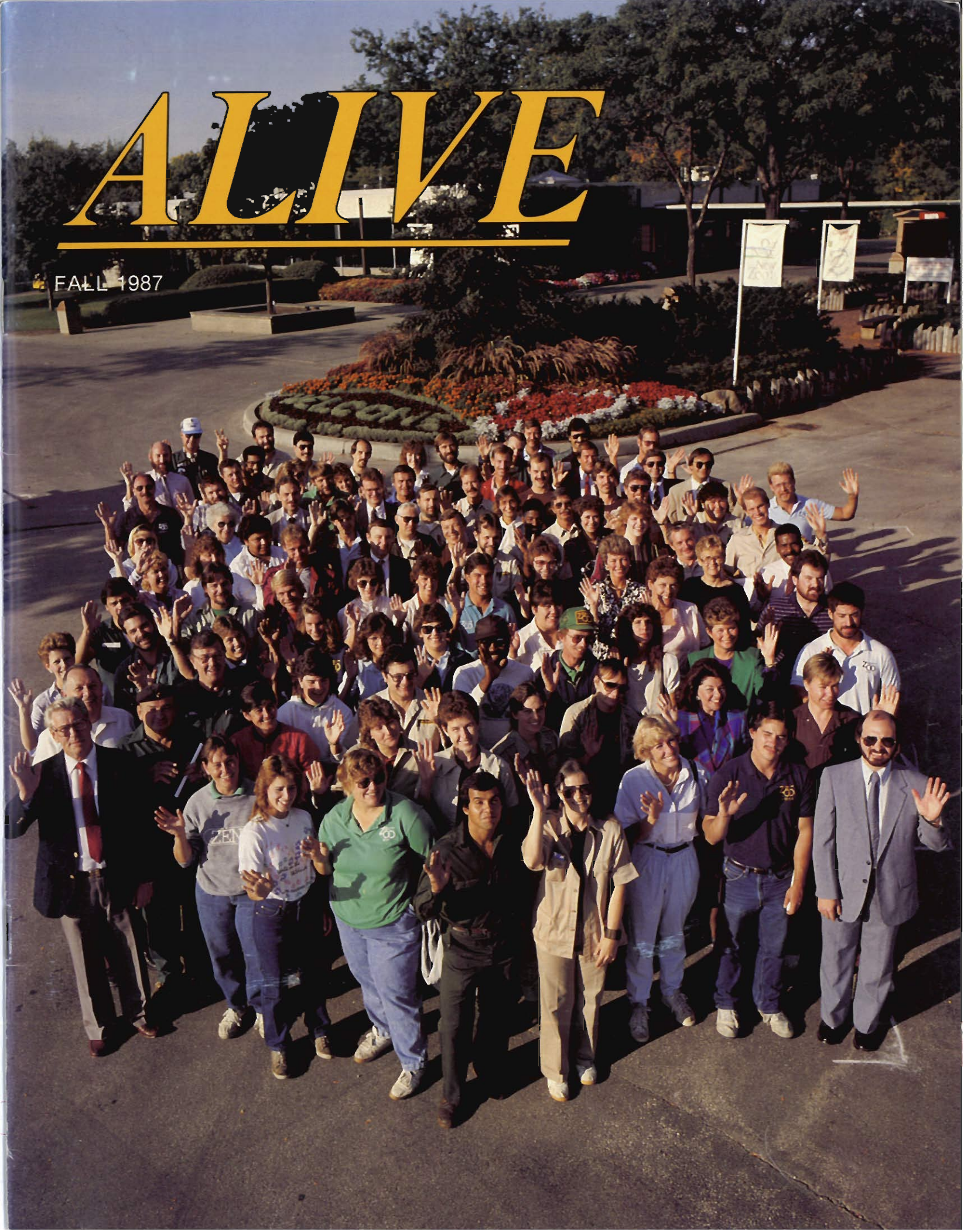


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Moving in new directions

by Dr. Gilbert K. Boese



The Milwaukee County Zoo has moved in a new direction in the last few years. As Zoos and Aquariums have become the modern day "ark," perhaps the last vestige of exotic animal conservation, Milwaukee begins to take a leadership role.

In 1983, a registrar joined the Zoo staff. One of her responsibilities is to keep track of the genetic lineage of our many species. In order to breed animals and more importantly, in order to propagate an endangered or threatened species, we need to know what animals are related. Our registrar is in contact with other Zoos around the world when we need to acquire another specimen.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is a member of the SSP, Species Survival Plan, and an active participant in ISIS, International Species Inventory System. Through these two plans, all Zoos can learn of the availability of potential mates for a breeding program.

After the addition of our registrar, a second veterinarian, a curator of birds and a curator of reptiles were hired. A curator of primates may be added next year and a curator of large mammals in the near future. These curatorial professionals have made it possible for the Zoo to become actively involved in research and breeding programs.

Our Zoo is committed to a trumpeter swan recovery program in Wisconsin. We just received a grant from the Institute of Museum Services (IMS) for research on rhinoceros. A donation from Miller Brewing employees has made it possible for the Zoo to purchase two black rhinos.

