

P O N T E R

A L U M N U S

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point



Michael Pagels, '87, created a Christmas message in his field. The photograph was taken on Dec. 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. People from as far away as Costa Rica and Washington State reported that the "peace field" message improved their spirits.

University Center marks 40th anniversary

The University Center just turned 40 years old and the staff marked the occasion with a celebration.

Construction of the original building began in 1958 and the doors opened a year later. The new building replaced gathering places such as a small basement room in Old Main, Nelson Hall's lounge and a room in Delzell Hall.

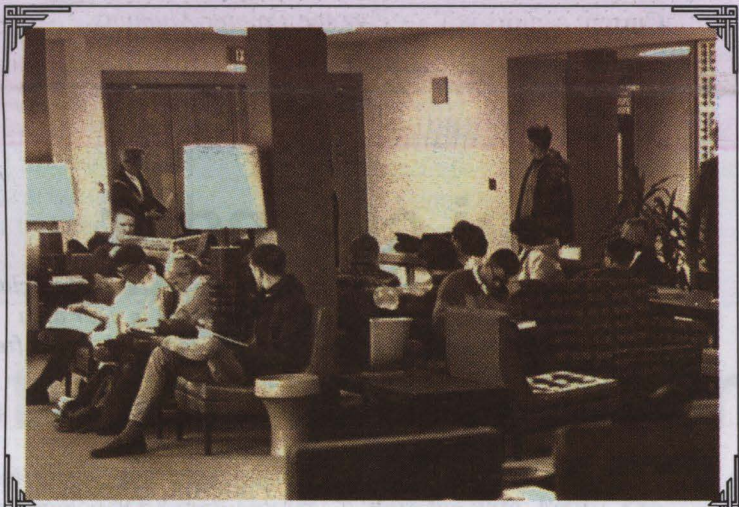
In 1956 President Hansen and a group of student leaders recommended a three-level student union. Students voted to assess themselves a \$9 annual fee to cover the cost of the \$550,000 project.

Among other things, the building included a music room and a university store, called "The Kennel."

After the center had been open for only five years, students began to realize that enrollment was outgrowing the space. They approved funding for an addition that doubled the original square footage.

When enrollment exceeded 9,000 in 1970, students again approved funding for a major addition. The highlight of the addition completed in 1972 was a new "coffeehouse," now known as The Encore.

Renovation continues as each generation of students brings different interests and needs to campus. Recent changes have included the Campus Activities/Student Involvement complex, food court remodeling and handicap



The La Follette Lounge was brand new in 1971, when this photo was shot. Many changes have taken place in the University Center since its doors opened in 1958.

access additions. The lower level now includes the Brewhaus, an informal gathering place that features billiards, foosball, snacks, coffee and beer. Students can put their feet up in the smoke-free environment and enjoy cappuccino or the Wisconsin made microbrew-of-the-month.

The 40th anniversary celebration included a display in the La Follette Lounge summarizing the building's history. A birthday bash and presentation of a one-of-a-kind scholarship were also part of the festivities. Booths in the concourse featured games from the 1950s through the 1990s such as Hula-Hoops, yo-yos and Mouse Trap. "Decade Discotheque" was held in the Wooden Spoon with a disc jockey playing music from the past and present.

Rudolph man finds peace on his farm

Excerpted from an article by Bob Des Jarlais for the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune.

Michael Pagels, '87, had made four sweeps around the three-acre pasture with a chisel-plow just before noon Friday, Dec. 4, when he noticed the sharp contrast between the freshly turned soil and the short green grass.

That, he said, is when the thought first struck him. He stopped his tractor.

Pagels remembers the December day's warm and foggy weather. "It was kind of misting. I don't think I've ever worked a field this late in the year."

"I thought to myself . . . 'Hmmmmm, this could be put to use.' I got off my tractor and studied the situation a moment.

"At first, I thought about making a Packers G, but figured the Green Bay Packers stuff has been done to death. Then I thought about Merry Christmas and decided that would be way too complicated. And then, bingo, PEACE! Simple, only five letters and a universal Christmas message."

"I took some fence posts that were by the side of the

field and stepped off a P, making the corners with a post," Pagels said. "I got on my tractor and made a pass with the digger. I looked at it from a distance, and it looked pretty good so I kept going."

An hour later, he had finished his "peace field" with letters about 96 feet long and 48 feet wide.

His field is immediately west of his parent's 80-acre Alder Creek Farm at 620 County Trunk P, about three miles east of Highway 34 in the town of Rudolph. Pagels has a 60-acre hobby farm where he keeps a herd of 15 to 20 Hereford cattle. He also took over the trucking and excavating business started by his father in 1972.

"You can't see much of it from ground level, so I decided to call Kurt Gross, a flight instructor for Wings aircraft charter company in Wisconsin Rapids.

"He said he could take pictures or he could take me up to take snapshots. I declined on me going up and hired him to photograph it. I kind of like to keep my feet on 'terra firma.'

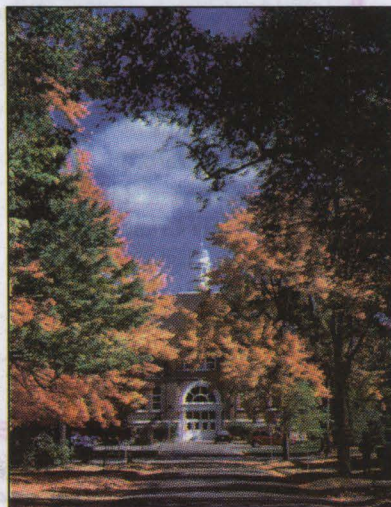
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Old Main Poster Available

A color poster of UWSP's Old Main building featuring Doug Moore's award-winning photo is available from the UWSP Alumni Association. The 20" x 30" poster, suitable for framing, captures the colors of fall in Stevens Point and the beauty of the 105-year-old building.

Stop by the Alumni Relations Office, 208 Old Main Building, to purchase posters for \$3 each. Posters can also be mailed for \$3, plus \$3 shipping.

Additional posters can be sent in the same tube for \$3 each. Mail a check to the UWSP Alumni Association, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, along with your order.



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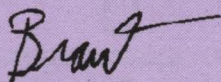
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Our plan for the future

Greetings from the Alumni Association,

As we continue our journey together, it's important that you know the direction your Alumni Association is taking. What follows is a summary of the vision statement prioritized and approved by the Association Board of Directors at its January meeting.



Brant Bergeron, '85
Alumni Relations Director

Alumni Association Purpose

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Alumni Association will establish and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship between the university and its alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students; promote the interests of the university; and further the influence of the university in every way.

Alumni Association programs will aim to strengthen the university so it may continue to fulfill and expand its mission.

The UWSP Alumni Association will "make a difference" in the lives of alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students with the hope that they, in turn, will make a difference by supporting UWSP.

We uphold these precepts in day-to-day operations:

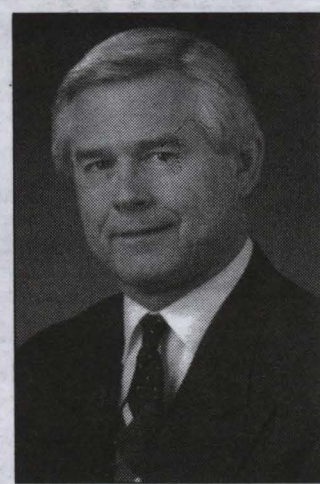
- We will keep an accurate database of alumni and friends in conjunction with the UWSP Foundation.
- We will continue a regular schedule of communications with our alumni through the *Pointer Alumnus* with support from the UWSP Foundation for part of the production and distribution.
- We will strive for an unparalleled level of customer service and professionalism to office visitors and individuals contacting us by phone, e-mail or fax. Requests for information will be answered within 72 hours. If we can't find the answers, we will make sure we find out who can help.
- We encourage unbridled enthusiasm toward UWSP by staff, volunteers and members. We are all enthusiastic about the quality, place and people that are UWSP. We are enthusiastic about how UWSP has made a difference in the lives of alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. Enthusiasm is contagious—it creates action.

The following statements are among our first tier priorities:

- We are working toward having events consistently in our most populated areas with a network of alumni to help us. Events will be scheduled every 12 to 18 months in some areas and every 2 to 4 years at a variety of locations around the state and nation.
- Members of the Alumni Association Board will serve on the foundation's annual gifts and capital gifts committees to focus on alumni prospect identification and continued financial support of the university. Several Alumni Association board members will serve on the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors, providing a vital link between the two organizations.
- Beginning with Homecoming 1999, the Alumni Association will take a larger role in implementing reunions and events in academic departments and colleges.

The following are among our second tier priorities:

- We have set a millennium challenge for a \$200,000 endowment by the end of 2000. Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will be appointed to serve on the UWSP Foundation Capital Gifts Committee to assist with this effort.
- We will focus on our "alumni in residence" by striving for more association involvement with current and incoming students. To publicize the mission of the Alumni Association we will make presentations across campus and produce articles for the *Pointer* newspaper. Current seniors will receive the *Pointer Alumnus*.



Bruce Bay '65, Wausau, was recently elected to a two-year term as president of the Alumni Association. He has been a board member since 1991.

Alumni Association Board

Four Pointer alumni have joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Catherine Huber '85, Chicago; David Kunze '94, Stevens Point; Jack LeDuc '67, De Pere; and Ray Oswald '97, Milwaukee, began three-year terms in January.

President

Bruce Bay, '65 Wausau

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Board member since 1995

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Board member since 1974

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Stevens Point

Board member since 1993

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Madison

Board member since 1986

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Stevens Point

Board member since 1973

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Stevens Point

Board member since 1992

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Wisconsin Rapids

Board member since 1976

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Board member since 1984

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Chicago, Ill.

Board member since 1999

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Board member since 1976

David Kunze, '94

Wausau

Board member since 1999

Jack LeDuc, '67

De Pere

Board member since 1999

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Board member since 1997

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Plover

Board member since 1992

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Board member since 1971

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Board member since 1976

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Board member since 1999

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Wausau

Board member since 1995

Lynn Sprangers, '78

Milwaukee

Board member since 1997

Fred Stemmeler, '84

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Board member since 1995

Mary Wescott, '75

Stevens Point

Board member since 1997



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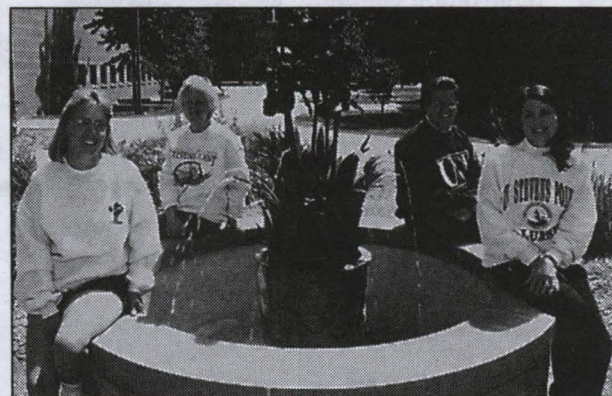
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Alumni calendar

If you'd like further information on any of these Alumni Association events or are interested in helping plan an event in your area please call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at (877) POINT01.

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| March 18 | Waupaca County Reunion
Waupaca Country Club |
| March 18 | Arizona Reunion, Phoenix, Brewer's spring training game followed by dinner |
| April 16-18 | Trivia '99. Call (715) 346-3755 for more information |
| April 22 | Marshfield Area Reunion
Edison House |
| April 26 | Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership Day
UWSP Campus |
| April 29 | Sentry Insurance Alumni Reunion
SentryWorld Headquarters |
| May 16 | UWSP Summer Commencement
Specht Forum (The Sundial) |
| June 4-5 | UWSP Reunion Weekend
50-year tribute to the Class of 1949
For all classes before 1955 |
| August 16 | Terry Porter Golf Classic
Silver Spring CC
Menomonee Falls
Call (800) 858-5267 |
| Summer 1999 | Door County Reunion |
| Summer 1999 | Milwaukee Area Reunion |
| Fall 1999 | Washington D.C. Area Reunion |
| Fall 1999 | Dallas Area Reunion
Tailgate party before Cowboys/Packer game |
| October 9 | Homecoming '99 |
| Sept. 30, 2000 | Homecoming '00 |



Alumni Relations staff includes, left to right, Jean Scherer, program assistant; Karen Engelhard, senior administration program specialist; Brant Bergeron, director of Alumni Relations; and Theresa Wessels, outreach specialist.

Lee Dreyfus reflects on an era

When I was asked to write an article about my years at UWSP, my initial response was, "those were exciting years." Much of the university was shaped in the period between 1967 and 1979. But for almost everything that happened during my administration, someone other than me should be given the accolades.

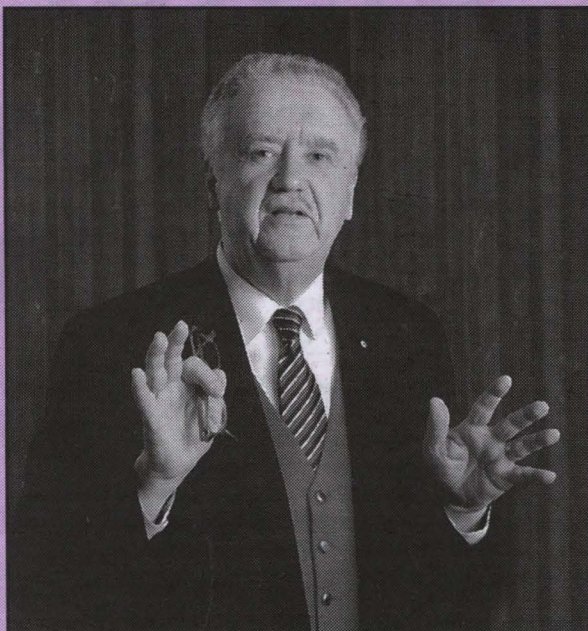
For example, international programs flourished because of Pauline Isaacson. [Another article in the *Alumnus* details the history of international programs.] There were times when I didn't have full knowledge of just how the finances were being accomplished, but I was never one to pry when things were working. She was probably the finest administrator on a campus full of top quality executives.

In 1971, when we changed the eight member Department of Conservation into a College of Natural Resources, Dean Glen Pound of the UW-Madison College of Agriculture told me about a UW research professor specializing in diseases of the white tail deer. He said Daniel Trainer was the man who could put it together and make it work. He thought Dan would be an administrative headache, "but if you want grand opera you've got to have a prima donna," he said. Today that college has national stature and Trainer did produce grand opera.

The reorganization of the colleges created the College of Professional Studies, which, in my view, owes much of its current status to the late Dean Arthur Fritschel.

The reorganization of other units included taking journalism from English, radio from theatre and television from learning resources and merging them with speech to create the Division of Communication. The person I wanted for the long run to build the division was a bright young assistant professor from my own department in Madison, Merv Christopherson. He came to Stevens Point with me in 1967.

When I saw the name of Marjorie Aber on the music faculty list, I knew we had to find the resources to build a Suzuki violin program. I first became aware of her work in Detroit when I was director of cultural broadcasting there at Wayne State. Today's American Suzuki Institute of Stevens Point is known all over this country because of her work.



Lee Sherman Dreyfus

While I'm dwelling on the arts, let me mention the beautiful and distinctive tile mural on the Natural Resources building. After seeing a mosaic wall built by students at the University in Beijing, I had the idea of reproducing the picture of Old Main and all those beautiful elms in mosaic tile on that huge flat wall of the CNR building.

I talked to Richard Schneider of the Art Department and he drew up the design for the wall. If you look closely, you will see Old Main and the elm walkway in the background. There is also one small tile in there with a vest [Dreyfus' trademark] on it. Without Dick Schneider the campus would not have Wisconsin's largest computer-generated work of art.

Treehaven, the 1,000-acre field station up near Tomahawk is there because of my old biology and chemistry teacher at Washington High School in Milwaukee, the late Jacque Vallier. He called me out of the blue to offer help with our environmental thrust, which I had talked about at a Milwaukee service club luncheon. He and his wife, Dori, had the land and the resources and Dean Trainer was never known to turn down anything free. Jack Vallier was a

great science teacher. I owe him a lot personally, but the university and this state owe him and his widow a great debt of gratitude.

The credit for Schmeckle Reserve clearly belongs to the UWSP Foundation but credit for the lake portion belongs to its namesake, the late John Joanis, former CEO of Sentry Insurance. When John was building the Sentry Headquarters he talked about how many tons of fill dirt they would need. He became interested one night when I said UWSP had that huge amount of fill dirt right next door where the trucking would be a short haul. Basically I thought we'd have a break-even deal. We'd get our lake and he'd save enough on the fill dirt to offset the cost of planning, designing and digging the lake.

Unfortunately, a 23-foot depth was needed for water and fish quality but Sentry had all the dirt it needed when the hole was just 18 feet deep. That's when John suggested pushing enough dirt to the center of the hole to produce the needed 23-foot depth elsewhere. That is why there's an island in the middle.

What a pleasure to preside over the development of this beautiful campus. But again, one person took the leadership and drew it all up on paper before we ever began to build. That person was Raymond Specht. He lived just two doors from me and many an evening was spent talking about the rationale for the campus design.

I could go on for some time because there are so many other programs that had their genesis during those fertile, innovative, and creative years. Those were marvelous times. I've often likened what happened to a four-engine aircraft idling on the runway just waiting for a pilot. Fortunately for me, I was that pilot; but it was the crew who made every part of that ship fly.

Lee S. Dreyfus

1999 Distinguished Alumni recognized

Distinguished Alumni for 1999 are Carlos Castillo-Chavez, '76, Ithaca, N.Y., John Noel, '71, Stevens Point and Terry Porter, '93, Edina Minn.

Castillo-Chavez is a professor of biomathematics at Cornell University, Ithaca N.Y. For his efforts to increase the numbers of minorities and women in science and mathematics, he was awarded the 1997 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

He began teaching at Cornell University, Ithaca N.Y., in 1985 and is now a professor and chair of the biometrics unit. In 1996, he became director of the Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute at Cornell. He has served as a faculty member in residence and as chair of the University Committee on Affirmative Action at Cornell. Castillo-Chavez also established the northeast U.S. chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Chi-

canos and Native Americans in Science at Cornell University.

In 1992, he was one of 30



Carlos Castillo-Chavez

scientists and engineers to receive the first Presidential Faculty Fellowship including a \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant over five years. The award recognizes excellence both in research and in "teaching future generations of students to extend and apply human knowledge."

Noel is a Stevens Point philanthropist who established the Noel Compass

Scholars program in 1996 with his wife, Patty. The program helps minority high school students in Wisconsin

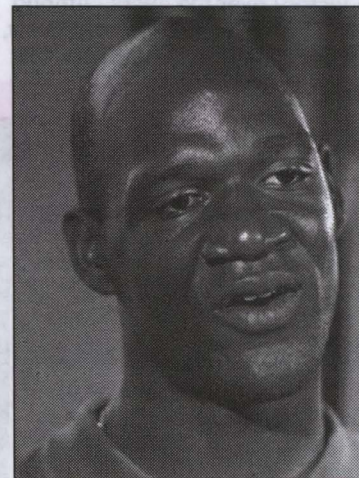


John and Patty Noel

attend UWSP by providing each recipient with full tuition and room and board, as well as a paid internship at one of the Noel Group's travel related companies during the academic school year, summer and after graduation.

In 1993, the Noels

founded the Make A Mark program, a nonprofit, secular, humanitarian project focused on building clinics, schools



Terry Porter

and orphanages in developing countries, which they take part in each year.

They helped originate the idea for Anthropology 390 "Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin," a class promoting understanding between ethnic groups. They donated \$7,000 to broadcast parts of the class sessions on area cable access

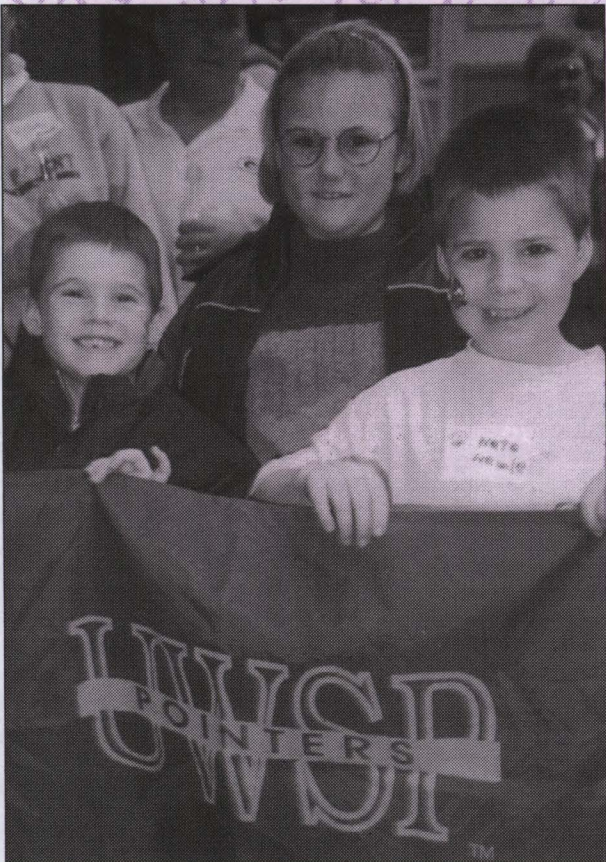
stations.

Porter, a two-time NBA All-Star, helped establish the Milwaukee Scholars Fund to provide incentive scholarships to promising young people from low-income backgrounds. He hosts an annual golf tournament to benefit the scholarship fund.

Drafted in the first round of 1985, Porter made two appearances in the NBA finals with the Portland Trail Blazers, and has since played with the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Miami Heat.

He was named to the board of the UWSP Foundation last year. He is a member of the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, was inducted into the NAIA District 14 Hall of Fame in 1994, received the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Award for meritorious community services in 1993 and was a nominee for induction into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame.

Pointer Alumni around the U.S.



Twin Cities Western Wisconsin

More than 130 alumni, friends and Pointer football fans gathered at Hubert's near the Metrodome for a November reunion and tailgate party before the Pointer game in the Dome Classic. The Pointers defeated Southwest State to end another very successful gridiron campaign. Some future alums show their "Pointer Pride" at the reception.

Colorado



There was a melding of the "Purple and Gold" and the "Green and Gold" in Denver last November as Colorado alumni gathered for a reunion, tailgate party and Green Bay Packer game. More than 80 Pointers cheered the Packers on to victory over the 49ers. Among the party goers were, left to right, Jeff "Bo" Ellis, '81; Michael Graw, '73; Chris Ritzer James, '92; Brian James, '92; and Mary Aliota, '83.

Chicago Area

Alumni from Northeastern Illinois gathered on the Miracle Mile at the Chicago Downtown Marriott Hotel for a reunion in December. They enjoyed food, refreshments, camaraderie and a beautiful view of Michigan Avenue from the 46th floor. Participants were, front row left to right, Karen Engelhard, '59, director emerita of Alumni Relations; Emily Gander Hewitt, '81, Chicago; Jamie Kain Cisco, '97, Streamwood; Joe Thielman, '77, Chicago; back row, Todd Brefeld, '91, Chicago; Kirk Booher, '86, Algonquin; Peter Martin, '76, Chicago; Rich Laggett, '80, Elgin; Dave Hewitt, '91, Chicago.



Wood County



An evening of wonderful food and conversation at The Vintage restaurant in Wisconsin Rapids in August 1998. Left to right, Lenore Fletcher, '59; Pat Curry, '58; David Bruha, '82; Pat Schuetz, '73; Sharon Bruha, '83 and '97; and Pat Shaw, '71; joined 50 other alumni and friends for the event. Sadly, The Vintage was destroyed by fire several weeks later.

