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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point... "Changing lives"

Noels complete funding for Fine Arts Center

Two UW-Stevens Point alumni known throughout the world for their humanitarian projects sent the following poem along with a pledge to UWSP:

*Roses are red
Daffodils are yellow,
Here's a million dollars
For violins and cellos.*

John, '71, and Patty Noel, '70, of Stevens Point, co-founders and owners of Travel Guard International and the Noel Group, have pledged \$1 million to help fund the addition to the Fine Arts Center.

The Noels are both natives of Wausau and John was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1999.

This is the largest single gift ever received by the UWSP Foundation. The donation completes the funding for the project that will break ground in 2003. Recently Gov. Scott McCallum and the State Building Commission pledged \$25 million of the \$26 million needed if UWSP raised the additional money to add and refurbish classroom space in the building.

The addition and remodeling will bring 43,000 square feet of new classroom and rehearsal space to the departments of art, design, music, theatre and dance, including a large lecture hall and a loading dock.

Dean of Fine Arts and Communication Gerard McKenna says everyone in the college is excited about the possibility that all arts activities at UWSP eventually will be housed under one roof.

The dance program, now partially housed in the Health Enhancement Center, will move to the new building, as will a portion of theatre arts now in the Learning Resource Center. This will free up space for a computer repair facility in the library and other programs in the HEC.

The American Suzuki Talent Education program also will be moved to the Fine Arts Center, vacating a house at the corner of Reserve and Main streets.



The Fine Arts Center with its unique roofline will remain a campus and community landmark after a \$26 million addition that will break ground in 2003.

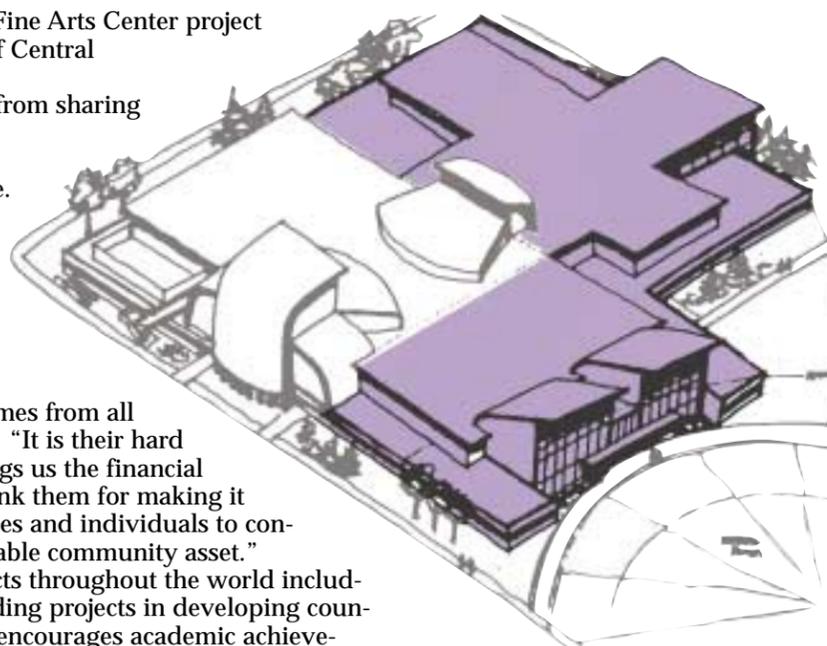
The Noels' generous pledge to complete the Fine Arts Center project will benefit students, faculty and the residents of Central Wisconsin, according to Chancellor Tom George.

"The greatest joy in John's success has come from sharing the rewards with his family, employees, people around the world and those here at home in Central Wisconsin," said Chancellor Tom George. "Altruism, generosity and kindness are clearly his signature trademarks."

The Noel Group, founded in 1982, is the leading travel insurance company in the country. The service, travel, insurance and real estate business employs about 500 people in 14 worldwide locations.

"This contribution to the Fine Arts Center comes from all of the employees of the Noel Group," John said. "It is their hard work and astonishing customer service that brings us the financial strength to make a contribution like this. We thank them for making it possible. I would encourage other area businesses and individuals to consider how they may be able to support this valuable community asset."

The Noels have founded humanitarian projects throughout the world including Make A Mark, which funds sustainable building projects in developing countries, and the Compass Scholar Program, which encourages academic achievement, leadership and citizenship for high school students of color in Wisconsin schools. As part of their commitment to cultural diversity, the Noels helped support a class at UWSP called Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin.



Areas in purple show the planned 43,000 square foot addition to the Fine Arts Center.



Patty and John Noel pledged \$1 million to help fund an addition to the UWSP Fine Arts Center.

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Alumni mourn and celebrate Greetings from the Alumni Association

It's with a heavy heart that I report the death of fellow Pointer alum and UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors member, Scott Schultz, '72. Scott died on Sunday, May 13, of a heart attack at his home in Stevens Point. (A complete obituary appears on page 14.)

Scott's dedication and service to UW-Stevens Point dates back more than 30 years—from his days as a student leader, as associate director of Alumni Relations from 1978 to 1987, as mayor of the city of Stevens Point from 1987 to 1994 and when he returned to campus in 1994 as director of leadership gifts in the UWSP Foundation Office.

I think Scott was the epitome of what it is to be a Pointer: passionate about his family, his community and his faith. Scott was willing to say "yes" when others said "no," to put the needs of others before his own and he understood how important it was to "give something back." He will be missed.

While we mourned the death of a friend in May, we celebrated the generosity of a couple

who also understand that "giving something back" is a key element of being a Pointer. John, '71, and Patty Noel, '70, of Stevens Point have pledged \$1 million to help fund an addition to the UWSP Fine Arts Center.

"Altruism, generosity and kindness are clearly their signature trademarks," said Chancellor Tom George during the ceremony announcing the gift. What I found equally compelling was a comment Patty made about her husband John during the celebration. "If John had just two pennies to his name, he'd give you one if you needed it."

Consider giving something back to UWSP, it may be \$10 or \$50, it may be \$500, it may be a million. UWSP changed your life—you can help change the lives of others!

Best wishes from UW-Stevens Point!



Brant Bergeron, '85
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Pointers show pride with tattoos

You may be aware of a recent surge of interest in tattoos. So have we at the *Pointer Alumnus*. In fact we've heard of a number of people who've gotten tattoos related to UWSP. If you have a tattoo with a UWSP theme, please let us know. Do you think yours looks better than this one, which we saw recently on campus?



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Chancellor outlines long range plan

A Message from Chancellor George

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to three broad themes—student-centered excellence, technology enhanced learning and partnerships. These are the guiding principles we believe will forge a successful future for our campus and for Central Wisconsin.

While every university might state that it strives for student-centered excellence, UWSP can clearly lay claim to an aggressive approach to serving students. Our campus ensures that what faculty and staff do in their classrooms, in their research, and in their interaction with students, makes excellence the first priority.

Faculty-student collaboration is one of the most important elements for fostering student-centered excellence. Examples of this are faculty-led student research projects and symposia in all four of the colleges.

For instance, several students of Doug Henderson, professor of psychology, have become interested in the subject of adoption and have studied the dynamics of the process. Last year three of Henderson's protégées published their research and presented their work at national conferences. This year two more of Henderson's students followed their example.

Other programs that are integral to nurturing student success include staff members assisting students in volunteer work off campus. Through the Association for Community Tasks last year, students donated about 9,000 hours of service to the Central Wisconsin community. More than 170 student organizations offer professional, academic or recreational activities to all UWSP students.

Also, partnerships with departments, administrative offices and community businesses provide

students with hands-on experiences in the form of internships. In another program, new students are supported through Freshman Interest Groups that match a faculty mentor with students in residence halls who live, study and socialize together.

Student-centered excellence is not just a catchy phrase. Rather, it is a basis for maintaining the high standards for which people recognize UWSP.

At UWSP we have found that technology can encourage students and faculty members to work in teams. In the past few years, several cross-discipline technology-based courses have been developed by faculty members who are excited about collaborating with their colleagues in other departments. Technology-enhanced learning is a means by which our faculty can further challenge students to develop their skills in areas such as critical thinking and communication.

A newly developed minor, technology and new media arts, includes courses from across the College of Fine Arts and Communication as well as from the English department in the College of Letters and Science. These cross-discipline courses encourage students to work together and to use the latest technology to expand their academic and professional horizons.

In the interest of forming partnerships, UWSP proposed an initiative called the Central Wisconsin Idea. This is an effort encompassing Stevens Point, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, Waupaca and neighboring areas to provide the very best economic and social environment for the citizens of Central Wisconsin. With UWSP as the stimulus and coordinator, the initiative involves partnerships among higher educational institutions, local schools, private businesses, foundations, govern-

ments and municipalities in order to make Central Wisconsin as desirable a place as possible to live in the state and the country.

The Central Wisconsin Idea builds on our Collaborative Degree Program in which students majoring in business administration and general studies take classes at UWSP, UW-Marshfield/Wood County and UW-Marathon County.