Rich Sajdak, curator of reptiles, is involved in research of rare Caribbean Racers. The Zoo recently acquired two young Siberian tigers for breeding purposes. Siberian tigers currently face a dismal future without the intervention of Zoos. In addition, we completed a five-year breeding release program for the barn owl; a joint project of the Zoological Society, Zoo and DNR.

Our Zoo is concerned with the propagation of all animal species for our future generations. We've taken initial steps to assure these many species will have a world in which human beings and animals can co-exist.

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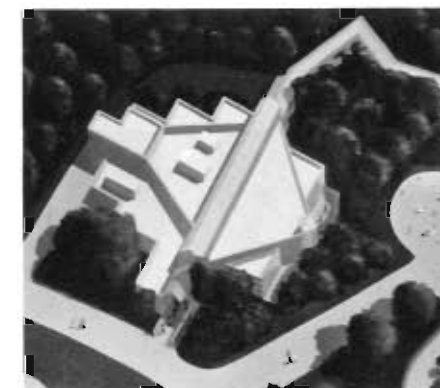
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Kudos to the Zoo team: the people behind the Zoo success

Edited by Kerry J. Publitz

The Zoo is the people. What? In all its brochures and advertisements, the Milwaukee County Zoo emphasizes its more than 4,000 exotic animals.

But it's the people — the gardeners, the zookeepers, the custodians, the park attendants, the volunteers, the gift shop cashiers, the zoomobile drivers, the artists, the curators, etc., etc. — who make the Zoo go. It is all these people who visitors notice during the Zoo day, but may not really see.

There are just over 200 people who work on the Zoo grounds. During the summer months that number increases to about 350.

Who are these unnamed people? What do they do every day? Read on.

during this time.

During the fall and winter, Cicero spends her time planning and purchasing for the next summer.

Laura Pedriani is the Special Events and Public Relations Director at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Pedriani is an alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a degree in Journalism. She had worked with the Wisconsin Division of Tourism and the Wisconsin Division of Health.

Pedriani began working at the Zoo in 1986 as the Assistant Public Relations Coordinator. She left the Zoo for nine months to become the Public Relations Director at Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois. Pedriani returned in April, 1987, in

when he worked as a park attendant selling snow cones by monkey island. After working here summers as a park attendant, Tews became a Children's Zoo Attendant in the summer of 1975. After eight years in the Children's Zoo and a brief stint in the Education Department, he was offered a full-time zookeeper position in April, 1984.

Tews currently works as the zookeeper in the Animal Hospital. In this position he cares for animals from all over the Zoo. Because one week he may be medicating an Indian Python and the following week he may be treating a Siberian Tiger, Tews has a broad knowledge of the animals' exotic diseases.

Tews enjoys softball, volleyball and

Her energies are directed toward the development of new and exciting year-round promotions and events for program participants.

Under Baar's leadership both programs have recognized substantial increases. The Membership program experienced an increase to 22,500 members, exceeding the goal for 1987 by over 3,500. The Adoption program has grown to 8,500 participants from 1,750 in 1982 when the program began. This is a result of her commitment to keep these programs unique and attractive to people of all ages.

Ellen Saksefski has no small task as Area Supervisor of the Pachyderm area. Her main charges are the largest animals

lab technician at the Veterans Administration Center and on a whale research vessel off the coast of Mexico. Saksefski began working at the Zoo in July, 1982, and was promoted to her current position in August, 1985.

With over 4,000 exotic animals to keep track of, Gay Reinartz's job as Associate Curator/Registrar is complex. In her office in the Zoo's Commissary, Reinartz collects and records on a computer a variety of information on the animal collection including births, deaths, genetic history and health information. She also secures import/export permits, serves as an animal information liaison between the Milwaukee County Zoo and the international Zoo community and acts as a

was born and raised in Airdrie, Scotland. Scotty moved to the United States in 1948 and began working as a waiter in Massachusetts. Since that time, Scotty has worked as a painter, bartender and as an assembly worker.

Scotty began working in the Zoo's maintenance department in 1977. As a full-time maintenance worker, Scotty repairs windows, doors, leaky faucets and anything else that might happen to be broken. He also repairs the naturalistic rockwork of the animal exhibits.

Scotty lives with his wife Sonia in Bay View.

If it slithers, hisses or swims, Rich Sajdak can probably identify it. As Reptile/Aquarium Curator, Sajdak is



The Zoo staff has taken on a new look since this 1938 employee photo taken at Washington Park Zoo.



Connie Cicero



Laura Pedriani



Tim Tews



Christine Baar



Ellen Saksefski

Connie Cicero joined the Milwaukee County Zoo staff on January 7, 1985 as the merchandise manager.

"Basically you could say I have two jobs — a retail manager and a buyer. The focus of my job shifts with the seasons," she said.

The novelty department generates about 92 percent of its revenue between May and September. The number of sales outlets and staff more than quadruples

her current position.

Pedriani's responsibilities include planning and implementation of Zoo special events, creation of all Zoo promotional materials, supervision of two staff members and acting as the assistant to the marketing director.