Tomahawk



Past Alumni Association board member Rose Marie Koth, '45, organized a gathering of alumni and friends from northern Wisconsin for a reception in July at the River Valley Bank's Tomahawk Room.

Green Bay



In the company of the three Green Bay Packer World Championship Lombardi trophies, Pointer alumni, friends and hockey fans enjoyed a reunion and pregame gathering at the Packer Hall of Fame before the Pointer hockey team played St. Norbert College at the Brown County Arena in October.

Gordon and Darlene Haferbecker



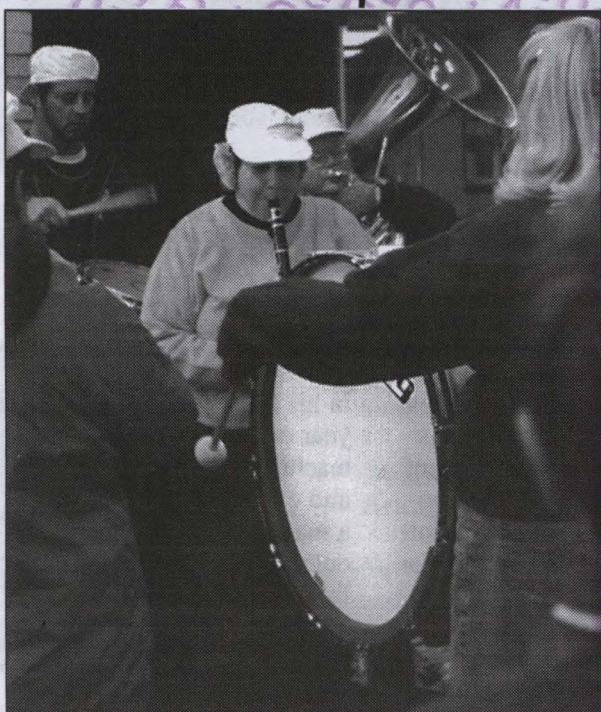
Before the UWSP Retired Faculty Luncheon last September, retired Vice Chancellor and Professor Emeritus Gordon Haferbecker, '39, and his wife, Darlene, were honored for their decades of service and philanthropy to UW-Stevens Point. The Haferbeckers have endowed three separate scholarships at UWSP. Gordon passed away on Christmas Day, 1998. (See complete obituary on page 9.)

Family Day



In conjunction with the UWSP Residence Hall Association Family Day, alumni with children attending UWSP were invited to lunch in Old Main. Some of the participants included, left to right, Kristina Greene, Gary Greene, Connie Greene, Mary Growe, Jessica Growe, Mark Growe, Koree McCarrier, Tom McCarrier, Richard Gehrke, Laura Gehrke, Rohan Million, Linda Million, Chris Greene, Judy Greene.

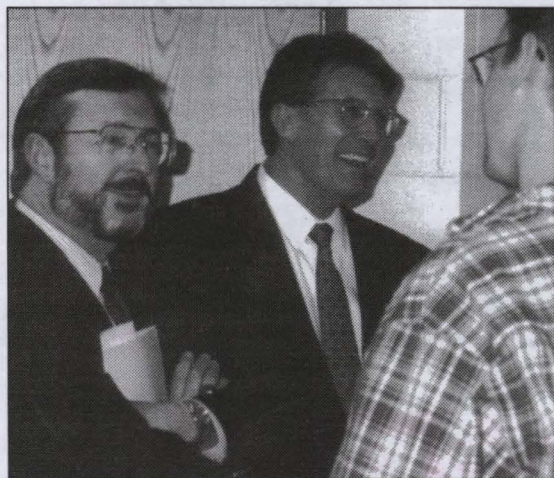
Stevens Point



The Alumni Marching Band entertained alumni and friends at the morning coffee before the 1998 Homecoming parade. More band members are needed for 1999 and beyond . . . and they invite all alumni to participate. Prior participation in the UWSP Marching Band is not necessary. If you'd like to be added to the band mailing list, give the Alumni Relations Office a call at (715) 346-3811.

CNR receives \$2.15 million

U.S. Representative David Obey brought some excellent news to campus last fall. At the end of the budget process, Congressman



Representative Obey, left, and Dean Phillips greeted the public at a reception during Obey's visit to campus when he announced \$2.15 million in federal assistance to the CNR.

Obey procured \$2.15 million in federal assistance for the College of Natural Resources.

The money will be used to upgrade and improve campus laboratories, Treehaven, Central Wisconsin Environmental Station and Schmeckle Reserve. The labs and field stations will receive updated equipment to help prepare students for the workforce.

"The College of Natural Resources trains more natural resource and environmental management professionals than any other program in the nation," said Obey during his visit to campus.

Technology upgrades will include instructional equipment, global information systems (GIS) improvements, water quality equipment, computer-based video equipment and more.

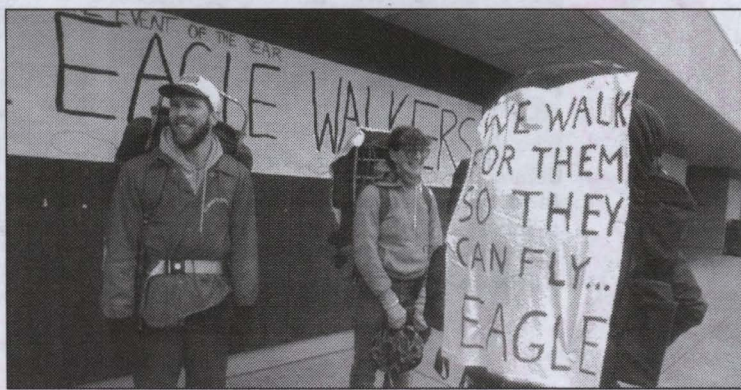
"These funds will enable us to fill long-standing, critical needs and begin to construct advanced technological platforms and multimedia instructional systems to offer the best possible education in natural resources," Dean Victor Phillips said.

Earthguard Award given to Environmental Council

UWSP's Environmental Council has been awarded the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education's 1998 Earthguard Award.

The group was recognized for "student leadership in developing and conducting outstanding environmental action projects."

For nearly 20 years the council has held an Eagle Walk and raised thousands of dollars for the nonprofit Nature Conservancy of Wisconsin. These donations are matched by the state's Stewardship Fund and are then used to purchase ecologically important lands in Wisconsin. In addition, the organization has adopted a section of Highway 10 for cleanup, assisted in developing an "Eco-Hall" for campus residents, and done countless educational and action projects on campus.



The Eagle Walk is one activity of UWSP's Environmental Council that helped them win the Earthguard Award.

Dan Sivek of the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, located in the College of Natural Resources, advises the council. This year's co-presidents are Emily Hanka, a junior resource management-environmental education major of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Laura Thibedeau, a senior biology major of New Brighton, Minn.

Alexander foundation donates to CNR

The Judd Alexander Foundation has given \$15,000 to the College of Natural Resources to support minority recruitment.

The Wausau-area foundation was named for the son of a prominent family in the lumber industry who became the president of Marathon Electric. The gift, donated through the UWSP Foundation, has been used to help fund a cultural diversity coordinator in the CNR.

The college created the diversity coordinator's position in 1993 through a five-year commitment from several state and federal agencies to provide travel, supplies and salary.

In addition to recruiting students from throughout the state, the coordinator serves as an adviser, conducts annual workshops for high school guidance counselors and leads summer camps for minority high school students. Future plans include stepped-up recruiting efforts among the Hmong population of Central Wisconsin.

The recent donation from the Alexander Foundation helped to defray costs between August and October until another three-year round of funding from the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the American Indian Air Quality Training Program began.

The college now has 27 Native American and African American students who are pursuing degrees in natural resources.

"Supporting the position of diversity coordinator in the CNR is an example of UWSP's commitment to recruiting and retaining minority students and to assisting graduates in finding positions in their chosen fields. This donation from the Alexander Foundation will certainly help us to further our efforts in this area," said UWSP Chancellor Tom George.

Girolamo sponsors CWES makeover

When Patti Dreier, '82, master's '88, director of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), asked Tom Girolamo to create a better looking blend between the woods and CWES' high-traffic areas and building entrances, he was happy to oblige.

In fact, he donated about \$2,000 in supplies and labor to the station in 1998, and he plans to continue donating his supplies and services for CWES projects each season.

Girolamo, '82, has been the owner and operator of Eco-Building and Forestry, L.L.C. in Mosinee since 1988. During the past four years, Girolamo has moved Eco-Building and Forestry's focus to environmentally minded building and landscaping. Girolamo says he is happy to give back to the university since he benefits from the many UWSP students he employs. His company has the largest staff of landscaping natural resources professionals

in the area, including several who have ties to UWSP, such as Cathy Mauer, Shawn Wenzel and Laura Munschau. Some UWSP students work for Girolamo on a seasonal basis.

Mauer, Sara Milbrandt and Amanda Little evaluated the area around the CWES main lodge to determine how much natural growth could be salvaged and what the site would support, the kind of individual specialization Girolamo extends to all his customers. They removed grapevines that had overgrown one area to create room for new and existing plants. This year Girolamo plans to create a seating area and a natural border near the recreation area outside the main lodge.

Mauer did graduate coursework at UWSP. Wenzel received his bachelor's degree in 1998, and Munschau received her bachelor's degree in 1997. Milbrandt is doing graduate work at UWSP and Little will receive her bachelor's degree this spring.



Cathy Mauer of Eco-Building and Forestry beautifies the area around CWES. Tom Girolamo, '82, the owner of Eco-Building and Forestry, donated the materials and labor for the project.

Phillips named dean

Victor D. Phillips, an ecologist and bioresources management specialist, has been named the dean of the College of Natural Resources. He succeeds Alan Haney, who served as dean for 10 years.

Phillips plans to direct the college toward "providing the best possible education available in natural resources and environmental management." He advocates training CNR students through faculty-led and multi-disciplinary systems and developing innovative solutions to natural resource challenges.

Before coming to UWSP, Phillips was a member of the resource sciences and technology faculty at the University of Malaysia, Sarawak, on the island of Borneo. There he focused on biodiversity, conservation and management of tropical rainforests. He advised the Malaysian

Academy of Sciences on establishing a private nonprofit Biodiversity Conservancy of Malaysia to fulfill mandates of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. He also advised State of Sarawak officials on scoping studies for a biotechnology park and establishing planted forests.

From 1984 to 1996 Phillips worked on natural and managed forests, tropical agriculture, renewable energy resources and environmental management at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and Hawaii Natural Energy Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was the first and only academic elected to serve on the Hawaii Forest Industry Association's board of directors. A Texas native, Phillips earned his bachelor's degree at Texas State University in

1972. He was awarded a Carnegie fellowship in his first year of teaching and earned a master's degree from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1973.

In 1982, he received his doctorate in plant ecology at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He provided ecological consulting for a variety of energy and mineral mining corporations, visitor industry firms and natural area reserves.

Phillips' wife, Mai Morshidi, is a molecular biologist specializing in the conservation of plant genetic resources.



Victor D. Phillips

UWSP dance program rated high in nation

The dance program at UWSP has been rated among 25 outstanding college and university dance departments in the nation by *Dance Spirit*, a national magazine.

In the publication's September issue, UWSP was listed with top universities described as "schools that merit attention based on the diversity of dance disciplines, faculty, guest artists and performance opportunities."

The article included a quote by 1998 graduate Amy

Grumann.

"UWSP is small," Grumann said, "but we're getting a high quality of training. I've gone to dance festivals around the nation and have often felt my training is as fine as what I would receive at any other university."

The UWSP program is coordinated by Susan Gingrasso, who is joined in the classroom by faculty colleagues James Moore, Joan Karlen and Mary Fehrenbach.



Susan Gingrasso



Mary Fehrenbach



Joan Karlen



James Moore

"Quintet of the Masters" comes to UWSP

In 1944, a Stevens Point businessman, Edmund Bukolt, found a fine old violin at the Chicago shop of a friend who specialized in rare Italian instruments. He pondered the purchase for a day or two, and decided to buy it.

This was the King Henry the Fourth Violin, made in 1595 by illustrious fiddle makers, Antonio and Geronimo Amati of Cremona, Italy. That first purchase began a quest for Bukolt.

He had studied music as a youth, but heeding parental warnings, he chose a career in business as president of the Lullabye Furniture Company of Stevens Point and Oshkosh. But he loved music, and at the time of his death, he occupied the first violin chair in symphony orchestras in six Wisconsin cities.

A few months after buying the violin, Bukolt found a cello known as the "Giese Strad," named for Fritz Giese, the original owner who played it with the Boston Symphony. Typical of the Stradivari workmanship, it was one of 60 such cellos available at the time that it was purchased by Bukolt.

Eventually he developed the idea of acquiring a collection of instruments for use in the community with a permanent foundation to care for them. He purchased additional instruments including a string bass, another violin and a viola and called the group "The Quintet of the Masters."

In 1964 the instruments were donated to the Copernicus Cultural Foundation in Stevens Point, part of a national organization that grants scholarships and promotes cultural arts in local communities.

To fulfill Bukolt's vision, a partnership has been proposed between the UW-Stevens Point Department of Music and the Copernicus Cultural Foundation. Under this agreement, the Quintet of the Masters would be available to be played by members of the string faculty at concerts throughout the community.

"We believe the people of our community will enjoy the history, romance, and delight of these instruments and recognize them as a community treasure," says Robert Rosen, associate professor of music. "We envision an enriched future for the people of our community stimulated by the presence of The Quintet of the Masters."

Don Greene, former chair of the music department, began the process of creating the agreement with the Copernicus Cultural Foundation. Also credited with seeing the vision become reality are

Gerard McKenna, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, David Hastings, former chair of the department, Rosen and Robert Kase, chair and professor of music.



Lawrence Leviton, associate professor of music, has performed with the historically significant Copernicus/Bukolt Cello. "Through performances on these treasured instruments by string faculty members and due in large part to the generosity of the Copernicus Cultural Foundation, we will fulfill the legacy of Ed Bukolt's vision," Leviton says.

Audiences raise funds for Operation Bootstrap

An invitation to share with the less fortunate during performances of "A Christmas Carol" at UWSP prompted audience members to donate more than \$5,600 to a food pantry program.

"This is beyond anybody's expectations," said Arthur Hopper, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department. "It really ignited the Christmas spirit in the community."

During the play directed by John Shepard, assistant professor of theatre, Ebenezer Scrooge is transformed from a miser who detests Christmas into a generous soul who uses his wealth to help the needy people in his community, including his clerk, Bob Cratchit and Cratchit's sickly son, Tiny Tim. At the end of each performance, guest artist Robert Spencer, who played Scrooge, made a plea on behalf of Operation Bootstrap, the principal food



Guest artist Robert Spencer (standing) performed as Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" at UWSP. His appeal at the end of the program raised more than \$5,600 for Operation Bootstrap. In this scene with the Cratchit family, Spencer is joined by, left to right, Jocelyn Shucha, Waunakee, as the Spirit of Christmas Present; Katie McGlynn, North St. Paul, Minn., as Mrs. Cratchit; Rebekah Jacobs, Verona; Emilea Pickett, Oregon; Bridget Williams, Stevens Point; Christina Sanderson, Plover; Bryon Shannon, Stevens Point; Ben Ratkowski, Milwaukee as Bob Cratchit and David Whalen-Curtis, Stevens Point, as Tiny Tim.

bank for Portage County.

Cast members in costume held out their hats in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center to collect the donations.

Roseann De Bot, executive director of Operation Bootstrap, says that many people came forward to make donations to the cause after the play's run because they were not prepared to make a donation on the spur of the moment.

"The Christmas Carol really set the mood for us," De Bot says.

Spencer's residency was supported by funds from the Lucille and K.B. Willett Endowment for the Arts. Willett was on the board of Operation Bootstrap and was one of the founding members, along with De Bot, his niece. He also served on the board of the UWSP Foundation before his death in 1994.

Spencer, a core company actor for American Players Theater of Spring Green, says he enjoyed recreating Scrooge in the classic play based on Charles Dickens' short story. Spencer has per-

formed on Broadway, as well as in many regional theaters for the past 45 years.

"This was a remarkable experience for the students in the cast," according to John Shepard who directed the production. "They had a great opportunity to work with a professional actor."

Willett gave \$25,000 to the College of Fine Arts and Communication to establish the Lucille and K.B. Willett Endowment for the Arts in 1993. The gift is used in the College of Fine Arts and Communication for projects to advance the arts. The fund brought another American Players Theater actor, Jonathan Smoots, to UWSP in 1995. Smoots played roles in three plays about Hamlet.

At the time the fund was established, Willett said his wife's long involvement as a patron of the arts in Stevens Point prompted the gift. Willett, known as "Mr. Stevens Point," attended UWSP in the early 1920s and became one of the university's most active community boosters.

Artist in residence at Carlsten Gallery

A project at UWSP's Carlsten Gallery began with a public viewing of work in progress during September and will end with an exhibition from March 29 to April 18.

"Preview, Process and Archive: A Project with John W. Ford and Renate Herter" included a two-week residency in the fall as Herter of Berlin, Germany, developed a sculpture in the courtyard of the Fine Arts Center. Ford, a former UWSP art and design faculty member, is creating a reaction piece during residencies in Tennessee and Ohio.

Herter built a structure from wax with the assistance of students. The finished piece will be archived until Ford brings his work to the gallery in March.

The project is financed in part by grants from the K. B. and Lucille Willett Fine Arts Fund and the Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

UWSP named "Publisher's Pick" by *Hispanic Outlook*

For the second year in a row, *Hispanic Outlook* in Higher Education has listed UWSP as one of its "Publisher's Picks."

The listing was published in the November 20 issue of the organization's bi-monthly magazine, *Hispanic Outlook*. The magazine serves Hispanic college students, staff and faculty members. The Nov. 20 issue also was distributed to approximately 7,000 guidance counselors in high schools with 10 percent or more Hispanic students.

"One of the goals of the publisher's picks list," reports the magazine, "is to increase enrollment at these institutions which have demonstrated their support for Hispanic students and their interest in advancing the success of these individuals."

According to Director of Multicultural Affairs Ron Strege, UWSP offers several benefits for its Hispanic students, including the Stevens Point Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA), a student organization that promotes understanding of Latin American cultures, as well as scholarships, outreach through the Multicultural Resource Center, peer mentors, free tutoring and Spanish-speaking internships in and out of the country.

The picks are also based on the number of Hispanic students, staff, faculty and board members at the university. Strege reports that UWSP currently has 57 Hispanic students.



About 200 faculty and staff participated in the first-ever teaching summit held at UWSP in January. The event was deemed to be an unqualified success. Several priorities for enhancing teaching and learning at UWSP were identified and will be incorporated into a master plan for implementation.

Chemical society student chapter receives national recognition

The American Chemical Society (ACS) student chapter at UWSP received special recognition as a "commendable" chapter for its activities during the 1997-98 academic year.

"I am very proud of our chemistry students that are involved in our student chapter," said Donald Showalter, professor of chemistry and adviser for the chapter.

Chapter officers included president, Jenny Seymour, West Bend; vice president, Craig Zificsak, Plover, a 1998 graduate; secretary, Karl Olm, Marshfield; treasurer, Gretchen Gorte, Manitowoc, a 1998 graduate; and social chair, Danielle Luisier, Manitowoc.

Some of the UWSP chapter's activities included Saturday morning programs for middle school students

and parents in Stevens Point, chemistry demonstrations during National Chemistry Week at CenterPoint Marketplace and sponsoring guest lecturers.

Showalter helped found the Center for Faculty Development at UWSP and is a past recipient of ACS's Central Wisconsin Outstanding Contribution to Chemistry Award.

Economic education center recognized

The National Council on Economic Education has presented a certificate of affiliation to UWSP's Northcentral Wisconsin Center for Economic Education.

According to the local council's president, Robert Duvall, "This is the highest commendation of the national council."

UWSP's center is part of a

national network created to enhance the quality and quantity of economic instruction at all grade levels. Larry Weiser, professor of economics and director of the center, has been a leader in economic education in Central Wisconsin since the program was established in 1990.

"Our goal is to bring the finest economic instruction

available to the students of our region," Weiser said. "From micro economics to Wall Street, K-12 students and teachers throughout Central Wisconsin continue to benefit from the programs and resources we offer."

The center now has an Online Guide for Economic Standards on the Internet (www.uwsp.edu/WisEcon).

General studies major initiated

UW campuses in Stevens Point, Marshfield and Wausau have joined forces to offer a general studies major, the second collaborative agreement among the three institutions. They also jointly offer a degree in business administration.

Courses will be taught through a combination of

face-to-face meetings and distance education classes. Personal advising and access to services such as library resources and computer laboratories are important benefits of the program.

"The program fulfills the needs of students for whom sound written and oral communication skills, basic com-

puter knowledge and problem-solving skills are especially important. It will prepare students for an ever-changing workforce," said Chancellor Tom George.

Prospective students may apply for admission through the Admissions Office at UWSP. For more information, call 888-314-2327.

UWSP ranked a good value

UWSP was ranked high among Midwest regional universities by *U.S. News and World Report*.

In addition, the September issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* listed UWSP as number 77 among the 100 best state universities in the nation.

U.S. News and World Report's ratings named UWSP fourth in Tier One of Midwestern universities. The magazine gathers data from each institution including 16 separate indicators of academic excellence. Schools are ranked against their peers, based on the composite weighted scores.

The measures of excellence used by the magazine include academic reputation, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The purpose of grouping colleges into categories is to compare schools

with similar missions.

Kiplinger bases its rankings on SAT scores, graduation rates, percentage of freshmen who return for their sophomore year, admission rates and computer and library resources, plus five financial factors.

In naming the top 100, *Kiplinger's* editors said, "For every student at a top-dollar university—where expenses run \$33,000 a year—there are ten who attend four-year schools where annual expenses, without factoring in financial aid, still don't exceed \$10,000. And they're not sacrificing the quality of their education for the sake of saving money, either. We've turned the spotlight on the 600 or so public four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. in search of best buys—schools where students can graduate with a high caliber education but without a mortgage-size debt."

Children's book published

"*Trapped in a Mine*," a children's book written by two Wisconsin educators, has been published by student members of Cornerstone Press.

The book by Susan Gress, Antigo, and Jane Randerson, Beaver Dam, was chosen, edited, prepared and printed by the editing and publishing class, taught by Professor Dan Dieterich, which operates as a publishing firm.

Aimed at readers nine and older, the 136-page book tells of the adventures of four fourth grade friends and what happens when two of them are trapped in an old copper mine. The authors borrow pieces of mining history to make the story both informative and exciting.

This is the first children's book by longtime friends, Gress, a speech pathologist for the Antigo School District, and Anderson, a Title I teacher for the Beaver Dam School District.

The first editing and publishing class began 10 years ago with a grant and has remained self-sufficient since then, using profits from the previous semester sales to fund the publishing of the next book.

Priced at \$4.99 plus tax, the book can be ordered from Dieterich, Cornerstone Press, c/o UWSP Tutoring-Learning Center, LRC, Stevens Point, WI 54481. It can also be purchased in Stevens Point at Little Professor, Book World, the University Bookstore and Book Garden.

KEEP receives grant

The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at UWSP has received a grant totaling \$230,772 from the Energy Center of Wisconsin (ECW) for its K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP).

The grant allows an additional 400 teachers to join the KEEP network, maintains core services and programs at KEEP and enables in-service training for teachers at the Energy Education Institute.

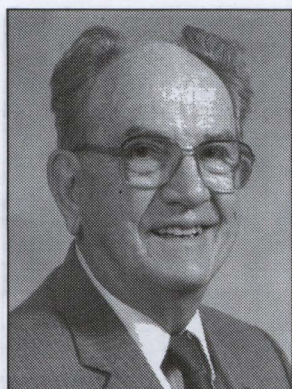
"By improving the energy literacy of Wisconsinites, we can, ultimately, enable our state to use energy resources more effectively," said Kathy Kuntz, ECW project manager for KEEP.

