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## **2nd ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006**

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**Main Hall Winter office hours September thru May are**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.**

**Please consider donating any Milton College memorabilia that you may possess or discover to the Milton College Preservation Society for inclusion in the museum exhibits or archives so that others may share your memories.**

# LOSSES

*Professor Herbert L. Crouch (September 19, 1917 - July 18, 2006). The following is the eulogy delivered at the services for Professor Crouch by Reverend Herbert Saunders and is here reproduced through the kind permission of Reverend Saunders.*

In William Shakespeare, the English bard's tragedy HAMLET there is this oft quoted line "*To be or not to be, that is the question?*" It is the question that all of us answer in one way or another by our lives. Some people live their lives as if they were merely biding their time. Others know without a doubt what it means to be what they were intended to be. Herbert Crouch knew who he was and by his life and influence gave us a glimpse of being what God intends us to be. He was an energetic, compassionate, gifted and honorable man. He could very well have said of himself these words from ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA: "*If I lose mine honor, I lose myself.*" He never did!

Herbert L. Crouch was born near Ladysmith, Wisconsin on September 19, 1917, one of three children born to Royal and Beatrice Crouch. His sister Darlene remembers that as a child she so admired her brother that she insisted that when they were grown up she was going to marry him. When she was told she couldn't she remembers thinking "how sad." After attending elementary school in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan, the family moved Kansas where Herb graduated from Nortonville High School in 1936 a school-mate of my mother Lila. He enrolled at Milton College and graduated in 1941 with a bachelor's degree in public school music. It was at Milton that he discovered his love for theater-especially the works of William Shakespeare, playing the lead in HAMLET and the role of Romeo in ROMEO AND JULIET. After graduation he taught music in Wisconsin public schools until 1945. A "musical perfectionist" Herb had great appreciation for classical music. His sons remember, however, that he had little tolerance for Rock & Roll. Among other things, Herb was an accomplished violinist.

On June 26, 1941 Herb married Virginia Polen and to their union were born four children: David, Alan, Ann and Steven. Herb was always supportive of the family and their interests. He built model train displays in the family's attic. He was an authority figure in their home. Shakespeare wrote in AS YOU LIKE IT, "*All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his prime plays many parts.*" Herb's family life was interrupted in 1945 when he took another role and joined the Army Infantry in World War II stationed as part of the occupation forces in Japan until 1946.

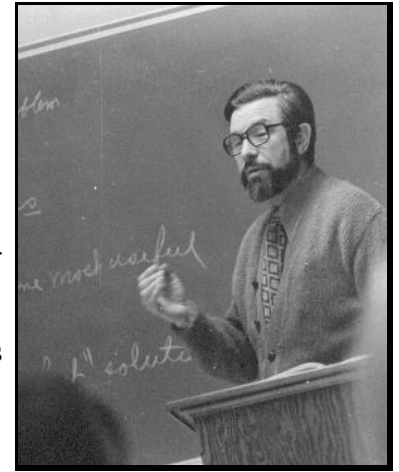
Returning to the States Herb enrolled in Northwestern University to earn a Master's degree in speech and theater in 1948. He was invited to join the Milton College faculty as a professor of speech and theater after graduation.

Herb's passion for theater was obvious and he loved Shakespeare. Milton College had a tradition of performing his

plays in the spring and more modern dramas in the fall. He always said there was an art to directing and directing Shakespeare's works required knowing the dramas and the characters inside out. He said that Shakespeare had a knack of developing wonderful characters and then killing them off. He was involved in all aspects of the theater-directing, costuming, lighting, scenery, and sometimes acting. This he did for thirty four years until his retirement in the spring of 1982. He undoubtedly knew Shakespeare's line from **TWELFTH NIGHT**: "*Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.*" The Milton College Alumni Association honored him with the College Award for excellence in teaching. He was a great teacher! He also was honored as a Pillar of Milton for his contributions to Milton College.