This summer officials from UWSP, Mid-State Technical College, Portage County Business Council Foundation and Portage County broke ground for the construction of a state-of-the-art business education and training center at the Portage County Business Park. This center provides a setting for nurturing a closer relationship with business and industry in Portage, Marathon and Wood counties.

The possibilities are endless for UWSP to be a catalyst for partnerships.



Chancellor Thomas George

Thomas F. George
Chancellor Thomas F. George

Foundation update

Successful Annual Fund results in increased giving

"Thank you to everyone who supported the 2000 Annual Fund campaign," said Peg (Zabrowski) Zwicker, '94, director of annual giving for the UWSP Foundation. She reported that giving to the Annual Fund over the course of the last 12 months resulted in a total of \$373,422. Of that amount, \$254,110 came as unrestricted gifts.

"Unrestricted gifts are very important to UWSP because they are flexible dollars that can be used to respond to needs and opportunities that state funding cannot support," Zwicker said.

For example, since worldwide paper consumption is growing and papermakers are examining the use of raw materials other than wood in the papermaking process, the Department of Paper Science received funding for a research project that examines the use of corn stalks as an alternative raw material in the papermaking industry. The project also will explore the potential market for corn stalk pulp.

At the North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference, a College of Natural Resources graduate student received funding to demonstrate creating and using a Web page to help Portage County citizens make informed decisions about groundwater management. The Web site was developed in cooperation with the Portage County Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee and the county's planning, zoning and health departments.

Unrestricted funds also were used to support production of a student guide to internship opportunities for interior architecture students. As the number of students in the division increases and as news of their skills spreads, more design and commercial firms are asking about establishing internships for UWSP students.

In 2000/2001, more than 5,276 donors gave to the Annual Fund, an increase of 30 percent over the previous year. These gifts become more important each year since the state contribution to UWSP's biennial budget is now less than 38 percent.

Members of the Old Main Society, a newly formed giving club, are responsible for a significant portion of the Annual Fund campaign's success. More than \$99,000 was donated by 54 members of the society, which recognizes and rewards donors who make an annual, unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or more.

"We sincerely thank all who participated in this important campaign," Zwicker said. "These gifts to the Annual Fund are an important way to give something back to UWSP to help ensure its continued strength for generations to come."

A full report on how Annual Fund gifts were used last year is available online at www.uwsp.edu/foundation.



Student callers are a crucial part of the Annual Fund appeal. They'll be busy on the phones again this fall, reconnecting with alumni through the 2001 Annual Fund campaign.

Carlson cites Foundation accomplishments



Judi Carlson

Dear Alumni and Friends,
My tenure as president of the UWSP Foundation is drawing to a close and I am proud to report on the accomplishments we have made over the last year.

Giving to the UWSP Foundation has reached an all-time high. During the last fiscal year (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001), total gifts and pledges totaled more than \$2.3 million. This includes a \$1 million pledge

to the College of Fine Arts and Communication from UWSP alumni John and Patty Noel. It is the single largest pledge in the history of the university.

During the last year, 25 new scholarship and program funds were established at the foundation, bringing the total number of funds it manages to more than 400. These funds support a multitude of programs and departments on campus.

Following the foundation's audit in August, a complete annual report will be prepared and mailed to all donors. In November it will also be available electronically on the UWSP Foundation's Web site at www.uwsp.edu/foundation or you may call 1-800-858-5267 to request a copy.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the foundation's executive committee as the past president for the next two years. This is an outstanding university and an outstanding foundation. I am proud to be a part of both – and to have the opportunity to give something back to a place that has done so much for me and thousands of other graduates like me.

Best regards,

Judi

Judi Carlson, '63
UWSP Foundation President

Wausau woman honored by alumni



Doris (Ockerlander) See

A member of the UWSP Alumni Association board since 1995 has been honored.

A stalwart supporter of alumni programs, Doris (Ockerlander) See, '48, Wausau, has received the Alumni Service Award.

"There are many miles of memories for which I can express my appreciation," See said in accepting the award. "As a student, I traversed this campus, then known as Central State Teachers College. It was a small campus compared to the ever expanding campus today. A law of nature is 'Grow or Die' and UWSP is very much alive, led by the invigorating and challenging Chancellor Tom George, who has great rapport with the faculty, the students and alumni. In receiving this Alumni Service Award, I am but a reflection of the service this university has given me and continues to give. The music of this university is beautiful, and because its service to the community, students and alumni is long and lasting, I'm grateful."

The Alumni Service Award recognizes volunteers and UWSP staff who work consistently for the alumni association.

Student honored for achievements



Holly Vander Heiden

Holly Vander Heiden, Kaukauna, is the recipient of one of the premier scholarships at UWSP, the Kathrin "Kitty" Saunders Sebald Award.

UWSP's first full tuition scholarship, it is awarded at the annual Distinguished Alumnus Luncheon in May. It rewards an outstanding UWSP student who demonstrates high potential for becoming a leader

in a chosen field or profession. D. David "Dewey" Sebald, Medford, former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza, established the award in memory of his wife, Kitty, who was a social worker. Both Kitty and Dewey graduated from UWSP in 1968. Kitty died of cancer in 1973.

"I greatly appreciate everything Mr. Sebald has done for UWSP and the students here," Vander Heiden said. "This scholarship takes a huge burden off my shoulders."

A junior at UWSP she is majoring in forest management and urban forestry with a minor in soil science.

An outdoorswoman all her life, Vander Heiden sought a field of study that would give her a career where she would not be confined to an office. She chose to come to UWSP because of the opportunities in the College of Natural Resources.

A note from Career Services

To maintain our quality service to teachers, yet address dwindling storage space, the Career Services Office would like alumni to know that teacher credential files are now kept for 35 years, and then are destroyed. Questions regarding this can be directed to Career Services by calling 715-346-3226 or by e-mail to career@uwsp.edu. The office is located in Room 134, Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Six inducted into Hall of Fame



Jon Julius



Kirk Baumgartner



Susie Lindauer



Lori McArthur



Kevin Deates



Tom Weix

Six Pointer athletes who will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame are Jon Julius, '93, Lisle, Ill.; Kirk Baumgartner, '89, Medford; Susie Lindauer, '94, Appleton; Lori McArthur, '83, Green Bay; Kevin Deates, '90, Stevens Point; and Tom Weix, '93, master's '99, Antigo.

Julius was the 1992 UWSP and conference Most Valuable Player in basketball. As conference scoring champion, he recorded the best field goal percentage in a game, 12 of 12.

Baumgartner holds the record for the most attempts in a football season, the most completions in a season and in his career and the most pass yards in a game and a season. He was drafted in the 9th round by the Green Bay Packers in 1990.

Lindauer was NCAA Umbro All American in soccer and UWSP Athlete of the Year in 1992. Among her records were most goals and most points scored during her college career.

McArthur was Pointer softball catcher for three years and field hockey goalkeeper for four years. She played on conference championship softball teams in 1982 and 1983 and in the 1982 NCAA national tournament. In field hockey, she holds school records for shut-outs in a season and career. She was the 1982 UWSP Outstanding Female Athlete.

Deates led the Pointer football team in tackles during his junior and senior years. He was twice named All Conference Defensive Tackle and was All State Linebacker. He is now assistant football coach and assistant athletic director at UWSP.

Weix was a two-time All American wrestler and twice placed second in national meets. He holds several records at UWSP including the most career wins.

The six will be honored at a banquet and induction ceremony in the Laird Room of the University Center on Saturday, Oct. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. For ticket information call the UWSP Alumni Association before Oct. 1 at 1-877-764-6801 or e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu.

UWSP finishes sixth in Sears Cup

UWSP achieved its highest-ever finish in the Sears Director's Cup standings with a sixth place finish among 395 NCAA Division III schools in 2000-01. The standings measure the top overall athletic program in the NCAA Division III.

UWSP was the highest placing Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school and the highest non-East Coast school in the standings. The Pointers finished in the top 10 for the third time in four years.

Points are awarded based on finishes in NCAA tournament competition. UWSP qualified for NCAA tournaments in 11 of its 20 sports, posting all-time high finishes in women's soccer, men's outdoor track and field, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor track and field and women's swimming and diving.

Other high finishes came from men's swimming and diving at sixth place, women's cross country at ninth place and women's outdoor track and field at 13th place. UWSP also qualified two wrestlers for the national meet and qualified teams in both softball and baseball.

"I am extremely proud of UWSP's athletics program," Chancellor Thomas George said. "To finish in the top ten of the Sears Cup standings three out of four years is an outstanding achievement. I am eagerly looking forward to another great season of Pointer sports."

Men's Soccer Club alumni still kicking

Homecoming reunion planned

Alumni members of the UWSP Men's Soccer Club participated in the twelfth annual Pointer Classic Indoor Soccer tournament held recently at UWSP's Quandt Fieldhouse.

Student members of the club started the tournament as a fundraiser. After graduation, many alumni players continue to participate in the tournament, using the opportunity to get together with former teammates and give back to the club. An unwritten rule of the tournament is that alumni teams advancing to the 'money round' of the tournament donate their prize money back to the club.