Intelligent, energetic and college educated, Tim Tews is the quintessential zookeeper. Tews began his career at the Milwaukee County Zoo 17 years ago

cartooning. He is married and lives with his wife, Katy and their two children in Greendale.

Christine Baar is a 1982 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh majoring in Radio, Television, Film with a Journalism minor.

She joined the Zoo in the spring of 1986 as the Director of Animal Adoption and is currently the Membership and Animal Adoption Director.



Gay Reinartz



Hugh Crawford



Rich Sajdak



Ted Schmitz



Debbie Martindale

in the Zoo — the elephants. Each day Saksefski and her staff feed 400 pounds of hay to the Zoo's five elephants. She is also responsible for maintaining the Pachyderm facility, supervising the zookeepers that work in the Pachyderm area and chairing meetings of the Elephant Management Committee.

Saksefski received her B.S. in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1976. After graduation she worked as a

member of the senior animal staff.

Reinartz received her B.S. in Zoology in 1975 from Duke University. She also completed her masters in Zoology at Duke in 1981. Before coming to the Milwaukee County Zoo in October, 1983, Reinartz taught 9th grade biology in New York and worked for the North Carolina Conservation Council for two years.

Hugh Donald Crawford, "Scotty" as he is affectionately known around the Zoo,

responsible for the planning and operation of the Zoo's reptile and fish collection. He is also in charge of the Aquarium/Reptile staff training and supervision, animal acquisition and collection management.

Sajdak began working at the Zoo in 1977 as a zookeeper in the Aquarium/Reptile Building. In 1984, he was promoted to Area Supervisor in the Small Mammal Building. Then in 1985 he was



Rick Bluhm



Bill Kopp



Jay Jocham



Kathy Kreuser



Bev Greenberg

offered his present position as Reptile/Aquarium Curator. Before coming to the Zoo, Sajdak worked as a Curatorial Assistant at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

He received his B.A. in Conservation from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his M.S. in Zoology from UWM in 1982. He is presently involved in field research on several Caribbean Islands where he is studying local snake populations. In his spare time Sajdak enjoys tennis, scuba diving and snake hunting.

Zoo visitors generally comment that the grounds at the Milwaukee County Zoo are extremely clean. One person who deserves credit for this is Ted Schmitz. As a Custodial Worker 2, Schmitz is responsible for making sure that the Zoo really shines. His primary responsibility is the Dairy Complex. Each day he scrubs the floors, sanitizes the restrooms and cleans the glass of the Milking Parlor. Schmitz also assists with special events and after hours events.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Schmitz is impressed by all of the changes he has observed at the Zoo since he began in November, 1980. Before coming to the Zoo, he worked as a custodian and in food service at the County Hospital. He enjoys swimming, traveling and watching professional sports.

Each year the Education Department's secretary, Debbie Martindale, registers 145,000 children in the Zoo's education programs. In addition to school group and program registration, Martindale performs secretarial duties and supervises the activities of Education Department volunteers and part-time clerical staff.

Martindale was hired in June, 1984, as a temporary secretary. In October, 1984,

she was offered her current position.

Because her mother is half Stockbridge American Indian, Martindale is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. She enjoys several hobbies including needlecraft, bowling and golf.

As a Park Attendant IV in the Zoo's stockroom, Rick Bluhm keeps hungry Zoo visitors supplied with all the hotdogs, hamburgers and brats they can eat. In addition to stocking food for all the Zoo restaurants, Bluhm is in charge of taking orders for the gift shops and stands and supervising other employees when his supervisors Jerry Heine and Wayne Windau are off duty.

Bluhm started working at the Zoo in June, 1981, during his junior year in high school in one of the Zoo's concession stands. Bluhm is married and has a one-month-old daughter, Nicole.

The Interpretive Services department was created in January, 1987, and Bill Kopp became its director. With the tremendous growth of the Zoo, there was a need for one person to oversee the Dairy Complex, the Dolphin Show, the Raptory Theater and the Animals In Action and Remains To Be Seen programs.

Kopp does it all. He is also guiding the construction of the new Peck Welcome Center.

Kopp joined the Zoo in November, 1975 as a Zoo Educator. He worked in the education department in various positions before his promotion to Director of Interpretive Services.

Jay Jocham is the man behind the brochures, billboards, invitations and advertisements. Jocham is a graphic artist and illustrator. He has an associate degree in commercial art from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Many of the Society members have enjoyed his beautiful work when they receive invitations to the special animal premieres and picnics.

The enormous amount of printed material keeps Jocham busy from morning to evening. He joined the graphics department in February, 1986. Presently, there are three people in the graphics department — graphic coordinator, graphic designer and graphic artist.

Kathy Kreuser is a new Zoo employee. She came on board in February, 1987, as the Visitor Services Coordinator.

Her responsibilities include interfacing between corporations and individuals who plan a private event at the Zoo and the Zoo staff. Kreuser makes sure an evening party in the Aquarium/Reptile building runs smoothly by coordinating the arrangements with the gate staff, the zookeepers, the custodians and the caterer.

"Obviously, the environment and the atmosphere of the Zoo is a unique working opportunity," said Kreuser. "I enjoy the variety of the people I work with."

