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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point... "We change lives"



1982:The university dedicates a mosaic mural on the exterior front of the four-story Natural Resources Building. Designed by Professor Richard Schneider with the assistance of a computer, it is made up of more than 286,000 ceramic tiles containing worldwide, campus and Wisconsin symbols. Schneider constructed the artwork with the help of hundreds of volunteers.



1915

Nelson Hall is built as the second dormitory in the State Normal School system.



1970

For three days, several hundred students "sit in" at Nelson Hall.



1999

The "Basin," UWSP's latest outdoor artwork is installed on campus. The large sculpture of granite and stainless steel was designed by Zoran Mojsilov of Minneapolis.

The World Is Ours . . .

As we enter a new century, the Pointer Alumnus takes a look back at UWSP's history.

July 21, 1893: The Board of Regents of State Normal Schools chooses Stevens Point as site of its sixth institution, ending lively competition between about 20 cities. From Madison, G. E. McDill, a local civic leader, sends this telegram: "To the boys at Stevens Point. We have won, the world is ours!" Sept. 17, 1894: For the first day of classes there are 152 students in the normal

program, 49 in the preparatory department and 165 children in the model school. The campus consists of one building, later called Old Main. 1902: An academic program in domestic science, later known as home economics, is established as one of a few in the nation. Bessie May Allen arrives in 1913 to lead this important specialty offering for nearly 40 years. 1915: Nelson Hall is built as the second dormitory in the State Normal School system. In April 1999 the hall is placed on the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation list of Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties. 1918: Near the end of World War I, the Board of Regents approves a Student Army Training Corps for the campus. In October, 62 recruits report for duty at Nelson Hall and stay until Dec. 20. 1926: The Normal School is renamed Stevens Point State Teachers College but is soon unofficially known as "Central State." 1927: The first recipients of bachelor's degrees are sisters Genevieve and Mayme Cartmill of Plover, both in home economics education. The spring commencement

is the first in which graduates wear caps and gowns. 1941-1945: Because of World War II student enrollment drops from 775 in the fall of 1940 to 225 in the fall of 1944. In February 1943, the first participants in the 97th College Training Detachment of the Army Air Corps arrive and take up residence in Nelson Hall. When the program ends in 1944, a total of 1,200 men have taken instruction here. 1945: Dorothy Davids, a Stockbridge-Munsee Indian from Bowler, receives her degree, becoming the first member of a minority group to graduate from the school. In 1957, Jerry Vance of Beloit will become the first black American to receive a degree here. 1951: Central State is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The institution is now Wisconsin State College. 1951: With authority to grant bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees, the school expands its curriculum beyond courses for teachers by establishing the College of Letters and Science with Warren Gard Jenkins as dean. 1955: Enrollment tops 1,000.

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1959: The bachelor of music degree is approved, the first in the State College System. 1964: Wisconsin State College-Stevens Point becomes one of the Wisconsin State Universities. 1964: A new School of Fine Arts is established with Robert Cantrick as dean. 1967: Upset by prospects that the beer drinking age in Wisconsin may be raised from 18 to 21, about 1,000 students stage a "beer riot" in the downtown area. After confronting Gov. Knowles at the Whiting Hotel, they start a bonfire at the intersection of Main and Division Streets and loot a beer truck.

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In 2000 "Stay in Touch" Greetings from Alumni Relations,

I hope all of you survived the plunge into the new millennium and escaped being bitten by the Y2K bug. I think all the Y2K bugs were destroyed during the 1999 Pointer homecoming celebration...The New Millennium Mayhem!

As we begin the next century...

- Remember we are all automatically lifetime members of the UWSP Alumni Association. No dues to pay . . . just keep us informed of your address and encourage other Pointers you know to stay in touch. You are always welcome to attend alumni events in your area. Also, encourage others to make UWSP their college choice.

- Thanks to all of you who supported the 1999 UWSP Annual Fund campaign. If you didn't participate last fall and still wish to do so, send your contribution payable to the UWSP Foundation to 212 Old Main Building, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481. Help us to continue changing the lives of our students through leading-edge teaching and learning.

- Plan on returning to campus for Homecoming 2000 on September 30. Plenty of excitement is in store, as always, including specific events for individual academic disciplines. Look for more information this summer.

- Take a chapter from *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. I had the opportunity to read this book late last fall and it continues to affect me. At his commencement ceremony at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., in 1979, Albom made a pledge to Morrie Schwartz, his favorite professor, to "stay in touch." Through the years, he thought of his old professors and friends but threw away any mail that came from his alma mater, figuring "they were only asking for money." Albom had no idea that Morrie had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, a degenerative muscle and nerve disorder. After seeing Morrie on an episode of "Nightline," Albom re-established contact with his friend before his death. Morrie had changed Albom's life in college and subsequently again during the final months of his life. Luckily, Albom was given a second chance. *Do we have classmates and friends from our years at Stevens Point we haven't called or visited? Are there professors and staff members that we should be "staying in touch" with? How did UWSP change your life?*

- The alumni association continues to build volunteer alumni networks in the most populous areas of Wisconsin, where 75 percent of our alumni live. If you'd like to join other alumni and volunteer to help plan reunions and events in Portage County, Wood County, Northeast Wisconsin, the Fox Cities, Dane County, or Southeast Wisconsin, give us a call at (715) 346-3811 in Stevens Point or toll free 1-877-764-6801.

I leave you with another thought from Morrie Schwartz, "Devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

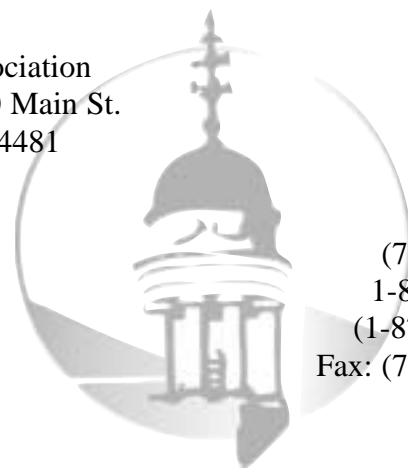
It's a great day to be a Pointer!

Brant Bergeron '85
Director of Alumni Relations



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Alumni calendar

March 30: Wisconsin Speech & Hearing Association Alumni Reception
Sheraton Four Points, Milwaukee
Celebrating the 50th birthday of WSHA!

April 2: Campus Open House

April 2: Portage County Alumni/Friend Reunion
On campus, location to be announced

Spring: Northeast Wisconsin Alumni/Friend Reunion
Date and location to be announced

April 14-16: The world's largest trivia contest
This year's theme: "Trivia Y2K: The Bug Strikes"
Contact WWSP 89FM for more information 1-715-346-3755

April 15: Hospitality Room for Pointer Parents
Wisconsin Destination Imagination (formerly Odyssey of the Mind)
Anderson Room, University Center, UWSP

April 15: Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run
20th Anniversary Alumni Reunion
Steiner Hall, UWSP

May 13: Distinguished Alumnus Award Luncheon

May 14: Spring Commencement

Summer: Fox Cities Alumni/Friend Reunion
Date and location to be announced

Summer: South Wood County Alumni/Friend reunion
Date and location to be announced

August 28: Terry Porter Scholarship Golf Outing
(This will be the final year of this event.)
SentryWorld Golf Course, Stevens Point
Call 1-877-POINT01 for more information

Fall: Marshfield Area Alumni/Friend Reunion
Date and location to be announced

September 30: Homecoming 2000

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Engelhard honored by CASE

A longtime director of UWSP Alumni Relations has been recognized for distinguished service to a professional organization in education.

Karen Engelhard, '59, who has retired after a 20-plus year career at UWSP, was honored at the recent annual meeting of District 5 of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in Chicago. Since 1976 she has filled many roles with District 5, including two year's service as district chair.

Engelhard was nominated for the award by Sandra Hoeh, assistant chancellor for University Relations at UW-Milwaukee, Sally Clanton, director of News Services at UWSP, and by her daughter, Diane Engelhard Loeser, senior associate director of Alumni Relations at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

In her nomination letter, Loeser said, "I see my mother's involvement with and commitment to CASE 5 through the eyes of both a colleague and a daughter. I grew up hearing about CASE 5 and seeing my mother return from annual conferences with so much confidence and enthusiasm. She loves her profession and has dedicated many, many hours in service to CASE."

Throughout her many years of CASE involvement, Engelhard has served as a board member, committee chair, conference chair and chair of district operations. In addition, she has participated in several international assemblies in Washington, D.C.

CASE is the largest association of educational institutions with more than 2,900 member colleges, universities and independent elementary and secondary schools in 42 countries. District 5 encompasses 443 institutions in eight states.



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UWSP history

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1968: An FM radio station, WWSP, is established on campus and becomes known for the world's largest Trivia Contest held each spring.

1969: Pauline Isaacson launches the first contingent of students in a semester abroad to England. The first such program in the Wisconsin State University System, it is later expanded, with multiple study sites.

1969: Land adjacent to campus is developed into the Schmeekle Reserve, to serve as a nature conservancy, research and teaching laboratory and recreation area. It is named for Fred Schmeekle, who joined the faculty in 1923 and played a major role in establishing conservation education at the school.

1970: For three days, several hundred students "sit in" at Nelson Hall, home of the campus ROTC program, to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

1970: Two new colleges are established, Natural Resources and Professional Studies, with John Ellery and Arthur Fritschel as deans, respectively. Daniel Trainer arrives in 1971 to head the CNR for 17 years.

1971: Wisconsin State Universities become Universities of Wisconsin in a merger of the two systems.

1975: The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, the birthplace of environmental education at UWSP, is established at Sunset Lake.

1980: Old Main is renovated and rededicated. Wings added to the original building in 1901 and 1914 are razed after compromises between preservationists and those favoring the building's complete removal.

1982: A \$1.75 million federal grant helps UWSP become a model in computing, establishing a network that links the campus and brings access to libraries and other institutions.

1985: Treehaven opens as UWSP's natural resources field station near Tomahawk. The 900-acre facility provides a variety of university and public programs throughout the year.

1986: Fall enrollment of 9,554 is a record in the institution's history.

1987: The first Pointer athletic squad to win a national title, the women's basketball team defeats the women of Concordia College, Moorehead, Minn., 81-74, for the NCAA Division III national championship.

1993-1994: Centennial celebration includes: launching a \$5 million fundraising campaign; release of "The World is Ours," a history of UWSP by Dean of Letters and Science Justus Paul; unveiling of an Iris Fountain adjacent to the University Center; and unveiling of an original quilt, designed by Mary Sipiorski and constructed by the Friendship Star Quilters.

1998: UWSP is rated in tier one of Midwestern public universities by *U.S. News and World Report* and named among the 100 best state universities in the nation by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*.

1999: Former Seventh District Congressman and U.S. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announces the establishment of the university's first million-dollar endowment.

1999: The U.S. Department of Education approves spending of a \$2.15 million grant for technology enhancement in the CNR.



Bruce Bay

Association has positioned itself to foster the growth and development of relationships between the university and its alumni.

Second, in today's environment, with state funding constantly in flux, the university must develop alternative methods for raising revenue while maintaining the cost of tuition at a reasonable level. We need alumni to step forward to help their alma mater financially. Much has been accomplished toward this goal; but more can be attained. One piece of good news is that leadership in this area, from the chancellor on down, continues to get stronger.

Third, it has become apparent that we, as your board of directors, must do a better job of reaching out and informing alumni—particularly the graduates of the past five to ten years—of the values and needs of UWSP. Each of the UWSP colleges has hired or is in the process of hiring a development officer to work in partnership with the UWSP Foundation and Alumni Relations Office. These officers are addressing both communication and fund-raising efforts. In return, the Alumni Board has charged its Communications Committee with examining ways to better relate to new alumni.

As I said initially, the challenges are there, but the opportunities are close behind!

Bruce H. Bay

Bruce Bay,
President
Alumni Association Board of Directors

Alumni face challenges

With the advent of the new millennium, new challenges and opportunities were discussed at the semiannual UWSP Alumni Board of Directors meeting in January.

Three significant issues struck me during the meeting. All are tied to further identifying ways for alumni to give added support to our great institution.

First and foremost, the vision statement adopted in January 1999 was reaffirmed in its entirety. With the vision as a base, the Alumni

A timeline of presidents:

Leadership for more than a century

Sept. 17, 1894: President Theron Pray opens the first day of classes at Stevens Point Normal School.

Feb. 1906: Despite strong faculty and community support, President Pray is asked by the Board of Regents to resign. He had been at odds with local attorney C. D. McFarland, who served on the board. Faculty member Mary Bradford, a leading educator in the state, resigns in protest, soon followed by three teachers in the model school program.

Summer 1906: John Sims becomes Pray's successor. Though he has received no formal higher education, he is considered a national leader in rural education. Sims serves until his death in 1926.

1926: Robert Baldwin becomes president and oversees the transition from two-year normal school to four-year state teachers college.

1930: Growing dissatisfaction by the faculty with attempts to raise their educational levels and by members of the community over mediocre successes of Pointer sports teams lead President Baldwin to resign. The new president, Frank Hyer, is a familiar face on campus. He served from 1904 to 1915 as principal of the model school and normal school institute conductor.

1938: President Hyer retires and is succeeded by Phillip Falk. Falk serves only one semester due to his wife's illness.

1939: E. T. Smith serves as president for one year until his death.

1940: William Hansen becomes the first alumnus to be chosen as a president of the school. He serves for 22 years, longer than anyone in the school's first century.

1962: James Albertson, executive assistant to the president at Ball

State Teachers College at Muncie, Ind., is named president of Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point.

March 23, 1967: On an education mission to South Vietnam for the U.S. Agency for International Development, President Albertson is killed in a plane crash near Saigon along with the seven members of his group. Gordon Haferbecker, who has been serving as acting president in Albertson's absence, continues his leadership of the institution.

1967: Lee S. Dreyfus assumes responsibilities as the school's president. He has been serving UW-Madison, his alma mater, as a professor of speech and radio/television education.

1979: In an outdoor ceremony on the snow-covered lawn of Old Main, Chancellor Dreyfus is sworn in as governor of Wisconsin.

1979: Philip Marshall is chosen as president of UWSP. He campaigns aggressively to raise faculty salaries.

1989: Chancellor Marshall returns to teaching chemistry until his retirement in 1991. Vice Chancellor Howard Thoyre serves as acting chancellor.

1989: Keith Sanders, former dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, assumes duties as chancellor.

1994: Chancellor Sanders takes a position as senior vice president for administration with UW System. Howard Thoyre serves as acting chancellor for the second time.

1996: Thomas George, provost and academic vice president at Washington State University, is named chancellor.



Family Weekend draws alumni together



Alums with children currently attending UWSP gathered for lunch as part of Family Weekend '99 activities on November 6. The group stopped for a photo in the UC near the stained glass window at the south end of the concourse.



On September 28 Door and Kewaunee County alums gathered at The Mill Restaurant north of Sturgeon Bay for dinner and an evening of sharing Pointer memories.

Sturgeon Bay



Antigo



Antigo area alumni gathered at The Edison Club on November 11 for dinner and Pointer camaraderie. Special guest speakers included Chancellor Tom George and Director of Annual Giving Peg Zwicker, '94.

Wausau



On December 16, alumni and friends in Marathon County gathered for holiday cheer and camaraderie at the American Legends Sports Bar owned by Pointer alum Joe Nienow, '95. Marathon County is one of eight geographic regions in the state where volunteer alumni networks are being formed to help plan future events. Other networks include Portage County, Wood County, Northeast Wisconsin, Fox Cities, Dane County and Southeast Wisconsin. If you'd like to join other alums already committed to serve on one of these groups, please contact the alumni office at the addresses listed on this page.

Dallas



The Packer/Cowboy game on November 14 was one of the attractions for a Dallas area alumni/friend reunion. The 30 Pointers and friends in attendance couldn't muster enough support to battle a lackluster Packer performance...but other than the game, a great time was had by all.

Graphics throughout this issue are taken from the mural that covers the south side of the CNR building. The mural, pictured on page one, is made up of 286,200 square tiles, each with one of 28 designs. The different color values of the tiles create the overall montage.

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Wisconsin Music Educators



Pointer music education alumni, UWSP faculty members and music education students gathered on the shores of Lake Monona during their annual conference. Winners of door prizes are pictured at the October event.

Mid-Atlantic



Alums from the Mid-Atlantic States gathered in October in Reston, Va., for an old fashioned Wisconsin picnic, including staples such as brats. A case of shorty bottles of Point beer even made its way East to bring some true Wisconsin flavor to Pointers away from "home."

HOMECOMING

The campus was abuzz Homecoming morning as academic departments held reunions after the parade.



Forestry students were in full gear for the festivities, while CNR alumni, faculty and staff members attended luncheon reunions.



International Programs alumni, staff members and leaders of the UWSP semester abroad programs gathered at Homecoming to share photos and memories of their travels abroad. International Programs celebrated its 30th anniversary in 1999.



Julie Lassa, '93, 71st Assembly District Representative joined other political science alumni, faculty and staff members who gathered for an event held by the department at Isadore Street Brewing Company.



Interior architecture alumni, faculty and staff members gathered in the Agnes Jones Gallery and enjoyed a special display of work by current interior architecture students and alumni.



Communication alumni, faculty, staff and family members met for refreshments and camaraderie...



... and gathered outside the Communication Arts Center for a Homecoming get-together.

Committee to preserve UWSP's past

Hoping to promote respect for the historical heritage of UWSP, a new committee is moving ahead with plans to restore and maintain some of the antiques and original architecture of the campus.

"We hope to preserve what cultural heritage this campus still has," said Mark Seiler, a professor of German and the committee's co-chair with Sally Clanton, director of News Services. "Too many historic items have disappeared and we want to hang on to what we've got."

Support for the projects comes from a fund controlled by the chancellor from campus vending machines, Seiler explained.

One of the the committee's first projects is the Founders Room located on the first floor of Old Main. The room will soon be recreated as a historical showcase for the university and use will be restricted to formal occasions, small concerts, press conferences and visits from dignitaries.

"We want the Founders Room to be the best room on campus," Seiler said.

Except for the Chancellor's Office, the Founders Room is the only place in Old Main that retains the look of the building when it was constructed in 1894. Created from several rooms during the 1979 renovations, it still has the original high ceiling and wood trim.

Original cabinetry from Old Main's home economics area and a built-in buffet displays old books and UWSP memorabilia, including one of Lee Sherman Dreyfus' red vests, vintage physics equipment, a normal school certificate from 1904, athletic banners, china and silver place settings.

The original wood floor, now carpeted, cannot be restored and will be replaced with maple flooring, which Seiler said will last the lifetime of the building.

Turn of the century style oak tables and chairs will be put in the room and there are plans to add a grand piano as well as a handcrafted oak organ now located in a practice room of the Fine Arts Center. Railings that now stand in front of the small stage will be removed and one section will be placed just outside the Founders Room doors.