All men's soccer alumni are invited to attend an alumni versus alumni soccer match and reconnect with the club. The match will be held during homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 12:30 p.m. For more information call John Clark at 616-554-5501 or send e-mail to john.clark@provia.com.

Since the early 1970s, UWSP has had an active Men's Soccer Club. The club has made seven appearances in the Association of Collegiate Club Soccer (ACCS) National Tournament since 1988. Last fall the club finished in second place overall at the national tournament. To get to the finals, they beat Pepperdine University, Arizona State, Long Beach State and Minnesota, finally losing to Texas A&M in the championship match.



At their last reunion, alumni members of the UWSP Men's Soccer Club participated in the twelfth annual Point Classic Indoor Soccer tournament in Quandt Fieldhouse. Team members included, first row left to right, Joel Sittig, '96, Racine; and John Clark, '90, Grand Rapids, Mich.; second row, Bryan Woodbury, '95 Neenah; Lance Peroutka, '92, Appleton; Andy Gill, '94, Fond du Lac; Jon Zylstra, '94, Milwaukee; and Jason Muelver, '93, South Elgin.

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Dombeck joins CNR



Michael Dombeck

Former USDA Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck, '71, master's '74, has accepted a new position with the UWSP College of Natural Resources.

"When I was offered this position and as I looked at all the investments we can make in our lives," Dombeck said. "I believed that of the things we can do to make a lasting change, a lasting difference and have a lasting effect, it is to invest ourselves in education."

Dombeck, who led the Forest Service from 1997 until April 2001, has been named GEM Pioneer Professor and UW System Fellow of Global Conservation. In his new full-time role, he will help lead the planning and development of the Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center, a unifying theme and vision for CNR, according to Dean Victor Phillips.

"As I've traveled around the country dealing with conservation issues over the past couple of decades, it seems like I've met Stevens Point graduates almost every place I've gone," Dombeck said. "Wisconsin has a long legacy as a national and international leader in conservation and I look forward to doing what I can to continue to promote that legacy."

A recipient of the UWSP 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Dombeck has expertise in watershed restoration, fisheries and ecosystem management in addition to his connections to forestry, which makes him ideally suited to spearhead the GEM Education Center's program themes, according to Phillips.

"We are delighted Mike has chosen to return to his alma mater," said Chancellor Tom George. "Mike's experience is unprecedented. The fact that a leader of his caliber has selected UWSP is a clear testament to the excitement of the GEM initiative and to the national prominence of the curriculum and programs in our College of Natural Resources."

Through the efforts of U.S. Congressman Dave Obey and U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, the CNR received \$1 million from the Environmental Protection Agency in fall 2000 for the GEM watersheds program, and is on track to receive \$2 million from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in 2002 for the GEM land use program. Dombeck's active participation will add tremendously to this effort and to GEM's overall development, Phillips said.

Home ec programs celebrate 100 years



Shari Van Domelen organized a display of memorabilia in the College of Professional Studies and is compiling a history of the home economics programs at UWSP.

A centennial celebration of UWSP's oldest specialized program is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, on campus.

The dynamic changes in programs related to home economics during the past 100 years will be highlighted. Programs descended from the original domestic science department include home economics, family and consumer education, dietetics, food service management, human and community resources, fashion merchandising, retail studies, interior architecture and early childhood education.

In preparation for the event, the College of Professional Studies will be collecting photos and other memorabilia. They also are looking for quilts, items of tatting and anything created during or as the result of classes. Anyone who would like to loan or donate items that would be of interest to fellow graduates should contact Deb Anstett, '74, College of Professional Studies director of development, by telephone at 715-346-2130 or by e-mail at danstett@uwsp.edu.

L&S marks golden anniversary

The College of Letters and Science (CLS) will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 3. All alumni of the college are invited to attend.

The occasion will be marked with a reception in the Collins Classroom Center lobby where a pictorial review of the college's history will be on display. A program commemorating the event will follow.

Details of the schedule will be mailed out early in the fall semester. Alumni in Central Wisconsin should watch for news announcements and those further away are encouraged to watch for further information on the college's Web page at www.uwsp.edu/cls.

At the program, Fritz Wenzel, a 1956 graduate, will receive the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award.

"Fritz has been a strong supporter of our college throughout the years," said Dean Justus Paul. "We are delighted and honored to be able to tie his

award to our celebration."

Associated with Marshfield Clinic for more than 40 years, Wenzel served as executive director of the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation and oversaw development of the clinic's regional locations. He also established the clinic's health maintenance organization and helped plan the Melvin R. Laird research facility. One of the founders of the UWSP Academy of Letters and Science, he continues to serve Marshfield Clinic and UWSP.

The two living former deans of the college, S. Joseph Woodka and Howard Thoyre, will be invited to participate in the event. In addition, all current and former faculty members will be invited to attend.

For information about the schedule, contact Development Officer Holly Voll at 715-346-2487, send e-mail to hvoll@uwsp.edu, or call the college office at 715-346-4224.



Many alumni will remember faculty members like Roland Trytten, professor of chemistry, left, and Frank "Pat" Crow, professor of history.

Dreyfus honored



Former governor and UWSP chancellor Lee S. Dreyfus was honored at the spot where he took his oath of office as governor 22 years ago with the placement of a marker on the front lawn of Old Main. He and his wife, Joyce, were joined by many colleagues, family and friends at the ceremony and a reception in Old Main Founders Room. At the ceremony, Dreyfus and his wife announced a gift of \$100,000 to the UWSP Foundation.

Profs set up fund



Professors Emeriti Marjorie Spring and Alice Clawson have endowed the Dr. Marjorie J. Spring Adapted Physical Education Scholarship. This scholarship will provide two \$500 awards each year to students majoring in adapted physical education and addressing the needs of children with physical and learning disabilities.

Audiology innovator lost to cancer

Gary Glascoe, associate professor of communicative disorders, died June 28 at age 62. He came to UWSP in 1973 and taught for 27 years, retiring in 1999.

In addition to classroom teaching, he helped train and supervise more than 100 graduate audiology students who staff the department's speech and hearing clinic, the Center for Communicative Disorders.

While teaching at UWSP, he had a private practice as a clinical audiologist in Waupaca for 13 years, which he continued after retirement. He and his wife, Christine, who survives, owned Rural Audiology Services. He also was a staff specialist at Riverside Medical Center in Waupaca.

Glascoe was instrumental in bringing computer technology to audiology at UWSP. He designed three software programs for audiology students and clinical practitioners in the early 1980s. He developed an audiometer simulator, a program that helped with selection of hearing aids and a database to help clinics manage hearing devices and auditory testing equipment.

He held a bachelor's degree from Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.; a master's degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; and a doctorate in audiology from the University of Denver.



Gary Glascoe

UWSP faculty members

Dorothy Kennedy



Dorothy Kennedy

Dorothy Kennedy, associate professor of education, will retire after 11 years at UWSP. A leader in gifted and talented education, she has emphasized the importance of paying close attention to gifted students.

Kennedy came to UWSP in 1990 after teaching graduate courses at Purdue University. Her decade at the university

has been rewarding—she gives high marks to the School of Education faculty and administrators. Kennedy has been involved with College Days for Kids and the Youth in College Program.

Youth in College is a summer program for area kindergarten through eighth grade students. College Days for Kids brings more than 500 sixth grade students to campus for courses ranging from chemistry to creative writing. The Network for Gifted Education sponsors both programs.

Kathleen Heuvelman



Kathleen Heuvelman

Kathleen Heuvelman, reference librarian, has retired after 31 years at UWSP. She held several roles including head of the interlibrary loan department and coordinator of the Foundation Collection.

When she began at UWSP in 1970, interlibrary loan relied on paper tools but now electronic networks “have

made sharing library materials a global reality,” Heuvelman said. She has seen interlibrary loan requests increase from 1,900 in 1970 to 8,600 in 2000.

She helped establish the first digital document delivery system within the UW System and was a pioneer in developing one of the first online borrowing request services. She served on the statewide library automation committee, which selected the Web-based integrated library system used throughout UW campuses.

Her outstanding assistance to researchers was recognized in 1989 when she was honored for distinguished service by the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society.

David Hillier



David Hillier

David Hillier, professor of biology, came to UWSP in 1971. Retiring 30 years later, he has not lost his love for being in the field with his students.

Although he is field-oriented, he has not shunned technology. In 1985 he set out to learn enough to be useful to his peers in applying computers to science instruction. A year later, he took

sabbatical leave to study at Oregon State University to develop microcomputer simulations for an ecological curriculum. That experience led directly into computer retraining at UWSP and great involvement in academic computing ever since.

In 1998 he was instrumental in establishing a UW System botanical images Web site. BotWeb is a collaborative effort of botanists and computer experts from UWSP and five other UW System schools aimed at promoting education about plants.

“Computers have transformed my discipline,” Hillier said. “And a lot of the excitement of my academic life has come from trying to use them effectively in the classroom.”

Last year Hillier was honored by his colleagues with the Biology Department Service Award.

Rollie Juhnke



Rollie Juhnke

Rollie Juhnke, a tax-sheltered annuity and investment specialist and director of personnel services, will leave his post as director of personnel, labor relations, payroll and staff benefits programs after 29 years of service and 39 years working in human resources.