Funding from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board and ECW also allows KEEP to publish, print and distribute "Promising Energy Education Practices: Creating a Network of Energy Educators in Wisconsin," a book which highlights successful energy education lessons and projects.

On April 28, KEEP and the Energy Education Institute will co-sponsor "Energy! Experience the Power," a high school environmental and energy action conference at UWSP. Teachers and community energy resource professionals will collaborate at the conference, developing ways to integrate energy related skills into the classroom.

A private nonprofit organization funded by Wisconsin's utilities, the ECW supports projects and programs matching their mission of energy research, demonstration and education.

Gordon Haferbecker



Gordon Haferbecker

Gordon Haferbecker, a former top administrator at UWSP, died Dec. 25 in Stevens Point after a short bout with cancer. He was 86.

Haferbecker came to UWSP in 1956 as dean of instruction, the number two administrative post. The position later became vice chancellor for academic affairs and he held the post until returning to full-time teaching as a professor of economics in 1974. He also served as acting president of the university several times.

Before coming to UWSP, he taught at UW-La Crosse, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison.

The study of labor problems was one of Haferbecker's academic specialties. In 1958 he published a book

entitled *Wisconsin Labor Laws*. He served on Gov. Gaylord Nelson's blue ribbon tax advisory committee and served as labor arbitrator, primarily for school districts and municipalities, with the Wisconsin Employment Commission from 1962 to 1986.

He received a Distinguished Alumnus Award at UWSP in 1974 and at Antigo High School in 1996. He received UWSP's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1976. The Gordon Haferbecker Scholarship was established in the Department of Business and Economics in 1974 and a lecture hall in Collins Classroom Center was named in his honor in 1988.

A native of Antigo, he completed a one year training course at Langlade County Teachers College, and after gaining some experience, took courses leading to a bachelor's degree at Central State Teachers College (UWSP) in 1939. He also held a master's degree from Northwestern University and a doctorate from UW-Madison.

His 50-year teaching career began at the one room Marsh Rural School. Later

he served as principal of the two room Polar Graded School. The other teacher at the school was the former Erma Groth whom he married in 1937. She died in 1982, and he and the former Darlene Myers were married in 1986.

Haferbecker also was a social science teacher and debate coach at Antigo High School and later taught at Beloit High School.

After retirement, he remained active at UWSP, including part-time teaching. He led a semester abroad in England and in 1983 taught at the Oxford Federal Prison. He was a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet for UWSP's centennial fund drive and was on the founding board of directors of First Financial Savings Corp., now known as Associated Bank.

He was on the board of directors for the Stevens Point Area Foundation and was a volunteer Homestead tax counselor at Lincoln Senior Center.

A memorial has been established with the UWSP Foundation.

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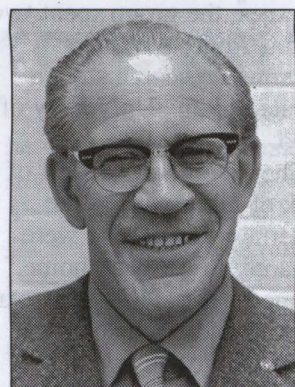
Kroner taught in German schools, worked as a translator for the U.S. Army High Command and taught at the Army's schools for dependents in Germany.

He sang in the UWSP choir and enjoyed following his students' exploits on the athletic fields. He gave many lectures throughout the state through the American Association of Teachers of German. After retirement, he attended many college classes.

He and his wife, Thyra, who survives him, often traveled to Vienna, New York and Milan to attend operas.

A memorial scholarship has been established in his name with the UWSP Foundation.

Peter Kroner



Peter Kroner

Peter Kroner, Stevens Point, emeritus professor of German, died in February at age 87.

Known to his students as Herr Kroner, he taught for 23 years at UWSP and served as head of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1962 until 1970.

One of the first professors from another country hired at UWSP, he was hailed for bringing many international

students to campus and for helping UWSP grow in its appreciation of other places and cultures. A native of Romania, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1954.

As a teacher of comparative literature and German, the philosophy he shared with his students was that people cannot fully appreciate their own culture and literature without being able to compare it, and to do that requires knowledge of a foreign language.

Kroner earned two degrees from the University of Bucharest. He also studied at the University of Tübingen in Germany, the Sorbonne in Paris, the University of London and the University of Copenhagen. He earned a doctorate at the University of Erlangen, Germany. A student of linguistics, he mastered

Scholarship honors history professor

The History Department has announced the establishment of a memorial scholarship in honor of history Professor Emeritus Richard Face, who died in 1997.

The scholarship will be awarded to returning history majors or minors who have shown academic excellence while studying at UWSP. According to History Department Chair Neil Lewis, the department has established the scholarship fund with the UWSP Foundation and is seeking contributions. Those wishing to do so may send donations to the UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI, 54481.

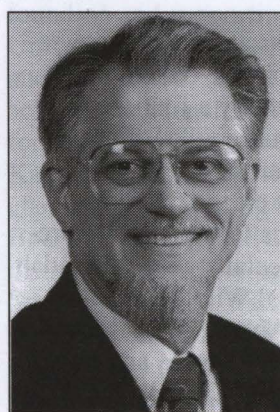
Prior to his retirement in 1990, Face served the department for 27 years. A specialist in medieval European history, he was admired for the quality of his scholarship and teaching and was respected for his intellect and character. He was the recipient of the universitywide Excellence in Teaching Award.

Face was profiled in a UW System publication as "a professor who believes a dash of humor goes a long way to enliven dusty courses such as medieval history." He believed "history teaches us what humanity is, by what humanity has done."



Richard Face

Robert Baruch



Robert Baruch

Robert Baruch, professor emeritus of theatre, died Dec. 16 at his home at age 63.

A native of Germany, Baruch and his family fled Hamburg in 1938 shortly after the Nazi takeover. They came to the U.S. in 1939 and settled in Galveston, Texas.

He earned degrees from the University of North Texas, the University of Colorado and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He taught for several years in Texas and California before coming to Stevens Point in 1967. He retired last May after 31 years of service.

He directed countless students acting in countless plays for the Department of Theatre and Dance. In addition to his teaching, directing and departmental service, he left his mark on UWSP in a number of other ways. Last year he coordinated UWSP's successful NCA reaccredita-

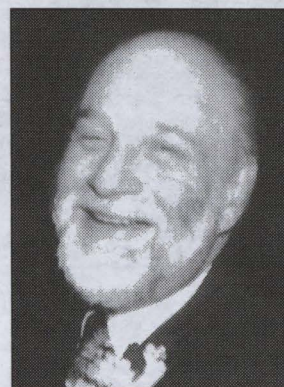
tion process, personally drafting the 200-page self-study report for the evaluation team's visit.

He also updated the University Handbook and helped author UWSP's faculty constitution. He served on UW System committees that drafted systemwide personnel policies and on local committees that wrote UWSP's policies. He served as president of The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals from 1978 to 1980. In 1993 he received the University Service Award. Baruch and his wife, Charlotte, led study tours to Great Britain and Germany.

Upon his retirement, the Baruchs established a fund to benefit top student members of The Players. The organization's executive committee will choose an annual \$300 award recipient and the winners' names will be exhibited in the department on a plaque donated by the couple.

They also gave money to the UWSP Library to augment the annual allocation to the Department of Theatre and Dance and donated approximately 600 volumes about theatre to the library. Memorials may be given to the Baruch Library Fund or the Baruch Scholarship Fund with the UWSP Foundation.

Roland Thurmaier



Roland Thurmaier

Roland Thurmaier, assistant professor of chemistry, died in October at age 70.

In 1984 Thurmaier helped develop a polymer laboratory at UWSP, at a time when there were few such facilities for undergraduate study of polymers in the nation.

Before coming to UWSP in 1966, he was a chemist at du Pont de Nemours and Company in Waynesboro, Va., where he was a member of a team of chemists doing groundbreaking research in polymer science. He held

patents for developmental work in Lycra.

Thurmaier retired in 1995.

He worked with Environmental Decade and received the Environmentalist of the Year Award in 1974. He was a member of the Governor's Study Committee on Urban Mass Transit in 1977. He founded the Point Area Bus Co-op and continued to lobby for the continuation and improvement of bus service in Stevens Point until his death.

He was active in the Democratic and Green Parties, both locally and on the state and national level. He was also active in civil rights issues.

Thurmaier received a bachelor's degree from Bradley University and a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Iowa.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, four children and eight grandchildren.

Robert Prielipp

Robert Prielipp, '58, a professor of mathematics at UW-Oshkosh, died in September at age 62.

He was an instructor of mathematics at UWSP from 1960 to 1963, and later taught at UW-Oshkosh for more than 30 years.

A regular speaker at professional meetings, he published more than 45 articles in professional association journals. He was also a leader at UW-Oshkosh, serving on a variety of committees.

Students create a community in the wilderness

Last summer 16 UWSP students went on a 150-mile wilderness hike carrying everything they needed in a backpack to survive in a mountainous wilderness area. And to top it off, they had the opportunity to experience a three-day fast.

Julie Lampert, Wisconsin Rapids, signed up for the class and told fellow students Jim Wroblewski, Stevens Point, and Lisa Gottschalk, Wausau. They jumped at the chance to enroll.

"It was unlike anything I've ever done," Lampert says. "It was an opportunity of a lifetime calling my name!"

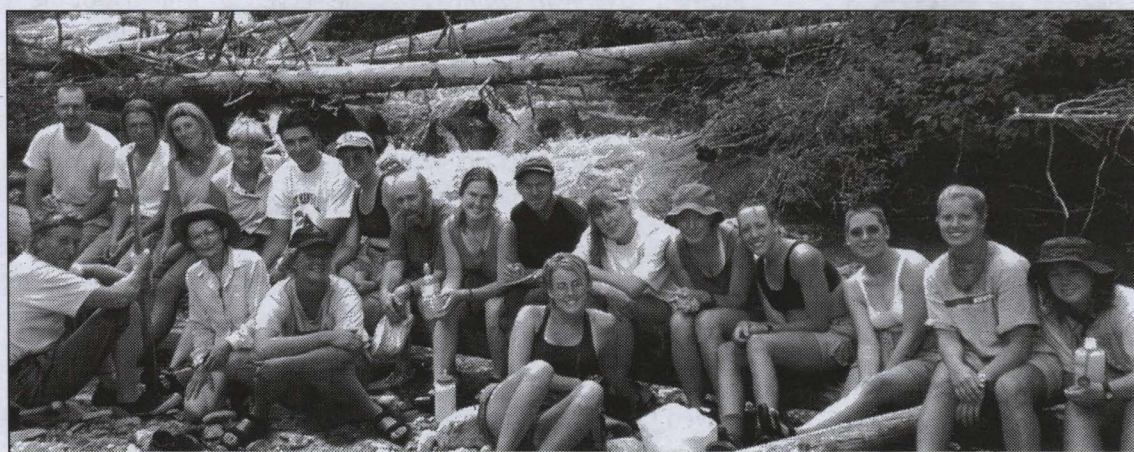
Students are attracted to the course for the same reasons they chose UWSP, a highly regarded College of Natural Resources and an award-winning health promotion and wellness program. The four-credit course, "People and Ecosystems," combines the study of human

wellness and ecology. A semester in the classroom is followed by a four-week practicum in the Rocky Mountains.

The class is led by Rebecca Power, an interpretive specialist at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge; Anne Abbott, professor of health promotion and human development; and Alan Haney, professor of forestry and former dean of the College of Natural Resources.

"The purpose of the course is to explore sustainability for individuals, communities, and ecosystems," Power says. "People need natural resources for such things as shelter, transportation, recreation and industry. Students explore how and why people make choices that can make individuals, communities and ecosystems sustainable—or not."

To emphasize community membership, the group bought food and gear for the



Sixteen students and three faculty members hiked the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area in Central Idaho last summer.

trip from local businesses, Power says. One Stop Sports Shop provided a lot of the gear, and most of the food for the trip was purchased in bulk from the Stevens Point Area Co-op.

Each individual's backpack, loaded with everything needed for the trip, including a sleeping bag, weighed up to 45 pounds. On top of that, each hiker carried group supplies, including food and first aid equipment, for a maximum total of 60 pounds. Weight of the pack was adjusted for their body weight and ability.

During the semester they discussed wilderness ethics and etiquette and talked about how they would treat the environment and each other. "We planned to leave our camp areas better than we found them, certainly not worse," Lampert says.

They embarked July 13 for the four-week trip into Central Idaho's Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. A federally protected area managed by the Forest Service to retain its primeval character, it includes more than two million acres of Rocky Mountains, including six national forests.

The hikers started each day at dawn with breakfast over the campfire, then walked up to 10 miles before making camp in the evening. They faced Idaho summer

temperatures of 102 degrees, hail and rain in altitudes ranging from 3,000-9,000 feet.

"Four weeks in the wilderness, carrying all of your possessions on your back, tends to highlight the difference between wants and needs," Power says. "In our small isolated group, we learned to rely on one another for basic needs, like food, water and shelter. We gained an appreciation of what it truly means to be members of a community."

They hiked into the Big Horn Crags, a high range of rocky pinacles in the heart of the wilderness, where they spent four days preparing for a "solo" experience. It was not just that the students would be camping away from the group for three days, but they would take no food or shelter with them. It was not a mandatory experience; it was an optional facet of the trip, presented as an opportunity for personal growth.

"It was all about choices," Lampert says. "We were encouraged to do the solo, but safety issues came first. We also knew that we could change our minds when we got there."

During the solitary experience, each individual contemplated a problem in their lives with the hope of coming to some conclusions. During their classroom sessions, each

person chose a life issue to work on, and each met twice with the facilitators to talk about how they would handle the solo.

The students set off in pairs and camped about a quarter-mile from their "buddy." In this way, they could signal each other to be sure they were safe. One member of the class, Kristin Streng, Pewaukee, set out on her solo without a tent or tarp for shelter. She spent much of her time keeping warm and dry without food or shelter. Although she faced extreme physical difficulties, she says that dealing with her emotions during the solo experience was the hardest thing she had to do on the whole excursion.

Before leaving the wilderness area, the group spent two days at Taylor Ranch, a wilderness research station operated by the University of Idaho.

Then there was almost of week of hiking out of the wilderness area. "We were all happy to get back home," Lampert says. "But there was a part of each of us that was sad to say goodbye."

Gottschalk says, "Sometimes I stop to think about the fact that I can actually spend four weeks in the mountains carrying everything I need—which isn't a whole lot."



River crossing in mountainous terrain helped students learn to rely on one another in the "People and Ecosystems" class

Outstanding teaching, scholarship and service recognized

Four UWSP alumni were among 10 faculty and academic staff members recognized for outstanding teaching, scholarship and service. Nominated by their department colleagues and students, each winner received a \$500 prize.

Robert Rosenfield, '79, master's '83, received a University Scholar Award. One of the world's leading authorities on the Cooper's hawk and other raptors, he recently published a monograph on the Cooper's hawk sponsored by the American Ornithologist's Union. While conducting avian research, Rosenfield often invites undergraduate students to share in the rewards of scientific research, and three



Robert Rosenfield

of his students have accompanied him to Greenland to study Peregrine falcons. In addition to his numerous publications, he has been asked by the Smithsonian Institution to contribute several sections to its Handbook of North American Birds.

Awarded for excellence in teaching, Perry Cook, '83, specializes in the teaching of science. One of his students put it very succinctly—"Dr. Cook made science fun!" Another student said, "I was challenged in every way professionally. I was challenged and motivated to continue on my quest for lifelong learning."

David Timm, '85, of UWSP's In-



Perry Cook

formation Technology received the Academic Staff Community Service Award. During his 24-year tenure, he has not only served the university, but volunteered his time and services in the community.

He has lent his computer talents to the Portage County Public Library and the Stevens Point Area Senior High School science department. In addition, he is charged with maintaining computers for Saint Bronislava's Parish in Plover.



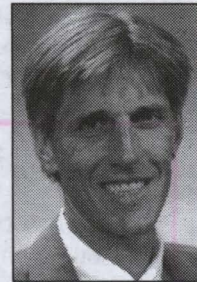
David Timm

Mark Koepke, '80, master's '83, assistant director for international programs, was the recipient of the Academic Staff Excellence Award. According to Dean Justus Paul, "While directors

have come and gone, Mark has been the constant in the programs and his role has been significant in the success of those programs."

Koepke has coordinated UWSP's Health Promotion and Human Development Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours, which he initiated in 1985. He also developed UW-System's Web page for study abroad.

Other award recipients are: Excellence in Teaching: Robert Bell, biology; Neil Heywood, geography/geology; Dennis Riley, political science; Dona Warren, philosophy. Scholar Award: Donna Desforges, psychology. Service Award: Dan Dieterich, English.



Mark Koepke

UWSP Basketball is 100 years old

by Jen Lueck

"He shoots, he scores," has been a roar heard at UWSP for more than 100 years because 1998 marked the centennial of Pointer basketball.

The Pointers set their goals high, even in the beginning. Over the years, they managed to beat the Badgers, play six undefeated seasons and win one national tournament.

Caroline Crawford, head of physical training and hygiene from 1894 to 1898, brought basketball to the Stevens Point Normal School. The first game, played on January 25, 1898, brought in 350 spectators ready to cheer

the Pointers on to a running start. Four teams, made up of two women's and two men's teams, each with seven players, went head to head in an all out battle. The scoring ended with the women finishing in a 4-4 tie. The men's tournament ended with a 5-3 score.

Established in 1913, the first men's conference consisted of seven schools. The Internormal Athletic Conference became its official name. The Pointers would remain in the I.A.C. until 1951, when they joined the Wisconsin State University Conference which became the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference.

Even though basketball was the first team sport in which women participated at Stevens Point Normal, the women did not play conference basketball until 1972.

In 1918, in the first championship game, the Pointer men took on La Crosse winning with a final score of 25-12. In 1923, the first "Alumnus Game" became a crowd pleaser which has stood the test of time.

By the 30s, the Pointers had established themselves as a contender. In 1932 Point challenged the Madison Badgers to a play off. The Badger coach wanted to send the junior varsity team



Coach Eddie Kotal, standing at left, led teams in the 30s and 40s to several championships. The 1933 Championship basketball team dominated the conference and stunned the UW-Madison team by winning 28-24 before 5,000 fans at the Wisconsin Rapids High School fieldhouse. A copy of this photograph hangs in the second floor hall of Old Main.

because he thought Point was not up to the challenge. The Pointers proved him wrong, taking on the Badger varsity with a win of 28-24. The 30s teams compiled a list of records, including four conference championships and six undefeated seasons.

Uncle Sam put a damper on the Pointer men in 1945. The team was forced to disband after six of the ten players joined the navy.

After their record setting performances in the 1930s, it was not until the 80s that Point once again became a leading force in conference play. Terry Porter graced the boards at Pointer games, becoming the first Pointer to

try out for the Olympic team. In 1987 Tim Naegeli led the team to the title of Conference Co-Champions. Porter and Naegeli were the only two Pointer alumni to be drafted into the NBA.

Since the beginning of Lady Pointer conference play 26 years ago, the women have been determined to take on any team in their path. In 1987 the women's team captured the NAIA National Championship title. In February of 1990, the Lady Pointers managed to score more than 100 points in one game. That score of 102 still holds the record for most points in one game.

Hockey teams honored



It was a celebration of Pointer hockey at the 1998 Homecoming banquet. The 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1993 National Championship hockey teams, and the 1992 National Championship runner-up team were inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame. Current Pointer Hockey coach Joe Baldarotta, '90, front row second from left, coached the 1992 and 1993 teams.



Individual Hall of Fame inductees included, left to right, Ralph Barahona, '90; Paul Caufield, '92; Tim Coghlin '89; Todd Chin, '92; Pat McPartlin, '89; and Mark Mazzoleni, who coached the 1989, 1990 and 1991 teams.

Endowment benefits sports programs

The men's football and basketball programs at UWSP will be the beneficiary of an endowment established by LaVern N. Van Dyke and Nancy Steiner Van Dyke, both 1941 graduates.

They have established a charitable trust with the UWSP Foundation valued at about \$100,000. Income from the fund will be used to support the football and men's basketball programs at the discretion of the head coaches.

The Van Dykes created the fund "to assist student athletes in the football and basketball programs and to maintain an outstanding athletic program in the tradition of the great Pointer football coach, Eddie Kotal." Since UWSP is not allowed to give athletic scholarships, the couple wanted to do something to benefit all of the athletes in the programs.

LaVern, a native of Little Chute, was an assistant football coach at UW-Madison from 1949 to 1976. He was a member of the "Kotalmen," a group of champion athletes who in the 30s and 40s brought eight championship football and basketball conference crowns to Central State College, now UWSP.

Nancy was an elementary school library director throughout her career. The daughter of Herb Steiner, a longtime UWSP teacher and administrator, she was a member of Omega Mu Chi Sorority.

Plaques honor four alumni in NBA

Plaques featuring four alumni affiliated with the National Basketball Association are now on display in the lobby of Quandt Gym.

The plaques honor Terry Porter, '85, Bob Whitsitt, '77, Dan Hauser, '77, and Blane Reichelt, '72, all currently involved in various facets of the NBA. It is unique for a Division III school to have this many sport professionals as graduates, according to Brant Bergeron, alumni relations director.

A dedication in December took place during halftime of a Pointer basketball game.

The display was created through funds from Bill, '61, and C.C. (Willett) Nuck, '56, longtime supporters of Pointer athletics. The Nucks also will be recognized with a plaque near the display.

A first round draft pick of the Portland Trail Blazers in 1985, Porter has played with the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Miami Heat.

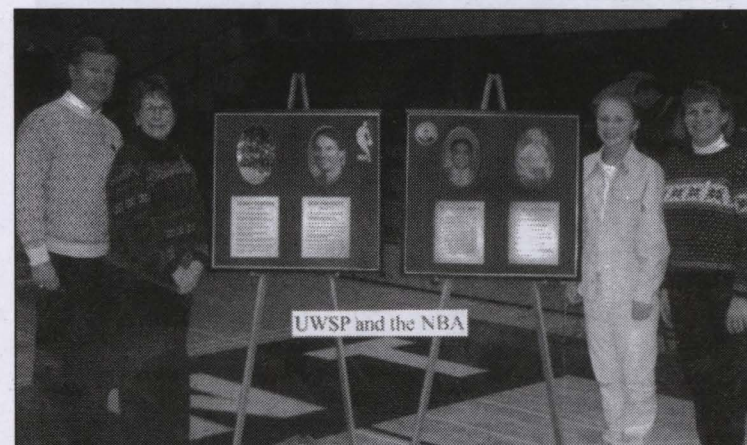
Whitsitt is president and general manager of the NBA Portland Trail Blazers and of the NFL Seattle Seahawks. He received the UWSP Athletic Director's Award and was named The Sporting

News NBA Executive of the Year. He was president of the NBA's Seattle Supersonics, assistant general manager of the NBA Kansas City/Sacramento Kings, marketing director of the Kansas City Kings, and assistant general manager and director of business affairs for the NBA Indiana Pacers.

Hauser has been executive vice president of the NBA Detroit Pistons and Palace Sports and Entertainment. The four-time Pointer letterman in football and baseball is a two-time recipient of the

Wisconsin State University Conference (WSUC) Scholar Athlete Award and UWSP's Albertson Medallion.

An official for the NBA since 1978, Reichelt has refereed more than 1,000 games. He officiated the Houston-Seattle playoff series in 1989 and has served as an official in the Continental Basketball Association, WSUC and NAIA. He worked his first high school basketball game in 1972, when Stevens Point Pacelli played St. Nazianz JFK Prep.