Bev Greenberg, Development Director, spends her time raising money for Zoo projects. Recently, she has been most involved with the \$25 million capital campaign.

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County is raising half that sum (\$12.5 million) for the creation of a "New, New Zoo." Greenberg contacts philanthropic corporations and individuals about donating to this exciting project.

Since 1984 when Greenberg began working with the corporate/patron program its membership has increased from 60 to 265. She also writes grants to fund many of the Zoo's research projects.



Judy Treinen



Pete Feldner



Reine Hugo



Mike Liebig



Colleen Krzyzanowski

Taking care of business. Judy Treinen serves as the Director of Finance for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County. It's a position she assumed in Spring, 1983, as a part-time employee.

At that time, the Society's annual budget was \$300,000 with \$60,000 going for Zoo support. Today, the annual budget has grown to \$2.2 million with \$1.6 million going for Zoo support.

Needless to say, Treinen works full-time. Her responsibilities involve the daily financial matters of the Society and preparation of the annual budget.

Pete Feldner began working at the Milwaukee County Zoo in 1978 as a part-time Education Aide. Since 1978, Feldner has had a variety of positions in the Zoo's Education Department including Docent Coordinator and Visitor Education Coordinator. He is currently working as the School Program Coordinator. In this capacity he is responsible for developing guided and self-guided tours, special educational programs and training volunteers.

Before coming to the Zoo, Feldner worked as a police officer in Fox Lake, a gas station attendant in Milwaukee and as a construction worker in Beaver Dam. He returned to school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and graduated with a degree in Zoology in 1981.

Reinhold (Reine) Hugo is a dedicated Zoo Pride volunteer. Along with his wife, Beverly, Hugo became a Zoo volunteer five years ago.

In 1987, Hugo will have volunteered 1,500 hours to make a five year total of 3,500 hours. Hugo spends six days a week at the Zoo during the summer. In winter, he volunteers four days a week.

"I enjoy seeing people having a good time and children smiling," Hugo said.

Hugo is involved in various activities at the Zoo. He helps in the Dairy Complex (an area of particular interest to him because he retired from the dairy industry), gives animals in action talks at the Primate Building and penguin exhibit, and asks Zoo visitors to chimp-in for the creation of the new Zoo buildings.

Hugo and his wife are two of the many fine volunteers who give so generously to the Zoo.

How about a coke and a hamburger? Mike Liebig will take your order. Liebig has worked in the Zoo's Flamingo Restaurant for six years.

He is a Park Attendant III. His duties involve preparing and serving hamburgers, french fries, sodas, soups, onion rings and lots more goodies. It's Liebig's


smiling face that visitors see when eating in the Zoo's restaurant.

A Milwaukee native, Liebig enjoys golf, fishing, softball, darts and hockey.

Colleen Krzyzanowski is a gardener. Not only is the Milwaukee County Zoo a world-class home for exotic animals, but it is a beautiful horticultural gardens.

Krzyzanowski works diligently to maintain the many flower beds and special seasonal plantings. She personally has undertaken the Easter floral display which has been featured each year in the Aviary.

Krzyzanowski enjoys traveling.

So there you have it. It's a brief sampling of all the people who work so hard to make the Milwaukee County Zoo the finest Zoo in the country. 

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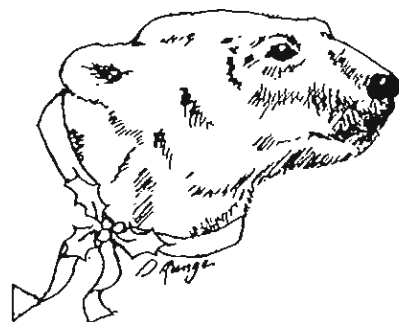
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WHAT'S GNU

As the busy summer comes to an end at the Milwaukee County Zoo, there are several new arrivals waiting to experience their first Wisconsin fall. In early summer the Feline building received two young Siberian tigers. Sheena, a one-year-old female, came to Milwaukee from the Pittsburgh Zoo, Pennsylvania, while her new mate, Tatja, also a youngster at a year and a half, arrived from the Baton Rouge Zoo, Louisiana. These tigers were brought to Milwaukee as part of a national breeding program. Both tigers have settled into their new home, ready to play in the fall leaves and winter snows.



The new Dairy Complex, having recently made its own debut, started its first season with the birth of five new calves including a Brown Swiss, an Ayreshire, a Guemsey and two Jerseys. While the calves and the two new baby American elk were acclimating to the unusually hot summer, the baby common waterbuck, and two baby impala, native to Africa, felt much more at home in the heat. Visitors ignored the heat with the exciting arrival of a baby Bactrian camel who can be seen in his yard.

At the Aviary six new Trumpeter Swans have helped to enhance the Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program. The hatching of two new Humboldt penguin chicks was another important summer success.

The Aquarium/Reptile staff worked with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the State Fair, helping provide them with fish for their exhibit. While that was going on across town,

back at the Zoo, bullsnakes hatched and a new Burmese python and boa constrictor arrived.