He says his career at UWSP has been fulfilling

because of his co-workers, especially two good bosses, Zeke Torzewski and Greg Diemer, and a wonderful staff. He has spent many years serving on the UW System Tax Sheltered Annuity Review Committee which advises System President Katharine Lyall on administration of the tax shelter program for all UW staff.

Doug Henderson



Doug Henderson

Doug Henderson, professor of psychology, has retired after teaching at UWSP for 25 years.

He has taught child behavioral problems, sexuality and developmental psychology and served as a mentor to his students. Of special interest is his research in adoption since he was an adopted child.

In 1994 Henderson appeared on the NBC television series “Unsolved Mysteries” as an expert on synchronicity, a psychological term for “meaningful coincidences.”

He has made presentations throughout the state to community and professional groups about adoption, rape prevention, homosexuality and other areas of expertise. He also has presented at conferences in Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Minneapolis and New Orleans. Recently he was invited to edit a special issue of *The Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*, a national publication. An article by two of his students also was included in the journal.

Henderson will continue to work with students to help them develop their skills as researchers.

Eleanor Brush



Eleanor Brush

Eleanor Brush retired after serving as a clinical professor in the School of Communicative Disorders since 1989 and serving as director of UWSP’s Center for Communicative Disorders since 1993.

Brush received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Wisconsin Speech and Hearing Association convention

last spring. Her responsibilities at UWSP have included supervising student externships with community agencies.

“We wouldn’t be able to run our program without the cooperation of the people who supervise our students and the agencies that provide an opportunity for them to learn,” she said.

A member of the graduate faculty, she has taught classes preparing speech language pathologists and special educators to work in public schools. She also taught a course on health care needs in public schools that involved collaboration between the School of Communicative Disorders, the School of Education and Marshfield Clinic.

Brush has served on the advisory committee for Portage County Health and Human Services and on several projects for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Sonja Kung



Sonja Kung

Sonja Kung, senior lecturer in mathematics and computing, has retired after a career of helping girls, young children and university students in mathematics.

For eight years she directed and co-taught two workshops through Eisenhower grants with colleague Elaine Hutchinson. At one workshop they helped

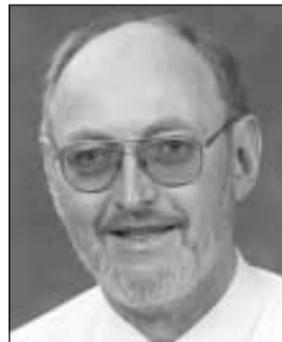
educators teach young girls about mathematics, science and gender issues in mathematics by building and designing Lego structures using a computer program. The second workshop taught elementary teachers a method that leads to better problem-solving skills and greater self-confidence for students in kindergarten through third grade.

“Working on those workshops has been a real privilege,” Kung said. “It was gratifying to interact with the special teachers and girls from the area.”

Kung served 11 years as UWSP’s faculty representative for female athletes on the state’s Athletic Committee, which sets academic policies for athletes. She also supervised the department’s mathematics tutoring facility for two years.

In June she accompanied her husband George as he led a tour of China.

Lowell Klessig



Lowell Klessig

Lowell Klessig, a resource management specialist who has devoted his energy and ideas to UWSP, to the state and the nation, retired after 27 years of service.

Since his arrival at UWSP in 1974, Klessig has promoted sound, scientific and citizen-based lake management for Wisconsin’s lakes. His message has traveled to

China, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark and the Philippines.

“My message has been straightforward,” Klessig said. “With proper training in organizational leadership and lake ecology, citizens can be effective partners with local and state government.”

His work has earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership and the Visionary Leadership Award from the Wisconsin Chapter of Extension Service Professionals.

Scholarship named for Gelwicks

The Bill Gelwicks Memorial Scholarship will memorialize a former record setting member of the UWSP swimming and diving team.

Gelwicks, ‘66, was twice named outstanding swimmer in NAIA District 14. Just as he was beginning his career as a teacher and swimming coach in Freeport, Ill., he died of kidney failure.

The scholarship was chartered by Red Blair, retired swimming and diving coach, and Tim Siebert, Stevens Point, Gelwicks’ teammate.

“I didn’t swim with Bill, I swam against him,” said Art Luetke, McFarland, a UW-Platteville alumnus. “He was one of the best and a great guy too.” Luetke and Bill’s father, John Gelwicks, made gifts to begin the fund.

A fund-raising goal of \$10,000 will generate an annual \$500 scholarship. The recipient will be a student from the men’s or women’s swimming and diving team who has used up his or her athletic eligibility and has made a significant contribution to the team.

For more information contact Deb Anstett, development director for the College of Professional Studies at 715-346-2130.

announce retirements

Gretchen d'Armand



Gretchen d'Armand

Gretchen d'Armand, associate professor of music and coordinator of the vocal area, has retired after 17 years at UWSP and 35 years in higher education.

Early in her singing career, d'Armand won the National Metropolitan Opera Auditions and the Young Musicians in Prospect Award from the Massachusetts

Council of the Arts. The awards helped her launch a successful career as a soloist with orchestras and chamber groups. Since coming to UWSP in 1984, she has had a varied performing career, including recitals with fellow faculty members and as a soloist at the annual Soirée Musicale.

Among her students was Daniel Ebbers, who returned to UWSP last fall for a solo performance with the Performing Arts Series.

James Arrowood



James Arrowood

James Arrowood, professor of music and director of bands, has retired after 11 years at UWSP and a 24-year career in higher education.

As a conductor, he specializes in the repertoire of both traditional and contemporary wind band. He has received accolades from composers such as Norman Dello Joio and Vincent

Persichetti for his sensitive interpretation of their music.

He received the 2001 Excellence in Teaching award and was recognized in 1996 as Outstanding Teacher at UWSP by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. He also received two Carnegie conducting fellowships.

His teaching career began with a high school band in Halifax County, Va. Later, while teaching in Culpeper, Va., he received the Stanbury Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Advancement of School Band Programs from the American School Band Directors Association.

He has appeared at many colleges and high schools as a guest conductor, clinician and rehearsal coach. A visiting artist at Yale University, Southern Methodist University, Emory University and Ohio State University, he has conducted ensembles at state music education conferences.

He was editor of the *College Band Directors National Association Journal* for nine years and has served on the National Archives Committee.

New scholarship honors Arrowood

Students in the music department have established an award to honor James Arrowood upon his retirement.

The men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a music service fraternity, have established the James Arrowood Music Service Award and plan to build the endowment with an annual contribution.

The endowment was announced at the final Wind Band concert, Arrowood's last performance with the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band as a faculty member.

Beginning next year, the music department faculty will select a continuing music student for the \$500 scholarship, based on service to the department.

George Kung



George Kung

George Kung, professor of mathematics and computing, retired from teaching computing, mathematics and mathematics education at UWSP for nearly 32 years.

He says he stayed at UWSP because of the freedom and exchange of ideas within the department. He recalled that bond was strong in 1972

when he and his colleagues stood together to resist state budget and faculty cutbacks.

In 1998 Kung and UWSP alumnus Ken Vicchiolo, '91, received a patent for a scale they invented that helps algebra students visualize equations. He will continue to do workshops to demonstrate the device for teachers and students.

He brought soccer to Stevens Point by helping organize the Portage County Youth Soccer Association.

After retirement, he will continue his work of the last five years as mathematician in residence in the Wautoma school district. Working with students and teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade, he has developed hands-on activities to challenge students.

Additionally, Kung has taught cooking classes through UWSP Extension and led three UWSP-sponsored trips to China. He and his wife, Sonja, led another trip to China in June.

Charles Goan



Charles Goan

Although Charles Goan, associate professor of music, has retired after 34 years of teaching piano at UWSP, music will continue to be a part of his life.

He said his greatest reward has been seeing his piano students go from beginning to doctoral levels.

He toured internationally with the UWSP

University Choir and Montana Chorale and was a member of the Bukolt Trio. He advised the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity.

Before moving to the Fine Arts Center in 1971, he remembers dodging a bat while playing a solo recital in the Old Main auditorium. He said it is gratifying to see the FAC will be growing with a new addition.

Goan brought another occupant from Old Main into his Fine Arts Center office—Moses. A statue of the biblical prophet became his when colleague Donald Rupert left UWSP. Rupert had rescued it from destruction when several old statues were discarded.

Goan returned Moses to the university when the late John Anderson of News Services wrote a piece on some of UWSP's antiques. It remained in a vault until recently, when it was repaired and placed in Old Main's restored Founders Room.

"I was happy to find a permanent place for Moses back in his original home," Goan said.

Engelhard scholarship established

A new \$1,000 scholarship was recently established by the Alumni Association to honor the longtime director of alumni relations and alumna, Karen Engelhard, '59.

"The UWSP Alumni Association is very pleased to honor Karen, for what she means to alumni across the country, for her dedicated service to her alma mater and her service to the university community," said Brant Bergeron, current director of alumni and university relations.

