



American Chemical Society

Central Wisconsin Section



AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - CENTRAL WISCONSIN SECTION
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND SPOUSES NIGHT

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Dreyfus University Center - Legacy Room
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

5:30 - 6:30 Cash Bar

6:30 - 7:15 Dinner

7:15 - 8:30 Program & Awards Presentations

Program

Knute Rockne: Chemical Norwegian All-American

Marv Lang & Don Johnson

Knute Rockne (1888-1931) is best remembered as the University of Notre Dame's head football coach from 1918 to 1931. His winning percentage of 88.1% remains the highest in football history - collegiate or professional! However, did you know that he was born in Voss, Norway? Knute, as a five-year-old boy, immigrated with his family to Chicago, Illinois. Later, as a collegian at Notre Dame, he majored in chemistry and excelled in football. In fact, Knute graduated magna cum laude in Chemistry and became an Instructor/Professor of Chemistry at Notre Dame shortly after graduation in 1914. He also coached the football team as an assistant until 1918. Don Johnson and Marv Lang will discuss the life, the times, and the achievements of this rare, multi-dimensional individual through a multi-media presentation. In fact, there may even be some "gridiron" participation required of the audience.

C. Marvin Lang is active in several Norwegian-American organizations including the Sons of Norway's Vennligfolk Lodge of Stevens Point.. Marv's father was born on Langørgan Gård in Rissa Parish, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway and he immigrated to the USA as a young man. Marv's maternal ancestors were from the central regions of Norway.

Donald D. Johnson is Consulting Medical Director of Sentry Insurance, Stevens Point. A recent convert to "all things Norwegian" through membership in Vennligfolk Lodge, Sons of Norway, he was raised in a Swedish home having learned the language through the ministries of his father and mother and being spoiled by his grandmother and grandfather.

Dinner is a buffet (\$17.00 checks payable to ACS-CWS) that includes: choice of two entrees, fruit, vegetables, sides, beverage and dessert.

Dinner reservations should be made by contacting Dave Thiel at (715) 346-3714, or email dthiel@uwsp.edu before 5 PM on Tuesday, May 13.