He regretted that his passion for theater took time away from his family. He often said that Ginny and the Seventh Day Baptist Church of which he was a member raised the kids. Actually, however, his kids remember spending a great deal of time at play rehearsals - they were traditional "stage ruts." And the family remembers having a theater curtain between the living and dining room of their home allowing them to participate in home-gown theatrical productions with each other. Herb's daughter Ann Luebke died in 1989. It was a real personal blow for a family man and he struggled, as we all do, that such a vibrant young woman could be gone from his life. It isn't supposed to happen, a child dying before their parent. Herb was a loving companion to Ginny. She died in 1992.

In 1995 he married Marian Lewis from Riverside, California and lived on the west coast until she died in 1997, at which time he returned to his home in Milton. (continued on next page)



Herb appreciated the successes of his family- from the Drum and Bugle Corps experience of David, to the seminary training of Al and Steve, and Steve's pastoral ministry. He loved the spouses that his children chose-Jerry Lubke, Janette (Gee), Becky and Deborah, and the ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren they brought into his family. To the end Herb was genuinely a "family man."

Herb had a strong and vital faith. He was a support to his pastors even though at times he may have had differences. As a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Herb used his musical talents and expertise to build up a strong tradition of music excellence. He directed the church choirs for twenty-two years and was ordained to the diaconate. He was always there when something important was in need of congregational support. A little over a month ago, on June 17, the congregation honored him for his contributions to the church's musical ministry and acknowledged his faithful Christian witness. In HAMLET, Shakespeare wrote: *"This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."* Herb was true to himself and true to his God. Shakespeare wrote in HENRY V: *"Men of few words are the best men."* And he added in KING HENRY VIII: *"A peace above all earthly dignities, A still and quiet conscience."* Both phrases are qualities Herb possessed. He had a sweet, gentle smile. He was in tune with the cares and concerns of others. He was a friend. He was a mentor. He was loving and caring. His sons regarded him as a friend as well as a father. They could discuss anything with him - theology history, the theater- and he never condemned them for having or asking questions. He could easily have said to them in the words of HAMLET: *"Suit the action to the word; the word to the action."* He did and we have all been blessed. Herb was the genuine article. As someone said to me just this morning-he was the common man "common as the day is long."

We'll all miss Herb. What will we miss? Seeing him on his daily walk through Milton, sharing in a male quartet or chorus, experiencing the effects of his expertise in lighting and sound, facing challenging questions of theology together, and being the recipient of his warm sincere smile and friendly greeting. From now on, whenever I am in a room full of others who enjoyed Herb's company, I'll know that whenever someone calls out "Herb" I won't hear an echo when I answer "Yes!" I know Dave, Al and Steve, that it is a common experience for you to hear your names called across a crowded room, but there just aren't that many Herbs around. It just won't be the same.

Not surprisingly, in the hospital during his last hours the conversation turned to Shakespeare and Herb said that even in the bard's tragedies there was a hint of comedy- a metaphor for life. Herb! - in the words of ROMEO AND JULIET, *"Parting is such sweet sorrow."* And in the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: *"Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master!"*

## Kristen Kresal Steps Down

After 24 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Milton College Preservation Society, Vice President Kristen Kresal tendered her resignation effective as of the July board of directors meeting citing an increased employment workload as one reason for terminating her official connection with the board. Leaving the board, she said, in no way ended her interest in the work of the association.

Kresal, youngest daughter of the late Professor Bernhard and Lois Westlund has a family connection to the college that dates back to the mid 1940's. Her mother and her brother and sisters all attended Milton. She, herself, wanted to become an architect. Because there was no program offered at Milton, she transferred to UW-Milwaukee,

Following graduation and marriage to Stanley Kresal, she and her husband managed the Old Stringer Orchard for about 25 years until excessive government regulations made the business uneconomical. She is now in supervision at the M&I Bank in Beloit.

## Volunteer Help For Main Hall

Volunteers are needed to help at Main Hall to supply physical labor, expertise, and/or materials. Everyone who owns any piece of property knows that neither buildings nor grounds survive without constant care. Much effort, money and love have been put into Main Hall in the last 24 years, but to preserve the original building and the recent effort, more is needed. The following is a *partial* list of things that need to be done. For more information and details, contact Judy Scheehle, Administrator/Curator.