The Karen Engelhard Alumni Scholarship is based on the outstanding academic achievement and record of school and community involvement of a student planning a teaching career. The first

Tom Detwyler



Tom Detwyler

Tom Detwyler, professor of geography and geology, retired after spending 35 years teaching about the impact of human life on the environment. Twenty of those years have been at UWSP.

Chair of his department for six years, Detwyler was charged with leading the revitalization of the program

when he was hired in 1981. He says he and his colleagues worked together to make it one of the best geography programs at any four-year campus in the country.

He taught about 600 students each year in a popular lecture class called "The Physical Environment Under Stress." Because of the large numbers of students he has worked with over the past two decades, Detwyler says he can't go anywhere in the state without encountering at least one of his former pupils.

Throughout the past two decades, he has been at the forefront of using new visually rich teaching materials in his discipline. By the late 80s, under Detwyler's leadership, UWSP was a leader in the UW System and the nation in using technology in the geography/geology classroom.

He plans to continue to study and write about global environmental quality during retirement.

Robert Freckmann



Robert Freckmann

Robert Freckmann, a professor of biology known for his extensive knowledge of plants, retired from the classroom after 33 years at UWSP.

Freckmann is reluctantly leaving teaching to spend more time as the volunteer curator of vascular plants in the UWSP herbarium, the second largest collection of

plant specimens in the state.

He began organizing the collection soon after coming to UWSP in 1968. It has grown from 1,000 to 210,000 specimens with 140,000 vascular plants that he's mounted and labeled with student assistants. He contributed about one-fourth of the plants.

He has taught plant taxonomy to 4,000 students, with some of them serving internships at the Smithsonian Institution while he had a cooperative agreement with a former student there.

"I'm very pleased with the many enthusiastic students I've had," he said. Many of them have worked beside him in the herbarium, contributing to the collection, doing research projects and working on a database of plants with other UW institutions. He won the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000.

"I will be in the herbarium until senility hits," he said with a smile, "since the memory for plants outlasts all other things in the minds of plant taxonomists."

recipient of the award, Lauren Egan, New London, has an elementary education major with a Spanish minor.

Engelhard's degree is in elementary education and she worked as a teacher before taking time to raise her family. She was director of alumni relations from 1976 until her retirement in 1996.



Karen Engelhard

Treehaven



Funds from the Friends of Treehaven and the Vallier Foundation will build new lodges to upgrade facilities and allow for expanded programming, especially during the summer at UWSP's field station near Tomahawk.

Improving on perfection

Driving along the road to Treehaven, you can feel the stress of everyday life drain away. UWSP's field station is perched atop a glacial ridge and surrounded by the solitude of 1,400 acres of woods. Hiking through the rolling hills brings you to a trout stream or a quiet little lake.

Treehaven offers "hands-on, minds-on education" for 20,000 people each year. Programs include weekend workshops on such diverse topics as bird watching and team building for school children and community members to summer camps for university students that fill the facility. The comfortable dormitory-style accommodations are winterized and the food service is certified to restaurant standards.

It would be hard to improve on that, but a pledge of \$150,000 from the Vallier Foundation recently kicked off the Treehaven Double Cabin Project. The foundation is managed by Dorothy Vallier, Milwaukee; her son, William Kummer, Bowling Green, Ky.; and Michael Gehl, a Milwaukee attorney.

The Treehaven Double Cabin Project will build four lodges that can each house up to eight people. Groundbreaking for the first lodge will be in September. Fund raising for a second lodge is nearly complete.

"The generosity and foresight demonstrated by the Vallier family over the years in regard to Treehaven and their land dedicated to natural resources education has helped make this a model for such efforts nationwide," said Chancellor Tom George. "Students, faculty, alumni and visitors to Treehaven have benefited and will continue to benefit greatly from this very special resource."



Caring for the environment starts at an early age. Treehaven has programs for all ages from elementary school children through Elderhostel.



Dorothy Vallier and her son, William Kummer

The upgraded overnight lodging for instructors and participants will allow Treehaven to expand programming, especially during the summer when there has been no room for community programs, according to Treehaven Director Corky McReynolds. Meeting space and food service at the facility is adequate to support the increased numbers.

"We will remain competitive with other facilities that offer similar accommodations," McReynolds said. "We want to meet the requests by our users for better accommodations."

Current living centers have two bunk beds in each room and bathrooms "down the hall." Each new lodge will be divided into two cabins and each cabin will have two bedrooms, a kitchenette, a living area and a private bath. A portion of the Vallier Foundation gift will fund an endowment for the upkeep and maintenance of the lodges.

The Friends of Treehaven hope to raise \$600,000 to build, furnish and maintain three more lodges and an endowment of up to \$100,000 to support future upgrades and maintenance of the lodges. Each double-cabin lodge will be named for a tree species indigenous to the Treehaven property. For an individual contribution of \$56,000 or more, the donor may name one of the cabins.

The Friends of Treehaven strive to continue the tradition of generosity established by the Valliers by raising community awareness, encouraging public involvement and promoting fund raising. The organization has representatives from communities throughout North Central Wisconsin.

For information about Friends of Treehaven, call McReynolds at 715-453-4106 or visit the Treehaven Web site at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/treehaven.



Beautiful fall colors are part of the stress-free environment at Treehaven.



Classrooms, dormitory-style accommodations and other facilities at Treehaven are winterized and the food service is certified to restaurant standards.

A brief history of Treehaven

Dorothy and her first husband, Gordon Kummer, originally owned and operated Treehaven Tree Farm. Several years after Gordon died, Dorothy married Jacque Vallier, head of the science department at Washington High School in Milwaukee.

When Jacque retired after 30 years of teaching, they decided to sell or give the property to an institution that could manage it as a natural facility. Bill Sylvester, a forester in the area, suggested that UWSP's College of Natural Resources might have use for the property. The Valliers were pleased with the idea of keeping the land out of the hands of developers.

"We wanted to see that the property is used well and that its ecology is respected," Dorothy said. The idea became a reality in 1978 when a donation of 960 acres of Wisconsin's north woods by the Valliers was the genesis of Treehaven. A new education center and dormitory facilities were completed on the property in 1985. Since those days, the facility has expanded to 1,400 acres and the Vallier Foundation has provided continuing support through the UWSP Foundation for the unique conference center.

The CNR's summer program moved to Treehaven from Clam Lake and classes and conferences at the self-supporting facility have expanded continually.

In addition to hosting the CNR summer field training program, Treehaven has developed programs for students in elementary, middle and high schools and for Elderhostels, teachers and the community. People from throughout the state are encouraged to contact Treehaven's new assistant director, John Heusinkveld, to set up programs. The facility has conference center capabilities, including two multipurpose meeting rooms. Treehaven has hosted people from all 50 states, 29 countries and dozens of professional organizations.

Dorothy's son, William Kummer, a retired college professor, also takes an active role in supporting Treehaven. He recently retired after 25 years at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green where he taught recreation and park administration. One of his retirement plans is to write a complete history of Treehaven.



Since 1985 visitors to Treehaven have come from all over Wisconsin for workshops and other programs. They experience the beauty of the north woods and the charm of relaxing in front of the fireplace in Bear Track Lounge.



Class Notes

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

2000s



Betsy Skowbo

Betsy Skowbo, '00, Port Washington, had a successful run as Betty in *The Captain's Tiger* with Renaissance Theaterworks in Milwaukee in January. She got a mention in several favorable reviews, including the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, who said "Only eight months out of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Betsy Skowbo brings affecting intensity, presence and charm to her first big professional role." Before joining Renaissance Theaterworks, she appeared as a witch in the Milwaukee Shakespeare Company's production of *Macbeth*. More recently, Skowbo has appeared as Juliet in *Measure for Measure* with Milwaukee Shakespeare and as Savvy in *A Glimpse of the Domesticity of Franklyn Barnabas*, as part of the 19th Annual Shaw Festival, which was mentioned in the April issue of *American Theatre*. Her most recent role in Milwaukee was Sue in *Bash* with Bialystock & Bloom. She is looking forward to spending her holidays in Lanesboro, Minn., working with the Commonweal Theatre Company in *A Christmas Carol*.

Khara Lintel, '00, Los Angeles, Calif., is field marketing sales manager for Feld Entertainment, the world's largest producer of family entertainment. She handles marketing, promotions and special events for Ringling Brothers and Disney on Ice in the Los Angeles and Fresno area.

Nicole Joswiak, '00, Abiquiu, N.M., is a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Abiquiu Lake in northern New Mexico. She would like "long lost friends" to send email to nic_at_nite@hotmail.com.

Trisha McCaffery, '00, Waukesha, is attending graduate school at UW-Milwaukee.

1990s

Robin Gort, '99, Kiel, received the Wisconsin Outstanding Dietetic Intern Award from the American Dietetics Association and the Wisconsin Dietetic Association. She did a post-graduate internship at UW-Green Bay, one of the few institutions to offer dietetic internships. The internship will qualify her for national registration. According to UWSP faculty member Kit Werner, only about half of dietetic graduates are placed in these highly competitive internships.