UWSP paid tribute to its four alumni affiliated with the National Basketball Association... unique to an NCAA Division III institution. Bill and C.C. Nuck, longtime backers of Pointers athletics, left, funded the framed tribute, which will hang in the lobby of the Quandt Fieldhouse. Those honored include Terry Porter, '85; Bob Whitsitt, '77; Dan Hauser, '77; and Blane Reichelt, '72. Joining the Nucks for the dedication at a December Pointer basketball game were Reichelt's wife, Sue (Hamm), '80, right, and daughter, Kellee.

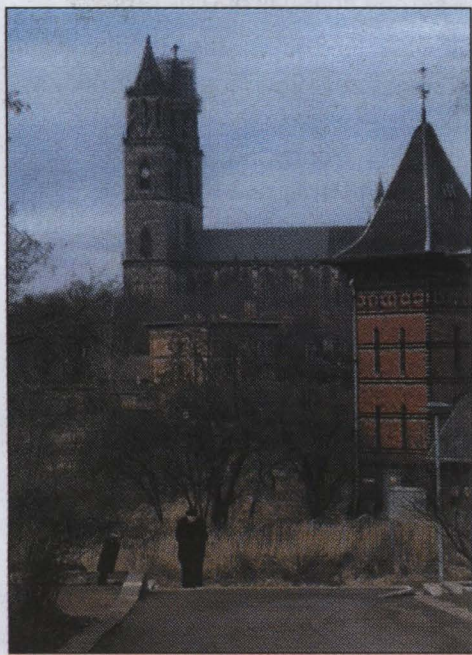
UWSP International

Study abroad shaped Lokken

When former UWSP student Jay Lokken traveled to Munich, Germany, in 1980 it changed his life.

"I knew I needed more of this," he says. That first trip started his journey to a career as director of International Programs at UW-La Crosse, and he has been traveling ever since.

Lokken attended UWSP for two years, and after his trip to Germany, transferred to American University in Washington, D.C., where there were additional international opportunities. At American he did his first semester of graduate work as an intern in the German parliament. He also did a semester of work toward his doctorate in Bonn, Germany.



A semester at Otto von Guericke Universität brings UWSP students to Magdeburg, Germany.

Lokken remembers his first trip as "a wonderful combination of art and history plus language study," and Frederick Krempel, the group leader, as a "phenomenal historian." The things he remembers most about the trip are a class in opera and a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

He says he learned about his own country as much as he did about Germany because people there were always asking him about the U.S. He also learned how the German culture impacted Wisconsin, through food, music and theatre.

He was a witness to the Cold War that had a great impact on the politics of the time. Shortly after he returned from the trip, the Berlin Wall went down.

But the greatest impact was more personal. Like many of the students who return from overseas trips, Lokken says he learned a lot about himself. "I have seen this in students who participate in the programs here at La Crosse," he says. "They become more confident and begin to believe in themselves."

Being exposed to people who have different political views, different religions and cultures helped him become more aware of people and more open-minded.

"I am grateful to UWSP for the encouragement I received to study abroad," he says. Dr. Krempel and Dr. Isaacson both removed any personal barriers I had to going on the trip."

"Students need to understand that study abroad opens lots of doors. The cost is far outweighed by the opportunities that it presents," Lokken concludes.

Zwicker learned to love travel

Dan Zwicker, '91, was not interested in study abroad. But before he graduated, he made three overseas trips.

Zwicker traveled to Greece in 1988, to Taiwan in 1989 and to Poland in 1990.

In 1988, he had just changed his major to art and was enjoying the study of Greece in art history class. One day, as he was walking through the University Center, a booth sponsored by International Programs (IP) caught his eye. It featured a trip to Greece and he decided immediately that he wanted to go.

"I learned more in just one day of walking down a street in Greece than in a whole semester of study," he says.

His experience in Greece taught him that he wanted to travel more. He believes that the experience of living in a country for a semester was much more enlightening than traveling as a tourist would have been.

During his second semester abroad, Zwicker fell in love with the Taiwanese people.

"I was surprised that so many people could become so important to me in just one semester."

Among highlights of the trip was the opportunity to visit the National Palace Museum that was very near the group's residence. Side

trips took them to Mainland China and to Korea. It was definitely a contrast of cultures and art compared to his experiences in Greece, he says.

When he returned from Taiwan, he thought he was done with travel for a while. But when he saw people smashing the Berlin wall on television, he knew that he had to go there. He contacted IP again to sign up for a trip to Poland.

What he remembers most about Poland is the beauty of the scenery. That surprised him, since he had not heard about Poland as a beautiful place. The people of Poland were the kindest people he has ever met, he says.

Zwicker also never imagined there was so much history in Poland. In Krakow, buildings from the Middle Ages are within blocks of modern ones. He took many pictures of Krakow for a photography class at Jagiellonian University. The photos became the basis for his senior thesis and his Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibition.

Later, Zwicker earned a master's degree at UW-Madison.

He currently has mixed media and watercolor pieces at the Stark Gallery in Door County. His work shows the influence of his travels, he says. He still has the wander-

lust, but right now he is staying put to plan a wedding with his fiancée, Gayle Plashko. Zwicker lives in Appleton and manages the Memories Antique Mall in Little Chute.



Above: A reunion of the 1978 trip to Germany took place August 8 at the home of Joe and Cynthia Roman in Mukwonago. Twenty-two of the original 44 participants attended. People came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and Utah. "The reunion was held on a beautiful day," Joe reports. "People brought their photo books and memories to relive. Stories long forgotten were once again brought to life." Reunion participants, pictured, left to right, front row: Jane (Justman) Orth; Amy Lubeck; Andy (Lehnen) Maxwell; Cindy (Hauser) Priest, '78. Middle row: Sue (Weinberger) Larry; Tim Schneider; Heidi Schultz, '81; Lanette Pogorzelski; Cynthia (Mueller) Roman; Joan (Levi) Bennet; George Barsamian. Back row: Ken Priest, '81; Frank Draxler, '79; Beth Wepner, '78; Joe Roman, '80; Kay (Kling) Dann, '79; Tony Johnson, '82. Also attending the reunion were: Sue Stowe; Dan Yerke, '78; Jackie (Fine) Kohorn, '81; Chip Mueller; and Dawn (Olson) Pesko, '81.

Right: Members of the original group posed in front of the Hotel Uhland in 1979.

Travel bug bit Dobbs early

Sue (Hamilton) Dobbs, '81, master's '86, comes from a traveling family. They have driven to nearly every state in the U.S. touring with a pop-up camper.

But one of her most memorable trips was a semester abroad to Spain in 1978. She says the opportunity to live in Spain for a semester was much better than the short visits she has made to many other countries because she really got to know the culture and people.

Now a Spanish teacher at P.J. Jacobs Junior High School in Stevens Point, Dobbs is still a traveler. She has taken her students to Mexico eight times and to Costa Rica five times.

She has always kept journals of her travels, and the one she kept in Spain was especially detailed. "I even wrote down what I had for breakfast each day," she says. She finds these notes very helpful when she talks to her students about the history and culture of Spain.

Among the things she saw in Spain that really impressed her was a parade during Semana Santa (Holy Week). It was the same festival on the same street that she had read about in James Michener's *Iberia*. The floats were carried by people hidden under the float. They were led by someone who would knock on the side of the float to signal them when

they could stop. At some points in the parade, the carriers would come out from under the floats for drinks.

She traveled to Valencia for the festival of Las Fallas. During this celebration, the citizens made papier-mache statues of politicians. Then at midnight they burned all the statues.

She visited the famous Prado art museum in Madrid, where she saw masterpieces by El Greco, Goya and other artists. She visited the Alhambra, a mountain fortress and palace, a reminder of Moorish rule in Spain.

Although she didn't plan to become a teacher, she took a job teaching English to a fourth grade class in Madrid, because it "seemed like fun," she says. She remembers teaching them the song "BINGO" and showing them how to make valentines, something they had never done before.

Of the 17 people in her group, Dobbs was one of two people who could speak Spanish. The language barrier was difficult for the others, but was a great opportunity for her. "I was a translator for a lot of people," she says.

"The things I remember most are the people," she says. "It was the conversations with people and the festivals that meant the most to me." She urges students who are planning a study trip to learn the language so they will be able to communicate and have memorable conversations. She also recommends study of the customs so the visit will be more meaningful.

"A semester abroad is a great value for the money," Dobbs says. "You couldn't do all the things I did in Spain if you went on your own."



Programs turns 30

One woman's vision became reality

International Programs had its beginnings in the vision of a communication professor who believed in the enlightening effects of study abroad.

Professor Emerita Pauline Isaacson was a key person in the beginnings of International Programs at UWSP. She organized and led a European study tour in 1962 despite a lack of enthusiasm from university administration.

She found a friend for the cause when Lee Dreyfus became president of the university in 1967. Both believed that students would benefit greatly from study tours in other countries. She recalls Dreyfus' first comment after hearing about her plan to establish an International Programs Office. "How soon can we start?" he said.

Together Dreyfus and Isaacson successfully lobbied the Board of Regents to give Stevens Point the first program of its kind in the univer-

sity system outside of UW-Madison. The new office was headed by Isaacson, who then began the task of finding places for students to stay, setting up classes and generally tending to business.

The first official program, with 41 students enrolled, was a semester in Britain.

Isaacson had searched London for housing arrangements. She found a hostel that suited her run by the International Friendship League. Located in a suburban community, students could take the "tube" to the heart of London.

But the hostel's director, P. O. Nath, gave a definite "no" to long-term groups. As with many of the obstacles that Isaacson encountered, she didn't let negativity deter her. She persisted until he relented. In the end, she became a great friend of Nath and his wife.

The hostel, known as "Peace Haven" accommodated nearly 1,000 Wisconsin

students in Britain.

Trips to Poland also were initiated during Dreyfus' tenure and Isaacson was again asked to help break barriers to the program. But establishing the exchange with Jagiellonian University in a communist-run government during the cold war was fraught with intrigue. Isaacson was thwarted by government agents and subjected to searches of her personal belongings.

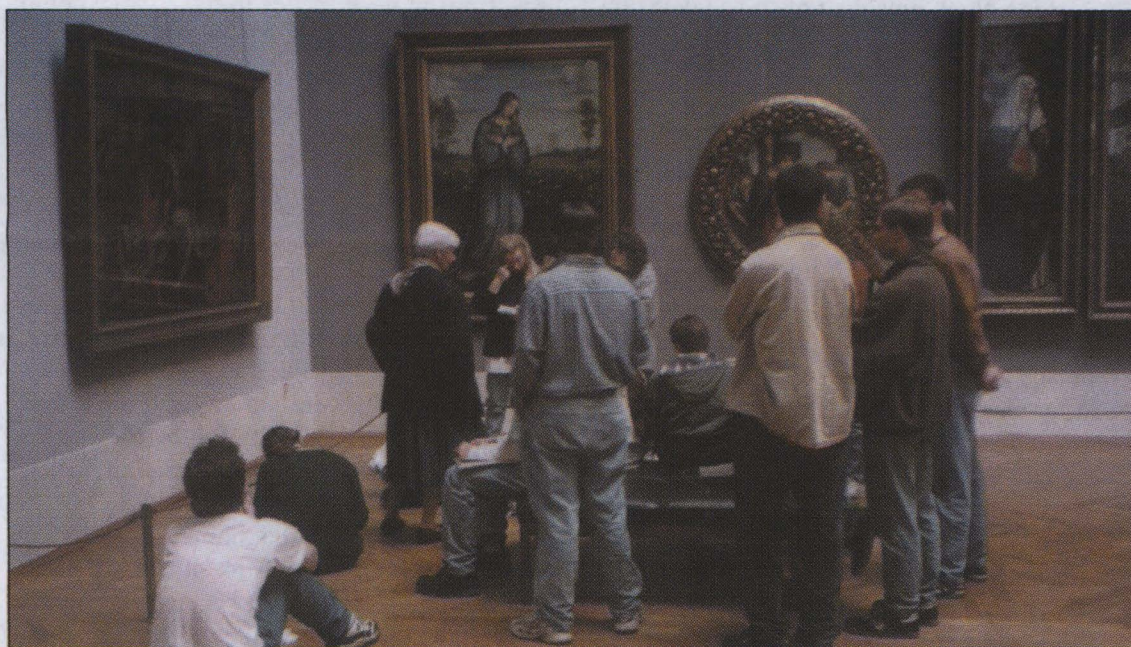
"The impression was unmistakable," Isaacson says. "Jagiellonian University was most cordial, but some elements were not."

In 1975 John Bernd led the first trip to Poland. He recalls such things as exchanging currency with "certain individuals" at secret meetings to avoid high fees. Then he was told that government employees would be keeping an eye on him.

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"International," page 17.



More than a large number of UWSP students have studied in London. While there they may have visited a market like this one on Brickland Street.



On many trips abroad, students study internationally famous works of art at some of the world's best museums. UWSP students attend an art history lecture at the Alfe Pinakotek museum in Munich, Germany.

UWSP rates high in travel abroad

UWSP was ranked sixth in the nation last year by the Institute of International Education. The ranking took into account the number of students traveling abroad and the proportion of total enrollment that they represent.

Annually, about one percent of U.S. students study abroad. UWSP has two percent of their students taking advantage of overseas opportunities.

UWSP sends about 200 students on semesters abroad each year to Britain, Poland, France, Spain and Australia/South Pacific. There are also two semester-long trips to Germany. A semester in Munich requires no language study, while a trip to Magdeburg offers total immersion in German. In the past, trips have gone to the Far East and India.

During summer sessions

more than 100 students travel to Australia, Africa and London. Between 20 and 50 students go on interim trips to Africa, Costa Rica or Australia. A trip to China during the Winterim was offered for the first time this year.

The College of Natural Resources sends students on a four-week study tour to Germany and Poland. The International Programs Office has administered the CNR program since 1972 when it was developed by Bob Engelhard, emeritus professor of natural resources.

"I suspect the popularity of all these programs is due to a number of factors including an increased knowledge that global awareness is vital in today's economy. In addition, financial aid is available," says Director David Staszak. The overseas experience need not delay time to

graduation because programs are planned in conjunction with universities so students can take as many as 13 credits during a trip.

"Most of our students come back exceptionally enthusiastic and encourage their contemporaries to go overseas," he adds. "We offer complete packages including airfare, tuition, food, lodging, in-country field trips and an exit or entry tour plus on-site classes."

"I think students recognize that our programs are unique. We send a faculty leader with all of our groups, we prepare students through a series of orientations, and our programs run smoothly because we've been in business for nearly 30 years," Staszak says. "We've developed a solid reputation for providing a quality academic experience at a very affordable price."

Fund encourages student travel

People whose lives have been touched by UWSP's International Programs (IP) now have an opportunity to express their appreciation for the lasting benefits of study abroad.

Participants and leaders of study trips are being asked to help fund a new endowment through the UWSP Foundation that will provide scholarships for students who want the opportunity for a life-changing experience of a semester abroad. The endowment committee has set a goal of \$300,000 to be raised over the next three to five years.

Although the cost of the programs is a great value, there are a number of worthy students who cannot afford it. The endowment is designed to encourage more students to participate in international education.

Since the first semester abroad to London in 1969, more than 8,000 students and 250 faculty members have participated in UWSP study abroad programs. Cost of the trips range from \$4,750 to \$7,500 per term. The cost includes tuition, fees, airfare from Chicago, lodging abroad, most food and some tours.

Those who are aware of the exceptional educational opportunities provided by travel are invited to establish a scholarship in the name of a person or group. A gift of \$5,000 or more entitles the donor to name a scholarship for an individual or a department. Campus academic departments are also encouraged to establish scholarships to be awarded to students in that major for study abroad.

Honorary chairs of the scholarship committee include former Chancellor and Governor Lee Dreyfus, current Chancellor Tom George and past IP directors Pauline Isaacson and Helen Corneli. Heading up the appeal are Bob Bowen, a past IP director, and Mary Ann Baird, associate professor of interior architecture.

There are a variety of pledge options, including cash donations, one-year or multi-year pledges, estate-associated pledges and others. For information about pledge options, call committee member Scott Schultz, development program manager in the UWSP Foundation, at (715) 346-3045. For information about the campaign, contact Baird at (715) 346-4077 or Bowen at (715) 341-1751.

UWSP Foundation appoints Porter to board

Professional basketball player Terry Porter, '85, was named to the UWSP Foundation board of directors at its annual meeting in October.

In addition the board re-elected officers, awarded five past directors emeritus status and approved last year's audit.

Formerly with the Minnesota Timberwolves, Porter currently plays for the Miami Heat. The board commended his efforts on behalf of UWSP, which have included generous gifts to athletics and the Division of Communication plus unrestricted dollars. Also, for several years, Porter has hosted an annual golf tournament to benefit the Milwaukee Scholar's Fund.

Commended for their past leadership, foundation officers including Board President Jim Anderson, Vice President Judi Carlson, Treasurer Tom Stout and Secretary Dan Meyer were unanimously chosen to serve another one-year term. Chancellor Tom George thanked them for their

commitment to the foundation and for their support of its recent successful fundraising efforts.

The board voted to grant emeritus status to Tom Copps, Len De Baker, Karen Engelhard, Tom Nikolai and Al Noel, who have served three terms with distinction. Nominated to three-year terms on the board were Anderson, Bruce Bay, John Buzza, Tom Stout, Gerald Viste, Fritz Wenzel and Ron Wessels.

The annual foundation audit reported income of \$1,410,000 for the past fiscal year, a 50 percent increase over 1997 while operating costs decreased by \$65,000. George congratulated board members for a 300 percent increase in their own annual giving.

"One of the reasons that performance improved so much this year was one unusually generous bequest of \$300,000," said Foundation Executive Director Bruce Froehlke. "This gift emphasizes the importance of

people who value this university by including UWSP in their estate planning."

An allocation of \$95,000 was distributed to five areas of the university.

The University Personnel Committee received \$10,000 for faculty and staff grants given three times a year for research, renewal and development and \$3,000 for student research grants. The faculty will have \$4,000 to use for professional travel expenses to give presentations at conferences around the world.

Under the leadership of Provost/Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer, the Office of Academic Affairs allocated \$64,000 from the foundation to the deans of the four colleges.

Student Affairs and Busi-

ness Affairs each received \$7,000 to help develop campus initiatives.

According to Anderson, the strength of the foundation and its long-standing commitment to serving people has been proven once again through its \$270,000 in scholarship support to more than 600 UWSP students and its funding of critical campus initiatives.

"Without question," George observed, "charitable giving has substantially improved the university's ability to serve people. Today, state support provides one third of the university's operating costs. Generous giving is es-



Judi Carlson, vice president and Jim Anderson, president, of the UWSP Foundation Board were re-elected at the Board's annual meeting.

sential to preserve excellence. The foundation and the university are grateful to everyone who helped us last year," George said.

Erickson donates piano to UWSP



David Hastings, professor of music and jazz studies and Khara Lintel, a freshman from Lincoln, Neb., try out a yellow grand piano donated by May Erickson to the music department.

The Department of Music has received a piano as a gift.

The Kimball five-foot grand piano with an appraised value of \$5,000 was given by May Erickson, Stevens Point. The piano was originally purchased for her late husband, Godfrey, a prominent Central Wisconsin businessman.

The piano was painted yellow, his favorite color, at the factory. With a light colored carpet and large windows in the room, it looked beautiful, May says.

Godfrey and their two sons, Jay and Ned, also played the instrument. "I was sad when they left the house with the piano," May says. "But I was happy to be donating it to the university for the students to use."

The piano is now in the studio of David Hastings,

professor of music and jazz studies.

"This has been a wonderful gift," Hastings says. "It is indispensable when students perform with piano accompaniment."

"Everyone who sees it comments on the color," he says. "Then they play it and conclude that it is a really good instrument."

Erickson owned the Erickson Oil Company and several filling stations, the Holiday Mobile Home Park in Stevens Point and a potato enterprise in Plainfield. He and his six brothers founded the North-western Oil Refinery in St. Paul Park, Minn.

He was also known for helping individuals in need. He bought boots and clothes for people and even paid hospital bills for the needy.

Course funded by alums

An area couple interested in increasing the diversity and understanding of other cultures in the community and the world have funded the cost to televise an ethnic diversity course at UWSP.

John Noel, president of the Noel Group based in Stevens Point, and his wife, Patty, offered \$7,000 to support Anthropology 390, "Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin." The donation will be used to broadcast parts of the class sessions on area cable access television stations.

The course gives insiders' perspectives on African American, Hmong and Native American cultures in Wisconsin and provides a forum for discussion in both the classroom and the community.

"One of our objectives is to expand the discussion into the schools and community by putting this on television," John said.

"If we want to make the campus more diversity friendly, we need to support these kinds of courses. Then when minorities come to campus, they will be welcomed," Patty said.

Taught and organized by Tom Johnson, professor of anthropology, the course fea-

tures a variety of speakers discussing issues relevant to these cultures, and parts of the presentations will be taped and shown later on area public access cable channels for community viewing on television. Discussions will include education, race relations, welfare, cultural bias, employment and social service concerns of each ethnic group.

"The idea is to reach a wider audience than just those in the class," said Johnson. "This course will be geared to airing issues and improving the climate for people of color on our campus and in our community."

The impetus for the course came from the Chancellor's Diversity Think Tank held on campus in October. Both Johnson and Noel felt a class like this was needed to encourage dialogue between minority and nonminority students in order to improve understanding among ethnic groups.

Dave Marie, president of the UWSP African American Alumni Association, said a class like this has been needed for years. He related that in a 1973 Stevens Point

Journal article for Black Awareness Week, he said that such a course would build solidarity with students on campus, provide better race relations and a vehicle for students to express their needs to the college community. The same reasons stand today, he said, adding that all classes should integrate this information.

UWSP senior Meas Vang, a Hmong student from Wausau, says that misconceptions go both ways between the Hmong and the rest of the community. For instance, he said, many don't see the generation gap and the loss of identity felt by the younger Hmong generation, torn between their lives at school and at home.

"A lot of times there is racism because of a lack of knowledge about a culture," he said. "A program like this could educate the entire community." He added that he would be interested in taking the course himself.

The course fulfills general degree requirements in both minority studies and social studies and there are no prerequisites.



UWSP's 1,200-plus pieces of Early American pressed glass, located outside the Carlsten Gallery, had gotten a little dusty, so last summer they were cleaned piece-by-piece. The goblets were donated by Dorothy Vallier and her late husband, Jacques, of Tomahawk and Mequon. The pieces represent most of the pressed goblets manufactured in America between 1830 and 1900, and at the time of their donation to UWSP, the estimated value of each goblet ranged from \$50 to more than \$2,000. Pictured doing the cleaning is Stephanie Hawley, a senior art and design major.

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"It seems humorous now," he says. "But at the time, it was more 'cloak and dagger' than I might have liked."

As the Communist block lost power arrangements became easier. Isaacson believes that the effort was well worth it because students now study with internationally recognized experts.

By the time Isaacson retired in 1982, about 2,000 students had participated in overseas study trips. Helen Corneli, professor of English, succeeded Isaacson. Corneli recruited UWSP alumnus, Mark Koepke, to serve as assistant director.

Under Corneli's administration, a semester-long program was established in Greece. An interim study course in Costa Rica was also begun. She had the difficult task of finding a new location for students studying in London in 1987 when Peace Haven was no longer available.

Corneli struggled with recruiting students to travel during the recession of the early 1980s. She proposed a trip to Australia and the South Pacific in 1982, but the cost of airfare made it the most expensive of the programs. It wasn't until 1984 that Rick Wilke, professor of

natural resources, led the first group in the UW System to go Down Under.

Robert Bowen, a professor of health, physical education, recreation and athletics, followed Corneli as director in 1988. Bowen says that, if he had one goal, it was that the leaders of the groups would be able to have less administrative duties. While they still have many responsibilities as leaders, he feels he has succeeded in his goal, and that it is somewhat easier to head the groups than it was in the past.