- Wash windows inside and out.
- Wash light fixtures all floors.
- Wash woodwork all floors.
- Paint ceiling in Century Room.
- Some painting on lower level.
- Men's bathroom repair.
- Paint office and Whitford Room.
- Tuck-point brick.
- Heat duct work.
- Repair window lintel.
- Clean kitchen cabinets.
- Air condition lower level.
- Climate control vault.
- Energy efficient windows.
- New lower level furniture.
- Improved lighting in select areas.

Remember! This is a partial list. Anything you can do will help.

# Fine Arts Festival Sponsorship Opportunities

## 2nd annual

**Milton College  
Historic District  
Milton, WI 53563**

**Date: Sunday October 15, 2006**

**Time: 11:00 to 4:00**

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and better.*

List your business as a  
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Scene from 2005 Fine Arts Festival

For More Information Contact

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Join the fun, more  
activities as skits, vocal  
groups and authors are  
being procured for this  
years event!

# CHRISTAS WALK

## Sunday, December 3, 4-8 P.M.

Featured in the Christmas walk are five local homes, the Goodrich House, and Main Hall, making it, according to Terry Williamson, entertaining and informative. The Walk begins at the Gathering Place and the cost is \$5.00 for each adult with children under 12 free.

This year's Christmas Walk will feature Santa for the children, and hot dogs will be offered.

For additional information please contact Terry Williamson at Goodrich Hall, (608) 868-3651.

## ADDRESSES STILL NEEDED FOR E-MAIL

In an effort to reduce printing, handling and postage costs, Milton College Preservation Society administrator Judy Scheehle has requested that everyone on the Milton College mailing list who has a computer and E-mail to provide an address to MCPS so that the News and Review can be electronically mailed.

At present, 4500 copies of the publication are printed and mailed to former students, staff, faculty and friends. If a significant number of these pieces can be distributed electronically, costs, which consume a significant amount of the association funds, can be reduced.

**Help is also needed with address correction.** If recipients of the publication change an address, it would be very helpful to promptly notify MCPS by e-mail or regular US postage so that the mailing list can be properly maintained. Send e-mail to [www.mainhallmiltoncollege.org](http://www.mainhallmiltoncollege.org) or postal service to Main Hall Preservation Society, P.O. Box 84, Milton WI 53563

## In Memoriam:

Lois Lawrence Moses	
Darryl Banks	'73
Robert Teubert	w'56
Joseph H. Kessler	w'67
Elizabeth Chatfield	w'28
Robert Toler	w'45
Nancy Kubly Brecklin	'58
Robert D. Castater	'47
Robert J.Kuhlow	
Dennis R. Porter	w'74
Robert Condon	'57
Thomas J. Larsen	'77
David L. Larson	'73
Kerry Dull	'73
John E. Fox	'49
Eugene R. Cary	w'52
Wilson F. Beebe	'40
Herbert Crouch	Faculty' 41
Doris Robbins Boyle	'28

The Society extends condolences to the family and friends of these valued alumni and faculty. Please send notices to MCPS, P.O. Box 84, Milton, WI 53563, or by e-mail to [www.mainhall@miltoncollege.org](mailto:www.mainhall@miltoncollege.org)

## 2007 Alumni Weekend

The board of directors of MCPS has established the 2007 Alumni Weekend as June 22-23, with the golf outing on the 22nd and the alumni dinner on the 23rd. **Please note! The board has changed the time of the dinner to noon.** It will remain at the Gathering Place

Several alumni have suggested that this may be a more convenient time for many of the visitors to the campus.

It has also been suggested that Alumni Weekend may be more convenient for many of those who would attend if the celebration were scheduled for late summer or fall instead of early summer as it has been. Any feedback on these ideas or suggestions which you may have will be appreciated.

# Alumni Weekend 2006 in Pictures

Taken by Scott Porter





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Artists. Vocal groups, skit, musicians and more!

See page 4 for details and entry form.