Sarah Sykes, '99, Kaunakakai, Hawaii, teaches special education at Kaunakakai Elementary School. She was quoted in an article in the May 2001 issue of *Outside* magazine about the controversy surrounding the Molokai Ranch resort. Sykes is concerned about the resort developers' proposal to divert millions of gallons of water from the island's meager supply. She has

filed numerous lawsuits intended to slow or stop the project. "The key issue is, how much water the island can produce," Sykes said in the article. "Based on what little information we have, there's not even enough to meet the legal needs of native homesteaders."

Matt Normann, '99, Sturgeon Bay, works with a family business, Homespun Touch, which imports and distributes gift products. He was married last year and has one child.

Jerry King, '99, Wisconsin Rapids, is controller and corporate secretary of Eagle Construction. His wife, **Michelle (Hoffman)**, '00, is employed with the Wisconsin Rapids School District.

Brett Witt, '98, Kenosha, is head coach of the men's cross-country team at Carthage College. Previously, he was a graduate assistant coach in cross-country and track and field at the University of Tennessee, where he received his master's degree.

Lukas Bootz, '98, and **Jennifer (Wenzel)**, '98, Madison, were married in August 2000. Jennifer works in pharmaceutical sales with Bristol-Myers Squibb and is trying to track down former roommates and "do some serious reminiscing." She can be reached at 608-249-2847 or by email at bootz2@prodigy.net.

Tammy (Borchardt) Buchinger, '98, a science teacher at Kimberly High School, and her husband, **Ross**, '01, live in Kaukauna.

Chris Janssen, '98, Wausau, is earth science teacher at Wausau West High School and director of the school's planetarium. He has background in computer programming at Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton and



Alice Wallner

Alice Wallner, '95, Stevens Point, and her husband, Joe, recently celebrated the first year of operating "From The Ground Up" coffeehouse at 250 W. Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids. Joe creates a variety of baked goods, including scones and biscotti. They serve a lunch menu of soup and sandwiches. Bulk gourmet coffee is available as well. On Friday evenings the coffeehouse hosts an open mike for local bands that has been well received by audiences. In addition they welcome artists who would like to hang works for sale in the shop.

worked at UWSP's planetarium as a student. He rigs his equipment on a shoestring budget that he has augmented with a Beyond Pencils grant from the Wausau Area Community Foundation. Under his guidance the planetarium will be used by several Wausau schools and the general public on a regular basis.

Carl Skustad, '98, Girdwood, Alaska, has worked for the U.S. Forest Service since graduation and is a forest ranger at the Chugach National Forest. His wife, Kelly, teaches in Anchorage.

Angela (Sabott) Lehrer, '97, Appleton, is operations manager of the Attic Theatre, Inc. She manages the theatre's box office and volunteer guild and teaches classes. She also freelances with local schools and organizations

doing set designs and makeup. She was recently married.

Erika Baily, '97, Milwaukee, is a social worker and drug abuse prevention coordinator at the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center. She continues her interest in choral music and sings with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus. She completed a master's degree last year.

Aaron Carlson, '97, and **Kitrina Luce**, '96, Columbia, Mo., were married last year in Maui, Hawaii.

Paul Gregg, '97, Madison, is a choral music teacher at Georgia O'Keefe Middle School. He gives private voice lessons and is active in performing. His wife, **Elizabeth (Hurckman)**, last attended '97, is on the staff at High Point Church. They return to UWSP for Trivia Weekend.

Kurt Weaver, '93, La Crosse, **Lois (Isaacson) Larson**, '92, Onalaska, and **Greg Walters**, '92, La Crosse, worked together on a program for at-risk youth this summer. They spent a day at Perrot State Park along the Mississippi River with groups of 30 to 50 youths, aged 10 to 16. More than 250 students were served by the program. Activities included a canoe trip and a hike up Brady's Bluff. Coordinated through UW-La Crosse and the National Youth Sports Program, it was intended to expose youth to positive activities. Weaver is an officer in the La Crosse Police Department's community services bureau and Larson is a ranger at Perrot Park. Walters is a DARE officer with La Crosse Police Department and coordinated the drug and alcohol education classes for the program.



Greg Walters, Lois Larson and Kurt Weaver

Broadway dancer visits UWSP

Aaron Felske, '00, returned to UWSP while on a break from a national tour with the Broadway company of "Fosse," the musical dance review of choreographer Bob Fosse's work. Before going on the road, he was among the cast as one of 32 dancers in the production at the Broadhurst Theatre in New York City.

For one afternoon last spring, Felske acted as instructor to students from the UWSP Department of Theatre and Dance, many of whom were classmates just a year ago. After the dance lesson, the students asked him questions about his experience on Broadway and as part of a touring company with nationally known artists.

"So how does it feel?" one former classmate ventured.

"It's amazing," Felske said. "To do work and to do what I love, together, is wonderful. I was very lucky."

"It wasn't all luck," stated Jim Moore, one of the dance professors who Felske counts as a mentor. "Aaron devoted himself to improving his craft. He'd be in the dance studio working day and night—he never stopped."

"How did you get the job?"



Aaron Felske led a group of dance students in a master class while on break from the Broadway musical "Fosse."

another student asked.

"You work your butt off and find the love for dance inside yourself," Felske advised.

Ann Schierl, Stevens Point, a generous supporter of the UWSP arts programs, saw the show on Broadway four times, three times with Felske in the cast. "Somebody asked me how he compared to the other dancers," Schierl said. "'There were other dancers?' I said. I

only had eyes for him."

The company toured Chicago in July and traveled to Japan during August and September. A look at where they have been and are going can be seen on the Internet at www.fossethemusical.com. While on tour, Felske would like friends to send e-mail to fosfefelske@aol.com.

Interest rate drops on Stafford loans

The interest rate on Stafford loans has dropped to a 20-year low of 5.99 percent, according to Phil George, director of financial aid at UWSP.

"Many people would like to know whether they should consolidate their college loans to lock in a low interest rate on Stafford loans," George said.

Since this is a variable rate loan, the chances are good that the interest rate will be set at a higher level in the future and each year the variable rate gets re-set on July 1. Stafford borrowers have the opportunity to secure the current rate for the remaining life of the loan by refinancing through the Federal Loan Consolidation program. If this is done before June 30, 2002, the rate will be fixed at 5.99 percent, rounded up to the next one eighth percent, or 6 percent.

George has a tip for those who wish to take advantage of the lower rate. If you have a fair amount of loans yet to pay off and it seems worthwhile to do this, wait until next May or June, then visit a lender to consolidate your loan if the rate is predicted to rise again the following year.

For more information visit the UWSP Web site devoted to this subject, www.uwsp.edu/finance/other/consolid.htm.

Keri Kurszewski, '96, Wausau, is a technical writer at Wausau Financial Systems in Mosinee. She recently won a free registration to the WinWriters Conference in Seattle, Wash. She creates "Help" information such as WinHelp, HTML Help and Web Help on the Internet and on paper. She is planning a June 2002 wedding.



Keri Kurszewski

Loey Colebeck, '96, Madison, is a bilingual resource specialist and Spanish interpreter with the Madison Metropolitan School District. Last summer she was resident artist with Wormfarm Institute, Reedsburg, where she worked in the garden and taught workshops in interdisciplinary arts for teens. She also served as interpreter for the institute's director on a trip to Cuba.

Hollie Fischer, '96, San Francisco, Calif., is international rights and licensing director for APress in Berkeley, Calif., a publisher of high quality computer books.

Kate Roberts, '96, Minneapolis, Minn., is studying for a doctorate and teaches in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She worked for one year at the *Wausau Daily Herald* and will be married next year.

Stacy Schiltz, '95, Houston, Texas, teaches children with severe mental and physical disabilities in the Aldine Independent School District where a high percentage of children live in poverty and the needs of the families are severe. "I was well prepared by UWSP professors and staff," she says. A founder of SALSA, she says, "in a previous Pointer Alumnus I was honored to see SALSA recognized and that it is still an active organization at UWSP."

Sarah (Behl) Justus, '95, Madison, is a policy analyst with the state of Wisconsin. She and her husband, **Andrew**, '95, have a son, "perhaps a future Pointer," they say.

Scott Bennett, '94, Madison, is a teaching assistant and is one of 12 master's degree students in the fine arts acting program at UW-Madison.

Stephanie (Alt) Chervin, '94, Ann Arbor, Mich., is a research associate at Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Michigan working on molecular glycobiology.

Kevin Thays, '93, Madison, is an account executive with Lindsay, Stone and Briggs Advertising. Previously, he worked for Fiskars in Wausau and CUNA and Affiliates of Madison. He welcomes friends to contact him by e-mail at kthays@lsb.com. His wife, Tracy, is a sales representative for Rayovac.

Andy Kubitz, '93, Los Angeles, Calif., is director of program planning and scheduling at CBS Television. He collects, disseminates and analyzes competitive network programming information and contributes to the scheduling of the CBS primetime lineup.

Nan (Herning) Bunnow, '92, Kaukauna, is the principal at Edison Elementary School in Appleton. Previously, she was principal at Nicolet and Park Elementary Schools in Kaukauna. She and her husband, Brad, have two children.

