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Loss of sight yields a gain in vision

Right: Kevin Meyers and his pilot Bob Springer practiced their track tandem racing at the Washington Park Velodrome in Kenosha, Wis.

Below: Meyers and his pilot Greg Miller won second place for the 35K road race at the national championships.



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active tandem bike racer, has dabbled in downhill skiing, car racing and even parachuting to achieve his love for speed. Unlike other speed demons however, Meyers is blind, having completely lost his sight in a hydroplane boat accident in 1987. Since his accident he has obtained a degree in business management systems from MSOE, became an Advance Communicator Silver in Toastmasters, works as an application analyst for Northwestern Mutual and, most recently, won several medals and became part of the U.S. Paralympic cycling team talent pool in tandem road and track bike racing. “Racing tandems is close to racing boats only not as fast—there is still that feeling of power, speed and being competitive. I also love to work on my racing bikes just as I loved to tinker with my boat,” said Meyers.

Meyers worked as an appliance service technician but found his job difficult to do after losing his vision. “After attending a rehab program where I learned to type, read Braille and eventually use computers, I found that I really enjoyed working with computers. I felt I could earn a four-year degree in computers and then obtain a full-time job working in the computer industry,” said Meyers. He chose

MSOE alumnus Kevin Meyers ’95 loves going fast. He is an

MSOE because he liked the small campus and class sizes, and he appreciated the help from Betty Albrecht, coordinator and counselor with Student Support Services. “My degree has been a tremendous help in my career. I believe that businesses large and small know that MSOE graduates have developed into very knowledgeable individuals through the academics offered at the university.”

There are three things that Meyers is most proud of. One is his degree from MSOE. The second is his ability to ask questions and for support when he needs help. The third is his ability to help other people. “When I give a motivational speech,” said Meyers, “I’m excited if I help one person in the audience realize they have the ability to overcome any challenge in their life. Every speech I’ve given, there was always at least one person who told me that I touched their life.”

Through his speaking engagements, his athletic accomplishments and his indomitable spirit, Meyers serves as a strong inspiration for all who meet him. Yet his message for success in life is simple: “When faced with a challenge in life, the only person who can begin the process of overcoming the challenge is you. There isn’t anyone else to get the ball rolling for you. It is only you!”