

**KEMPER K. KNAPP BEQUEST COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-2008**

I. COMMITTEE FUNCTION

The Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee meets at least once each year to evaluate requests to fund special projects that will take place during the following academic year. The committee favors projects that cross departmental lines and have an impact on the educational and cultural life of the university community, particularly projects that benefit undergraduate students. Knapp funds are not often used for purposes that can and should be supported elsewhere, such as from regular grants or research funding, from fees charged for performances, or from the university's operating budget. When considering requests for funds, the committee keeps in mind the spirit of the will of Kemper K. Knapp:

“In general it is my wish that such funds be used for purposes outside the regular curriculum of the university . . . to cultivate in the student body ideals of honesty, sincerity, earnestness, tolerance, and social and political obligations.”

II. ACTIVITIES

As in previous years, the major share of the income from the Knapp Bequest Fund has been allocated to enhance scholarship opportunities at the UW-Madison. Support in this category has been granted toward undergraduate and law scholarships, minority scholarships administered through the Office of the Chancellor, and Graduate School fellowships.

In addition to the ongoing support for scholarships, the committee makes regular allotments to the Lectures Committee and to the Morgridge Center for Public Service.

Lastly, the committee makes other grants for one-time projects, typically in the range of \$500 to \$5,000. During the 2007-2008 funding cycle, the committee received 21 such requests, of which 17 (81%) were approved for funding. These one-time project grants have served to enrich the cultural and broad educational environment at the UW-Madison.

The Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee granted \$942,000 for ongoing projects (a decrease of \$23,500 from the previous funding cycle) and \$44,280 for one-time project requests (a decrease of \$826 from the previous funding cycle). Refer to Appendix A for the list of awards.

III. SUMMARY

In its commitment to the enrichment of the intellectual environment of the university through the use of the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest, the committee strives to encourage increased interest in the development of campus activities that will fulfill the donor's interest in the undergraduate experience.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Aaron Brower, Office of the Provost
Jo Ellen Fair, Journalism and Mass Communication (social studies), chair
David Nelson, Biochemistry (physical sciences)
Kenneth Sytsma, Botany (biological sciences)
Kirsten Wolf, Scandinavian Studies (arts and humanities)

Appendix A

Project/Program Name or Description Sponsoring Unit	Amount of Grant
Ongoing Commitments	
Graduate School Fellowship Program Graduate School	\$250,000
BRIDGE Program International Student Services	\$5,000
Chancellor's Scholarship Program Office of the Provost	\$60,000
Legal Education Opportunity (LEO) Fellowship Program Law School	\$52,000
University-Wide Lectures Lectures Committee	\$25,000
Undergraduate Merit Scholarship Program Office of Student Financial Services	\$530,000
Transportation Program Morgridge Center for Public Service	\$20,000
2007-2008 One-Time Awards	
Kazakh Band Roksonaki Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia	\$5,000
Global Graduates and Partners Program (GGAPP) International Student Services	\$890
Eleventh Annual Evenings of American Storytelling American Indian Studies Program	\$5,000
Sophomore Summer Research Apprenticeship Program L&S Honors Program	\$10,500
Microbe Place: A Teaching and Learning Opportunity for Undergraduates Department of Bacteriology	\$5,000
UW Forensics Team L&S Honors Program	\$4,000
Biocore Outreach Ambassadors Biology Core Curriculum	\$6,390
Darwin Day 2009 Department of Geology and Geophysics	\$2,500
Insect Ambassadors Insect Ambassadors (registered student organization)	\$2,000
Human Hand-Powered Vehicle Challenge Project 2008 American Society of Mechanical Engineers	\$3,000