John Calhoun, '92, Crivitz, is employed at Calhoun Wilderness Camp. He and his wife, Tonya, were married one year ago.

Mary Southworth, '92, Cincinnati, Ohio, teaches voice at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, and at her home studio. She performs classical opera and concerts with orchestras. In January, she performed as the featured soloist with the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra.

John Krause, '92, Green Bay, teaches and coaches girls' varsity basketball and junior varsity football at Pulaski High School. The girls' team went to the sectional finals last season. He recently received a master's degree from UW-Milwaukee. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children.

Ken Nolte, '91, Reedley, Calif., has taught in the forest and park technology program at Reedley College for 4 years. He completed a master's degree at Texas A & M University in Kingsville and continued graduate studies at Texas A & M in College Station. His wife, Lynda, is an interpretive ranger at Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. While working on his master's project at Welder Wildlife Foundation and Refuge, Nolte lived in the same dormitory as Fran Hammerstrom. Others in the program were re-

luctant to try her "road kill meals," he says. "I figured that if she had survived her own cooking for so long it must be OK. Without the influence of UWSP, I likely would not have had the chance to live and work at Welder," Nolte said. "I would not have become acquainted with people like Fran and numerous other scientists from around the world. These are the kinds of opportunities that place UWSP head and shoulders above other colleges. The education and experiences that I gained from being at Point have shaped the way I teach today."

Kevin Parham, '91, Kenosha, is project manager with Discover Card in Riverwoods, Ill. He and his wife, **Trenny (Schulz)**, '91, have two sons.

Carla (Aldrich) Dul, '90, Junction City, is vocal music director at Mosinee High School and was north central vice president of the Wisconsin Music Educators Association for the past three years. Her husband, **Ron**, last attended '95, is president of Spectrum Technical Services.

1980s

Michael Breaman, '88, St. Charles, Mo., is regional operations manager for TIP, a General Electric Capital company. He and his wife, **Sue (Opitz)**, '88, have three sons.

James Brunner, '87, Sun Prairie, is commercial lines large account agent with Mortenson, Matzelle and Meldrum insurance agency. His wife, **Kelly (McCarty)**, '86, plans to return to school for a second degree in elementary education. They have three sons.

Colleen Jackson, '86, Menomonee Falls, was a presenter at the 2001 International Quality Convention in Chicago. One of 200 presenters, she was selected from 3,000 entries. Her husband, **Scott**, '86, is a senior programmer for Kohl's Department Stores corporate offices.

Patti (Murphy) Hanson, '85, Sturgeon Bay, and her husband, Jon, operate Snug Harbor Inn, with cottages and a marina in Sturgeon Bay. Close to many shops, parks and restaurants, the area offers a variety of recreational activities.

Brian Kersten, '84, Waunakee, was named Wisconsin's High School Principal of the Year by the Association of Wisconsin High School Administrators. He has been the principal at Waunakee Community High School for eight years, was a teacher, coach and principal at Barneveld High School and as-

sistant principal at Eau Claire Memorial.

Cindy Prior, '84, Oakdale, Minn., is a substitute teacher in the St. Paul public schools and a reading consultant for the Minnesota Department of Education. Her husband, Paul, is a community education coordinator for the city of St. Paul.

Karen (Mytas) Newbern, '83, Sturgeon Bay, is assistant director and naturalist at the Ridges Sanctuary near Ephraim. She says that she "would love to hear from CNR friends and house-mates, Julia, Val, Linda, Carrie and Jody. Where are you?" She can be reached by e-mail at my-tastouch@yahoo.com.

Sondra (Gatling) Holden, '82, Stevens Point, leads an aerobic class, is writing a book and serves as Central Wisconsin Coordinator of Operation Christmas Child. She has worked with challenged adults at Community Industries and at infant care facilities. After full recovery from a debilitating illness, she has re-evaluated what's important and become "an eccentric dabbler in the joyful things in life." Her husband, Darrell, is an emergency medical technician/paramedic in Waupaca.

Bill Cook, '81, second bachelor's '82, Escanaba, Mich., received three forestry awards last year: Friend of the Forest from the Michigan Forest Resource Alliance, the Conservation Award in Forestry from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and Forester of the Year from the Michigan Society of American Foresters, (SAF). He will serve as SAF 2002 state chair. He and his wife, **Betsy**, '84, have three children.

Toni Loch, '81, Green Bay, is president and chief executive officer of United Way of Brown County. She has 18 years of professional human service experience with Community Services in Green Bay and the Brown County Family Violence Shelter's Golden House. She and her two children received national recognition last year with the Family Volunteerism Award from Family Matters, a national initiative of the Points of Light Foundation.

Mark Drew, '80, Boise, Idaho, is the wildlife veterinarian for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and serves as the health advocate for the departments. He was on the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Julie, have two children.

Photographers honored in national contest

Tom Charlesworth, '87, Whiting, and **Doug Moore**, master's '89, Stevens Point, were honored in the national slide contest of the University Photographer's Association of America (UPAA).

Charlesworth, a media specialist in UWSP News Services, placed first in the science category with a photo of a pelican. Charlesworth also won third place in the news and feature category for a photo of streakers at UWSP's spring 2000 graduation.

Moore, a News Services photographer and instructor in natural resources at UWSP, won second and third places in the science category. His photos of a dragonfly and a frog were taken in northern lower Michigan. He also won a third place and honorable mention for two shots in the nature category and an honorable mention for a photo of UWSP's Sundial in the campus environment category.

Moore placed first in UPAA's slide contest last year and he has placed in the contest many times during his 16 years as a UPAA member. Charlesworth entered the contest for the first time this year at Moore's encouragement.

Zach makes cover of Science magazine

The cover of the Dec. 15 issue of *Science* magazine features an image of "nanowires" as seen by a scanning electron microscope. The cover story is by and about the work of **Michael Zach**, '97, Irvine, Calif. (The article appears on page 2120 of the magazine.)

The recognition of this pioneering work in *Science*, one of the nation's most respected journals, is a top honor for scientists.

Zach is doing the research while working toward a doctorate at the University of California-Irvine (UCI), where he also earned a master's degree.

In addition to the cover story, he recently won two prestigious awards for the work. He was nationally recognized as one of five recipients of the American Chemical Society Division of Analytical Chemistry Merck Fellowship. The \$15,000 award was given in recognition of his contribution to the field and is intended to further his work with nanowires.

He also received the \$1,000 E.C.K. Lee Memorial graduate student award, the highest award that the UCI chemistry department gives its students.

Zach worked with fellow student Kwok Ng and Professor Reginald Penner as the primary researcher. Zach created the image and was the primary author of the *Science* story that details their work in constructing wires at the atomic level. The trio discovered how to make wires of molybdenum dioxide that range from 10 nanometers to one-thousandth millimeter in diameter and up to half a millimeter in length. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter.

A bundle of one million tiny wires is smaller than the diameter of a single strand of a spider's web, Zach said. The wires exhibit metallic conductivity and can be bent like ordinary metal. They can be embedded in plastic film and have the potential for use in microelectronics and chemical sensors.

One spark that inspired his future work was watching UWSP Professor Marv Lang's chemical demonstrations, Zach said.

During the past academic year, Zach gave a presentation at the UWSP chemistry department's Friday afternoon seminar. When he announced during his talk that his research on nanowires was featured on the cover of *Science*, the audience of about 35 chemistry students and faculty members spontaneously broke into applause.

Zach was one of the first graduates at UWSP to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a polymer option. UWSP is one of only 15 such approved programs in the U.S.



McCoy boasts award winning team

Jim Kerkman, '82, Bangor, a forester with the Fort McCoy Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team, works with other UWSP alumni

to maintain high quality natural resources while meeting the needs of military training.

In 1999, the team was awarded the Secretary of the

Army Natural Resources Conservation Team Award and the Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Natural Resources Conservation Team Award. Competitors for the awards include all branches of the armed services around the world.

At Fort McCoy, team members have researched populations of the endangered Karner Blue butterfly, helped soldiers plan training exercises while protecting the environment, harvested more than 2,500 acres of storm damaged timber and improved trout habitat.

Alumni on the team are **Mark McCarty**, '85, Chippewa Falls; **Tim Wilder**, '86, Warrens; **John Noble**, '87, Sparta; **Jeff Bullen**, '90, Cattaraugus; **Charles Mentzel**, '91, Sparta; **David Beckman**, '93, Gays Mills. Also working with the team are **Bob Wright**, '84, Burlington; **Bret Bishop**, '99, Athens; **Brent Friedl**, '95, Madison; **Shawn Giblin**, '97, West Salem; and **Dave Vikse**, '00, Tomah.



John Noble, Fort McCoy fisheries biologist, explains the habitat improvement projects under way on Tarr Creek at Fort McCoy for a group of sixth grade students from Sparta Middle School.

1970s

Susan DeRouchey, '79, Stevens Point, director of marketing services for UWSP Extension, is responsible for market research, e-business, internet marketing and customer communication. Her husband, **Philip Venzke**, '82, is technical manager for Badgerland Client Service Center of Clifton Gunderson.