Hung in the hall across from the refurbished room will be a glass case containing the UWSP Centennial Quilt, created by Mary Sipiorski and the Friendship Star Quilters of Stevens Point. There are plans to arrange photographs of the Old Main of yesteryear on the walls, and cast iron and walnut benches that used to sit in Old Main will be returned after they are restored by campus personnel.

Members of the committee also are interested in maintaining original buildings of the campus and community, including Nelson Hall, one of the oldest dormitory buildings in the UW System. Recently put on the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list, the building's future is uncertain.

"Ours is one of the earliest dorms of the century," Seiler said. "It is important historically and architecturally."



(above) An organ hand crafted by Ronald Wahl of Appleton may be placed in the Founders Room of Old Main when the room is restored as a showcase of UWSP's history.



(Left) Charles Goan, associate professor of music, rescued a statue of Moses and returned it to UWSP a few years ago. It is the hope of the Historic Preservation Committee that it be installed in a newly refurbished Old Main Founders Room.

(below) Two walnut benches abandoned in the coal bunker under Old Main are being restored by university workers to be placed in a hall.



Historically significant books, classroom equipment, artwork, furniture and photographs that have been lost are being sought by the Historic Preservation Committee.

The committee plans to create an inventory of historic objects that may be located in various offices and departments on campus or in the community.

The objects will not be removed from their current location, Seiler said, but cataloging them will assure that they are maintained and not unintentionally destroyed or thrown away.

"Many individuals have been very good at saving these objects," he said, "and we are very grateful for that. But once these people leave or retire, the item may be gone."

Many artifacts were lost during the 1979 remodeling of Old Main, Seiler said. Turn of the century furniture was sold in the back parking lot and many other items were thrown away, taken home by faculty and staff or put into storage.

Seiler related a story told to him by local former piano teacher Anita Wray. During the remodeling, she came upon a student tossing statuary out of an Old Main window to a waiting dump truck. He'd been told to dispose of the many carved statues that had lined the halls and stairwells of Old Main. Wray asked if she could take them and she and her children rescued several pieces, including "Apollo Belvedere," now proudly displayed in her home.

Another statue that survived was "Moses," rescued by faculty member Donald Rupert. He gave the statue to Professor Charles Goan, who returned it to UWSP. Seiler said that Moses will be returned to Old Main when proper placement and security for the piece can be found.

Those who are aware of artifacts from UWSP that could be included in the inventory may contact Seiler at (715) 346-4409.

The committee is also accepting donations for their preservation efforts. A fund has been set up through the UWSP Foundation, 212 Old Main, 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or (715) 346-3812.

Gavel donated to Natural History Museum



An oak gavel and a shorebird carved by Milwaukee artist Phil Sander are part of the display at the entrance to UWSP Museum of Natural History.

An oak gavel carved from a log once owned by internationally known environmentalist Aldo Leopold has been donated to the UWSP's Museum of Natural History.

George Becker, professor emeritus of biology, loaned the official gavel of the Citizens Natural Resources Association (CNRA) to the museum in 1977, at the end of his term as president of the group. It is part of a display about Leopold at the gateway of the museum in the main lobby of the Learning Resources Center.

Due to Leopold's leadership in conservation, wilderness preservation

and his writings, he is often credited as a founder of the environmental movement.

The gavel came to Becker from Milwaukee area artist Phil Sander who carved it. Estella Leopold gave Sander the wood when he visited her after Aldo's death.

The tree from which the gavel was carved isn't just any piece of oak; it is a piece of "the good oak," Becker says. "The Good Oak" is the title of a Leopold essay in *A Sand County Almanac* published in 1949.

The essay summarizes the history of attitudes toward the environment as a saw cuts through an oak tree.

The tree's growth rings represent the decades from the present at the outside of the tree to the center which represents the era of the Civil War when Leopold surmises that the tree first took root.

The gavel was intended to be a temporary loan, but has remained on display at the museum with its disposition uncertain until recently. Becker brought the future of the gavel to the attention of CNRA members, who approved it as a gift to the museum.

UWSP rated in first tier by *US News*

U.S. News and World Report's ratings named UWSP fifth in Tier One of Midwestern public universities.

"UWSP remains in the top category of outstanding comprehensive universities," said Chancellor Tom George. "With quality at a reasonable cost, there is no doubt that students, faculty, staff and the Central Wisconsin community have all contributed to keeping UWSP one of the nation's finest undergraduate campuses in the country."

U.S. News ranks campuses using three basic steps. First, the colleges are categorized by their mission and region. Second, the magazine gathers data from each institution including 16 separate indicators of academic excellence. Each factor is assigned a weight in the formula. Third, the schools are ranked against their peer group, based on the composite weighted scores.

The measures of excellence used include six broad categories—academic reputation, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Study gives community and UWSP good marks

Believed to be the first national study of its kind, CAP (Crimes Against Persons) Index Inc. and APBnews.com have ranked the country's 1,497 four-year colleges according to the potential for neighborhood crime.

UW campuses at Stevens Point and Oshkosh were both ranked 1,148. This places them in the lower quarter of all national four-year colleges. Other UW System campuses with low rankings included UW-Parkside and UW-River Falls. A lower ranking correlates to a safer campus neighborhood environment.

"This study confirms what many of us already know about Central Wisconsin. Stevens Point is overall a safe place for college students," said Chancellor Tom George. "However, we remain vigilant and will continue to cooperate with local law enforcement officials on ways to keep crime in check."

UWSP continues to improve and upgrade measures to improve campus safety. In the past few years, the campus has installed 20 Code Blue emergency phones around campus, initiated residence hall and orientation programs focusing on personal safety and protection of property and improved overall campus lighting for better safety at night.

UWSP's Student Patrol Program was begun in 1989 to monitor campus grounds. The patrol also operates the student transit van that provides rides to within five miles of campus.

APBnews.com is a news, information and database on crime, safety and justice issues in the United States. Their mission is to inform the public and law enforcement professionals while providing information on how to keep families and communities safer.

Natural History Museum opens African exhibits

Scenes of African savanna habitats are the focus of two new displays in the UWSP Museum of Natural History.

"With the expanded area for the African exhibits and a display about the Menominee Clans still under development, the educational role of the museum has been greatly enhanced," said Justus Paul, dean of the College of Letters and Science. "Our museum should become one of the major tourist attractions in Central Wisconsin and its educational role for schools throughout the area will become even more significant."

It took Marks about one and one-half years to build the exhibits with the assistance of students. After researching the habitats of the two settings, he spent about 100 hours each painting two 50-foot long landscapes for backdrops behind the recently donated taxidermy specimens showcased in the displays. Marks used lighting as well as color to depict the dry season. He also has done all the carpentry in the museum.

In consultation with Bob Freckmann, professor of biology, Marks collected brush and grasses in Portage County and altered them to visually resemble native African plants. He created boulders from molds he made at the County Concrete quarry east of Stevens Point and tinted local soil to reflect the African dry season habitat. The river scene contains soil from the Okray Family Farms.

Major contributors to the new exhibits are Mike Okray, Woody and Zachary Bishop and Helen Godfrey.

There is never any fee to tour the UWSP Natural History Museum. Hours are Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.



Mike Okray donated a Cape buffalo for the UWSP museum's new African savanna display.



UW-Stevens Point students repay loans quickly

Students who graduate from UWSP have one of the best records in the state and the nation for repaying student loans.

University officials are pleased that UWSP's most recently published student loan default rate is 2.2 percent. According to data released by the U.S. Department of Education the mean default rate of all Wisconsin post-secondary schools is 5.4 percent, including UW System campuses at 3.8 percent, with the national default rate at 8.8 percent.

Financial Aids Director Phil George says, "UWSP's low default rate shows that our students get a good education, borrow at manageable levels and pay off their loans." He emphasizes that Point students understand their obligations and honor them.

"When they get their first jobs, 97.8 percent of our graduates choose to honor their commitments and pay off their loans without any fuss. I'm extremely proud of our students—they are terrific," George says.

George also provides UWSP student borrowers with a stern dose of reality. He meets with graduat-

ing seniors each year to explain strategies for repayment and how repayment conduct will affect their future credit. He enlists the help of a local banker who impresses the students with the negative consequences of defaulting on loans and the positive outcomes of paying them off in a timely fashion.

Apparently most UWSP graduates follow their advice.

"You have to give credit to our students—they are conscientious people with a solid work ethic," George says. "This is reflected in their professional viability and their willingness to repay lenders who helped them. It's no wonder that most of our graduates are successful in finding jobs or pursuing further education."

UW-Stevens Point graduates find jobs

Staff members at UWSP's Career Services agree with Director of Financial Aid Phil George's assessment of the high standards of UWSP graduates.

Career Services assists students and alumni with job searches and career counseling.

Counselors Lorry Walters, Mary Mosier and John Zach say they are consistently impressed with UWSP students' preparedness for the marketplace, high standards of performance and willingness to work hard.

Mosier, who counsels prospective teachers, reports that 93 percent of UWSP elementary and secondary education graduates are finding jobs right out of school, especially elementary and early childhood majors who are experiencing a 98 percent placement rate.

Mosier says the market for kindergarten teachers continues to grow due to the large number of all-day programs throughout the state and nation. A flood of retirements throughout the country also is fueling the search for new teachers, Mosier reports.

UWSP computer science, accounting, business and communication graduates continue to be highly employable, says Walters. She describes the current market as

"healthy," with employers seeking out students individually to invite them to interview. Companies who have hired UWSP graduates in the past continue to return to campus seeking high quality employees, Walters says.

Liberal arts graduates in fields such as sociology, psychology and history are marketable if they seek employment in areas of their skills and interests, says Zach. A study published recently by Michigan State University lists communication, leadership, teamwork and interpersonal skills as the most desirable attributes for job candidates. A well-rounded graduate who also possesses computer and technical skills doesn't have any problems finding employment, Zach says.

UWSP's College of Natural Resources graduates, including those who opt to go to graduate school, are experiencing placement rates in their fields of about 85 percent according to Steve Menzel of the CNR staff. Environmental education, urban forestry and waste management are currently good hiring areas. Graduates in paper science, a UWSP program that usually experiences 100 percent placement, are commanding starting salaries approaching \$50,000.



Planetarium named for Allen Blocher

The newly remodeled UWSP planetarium has been dedicated to the late Allen Blocher, longtime professor of physics and astronomy.

Blocher, who came to UWSP in 1958, died in 1989. He was instrumental in organizing the planetarium and planning the original Science Building which was completed in 1963. The first director of the planetarium, Blocher served in that capacity for 13 years.

"Allen Blocher truly enjoyed teaching and working with students," according to wording on the plaque installed at the planetarium. "To him, learning and teaching went hand-in-hand, and being a faculty member was not just an occupation, but a true vocation. He dedicated his life to the university community."

When the Science Building was remodeled and expanded in 1973, Blocher helped design the observatory and telescope observation platform atop the new addition. Soon after completion, public viewing of Stevens Point's night skies was added to the planetarium schedule.

This year the planetarium was remodeled to accommodate a new projector which creates an image of the night sky on the ceiling dome. The previous instrument had been in place since the building was first constructed.

The new computer controlled projector is only the second of its type to be installed worldwide. It is state-of-the-art equipment, according to Randy Olson, current director of the planetarium.

UWSP is only one of five universities in the state to provide public presentations about astronomy. "For the astronomy students who run the presentations, the planetarium provides invaluable direct experience in explaining issues and current events involving astronomy to the public and young students," Olson says.



Allen Blocher

Some of the planetarium's public shows are accompanied by professionally taped narration. The computer can be programmed to cue the projector and work together with the tape. In addition, the same program can be manipulated from the console so that it can be adapted for the age level of students who come to the planetarium on school field trips. All shows for area students are done as live presentations.

Currently showing at the planetarium is a program entitled "The Voyager Encounters," which follows the Voyager space probe's trek past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. A show entitled "Clouds of Fire: the Creation of the Stars" will begin April 2. There is no admission charge for the presentations. In addition, the "Night Sky" program and observatory visit is presented on Mondays at 8 p.m. For further information, call (715) 346-2208.

The planetarium is located on the second floor of the Science Building on the corner of Reserve Street and Fourth Avenue near parking in Lot X at Stanley and Fremont Streets.

Student speaks at international meeting



Corey Jaskolski

When Corey Jaskolski was a teenager in the early 90s, he neglected to attend classes at his local high school. Noticing he was absent more than he was present, school administrators sent him to be tested at a nearby technical college. He effortlessly passed the test to receive a General Equivalency Diploma.

Anticipating his future livelihood, Jaskolski decided to take a job as a roofer. His foray into construction was short-lived, however. One winter workday, buffeted by frigid winds on top of a building, he knew he had to escape that freezing cold. College began to look more and more attractive.

Today the high school dropout is a senior physics and mathematics major at UWSP. He recently was recognized as the top student researcher at an international meeting of the Society of Physics Students in Helsinki, Finland.

One of three students chosen to represent the United States at the Helsinki meeting, Jaskolski discussed his research on ultrashort laser pulses, conducted with Assistant Professor Greg Taft of the UWSP physics department. His paper describing the project was selected by the nearly 300 participants as the best presentation out of more than 60 at the conference.

Jaskolski, who confesses to a longtime interest in science and computers, began his university career in 1995 at UW - Marshfield / Wood County where he served as president of the Mathematics Club. During his junior and senior years at UWSP, he has served as vice president and president of the Society of Physics Students, as a physics tutor and grader and as a research assistant in the Femtosecond Laser Lab.

At UWSP he has received numerous scholarships, including the Society of Physics Student Leadership Scholarship, the Monica Bainter Scholarship and the University Leadership Award. In addition, he volunteers as a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

Jaskolski has presented his work at several venues including Marquette University, Argonne National Laboratories and UW-La Crosse. Following his graduation in May, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics or aerospace systems engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Colorado.

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UWSP faculty cited for excellence

Seven faculty members of the College of Letters and Science were recognized for outstanding teaching, scholarship and service.

Recipients include:

Excellence in Teaching:

E. Sherwood Bishop, professor, has received the award previously and has been nominated for Teacher of the Year. He has served as coordinator of the University Honors Program and coordinator of Social Work Field Placement. He also is the author of several social work placement manuals.

Dennis Elsenrath, professor of psychology, has conducted dozens of wellness presentations and workshops nationally and internationally. He is co-founder of the National Wellness Institute and was president of the Organization of Wellness Networks. He was UWSP's nominee for the 1995 University of Wisconsin Regent's Systemwide Teaching Excellence Award.

Marcia Parker, associate professor of French, has served as a member and chair of the International Affairs Committee. Among positions she held before coming to UWSP, she worked as a translator for Magna Publications, Madison.

John Vollrath, retired professor of philosophy, wrote *Science and Moral Values*, a textbook that deals with the moral and ethical issues encountered by people in the sciences. He was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow.

Chris Sadler, associate professor of communication of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, was also recognized for excellence in teaching.

Excellence in Scholarship:

Hamid Hekmat, professor of psychology, has published widely in major journals and has made numerous presentations at national conferences. He received the Chancellor's Merit Award in 1981. His work with internationally renowned doctors Arthur and Peter Staats resulted in development of a new pain theory, recently published in the American Pain Society journal: *Pain Forum*.

James Stokes, professor of English, wrote a two-volume book on the dramatic records of Somerset, England. He has published articles in professional journals in the U.S., Canada, England and the Netherlands. He also writes poetry and fiction. He is the only UWSP faculty member to receive a Guggenheim Foundation Grant, and the only person in the UW System to be invited four times to be a UW System fellow at UW-Madison's Institute for Research in the Humanities.

Excellence in Service:

Virgil Thiesfeld, retired professor of biology, served as chair of the Department of Biology for 27 years. He also served as the faculty athletic representative for over 20 years and was a gymnastics coach. He was involved in planning the CNR building and the building's addition. He has also received the Tri-Beta Outstanding Teacher Award, the Pucci Family Faculty Award and the Athletics Director's Award for Service and Involvement.



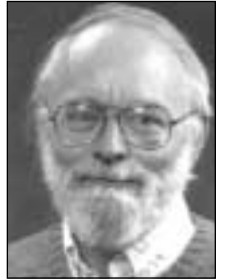
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Dennis Elsenrath



Marcia Parker



John Vollrath



Hamid Hekmat



James Stokes



Virgil Thiesfeld

Wang receives elite MacArthur grant



Jianwei Wang

Jianwei Wang, associate professor of political science, has been awarded a \$75,000 Research and Writing Grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Wang is the only professor in Wisconsin to receive a MacArthur grant in this category this year. In addition, he is the first UWSP political science professor ever to receive such a grant.

Wang's grant was one of 33 selected from throughout the world. Other awards went to professors at Cornell, Princeton, Brown, the London School of Economics, Vanderbilt and other prestigious institutions of higher education.

His research project is on "U.S.-China Relations in the post-Cold War era: 1989-1999." He will investigate the sources underlying the instability in the U.S.-China relationship over the past 10 years. The grant will pay for Wang's salary and research costs while he is on leave beginning next fall. He plans to take two or three research trips to Washington, D.C., China and elsewhere in anticipation of producing a monograph on his studies.

Wang is a native of China, as well as a former senior fellow with the Atlantic Council of the United States. His book, *Limited Adversaries, Post-Cold War U.S.-China Mutual Images* is being published by Oxford University Press. As an expert on Sino-American relations, Wang has frequently been consulted and interviewed by media both in the U.S. and abroad.



Where are all the outdoors women?

Ten thousand women each year participate in outdoor skills workshops sponsored by Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW), a program based at the UWSP College of Natural Resources.

BOW provides an opportunity to learn firearm use and safety, fly fishing, camping, bow hunting, canoeing, map and compass, and other activities. The program has grown to include instructors from fish and game agencies in 44 states and nine Canadian provinces.

BOW was founded by Christine Thomas, interim associate dean of the CNR, to provide education for women to participate in hunting, fishing and nonharvest outdoor activities.

However, the number of minority women involved in the program is extremely low, according to Mike Schnell, a graduate assistant for International Becoming An Outdoors-Woman. The program's organizers are concerned about this and have set out to find the reason.

Schnell's research showed that the program attracts fewer than 10 percent minority participants and only 15 percent are women from low-income households. He also tried to determine how to better reach the underserved groups.

In October BOW offered a two-day conference attended by natural resource agency personnel, sports and conservation club members and "target audience" women. Workshops in Wisconsin, Missouri and Texas will be used to gauge new strategies developed at the conference.

Schnell will do follow up surveys of the pilot workshops and summarize the successful strategies for increasing participation of minority women in the program.

For more information on BOW programs, call (715) 228-2070; write BOW-College of Natural Resources, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481; or visit the BOW Web site (www.uwsp.edu/bow).



Among opportunities offered in the Becoming an Outdoors Woman programs is learning basic fishing skills.

Menzel named fund-raiser for College

Steve Menzel, '78, has been named public relations and development coordinator for the College of Natural Resources.