Under Bowen's leadership, programs were established in France, expanded in East Germany, and new locations were developed in Spain and China.

Bowen retired in 1995, and David Staszak, professor of biology, became the director, with Koepke staying on as assistant. Also assisting with office administration are staff members, Linda Garski, who started in 1974, and Linda Mirr, who began in 1987.

In commenting on the program's history, Bowen commends the 200-plus faculty members who served as leaders and contributed to the program's success.

UWSP, UWO unite foreign studies

A new collaboration between the international studies programs at the UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh will provide more foreign study opportunities at less cost for students at both schools.

Beginning in the fall, the universities both will send foreign language students to international studies sites in Magdeburg, Germany; Caen, France; and Valladolid, Spain.

Sending a larger number of students holds benefits for both schools, says Mark Koepke, assistant director of International Programs and initiator of the collaboration. Both schools' foreign language faculty and students have a chance to meet a variety of people and travel arrangements are less expensive for larger groups.

UWO has just begun its Office of International Initiatives, headed by Christine Gemignani, while UWSP's Office of International Programs has been sending students abroad for 30 years.

"We have good programs that can serve UWO without them having to create their own," said Koepke.

"This project represents an ideal model of inter-institutional cooperation within the UW System," added

UWSP's International Programs Director David Staszak.

While students from other UW System schools may transfer to UWSP to study abroad at these sites, this collaboration will give UWO students priority. This makes it easier for them to apply for the trip and transfer credits.

"I think this is going to work out well," Gemignani said. "We will be able to provide better services for our students and handle their questions right here. They won't have to have long distance contact with UWSP."

Karg retires after 35 years

Mel Karg, UWSP's director of high school relations, retired January 20 after serving 35 years in a number of roles.

After a brief period of teaching high school and media broadcasting, Karg became a residence hall director at Steiner Hall. During his career at UWSP, he has served as director of residence life, director of student conduct, and for the past 16 years, director of high school relations.

He has produced numerous video and television programs, radio promotions and print publications for UWSP student recruitment. He received an Award of Merit from the National School Public Relations Association for his 1989 15-minute video, "The Adventure of Tomorrow." He was cited by the Greater Wisconsin Chapter of the International Televi-

Retiring after 33 years, Godfrey: "I loved every minute"

"I loved every minute of it," Helen Godfrey said upon announcing her retirement after 33 years at UWSP.

Godfrey, a leader on campus and in the community, will retire as Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs on July 1.

During her tenure she has served in a variety of roles including Associate Dean of Students, Executive Director of Co-curricular Services, Assistant Chancellor of University Relations, Assistant Chancellor Student Development and University Relations and Assistant Chancellor Student Affairs.

Reflecting on Godfrey's career at the university, Chancellor Tom George said, "UWSP has been privileged to have Helen here as an outstanding leader, tremendous colleague and dedicated ambassador for the university. In her caring and tireless style, she has continually reached out to all segments of the university and community, and she has integrated Student Affairs with the other areas of the university in a way that serves as a model for other campuses."

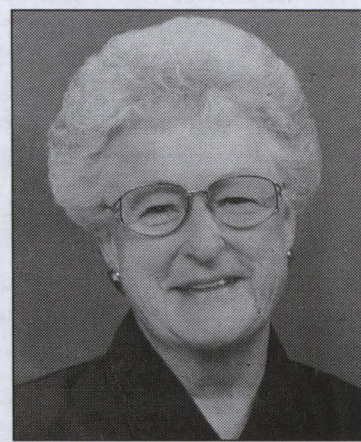
Among Godfrey's accomplishments at UWSP are

founding and supporting the University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC), achieving national affiliation for Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, chartering and hosting the Board of Visitors and advocating and volunteering for Special Olympics Wisconsin. She has been involved with the Suzuki Foundation and led two semesters abroad to Great Britain.

She said one of her greatest pleasures has been to help students mature and develop during their years at UWSP, then to watch them become successful world citizens. She is proud of ending curfews for women in the 1960s and, in recent years, strengthening the student development model at UWSP.

For her accomplishments, Godfrey has been recognized by the Academy of Letters and Science, Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel and the UCLCC. Her colleagues from throughout the UW System elected her chair of the Chief Student Officers organization in 1996.

In the community,



Helen Godfrey

Godfrey is a charter member of the Stevens Point Community Foundation, charter member of the YMCA Foundation Board, member of the board and executive committee of Camp Manitowish - YMCA, director of Bethany Home Inc., Waupaca, director of F&M Bank-Central, early member of the Portage County Business Council and founder of the Chamber of Commerce-Communiversity Committee.

She holds degrees from UW-Madison and Michigan State University. Before coming to UWSP in the mid-60s, she was Assistant Dean of Women and Director of Residence Halls at Ohio State University.

Women of color recognized

Three individuals have been recognized with a statewide award given to women of color who have been instrumental in initiating change in institutions and in the community.

Andrea Turner, special assistant to the chancellor for Equity and Affirmative Action and executive director of Multicultural Affairs; Sunu Cherian of Greenfield, a pre-medicine biology major at UWSP; and Lorraine Avery, senior vice president and director of customer services at First Financial Bank, received the awards from UW System.

Turner monitors affirmative action efforts in hiring and retention and investigates complaints regarding discrimination and equity. She provides campuswide education

on affirmative action, equal employment opportunity and diversity. She also advises administrators on legal issues affecting higher education.

She has done consulting and training including a series of diversity management training sessions in Marathon County that attracted national attention.

Two years ago she assumed the responsibilities of overseeing Multicultural Affairs at UWSP.

Cherian has been a campus leader since arriving at UWSP three years ago. She has served in many roles in the South Asia

Society and as a community adviser. She is slated to become an assistant to the director for administration at Steiner Hall. As one of her former supervisors said, "Sunu is wonderful. She has a great ability to balance academics, student involvement and personal time. Many of the women in our building look to Sunu as a role model."

The chair of Stevens Point's last two United Way campaigns, Avery served as president of the Woodland Girl Scout Council and of Zonta, a professional women's organization.

She is past president of the Wisconsin Automated Clearing House Association and a member of UWSP's Board of Visitors. In addition, she served on the Governor's Task Force on UW Accountability Measures and on several boards affiliated with the financial industry. Avery also has a longtime involvement with Total Quality Management.



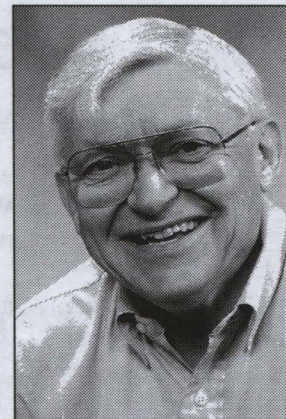
Sunu Cherian



Andrea Turner



Lorraine Avery



Mel Karg

sion Association for narrating a television spot announcing UWSP's open house.

Bill Jordan, assistant director of admissions, will take on many of Karg's duties including service as chief recruiting officer for the university.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Karg served in the Navy, spending much of his time on the Rhine River Patrol in Germany.

Rocking the Corps

By Amy Mason

Changes are happening at UWSP's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), starting at the top. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gray, professor and chair of military science, calls it "Rocking the Corps."

"It's a feeling of belonging; actually getting involved in something that makes a difference," Gray says. Gray wants to focus on military training in addition to academics.

"Hey, it's a military operation in conjunction with an academic education. We're going to crawl around on the ground doing infantry tactics, and we're going to go running through the woods with a map and a compass," Gray says.

Cadets will also practice drill and ceremony and water safety training. Gray wants them to learn how to survive in the water while fully clothed and equipped.

For several years, freshman and sophomore military science students have not worn camouflage or battle dress uniforms (BDU).

"Put everybody in BDU's for a leadership lab, what better way to foster a team?" Gray says. "The football team has a uniform. The tennis team has a uniform. This is the ROTC team. Let's put everybody on the team in a uniform."

He thinks the team concept will help new students get through the sometimes difficult freshman year. "Many students come to college with a lot of anxiety," he says. "By having a team, there's at least one piece in there that's got a little structure to it, that they can grab onto."

Before coming to UWSP, Gray was an instructor at the Field Artillery Advanced Course and at the Command and General Staff College.

He earned an associate degree from New Hampshire Technical Institute and pursued a career in marketing but says that he knew he needed a four-year degree to get anywhere in the corporate sector. He couldn't afford college, so he joined ROTC and earned a bachelor's degree at New Hampshire College. He also holds a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

He never went back to the corporate world because, he says, "the Army is fun."



Lt. Col. Thomas Gray

Swedish instructor trains UWSP students

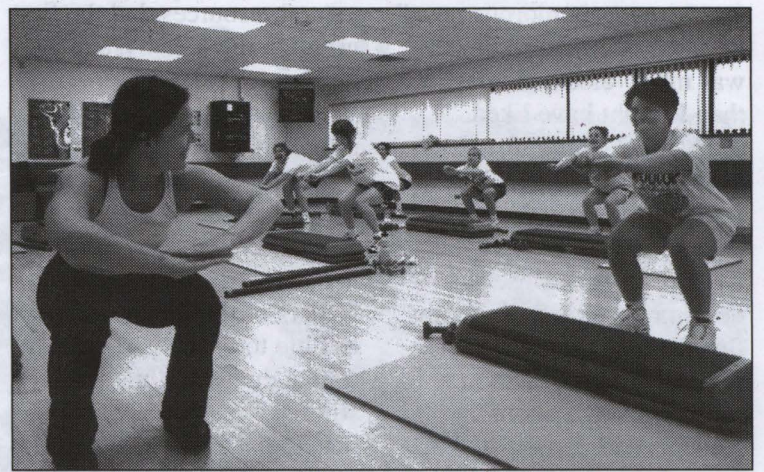
Students at UWSP have learned to teach new classes because an alumnus helped an aerobics specialist from Sweden get to Stevens Point.

Carina Hynninen of Uppsala, Sweden trained four head trainers and 11 instructors last semester to lead classes. The classes use new concepts for Central Wisconsin, according to Todd Hoffner, fitness center manager, who met Hynninen while he was in Sweden.

Hoffner went to Sweden at the urging of a former Pointer footballer, Theo Blanco, a 1989 UWSP graduate who has been developing football teams in Sweden for about ten years. He is among about eight UWSP alumni currently playing football and coaching in Sweden. Hoffner, also an assistant football coach at UWSP, has gone there for the past two summers to coach. Blanco introduced Hoffner to Hynninen. Then, after observing her work, Hoffner made arrangements for her to come to UWSP.

Hynninen is a health educator and certified fitness instructor at a health club in Uppsala. She taught UWSP students to lead classes that she teaches in Sweden called "Boxercise," "Spinning" and "Body Works."

Boxercise, a high intensity cardio class, uses techniques from boxing and martial arts. Spinning is an indoor cycling class using special stationary bikes. Body Works is a group weight lifting class using bars and dumbbells for a full body workout. The classes have three things in common, Hynni-



Carina Hynninen, an aerobics specialist from Sweden, led a group of UWSP students and staff members in "Body Works" a new group weight lifting class. She demonstrated techniques for UWSP students who now serve as leaders of the class.

nen says. "They are safe, they focus on technique and they are fun."

When Hynninen was offered the opportunity to teach at UWSP, she accepted with great excitement. It fulfilled two of her wishes.

"I wanted to take some time to focus just on teaching and I have wanted to come to the United States for a long time," she says.

"People at UWSP are so friendly and caring and loving, they made it easy for me to work here," she says. "This experience is so valuable that it will impact the rest of my life."

The classes are open to faculty, staff, students and alumni of UWSP who purchase a membership in the Fitness Center or Cardio Center. For information about availability of facilities and fees, call (715) 346-4165.

Bear expert brings wildlife to Ashland High School

Wisconsin's northern black bear population is the focus of an effort by researchers from the College of Natural Resources and biology teachers and students at Ashland High School.

For the past two years Ray Anderson, a professor emeritus at UWSP, has teamed with Ashland High School

biology teacher Bruce Prentice to teach students telemetry, bear handling techniques and radio tagging methods. Last spring, Ashland teacher Judy Gilbert joined the project.

Last year they focused on one sow and her three cubs located just south of Ashland.

"Our goal is to engage

high school students in meaningful research," Anderson said. "They are expanding our knowledge of black bears that roam the northern hardwood forest."

"This project is good for UWSP, good for the students in Ashland, and in the long run, will benefit the area bear population," Anderson said.



A photo from the the 1949 Iris shows students on the lawn of Old Main. Who are they? If you know, contact us at the reunion of the Class of '49 on June 4 and 5, or call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at 1-877-POINT01.

Retired biologist and teacher establish scholarship

An emeritus professor and a retired elementary teacher have established a scholarship to recognize an outstanding graduating senior biology major.

Kent and Sue Hall have established a \$5,000 endowment with the UWSP Foundation. The Kent D. Hall Animal Physiology Scholarship was founded by the couple as an expression of admiration and respect for the more than 5,000 students he taught during his 30-year career at UWSP.

While at UWSP, Hall advised a student group named best in the nation three times

and helped to place UWSP students in internship positions throughout the country. He developed numerous courses in the biology curriculum, headed the department's Integrated Professional Development Program and advised the Pre-Veterinary Society. In 1997 his department was recognized for excellence in teaching by UW System.

Upon the event of his retirement, Hall said that both he and his wife, Sue, have worked hard throughout their careers to help young people recognize and achieve their potentials.

Get a piece of the dock

"Now you can get your own piece of the dock where you first 'got your feet wet' in environmental education while at the same time supporting the construction of the new dock," says Patti Dreier, director of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES).

Alumni can purchase a grey, weathered wooden plank from the old dock. Each board is inscribed with an inspirational message for alumni to display in their homes or offices.

Alumni from environmental education will remember teaching school children on the old grey dock on Minister Lake. Soon the dock will be torn down to build a larger, stronger one that will protect the shoreline from erosion and double as a

star-gazing deck for evening programs.

The wood and hardware for the project will cost approximately \$2,500, and the Wisconsin Conservation Corps will donate the labor.

Planks from the old dock cost \$50 for a 12-inch board, \$100 for a 24-inch board and \$150 for an entire plank.

Orders for the limited supply of planks should be directed to CWES, c/o Pond Study Fund, 10186 County Road MM, Amherst Junction, WI 54407.

For more information, call: (715) 824-2428.



Alumni are invited to recapture the memories of their first teaching experiences with a keepsake from the dock on Minister Lake at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

Museum provides resources for teachers

Teachers planning field trips to UWSP's Museum of Natural History may want to go to the "virtual museum" on the Internet first.

The Web site (www.uwsp.edu/museum) includes lesson plans that incorporate a field trip to the museum and are tailored to the needs of local teachers, according to Ed Marks, curator of education at the museum.

"The museum can become a tool that teachers use in their classes," Marks says. He also encourages area teachers to visit the facility before they plan field trips, so they can identify exhibits they might want to focus on and incorporate themes they are already using in the classroom.

The lesson plans are prepared each semester by students in a science methods class taught by Perry Cook, assistant professor of education. Since the plans are written specifically for the UWSP museum, they serve as a ready resource for area teachers. Lesson plans are available for kindergarten through fifth grade classes.

One of the plans soon to be added to the Web page, entitled "One World, One Weather (with Local Variations)," was created by Sarah Sykes, Holokai, Hawaii, and Lisa Schiltz, Tomahawk. They used the Internet to locate a school halfway

around the earth so students could compare weather in two locations. During a field trip to the museum they study habitats in the two places by looking at displays that feature animals and their surroundings from around the world.

Another topic familiar to elementary students is "Wisconsin Birds," a lesson plan by Emily Tackes, Menomonee Falls; Jenny Marx and Sara Scherer, Appleton. In these lessons, elementary students look around the schoolyard for evidence of how birds survive. At the museum, the children discover birds in the exhibits and look for more clues about what they eat and where they live.

The lesson can be extended to include mathematics skills if the students measure seed for a bird feeder they make from a soda bottle or develop a chart of the birds visiting the feeder.

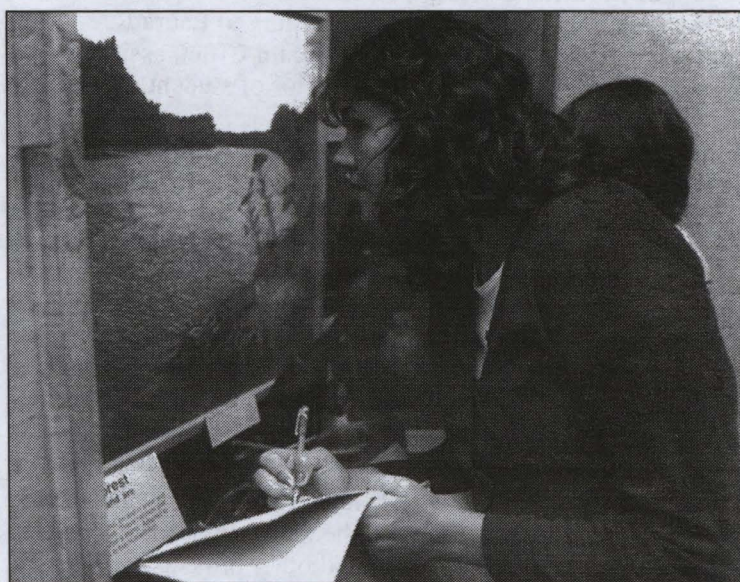
Children will also become enthusiastic about science when they study a favorite topic using lesson plans created by Gretchen Vander Loop, Kaukauna, and Kelly Seitz, Marshfield. Their study of dinosaurs has each child adopt the name of a dinosaur and then do research. The children then present their research to the class.

"The students become the teachers," Seitz says.

"These students have an opportunity to help teachers in the community and use their work in real world classes," Cook says. "They can give something back to fellow teachers even before they are out in the field."

In addition to the lesson plans, all of the contents of the museum are listed on the Web page. There also is a detailed index of museum specimens and exhibits.

Museum hours are Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the museum is free and open to the public with donations welcome to support the work of the museum.



Emily Tackes, Menomonee Falls, considers the possibilities for lesson plans as she examines one of the exhibits at the Museum of Natural History for a science teaching methods class. Students in the class made their finished lesson plans available to local teachers on the museum's Web page.

Eggs donated in Tutti Frutti boxes

The UWSP Museum of Natural History has received a collection of 70 songbird eggs that has been kept for many years in boxes that once held Tutti Frutti chewing gum, according to Ed Marks, curator of education at the museum.

The donation was delivered to the museum by Jackie Hertel, Stevens Point, on behalf of her parents, Olive Gordee and the late Bert Gordee.

A March 1970 story in the Stevens Point Journal tells how Gordee acquired the collection. The eggs were gathered by Frank Bollinger of Sharon, an avid bird watcher, who willed the collection to a kindergarten teacher. The teacher gave the collection to her friend, Donna Koerner of Twin Lakes, Gordee's daughter. Eventually, Koerner gave the eggs to her father.

Bollinger collected the eggs from nests in the Sharon area, east of Beloit. Gordee estimated the eggs to be 100 years old. "Most of the eggs are intact and only a few appear cracked or broken," the Journal article states.

The boxes containing the eggs are as remarkable as the collection itself, Marks says. At one time they contained chewing gum "guaranteed to improve a person's hand at cards," the package states.

"The collection is unique," Marks says. "With the combination of the eggs, which can't be legally collected any more, and these unusual boxes, it could be quite valuable."

Memoir is professor's candid account of life, wife and family

Excerpted from a story by Trudy Stewart for the Stevens Point Journal

Don't expect a recitation of his views on religion and politics if you pick up Dan Houlihan's book, *"I Love You," I said*. "That's nice," she replied.

Do expect a candid and personal—if outspoken—memoir about his life and that of his wife, Audrey, and their almost 54 years together. Oh yes, and about their 10 children, Colleen, '69; Daniel; Michael; Brendan; Maureen Ebel, '84, master's '97; Sean, '94; Patrick, '81; Audrey Schmeeckle, '78; Shannon, '84, and Tamas, '85.

"Not that any of it is earth shattering," says Houlihan, associate professor emeritus of communication. "But, if I didn't write it, then it's gone."

He says he's always liked telling stories—stories about family, stories about The War, stories about teaching, child rearing, sports, racism, Red Devine . . . and, people kept telling him that he should write a book.

"It got me to thinking," he says. "I had all these stories I was always telling everybody.

. . . I started writing furiously.

"Sometimes, I think of things that happened in my life and family and it bugs me until I get it down on paper."

Not that he's new to writing or shy about sharing his opinions. Houlihan has been a regular contributor to the *Stevens Point Journal's* "Letters to the Editor" for a number of years and established the news bureau at UWSP.

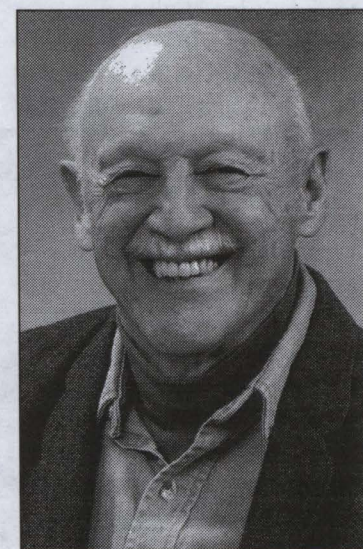
On the back cover, local author Roy Menzel writes, "Reading the Houlihan book is a lot of fun. . . . His short sketches catch the spirit of the colorful people (including family members) who touched his life. It's really an unusual Irish love story."

And love story it is, though definitely not a romance. In the dedication, Houlihan singles out Audrey who, he writes, "allowed me to create the substance of my life." The last five words of the book are: "To my sweetheart, my beloved."

"Anybody who sticks with you for 54 years, well, it really is unbelievable," he says. "She's a remarkable lady."

"I Love You," I said, is published by Houlihan and printed by Palmer Publica-

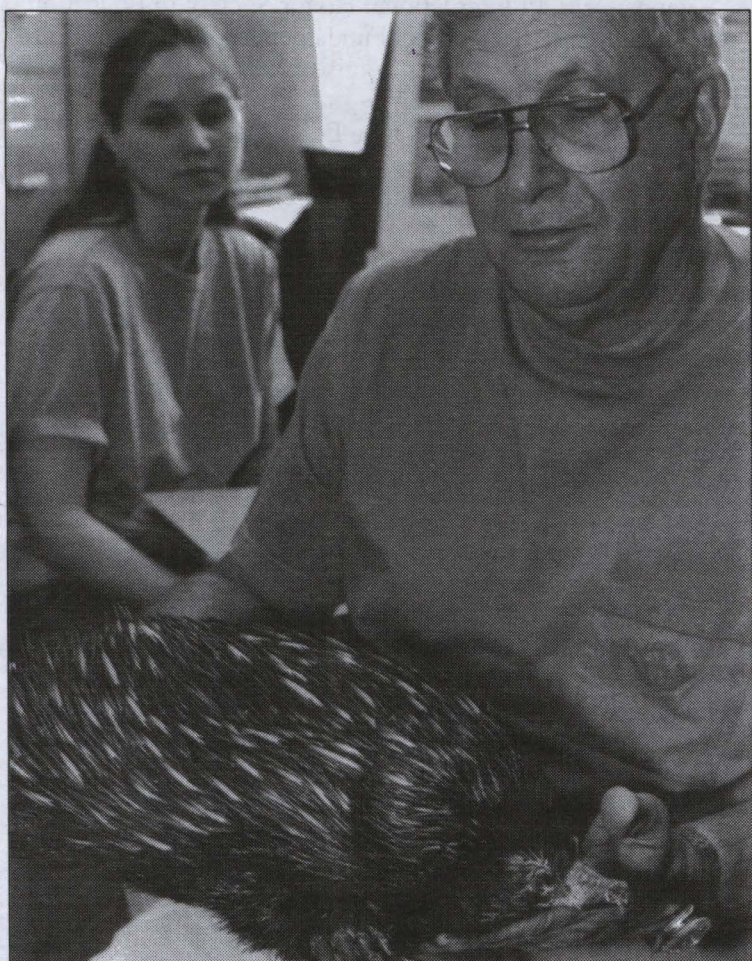
tions of Amherst. It's available in Stevens Point area bookstores at \$15.95. A portion of the book's proceeds will be donated to the Portage County Public Library.