Monkey Island, always active, has two more young inhabitants. Inside the Primate building there is a healthy baby Diana monkey. The Small Mammal building was quite active with the births of several Ruwenzori long-haired fruit bats, a straw-colored fruit bat, an acouchi and slender-tailed meerkats. A new male ruffed lemur arrived from the Gladys Porter Zoo to join the Milwaukee County Zoo breeding program.

Society awarded research grant

The Milwaukee County Zoo has received the 1987 Institute of Museum Services (IMS) Conservation Project Grant to conduct research focusing on three species of rhinoceros: Rhinoceros unicornis (great Indian rhinoceros).

The Zoo will cooperate with the Houston Zoo, Columbus Zoo, Oklahoma City Zoo and the University of Wisconsin on this project. The research will offer a means to disseminate the genetic poten-

tial of the Indian rhino, to increase critically needed genetic diversity without relocating animals, and to improve chances to successful captive breeding programs among other Indian, White and Black rhinoceros through better understanding of their reproductive physiology.

The study will also increase knowledge about artificial insemination which can be applied to other species.

Nan Schaffer, D.V.M., the Milwaukee County Zoo's veterinary reproductive physiologist consultant, will coordinate this project.

IMS received 495 applications and awarded 248 grants in 1987.

Assistant Zoo Director retires

He has done just about everything related to zoos, but after 43 years in the business, Bob Bullermann, Milwaukee County Zoo Assistant Director in charge of buildings, grounds and maintenance, called it quits. Bullermann officially retired on September 15, 1987.

Bullermann knew he wanted to work with animals since he was a child. He recalls a time when his interest was in taxidermy. As a child he caught a toad and decided he wanted to mount it. He proceeded to cover it with several coats of shellac. Bullermann says it was probably the best mounting job he has ever done.

It was a long time between that toad and 1944 when Bullermann's career in zoos began. At Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois, Bullermann served as a zookeeper in various departments including small mammal, reptile and primate. He left Brookfield Zoo to become a Zoo manager for eight years at Hawthorne Melody Zoo, Libertyville, Illinois. Bullermann then joined the staff of the Milwaukee County Zoo as Assistant Zoo Director on October 1, 1959.

During his years as assistant zoo director, Bullermann laid the ground work for the Zoo's animal records system, played a major role in getting the Zoo accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) and helped it to become one of the first members of the International Species Inventory System (ISIS).

While serving as acting zoo director, Bullermann instituted a "no feeding" policy at the Zoo. A policy that is now instituted in zoos around the world.

In 1983, Bullermann took on his current position as assistant director in charge of buildings, grounds and maintenance. While he understands that Zoo growth means specialization of jobs, Bullermann fondly remembers the time when he had a hand in almost everything at the Zoo.

Happy retirement, Bob! We will miss you!



Zookeepers convene in Milwaukee

October 4-8, 1987 is the 13th National Conference of the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) hosted in Milwaukee. Hundreds of zookeepers, other staff and volunteers will meet for papers, tours and fun. This is the only event specifically designed for zookeeping and the trials and tribulations for both keeper and animal.

Most important, the conference is an opportunity to socialize with fellow professionals. The chance to tell of successes, find solutions to problems and stimulate thought in both directions.

The conference is headquartered at the Sheraton-Mayfair and will feature two days of papers. One full day will be spent at the Zoo with the final day being spent touring the Museum, Domes and Miller Brewery.

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Zoo Ball IV surpasses goal

Zoo Ball IV, an annual fund-raiser for the Milwaukee County Zoo, raised more than \$160,000 for the creation of a new African exhibit, Valley Of The Apes.

The Ball, Saturday, June 27, attracted a sell-out crowd of 675 people who attended the event which took place entirely on the 185-acre Zoo grounds.

A Night In The Congo was the theme of the Ball. Warren "Bud" and Roxy Heyse and Robert and Jane Ann Kahlor co-chaired the event. Heyse is the president of JOURNAL Communications, Inc. Kahlor is the president of JOURNAL/Sentinel, Inc. and president of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County. Beginning in January, it took more than 50 volunteers and 1,000 hours to plan and execute the festivities.

Tickets for the event cost \$150 per person. In addition to ticket sales, money was raised that evening through a silent auction and voice auction. Prior to June 27, Marshall Field's stores supported the Zoo Ball by donating a Shopping Safari which was offered to anyone through fund-raising tickets.

The world-renowned Milwaukee County Zoo became Africa for Zoo Ball IV. Jungle foliage decorated the dining tent where all the guests enjoyed a five-course dinner.

Ball-goers came prepared for fun at Milwaukee's premiere summer social event. Invitations requested black tie or

Zoo Ball co-chairpersons were (photo, right): Robert and Jane Ann Kahlor. Roxy and Bud Heyse (left to right). The Zoo Bell master of ceremonies (photo, lower right). Bob Reilman (left), assisted Bill Rush, vice president, Marshall Field's, in announcing auction winners.



jungle dress and some guests couldn't make up their minds. One gentleman came dressed in a tuxedo from the waist up and safari gear from the waist down. African dancers entertained during



dinner. Dick Judson and the Swinging Brass performed later.