"I thoroughly enjoy my work here and being on campus. It's exciting to be around people who are involved in learning. My wife, Wendy, and I enjoy everything about campus, from fine arts events to Pointer sports," Menzel says.

His new responsibilities include coordinating CNR communication activities, managing the college's Web site, editing the CNR newsletter, writing press releases and working with media representatives. Another part of the job is handling fund raising for the college. Menzel is developing relationships with donors and working on projects aimed at specific financial needs within the college.

"One of the areas we are working on is continuing the funding of Bob Govett's position as distinguished professor in forestry," Menzel said. "We hope to raise \$40,000 over two years."

Menzel recently sent out a mailing regarding this fund drive to professionals in the wood products industry and reports that he is already seeing success with the project.

He is assisting in planning a long-range initiative to expand the influence of the CNR. This 10-year plan will see definite growth in the college, taking it to a global audience.

"I have had the pleasure and benefit of working with John Ross,



Steve Menzel

who is not only an expert in fund raising, but a conservation graduate from our campus," Menzel says. Ross, a 1958 graduate, recently retired as development director of the Indiana University Foundation. He now conducts seminars around

the country for "Philanthropy and Americans Outdoors."

"It's exciting to look at the future of the college," Menzel notes.

Before coming to UWSP, Menzel was the public relations coordinator for Saint Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. He also was an advertising sales account representative for the *Stevens Point Journal* from 1978 to 1993. He was the top display advertising salesperson for the *Journal* for a number of years and received the WNAEA Award for outstanding advertisement for Modern Interiors, Inc.

While a student at UWSP, he received the Dreyfus Award for Community Service in 1977 and was named Pointer basketball's most valuable player in 1978 under Coach Dick Bennett.

Menzel is active in community projects, served as president of the Optimist Club and works for the United Way of Portage County. He has served on the Community Parks Improvement Committee, the Portage County Cultural Diversity Committee, the Family Resource Center Board and the Portage County Humane Society Board.

Book spreads concern for the earth

A sense of wonder about the world helped Joe Passineau write an award-winning book that teaches parents and children to care for the earth.

The book, *Teaching Kids to Love the Earth: Sharing a Sense of Wonder*, co-written by Passineau, Marina Lachecki Herman, Ann L. Schimpf and Paul Treuer, is now being published in Japanese and Spanish. It was translated into Portuguese for the 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil. Passineau, associate professor of environmental education, is former director of UWSP's Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES).

Passineau recently traveled to Japan and Latin America as part of a sabbatical to develop international editions and environmental education projects based on the book. He



Joe Passineau

also worked with conservation organizations in Japan. He will incorporate investigation of Japanese natural

resource issues into his courses at UWSP.

"The book started out to share the sense of wonder but ended up being a passionate plea for people of all ages to care for the earth," Passineau said.

First published in 1991 by Pfeiffer-Hamilton of Duluth, Minn., the book won the Benjamin Franklin Award for the best book in the parenting and child care category, and also won the Best Environmental Book Award from the Midwest Book Sellers Association.

Passineau has conducted workshops at international schools in Switzerland and at the Alpine International Environmental Education Center. "Teaching Kids to Love the Earth" workshops also have been conducted at many national conferences.

Forestry and water groups receive awards

Forestry chapter named among nation's best

The UWSP student chapter of the Society of American Foresters was named one of the top three chapters in the nation.

The club's application for the award highlighted the chapter's community service and promotion of professional education. The 40-plus member organization is advised by John E. Houghton, associate professor of forestry.

One of the chapter's recent projects was establishing itself as a sponsor in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. The club adopted a one-mile segment of Highway 10 west of Stevens Point, providing clean-up services twice a year along the road.

Ongoing events included the annual pulp cut where students practice handling power saws and other equipment safely and accurately while cutting down trees and hauling them to sawmills. The cut brings a substantial amount of revenue to the chapter.

Last spring student foresters planted more than 3,800 trees for landowners. The members also help prune tree plantations and tour facilities such as paper mills and forest production laboratories. They regularly meet with foresters, paper company employees, educators, environmentalists and others.

The chapter is perennially recognized among the nation's best. In addition, Houghton was named the best forestry educator in the country in 1995.

AWRA chapter declared tops again

The student chapter of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) was named the outstanding student chapter in the nation for 1999.

The 40-plus member organization and its officers were recognized at the AWRA annual conference in Seattle last December. Earl Spangenberg, professor of forestry and water science, is the group's adviser.

The chapter has been regularly recognized among the nation's best, earning the award six times since it was initiated. In a letter announcing the award, AWRA national President John Warwick cited the group for innovations in its programs.

The chapter's primary purpose is to develop the knowledge and involvement of students interested in pursuing careers in water resources. The group also is committed to the preservation and enhancement of the nation's water quality through education, responsible management and the continuing efforts of its members.

Recent activity has been to undertake a two-year study of water chemistry and quality in four regional drainage ditches in the Buena Vista district in Central Wisconsin. Other club activities included litter pick-ups along the chapter's "Adopt-A-Highway" section of Interstate 39, community tours, a raffle, guest speakers, outreach seminars to local grade schools, participation in College Days for Kids at UWSP and attendance at state and national conferences.



CPS upgrades classrooms

Alumni wouldn't recognize classrooms in the College of Professional Studies as the college continues to honor its five-year commitment to "focus on teaching." One of the most important steps in the process has been the improvement of classrooms.

Since beginning a project to upgrade every teaching space in the college, Dean Joan North says she, as well as the faculty and students, have learned how much the teaching environment matters. In fact, other colleges at UWSP are now beginning efforts to upgrade classroom spaces to include distance learning capabilities.

"We have had such positive response from faculty and students we know our investment has paid off. We even get requests for information about our efforts from other universities," North said.

She recently shared her college's experiences as part of a national panel discussion entitled "Renovating and Designing Classrooms for New Learning Paradigms: Lessons from the Field," at the Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education.

North says that she came to realize there was a gap between saying the college supported excellence in teaching and taking action to support that goal. So she decided to involve all college faculty and staff members in identifying needs.



Classrooms in CPS have new video presenters. A camera that projects images onto the wall can zoom in on objects placed on the bed of the presenter. By switching the lighting, it can also be used to project a traditional transparency or slide.

architecture students with faculty input.

"We used a variety of paint treatments to give each room a different look," North said. "When the area is visually satisfying, it is soothing, and that brings about better learning."

"All of these changes are a move toward using the latest technology and creating comfortable classrooms for our students," North said.

Other outcomes of the college's commitment to teaching is creation of "Teaching Partners," which pairs faculty or staff across departments. Ten pairs from the college participate in a yearlong reflection about teaching, augmented with student feedback and joint peer review.

But faculty and staff members are not the only ones affected by the programs.

"Students have expressed appreciation, and even wonder, that teaching partners ask them what facilitates their learning," North says. "Students also report delight with the renewed classrooms, saying that they feel valued by having new places in which to study and learn."

There was a consensus that classrooms needed improvement. Not only did they look outdated, they were not suited to new teaching approaches.

Using its own funds, augmented by UW System funds for Instructional Technology and Classroom Modernization, the college has definitely changed its look. Throughout the college rooms received carpeting, white boards and improved lighting and were wired with computer outlets and Internet connections. In addition, many rooms got new furniture.

Eventually most will have teaching consoles equipped with a "video presenter" and a VCR.

One of the most noticeable changes was a fresh coat of paint on every wall, even in the stairwells.

Rooms were designed by interior archi-



Although you can't see it from the outside, there are many changes on the inside of the College of Professional Studies.

Anstett named to new post

Deborah Anstett, '74, has been named director of development for the College of Professional Studies.

Anstett will develop plans for fund raising in the college where she earned her bachelor's degree. Besides her degree in communicative disorders, she has a master's degree from UW-Madison.

"My first love is education," she said. "I'm excited about what UWSP does to enhance and enrich our lives here in Central Wisconsin."

For example teachers are trained in the School of Education and the Communicative Disorders Clinic provides needed services to the community and help for people with disabilities, she said.

"Our UWSP athletes serve as role models and mentors for our young people, and our student volunteers are seen in all the schools and many of our community service organiza-



Deb Anstett

tions and businesses," she noted.

For 10 years before coming to UWSP, Anstett was a self-employed financial planner with American Express Financial Advisors in Stevens Point. From 1985 to 1989, she was director of UWSP's Educational Support Program, a federally funded program providing tutoring and study skills to disadvantaged youth. She worked in

adult education at Mid-State Technical College and UW-Extension. In addition, she worked as a speech therapist in the Watertown school district.

Anstett serves as president of the Board of Directors for the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. She also is a founding member of the Women's Fund of Portage County, a group dedicated to philanthropy by and for women.

Fifty teachers learn together

"When my daughter was setting her wedding date, I told her, 'You can't have it on the weekend of my class. Sorry, that's just too important.'"

The parent making this statement about the value of his classes was one of 50 veteran teachers from Westfield, Montello, Adams-Friendship and Markesan who are enrolled in a new master's degree program, the Learning Community, offered by UWSP's School of Education and UW Extension.

All 50 of the participating kindergarten through high school teachers will graduate together in May.

"This is not a traditional master's degree program in which students attend classes and write a thesis," said Sue Slick, assistant professor of education and a facilitator of the Learning Community. She has been joined in leading the project by LeeAnn Chase, principal of Amherst Elementary School.

The intensive two-year degree program calls for once-monthly meetings that run all day Saturday and Sunday. Plus, the teachers do additional hours of work throughout the month.

"Rather than completing a thesis, these teachers will showcase projects and professional portfolios in April at Westfield High School, the site of the program," Slick said.

Classes have been held in Westfield so that none of the students drive more than half an hour to attend classes. The facilitators came from UWSP and other institutions. Having classes delivered close to home is significant because many of the teachers wouldn't have been able to participate otherwise.

"These teachers have been challenged, but they have been extremely excited about this approach," Slick said. "They bring back to their school districts strong ideas for renewal, improvement and change."

"What I learn during the weekends in this program I can use every week and use it immediately," said George McCartney, a participant and teacher at Westfield High School.

During the first year, small groups established values, developed individual and group goals and agreed on professional teaching standards.

"They have become like a family," said Clark Buchanan, a teacher at Markesan High School. "Our group is a sounding board for us all. When you talk to someone from another school who's having the same experiences, it helps you know you're not alone."

The second year of study has been devoted to the capstone projects that the teachers work on as individuals or as teams. The projects are based on insights gained through action research, a method where teachers define a problem, decide on a solution and put the solution into action. They then study changes in the classroom to see if the new strategies are working. In this way, they can continue to improve themselves and their classroom or school.

During a recent presentation of work the group has done so far, UWSP Provost and Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer was impressed with the effectiveness of the Learning Community.

"What strikes me is the level of enthusiasm these people have for the program," Meyer said. "While the teachers I talked to were quick to point out this vehicle for earning a graduate degree may not be for everyone, they were convinced that it was right for them. Many of them noted that the conversation in the teachers' lounge has taken on a new flavor—they now talk more about what they can do to improve students' learning."

Meyer said an important benefit for the teachers participating in the program is that they can reinforce each other's efforts.

"With renewed enthusiasm for teaching and student learning permeating their schools, these teachers are convinced that they will continue to experience significant professional growth long after they finish their degree program," Meyer noted.

The program was recognized for excellence recently by Region IV of the University Continuing Education Association, which includes representatives from eight Midwestern states.



Author has impact on area students

A series of books for kindergarten through eighth grade music classes by a UWSP professor are having an impact on teachers in Central Wisconsin and nationwide.

Judy Bond, assistant professor of music and coordinator of music education, is one of the coordinating authors for the 2000 edition of *Share the Music*.

Share the Music meets national standards of music education with the inclusion of movement, classroom instruments and singing. Many of the music activities are based on the Orff Schulwerk (schoolwork) approach named for its originator, German composer Carl Orff.

Wisconsin Rapids music teachers use the books in kindergarten through second grade with plans to purchase more books as the budget allows.

Karen Bures, '77, teaches music at Grove, Pitsch and Howe schools in Wisconsin Rapids. Grove is a multi-level school, with two grades in every classroom.

"The series is wonderful for our multilevel learners," Bures said. "I talk with the teachers at Grove about the thematic emphasis they are using. The textbook series helps promote our themes with singing, listening and performance."

"The number of ideas in the books is overwhelming but it's wonderful," Bures said. "The examples spark ideas and give me so many



Karen Bures, '77, a music teacher in Wisconsin Rapids, uses "Share the Music," a series of books written by UWSP's Judy Bond to teach multilevel learners at Grove School.

avenues for teaching."

Also in Wisconsin Rapids, Rebecca Bohne, master's '92, who teaches music at Woodside and Grant elementary schools, is an advocate for *Share the Music*.

Incorporating the Orff approach, along with the textbook series "has turned my teaching around 180 degrees," Bohne said.

Since she started using the new curriculum, pencil and paper exercises

have been replaced with listening to the beat and moving to the music.

"It has invigorated me and given me a new enthusiasm for teaching," Bohne said. "The kids are enthusiastic about music. It's never boring."

Bohne often uses alternative teaching strategies that are outlined in the lessons in order to reach the special needs students who are mainstreamed in her classes.

"It's another way of getting at

what you're trying to teach and reinforces the skills for all the students," Bohne said.

Stevens Point was one of the first districts to adopt the series for all music classes from kindergarten through sixth grade.

"We were impressed with the philosophy of the series," says Andrea Neuhauser, master's '86, a music teacher at Plover/Whiting Elementary School. "It has well thought out lesson plans and excellent audio music to augment the lessons."

Among Bond's contributions to the new edition were writing portions of the teacher's manuals for fifth and sixth grade and contributing song ideas for all grade levels. She also found Hmong music for the series. Vilay Her, who teaches English as a second language in Wausau, contributed three songs for the series after working with Bond in university classes.

"The books use music from a wide variety of ethnic groups and show respect for other cultures," Bond said. "Students are introduced to a wide variety of musical traditions and they learn about different cultures through the music they perform."

Many area music teachers and general elementary education teachers attend Bond's summer workshops at UWSP, where she introduces the curriculum to her students.

Trivia 2000 announced

"Trivia Y2K, the Bug Strikes" will be the theme for the world's largest trivia contest held April 14 to 16 at UWSP, according to Jim "Oz" Oliva, trivia coordinator and owner of Mom's Computers, Stevens Point.

Oliva announced the theme in December during the recent WWSP 90 FM Radiothon, the station's main fund-raising event.

The fourth annual Radiothon featured an on-air auction and collected pledges of more than \$3,700. The money will support the station's programming needs.

"This is the best fund-raising event we've ever had," according to John Gardner, 90 FM promotions director, a senior communication major from Wisconsin Rapids.

The next big event for the station will be the trivia contest in April.

During the contest, eight

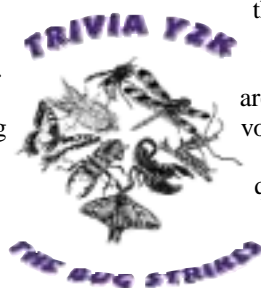
questions are asked each hour over the 90 FM airwaves. Participating teams must respond within the time it takes to play two songs. All teams

that answer correctly are given an equal share of points. In addition, there are "running questions" involving locations in Stevens

Point and three music questions with song snippets played on the air.

Teams receive a copy of the booklet, "The New Trivia Times," with further details and contest rules. To compete, teams should contact promotions director Gardner at (715) 346-3755 (press 6 for his voice mail).

Trophies are donated by Miller Beer and Premium Brands distributors and Point Trophy. Major sponsors also include Bank One, Pepsi-Cola, Copp's Foods and Target Stores.



Ritch Brinkley

Students benefit from veteran actor's wisdom

Here are some trivia stumpers from UWSP, home of the world's largest trivia contest.

Who played William, the cook of the World Below, on the television series "Beauty and the Beast?" Can't remember the name? Maybe you

know who played Carl, the lovestruck cameraman on the situation comedy "Murphy Brown?" If you got that one, then surely you know who played the captain of the ship in the film "Cabin Boy" starring Chris Elliot.

The answer to all of the questions is Ritch Brinkley—a face many have seen, but a name only a few will recall easily. It's the same actor who's been the visiting artist at UWSP this year. He's sharing his lifetime of show business experience with UWSP theatre students.

"I'm not one of the most well known character actors," Brinkley admitted. "But I'm in the top five percent of wage earners among members of the Screen Actors Guild." His recognition factor illustrates one of the points he has to make about success in Hollywood. He has worked in front of the camera fairly steadily over many years, but without accolades. He also has done more than 50 commercials—the first was for Schlitz beer. More recently, he was Santa on a Kinko's commercial that aired during a number of football games.

"We are delighted with his being here," says Arthur Hopper, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. "It is a special opportunity for the students to be exposed to a man of his professional background. They are responding well to him."

Brinkley has been haunted by a desire to pass on the information that he has learned during 30 years in every phase of show business. When he became vested for retirement in the Screen Actors Guild, he felt secure enough to take the risk of trying something completely different. But his desire to teach didn't mean he knew what he was getting into.

Before he stepped into the classroom, he was terrified with nightmares about teaching. After a few days of working with students, however, he discovered he had a knack for it and is considering other opportunities in higher education.

"I'm really enjoying both classes I'm taking with Ritch," said Betsy Skowbo, a senior theatre major from Port Washington. "Not only does he share experiences from his career, which give us invaluable insights into the real 'business' of acting, but he also takes each one of his students' needs into consideration and challenges us to push the limits of our skills and creativity."

"A two-part exam on film jargon that we took in the camera acting class was extremely helpful," Skowbo said. "I believe that the information we learned will give us an inside edge. It's so important to be able to intelligently discuss your profession."

Brinkley enjoys the students at UWSP, using adjectives like "smart," "open" and "straightforward" to describe them.

"I have no doubt that some of these students will make it in show business," Brinkley said. "There are plenty of them with enough talent. But the main drawback to success is the nasty atmosphere in Hollywood compared to the wonderful environment of Stevens Point."

Young is professor of year

Charles Young, associate professor of music, was named the 1999-2000 Wisconsin Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Professors from across the nation were recognized for their extraordinary dedication, commitment to students and innovative teaching.

"Professor Young is an innovator in technology for teaching, and we are tremendously pleased to see this kind of recognition for his outstanding accomplishments in higher education," said Chancellor Tom George.

A composer and saxophonist, Young recently received his fifth consecutive award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). He was chosen as a Wisconsin Teaching Fellow in 1997's by UW System and last summer he was sponsored by the National Park Service as the first composer-in-residence for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Young's original works have been performed and recorded by a variety of musical groups. He has appeared in Magdeburg, Germany, with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and served as an assisting musician for Milt Jackson, Maureen McGovern, Lou Rawls and others.

Young recently won first prize in the National Band Association Merrill Jones Composer's Competition with "Legends of the Northern Wind."



Charles Young

At UWSP, changing lives is no accident. It is the result of a teaching and learning environment that is like no other. That environment is fostered by a commitment of personal attention to students.