Dan Houlihan

Houlihan wants people to have some enjoyment from his labors.

"I hope they get some laughs," he says. "Really, I hope that when they get done [reading the book], they like me. Because, as radical as I am politically and religiously, I really want people to like me."



When Charles Long, emeritus professor of biology, and his wife, Claudine, were co-leaders of the semester abroad program to the South Pacific, Charles presented a lecture at the Royal Scientific Society of New South Wales in Sydney. There he met Trish Ennis of the Australian Museum. After he visited there on several occasions, Ennis promised to send the UWSP mammal collection a specimen of the unusual egg-laying spiny echidna. Recently she sent two specimens. The echidna shares at least seven characteristics with reptiles besides laying eggs. However, it is a mammal and is related to the famous Australian platypus. Its mammary glands are so primitive they lack nipples and the egg and young are carried within a pouch, but it is not a marsupial. If there are other specimens of echidnas in museums in this region closer than the Field Museum in Chicago, Long doesn't know of them. He is pleased that one of the specimens has a complete skeleton, a welcome addition to the UWSP's nationally accredited mammal collection.

Volunteers get into the ACT

UWSP students give time and service to help tutor area youngsters, assist the developmentally disabled at the Stevens Point Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, bring companionship to seniors at the Portage County Health Care Center, run blood drives and raise money for civic organizations.

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT), a student volunteer service-learning program, sponsored the efforts. Last year more than 1,200 students contributed 8,677 hours of community service to 41 agencies, 21 schools and 90 service programs in Stevens

Point and Portage County, according to Laura R. Kethcum-Ciftci, assistant director of student involvement.

"ACT continues to play a positive role in the community," said Kethcum-Ciftci. "Our students are performing much needed services throughout the area."

For the past two years, ACT's Alternative Spring Break program sent nine students to San Antonio, Texas, where they volunteered at a local food bank, a homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity and other projects.

ACT has four core programs: tutoring, individual

volunteering, the Hunger CleanUp and community group projects. Last year, 578 volunteered with the Stevens Point area tutor program. During the Hunger CleanUp last April, 246 students raised \$2,463 for the National Campaign to Fight Hunger and Homelessness and Operation Bootstrap. In addition, 318 students took part in community group projects.

Funded by Student Government, ACT has grown from 56 students and six volunteer programs in 1977 to its current numbers.

Students help with homework

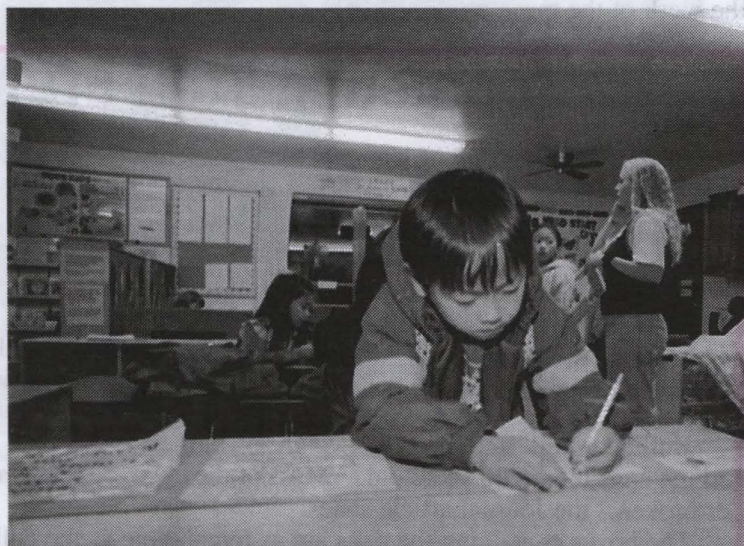
The Homework Center is a volunteer project established and run by UWSP students to help residents of public housing with their schoolwork.

Operated by two student coordinators, the group has 34 tutors assigned through the Association of Community Tasks (ACT), UWSP's volunteer service learning program.

Begun six years ago by a UWSP sociology student intern in response to community concerns, The Homework Center is entirely a volunteer effort, supported through grants, award monies and community donations of materials. Students using the center's services range in age from kindergarten to seniors in high school. As many as 50 students come in for assistance when the center is open on Tuesday through Thursday evenings.

Volunteer coordinators Alicia Roth, Oshkosh, and Stephanie Shong, Pewaukee, both elementary education majors, recruit and supervise tutors, manage the operations and work with local educators to determine student needs.

The facility, which has shared space with a variety of other projects at the Madison



Stevens Point students hit the books at The Homework Center with the help of several UWSP student volunteers, including Stephanie Shong, a senior elementary education major from Pewaukee.

View Family Center, now has "a place of its own" with improved study space and added computers. This fall, tutors were trained by local educator Miriam Meeks, '75, an English as a second language teacher at Grant School. She also has assisted the center staff in selecting materials and interpreting the district school curriculum.

In past years, the center has been recognized with the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, President's Youth Service Awards for five consecutive years and the

Roseann Willett DeBot Award of Excellence given by the Portage County Association of Volunteer Administrators.

"This is an award winning cooperative effort that benefits both the community and our students," said Chancellor Tom George. "Working through UWSP's active ACT program, our education students receive hands-on experience and local elementary and secondary students are helped to achieve more self-confidence and success in the classroom."

Students bring books to youths

Some weekday mornings, several UWSP students are getting up extra early to read – not their textbooks, but children's books to local youngsters in before school programs.

The students are volunteers with the Think Smart literacy program, which hopes to increase the reading skills of the 175 students in before and after school programs at seven Stevens Point area elementary schools and the YMCA.

Think Smart was created by the Confederacy of UWSP Literacy Tutors (CULT), a student organization based at the Tutoring-Learning Center on campus. The literacy program got a boost last year when it received \$1,100 from Chancellor Tom George for children's books and supplies.

"The individual literacy tutoring provided to students in Portage County is a wonderful service," George said. "The college students who tutor are gaining invaluable hands-on experience teaching literacy in the public school setting. As long as we have willing volunteers and needy students I hope that we'll be

able to find resources for the project."

Think Smart hopes to reach children who don't get read to often, according to Andy Pech, vice-president of CULT and creator of Think Smart.

"The kids just love it," he said. "I was surprised at how much they liked us reading to them. It's amazing that even a sixth grader will sit and listen. Some then want to read to us and to the other kids. Then more and more kids are drawn into the group."

"What's nice about Think Smart is that we have had a lot of students wanting to do something in the community," said Pech. "They are using what they've learned in college and can implement their own ideas – they decide how to run their program."

Besides the before and after school reading, a few Think Smart volunteers are going into P.J. Jacobs Junior High to teach older students how to write their own books. The junior high students will share their books with elementary students, Pech said, bringing students of all ages together.

Honor society seeks support for RIF

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education is raising money for Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) week, April 18-24. The society's goal is to raise \$1,500 for use in Stevens Point and Plover area schools.

Last April members of Kappa Delta Pi across the country, in conjunction with RIF, spent 630 hours reading to children and donated 2,600 books, with 5,000 children benefiting from their efforts.

This year UWSP's chapter will be contacting area businesses for RIF donations through April 11. Interested persons or businesses wishing to donate to RIF, should contact Henry St. Maurice at (715) 346-2440 or visit UWSP's Kappa Delta Pi Web site (www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/kdp/index.htm).

Student work is "Labor of Love"

Hundreds of incoming students volunteer for an annual fall cleanup day sponsored by University Housing each Labor Day.

Last fall's "Labor of Love" brought more than 250 freshman and residential living personnel to locations in the Stevens Point area for various projects.

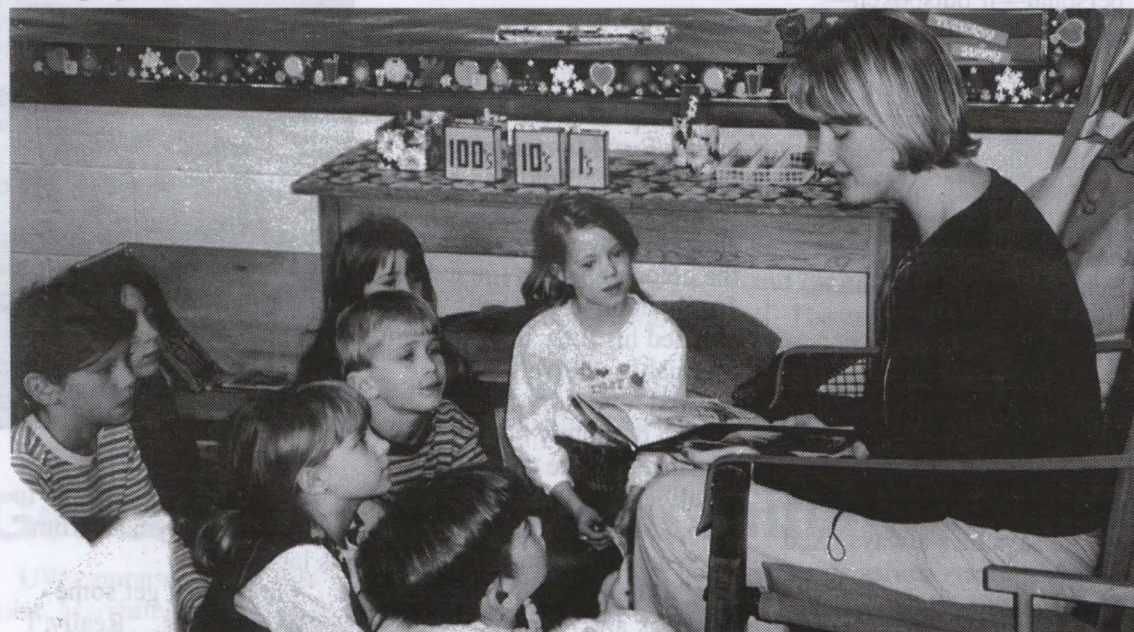
Students work in groups led by residence hall student leaders. This year they did cleanup tasks at the Portage County Humane Society, Community Action Program offices, Goodwill, the Peace Lutheran Center near campus, several local parks and First Home, among others. They also held a car wash at County Market.

"The students who worked really enjoyed getting out and helping in the community and I heard from several of the sites where we worked that they were very pleased as well," says Christel Ryder, South Hall manager, who oversaw this year's project. "This program is really a neat way to start a new school year, putting students in partnership with the community."

After their hard work, volunteers were served a picnic lunch with prizes donated by area businesses.

Students signed up for "Labor of Love" during summer orientation. Participants enjoyed the experience, according to Matt Young, last year's coordinator. They are able to meet new friends and become acquainted with the city.

Anyone with a project for next year's laborers can call University Housing at (715) 346-3511.



Student athletes at UWSP are making a difference in local elementary schools. Now in its third year, the Athlete Reading program brings about 50 male and female athletes and athletic trainers to Washington, McDill, McKinley and Madison elementary schools in Stevens Point. "Young people can make the connection between athletics and the value of a good education," says UWSP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien. "At UWSP we work to instill in our student athletes the notion that they are role models for young people." According to O'Brien, the department hopes the program grows beyond the four elementary schools to reach even more young people. "Our feedback from the community has been nothing but positive," continued O'Brien. "Athleticism and scholarly pursuit can go hand-in-hand and the good news is that area students encounter these role models right in their own back yard."

Schedule for 1999 reunion weekend

For all graduates before 1955
Invitations will be mailed in April

Friday, June 4

Lunch/Tours of Campus

Noon to 1 p.m. - Lunch
1 to 3 p.m. - Comprehensive driving/walking tour of academic buildings, residence halls, Old Main, student centers

Opening Cocktail Reception

5 to 7 p.m., Founder's Room, Old Main
Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, displays
\$5 per person includes one drink and hors d'oeuvres

Dutch Treat Dinner

7 p.m., Reservations made at a local restaurant

All people pay on their own

Saturday, June 5

Registration/Hospitality

9:30 a.m., Alumni Room, UC
Continental breakfast, videos, displays, alumni apparel for sale, centennial quilt

Welcome Ceremony

11:15 a.m., Alumni Room, UC
Singing of the "Purple and the Gold"
Addresses by: UWSP Chancellor, Student Government Association, Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation representatives

Introduction of the Class of '49

11:45 a.m., Introductions and short biographical sketch of each class member

Reunion Champagne Brunch

12:15 p.m., Wright Lounge, UC
Class photo taken, toast by participants, brunch conversation

Reunion Program

2 p.m., Alumni Room, UC
The Grad Years - 1949
Video presentation
Reminiscence by the Class of '49 and other participants

Hospitality

3 p.m., Alumni Room, UC
Punch and cookies

Peace Continued from page 1

"The photo turned out pretty well. It cost me a little bit (more than \$100), but I figured it's a once-in-a-lifetime sort of thing, so why not do it," Pagels added.

"Kurt took the photograph on Monday, Dec. 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. It is really kind of fitting when you think about it. If only the Japanese would have seen something like this while en route to Hawaii.

"My dad (Kenneth, who died in August 1994 at age 71) lost his closest friend, his brother, Howard, in 1945. He died on Luzon Island, the

Philippines, during World War II.

"I wish they both could see the PEACE field," he said. "But it faces toward the heavens, so maybe they can. They were both farmers and enjoyed working the ground, so I think they would appreciate the artwork. I hope others appreciate it, too, and follow the message. Maybe we can have 'peace on Earth.'"

He likened the wavy lines under his PEACE message to "the wings of a dove, without getting too fancy. Then I just circled around and plowed up the rest of the field."

Hundreds fly to see "peace field"

People reported that the "peace field" message improved their spirits from as far away as Costa Rica and Washington State.

In an editorial in the Dec. 30 edition of the *Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*, Pagels efforts were praised. The article reports that Pagels received phone calls and letters from all over the U.S. and the world after the picture and story were picked up by *Associated Press*. Even Governor Thompson sent a note, saying "You send a very special message that touches the hearts of those who see and learn of it," the *Tribune* says.

In addition, people from the area showed a great deal of interest in the field. After the photograph and story about the "peace field" appeared in the *Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune* on Dec. 10 and was reprinted in the *Stevens Point Journal* on

Dec. 11, Kurt Gross and Donna Adamczak of Wings aircraft charter company began offering airplane rides to see the field. Response to the offer was beyond their expectations, Adamczak says.

The two pilots flew 235 people in 70 flights on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13, and Saturday, Dec. 19, Gross reports.

"It was the spring-like weather that made the flights so popular," Adamczak says. On Sunday, Dec. 20, the field was covered with snow, so there will be no more opportunities to see the field until spring—if it survives the winter, Gross says.

Pagels finally did take a ride into the sky to look at his handiwork when a crew from KSTP-TV in St. Paul, Minn., convinced him to go up with them in a helicopter. They photographed the field for a spot on the station's Christmas night news cast.

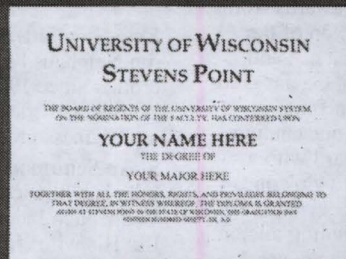
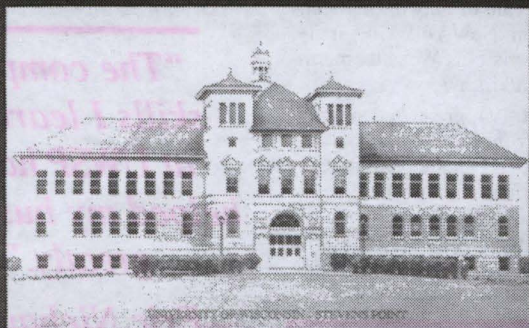
Have you had yourself framed?

Do you know where your UWSP diploma is? Is it in a box in the attic or tucked away in a file drawer?

How about displaying it in an attractive frame?

The UWSP Alumni Association and Milestone Designs of Madison offer a 16 by 20 inch frame designed especially for your diploma. Milestone Designs is co-owned by Ray Steiner, '92. The black or gold frames are easy to assemble and will beautifully display your UWSP diploma.

You may order your diploma frame directly from Milestone Designs. Send check or money order for \$75 for the black frame that comes with a single purple mat, or \$85 for the gold frame that comes with a double purple and gold mat, plus \$7 for shipping and handling to: Milestone Designs, P.O. Box 45242, Madison, WI 53744.



Julie Lassa proud to represent 71st District

Last fall, in a four-way contest to represent the 71st Assembly District in the Wisconsin Legislature, Julie Lassa, '93, won a convincing victory. As the newest UWSP alum to take her place in the State Legislature, the Pointer Alumnus took this opportunity to get to know her better.

"When I think of Stevens Point and the 71st Assembly District, I think of people who work hard every day to provide for themselves and their families," Representative Lassa says. "I feel fortunate to have grown up in a community with such a strong work ethic and value of family. I am proud to be able to represent this area in the State Assembly."

Lassa is a lifelong resident of Central Wisconsin. The 71st Assembly District includes parts of Portage and Waushara counties, including Stevens Point, Plainfield and

Amherst. The previous holder of this legislative seat, Bill Murat, was also an alumnus of UWSP.

"I am proud to be able to represent this area in the State Assembly," Lassa

Lassa believes that the biggest issue facing UWSP and other universities in the state is funding.

"In recent years the legislature has made the Department of Corrections its number one priority, forcing higher education to take a back seat. This has meant that classes and services for students have been cut while tuition increases have put college out of reach for some. Keeping our communities safe is important, but it is just as important for people to receive a good education that will help them be successful. The legislature must return to the 'Wisconsin Idea' and make education a top priority once again."

She hopes that graduates of UWSP will take the responsibility to be active voices in their communities and become advocates for higher education.

"It is up to us to make sure that our children have

"I am proud to be able to represent this area in the State Assembly."
- Lassa

the same opportunity to receive a good solid education," Lassa says.

UWSP was an early governing force in her life. Two individuals that had an impact on her career are Tim Siebert, '73, of Stevens Point, and Richard Christofferson of

UWSP's political science department.

"Mr. Siebert first got me interested in politics at Stevens Point Area Senior High School, through his class on American foreign policy," she says. "I found the mechanics of government fascinating and from then on I knew my career was in public service."

Christofferson was the adviser for UWSP College Democrats when Lassa served as president of that organization. "He helped me develop my political ideals and to this day I still seek out his advice and counsel," she says.

An important change in focus for her came during her senior year, when she took a class with Professor Ed Miller. The course included an internship with the Village of Plover, an experience that piqued her interest in local and state government. After

graduation she continued to work for the village and was appointed as a supervisor on the

Town of Dewey Board.

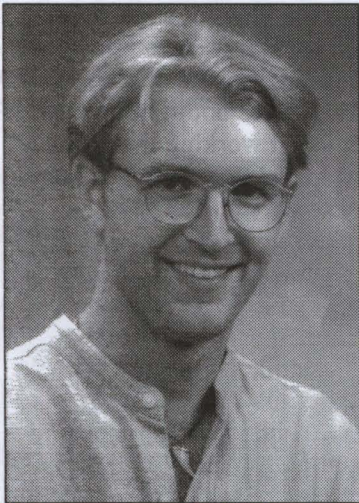
"These experiences gave me a good background to pursue a career in state government and run for elected office," Lassa says.

Her double major in political science and public administration immersed her in classes dealing with government from her freshman year on. She continues to build on that foundation as a State Representative and as she pursues a master's degree at UW-Madison.



Julie Lassa

1990s



Jesse Messerschmidt, '98, is a public information officer for UWSP News Services, writing press releases, class notes and feature articles for the *Sundial*, *Pointer Alumnus* and the general press. He plans on moving to the West Coast in the fall to pursue a career in film screenwriting and technical writing.

Matt Welter, '98, Bayfield, is an academic/avocational program assistant with the 21st Century After School Program for the Bayfield School District. He played a lighthouse keeper in the "Lighthouses of the Great Lakes" episode of the *Legendary Lighthouses* series. He is planning a career in community-based environmental education.

Rebecca Leick, '98, Greenleaf, is a graphic designer for the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR).

Jenny Baeseman, '98, is a research and teaching assistant for the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, where she plans to continue her education.

Nicole Proulx, '97, Alexandria, Va., became the subscription representative at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts after an internship in the press office of the National Symphony Orchestra.

Heather Duesselmann, '97, teaches English as a second language in kindergarten through sixth grade at Schofield Elementary. She resides in Schofield with her husband, **Tom Burke**, '92.

Heather Kaiser, '97, received her master's degree from UW-La Crosse last May. She is continuing her studies there for certification and a provisional school psychology license.

Erin Heep, '97, is earning a graduate degree at Iowa State University in Ames. She helps conduct fern research in the biology department and works as a graduate teaching assistant.

Lisa Roth, '97, Palmdale, Calif., teaches fourth grade at Lake Los Angeles School in Pearblossom, Calif., along with fellow alumni **Jered Severt**, '98, **Greg Wagoner**, '98, and **Joel Liedke**, '98, in the Keppel Union School District.

Michelle Widmer, '97, is teaching several group exercise classes in the corporate fitness center of Becton Dickinson's world headquarters in Franklin Lakes, N.J.

Tony Ross, '98, works for Jersey Films, Danny DeVito's production company in Hollywood, Calif., as a production assistant, writing coverage for the story department. Ross recently visited the set of *Man on the Moon*, starring Jim Carrey, and had the opportunity to stand in on a few scenes.

Stephanie Michael, '97, Elgin, Ill., is a community service officer for the Algonquin Police Department. She is planning a career in law enforcement.

Gina (Jacquart) Thorsen, '97, is the program associate for Young Audiences of Greater Dallas, and currently lives in Lewisville, Texas, with her husband.

Christina Wondergem, '97, fulfilled a childhood dream working as the summer naturalist for the Sanderling Nature Center in the Kohler-Andrae State Park. Wondergem says she chose to earn her bachelor's degree in wildlife biology at UWSP because of the school's reputation for environmental education.



Erin Silva, '96, earned a master's degree and is currently pursuing a doctorate at Washington State University at Pullman.

Eden Koljard, '96, is forestry education coordinator for the Wisconsin Forest Resources Education Alliance. Previously, she worked for the forest service in Rhineland and the Montana National Resources Convention Service in Bozeman, Mont.

Paul Lin-Easton, '96, Honolulu, is studying at the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law, where he received the Pacific Asian Legal Studies Scholarship.

Berkley Cameron, '96, graduated from Mercy Medical School last May, and is now the sonographer of cardiac diagnostic ultrasound at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa.

Heidi Meudt, '96, is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Texas, Austin. Meudt married Mauricio Lopez, a Chilean freelance translator she met while studying abroad as an undergraduate at UWSP.

Kimberly (Landrath) Piette, '96, is a fourth grade cognitive disorders teacher for the Milwaukee Public Schools. She and her husband, Marty, live in Milwaukee.

Veronica (Block) Campbell, '96, teaches family and consumer education for Clintonville High School. She and her husband, John, live in Cecil. Their daughter, Mariah, enrolled at UWSP last fall.

Mark Dwyer, '96, is the horticulturist and landscape manager at Rotary Gardens, Janesville. He previously worked as a grounds horticulturist at Fernwood Botanic Gardens in Niles, Mich.

April Demler, '96, became the first female game warden for Calumet County last fall. She previously worked with the boat patrol program and as a part-time police officer in Polk County and served as a special conservation warden for Clark County.



Tracey Moen-Kunze, '95, is the small business banker at Firststar in Stevens Point. The Ambassadors Club of the Portage County Business Council named her as an ambassador for the second quarter of 1998. She has been a committee volunteer with the council since 1997.