The fund-raiser benefits the Valley Of The Apes, a jungle home for the bonobos, gorillas and siamangs.

Tiger print to benefit zoo

Who is the most famous cat in Milwaukee? Chandar. Now, beautiful posters of Chandar, the rare white Bengal tiger, are available at the Zoo gift shops or at the William DeLind Fine Art gallery, Mayfair Road.

The original Chandar painting was auctioned at Zoo Ball IV, June 27. Because of its enormous appeal, the Mandel Company, the William DeLind Fine Arts gallery and other Zoo friends



joined together to offer this poster to other feline enthusiasts.

Artist Terry Doughty painted the original. Doughty is a supporter of many

wildlife organizations. His art has appeared on more than 30 magazine covers.

The Fine Art Limited Edition print is available signed and numbered by the artist for \$75. A print with an original painting in the margin (called a *remarque*) sells for \$150.

The posters and prints are sold for \$10. William DeLind has arranged for a special frame price for the print or poster at his gallery. The proceeds from the sale of these posters and prints benefit the Valley Of The Apes.

Kresge Foundation challenges Zoo support

The Zoological Society is pleased to announce that The Kresge Foundation has approved a \$400,000 challenge grant toward the construction of the Peck Welcome Center. The Kresge Foundation is an independent private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It has awarded 99 grants so far in 1987 for a total of \$32,420,000. To date, the Milwaukee



County Zoo is one of only two zoos in the country to receive the Kresge challenge grant.

A condition of the Kresge grant is that the Zoo raise the remaining \$1.4 million of the \$12.5 million capital campaign goal before February 1, 1988.

To help meet the \$12.5 million goal, Zoo Pride and volunteers from the Boys and Girls Club have been asking Zoo visitors to "Chimp In" and receive a "I Chimped In For The Zoo" button. Zoo Pride has worked diligently and the public has been very receptive, "chimpling in" thousands of dollars throughout the busy summer months. There are also receptacles located at the Zoo entrance, in the restaurant and in the gift shops for donations.

The Kresge Foundation challenges the Zoo to demonstrate support from you, our Zoological Society members. Your Zoo has been given a tremendous opportunity, but we need your help to take advantage of it. Because you have been loyal Zoo supporters in the past, we are inviting you to become involved in "Our

New, New Zoo." Please help by sending us a donation. Your support today is critical.



While the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County continues to ask the Milwaukee community to Chimp In, Shearson Lehman Brothers joined the Zoo team with its sponsorship of the Twilight Run, June 6.

The 5 mile and 2 mile runs served as a fund-raiser for the Chimp In campaign. There were 875 runners who participated in the Shearson Lehman Brothers Twilight Run. Each runner received a "Let's Go Bonobo" t-shirt. Awards were given in 12 age categories to the participants in the 5 mile run.

The run raised more than \$4,500 for the Zoo's Valley Of The Apes.

Women's magazine to support Zoo

Wisconsin Woman Magazine publisher, Tricia Gordon, has agreed to "chimpling in" to the Zoo's capital campaign. For every new Wisconsin Woman Magazine subscription taken before February 1 a donation will be made to the capital campaign.

A one year subscription costs \$12.95 of which \$1.30 will be donated to the Zoo. Of the two year subscription, \$24.95, a donation of \$2 will be given.



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Time Foundation donates gift of time

The Time Foundation donated a clock to the Milwaukee County Zoo. Dedication of the clock, which was placed near the front entrance to the Zoo grounds, took place September 30. The clock is set in a bronze sculpture of two flamingos, one with outspread wings. The sculpture stands on a black granite base.

"We felt that a clock would be a unique gift and give the company more visibility than having our contribution combined with other company's donations toward a new building," said Arlene Ehret, Foundation Trustee. A clock, which would be seen by an estimated 1.7 million visitors a year, would be a gift "people would see and remember," she added. A generous cash contribution from the foundation accompanied the clock.

Zoo studies had shown people would like to have a clock, and Zoo officials were enthusiastic about the idea. "We look forward to the exciting clock becoming a familiar meeting place at the Zoo," Gilbert Boese, Zoo Director wrote the Foundation.

With the help of local art expert Michael Lord, the Foundation and the Zoological Society selected a design by sculptor and free lance artist Jerry Sawyer of Fort Atkinson.

He has studied art and sculpture at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the University of South Dakota and Antioch College. In addition to his free lance art, which ranges from abstract photo montages to sculptures, Atkinson also works as a product designer.

After long hours of watching and photographing the flamingos, he rediscovered that "they're beautiful and graceful birds." In designing the clock sculpture, the goal was to combine a realistic portrait of the birds with a graceful composition. The Zoological Society joins the Milwaukee County Zoo in thanking Time Insurance Company for this very special gift.

Platypus Society honors outstanding contributors

Dorothy Ross Pain was honored at the Platypus Society Dinner, Friday, August 7, during the annual recognition ceremony. Mr. Charles McNeer, Chairman of the Board, Wisconsin Electric Power Company and last year's Emu Egg recipient, presented the Emu Egg Award to Mrs. Pain for her outstanding contributions to the Zoo world and specifically, to the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Mrs. Pain has been a Silver member of the Platypus Society since September, 1981, and has helped in the development of the Children's Zoo and the Zoo's Education Department. She also was the moving force in developing Zoo Pride, which now has over 500 members.