From fishing guide to forest chief

Born in Stevens Point and raised in the Hayward area, Michael Dombeck, '71, master's '74, has gone from renowned fishing guide to the nation's top forester. As chief of the U.S. Forest Service since 1977, he oversees a staff of thousands that manage 192 million acres of land in our nation's 155 national forests.

"From my vantage point I am able to meet Point graduates here in Washington and across the country," Dombeck said. He believes that UWSP graduates represent a tremendous work ethic with roots embedded in Wisconsin.

"The university gave me a tremendous educational foundation and my advice for today's and tomorrow's students is to get a balanced education with a strong emphasis on communication skills. Only with strong communication skills can natural resource professionals facilitate a science-based stewardship for our natural heritage."

According to Dombeck, he has always had an intense interest in the outdoors. As a student at the university, he first got interested in biology and natural resource issues in Professor George Becker's introductory zoology course. "More than any other influence at UWSP, Dr. Becker was singularly responsible in shaping my career interests. He had a knack for motivating students," Dombeck said.

He received a solid foundation in both the biological sciences and natural resources at UWSP. As a teaching assistant in zoology, he had an opportunity to interact with students in a classroom setting. In addition, his early ex-

posure to teaching gave him the confidence later in life to meet and work with a wide range of people and opinions.

The window in Dombeck's Washington, D.C. office in gives him a view into our country's heritage, including the White House and the Jefferson Memorial. While his job in Washington "is a lot of fun," he admits that his first year as chief was a real challenge. He said the key was to find how to best balance the many competing interests found within the national forests.

"Many people are coming to the realization that our national forests are good for more than just timber production," Dombeck said. "Clean water, open space, recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat are just some of the values that current and future foresters will need to balance."

One area of mild frustration is in the political arena. "Sometimes forest issues can be taken over by political extremes, rather than letting science and what's good for the nation as a whole lead the debate," Dombeck claims. "My hope is that more and more people, not just the political extremes or those in the industry, become more engaged and directly involved on national forest issues."

While Dombeck makes a few trips each year back home to Wisconsin, he still misses time spent in the woods and with friends and family. Last year he had the honor of escorting the nation's Christmas tree from Wisconsin to Washington, D.C. In addition, last April he joined UWSP colleagues and invited guests to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Aldo Leopold's seminal work, Sand County Almanac.



The Capitol Christmas tree cut from a national forest in northern Wisconsin was a beautiful sight for CNR Professor Emeritus Bob Engelhard and Alumni Relations Director Emerita Karen Engelhard, '59; Chief of the U.S. Forest Service Mike Dombeck, '71, master's '74; Pat (Ryder) Dombeck, '75; and Wisconsin State Senator Kevin Shibilski, '87, when they met in Washington, D.C. in December.

Her early love of painting endured

Some people are called to be farmers, and they love what they do. Some people are called to the religious life, and they love what they do. Theresa Wanta, '82, learned from her childhood experiences and from her religious life that she was really called to be an artist, and now she loves what she does. Once known as Sister Mary Joyce of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Wanta has become a successful studio artist.

Her still lifes, portraits, florals and landscapes are displayed in several states in the U.S., London, Kuala Lumpur and Germany.

Wanta grew up on a farm near Wausau. "I started working in the potato fields in first grade," she said.



Theresa Wanta

As a child, she entered and won every poster contest that came along, but she didn't take art classes until more than 20 years later at UWSP. Neither her teachers nor her parents considered art a sensible career.

In eighth grade, young Terry saw a brochure about nuns, and noted that art was among the callings available.

The convent seemed an attractive option, so she began life as a nun in 1956 at age 14, living at the Sisters of St. Joseph convent in Stevens Point and attending Maria High School. She studied for a year at a convent in South Bend, Ind. Convent life in those days was very strict.

She was told by the order that she was needed as a teacher. Although she wanted to be an artist, she reluctantly put aside her dreams.

"There was no fine art at all in the convent, but I didn't want to go back to the farm," she said.

She took the necessary classes through St. Norbert College, De Pere, and became Sister Mary Joyce.

She was sent to teach elementary school in Stanley. Because she was

still under temporary vows, she wasn't allowed to leave the building like the older nuns. She was forbidden to read popular literature, so she spent many of her lunch hours reading the dictionary. But she adjusted to the demands of her life and dedicated herself to the ministry of teaching.

Sister Mary Joyce took her final vows and continued to work toward a bachelor's degree at Marquette University while teaching in Milwaukee. She also studied at St. Norbert College during the summer. It took her eight years, but she graduated with honors in 1968.

She taught at several schools, served as principal at an elementary school and was religious director for a 600-student school in Green Bay.

In the late 1960s, she was able to turn her energy to helping needy children in Houma, La. She became known as Sister Terry when she visited the homes of needy preschoolers to teach them the skills they would need to succeed when they reached first grade.

She also worked at MacDonnell's Children's Home in Houma, as a supervisor in an emergency care unit for abused children. She cared for the children until they could be placed in foster homes. Sister Terry found this work fulfilling but it was not her dream—she still wanted to be an artist and decided it was time to leave the order.

"I had grown all I could," she said. "There was no more room for growth in the order."

She came back to Stevens Point, and enrolled at the university.

"When I took art courses at UWSP, I knew this was it," she said. "I was in heaven."

She became Theresa Wanta again



Theresa Wanta, '82, once known as Sister Mary Joyce, now has artwork displayed in several states and abroad. The oil painting, "Three Pears and a Dish," was juried into the Downly Museum of Art Exhibition in California.

and was given \$500 as a gift from the religious order for her 22 years of service.

She took on three part-time jobs and a number of student loans to pay her tuition and expenses while attending UWSP full time for a bachelor's degree in art.

She credits her campus jobs with teaching her public relations skills. In a job with a national Native American training and counseling program, she worked on a video. "I learned that people want to know when you have something to offer," she said.

As soon as she graduated, the late John Anderson, then director of News Services, hired her full time as a graphic designer. She credits Anderson and co-worker Marilyn Thompson with showing her the tools of good marketing.

A few years later, she landed "the best job I ever had," she said. A graphic designer for an insurance company in Minneapolis, she made good money and bought nice clothes for the first time in her life. She won awards, including first place in a United Way Campaign competition.

Computers had not yet become standard in graphic design, and she worked constantly with an Exacto knife and did burnishing by hand. She developed repetitive strain injury,

to the point of being unable to use her hands for anything. "That was a wallop," she said.

She made the setback into an opportunity, and when her hands healed, she began her study for a master's degree at the New York School of Figurative Art.

She returned to Minneapolis and took stock of the obstacles she had overcome. If she could be successful at all the jobs she took out of necessity, "Surely I could be successful at what I love," she said.

She began selling her paintings in the Twin Cities. Winning several national competitions boosted her local reputation and she began exhibiting her paintings nationwide. Last year she was juried into "Dialogues with Visual Tradition at the New York Academy of Art." Currently she can be seen at The Art Collector's Gallery, Solana Beach, Calif.; Susan Street Gallery, San Diego, Calif.; and Foxworthy's in Sanibel Island, Fla.

With recent sales in London, Germany and Malaysia, she has now broken into the international market.

Wanta continues to live and work in St. Paul. To get on her mailing list or visit her studio, call her at (651) 298-9636.



An oil painting, "The Violinist," by Theresa Wanta was juried into a show at the New York Academy of Art.



Davisson is proud to be a Pointer

When Erin Davisson, '82, was a freshman from Beloit, she wasn't sure what she would choose as a career. Now that she is co-anchor of Green Bay's WFRV-TV Channel Five Eyewitness News at six and ten o'clock, she looks back on her college days as pivotal.

Davisson was uncertain how her interest in writing would translate into the work world, but she believes that UWSP faculty members helped her set her goals.

"I credit my career in broadcast journalism to the guidance I got from teachers and classes at UWSP and the experience of working at the campus radio station," she said.

"I'm proud to be a graduate of UWSP. It was the perfect size to allow classes that permitted interaction with professors. I was able to take part in activities that offered great training—like writing for the *Pointer* and the *Pointer Alumnus*, and most of all, working at the student radio station as an announcer."

She especially values the practical experience she got in running the radio station with other students.

"When I tell people what I was able to do and learn at UWSP, it impresses them. It's the kind of blend of classroom learning and practical experience that is the best kind of

training for any career."

Davisson worked as a reporter at Stevens Point's radio stations, WSPT-FM/WXYQ-AM, was anchor for the six o'clock news at WSAW in Wausau, and was a reporter for Wisconsin Public Radio's Morning Edition. In Green Bay, she worked first at WBAY-TV and then WFRV Channel Five.

"I finally found what I was looking for at Channel Five as the Fox Cities anchor," she said.

Shortly after a promotion to ten o'clock anchor at WFRV, she became ill with a life threatening disorder called Wilson's disease that causes the body to retain excessive amounts of copper in the liver. In November of 1990, surgeons at the University Hospital in Madison performed a lifesaving liver transplant.

Davisson went on the air with a report about her disorder and her treatment, bringing viewers into the



Erin Davisson, '82, is co-anchor of Green Bay's WFRV-TV Channel Five Eyewitness News.

operating room with her. The report broadcast the topic of organ donation into the homes of thousands of people throughout the Fox Cities.

"During my recuperation I received hundreds of get-well letters from viewers in an outpouring of support I'll never forget," Davisson said. "Viewers helped keep my spirits up during those long months of recuperation." She now talks with

groups about the importance of organ donations.

Cured of Wilson's disease, Davisson is left with the task of managing the medications and lab tests required of a transplant recipient.

"I thank God every day that I've been given a second chance at life," Davisson says. "That experience has given me an empathy for other people who are going through life-threatening illnesses. No matter how bad things get in the short term, I believe I've been blessed."

In November of 1994, Oprah Winfrey invited her to be on a show about TV anchors. "It was a thrill to work with the best talk show host in the business—and the nicest. It was fun to meet and talk with 15 other news people from all over the country."

She remembers her days in Central Wisconsin fondly. "Everyone here at the station is aware of my alma mater. And I think, so are the viewers. I hope I'm representing the school well."

Life unfolds at UWSP for Hmong grad

This has been quite a year for Meas Vang, '99, a native of Laos who recently graduated from UWSP. In addition to acquiring a new degree in graphic design, he began a new marriage and a new career.

In August he married Johanna Wentzel of Wausaukee and began a job as a graphic designer at UWSP. Johanna will graduate from UWSP next summer. To top it off, they will have their first child in September.

Vang came to Central Wisconsin when his family emigrated from Laos via Thailand to Wausau in 1978. His legal status is as a refugee, since the Laotian government does not give passports to Hmong people.

"My mother told me that I was born in North Central Laos, but did not know my actual birthday," Meas says. His papers from the U.S. government list his birth date as Dec. 5, 1974. Eventually his grandmother found the actual date, April 14, 1974, in a diary written by his father. So now he celebrates both days.

At the end of the Vietnam War, his pregnant mother, Yee Vang, fled Laos with Meas and his older sister. When Yee and her children crossed the Mekong River, she was shot, and still bears a scar from the bullet wound. Their father, Cher, died before they left a refugee camp in Thailand.

The Vang family followed Yee's brothers to the U.S. in 1978 and two years later Yee married Pang Tong Xiong. Their combined family numbers 12 children, aged nine to 26. Meas is 25.

"I feel like a mentor to my younger brothers and sisters," Meas said. "I came to college because I felt it was expected. I stayed because I love learning. I came to UWSP because it was near my family, but UWSP has clearly made a difference in many of my life choices."

After finishing high school in Wausau, Meas served six years with the Army National Guard. Although he didn't consider art as a subject for serious study when he entered UWSP, he took an art class just for fun. After completing several art courses and having an encouraging talk with Gary Hagen, former chair and emeritus professor of art and design, Meas decided to make it his major.

"Professor Hagen took time to help me and talk with me about my future," Meas said. "After meeting with him I could see graphic design as a rewarding career."

Meanwhile in a freshman English class, a soft spoken, attractive woman happened to sit next to him. She introduced herself as Johanna Wentzel, and struck up a conversation.

Johanna was interested in learning about Asia, and asked him where he was from. He replied, "Wausau."

So much for getting to know about Asian culture, she thought. But as they got better acquainted, Meas was disappointed that Johanna seemed to want to keep the relationship as "just friends."

Johanna had chosen UWSP for its accredited dance program and musical theatre offerings. However, she soon changed to a major in French and then became interested in teaching English as a second language—in China.

The summer after her freshman



Meas Vang, a native of Laos who recently graduated from UWSP married Johanna Wentzel in August.



Meas Vang, '99, and his wife, Johanna, enjoy walking together. He is a graphic designer at UWSP News Services.

year, Johanna went on a six-week trip to China to study Chinese language. She then participated in a UWSP semester abroad to France where she picked up 14 credits toward her French major and a desire to see more of the world.

When she returned from Europe, Meas and Johanna met again. They exchanged phone numbers, and she waited for him to call. She was not sure of his reaction and he was hesitant to call because he didn't know what to say. Finally she called him and he suggested they go for a walk. They walked around Stevens Point and on subsequent dates, spent long hours walking around Schmeekle Reserve and talking. Soon they found that they were more alike than different and the friendship grew into love.

When Johanna decided to return to China, she made Meas promise not to make any reference to marriage until after she came back to the U.S. This time she spent a year teaching English at Huijia Private College in Chang Ping, near Beijing.

It was a difficult year for Meas. The longer Johanna was away, the more convinced he became that they were meant to be together.

He traveled to Thailand to see Johanna during her spring break from teaching and gave her a promise ring as a sort of pre-engagement. They ended up talking about marriage despite the pledge, and Johanna admits she knew when he asked her, she would say "yes."

Being a traditionalist, Meas wanted to ask her parents for her hand.

However, when her parents talked to Johanna by telephone and she mentioned the promise ring, they began to ask about wedding plans. In the end, Johanna's mother asked Meas about his intentions before he could work up the courage to approach the subject.

Johanna returned from her year in China last June and the couple were married in August. Meas' mother prepared Hmong dishes for the rehearsal dinner at Johanna's parent's home. Although she wore a white wedding gown for the ceremony, during the reception Johanna put on a traditional Hmong dress that her mother-in-law had made.

The couple plans to eventually return to China. They will both teach while there and Meas hopes to do graphic design for the organization that will sponsor their trip.



Pointer football excels



Wally Schmitt

One of the best seasons in UWSP football history came in a season when few expected it.

Picked to place fourth in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pre-season poll, the Pointers wasted no time proving they could contend for their first back-to-back conference titles since 1934.

UWSP opened its season with non-conference victories against Division II nationally ranked Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D., and Division I-AA Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. The Pointers went on to win their first six games stretching their winning streak to 11 games over the past two seasons.

Even the loss of senior quarterback Ryan Aulenbacher, Hartford, didn't slow the Pointers. Freshman Dave Berghuis, Kimberly, filled in admirably, leading the team to its second straight WIAC title with a 6-1 conference record. That gave the Pointers a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time since 1986.

But the Pointers' winningest season ever came to an end in a 23-10 loss at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. The Pointer squad became the first team in school history to win nine games in a single season, posting a 9-2 overall mark. UWSP also won all four home games and improved to 13-0 all-time in "Spud Bowls" with a 24-20 win over UW-Stout.

Men's basketball celebrates victories



Brant Bailey

Picked for fifth in a WIAC preseason poll, the Pointers had a tremendous season, winning their first conference championship since 1993. The title gave the team the claim of the WIAC "Team of the Century" with record 19th all-time championship.

UWSP opened the year with a victory over St. Michael's College, Colchester, Vt., an NCAA Division II tournament qualifier from last season. They followed with a 64-60 loss at Northern Kentucky, which was ranked sixth in Division II.

On top of that, senior Brant Bailey, Wisconsin Dells, broke Terry Porter's single-season school scoring record and led the WIAC in scoring with the most points scored by any player in league play since 1984. He was named the MVP of the Northern Kentucky Tournament and went on to earn three WIAC Player of the Week honors and set school

records for single game, single season and career free throws made and attempted.

Senior Gabe Frank, Northbrook, Ill., and junior Brent Larson, Ladysmith, were among the nation's leaders in three-point shooting as the Pointers led the WIAC in offense and finished the regular season by winning 12 of their last 13 games.

The Pointers' season was also highlighted by a 77-63 win at UW-Platteville, snapping the Pioneers' 96-game regular season home winning streak. UW-Stevens Point also beat UW-Platteville at home, sweeping the Pioneers for the first time since 1987.

Pointer hockey beats champs



Bob Gould

Sophomore goalie Bob Gould, Eagle River, led the NCHA in wins, goals against average and save percentage, while junior forward Ryan Maxson, Bloomington, Minn., led the league in goals and power play goals.

A 3-1 win at five-time defending national champion Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., was one of the biggest moments of the Pointers' season as they spent much of the season in the national rankings.

The win at Middlebury capped an eight-game winning streak for the Pointers, who boasted a young team with just three seniors on the roster. UWSP also swept a pair of games from three-time defending Northern Collegiate Hockey Association champion St. Norbert College, De Pere, and amassed 14 goals in a midseason win over Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.

The Pointers also exceeded expectations by winning their first NCHA regular season title since 1993 with a 12-2 league record after being picked for fourth in a preseason poll.

Wrestlers triumph over injuries



Wes Kapping

The Pointers battled through an injury plagued season to finish second at the WIAC championships and qualify three wrestlers for the NCAA Division III championships.

Juniors Chet Zdanczewicz, Avoca, and Wes Kapping, Spring Valley, along with freshman Brady Holtz, Oconto Falls, all won WIAC individual titles and qualified for the national meet.

The Pointers also had four wrestlers earn runner-up honors and featured a young roster that finished 3-3 in WIAC dual meets this season.

Women's golf hosts championships



Kathryn Carlson

For the first time ever, UWSP hosted the WIAC championships, though the result wasn't quite what the Pointers had in mind.

After a tough first day, the Pointers bounced back with the league's best second day score. But they settled for third place in the event, held at the Stevens Point Country Club. Senior Kelly Schroeder, Oshkosh, was named the conference's Judy Kruckman scholar athlete and Scott Frazier was named the WIAC Coach of the Year.

Soccer players capture title



Marie Muhvic

It was another routine year for the Pointers as they captured their seventh WIAC title in eight seasons and made their fifth NCAA Division III tournament berth, finishing 17-4 overall.

UWSP went 8-0 in WIAC games, outscoring opponents 46-1 to improve to 55-0-2 all-time in conference play. The Pointers also won the conference tournament at the Pointer Soccer Bowl as junior Marie Muhvic, Stevens Point, scored her school-record 22nd goal of the season in overtime for a 1-0 win over UW-La Crosse.

The season was highlighted with a 4-1 victory over eventual Division III runner-up Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. in the home opener. UWSP's season ended with a 2-1 loss to the University of Chicago in the NCAA playoffs.

