

## *My UW-Fond du Lac Story*

It was only across town, but it was a different world for Dale Boyke. "It was overwhelming," said the Goodric High graduate. "The campus was new, and everything was new: the college layout and program were so different from high school. Finding classes was new. There was construction dust. Meeting professors for the first time was new...I felt like I was thrown into the adult world."

Boyke was cited as the first male student enrolled at the Fond du Lac Campus. He recalls sitting on a podium with dignitaries and officials during the cold and windy opening ceremonies. He remembers the pride of his father Clarence, who had once served on the county board and was instrumental in creating the campus.

"You are talking to a farm kid who had no money, nothing in those days," said Boyke, now an engineer and vice president celebrating 35 years of employment at Oilgear, a Milwaukee-based maker of integrated electro-hydraulic systems. "I had to work at home and live at home, and save money. I chose Fond du Lac because it was local. But, I looked at it as something really special. Not everyone went to college. I really appreciated it."

College offered another new and meaningful life experience: Sports. Boyke had skipped all high-school activities in order to be home for farm chores. As a college freshman, he made the varsity basketball team. Along with that came the inspiration and guidance of Coach Richard Knar. "Coach Knar taught us a lot. I appreciated him and his skills of building people," said Boyke, who regularly contributes to the Knar Scholarship Fund at UW-FDL. "You could idolize that man. I was used to working hard on the farm, and I respected my father and Coach in the same vein. I'll never forget that man...that's why I support his name and the scholarship

*Dale Boyke '68-*



### *Reception*

*Silent Auction and Balloon Raffle*

### *Dinner and Program*

*Elegant Celebration Dinner*

*Master of Ceremonies*

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

### *Recollections*

### *Spirit of Excellence Award*

*Presented by*

*UW-Fond du Lac Foundation to*

*UW-Fond du Lac Dean Willard Henken*