Mrs. Pain presently serves on the Zoological Society's Animal Adoption Committee, Education Committee and the Board of Directors. She was the first female board member of the Zoological Society elected on October 1, 1972.

Mrs. Pain has shown a sincere and dedicated interest in the Milwaukee County Zoo, not only making generous financial contributions, but most generously donating her time.

Previous recipients of the Royal Order of the Emu include: Donald Abert, Irwin Maier, James Kuehn, Marlin Perkins, Thomas O'Byrne, Senator Robert Kasten,

Dr. Gilbert K. Boese, Bernie Peck, William O'Donnell and Charles McNeer.

Gerald Reiser, secretary of Marquette Electronics Foundation, was presented the "Spheniscus humboldti" Award for outstanding participation within the Platypus Society through 1987. Marquette Electronics is a platinum member of the Society and, with Jerry's direction, has taken a strong community leadership position.

The employees of Miller Brewing Company were given the "Elephus maximus" Award for their outstanding animal donation. The award was accepted by Steve Forsyth, Public Relations Manager, and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Weyer, on behalf of the employees of Miller Brewing Company. The company has recently donated funds to purchase two highly endangered Black Rhinos for the Milwaukee County Zoo.

The evening's events included speaker Joan Embery, nationally known animal conservationist. Her visit was sponsored by P.A. Bergner/Boston Store in conjunction with the grand opening of their new Mayfair Boston Store.

Over 260 guests, who represented the 265 Corporate/Patron members of the Platypus Society, attended the 1987 annual event.

Kenya/Rwanda

There is no better way to experience wild life than on a safari to East Africa. Embark on an unforgettable, 20-day journey to the wilds of Kenya and Rwanda, led by Dr. Gilbert K. Boese, Milwaukee County Zoo director, and Lillian Boese, executive director of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County.

Explore the vast savannahs of Kenya, home to lions, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes and herds of buffalo. Discover the primeval forests, mountain streams, waterfalls and giant "afro-alpine" flora of the Aberdare National Park. Relax on the palm-lined beaches of Kenya's coastal resort, Mombasa, and enjoy an afternoon snorkling in the Indian Ocean.

Rwanda, "country of a thousand hills," is a naturalist's paradise. Penetrate the rugged terrain and bamboo forests of Volcanoes National Park, home to the world's only remaining mountain gorillas. View at close range these gentle creatures, studied extensively by Dian Fossey. This is an experience no safari-goer will ever forget.

Departure date is Saturday, January 9, 1988. The cost is \$4,465.

Contact the Zoological Society for details, 258-2333.

Join the Platypus Society: protect wildlife and enrich humanity

You are cordially invited to become a Platypus Society Corporate/Patron Member of the Zoological Society. Working together, we can help assure the Milwaukee County Zoo's top notch ranking — an outstanding Wisconsin tourist attraction and a benchmark of civic pride.

Platypus Society benefits include: recognition on the Corporate/Patron donor page in Alive, Bi-Annual Corporate/Patron Newsletter, premiere showings of new Zoo exhibits, VIP behind-the-scenes tours, personal or business parties at the Zoo, Bronze Platypus sculpture for \$2,500 and above donors, Platypus Society Dinner and Zoological Society Committee involvement.

Our Zoo is a world class, educational and recreational facility. However, the Zoo needs and depends upon you to help maintain excellence in the areas of

conservation, preservation, education and exhibit design.

Your support will help complete the "Zoo For All Seasons." Five new interconnected buildings will create a 4-1/2 hour weather independent Zoo tour. Extraordinary exhibits such as the Peck Welcome Center, the Taylor Humboldt Penguin Exhibit, the Valley of the Apes and the Caribbean Cove will enlighten, educate and enrich the lives of over two million projected annual visitors.

Joining the Platypus Society is an opportunity to invest in our community. Your corporate, professional and individual support is critical in enabling the Zoo to continue as a leader in scientific studies and as a cornerstone in Wisconsin's cultural programs. As a member, you will help present and future generations serve wildlife and humanity.



Patron Membership begins at the \$500 level through \$5,000 level and Corporate Membership begins at the \$1,000 level through \$10,000 level.

Your association with the Zoo will be a successful investment. You are building a great today and an even better tomorrow. For further information, call Bev Greenberg at 258-2333 and attend one of our Corporate/Patron lunches on any of the following dates:

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We need your help. In the last 10 years the Zoo's education program has grown from 3,000 to 160,000 participants. The Zoo needs a new educational facility to provide more programs for more people.

This is a chance for parents, grandparents, families and friends to immortalize a youngster, grandparent, spouse or friend and at the same time help the Zoo build a new facility.

How? Donate \$50.00 to the Zoological Society and a block with that name will be placed on the "Building Blocks of the

Future" wall, which will be located in the lobby of the new facility.