Pointer women beat ranked teams



Jessica Ott

Nonconference victories over a pair of nationally ranked teams were the top moments of the Pointers women's basketball season as UWSP defeated Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. before toppling number two ranked Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Senior Jessica Ott, New Glarus, became the lady Pointers' all-time leading three-point shooter and moved to number two on the school's scoring list. She also culminated three straight weeks in which UWSP landed WIAC Player of the Week after scoring a school record tying 36 points in a win over UW-Platteville. Sophomore Carry Boehning, Auburndale, earned the Player of the Week honor the preceding two weeks.

Cross country teams finish near top



Dan Schwamberger

The men's cross country team had yet another national finish at sixth place in the Division III championships, while the women's team returned to prominence with an 11th place finish.

Junior Jesse Drake, Rhinelander, and senior Dan Schwamberger, North Mankato, Minn., earned All-American honors for the men's team, which placed among the top six in the country for the fourth straight year. Junior Leah Juno, Brillion, was an All-American for the women's team, which had its highest finish since 1992.

Drake also highlighted the season by winning the WIAC championships, which were hosted by UWSP at the Wisconsin River Country Club.

Volleyball players build record careers



Erin Carney

The conclusion of a pair of outstanding individual careers helped ease the volleyball team's 14-23 overall record.

Erin Carney, Brookfield, left with school records in assists and aces, while Sarah Kuhl, Fond du Lac, graduated as the Pointers' all-time kills leader. Carney set school marks with 4,535 assists and 208 aces, while Kuhl left with 1,409 kills.

Tennis players survive injuries



Tammy Byrne

The Pointers suffered through an injury riddled season, but still managed a 5-4 dual meet record and a fifth place finish at the WIAC meet.

Senior Tammy Byrne, Oregon, led UWSP with an 12-3 singles record, while earning the Judy Kruckman WIAC scholar athlete award.

Pointer swimmers dominate season

What a dominating season it was for Pointer swimmers and divers, who swept the WIAC men's and women's titles for the first time in school history. The Pointer men won for the third time in four years, while the women won for the first time ever.

Junior Randy Boelk, Embarrass, Minn., became the third men's swimmer in Division III history to swim under 50 seconds in the 100 backstroke, while earning WIAC Swimmer of the Week honors three straight weeks and becoming the first Pointer ever to qualify for the Olympic trials. His brother, Al, was named the WIAC Coach of the Year for both the men's and women's teams.



Randy Boelk

Boelk and senior Jeremy Francioli, Londrina, Brazil, each claimed six WIAC titles among individual events and relays. Senior Becca Uphoff, Madison, won three WIAC individual titles and three relay titles, while also earning the conference's scholar athlete award.

Brent Newport, Berlin, won four titles and earned the conference's men's scholar athlete honor.

The Pointers rolled on to dual meet victories over the remainder of their WIAC opponents while hosting the WIAC championships and taking their winter training trip to Hawaii for the second straight year.

Rookie Kriewaldt makes the most of NFL season



Clint Kriewaldt

At the start of the Detroit Lions’ season, it didn’t look like rookie Clint Kriewaldt would see much playing time—especially since he comes from a Division III school.

But the former UWSP linebacker didn’t take long to prove he belonged in the National Football League.

After being placed on the inactive list during the first several weeks of the season, Kriewaldt finally got his chance to play and made the most of it.

The Shiocton native was a standout on the Lions’ special teams and even saw some time on defense, recording his first career NFL interception in the Lions’ regular season finale against the Vikings at Minnesota. He was on the field for 25 plays during the game.

All told, it was quite a first season for the Pointers’ all-time leading tackler, who was picked in the sixth round of the 1998 NFL draft.

“It was fun and real exciting to finally get out there and be on the field for an extended period of time,” Kriewaldt told the Stevens Point Journal. “It was a great learning experience. The game is so different, so fast. You can practice all you want, but until you are out there, you don’t know what it’s like.”

Women’s Hockey Club goes varsity



Women’s hockey at UWSP will step up from a club program to varsity level in the fall. The women practice at K.B. Willett Arena in Stevens Point at 6 a.m. several days each week. The club is advised by Margaret Stern, lecturer in mathematics and computing, with coaching help from Jimmy Ingman, Irma; Ben DeWeerd, Stevens Point; and Pointer hockey player, Matt Interbartolo, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Former club president, Michelle Poliet, spear-headed the effort to move women’s hockey from club to varsity sport, backed by strong student interest and broad campus support. This season they have played other clubs and community teams from Central Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, according to current club president, Sarah Olm, Marshfield. They will participate in the Midwestern Collegiate Women’s Hockey Alliance tournament in Madison in March.



Athletics

Palzkill named first-team All-American



Andy Palzkill

For a guy who was just hoping to crack the start-ing football lineup at the beginning of his senior season, it’s safe to say Andy Palzkill overachieved.

The UWSP defensive back not only started all 11 of the Pointers’ games, but was most recently named to the Football Gazette’s All-America first team.

Palzkill, who also was named second team All-America by Hewlett-Packard, is the twelfth first-team All-American in UWSP history. He is the only WIAC player named to the first, second or third teams by both Football Gazette and Hewlett Packard.

“I just wanted to start,” the former Mineral Point High School standout said. “That was my main goal. I always thought I could play at this level.”

And he was right. After serving as a backup quar-terback his first three seasons, including one as a redshirt, Palzkill moved to defensive back as a junior. He didn’t start any games last year, playing only in nickel or dime packages. He also had just one interception, but returned it a school record 97 yards for a touchdown in a WIAC title clinching victory over UW-Stout.

This season, Palzkill not only earned a starting spot, but finished the year ranked seventh in the NCAA Division III with a school record nine intercep-tions as the Pointers finished 9-2 and clinched a share of their second straight WIAC title while qualifying for the NCAA playoffs.

Palzkill got interceptions in five consecutive games and ranked fifth on the team with 51 tackles, including 38 solo stops. He sealed a 21-19 win over WIAC preseason favorite UW-River Falls with an interception in the final minute. Palzkill also set up the winning touchdown drive against Drake with a fourth quarter interception.

Much of Palzkill’s success on the field came with his success in the class-room, where he carries a 3.92 grade point average as a sociology major. Earlier this season, he was named a second team Academic All-American.

“I never expected any of this,” he admitted. “I wasn’t the best athlete. There are a lot of guys on our team who are bigger and stronger than me. But I treated football as a class. I just tried to learn football more than anything.”

“Most of Andy’s success came because he is an intelligent football player,” UW-Stevens Point coach John Miech said. “It didn’t take him long to learn our defensive coverages after moving from offense.”

Palzkill’s success marks the fourth time in six seasons UWSP has been represented on Football Gazette’s first team. Current Detroit Lions linebacker Clint Kriewaldt was named a first team linebacker the past two seasons and Randy Simpson was a first team defensive back in 1994.

Simonson moves up the ranks

Former UWSP pitcher Chris Simonson completed his first season in professional baseball with the Milwaukee Brewers organization in 1999.

A 43rd-round draft choice last June, Simonson began the year in Helena, Mont., but led the Pioneer Rookie League in earned run average and quickly garnered a promotion to the Brewers’ high Class A affiliate in Stockton, Calif.

Simonson began his stint at Stockton by not allowing an earned run over his first 19 2/3 innings pitched. He finished the season 2-1 with a 3.16 earned run average. The Plover native will likely begin next season in Stockton as well.

After finishing his first season, Simonson returned to UW-Stevens Point for his last semester. He grad-uated in December with a major in biology.

UWSP Athletics schedules

- March 16-18 Men’s swimming
NCAA III Championships at Atlanta, Ga., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- April 1 Men’s and women’s track and field
Coleman Invitational at UWSP
- April 1 Baseball
Pointers vs. Viterbo College at La Crosse-1 p.m.
- April 2 Baseball
Pointers vs. Bemidji State at La Crosse-Noon
- April 2 Baseball
Pointers vs. Winona State at Winona, Minn., 3 p.m.
- April 4 Baseball
Pointers vs. Concordia College at UWSP, 2 p.m.
- April 7 Baseball
Augsburg College at Minneapolis, 2:30 p.m.
- April 8 Men’s and women’s track and field
Oshkosh Invitational at Oshkosh
- April 9 Baseball
Pointers vs. Marian College at Fond du Lac-1 p.m.
- April 15 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-Whitewater at Whitewater, Noon
- April 15 Men’s and women’s track and field
North Central College Invitational at Naperville, Ill.
- April 21 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-La Crosse, at UWSP, Noon
- April 21 Women’s track and field
Meet of Champions at Rock Island, Ill.
- April 22 Men’s track and field
Meet of Champions at Rock Island, Ill.
- April 24 Baseball
Pointers vs. Winona St., at UWSP, 1 p.m.

- April 28 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-Platteville, at UWSP, 1 p.m.
- April 28-29 Men’s track and field
Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa
- April 29 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-Oshkosh, at UWSP, Noon
- April 29 Women’s track and field
UW-La Crosse Classic at La Crosse
- April 29 Men’s track and field
Eau Claire Blugold Invitational at Eau Claire
- May 5 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-Superior at Superior, 1 p.m.
- May 5-6 Men’s and women’s track & field
WIAC Championships at Superior
- May 6 Baseball
Pointers vs. UW-Stout at Menomonie, Noon
- May 12 Men’s and women’s track & field
Dr. Keeler Invitational at Naperville, Ill.
- May 13 Baseball
WIAC Championship, time and location to be announced
- May 17-21 Baseball
NCAA D-III Midwest Regionals times and locations to be announced
- May 19 Men’s and women’s track & field
North Central Invitational at Naperville, Ill.
- May 25-26 Men’s and women’s track & field
NCAA D-III Outdoor Championships at Naperville, Ill.
- May 26-31 Baseball
NCAA D-III World Series at Appleton
- May 27 Men’s and women’s track and field
NCAA D-III Outdoor Championships at Naperville, Ill.



Alan Malm



Dewey Sebold



Don Kropidowski



Louis Wysocki

Emeritus board members

Four UWSP Foundation board members were granted emeritus status as their terms expired. Alan Malm, '49; Don Kropidowski, '64, master's '74; Louis Wysocki and Dewey Sebold, '68.



Judi Carlson, '63, began a two-year term as president of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October. Immediate Past President Jim Anderson, '89, turned the gavel over to Carlson during the dinner program in the University Center.

Foundation giving rises 28 percent

New officers were elected and a 28 percent increase in total giving was announced at the fall meeting of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors.

President-elect Judi Carlson accepted the gavel from outgoing president Jim Anderson, who headed the board for two years. Other newly appointed officers included Vice President Bob Schmidt, Treasurer Tom Stout and Secretary Susan Feith.

"Of this year's dozen or so performance indicators, the most significant are the dramatic increases in total giving, unrestricted giving and board giving for fiscal year 1999," Anderson said as he announced an increase in total gifts and pledges of nearly \$270,000, excluding bequests, a 28 percent increase.

In addition, donations of unrestricted funds rose 49 percent from \$110,000 to \$164,000 in 1999. Both Chancellor Tom George and Provost Bill Meyer refer to this funding as "crucial to the continued quality and viability of UWSP's programs." Undesignated funds give university administrators needed flexibility and opportunities to invest in improved teaching and learning on campus. Foundation board members raised their giving by more than \$80,000 to nearly \$126,000 in total.

Center receives grant

UWSP's University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC) has been awarded a \$127,000 four-year federal grant.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Education will fund the "Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program." The center will receive approximately \$31,800 each year for the next four years.

The grant will provide scholarships to attend UCLCC for the children of Pell Grant students, working internships for student parents, work-study teacher's aide programs, expansion of services to include an infant and toddler program, and collaborative efforts between the center, the School of Education and the community.

"Access, affordability and quality are the guiding principles of this project," according to UCLCC Director Susie Sprouse. "This grant will serve our most needy students and their children. It is the student parent to whom our focus is directed as we seek to support academic success for both the university students and their children."

The center has been fortunate to have the support of the Student Government Association, students, parents and others within UWSP's administration, according to Sprouse. "Now we have a new supporter in Washington, D.C. who helped make this grant possible," she said. "In May Senator Kohl sent a letter in support of our proposal and thanks to his efforts and the support of many others, our staff, students and parents will receive much needed financial support."



A grant from the U.S. Department of Education will serve children and their parents at the University Child Learning and Care Center, according to Susie Sprouse, director, pictured here with several children at the center.

UWSP alumni respond to challenge

Pointers really came through to meet a challenge initiated by three Stevens Point business owners.

Carl Carlson and Jim Anderson, '89, co-owners of Ellis Stone Construction Company teamed with David Worth, '74, CEO of The Worth Company, a fishing tackle manufacturer to challenge graduates of UWSP to support the university with new and unrestricted gifts to the UWSP Foundation during the 1999 UWSP Annual Fund campaign. Anderson and Carlson together pledged up to \$15,000, and Worth up to \$10,000.

Alumni donors not only met the challenge, but more than tripled it, surpassing the goal by more than \$58,000, according to Peg Zwicker, director of annual giving.

"I was especially encouraged by the response of my fellow alumni," Worth said. "Their strong reaction to this challenge demonstrates loyalty and support for UWSP."

"We are very pleased by the results of the campaign," commented Anderson, immediate past president of the UWSP Foundation. "UWSP plays an important role in our community and Ellis Stone Construction takes pride in having played a role in

the success of this year's campaign."

A gift of \$25,000 from Ray Mundt, a new member of the foundation's board of directors, would have met the goal. However, even without Mundt's donation, the challenge was more than doubled.

More than half the donors who had made unrestricted gifts last year increased their gift this year, with an average increase of about \$18 each. The foundation also garnered 837 new donors, representing \$68,230 in unrestricted gifts.

Unrestricted gifts raised by the Annual Fund support a variety of initiatives on campus. Last year, the UWSP Foundation granted \$95,000 from unrestricted funds to the campus, helping support scholarships, student programs, faculty research, technology upgrades, facilities improvements and other needs.

Gifts to the Annual Fund campaign totaled \$315,000 to date. The 1999 campaign officially closes at the end of the university's fiscal year on June 30. For more information about the UWSP Foundation or the Annual Fund, contact Zwicker toll free at 1-800-858-5267, or through the Internet (<http://foundation.uwsp.edu>).

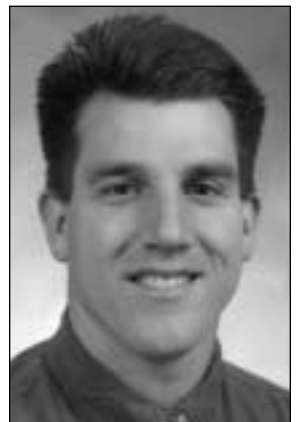
Strege appointed

Ron Strege has been appointed director for Multicultural Affairs.

He is responsible for fostering the success of UWSP's disadvantaged students and students of color. In addition, he supervises the Multicultural Resource Center, the Upward Bound and Educational Support programs, the precollege coordinator and the Native American Center. Strege will manage his department's budget as well as oversee the implementation of UW System's Plan 2008, a strategy for increasing student, staff and faculty diversity systemwide.

Prior to his appointment, Strege was interim director for Multicultural Affairs, adding to an already diverse array of work experiences with students. He first joined UWSP in 1994 as residence hall director managing all aspects and operations of a 200-student residence hall. In addition, he supervised the director of an another facility and coordinated UWSP's intramural program.

"A key goal of mine will be to ensure both academic and social success for our students of color," Strege said. "I also plan to build and improve upon existing community projects, such as the Festival of India and the Portage County Cultural Fest. These projects not only create a better learning environment, they also enrich our community."



Ron Strege

Exhibition memorializes unconventional artist

An art show entitled "Unconventional Wisconsin" will celebrate the memory of Dan Favor, an unconventional UWSP art and design student.

To honor Dan's memory, his friends, Dave Bruener, '89, Port Edwards, and Bruce Hinze, '90, Stoughton, have organized a juried exhibition with the help of Diane Bywaters, UWSP professor of art and design.

The exhibition will open Saturday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in Carlsten Art Gallery of the UWSP Fine Arts Center. During the opening, the Dan Favor Memorial Prize of \$2,000 will be awarded. This is the largest prize for a juried art exhibition in Wisconsin, according to Bywaters.

The show will run through October 11.

Favor, a self-employed graphic designer, was a surrealist and Da-Da artist. The son of Conrad and Rachel Favor, Stevens Point, he married Lisa Marie Edwards, '89, in 1991 and lived in Wausau until his death in 1999 at age 37. Although Dan did not graduate, he attended UWSP from 1985 to 1990.

"No one could swoop into a room and change



The late Dan Favor stands with "Apocalyptic Angle" an artwork he created using an X-ray of his own chest. A juried art show will be held at UWSP in September 16 to October 11 to honor his memory.

your day as Dan could," Tammy Stezenski said in an article for Wausau's City Pages. Stezenski had worked with Favor on several projects. Even though manic depressive disorder prevented him from holding down a nine to five job and he was not a civic leader, his funeral was attended by the huge number of people he touched, Stezenski said.

Wisconsin artists over 18 are invited to submit up to three pieces for a \$25 submission fee by May 16. Submissions can be either slides or digital entries (VHS, CD and Internet). For more information or an entry form, contact Bywaters by e-mail (dbywater@uwsp.edu) or call (715) 346-4776.

The show is intended to be a continuing event supported by entry fees. However, donations from community members are welcome, Bywaters said. To contribute to the Dan Favor Memorial Art Show Fund, contact the Community Foundation of Portage County, P.O. Box 968, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or call (715) 342-4454.

To learn more about Favor and his artwork, visit his Web site (<http://angelanthony.com/danfavors/>)



A new generation studies and travels with International Programs

As UWSP International Programs marks the 30th anniversary of the first semester abroad, a second generation of students is taking advantage of study tour opportunities.

"UWSP's International Programs has a good track record and offers better programs than other schools," said Julia Brahmer, Wittenburg. Her parents Joan, '75, and Dennis Brahmer, '74, met on UWSP's 1973 trip to London. Hearing about their positive experience convinced Julia to participate.

"Going abroad with UWSP was the best thing I ever did," Joan said. That's why she encouraged her daughter to go overseas. A student at UW-Green Bay, Julia chose to join UWSP's semester-long trip to Australia/South Pacific.

The variety of trips available through International Programs evolved from the vision of the program's founder, Professor Emerita Pauline Isaacson.

After much hard work and with the support of Chancellor Lee Dreyfus, Isaacson's vision became a reality when UWSP established its first program in London in 1969. Isaacson headed the newly created office and eventually made additional arrangements for a program in Poland in 1975. Helen Corneli, professor of English succeeded Isaacson in 1982. Corneli recruited UWSP alumnus Mark Koepke to serve as assistant director.

Since the program's beginnings, opportunities to study abroad have opened in France, Spain, Australia/South Pacific, Germany, India, Greece, Costa Rica, China and others.