Lori (Kruger) Gauerke, '95, was awarded the "Rookie of the Year" award for most sales as an Aid Association for Lutherans sales associate. Gauerke is currently the manager of the Wisconsin Rapids Check 'n Go. She and her husband, Alan, live in Wisconsin Rapids.

Rebecca (Greenwell) Kaegi, '95, Waukesha, is the graphics manager for the Public Affairs Office at Carroll College. She was formerly creative services coordinator for the Alliance for Children and Families in Milwaukee. Her husband, **Dennis**, '96, is the network coordinator at Waukesha Bearings.

Todd Konop, a UWSP student scheduled to graduate last year, was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in 1997.

A computer lab manager and computer information systems student, Konop had to leave UWSP 11 credits short of graduation because of his illness. Chemotherapy and surgery at the University of Wisconsin Hospital failed to control the disease, so after consulting the Mayo Clinic and Dr. Paul Koch at Green Bay Oncology Ltd., he received a bone marrow transplant in Seattle in April 1998.

Konop's parents, Tom and Dorothy, are dairy farmers in Denmark. They are pursuing Medicaid coverage for some of his transplant costs, but fund-raisers have been needed to help with expenses. Donations can be made to the Todd Konop Cancer Fund, Denmark State Bank, P.O. Box 130, Main Street, Denmark, WI, 54208.

Kristin Sorensen, '95, New York, N.Y., is a strategic planner for Jordan McGrath Case and Partners, an advertising agency in New York. Her fiancé, **Peter Campisi**, '96 master's, is a senior account executive for Ruder Finn, a public relations agency in New York.

Stefanie Sprester, '95, Los Angeles, Calif., is regional sales manager for Virgin Records.

Lisa Frymark, '95, is an administrative assistant and public relations assistant at Laughlin/Constable of Milwaukee, one of the top 100 advertising agencies in the nation.

Mel Paquin, '94, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical College. Paquin intends to practice in Arizona.

Kirk Miller, '94, New York, N.Y., is the assistant manager of product support at France Telecom. He has a master's degree in linguistics from Arizona State University at Tempe and a certificate of networking technologies from New York University. Friends can visit his Website, members.aol.com/kirkny/.

Jon Hewett, '94, graduated summa cum laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic in October. He practices in Eldridge, Iowa, where he lives with his wife, Tracy. Upon completing many years of schooling, Hewett says he plans to relax before he begins making his millions.

Both **Aric Bacon**, '94, and **Troy Runge**, '92, received Student of the Year awards from the Alumni Association of the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Atlanta, Ga., at graduation ceremonies in June. Bacon received the outstanding master's student award with a check for \$1,000 and a plaque. Runge received the outstanding doctoral student award with a \$1,500 check and a plaque. Runge also received the Student of the Year award as a master's degree student in 1995.

Julie (Block) Socha, '94, Wautoma, is the associate technical writer for Alliance Laundry Systems in Ripon. Her husband, **Robert**, '95, is a crew leader at Del Monte Foods in Plover. They have one son.

Joanne (Kostuk) Wachholder, '94, Falls Church, Va., earned her master's degree from Michigan State University in 1997. She was married in March 1998 and works for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as an environmental biologist.

Jim Kleinhans, '94, is editor of the Arcadia News-Leader. Kleinhans has 14 years experience in newspaper positions throughout Wisconsin, several years' experience in waste management and natural resource programs and holds teaching certificates in Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

Brenda Ertl, '93, Merrill, received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary last May and served a yearlong internship at Peace Lutheran Church. In January, she was installed in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Harrisville and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Westfield. She and her husband have two children.

Jim Ritchie, '93, is municipal stormwater permit coordinator for the Wisconsin DNR southeast region. He resides in Waukesha with his wife, Tonia.

Steve Schwarze, '93, earned his doctorate in molecular genetics at UW-Madison and has accepted a Howard Hughes post-doctoral fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine. He does research at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Division of Molecular Oncology.

Peter Valitchka, '93, Appleton, is a human resource generalist for Anchor Food Products and was selected for the U.S. Army Reserve Drill Sergeant Academy. He also was the first Wisconsin native to participate in the American Lung Association's "Climb for Clean Air." He climbed to the summit of Mount Rainier to raise more than \$5,700.

Sheila (Pyan) Tabaka, '93, earned her master's degree from Minnesota State University in Mankato and is an assistant professor of theater at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn. She and her husband, Jim, have one child.

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—Eric Niehaus '93

Eric Nienhaus, '93, Burlington, has run Neinhaus Plumbing with his brother since 1993. "The computer skills I learned at UWSP have helped my business greatly," he says.

Steve Schumacher, '93, Goshen, Ind., is a district sales manager for Winnebago Industries in Forest City, Ill. His wife, **Julie (Beekman)**, '95, is a math teacher at Concord Junior High School in Elkhart, Ind.

Travis Hilliard, '93, Sauk City, is a school liaison officer for the Sauk Prairie Police Department. He is working to become the first Sauk Prairie officer on the county emergency response SWAT team.

Douglas "Gus" Smith, '92, is an assistant professor of biology at Northland College, the campus where he earned a master's degree. He received a doctorate from the University of New Hampshire-Durham, taught courses at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and did research in New England.

Joseph Dean, '92, Beaverton, Ore., works for Intel Corp. He earned a master's degree from Florida State University. His wife, **Nicole (Kuntz)**, '95, works in the publications department of Western Bank, writing manuals and creating electronic and printed forms. They have one son.

Jennifer (Waniger) Endries, '92, is an interpreter and trainer for the Mexico division at Schneider National in Green Bay. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Green Bay.

Sarah Sprede, '92, Bloomington, Minn., is program director of the Learning and Academic Skills Center in the University Counseling and Consultation Services Center at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. She earned her master's degree and doctorate at UW-Milwaukee.

Chris Hanson, '92, is a public health prevention specialist in a three year fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. Hanson will have two six-month assignments at CDC followed by a two-year placement in a state or local health department.

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Information on organizations and activities while you were on campus: (clubs, athletics, Greeks, etc.) No abbreviations please.

Mail information to: UWSP Alumni Association, 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or fax (715) 346-2042 or toll free, 1-877-POINT01. An e-mail form is also available on our Internet home page at: (<http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni>).

1990s

Kristin Gjerdsen, '91, Milwaukee, is an assistant professor of art at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Her work was shown at exhibits in California and Massachusetts in 1997. Last February two of her landscape drawings were accepted into the "Paper in Particular" exhibition at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo.

John Johnson, '91, is the assistant men's basketball coach, recruiting coordinator and Wisconsin admission counselor for Saint Mary's University, Winona, Minn. Previously, he was assistant women's basketball coach at Silver Lake College, Manitowoc. Johnson was an assistant men's basketball coach at UWSP from 1988 to 1992. He has one child.

Peter Serena, '91, Streamwood, Ill., recently earned a master's degree at Northeastern Illinois University and has taught biology at Maine West High School for more than seven years. He and his wife, **Peggy (Studzinski)**, '93, have three children.



▲ **Kathleen Theisen**, '91, Wellesley, Mass., is director of choral activities at Dana Hall School in Wellesley. She earned her master's degree from UW-Madison. She was a choral director and soprano soloist for the first annual Madison Choral Music Festival.

Christine (Bauer) Komosa, '91, Madison, is an interior designer at Marshall Erdman and Associates in Madison. She recently received certification from the National Council for Interior Design. Her husband, **John**, '91, is employed at Virchow Krause and Co. in Madison. He is certified as a professional in human resources and earned his master's degree from UW-Madison.

Darla (Faken) Heder, '91, Greenfield, is a systems analyst for Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley in Milwaukee. She and her husband, Kevin, were married in 1997.

Cristina Macaluso, '91, earned a master's degree from Midwestern University in Downer's Grove, Ill. As a physician's assistant, she provides comprehensive family care at Eagle Medical Center.

Steven Galbraith, '90, is field and wastewater treatment manager at AVICO U.S.A., a French fry manufacturer based in Holland. He and his wife live in Jamestown, N.D.

Cynthia Bonde, master's '90, New Holstein, is director of the Lakeshore Technical College Instructional Design and Innovation Center. She earned a doctorate from UW-Madison.

Susan Reetz, '90, master's '98, was awarded a Bronze World Medal at the New York International Film Festival. Her entry into the Guidance and Counseling category was a video entitled "Gangs—Broken Promises," which was part of her thesis project at UWSP.



1980s

Chuck Revak, '89, is the Department of Natural Resources water management specialist for Polk and Barron counties. Previously he was with the Minnesota DNR.

Joe Van de Hey, '89, Boscobel, is superintendent of the Department of Natural Resources F.G. Wilson Nursery in Boscobel.

Mark Williams, '88, Iola, oversees the advertising and editorial functions of the toys and comics division of Krause Publications.



Photo by Cynthia Kelman

Doug Moore, '89, right, co-produced "A World of Agates" with Don Kelman. The 45-minute slide program won the Four Star Award for best educational presentation at the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual convention. Moore is a natural resources instructor and a photographer for UWSP News Services.

Margaret (Marg) Conard, '88, is a band teacher for the Wausau School District and is working on her master's degree at UWSP. She plays horn and trumpet with the Central Wisconsin and Wausau Symphony Orchestras and at various churches and community groups. She lives in Mosinee with her husband, Floyd.

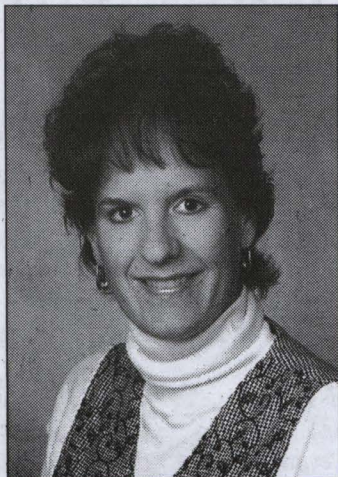
Rhonda Kirton, '88, Mount Albert, Ontario, moved to Canada in 1992 and graduated from Toronto's York University in 1994. Working at home, she balances caring for her twin daughters with her business, Dreamcatchers Graphics and Design. She misses UWSP and Schmeckle Reserve and still wears her UWSP sweatshirt. She would like to hear from her Thompson Hall friends. She can be reached by phone (905) 473-9714 or e-mail (kayak@sympatico.ca).

Mark Grunenwald, '88, Madison, enjoyed exploring abroad after college. He visited 28 countries in the Middle East, Europe and South America, and has lived in Turkey, Poland, Hungary and Brazil. His wife, Haiying, is from China.

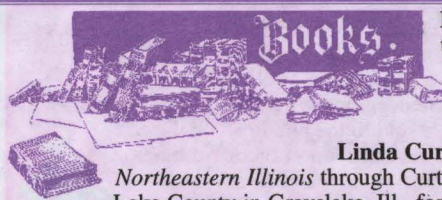
Jason Tishler, '87, Olympia, Wash., is a salesperson for Briggs Nursery, one of the largest and oldest wholesale nurseries in Washington. He sells plant tissue cultures and rooted cuttings in the U.S. and abroad.

Larry Nelson, '87, is a medical writer and editor for ProED Communications, Beachwood, Ohio. He and his wife, Anne, live in Novelty, Ohio, with their Siberian huskies.

Tom Charlesworth, '87, Whiting, is chief photographer for the Wisconsin Rapids *Daily Tribune*. He previously worked as a staff photographer for the *Stevens Point Journal* for 10 years.



▲ **Amy (Jablonowski) Knox**, '85, is a recruiter at Olsten Staffing Services in downtown Milwaukee. She also has worked at Cardinal Stritch College and at UW-Milwaukee.

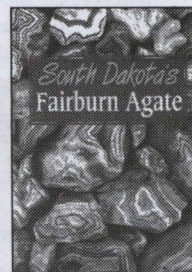


Books

Linda Curtis, '62, Lake Villa, Ill., recently self-published *Aquatic Plants of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill.*, for the past seven years. She also taught at Lake Forest College in Illinois after earning her master's degree at UW-Milwaukee.

Arlene Bourgeois Molzahn, '69, wrote *Top 10 American Women Sprinters* published by Enslow Publishers, Springfield, N.J., and a children's book, *The Goat Who Wouldn't Come Home*, through Seedling Publishers, Columbus, Ohio. A retired Ashwaubenon teacher, she also wrote a book about the Green Bay Packers that is due out in April through Enslow. She plans to continue writing for Enslow's history department.

Roger Clark, '63, wrote *South Dakota's Fairborne Agate* about the state's gemstone. He details the agate's formation and origin as he relates his 22 years of research and exploration through the grasslands, badlands and Black Hills. The book features high quality color photographs from many agate collections. It provides fascinating information about Southwestern South Dakota for both the dedicated rockhound and the occasional visitor.



Timothy Olp, '86, Green Bay, is an assistant vice president and loan servicing manager at First Northern Savings Bank. He was recently the Northeastern Wisconsin chair for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin telethon. He and his wife, Tina, have three sons. Tim looks forward to hearing from old friends and acquaintances through e-mail at: (TNTGB@aol.com).



▲ **Patricia Gasque**, '85, lecturer in biology and chemistry at UWSP, was among 10 faculty members nominated by students to appear in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Cindy (Brzezinski) Prior, '84, Oakdale, Minn., is a substitute teacher in the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District. She and her husband have a son and expect another child in April.

William Campbell, '84, Tucson, Ariz., presented a paper to the Arizona Hydrological Society's 11th Annual Symposium entitled "An Arizona Small Community Wellhead Protection Management Strategem." He hopes the paper will lead to a revised Arizona statute.

Ronald Gibb, '84, is senior vice president of strategic planning and corporate development for Medicis Pharmaceutical Corp., Phoenix, Ariz. Previously, he was vice president and division manager of Norwest Business Credit for the Norwest Corp.

Bob Willging, '83, was recently diagnosed with chronic leukemia. He has undergone extensive therapy and would enjoy hearing from friends and fellow alumni who have had similar experiences. He is district supervisor of animal damage control for the USDA. He and his wife have two children. They reside at: 3039 Crescent Road, Rhinelander, WI, 54501. A medical cost relief fund has been set up at Associated Bank in Rhinelander.

Howard Kunst, '83, Frisco, Texas, is chief actuary and vice president of Nobel Insurance in Dallas. His wife, **Kelly (Kolb)**, '91, is a vocal music director in Lewisville. Kelly won a Kohl fellowship in 1998 for her work at Pacelli High School in Stevens Point.

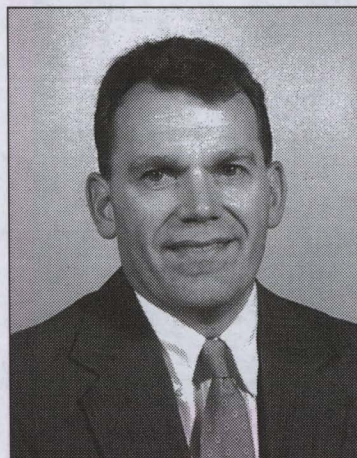
Kevin Kulas, '82, was promoted to general manager at the NAPA auto parts distribution center in Mount Vernon, Ill. His wife, **Krista (Kinney)**, '87, was a substitute teacher last year in Apple Valley and is now at home parenting their two children.

Theodore Schlafke III, '82, is vice president in charge of retail administration at M & I Mid-State Bank in Stevens Point. He and his wife have two children.

Ralph Lynch, '81, is assistant principal for Mount Horeb Middle School. He previously served as associate principal at Greendale High School, assistant principal at Sabish Junior High School in Fond du Lac and taught in Pewaukee and Spencer.

Al Wegner, '81, Colorado Springs, Colo., operates and manages a branch office for Mountain High Tree Service with fellow alumnus **John Thayer**, '96. In more than 16 years at Mountain High, they have had several UWSP interns and graduates work there. Wegner was a past president of the International Society of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter.

Toni Loch, '81, executive director of the Family Violence Center, received the 1998 Athena Award from the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. She was recognized for her leadership at the center and for helping to raise \$1.2 million for the Golden House shelter in 1993.



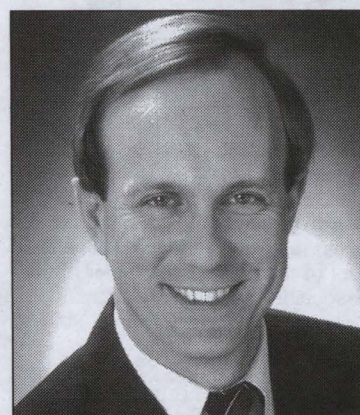
▲ **Kim Shockey**, '80, was a 1998 recipient of the Honeywell Lund Award for excellence in people development. He is finance manager of information systems applications services at the Micro Switch division of Honeywell Sensing and Control in Freeport, Ill., where he has worked since 1980.

Nancy Lind, '80, associate professor of political science at Illinois State University, was granted the Outstanding Professor Award for the College of Arts and Sciences. She serves as a director for the American Political Science Association's Undergraduate Education Board and the statewide Illinois Association of Graduate Programs in Public Administration.

Thomas Klismith, '80, owns and operates Klismith Accounting and Tax Group in Plover. His first wife, Jeanne, died in 1995 of breast cancer. He married Debra (Brilowski) Peterson in 1997 and they live in Plover with their four children.

1970s

Pam (Polson) Meddaugh, '79, Muskego, has been a flight attendant for Midwest Express Airlines for 11 years. She teaches piano and sings for weddings and special occasions. She and her husband, Steve, have two children. She encourages other music alumni to keep in touch through the *Pointer Alumnus* and suggests a reunion.

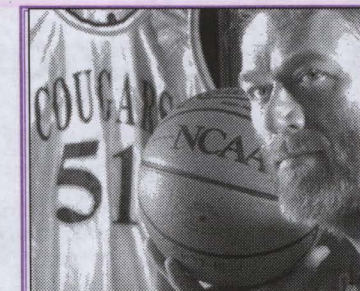


▲ **Spencer Prokop**, '78, Dallas, Texas, appeared as Henry Higgins in a recent production of *My Fair Lady* at the Granbury Opera House in Dallas.

Yinka Adedokun, '77, is the owner and operator of the African Hut restaurant at 1107 N. Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee. He started the restaurant in 1994 with his wife, Moji. In order to increase public awareness of Africa, the couple combine traditional meals with exhibitions and presentations about African life and food. He grew up as a member of the Yoruba tribe in Ibandan, Nigeria, before he came to the U.S. in 1972.

Joe Weigand, '76, Fort Wayne, Ind., owns Weigand Mortgage, Inc. He and his wife, Lana, have one son.

Joseph Baruffi, '76, is registrar of the Graham School of General Studies, the continuing education division of the University of Chicago. His doctoral dissertation, "Naval Warfare Operations in the Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean," has been submitted to Brill Academic Publishers for possible inclusion in its new series on ancient warfare. He lives in Harvard, Ill., but plans to relocate to Northwest Indiana.



John Klem, '75, joined the Navy in the late 1980's, returned home in 1989 then spent six years working as a logger and in a glass factory before returning to school to pursue an electronics degree. He is a 46-year-old freshman on the Cougar's men's basketball team at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids.

Col. Daniel Glodowski, '73, was recently promoted. During his 25-year career with the U.S. Army, he received his master's degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and has served stateside and overseas as company commander, finance and accounting officer, battalion commander, division comptroller and resource manager.

1970s

Rick Palmtag, '72, Greenfield, is vice president of Minserco and BMSI, subsidiaries of Bucyrus International in South Milwaukee. He has been company magazine editor, product and parts manager, manager of field service and sales and director of domestic subsidiary operations during his 24-year tenure.



▲ **Cynthia Bertsch**, '72, Fond du Lac, is the development research officer for Ripon College. She also is serving her second term as president of the Wisconsin chapter of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement.

Steven Doelder, '71, Racine, recently received his master's degree from Carthage College. He teaches chemistry at Washington Park High School in Racine.

Ron Grusy, '71, is a rehabilitation consultant with Beverly Healthcare of Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan. He married Lynn Wessner in 1998. He would love to hear from 1971 classmates of the School of Communicative Disorders. You can write at him at 1763 S. Belvoir Blvd., South Euclid, OH 44121.

Ted, '77, and **Mary Ellen Mitchell**, '78, Stevens Point, owners and operators of Mitchell Piano Works, have donated pianos to UWSP since 1993 through the Yamaha Campus Sampler Program. In this program, a Yamaha dealer furnishes a music department with new pianos to use for one year and then the pianos are sold to the public at a reduced price. Each year, the Mitchells set aside a portion of the funds raised from these sales to purchase a piano and donate it to the music department. They have donated five pianos in the past three years, valued at almost \$45,000. Anyone interested in receiving a notice of the sale can call the UWSP Music Department at (715) 346-3107.



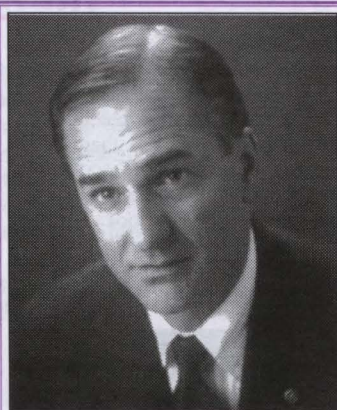
Douglas Paschen, '70, is vice president of business banking at FCB Corp., parent of Fox Cities Bank. He earned his master's degree from UW-Oshkosh, worked for 17 years with M & I Bank Fox Valley and was senior vice president of Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kaukauna.

1960s

Tom Hanson, '68, is the superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped (WSVH) in Janesville. He holds two master's degrees from Western Michigan University, a doctoral degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and did post-doctoral work at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. Hanson has been involved with rehabilitation services in Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana and Wisconsin. He taught at Cleveland State University and for 11 years at WSVH before his promotion to superintendent.

Peter Herrick, '68, retired from the Federal Communications Commission where he was managing director for program analysis and records management. Herrick says he is "taking it easy riding my Harley," in Falls Church, Va., where he lives with his wife, Robin.

Paul Baumgarten, '68, has been a junior high school band director in Willmar, Minn., for 26 years. His marching band appears yearly at Valley Fair. He and his wife, Jo, have two children.



Jon "Jack" LeDuc, '67, DePere, taught at St. Stephen's School in Stevens Point for two years. He then interned with U.S. Senators Nelson and Gravel and was an officer and instructor with the U.S. Capitol Police in Washington, D.C. He built two radio stations in Green Bay. LeDuc recently sold his second FM station in order to travel, write and work with poor and minority young people in the Green Bay area. "Had I not had the opportunity to gain the education, self confidence and great mentoring from Mark Cates, Helen Sigmund and many other university people, I can't imagine where I'd be," LeDuc says.

Cheryl (Howard) Vander Linden, '67, Plano, Texas, earned a master's degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in 1993 and recently finished another master's. She is employed as operations and human resources manager at a title insurance company in Dallas.

Jim Frelich, '66, is manager of new product development for The Scotts Co., developing products for golf courses and consumers. He and his wife, Mary, live in Salem, Ore.

Michael Mader, '65, Wisconsin Rapids, is a vice president at Consolidated Papers, Inc. In 1967, he began his career with Consolidated and in 1998 he moved from Chicago to the company's corporate headquarters in Wisconsin Rapids.

Dale Schallert, '60, a former assistant coach at UWSP, is a coach for Madison College in Verona. Schallert was hired last year to con-

struct The Storm's football and baseball programs from scratch.

1930s

Ced Vig, '33, Rhinelander, was named as one of M & I Bank's "Ten Most Admired Senior Citizens" in Wisconsin for his involvement with the American Association of Retired Persons. He serves as vice president in charge of programs for Northern Retirees and is involved with the Northland Historical Society, the Rhinelander Historical Society, the Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation, the Red Cross, and the Rhinelander Walk committee. Vig continues to write his weekly column, "Wisconsin Woodsmoke," which he began in *The Rhinelander Daily News* in 1960. Vig donated the \$2,500 he received with the award to the YMCA of the Northwoods.