The Zoo is asking that you donate \$50.00 or more. All donors will be invited to a donor open house. If you donate a block before December 10 the Zoo will send a special holiday recognition card to the designated person.

Please help the Zoo in this effort to provide quality education to youth, families and adults. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

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Zoo exhibits large snake collection

by Dave Sorensen

Along with the great apes, reptiles seem to hold the greatest fascination for Zoo visitors. Of the five groups that comprise reptiles — turtles, lizards, crocodilians, snakes and the little known tuatara, snakes interest people the most. Large constrictors like the boa constrictor and some of the pythons are especially fascinating.

The boas and pythons (family Boidae) represent a large and fairly diverse group of snakes. This snake family contains some of the largest snakes in the world and are often thought of as giant snakes. However only eight of the 40 or so species actually exceed 15 feet in length.

Boids generally feed on birds and mammals, though a number of them will eat other reptiles. Usually they kill their prey by constriction.

Boids are found throughout much of the world, in the tropics and subtropics. They live in a variety of habitats from sandy deserts to the aquatic environments.

What most visitors know about boas and pythons is that they are constrictors. Constriction is usually not understood by visitors. If you stand in front of the Burmese python or boa constrictor cages in the Aquarium/Reptile Building, you might hear some parents say to their kids "look at that big snake, he could eat you," or "it grabs on to a pig or a rabbit and crushes it."

Actually, constriction is suffocation. If you watch a Burmese python eat, you'd notice that first the prey is bitten and grabbed. The animal is then wrapped by one or more coils of the snake's body. The coils are then tightened, which does not allow for expansion of the chest and the prey animal would smother. There is not sufficient force to break bones or crush the prey.

A snake can swallow something two to four times the diameter of its head, depending on the species. There have been a handful of cases of an adult human being swallowed by a python. The largest of the two Burmese pythons in our



Aquarium/Reptile Building is 17 feet in length. It is fed six rabbits once a month, a diet similar to what it would eat in the wild.

Boas and pythons are separated into their own group by a number of characteristics. The most basic is a reproductive difference. Boas are live-bearers (ovoviviparous) and pythons are egg layers (oviparous).

Boidae are considered to be a primitive group of snakes. They have vestiges of a pelvis and hind limbs, which show externally as two small spurs on each side of the anal plate. Internally there is also the presence of a large left lung, whereas other snakes have only one lung.

Some boids in addition to their spurs have another unusual visible feature that distinguishes them from other snakes. This is heat sensory pits. These are located mainly on the scales that border the mouth. They function in particular boid species for the same purpose as the facial pits of rattlesnakes: to locate and direct the aim of the strike at warm-blooded prey.

The Green Tree Python, three to six feet in length is found on the northern tip of Australia and on the island of New Guinea. Its green coloration flecked with white and blue bars blends in perfectly with this boid's arboreal lifestyle. Although it lives in trees and has the enlarged teeth of a bird-eating species, it comes to the ground to feed, principally on rats.

The boa constrictor, the most familiar of the boas, is found in Mexico south to

Argentina and on the islands of the Lesser Antilles. Its young are about 18 inches long at birth and it can have as many as 64 young in a litter.


Another type of boa which can be seen in the Zoo's collection is the Cuban boa. A large example of this different looking boa would be 10 feet long. Found on Cuba and the Isle of Pines, this boa feeds on bats.

The Ball python is found throughout much of the west and central Africa. It inhabits savannah grassland areas and has also adapted to agricultural areas. The name of this small python comes from the defensive posture it assumes when molested. A wild Ball python will often coil up into a ball, protecting its head in the center.

Our Yellow Anaconda is exhibited in the enclosure with our boa constrictors. Found in Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia, this boid is never found far from water. Completely at home in an aquatic environment, it lives on a diet of fish, birds, mammals and probably small caiman. The Green Anaconda is the largest snake in the world, weighing hundreds of pounds. The Yellow Anaconda, however, is much smaller.

The Blood python, found in the Malaysian area, is another python found in our collection. This python can grow to 10 feet. Its name comes from its color.

In the wild, pythons coil about their eggs and take care of them until they hatch. Some species of python are even able to incubate their eggs. Through muscular contractions they are able to raise their body temperature and thereby the temperature of the eggs.

This has been a brief look at the family Boidae. Next time when visiting the Aquarium/Reptile Building, look for the boids. 

Sorensen is a zookeeper with a special interest in snakes.

Zoo offers classes

On **DECEMBER 1, 1987**, the Education Department will begin pre-registration for the popular winter/spring workshops for four and five year old children.

To receive pre-registration information, write to: Milwaukee County Zoo, Education Department, 10001 Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226 **before November 20, 1987.**

Zoo develops game

Looking for the hottest game since Trivial Pursuit? Look no further than the "Zoo for All Seasons" game. The game is educational, portable and designed for children ages 7 to 13 years. While children play the game they will learn about zoo animals. The game includes: game board, markers, exploring cards and spinner.

The game will delight any youth who enjoys animals. Profits from the game will go toward the Zoo's building projects. All orders received by December 1 will be delivered no later than December 10. To order, send the completed form and your check or money order to: Zoo Game, 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226.

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