

My UW-Fond du Lac Story

"This campus has been good to me, and I'd like to be good to it," said recently retired **Associate Professor of Physics/Astronomy John "Jack" Heil, Ph.D.**, of his decision to endow a scholarship for students in the sciences at UW-Fond du Lac.

"I thought about it long ago, and looked forward to it at retirement," he continued, elaborating on his vision. When the scholarship fund reaches its full endowment of \$10,000 under the management of the UW-FDL Foundation, annual amounts will then be available to students pursuing chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy and mathematics. "It seemed natural to me to do it. We need to encourage more students to get into the sciences, and a scholarship may make it a little bit easier."

After 36 years on the faculty at UW-FDL, Heil knows the science curriculum. In fact, he taught most of it. "I didn't use my physics Ph.D. much," he laughed. Heil's very first semester on campus in 1970 affirmed his commitment to teaching, when he helped a young engineering student turn around a failing performance.

Recalling other former students who reported paid tuition at MIT, employment by GE and INTEL, and careers as nuclear engineers, dentists, chiropractors and physicians, Heil said, "Look at what people can do: we can help, make a difference, and change their lives. I'll never know how many people I helped, but I was always willing."

John (Jack) Heil, Ph.D.

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Reception

Silent Auction and Balloon Raffle

Dinner and Program

Elegant Celebration Dinner

Master of Ceremonies

Michael "Silk" Casper ('77-'78)

Recollections

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