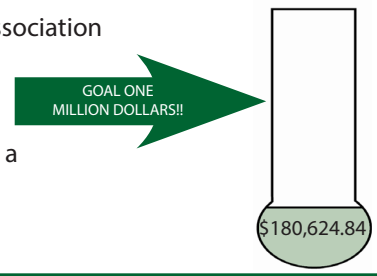
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Luther Olsen chosen as 50 year speaker

By Ryan Breeden, 2019

Because of his involvement in a variety of legislative committees and his dedication to help people, Senator Luther Olsen has been chosen to be the 50-year speaker at the alumni banquet on May 25.

The committees that Olsen is involved in include the Natural Resources Committee, the UW Hospital and Clinics Committee and the chairman of the Education Committee and vice-chair of the Joint Finance Committee.

Olsen graduated from Berlin High School in 1969 and graduated from UW-Madison in 1973. Olsen then returned to his hometown where he served as a member of the Berlin School Board only three years after graduating college, serving on the board for 21 years, including nine years as president of the board. Olsen says he is grateful for the experiences he had in Berlin.

"Berlin provides a good education that helps set students up for success after high school. Being a student, graduating, and being on the board, I had great experiences in Berlin, and it is wonderful to see the community and the schools grow," Olsen said.

Olsen's time in Berlin also opened opportunities for him on some of those legislative committees.

"One of the reasons I got to be the Chair of the Education Committee was because of my involvement on the Berlin School Board," Olsen said.

When recalling his experiences in Berlin, Olsen has nothing but praise.

"The nice thing about Berlin is that it's a small community so everybody knows each other. It's a community that cares about the kids," Olsen said.

Olsen also remembers his time in high school being very different than how it is now. "When I think back, we didn't have all the social media distractions or pressures, so we developed friendships, and you have a bond with the kids you graduated with," Olsen said.

For Olsen now however, he has to deal with many pressures and handle them smoothly. "Being a senator, you can never make everyone happy. I just hope they understand the thought behind every decision. Along with that, I'm always in the public eye. My life is basically an open book," Olsen said.

One benefit of being in office is that Ol-



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sen has become skilled at speaking to an audience. He will speak to an array of people at this year's alumni banquet.

"We have new graduates, old graduates, and all in between. The biggest thing is breaking it down to resonate with those groups of people. I want them to know that they always have their Berlin High School experience," Olsen said.

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Alumni Spotlight: Morris '85 spreads healing through horses

By Natalie Ceman, 2020

As the founder and executive director of To The Farm Ministry, alumna Lori Morris takes on the role of being a facilitator between two things she loves – people and horses.

Through her ministry, Morris strives through equine therapy to help people become stronger, improve relationships, communicate better, take fewer prescriptions and improve their overall quality of life.

“Out here (the ministry), it is completely laid back which allows the present moment to emerge according to the participant’s needs and their own individual readiness. Nothing is pigeon-holed into

a category, classification or diagnosis,” Morris said. “We are all just people who each have our own uniqueness. I love to learn about others and how I might help.”

Morris holds Master’s Degrees in Divinity and Theology, a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration in Human Resource Management and is Equine Certified in teaching through partnering with horses.

Above this all, Morris says her biggest accomplishment is the positive impact she has had on people through her ministry.

“Nothing, in my opinion, is better than hands-on mentoring while being outside and enjoying the flavor of the day,” Morris said. “Much of what we offer here is to help a participant

relax, unwind, breath deeply, smell, and talk openly about anything that comes to mind, and to have fun.”

At Berlin High School, not only did Morris form incredible friendships, but a deep appreciation for team work and commitment, as well.

Morris also credits her upbringing and her parents for making her the person she is today. She also credits the freely living individuals she has encountered in her lifetime.

“I’ve learned that it is not always necessary to possess raw intelligence for success. It is often persistence and having a supportive mentor,” Morris said.

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Highlights from the Red 'n' Green

Alumni return to fill coaching positions

Ryan Breden, 2019

Reporter

The boys basketball team has nearly an entirely new coaching staff set to take over following the sudden resignation of the previous coaches.

Michael Falk '13 has taken over the head coaching position after impressing Athletic Director Joe Brandl during his interview. “Michael interviewed extremely well and he filled the district needs of a boys coach and a teacher as well,” Brandl said.

For Falk, it was actually the teaching position that first sparked his interest and eventually led to the coaching position.

“I really didn’t know about the coaching position until later in the hiring process,” Falk said. “I was interested in the elementary physical education job, and the coaching job fell in my lap right along with it.”

After getting the job, Falk wanted to add another alum to his coaching staff.

“The first call that I made after getting the job was to Brady Hargrave to see if he would come coach with me,” Falk said.

For Hargrave, he was interested in coaching with Falk right when he heard about it, but initially he did not know exactly what level of coaching it would be.

“I originally thought it was going to be middle school or something small, but then Michael told me it was high school basketball and I knew I had to help,” Hargrave said.

Falk and Hargrave were teammates at Berlin, and they made some deep runs into the playoffs together during their basketball careers. They hope to use their chemistry as teammates and apply it to coaching.

“I grew up playing with Brady for a long

time,” Falk said. “I’ve spent a lot of time with him, and I know that I can trust him.”

For both coaches, this job has a greater meaning with it being at their old high school.

“It’s cool coming back and getting to help the program that we used to play for,” Hargrave said.

For Falk, it is about more than just knowing the game of basketball. He wants to help his players in a bigger way than just that.

“It’s about being a mentor to these kids just like what I had in high school,” Falk said. “The kids can relate to us, and some of them watched us play when we were in high school.”

Heading into this season, Falk is ready to get to work coaching his hometown team.

“It’s special getting to coach in your hometown,” Falk said.

Athletes commit to colleges, continue athletic careers

Natalie Ceman, 2020

Reporter

As the year draws closer to an end, many class of 2019 student athletes are asking themselves what’s next for not only their academic careers, but their athletic careers as well.

For senior Bradon Gulch, Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana is the perfect place to take his track and field career.

The state champion thrower chose the Division I school because of its high ranking combined with its small size.

“They are a smaller D1 school so I can focus better in class,” Gulch said, “Being smaller, they also have smaller class sizes than other schools but still have the competition of a D1 school.”

Being a football player as well, Gulch also had to choose which sport to stick with,



Senior Bradon Gulch visits his future home, Purdue University, where he has decided to further his athletic career in track and field. “The biggest reason I chose Purdue was because they were the most affordable,” Gulch said.

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but says track and field is not something he wants to give up anytime soon.

“I just find something about throwing so enjoyable,” Gulch said, “I’ve gotten really good at it over the years.”

Senior basketball player

Grant Miller also sees a future for himself in college athletics as he plans to play at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.

Pure passion and a long history with the sport are what Miller says drive him to con-

tinue the sport.

“I really have a passion for basketball and I’ve loved the game since I was very little,” Miller said, “It has always been a goal of mine to play in college.”

The lakeside location combined with the determined coaches made Concordia a perfect fit for Miller.

“The coaches have been super nice to me, coming to a lot of games and traveling all over to watch me play,” Miller said. “It really showed me how much they wanted me.”

Basketball Coach Michael Falk has nothing but praise for Miller and his basketball career

“Grant has the special ability to be a two-way player,” Falk said, “Guys like that don’t come around very often anymore, and we have been blessed to have him as a leader on our team.”