Robert Bowen, a professor of health, physical education, recreation and athletics, followed Corneli as director in 1988. When Bowen retired in 1995, David Staszak, professor of biology became the director, with Koepke staying on as assistant.

By the time Isaacson had retired, about 2,000 students had participated in overseas study trips. That number has now grown to more than 8,000, according to Staszak, current director.

More than 350 students participated in study abroad programs this past year, earning UWSP a ranking of 13th in the nation by the Institute of International Education. The ratings take into account the number of students traveling abroad and the proportion of total enrollment that they represent.

Cost of a trip from UWSP ranges from \$4,500 to \$7,500 per term depending upon the destination. The price includes tuition, fees, airfare from Chicago, lodging abroad, most food and some tours. Last spring, an endowment was formed through the UWSP Foundation that will provide scholarships for students who want the opportunity to study abroad but have limited funds. The endowment committee set a goal of raising \$300,000 in five years. In the first year, more than \$50,000 has been pledged.

There are a variety of pledge options, including cash donations, one-year or multiyear pledges, estate associated pledges and others. Opportunities to establish a scholarship in the name of a person or group are available to those who donate \$5,000 or more. For information about pledge options, call committee member Mel Bernay, director of capitol giving for the UWSP Foundation, at (715) 346-3045. For information about the endowment, call Bowen at (715) 341-1751.

Honorary chairs of the scholarship committee include Dreyfus, UWSP Chancellor Tom George, and former directors Isaacson and Corneli. Heading up the appeal are Bowen and Mary Ann Baird, professor of interior architecture.

Show your Pointer Pride

There are lots of ways to show that you're proud to be a Pointer. Several items are available from the Alumni Relations Office or from vendors who have agreements with UWSP.

The UWSP Alumni Association and Milestone Designs of Madison offer a frame designed especially for the UWSP diploma.

The 16 by 20 inch black or gold frames may be ordered directly from Milestone

Designs, P.O. Box 45242, Madison, WI 53744. The Alumni Relations Office has color brochures.

Josten's offers distinctive Seiko men's and women's watches that have a three-dimensional re-creation of the UWSP seal on the dial. Complete ordering information is available at Josten's Web site (www.jostensalumshop.com).

Josten's also offers the classic UWSP class ring, which is available in any class year. Ordering information is available from the Alumni



A frame, specially designed for your UWSP diploma is available from Milestone Designs as just one way to show your Pointer Pride.

Relations Office.

A credit card that supports the UWSP Alumni Association is offered by MBNA American Bank. A portion of each purchase supports Alumni Association programs. To request the card, call 1-800-523-7666.

Point H2O Bottled Water in 20 oz. bottles has Stevie Pointer

and plenty of purple and gold on the label. These are available through the Alumni Relations Office.

A full color 24 by 30 inch poster features a beautiful photograph of Old Main taken on a glorious fall afternoon. Cost of the poster is \$3 plus an additional \$3 for shipping up to 10 posters.

If you would like further information, call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at 1-800-POINT01.



Bob Tomlinson

Tomlinson named assistant chancellor

"Having experience at UWSP is a badge of honor among people in my profession," says Bob Tomlinson, newly appointed assistant chancellor for student affairs.

UWSP is known throughout the country as a campus committed to student success, he says. He believes the positive values of the late James Albertson have become imbedded in the fabric of UWSP which makes it a very desirable place to

work and to study. Albertson was UWSP's eighth president who died in a plane crash in Vietnam.

Tomlinson served UWSP as a residence hall director in the early 1970s. He returned to campus last fall after five years at South Dakota State University as its senior student affairs officer. He also had worked as director of residential life at Mississippi State University, University of Alabama, University of Illinois Medical Center and University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He succeeds Helen Godfrey who retired last year after a 33-year career on campus.

"If I'm half as successful during my years here as Helen Godfrey was during her tenure, I will have made a difference," he says.

Tomlinson, who has always been proud of his early employment at UWSP, is delighted to return to campus. In addition to building on the reputation of UWSP's student affairs division, he hopes to mentor and support staff members of the division, whom he describes as "committed."

"We're all educators," he says of faculty and staff alike.

"Helping entry and midlevel professionals develop and broaden their vision is one of my major priorities," he says. He is especially committed to helping women succeed as campus leaders.

Tomlinson seems to be of the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" persuasion. He has assumed a "study mode" during his first few months on campus in order to learn about the division, the institution and its culture. He hopes to be able to eventually provide positive input and ideas.



Class Notes

1990s

Jennifer Tokarski, '99, Beloit, is an auditor for ABC Supply Company. Her job requires her to travel to California and Hawaii.

Danielle Norheim, '99, San Jose, Calif., is an interior designer for Iona Kitchen and Bath, Inc.

Anne Kroeger, '99, Coon Rapids, Minn., is studying companion animal medicine at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Amanda Birschbach, '99, Lafayette, Ind., is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Jesse Messerschmidt, '98, Milwaukee, is an advertising copywriter at Kohl's Department Store's corporate headquarters. He invites his classmates to e-mail him (jesse.messerschmidt@kohls.com).

Scott Crane, '98, Menasha, participated in a three-week acting program at the Royal National Theatre studio in London, England, last summer.

Mike Meshak, '98, Ontario, is the foreign language department chair for the Norwalk-Ontario school district and teaches Spanish and seventh grade English at Brookwood High School. He was camp director for Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander and served in the Peace Corps.



Jennifer (Fisher) Einwalter, '97, Greenfield, is the head reference librarian at Burlington Public Library. She earned a master's degree at UW-Milwaukee. She and her husband, Chris, '98, were married in May. He is a senior assistant manager for Taco Bell, Inc.

Gina (Moats) Deutscher, '96, Winter Haven, Fla., is a school psychologist with the Polk County School District in Lake Wales, Fla. She earned a master's degree from UW-La Crosse. Her husband, Jack, '97, received his commercial pilot training from Comair Aviation Academy and is a pilot for Gulfstream International Airlines.

Tracy (Borchardt) Turner, '95, Greenfield, is an administrative support specialist for Harley Davidson Motor Company in Milwaukee.



Alice Wallner, '95, and her husband, Joe, Stevens Point, opened From The Ground Up Coffee House in Wisconsin Rapids. The shop specializes in gourmet coffee, espresso-based drinks and baked goods. They also serve homemade soups and sandwiches. Alice is the activity director at Family Heritage Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Wisconsin Rapids.

Darren Peck, '94, Tofte, Minn., is a guest service manager at Bluefin Bay Resort. He also is the owner and captain of Tofte Charters, a Lake Superior charter fishing service.

Laurie O'Connell, '94, Lovelock, Nev., is a primary resource room teacher for the Pershing County School District. She teaches kindergarten, first and second grade special education classes. She was honored as "Rookie of the Year" for her first year of teaching. She will be moving back to Wisconsin in June to be closer to family and friends.

Dawn Kennedy, '94, Madison, is a customer service specialist for Rayovac. Previously she worked at Schneider National in Green Bay for four and one half years.

Rebecca (Woller) Williams, '94, Merrill, was married in 1997 and had her first child in May. She is the financial secretary at St. Stephens United Church of Christ and does financial work for her father's construction business. She also is the accompanist for the church's contemporary choir and Sunday school choir.



UWSP alumni who gathered in Girdwood, Alaska, last fall are, from left, Carl Skustad, '98, Girdwood; Jared Severt, '98, Palmdale, Calif.; Shane Patrick, '96, Girdwood; and Greg Wagoner, '98, Palmdale. Skustad and Patrick are the proprietors of Stiff Wood Enterprises. Severt and Wagoner, teachers by trade, served as "temporary employees." "In the spirit of UWSP, Carl paid us each a case of Point Beer for our efforts," said Severt.



Jessica Hallam, '92, West Hollywood, Calif., is a free-lance dancer. "I perform in a lot of venues including television, music videos, you name it, and I audition all the time," she says.

In November, she made her television debut in an episode of the series Suddenly Susan in the role of a cheerleader. On New Year's Eve she opened for the singer Harry Connick Jr. at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas with Wayne Foster Entertainment. She recently joined the dance squad for the new professional arena football team, the L. A. Avengers. She hopes to add work in commercials to her repertoire. She also teaches dance classes during the week and will be in Stevens Point in July to teach jazz dance at UWSP's dance camp. "I love what I do, and even though it is hard at times and is not ever stable, I wouldn't change it," she says.

Erich Bacher, '92, Urbana, Ill., is the assistant to the associate director of athletics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received a master's degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in 1996.

Barbara Schjoneman, '91, Colby, is executive director of the Parent Resource Center of Taylor County. The center offers parenting education including workshops, classes, consultations and community referrals.

Deni Holl, '91, Hubbard, Ohio, owns and operates a decorative painting and faux finishing company. Since graduation he has worked on projects for The Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, Clinton's Inaugural and Busch Gardens. He also helped open Sea World's "4D Pirates Theater" and worked for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Mike Sanders, '91, Menasha, is vice president of commercial loans at Horicon State Bank in Appleton. He also is the first vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Appleton. He and his wife, Cindy, have one child.

Elizabeth (Ostrowski) Kohnle, '91, Tisch Mills, works for Schneider National in Green Bay. Her husband, Matthew, '93, teaches at Kewaunee High School. They were married in June.

Brenda Ellis-Hinze, '90, Edgerton, is supervisor of creative communication services and is division Internet and intranet Web administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Madison. She is working towards a master's degree at Edgewood College. Her husband, Bruce, '90, works at General Motors. "I would love to hear from those I've lost touch with," says Brenda. She would like to receive e-mail from friends (brenda.ellishinze@dot.state.wi.us).

Tom Gaugert, '90, Cincinnati, Ohio, has worked for Hershey Foods since graduating. He is now the district manager and has been successful in placing seven UWSP graduates within the Hershey Sales Organization.



A few friends from UWSP had a reunion in Racine in August. The seven alumni included, left to right **John Naegeli**, '89; **Steve Peters**, '87; **Tracy (Hetland) Naegeli**, '90; **Sandy (Hetland) Naegeli**, '87; (behind the women) **Tim Naegeli**, '87; **Tom Potter**, '87; and **Dave Horda**, '86.

Toni Daddato, '98, Gainesville, Ga., is a federal park ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Sidney Lanier outside of Atlanta. Her duties as a lake shore management ranger include boat patrol, issuing permits and land leases and handing out citations to deserving individuals.

Vicki Lobermeier, masters '98, Plover, received the 1999 Friend of Small Business Award from the Small Business Development Advisory Committee of Portage County. For the past eight years she has assisted and counseled owners in starting businesses through the UWSP Small Business Development Center. She works closely with a number of organizations, including the Service Corp of Retired Executives and the Small Business Administration. She earned her bachelor's degree at UW-Eau Claire.

"I strongly believe that my experience at UWSP and the friendships I have made pointed me towards my goals."
—Melissa Dier, '96

Amy Grumann, '98, New York, N.Y., has danced with the Pecos Theater Company in an off off-Broadway revival of *The Beauty Part* and works as the production staff assistant for the documentary film *Free To Dance: African American Presence in Modern Dance*, which will air on PBS in 2001. Her husband, Shane Beversdorf, '98, is an underwriter for American International Group in their financial institutions division.

Jessica Johnson, '97, St. Paul, Minn., is a sixth grade teacher for St. Paul Public Schools.

Heather Kaiser-Hahn, '97, Stafford, Texas, is interning as a licensed school psychologist in the Stafford School District. She received her master's degree from UW-La Crosse and will earn her specialist degree in May. She and Todd Hahn were married in June.

Gregory Johnson, '97, is the first administrator for the town of Rib Mountain. Previously, he was an assistant to the city manager of Des Plaines, Ill.

Jenna Borovansky, '96, Eugene, Ore., received a master's degree from Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, Conn. She is a conservation associate for the Pacific Rivers Council, a nonprofit aquatic conservation organization.

Ginger Mayer, '96, South Boston, Mass., is a registered clinical dietitian for Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. She stays in contact with friends from the residence halls.

Melissa Dier, '96, Green Bay, is the newsroom manager for WGBA, Channel 26 News in Green Bay, after three years of working in various positions at three different newsrooms. She coordinates producers, reporters and photographers, creates daily story ideas, dispatches news crews and helps producers gather information for news stories. "My experience working with the student television and radio stations and the *Pointer* newspaper gave me the background I needed to get where I am now. I strongly believe that my experience at UWSP and the friendships I have made pointed me towards my goals," Dier said.



Mark Ott, '94, Rock Springs, Wyo., received his doctorate in June and teaches at Western Wyoming Community College. He and Valerie (Robinson), '94, were married in 1995.

Jim Wetterau, '93, Crivitz, is a forester for the Wisconsin DNR in Marinette County. He invites friends to call him at (715) 854-7285.

Sheila Tabaka, '93, Marshall, Minn., is assistant professor of theatre and costume design at Southwest State University in Marshall. She received her master's degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She and her husband, Jim, have one son.

Jane Graham-Jennings, '93, Wausau, is the executive director of The Women's Community, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Previously she was sexual assault program coordinator at the center. The Women's Community also helps relocate victimized women and offers services for men.

Steven Janowiak, '93, Hales Corners, is coordinator of leadership development at DePauw University. He creates and implements programs to provide college students with character building and leadership skills.



Tory (Torger) Volden, '94, Fort Collins, Colo., far left, and **Shawn Becker**, '94, Cedar Falls, Iowa, far right, competed in the Leopold Ironman competition in July. A 50-meter swim across the Leopold pond is one leg of the event that also includes a 12-mile bike and a five-mile run event. Volden and Becker both finished at the top of their division. Volden is a graduate student and hall director in Fort Collins. Becker is a psychologist.



Class Notes



William Banz, '88, master's '90, is a nutrition physiologist at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He works with genetically obese rats and has found that a diet high in soy protein keeps these animals from developing a liver condition common not only in fat rats, but also in overweight humans. He and two colleagues reported their findings at a meeting of the Federation of American Scientists for Experimental Biology in Washington, D.C. An abstract of their research was published in the federation's 1999 journal. Banz has a doctorate in nutrition from the University of Tennessee.

bachelor's degree at UM-C before coming to Stevens Point and has a master's degree from West Virginia University. A wildlife damage specialist with the Minnesota DNR, she also has worked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She is a volunteer coach for girls basketball and softball and has participated in the Habitat for Humanity bike ride.



Cathy Hopkins, '85, master's '93, Stevens Point, is executive director of

the American Red Cross of Portage County where she has worked for the past five years.

Kevin Reilly, '85, Bend, Ore., is a forestry technician with the U.S. Forest Service in Deschutes National Forest where he manages timber and fights forest fires. He has one daughter.

Kevin Sistler, '85, Green Bay, is account manager for Ciba Specialty Chemicals. He and his wife, Cindy (Lorenz), '84, have one son.

Patti (Murphy) Hanson, '85, Sturgeon Bay, and her husband, Jon, own Snug Harbor Inn, Cottages and Marina. They would like you to visit their Web site (www.snugharborinn.com).

Charlotte (Robinson) Cormier, '84, Madison, is a senior medical technologist with UW Hospital and Clinics. She was married to M.E. Cormier in August.

Will Sears, '83, Midland, Mich., has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service for 16 years. As a district conservationist, he supervises field offices in Bay, Gratiot, Midland and Saginaw Counties.

Chris Karcher, '83, Shawnee, Kansas, has purchased an environmentally friendly lawn care franchise, NaturaLawn of America. The company specializes in organically based fertilizers and bio-rational and biological control products.

Brian Buntrock, '83, is a forestry worker for the city of Green Bay. Recently married, he resides in Green Bay with his wife, Mia, and her two children. He would like old friends to contact him at (920) 406-8168.

Karen (Kumbalek) Novy, '82, Brillion, is executive director of The Arc of Neenah/Menasha, an organization for persons with special needs. She and her husband, Joseph, have one daughter.

Greg Brooker, '82, Minneapolis, Minn., was appointed assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota by the U.S. Department of Justice. He represents federal agencies and departments in civil litigation. His wife, Valerie Marquardt, '85, is a speech pathologist at Mercy Hospital in the Twin Cities.

Jeanne (Roach) Hendricks, '82, Brillion, is a high school art teacher in Wrightstown. She received her master's degree from Viterbo College, La Crosse, in July.

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--Carl Moesche, '81

Carl Moesche, '81, Gresham, Ore., is a scouting supervisor for the Major League Scouting Bureau. He has been with professional baseball for 16 years. His first book, Day-By-Day in Baseball History, will be published in the spring. “Working for sports information director Steve Swan gave me a great start in the sports industry,” he says. Swan was director of sports information at UWSP from 1977 through the mid-1980s.

LuAnn Thompson, '80, Olympia, Wash., has taught biology at Olympia High School for the past 13 years. She is chair of the science department and runs an environmental club involved in local salmon habitat projects and recycling programs. She has been involved in a variety of Puget Sound ecology and education programs during the past 10 years and is developing a biotechnology program for high school students. She spends her summers kayaking, backpacking and visiting Wisconsin.

1980s

Keith Beyer, '89, Wauwatosa, is an associate professor of chemistry and the division chair of natural sciences at Wisconsin Lutheran College. He was recently published by the New York Times in a guide for using national newspapers in the classroom that is available on the Internet (www.nytcollege.com).



Susan Spencer, '89, made her Broadway debut in November in the ensemble cast of Les Miserables. She and her husband, Andrew Varela, will be in Stevens Point on

March 30 at Sentry Theater as part of UWSP's Performing Arts Series. They will perform songs from Broadway hits and will be joined by Tim Shew who plays Jean Val Jean in Les Miserables. Varela is also in Les Miserables as Shew's understudy. For ticket information for the Stevens Point performance, call the Ticket Office at (715) 346-4100 or 800-838-3378.

Dorothy Pientka, '87, Stevens Point, received the Portage County Business Council 1999 Ambassador of the Year Award for the third time in the last four years. She volunteers regularly, setting up and cleaning up at events. She often is the featured speaker at council meetings and has been active in many aspects of the organization.



Kevin Shibilski, '87, Stevens Point, a Wisconsin state senator since 1995, received the Conservation Leadership Award from the Wisconsin chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The award is present-

ed to individuals who demonstrate leadership in the protection of biological diversity through bipartisan and nonconfrontational means. The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that seeks to preserve natural communities through agreements with landowners and purchases of land.

Wendy Krueger, '86, Saint James, Minn., was honored as a 1999 Outstanding Alumnus during the University of Minnesota-Crookston homecoming celebration. She received a

“Being a lifestyle assistant truly helped to prepare me for public speaking, prioritizing my time and activities, and my life overall.”
—Kristin Kwak, '88

Kenneth Powell, '89, Minnetonka, Minn., is an environmental consultant for Kjolhaug Environmental Services. He received his master's degree from Kansas State University and then worked as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Kansas. He and Karen Carlsen were married in 1994.