Jonathan Schreiber, '66, is a supervisory soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service at the National Sedimentation Laboratory in Oxford, Miss. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Oxford.

Schreiber and other scientists at the laboratory design economical, environmentally sound management practices for farmers and landowners and encourage them to use alternative farming methods to improve water quality and ecology in the Mississippi Delta region. The upland region near the laboratory is one of the highest sediment producing areas of the U.S., making it an ideal location to study processes, control measures and prediction technology associated with water, erosion, sediment and agricultural chemicals. Much of the sediment leaving Delta fields is fine, causing water quality degradation as a contaminant itself and as a carrier of contaminants.

"This is an exciting project because we are looking at a complete watershed," Schreiber says.

Check out the service's Web site at: www.sedlab.olemiss.edu.

After receiving a doctorate at Oregon State University in 1971, Schreiber began work at the National Sedimentation Laboratory (NSL) in Oxford. He works in the ecology unit as a lead scientist for shallow groundwater quality research.

During his career, he has conducted research in environmental chemistry of forested ecosystems, in ground and surface water chemistry of conservation tillage systems and in phosphorus chemistry of flood detention reservoirs. He has worked with several scientists and a variety of disciplines at NSL and at other Agricultural Research Service locations, as well as with the USDA Forest Hydrology Laboratory. He has written numerous articles and has presented papers at national and international professional meetings. His contributions to the field of sediment chemistry have been recognized nationally by other soil and water scientists.



On Saturday, May 10, 1997, six members of Schmeckle's Four South Soaks held a reunion in Fond du Lac. Those present were Jean (Mancel) Young, '75; Deb (Miller) Patrenets, '76; Karrie (Kuckkan) Aleshire, '75; Cathy (Wifler) Marsh, '75; Terri Marks, '75; and Paula (Erickson) Stuebs, '75. They plan to meet again in May of 1999. Contact Cathy "Wiff" Marsh at 1211 Riverview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073, if you are interested in joining them.

Class rings available

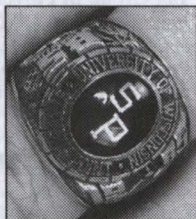
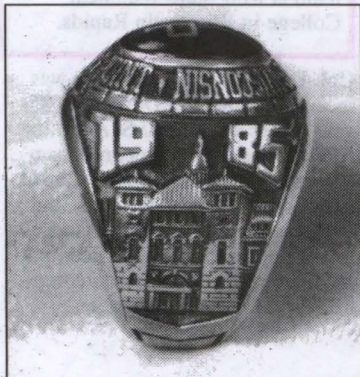
Jostens, well known for its class rings and yearbooks, can help you with a class ring, no matter what year you graduated from UWSP.

You can call Jostens directly to order a ring for any UWSP class at 1-800-854-7464. The ring most like the "standard" that has been available to UWSP graduates for 40 years is the "Curricu-

lum Oval Standard," Code S0130-061.

The name of the school is inscribed around the stone, with a torch, seal and degree initials on one side. Old Main and the graduation year are depicted on the other side. The letters "SP" can be encrusted on the stone for an extra charge.

Prices for the ring are \$441 for 10-karat gold, \$595 for 14 karat gold, \$756 for 18 karat gold, and \$238 for a silvery metal called lustrium. There is a charge of \$15 for dating the ring with a previous year and \$7 for shipping and applicable tax.



"KDG" expresses her life work

"People are noting a university logo on a license plate emblazoned with the letters "KDG" around Wisconsin Rapids.

If you see it, you'll know Margaret Polansky, master's '88, is in the neighborhood. But do you know what the letters mean? Polansky explains that it's an abbreviation for "kindergarten."

"I spent 40 years in kindergarten," she says. Except for a year of teaching in Lodi and two years in Green Bay, Polansky taught five-year-olds in Wisconsin Rapids schools until her retirement.

She purchased the UWSP logo plate to express support for her alma mater.

It has turned out to be a great conversation starter when she and her husband, Dick, travel to Arizona. Last time they were there, some former Wisconsinites greeted them when they

saw the UWSP logo.

University plates provide the option of a personalized message of up to six characters. A \$20 tax-deductible fee goes directly to a scholarship fund to help talented incoming students. There is an additional \$15 Wisconsin Department of Transportation fee. The two fees will be charged annually for personalized plates. For a logo plate without a personalized message, only the \$20 fee is charged each year, and that amount goes to the scholarship fund.

Applications for personalized plates can be picked up at local driver licensing stations, the Alumni Relations Office in Old Main or by calling the Department of Transportation Special Plates Unit at (608) 266-3041.

The plates are available for trucks and motor homes as well as for cars.

Bailiff runs marathons

From an article in the Stevens Point Journal by Scott Williams

John Bailiff is a glutton for punishment. He has competed in back-to-back Ironman Triathlons and, in each instance, barely made it home alive to tell about the experience.

The 63-year-old professor emeritus still didn't have enough, so he gave the Ironman another try this year. "The thing I love about the whole thing is training for it. Endurance training is just fun to me. The sensation of well-being you get training for this is magnified."

In 1996, Bailiff was unable to complete the grueling event that includes a two and one half mile-swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run when his knee locked up on him. He encountered more physical problems a year

ago, as a bout of hypoglycemia rendered him virtually unconscious over the final 18 miles of the run.

Disregarding the arthroscopic surgery he had three months prior to this year's competition, Bailiff still had several challenges to overcome during the competition, including a strong tidal surge on the swimming leg of the course and 40 and 50 mph wind gusts that made staying upright during the bicycle stage a challenge. "It was hairy out there," he said of the bicycle stage. "Finishing is a very important ingredient in a competition such as this."

Sounds like fun. Just ask Bailiff who will be back for more again next year.

1990s

Harry Prosser, '90, died of a heart attack at home in Friendship at age 58. He retired in 1978 after serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy. His wife, Dale, survives.

Barbara Epping, '90, Custer, died in October at age 46.

1980s

Kathleen (Spychalla) Cross, '80, died in a motorcycle accident in September at age 40. She was earning her master's degree at Viterbo College, La Crosse. She had been a first grade teacher at River Grove Elementary School in the Antigo Unified School District since 1980. She is survived by her husband, Richard, and their two children.

Jane Minell, '80, master's '82, St. Paul, died from complications of diabetes in December at age 41.

1970s

Jerome "Jerry" Miller, '74, died unexpectedly at his Oshkosh home in September at age 50. He served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Diane.

Thomas Collins, '73, St. Paul, Minn., died in September at age 49. He received his master's degree from UW-Eau Claire, graduated from Madison Technical College in respiratory therapy and from Minneapolis Technical College as a registered nurse. He worked as a respiratory therapist in Minneapolis and for the American Red Cross as a staff nurse and an instructor. He retired in 1997 due to ill health.

Sandra (Stelter) Glover, '73, Kingston, died in October at age 51. She worked at Riverdale Manor nursing home, Markesan, for 14 years and at WalMart in Portage. Her husband, Gerald, survives.

Jane (Graboski) Kubowski, associate degree '72, Naperville, Ill., died in September at her home after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She was 47. A teacher at Brookdale Elementary School, she will be remembered for her sense of humor and her famous chocolate chip cookies. She is survived by her husband, Jim, and four children.

Elliott Keener, '71, died of a heart attack in January at age 49. His mother, the late Frieda Bridgeman, was a theater department professor at UWSP for many years. He earned his master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of New Orleans. He studied acting and voice in England and juggling and clown makeup with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Keener moved to New Orleans to help start the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, the city's high school for artistically talented students. He had roles in a number of commercials, including Jell-O and McDonalds. He acted in films such as *The Big Easy*, *Tight-rope*, *Angel Heart*, *Down By Law* and *Dead Man Walking*. He did the television movie *A Gathering of Old Men* and the series *The Big Easy* and *Orleans*. He also appeared in *Heaven's Prisoner*, *Hard Target* and *The Chamber* and was screenwriter of *Running Wild*. He won a directing award for *Noises Off* at the Big Easy Awards in 1986, and 1992 for directing and acting in *Other People's Money*. Since 1985, he directed the Press Club of New Orleans' annual Gridiron Show and was most recently working on productions of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Born Yesterday*.

Constance Friday, '70, Stevens Point, died in August at age 77. She was a registered nurse and worked in Dayton, Ohio, in Milwaukee with the Visiting Nurses Association and in Stevens Point at Rice Clinic, Sentry Insurance and St. Michael's Hospital. She also was a private duty nurse.

Greg Cowles, '70, Eau Claire, died in September at age 51 after a battle with cancer. He was an independent salesperson, a nature lover and will be remembered for his sense of humor and his beautiful tenor voice.

1960s

Thomas Green, '64, Alexandria, Va., died suddenly of a stroke in May at age 56. He was an administrator and instructor at Good Counsel High School, Wheaton, Md. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and one son, Tim.

Evelyn (Johnson) Berglund Sabrowsky, '64, Marshfield, died in August at age 87. She retired in 1973 after 41 years of teaching, 25 of which were in the second grade at Tigerton Elementary. Her first husband, Harry Berglund, died in 1938. She married Marcus Sabrowsky in 1941. He died in 1988.

Robert Waid, '62, Manitowoc, died in August at age 60 after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was a self-employed operator of Micro Systems, Manitowoc, for the past 12 years. His wife, Barbara, survives.

Jerry Hickey, '61, died unexpectedly in July at age 60 at his Milwaukee home. He worked in Chicago at the Cook County Water Department and the Kroehler Furniture Co. He then worked as a computer programmer at UW-Milwaukee, retiring after 29 years of service.

Doris (Schenk) Haas, '61, master's '65, died in August at age 80. She taught in Merrill Area Public Schools for 29 years, retiring in 1982 as principal of Maple Grove School in the Town of Hamburg.

1950s

Eleonora (Woller) Beilke, '59, died in Appleton in October at age 85. She taught in Berlin, Rib Falls and at Stettin School from 1957-until her retirement in 1976.

Robert Dickinson, '59, Oconto, died in October at age 61. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1960 and taught English as a second language in Puerto Rico. He earned his master's degree from UW-Oshkosh in 1966. He was a teacher in Oconto, Madison, Green Lake and Detroit, Mich. He was active in several organizations including the Machickanee Players, serving on the board and as an actor and director. He received Wisconsin Leadership Award in 1992-1993 and was one of seven in the U.S. to win the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year award in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine.

Hazel (Swan) Hoppe, '59, Manawa, died in October at age 93. She taught in Waupaca for 27 years and was a librarian for the Manawa Public Library until her retirement at age 80.

Vincent Switlick, '58, died in December at age 84. He taught in Marshfield and Greenwood area schools, retiring in 1977 from Granton area schools. He is survived by his wife, Clara.

Elda Schrader, '57, died in September.

Elva (Garbush) Dorst-Smiley, '56, formerly of Granton, died in September at age 91. She taught in rural Wisconsin schools from 1925 to 1957. She earned a master's degree at California State University-Los Angeles and taught elementary school in Wisconsin and California for 33 years. She also did musical therapy at convalescent homes.

Joyce (West) Fritsch, '52, master's '60, Cadott, died in July at age 67 after a battle with cancer. She taught at Dodgeville, Sauk City, Rosholt, Stevens Point, Highland, Cadott, Holcombe and Cornell. She also operated a day care center in Cadott. She is survived by her husband, **Jim Fritsch**, '52.



Katherine (Hohn) Whitney, '57, Wisconsin Rapids, died at age 103 in August. She attended Wood County Normal School after graduating from eighth grade. She then traveled to North Dakota where she taught in several cities. She married Arthur Whitney in 1914 and lived part of the time in a sod house. When Arthur died in a farm accident in 1924, Katherine moved back to Wood County with her three children and continued teaching. She attended Stevens Point State Normal School beginning in 1925. She had to earn her high school credits before beginning coursework on her teaching certificates. By attending college evenings and during the summers, she finished the high school credits in 1928 and earned a two-year teaching certificate in 1943. Some of her summers were spent cooking at a camp near Minoqua to earn money for her education. She later returned to school and finished her three-year certificate in 1954 and her bachelor's degree in 1955. After graduation she treated herself to a trip to Europe as a celebration of her accomplishment. She taught in the Wisconsin Rapids School District until her retirement from Grove School at age 65. "She was the kind of person who always saw her cup as half full, not half empty," says her niece Katie Clark of Wisconsin Rapids.

Elroy Gotter, '50, Eau Claire, died in August at age 71 after a courageous battle with lung disease. He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy, earned his master's degree from UW-Madison and was a mathematics professor at UW-Eau Claire for 33 years. He was a recipient of the Governor's Special Award for the State of Wisconsin and the Certificate of Meritorious Service from the UW System. He is survived by his wife, Claudine.

1940s

William Mellin, '48, Tomah, died in October at age 74. Mellin was among the first graduates of UWSP's School of Conservation. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Felter), '47.

Ernest Viergutz, two-year certificate '48, three-year certificate '51, bachelor's '54, died in Medford in August at age 90. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He taught for 45 years, culminating his career as principal of Medford Junior High School.

Martin Schaefer, '48, New Port Richey, Fla., died in October at age 78. He earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Iowa. He served with the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 in World War II and from 1951 to 1952 in the Korean Conflict, retiring from the Army Reserves in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel. Schaefer taught for Richland County schools and taught and served as principal in the Beloit school system. He began a notable career at Eastern Illinois University at Charleston in 1958. He was principal of the laboratory school, dean of education, vice president of development and president of the university. After retirement he traveled in Europe and visited every state capital in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Trudy.

Ruth (Hake) Boneske, two-year certificate '47, bachelor's '57, Oshkosh, died in July at age 75 after a courageous battle with cancer. She earned her master's degree from UW-Milwaukee, and taught for 35 years in several areas of the state, including 25 years in the Wauwatosa public school system. After retirement, she and her husband Roy, who survives, lived in Winneconne, Yuma, Ariz., and Oshkosh.

Robert Stock, '43, died at his Rogers, Ark., home in July.

Joyce Stanton Hines, '43, died in Alexandria, La., in October at age 74. She taught in Clark County, had a business career in federal and corporate human resources management, and was the first president of the Peacekeepers Coalition, an Alexandria neighborhood watch group. She is survived by her husband, Jack.

Jane (Krueger) Harshman, '43, died of Alzheimer's disease in Fullerton, Calif., in April.

Mildred (Kjer) Woyak, '42, formerly of Plover, died in August at age 75. She taught at various schools until her marriage in 1948. She later worked at Herrschers for 15 years until her 1986 retirement.

Alan Kingston, '42, Englewood, Fla., died in November. His wife, Hazel, survives.

Robert Burkman, '41, died in January at age 79 at his home in Janesville. A captain in the Air Force during World War II, he earned his master's degree at UW-Whitewater and taught for 38 years in Janesville Public Schools. He is survived by his wife, Koma.

Henry Klimek, '40, formerly of Wausau, died in October at age 88 in Williamsburg, Va. He earned his master's degree from UW-Milwaukee and spent 44 years in Wisconsin as a teacher and principal at various rural schools in Marathon County and in Sturgeon Bay. He was school administrator in St. Francis until his retirement in 1975. His wife, Helen, survives.

Theodore Olson, two-year diploma '40, Warrens, died in August at age 86. He taught in two rural schools near Mather and was coordinator of education in the New Lisbon School for 13 years. He served in the U.S. Army for four years during World War II and was involved in many top-secret plans. Following his marriage to Leona, who survives, Olson began working at Wetherby Cranberry Co., later moving up the ranks to become owner. He was active in Town of Scott government for 50 years.

1930s

Betty (Wartinbee) Martini, '39, Avon, Conn., died in November at age 81. As a teacher she gave 40 years to children with special needs. She taught in Milwaukee; Delmar, N.Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Simsbury, Conn. She received her master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. After retirement she was active for many years in the March of Dimes and Easter Seal organizations. She is survived by her husband, **Harvey**, '39, and four children. Several members of her family also attended UWSP, including her mother, **Isabelle Marshall**, who graduated in 1902. The family encourages memorial gifts to the UWSP Foundation.

Katherine (Kubisiak) Konkol, '39, West Allis, died in August, at age 77, after she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in April. After receiving her teaching certificate at age 17, she taught for a year in an Amherst one-room school. She later taught first through third grades at St. Therese Catholic School, and at St. Anthony's Elementary School until the late '60s. She worked as a nurse at Milwaukee County General Hospital and St. Anne's Home for the Elderly until her retirement in 1986, after which she traveled throughout Europe and the U.S.

Mary (Crummey) Rothman Hopkins, teaching certificate '36, bachelor's '66, died following a heart attack in November at age 84. She taught in Merrill and in Wausau for 10 years. She had many hobbies after she retired, including work in rosemailing.

Edith (Dudley) Duggan, '36, Stevens Point, died in December at age 84. She taught in Nelma, Phelps and Milwaukee before her marriage. She also taught at St. Joseph's School in Stevens Point. She enjoyed playing the piano, harmonica and accordion and was a 50-year member of her canasta club.

Joseph Szymanski, '36, died in his Marathon home in November at age 81. He taught in Reitbrock from 1936 to 1941. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, achieving the rank of captain before his discharge in 1946. He was postmaster in Marathon for more than 31 years and Marathon village clerk from 1977 to 1981. He was active in the community, including 27 years as chairman of Marathon Fun Days. He enjoyed sports and was a member of the famous Wee Willy's baseball team in the 1940s and 1950s. He also managed Little League baseball and Catholic Youth Organization softball teams. He is survived by his wife, Alvina.

Clementine (Sindicic) Amerson, '34, Antigo, died in August at age 83. She taught for 13 years at Eagle River elementary schools. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Antigo Auto Parts for 19 years.

A. Doris (Erickson) Hefty, '34, formerly of Orangeville, Ill., died in August at age 86 at New Glarus. She was a home economics teacher in several Wisconsin and Illinois high schools, retiring in 1972. She is survived by her husband, Roy.

Vera Scheffner, '33, died in December at age 90. A longtime resident of Stevens Point, she was a high school Latin teacher. She retired in 1971 after teaching for 34 years in Stevens Point and Oshkosh. She did graduate work at UW-Madison, Marquette University, St. Catherine's College and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She then spent six years designing and creating wedding gowns in Chicago under the trade name: "Mademoiselle Vee Vee."

Philip Pejza, '31, died in September at age 92 in San Diego, Calif. He taught in Wisconsin before moving to San Diego in 1947 to teach. He received his master's degree from San Diego State University. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Regina. He is survived by his second wife, Elizabeth.

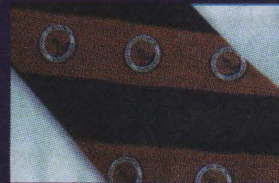
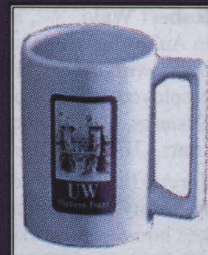
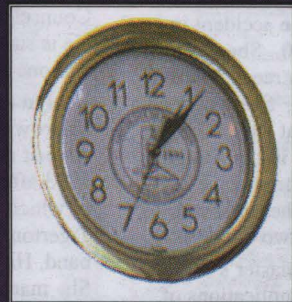
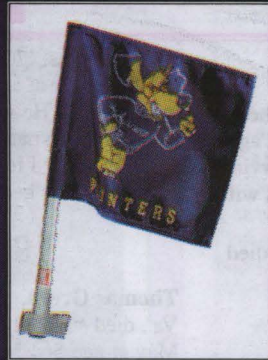
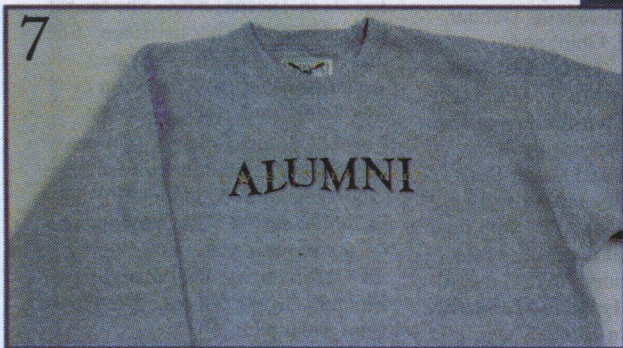
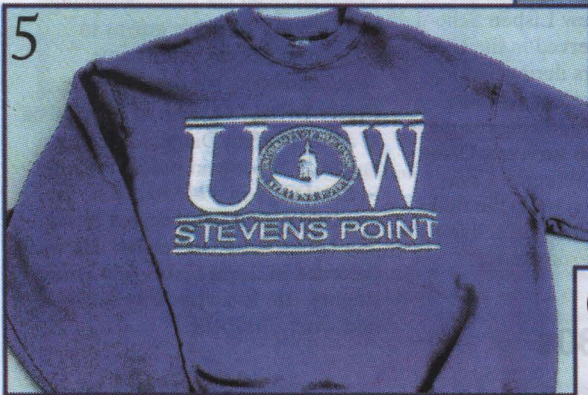
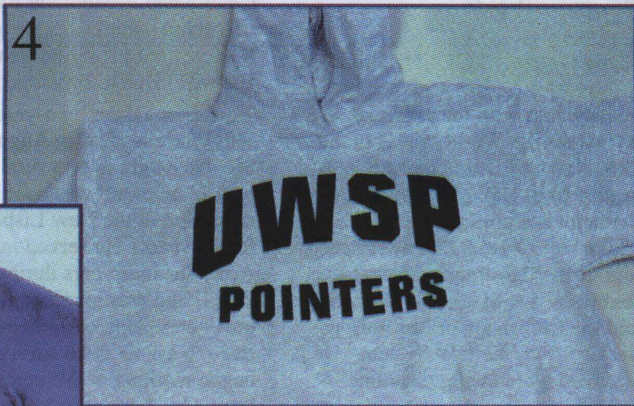
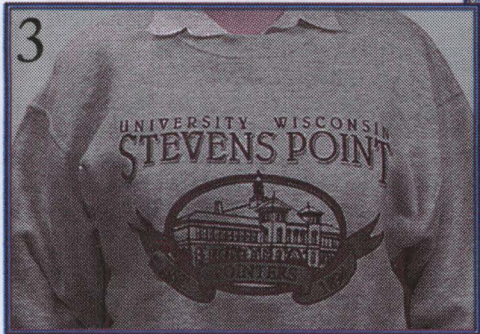
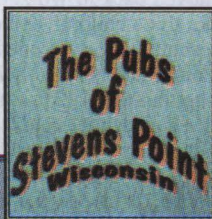
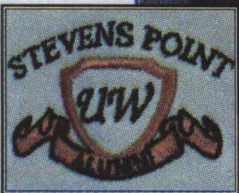
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Alberta (Thulien) Anderson, '26, formerly of Iola, died in October at age 93 in Tucson, Ariz. She taught in Antigo before her marriage. She and her husband, Jim, operated Anderson's Gift and Tot Shop in Valparaiso, Ind., for 25 years.

Ferol (Adams) Eckerle, two-year certificate '22, three-year certificate '55, bachelor's '57, Montello, died in July at age 97. She taught grade school in rural Marquette County, at the Oxford Grade School and Montello Grade School. She retired from teaching in 1971.

Alice Sturgul, '20, Hurley, died in July at age 94. After earning her certificate from the State Normal School at Stevens Point, she began teaching at age 16. Her former students at South Carey School honored her in 1980 on her 60th anniversary of teaching at the school. She also taught in Guayama, Puerto Rico; Hinkle; Rhinelander; and Watersmeet, Mich. She was an active supporter of civil rights in her early years and was a correspondent of Booker T. Washington, famous black educator and social reformer.

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