



Industrial Studies Reunion

## Mark your calenders for Homecoming 2010- Oct. 9

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