Kristin (Sadogierski) Kwak, '88, Warrington, Pa., is an outpatient nutritionist for The Renfrew Center in Philadelphia. She counsels women with eating disorders and has many speaking engagements in the area of professional development. “Being a lifestyle assistant truly helped to prepare me for public speaking, prioritizing my time and activities, and my life overall. I still use the wellness wheel approach to balance work, family, friends, spiritual, and emotional health on a daily basis,” Kwak said.

Leona Ondrejka Boreen Wenzel, '88, West Frankfort, Ill., lectures on natural remedies throughout the U.S. and is a substitute teacher. After five years in Northern California, she and her husband, Len, have returned to the Midwest.

Kevin Thome, '87, Cottage Grove, is advertising manager for The Cheese Reporter in Madison. He and his wife, Carrie, have one son and a golden retriever named Peter Lorre.

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Information for the *Pointer Alumnus*: (please use additional sheets if necessary.)

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

Let us know how your experiences at UWSP have affected your life. Did someone on campus have a real impact on you? What events do you remember most?

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In July an unofficial golf tournament was held at the Stevens Point Country Club for a group of former UWSP golf team members and other alumni. The winning group included, left to right, **Bob Kemps**, '74, Appleton; **Andy Dederich**, '77, Menomonee Falls; **Bernie Jordahl**, '76, Stillwater, Minn.; and **Randy Oswald**, '76, Green Bay. Despite 90° heat that day, the group score was 61, 11 under par.

1970s

Michael Sorensen, '79, Menasha, is a regional sales manager at Synthetic Industries where he sells geotextile fabric in both civil and environmental applications. He says "Hi" to all of those who were on the 1978 international field study to Germany and Poland. He invites friends to email him (msoren7216@aol.com).

"The Environmental Education Practicum course at CWES taught me how to share my love of God's creation with young and old. After my first course with Dr. Gross, I switched my major and focused on Environmental Education."
—Al Ehly, '79

Carl Barkow, '79, Appleton, is an agent with the IRS Coordinated Exam Program and serves as associate timber specialist for the pulp and paper industry. He earned a master's degree from UW-Whitewater in 1986.

Al Ehly, '79, Webster City, Iowa, is an area resource conservationist, and his wife, Ruth (Meyer), '80, is a soil conservationist. They both work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service. He has been with the USDA for 20 years and says he still uses concepts he learned at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. "The Environmental Education Practicum course at CWES taught me how to share my love of God's creation with young and old. After my first course with Dr. Gross, I switched my major and focused on Environmental Education," Ehly said.

Peter J. Konrath, '78, Milwaukee, teaches in West Bend schools. Two years ago, he took a year off and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with his partner, Ric Correa. He worked as a waiter and for Nieman Marcus before returning to teaching.



Spencer Prokop, '78, Dallas, Texas, is a well-known Dallas stage, television, film and radio actor. He recently provided multiple voice characterizations in the Microsoft CD-ROM game "Age of Empires II: Age of Kings" that was released in October. He provided voices for a Norman Knight, French foot soldiers and German warriors.



Pete Korpi, '78, Auckland, New Zealand, is a clinical supervisor and lecturer in the department of optometry and vision science at the University of Auckland. He will return to his practice in Muscatine, Iowa, in July. He and his wife, Kristy (Heinrichs), '79, and their two children are enjoying New Zealand.

Craig Mosurinjohn, '78, Fort Atkinson, is the director of career services at UW-Whitewater. His wife, Jeanne, is a reading specialist aide for the Fort Atkinson School District. They have five children and are grateful to be back in Wisconsin after living out of the state for most of the past 15 years.

Christopher Badgley, '77, Washington D.C., is vice president for state government affairs at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. He previously worked for Wyeth Ayerst Pharmaceuticals.



Pray-Sims Hall alums gathered to celebrate their 30-year reunion last summer. Pictured left to right are **Ken Peterson**, '70, Wausau; **Dick LaRoche**, '69, Green Bay; **Tom Czerniak**, '70, Union Grove; **Dick Urban**, '69, Neillsville; **Dave Welnetz**, '69, Oconomowoc; and **Paul Braun**, '69, Janesville, kneeling. Also included but not pictured are **Dave Aronson**, '67, Morris, Minn.; **Kermit Traska**, '71, Oregon; and **Jerry Munia**, '70, Muskego.

William Kreznor, '76, Woodstock, Ill., celebrated his 11th year as a consulting soil scientist. He earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1988. He is the president of Illinois Soil Classifiers Association. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

David Blair, '76, New York, N.Y., is the vice president for sponsorship and advertising sales at iVillage.com, a network of Web sites specializing in women's interests. He received his master's degree from the University of Iowa. He and Nancy Trespasz were married in November. The couple met in 1993 on a flight when Blair rose to take his suit jacket from the overhead compartment. As change from his pockets rained down on Trespasz, he remarked, "Pennies from heaven," beginning a conversation that lasted the rest of the journey.

Gary Swick, '76, Crystal Lake, Ill., is in his 23rd year of teaching environmental science at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville, Ill. He was the 1998 Kane County Teacher of the Year and was runner up for Illinois teacher of the Year in 1999. He received a Those Who Excel Award from the Illinois State Board of Education, and was recently granted a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship of \$15,000 for a monitoring network project on the Fox River.

Diane (Kriha) Stefanski, '76, Antigo, is the co-owner of Maplewood Real Estate Agency with her husband, Eugene. Their son will enter UWSP in the fall.

Carol Emmons, '75, Green Bay, is a professor of art and communication and the arts at UW-Green Bay. She was awarded the Frankenthal Professorship, which recognizes professors whose work exemplifies the spirit and mission of UW-Green Bay. Emmons has exhibited her artwork nationally and internationally and has won numerous awards.

Hey alumni, what do you think?

The *Pointer Alumnus* staff needs feedback from you. Please take a minute to fill out and return this survey. On May 1, names will be drawn from the responses and 15 lucky winners will receive an attractive Pointer T-shirt. No purchase is necessary to be eligible, but we do need your name and address to be able to send a prize. Survey results are confidential and will be used only to improve this publication.

1. How much of the *Alumnus* do you read?

- ☐ every page ☐ most of it ☐ a few pages
☐ only look at the pictures ☐ none

If you answer none, let us know why.

2. Would you purchase alumni merchandise through the *Pointer Alumnus*? ☐

yes ☐ no

3. What kinds of information would you like to have in the *Pointer Alumnus*? Are there areas where you would like us to expand our coverage?

4. What topics interest you? (Please check all that apply):

- ☐ Current campus events and activities
☐ Faculty activities (grants received, publications, etc.)
☐ Faculty retirements
☐ Faculty obituaries
☐ Obituaries of graduates
☐ Picture layouts about Alumni Association activities (like pages 4 and 5 of this issue)
☐ Class Notes—news about fellow classmates
☐ List of contributions to the UWSP Foundation

- ☐ Feature articles about successful alumni
☐ Articles about campus history, nostalgia
☐ Athletics
☐ Pages devoted to your college or academic department
☐ Pages devoted to other colleges or departments

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T-shirt size: ☐ Large ☐ Extra large

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"I didn't realize it when I was younger, but what I did back then has a profound influence on what I am today."

—Ronald Sindric, '70



Ron Zimmerman, '74, master's '77, Stevens Point, was among 10 faculty and staff members at UWSP recognized for outstanding teaching, scholarship and service in September. He received a \$650 prize for the Academic Staff Spirit

of Community Service Award. He has served for 20 years as director of Schmeckle Reserve. His accomplishments include coordinating workdays and education projects for several student organizations and more than 400 volunteers at the reserve as well as supervising many student projects at the Visitor Center. He led a campaign to acquire 65 additional acres for Schmeckle and coordinated and obtained funding for an addition to the Visitor Center, parking lot lighting and an accessible trail and boardwalk. He is also co-author and editor for the nationally recognized *The Interpreter's Handbook Series*.

1970s

Larry Oberman, '74, and his wife, Ann, '78, Green Bay, are the owners of a Fastsigns store in Green Bay. Fastsigns is the fastest growing sign and graphic company in the country.

Dave Marie, '74, master's '84, Plover, recently was named Physician Assistant of the Year by the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants. The award was given for his professionalism and his service to patients and to the community. A physician assistant at Rice Medical Center, he has volunteered for the Stevens Point Area YMCA, United Way of Portage County, American Red Cross and American Cancer Society. He devotes his time to serving in Dominica, West Indies, where he coordinated the World Community Service Project. He developed an audiology screening program for preschool children on the island and helped secure medical supplies and support to health care providers so they could practice more effectively.

John Nesser, '73, Missoula, Mont., is a regional soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture forest service. He is responsible for the soils program and ecological mapping. He is involved with the Greater Yellowstone Landscape Model Project and the National Ecological Mapping update.

Rick Palmtag, '72, Greenfield, is vice president of Bucyrus International's Central and South American operations. He has been with Bucyrus for 25 years. He and his wife, Maribeth, have three children.

Joan Gregorius, '72, Shawano, has been chairperson of the foreign language department at Bonduel High School for 20 years. She taught English as a second language in Mexico through the Fulbright Teacher Exchange in 1999, and works during the summers at the University of Costa Rica in San Jose. She is married and has two children, one a UWSP graduate and the other a UWSP student, both in the Paper Science program.

Carol (Check) Kojis, '71, and her husband recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Thailand. Carol started ATS Consulting and has worked with several international firms in the Twin Cities. Prior to forming her business, she taught fourth grade for 10 years and was a systems analyst with 3M for six years. For the past 10 years, Jim has been teaching at Breck School in Minneapolis. During a year long sabbatical, he studied medicinal plants used by Indians in the Americas. He traveled to the Southwest U.S., Mexico, Peru and Chile and created a Web site for teachers (www.perssenter.com/~breck/index.htm). They live in rural Afton, Minn., with their Deutsch Drahthaar dog, "Birka."

John Noel, '71, Stevens Point, received the Family Friendly Employers Award for businesses with more than 50 employees from the Portage County Business Council. The Noel Group is working to provide a near site daycare program and allows employees to use sick days when their children or daycare providers are ill. He planned a "Kids Christmas" for 180 children, which included a visit from Santa.

Butterfly expert uncovers author's secret life

Kurt Johnson, '68, is the author of *Nabokov's Blues: The Scientific Odyssey of a Literary Genius* published by Zoland Books, Cambridge, Mass. Johnson, a lepidopterist (butterfly researcher) wrote the book with *New York Times* writer Steven Coates.

"Nabokov gained world fame with *Lolita* and captivated sophisticated readers with a score of other fictions, but he took equal pride in his studies of butterflies," according to *Publisher's Weekly* who gave *Nabokov's Blues* their "Exceptional Merit" rating. Other accolades include the American Library Association rating of *Nabokov's Blues* as "Outstanding in its Genre" and placing it among the "Ten Best Books in Science" for 1999.

In the 1940s, Nabokov discovered and named a number of blue butterflies in Central America, and the Karner Blue, an endangered species in North America. Even though his interest in butterflies was as an amateur, he was curator of Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Last year marked the centenary of Nabokov's birth and gave Johnson a number of opportunities to share his knowledge of the novelist's scientific work. He published articles about Nabokov in the *Lepidopterists' Society News*, *Dialogue* magazine and *Natural History* magazine.

Nabokov's Blues details Johnson's work with colleagues Zsolt Balint of Hungary and Dubi Benyamini of Israel in remote parts of Central America that expanded Nabokov's work. It combines the scientific writing with a biography of Nabokov. Johnson and Coates discuss the meaning of butterflies in Nabokov's fiction. "Curiously, Nabokov's blue butterflies yield startling insights into biological mimicry—an appropriate turn, given the novelist's own penchants for masks and



Kurt Johnson

doubles," *Publisher's Weekly* states.

Johnson was UWSP's only Woodrow Wilson Fellow under the sponsorship of Charles Long, professor emeritus of biology. In the book, Johnson acknowledges Long as his mentor. He completed his doctorate at the City University of New York in 1981.

UWSP's Museum of Natural History is mentioned in the book as the publisher of Johnson's book *Neotropical Blue Butterflies*. As a result of the research of Johnson and others, a large number of species were discovered.

"Instead of 19 species that Nabokov ultimately arranged in his nine genera of Neotropical Pliommata, science now recognizes nearly 80," the authors state.

This has led to a labor, and privilege, of naming new butterflies. More than a dozen of the species have been named for characters in Nabokov's fiction including *Lolita*, Johnson says in the book.

"Particular care was taken in the case of the new species *humbert*, to ensure that in nature, if not in literature, *Lolita* would live eternally free from the monstrous Humbert. The scientists made certain to place *humbert* in a separate genus and assigned to that name a species with a limited range living some 1500 miles from where *lolita* might ever be found roaming," the author notes.

Johnson also contributed to a book of paintings by Nabokov entitled *Vera's Butterflies*.

A former research associate in entomology at the American Museum of Natural History, Johnson is currently at the Florida State Collection of Arthropods. He has written numerous scientific articles and completed the work on tropical blue butterflies that was pioneered by Nabokov.

Karen Knox, '70, Janesville, is president of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Fennimore. Her husband, Doug, '68, is a Natural Resources Conservation Service coordinator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ronald Sindric, '70, Waterloo, Iowa, is a senior chemistry instructor at Hawkeye Community College. He has done everything from photographing fashion models in New York to running a computer lab on an Indian Reservation in Montana. Check out his Web site (<http://home.forbin.com/sindric/photron>). "I remember when I used to be a photographer for the yearbook and the newspaper. I didn't realize it when I was younger, but what I did back then has a profound influence on what I am today," said Sindric.

1960s

D'Anna (Lewis) Freiberg, '68, Machesney Park, Ill., teaches at Harlem Consolidated Schools. Her husband, Richard, '72, has retired from serving with the U.S. government. She and several other '68-'69 alums have held reunions every year. On their 25th reunion in Door County they ran into former UWSP Chancellor Lee Dreyfus. They plan to meet in Galena, Ill., next summer. The group includes Dan, '67, and Donna (Tvedt) Lavold, '68, Waupaca; John, '69, and Sue (Harder) Whalley, '69, Little Chute; Gayle (Reader) Erickson, '68, and Clyde, '69, and Carolyn (Anchor) Moon, '68, Wisconsin Rapids.

Max Kopchinski, '66, Stevens Point, is a private music teacher. He has been a member of the Stevens Point City Band for 56 years and a member of the Stevens Point Barbershoppers for 36 years. He does photography for a number of local organizations.

Roger Ernst, '65, Neenah, has retired after 33 years of teaching English and speech at Neenah High School.



a public school music director and 30 years as adjudicator at music festivals in Wisconsin and Michigan. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division

Ralph Abrahamson, '38, Sandy, Utah, was the first of 52 graduates to receive a bachelor of science degree from UWSP on June 10, 1938. He retired in 1975 after 36 years as

band during World War II and is a member of many national music organizations. He also is assistant director of his church's choir and a member of the handbell choir.

Gloria (Richard) Cavil, '60, Marshall, is pastor of the United Methodist Churches in Marshall and Fall River. She was awarded the Frances Asbury Award for significant contributions to fostering the church's ministries in higher education at the local, district and state levels. She earned a master's degree at Cardinal Stritch University in 1984 and a master's of divinity at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1990.

Class of 1950 to celebrate on June 2 and 3

A special recognition for the Central State Teachers College Class of 1950 will be held Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3.

Class members will celebrate their 50-year reunion at the event. Everyone who graduated before 1955 is invited to attend. Contact your fellow Pointers and encourage them to come.

Invitations with a complete schedule and registration information will be sent in April. If you have questions, call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free 1-877-764-6801.



Nelson Hall girls were at home and comfortable in the large and friendly hall.

Fund run continues

The year 2000 marks the 20th anniversary of the Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run (SHAAFR).

On April 14 and 15, students and alumni will continue the SHAAFR tradition of running from the capitol in Madison to Steiner Hall in Stevens Point. Students began this event as a fundraiser for alcohol awareness.

The run begins around 5p.m. on April 14 from the steps of the state capitol. Runners are paired and rotate running two-mile increments approximately every three hours until we arrive back at Steiner Hall on April 15 midmorning.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of SHAAFR a welcome back reception will be held in Steiner Hall where runners will be greeted as they return from the run. The reception is open to all Steiner alumni. For details call the Alumni Relations Office (715) 346-3811 or 1-877-764-6801.

The idea for the event originated with Frank O'Brien, UWSP's athletic director, who was then Steiner Hall's director.

The money is used to fund alcohol awareness programs and events. Currently, SHAAFR supports Promoting Awareness With Students (PAWS) and Students Helping Others Think Sensibly (Hot SHOTS). These two groups consist of students whose goal is to educate their peers about making healthy choices.

Friday, June 2

Noon-1 p.m. Lunch

1-3 p.m. Tours of Campus
Comprehensive walking tours of academic buildings, residence halls, Old Main, student centers

5-7 p.m. Reunion Weekend Welcome Reception
Founder's Room, Old Main

7 p.m. Dutch Treat Dinner
Reservations made at a local restaurant
Pay on your own

Saturday, June 3

9:30 a.m. Registration/Hospitality
Alumni Room, University Center
Continental breakfast, videos, displays, alumni apparel for sale

11:15 a.m. Welcome Ceremony
Alumni Room, University Center
Singing of the "Purple and the Gold"
Welcomes by: Master of

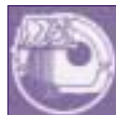
Ceremonies, Chancellor Tom George and representatives from the Student Government Association, the Alumni Association and the UWSP Foundation

11:45 a.m. Introduction of the Class of '50
Introductions and a short biographical sketch of each member

12:15 p.m. Reunion Champagne Brunch
Wright Lounge, University Center
Class photo taken, toast by participants, brunch conversation

2 p.m. Reunion Program
Alumni Room, University Center
The Grad Years - 1950 (video presentation)
Reminiscence by the Class of '50 and other participants

3 p.m. Hospitality
Alumni Room, University Center
(punch, cookies, goodbyes)





Obituaries

OBITUARIES OF GRADUATES

Robert Sigurdson, '90, Ingleside, Ill., formerly of Menomonie and Eau Claire, died Oct. 1 at age 59. He worked as an agent for the IRS. From 1961 to 1965 he served in the U.S. Navy. His wife, Veronica, survives.

Lori (Liebe) Wachter, Winneconne, died Oct. 13 at age 38. After last attending UWSP in 1981, she moved to Neenah and later to Winneconne where she was a teacher's aide in the Winneconne school system. She is survived by her husband, James '81, and two children.

Deanna Wild, '77, Shawnee, Kan., died Sept. 28 at age 45. She was an adjunct professor at Johnson Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. She edited newsletters for Mystery Book Lovers Club and Red Oak Hills Subdivision and volunteered at several humane societies. Wayne Wild, Deanna's father, was a UWSP emeritus faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Deanna received master's degrees from the University of Iowa and Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Steve Simon.

James "Sam" Salmon, Milwaukee, died Jan. 18 at age 49. He attended Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point until 1977 and received his bachelor's degree from UW-La Crosse in 1979. He taught social studies at North Division High School. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane.

Christopher Hofstede, '76, died in a tractor accident June 9 at age 49. He began work in conservation and resource management in Wisconsin and later worked for the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. He and his wife, Donna, who survives, sailed from Duluth, Minn., with their children to the Caribbean, Central and South America. He spent the past year caring for his parents in Sister Bay.

Gregory Bergman, '76, Two Rivers, died Nov. 28 at age 47. He was a certified public accountant in Manitowoc and a partner with the firm of Whitney, Kroening, Stangel, Bergman, Swetlik and Zinkel since 1990. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Rogers Street Fishing Village.

James Wood, '75, Glendale, died July 16 at age 49. He had lived in Stevens Point, Madison, Milwaukee and, for the last 14 years, Glendale. A senior staff analyst for CompuPros Inc., he had been assigned to Deluxe Data Systems since 1988. He also was on the board of examiners for the Wisconsin Forward Award. He met his wife, Naomi, '79, who survives, when they worked in Old Main.

Glenn Schlice, North Point, Fla., formerly of Stevens Point, died Nov. 29 at age 75. After he left UWSP in 1974, he attended the University of Miami where he played football and participated in the 1946 Orange Bowl. He played semi-pro football with teams including the Wausau Muskies, Delevan Red Devils and Merrill Foxes.

Jane Kannel, '74, Sheboygan, died August 12 at age 47. She spent 25 years with the Sheboygan public school system as a librarian at Lyman, Longfellow, Lincoln Erdman, Cleveland, and James Madison Elementary schools as well as at the Early Learning Center.

Lynn LeGault, '71, Madison and Naples, Fla., died Oct. 27 at age 57. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1973 and worked for the Wisconsin Chapter of Associated General Contractors (AGC) for 25 years. He served as executive vice president, national AGC executive council president and was a speaker, facilitator and seminar leader. His leadership brought nationwide recognition to the

Wisconsin construction industry and the AGC of Wisconsin. His wife, Mary, survives.

Terry Spaar, '71, West Bend, died July 28 at age 51. He was a cost accountant at the Perlick Corp. of Milwaukee and coached Little League in West Bend.

Norman Loveless Jr., '71, Schofield, died Sept. 8 at age 52. He served in the Air Force for four years during the Vietnam War. He was an assistant pastor in the Madison area for two years, founded the Eagle River Baptist Church in 1982 and was the pastor of Harvest Baptist Church, Schofield, for 13 years. He also worked full time for Jack Allen Business Machines Inc. where he later became president and owner of the company. He received a master of arts degree and a master of divinity degree from Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown. He is survived by his wife, Kathy.

Jerome Mallon, '71, Oshkosh, died Oct. 5 at age 59. He won 14 athletic letters at Rio High School and was a UWSP basketball letter winner. He worked for Walsworth Publishing.

Sandra (Reidenbach) Altenburg, '65, Cape Canaveral, Fla., formerly of Racine, died Oct. 17 at age 56. She had been a heart transplant recipient a month before her death. Before graduation, she served on the Student Union Board, Steiner Hall Council, Senior and Junior Primary Council, Pointer Staff, and Delta Zeta Sorority and was junior prom queen. She worked in the Racine School District for 32 years in positions including director of the Special Educational Needs Program, coordinator for Chapter I, program specialist in reading and language for Chapter I, administrator for curriculum and staff development and administrator of instructional services. She was one of the first women members of Rotary West and Phi Kappa Delta. She received her master's degree from the College of Racine (UW-Parkside). She is survived by her husband, John, '64.

Jane (Menzel) Burgess, '64, Philadelphia, died Oct. 16. She was a professor of sociology, marriage and the family and anthropology at UW-Waukesha for 17 years and was listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. She earned her doctorate at the University of Illinois.

Patrick Knight, '64, Olympia, Wash., formerly of Wisconsin Rapids, died May 24 at age 59. While a teenager, he joined the Menominee Indian Tribe in Wisconsin in a struggle to prevent the enforcement of the Allotment Act breaking up the reservation and was adopted into the tribe. After high school, he was a merchant seaman active in the Seafarers' union while he earned his bachelor's degree. He helped establish Young Democratic clubs in high schools throughout Central Wisconsin and was a delegate with former President Jimmy Carter as an observer of the election in South Africa for President Nelson Mandela. He participated in John Kennedy's presidential campaign, was involved in Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's (SNCC) voter registration drive in Mississippi and was a founder of Students for a Democratic Society. He was very active in the labor movement most recently, organizing municipal unions in Montana and Washington and served as president of the local unit of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in Olympia.

Joan Drayna, '64, Waupaca, died Nov. 22 at age 78. She earned a degree from the Chicago Teacher's College and a master's degree in bacteriology from UW-Madison. She studied the effects of radiation on micro-organisms and worked on the Manhattan Project at the University of Chicago. Later, she earned a degree at UWSP and studied at the Sorbonne in France. She taught

French at Waupaca High School for about 20 years. "She was serious about education for her children and for herself," her son, Dennis said. With her encouragement, all of her children have been highly educated, earning master's degrees or doctorates at prestigious universities. A worldwide traveler, according to her son, she was not a tourist. "She didn't go to look and see, but to have places impact her." She headed a local horticulture program, was active in many facets of the Waupaca community and started cross-country skiing in her sixties.

Delores Jones, '51, Bowler, died June 4 at age 69. She taught at Florence High School for two years and Bowler High School for 36 years. She taught history, English, physical education, geography, and adult speech as well as serving as high school librarian and directing forensics, dramatics, girls' athletics, student councils, annuals, newspaper and quiz teams. She was a member and officer in local and county education associations as well as a number of national honor societies.

Ralph Roberts, '51, Nekoosa, died Oct. 15 at age 70. He served as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He opened one of the first fast food chain restaurants in Wisconsin. He and his wife, Delores, who survives, spent winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Violet (Hoskins) Povilka, '51, Grand Marsh, died April 9 at age 95. She taught in Adams County rural and state graded schools for many years and served as postmaster for Grand Marsh from 1954 to 1973.

Charles Lanigan, '50, Midland, Mich., died Oct. 6 at age 76. He was awarded the Soldiers Medal in 1944 for rescuing a pilot from a burning plane during his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught school for many years in Lake Orion, Mich., and Midland, Mich., and served as the Midland Public Schools science coordinator where he helped develop seventh and eighth grade science curriculum. In 1965, he received the Excellence in Teaching Award and in 1985 he won the Science Teacher Association Outstanding Science Supervisor award. The first director of the Chippewa Nature Center Natural History Day Camp, he served on the center's Board of Directors. He was well known for the cartoons and illustrations he contributed to the Chippewa Nature Center brochures and programs. He received his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Janet.

Donald Kluck, '50, Sheboygan, died Nov. 24. He served in WWII in the Pacific Theater with the Marine Corps. He was a sales representative for Central Steel and Wire Co. in Milwaukee for many years. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

Chester Caskey, '47, Rhinelander, died Oct. 7 at age 80. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He taught school in Goodman Armstrong district and at Pelican school in Rhinelander for 15 years, retiring in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Carol.

Alice (Blake) Davis, '47, Greenfield, died Sept. 10 at age 75. She taught at St. Patrick's and St. John's in Racine in the 1960s and 1970s. She is survived by her husband, Jack, '48.

Virginia (Cappel) Punke, '45, Merrill, died Nov. 20 at age 90. She taught in rural and private elementary and secondary schools as well as at the college level. She was active in a variety of community organizations. She received a master's degree from UW-Madison.

Neva (Bork) Helm, '45, Oshkosh, died recently.

Doris Edminster, '44, Waukesha, formerly of Waupaca, died July 9 at age

92. She taught for more than 40 years in Fond du Lac, Reedsburg, Manawa, West Salem, Waukesha and the Rural and Granite Quarry schools in Waupaca. She received a master's degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Marjorie (Prey) Jenkins, '44, Seymour, died April 2 at age 76. She taught English and was the librarian at Seymour Community High School for almost 40 years. She also coached numerous school plays and taught forensics, retiring in 1986. She served on the Seymour Library Board. She is survived by her husband, Charlie.

Margery (Thompson) Holding, '42, Mosinee, died July 24.

Gerald Torkelson, '41, Shoreline, Wash., died recently. He was a retired professor of education at the University of Washington.

Marlea (Thayer) Regal, '39, Marshfield, died August 22 at age 90. She taught for several years in Marathon and Wood Counties. She is survived by her husband, Harvey. Her first husband, Sewel Cook, preceded her in death. Her grandson, Perry Cook, is an assistant professor of education at UWSP, and many of her grandchildren are alumni.

Lucy (Bleck) Esterl, '39, Park Falls, died Oct. 3 at age 82. She taught throughout her career in Park Falls, Fifield and Butternut Elementary Schools.

Ruth (Johnson) Cady, '39, Inver Grove, Minn., formerly of White Bear Lake, Minn., died Dec. 5 at age 81. She was named a UWSP Distinguished Alumna in 1989. She taught home economics, science and physical education for several years at Coon Rapids Junior High school and in the Anoka-Hennepin School District. Active in 4-H, she served as a club leader for 20 years, a leader chairman for four years, and president of the 4-H board of Ramsey County. She often judged baking and sewing entries at various county fairs in Minnesota. She served on the Ramsey County Library Board for eight years and was an active alumni member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, an honorary and professional home economics society. She served on the executive board of Phi Upsilon Omicron for several years and was a member of Sigma Zeta, an honorary science fraternity, as well as the Twin City Home Economists in Homemaking. Named a life member of the American Home Economics Association, she served as a state delegate for the Minnesota Home Economics Association. She also studied toward a master's degree at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Alice (Rodencal) Mumma, '38, Lincolnshire, Ill., formerly of Merrill, died July 13 at age 82. She was an elementary school teacher and taught at Truax Field in Madison during WWII.

Eileen (Maguire) Grill, Birnamwood, '37, died Oct. 16. She attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Wausau and taught for eight years in Marathon County. She was also a private duty nurse for the Wausau Visiting Nurses and the Marathon County Blood Bank. She worked for 13 years as a registered nurse at the Homme Home, Wittenberg. She is survived by her husband, George.

Ernest Cater, '36, Brush, Colo., died July 16 at age 81.

Robert Steiner, '36, Lancaster, Pa., died Nov. 16 at age 84. He was the first president of Omaha Indemnity Co. and Constitution of Canada, two wholly owned subsidiaries of Mutual of Omaha. He began his career in the insurance business with Hardware Mutual Insurance Co. of Stevens Point and later became vice president of Union Indemnity and Great Central Insurance companies. He taught English and history, coached basketball, and eventually became principal



of Endeavor High School. A pilot and air combat intelligence officer during WWII, he also appeared in the documentary, *The Fighting Lady*, about the USS Yorktown. His picture is on display as a part of the WWII collection at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Recruited by the Boston Braves farm team, he played semiprofessional hockey and held the Wisconsin state high school pole vault record for many years. He also directed high school and community bands. He earned a master's degree from UW-Madison. His wife, Shirley, survives.

Hildegarde (Knutson) Burtch, '33, Oshkosh, died in January 1999. Florence (Woboril) Sprague, '33, Zumbrota, Minn., died August 31 at age 86. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Josephine (Peitenpol) Johnson, '32, East Brunswick, N.J., died Sept. 2 at the age of 94. She taught in the Ironwood, Mich., school system for the duration of her career.

Esther (Sorenson) Rothman, '32, Stevens Point, died July 25 at age 87. She was Trinity Lutheran Church secretary in the 1950s and early 1960s. She also worked for the Selective Service Board in the 1960s and Sentry Insurance before her retirement. She served as president of the church Ladies Aid and was a member and officer of the Progress Club.

Alice (Law) Ziegler, one-year certificate '31, two-year certificate '48, three-year certificate '54, Stratford, died July 2 at age 87. She taught for more than 30 years in Stratford/ Marshfield area schools.

Anne (Stewart) Way, '31, Glendale, died Sept. 18. She taught in Tigerton and Spencer public schools. In Tigerton she was the girls' athletic director, forensics coach and directed school plays. In Wausau, she was a study center librarian at the G.D. Jones Elementary School and John Muir Junior High School.

Mildred (Barnum) Porter, '29, Stevens Point, died Nov. 27 at age 92. She taught home economics at Mid-State Technical College and in the Stevens Point Public Schools. She and her husband also ran Porter's Market, a grocery store on Main Street in Stevens Point.

Genevieve (Markee) Rodgers, '26, Mellen, died Nov. 14 at age 93.

Marie (Boylan) Jensen, '23, Stanley, formerly of Withee, died July 6 at age 96. She taught for 47 years in Pittsville and Illinois and was given a certificate of life membership by the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers for leadership and service.

Elsie (Hermann) Eckardt, '23, Sheboygan Falls, died Sept. 2 at age 96. She taught home economics and physical education until 1938. Then she moved to Milwaukee where she owned a gift and card shop.

Margaret (Fosbinder) Buchanan, '22, Nekoosa, died Nov. 21 at age 96. She taught in Wautoma for three years, then worked at Nekoosa Papers Inc. during World War II. She also was employed at Steinberg Bakery, the Cleveland Insurance Agency and the Schultz Insurance Agency in Nekoosa. She was the first woman elected to the Nekoosa School Board where she served for 14 years.

Mary (Doyle) Becker, teacher's certificate '19, bachelor's degree '56, Rothschild, died Nov. 27 at age 96. She taught grade school in Marathon and Portage counties for more than 40 years. Becker organized the first special education classroom in D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, where she taught for nine years until her retirement. She was active in numerous community organizations.

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OBITUARIES OF FACULTY

Thomas Hayes



Thomas Hayes

Thomas Hayes, Stevens Point, died in September at age 74. He served as director of student teaching at UWSP for 17 years until his retirement in 1988. He taught in the School of Education for 26 years. He also served as acting dean of the College of Professional Studies for a short time. A native of Michigan, he grew up in Goodman and served with the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He attended Northland College in Ashland and began teaching in 1950. He taught elementary school in Crandon and was a biology teacher at Rhinelander High School before earning his master's degree from UW-Madison.

He taught in the UWSP Campus Laboratory School as a science teacher for elementary students. He had been a longtime officer of the Wisconsin Association of Teacher Education and for 10 years was the executive committee chair of the Wisconsin Improvement Program. His wife, Lorna, survives.

Two awards honor Hayes

Thomas Hayes, who served as director of student teaching at UWSP and taught in the School of Education, will be honored with two new awards, one given to outstanding teachers and a second to UWSP students. Hayes taught science education methods to thousands of teachers and was involved in student teacher placement for many years. In his memory, his family and friends have created a fund that will pay tribute to veteran teachers who excel as mentors to student teachers. The Tom Hayes Award for Outstanding Assistance to Teacher Education Students will be made each year to outstanding teachers who have made a significant difference in the lives of UWSP students. If you would like to honor Hayes' memory with a gift to the fund, contact the UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, or call (715) 346-3812 or toll free, 1-800-858-5267. The second award, for student teachers, has been named the Tom Hayes Student Teacher Memorial Award. Established by his wife, Lorna Hayes, the award will be given annually at the School of Education spring recognition banquet to two UWSP students who plan to be student or intern teachers in any field. Candidates for the award must have a grade point of at least 3.5 and be recommended by two faculty members and should show success in field experiences, leadership, service to society, citizenship, character and personality.

Merl Farmer

Merl Farmer, Stevens Point, emeritus professor of business and economics, died in October at age 93. A native of rural Salt Lake City, Utah, his experience of the depression in the 1930s gave him the incentive to pursue the study of economics. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and taught in rural schools in Oregon. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago studying under Frank Knight, one of the nation's leading economists at the time. He earned a doctorate at the Univeristy of Illinois. He also taught in Nebraska and Kentucky before coming to UWSP in 1963. He retired in 1977, but continued to keep an office on campus for many years. His long involvement with students prompted him to speak glowingly on their behalf, especially the students at UWSP. After retirement, Farmer spent considerable time lecturing, reading new literature about economics and writing his opinions about current trends for newspapers and journals. Because of his availability, vast experience and willingness to address classes, Farmer was invited to give talks to students on economic topics each semester for more than 15 years after he retired. A memorial has been established in his name with the UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St., Suite 212, Stevens Point, WI 54481. His wife, Lillian, died Jan. 14.



Merl Farmer

John Zawadsky

John Zawadsky, professor emeritus of philosophy, died Sept. 13. A pioneer in the development of the philosophy curriculum, he came to UWSP in 1966 and served for 26 years before his retirement in 1992. UWSP had just received approval to implement a philosophy major when Zawadsky, a specialist in Soviet ideology, was hired to serve as the first chair of the department. The scope of offerings, the teaching staff and the number of students served made it one of the largest undergraduate programs of its kind in the country by the end of his 18 years as head of the department. A native of Vermont, he received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. His knowledge of the Russian language led him to become a research assistant with assignments in Harvard's Russian Research Center where he eventually became a senior analyst. He served two years in the China Theater at the close of World War II. While at UWSP, he led a semester program to England and took five groups to the Soviet Union for spring tours between 1969 and 1982.



John Zawadsky



The theme of this year's Homecoming celebration was "The New Millennium Mayhem."



Members of the Alumni Marching Band entertained along the parade route. Call the Alumni Office if interested in joining them next year... No experience required.



A common theme for many parade entries was the potential problem of Y2K "bugs." The extravaganza drew a crowd to the streets of Stevens Point on Homecoming morning.

Join us for Homecoming 2000 September 30th.
There will be academic reunions and more family activities!



Homecoming weekend also featured the induction of six Pointer athletes into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured are, left to right, Beth Mears, '92, track & field; Bob Berceau, '90, wrestling; Jerry Lawetzki, '67, basketball; Debbi Shane Smith, '90, basketball/softball; Toby and Karen Rivers representing the late George Rivers, '65, football; Don Solin, '78, football; and Mike Okray. Okray was presented the 1999 UWSP Athletic Directors Award for his contributions to the athletics program.



Thousands of football fans filled the stands at Goerke Field for the Homecoming battle between the Pointers and River Falls. Gametime temp...70° F.



Chancellor Tom George joined the Phi Sigs during an afternoon and evening of camaraderie during Homecoming 1999. UWSP's Epsilon-Kappa chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa separated from the national organization in November 1998 and is now known as Phi Sigma Chi. The chapter has experienced rejuvenation as the group has nearly doubled in size. The reunion was held at Graffiti's on the Square. The chancellor is a member of the Phi Sigs.



More than 100 retired UWSP faculty and staff members joined current faculty and staff at the annual retired faculty luncheon. Part of Homecoming activities, guests at the gathering enjoyed refreshments and conversation in the Wright Lounge and lunch in the Alumni Room.



Sunday, April 2
UWSP Campus
Noon - 4 p.m.

- Activities for all ages
- Interactive programs in many academic departments
- New exhibits in the Museum of Natural History
- Festival of the Arts show in the Fine Arts Center
- Food and refreshments