Mark Komp, '78, Waukesha, is a purchasing manager for Cooper Industries. His wife, **Rebecca (Barrent)**, '79, is the child care director of Waukesha County Technical College.

Jerry McGinley, master's '77, De Forest, published *Miles to Go Before I Sleep*, a psycho-thriller, with The Fiction Works, an online press. The book is available as a paperback for \$9.95 or can be downloaded at www.fictionworks.com/emilestogo.htm for \$5.95. It also will be available as an audiobook. In the novel, a respected high school teacher accused of unspeakable crimes retreats into the lonely isolation of the north woods. There, though hounded by a relentless detective, he attempts to salvage his career, reputation and sanity. McGinley's other works includes *A Goal For Joaquin*, *Joaquin Strikes Back* and a poetry collection entitled *Waupaca County: 7 A.M.*

Chuck Fritz, '76, master's '82, Iola, was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Iola-Scandinavia Area Chamber of Commerce in January. He was recognized for his many years of service as chief of the Iola and Rural Fire Department, the Iola-Scandinavia School District and as chorus leader at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Roxanne (Kurkowski) Baumann, '75, Pewaukee, is an international business consultant. After several years managing Harley-Davidson's international parts and accessories division, the love of languages learned at UWSP lead Roxanne to a career in international business and global travel. She says, "Hello to my many Alpha Phi sisters whose lifelong friendships have enriched my life."

Ron Grusy, master's, '71, South Euclid, Ohio, is regional manager of Harborside Healthcare of Beachwood, Ohio. He would like to hear from classmates by phone at 216-382-7580 or by e-mail at ronaldegrusy@aol.com.

1960s



Marilyn Herman

Marilyn Herman, '75, Lakeville, Minn., is a University of Minnesota Extension educator in Dakota County, Minn. She received the 2001 Outstanding Family and

Consumer Sciences Professional Award from the Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners. She was recognized for her work in assisting hundreds families after July 2000 floods in Eagan, Apple Valley, Rosemount and Burnsville, Minn. She logged the equivalent of 29 days in uncompensated overtime on the project. "I really appreciated the chance to make a difference for families in Dakota County," she said. "It's gratifying to know that because of my job, I not only helped families prepare for natural disasters but also to recover from them."

Larry Dolphin, '75, master's '83, Austin, Minn., is director and naturalist with the city of Austin, Minn. He and his wife, Nancy, a music teacher, have two children.

Jane (Adams) Schmit, '75, Stevens Point, is a sales training specialist at Sentry Insurance. Her oldest son is a sophomore at UWSP. She also has twin sons.



Phil Kallas, '74, Stevens Point, was a guest at a dinner and reception that featured retired General Norman Schwartzkopf as the speaker.

Thomas Dresen, '72, Springfield, Va., is director of international armaments cooperation for the Army. He says he is approaching the end of his 30-year career.

Robert Deaton, '72, Lincoln, Neb., deputy director of independent living for the Nebraska Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired, received the Manager of the Year 2000 award from the state of Nebraska. After receiving a master's degree at UW-Stout, he became a vocational rehabilitation counselor, later becoming an administrator. Shortly after graduation from UWSP, Deaton was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease that eventually destroyed his vision.



William McMillen

William McMillen, '69, Toledo, Ohio, has published his first novel, *Sticks*, with Sleeping Bear Press, which specializes in books about golf. It's a story about the strategy

and manipulation that replace harmony in a small Ohio town. "With great characters and great detail, McMillen captures how golf is absorbed into real life," said Kurt Kragthorpe of the *Salt Lake City Tribune*. The book is sold online at www.sleepingbearpress.com for \$18.36. A free chapter also is available on the Web site. In addition to writing, McMillen is executive assistant to the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

Arlene Bourgeois Molzahn, '68, Green Bay, retired last year after 23 years of elementary teaching. She has published 11 children's books and six nonfiction books. Her titles include *Top 10 American Women Sprinters*, *The Green Bay Packers*, *Extreme Mountain Biking* and *Goat Who Wouldn't Come Home*.

Matthiesen siblings remember UWSP

The five Matthiesen siblings are all graduates of UWSP and all have jobs they enjoy. They each remember their days in Stevens Point from a different perspective.

"UWSP gave me a good foundation of knowledge, a degree to help me obtain employment in my field and an opportunity to begin making decisions independently," said **Mary (Matthiesen) Kahler**, '75, Beaver Dam. Mary teaches hearing impaired children for the Cooperative Educational Service Agency 6 (CESA). "I am so thankful for having a career that I truly enjoy," she says.

"It was crucial to have a degree in biology to get my first job in quality control," said **Laura Matthiesen**, '76, St. Paul, Minn. Laura has been teaching kindergarten in Stillwater, Minn., for the past 11 years and has earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

"I go to a homecoming gathering of friends in Stevens Point every other year," Laura said. "I'm still in touch with all of my UWSP roommates."

Chris Matthiesen, '79, Suamico, is the director of consulting for WPS Energy Services, working throughout the U.S. He assists customers with energy cost solutions.

Chris followed his older siblings to UWSP but with a plan to finish his degree in engineering at UW-Madison. After a year of physics, he realized that engineering was not his field, but that he enjoyed the mathematics.

"I talked to Professor Matthew Lui (now emeritus), who convinced me that the road to a mathematics major would not be easy, but if I could accomplish it, there would be numerous employment opportunities," Chris said. That prediction turned out to be true. "I got a lot of assistance from professors who took the time, no matter how long, to explain things."

In addition, he played football and was a varsity starter by the end of his freshman season. After looking again at switching to Madison he changed his mind.

"I made some great friendships in two years. I felt I could get a good education at UWSP and we had the makings of a great football team. I thought that being a part of that was more important."

Andrew Matthiesen, '81, Sussex, is a physical education teacher in the Sussex Hamilton elementary school district.

"I think what helped me the most was the support I received from UWSP after I graduated," he said. Andrew credits Ken Kulick and Robert Krueger, both longtime coaches and teachers at UWSP, with giving him that support. "They gave me contacts to help me land a job," he adds.

Suzanne Matthiesen, '83, St. Paul, Minn., is a senior sales engineer for Resistance Technology, Inc., and the youngest of the siblings. Unlike her older brothers and sisters, she was far from eager to go away to college—things were nice and quiet at home.

"I am proud of the fact that I earned a fine arts degree, I enjoyed that thoroughly," she said. However, the strongest influences in her life were the people she met during her college years.

"The most rewarding experiences were with the friends I made, several during my first year at UWSP." She and seven others, including her first roommate, continue to stay in touch.

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Whooping cranes fly with aid of alumni

Whooping cranes will migrate across eastern North America for the first time in more than a century as part of a bold experiment conducted by a partnership of federal and state wildlife agencies, conservation groups and other private organizations led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Among the personnel participating in the project are UWSP alumni who work for numerous federal, state and private organizations.

Biologists are training a flock of the endangered cranes to follow an ultralight aircraft from Necedah to Florida in October. A similar experiment with sandhill cranes ended successfully last spring with the return of the birds to Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.

Only one existing flock of whooping cranes migrates from Canada to Texas. The reintroduction of a second migratory population will provide insurance against a natural or man-made disaster.

Daily updates and photographs on the project will be available on the Internet at www.bringbackthecranes.org.

Alumni involved in the project include:

Larry Wargowski, '72, refuge manager, Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

Rebecca Power, '94, forest ecologist, Necedah refuge

Kim (Bettinger) Mitchell, '81, wildlife biologist, Burnsville, Minn.

Jennifer (Paust) Rabuck, '94, park ranger, Necedah refuge

Rachel Jepson Wolf, '97, out-

reach coordinator, International Crane Foundation, Baraboo

Rich King, '92, master's '95, biologist, Necedah refuge

John Olson, '73, wildlife biologist, Necedah refuge

Cathy (Cihlar) Carnes, '72, Endangered Species Field Office, Green Bay

Bob Krska, '76, program supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Editor's note:

Our list is certainly incomplete. If you are directly or indirectly involved in the project, please let us know. We will follow up on the success of the project in the spring. Call 715-346-3548, by e-mail at kyarbro@uwsp.edu or by mail at Pointer Alumnus, UWSP News Services, Room 116 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.



Photo by Heather Ray, Operation Migration

An ultralight pilot dressed in a crane costume leads fledgling cranes in an exercise to prepare them for migration to Florida.

Thomas Frank, '67, Detroit Lakes, Minn., is a science, health and physical education instructor at an alternative learning center in the Detroit public schools.

Fred Zimdars, '67, Racine, was named Volunteer of the Year for the Wisconsin State Park System. He earned the award for work from fundraising to construction to teaching classes at Bong State Recreation Area in Kansasville. He retired in 1998 after a long career with the Racine Parks and Recreation Department, including a decade as director.

Wayne Schimpff, '63, Chicago, Ill., teaches at Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center for the Chicago public schools. He has written numerous grants for the school, including a \$500,000 national demonstration grant from the Army Corps of Engineers to restore the riverbank behind the school. "It is the first time students have been written into a grant to do some of the work," he says. He also wrote a \$100,000 grant to create a "least restrictive environment" for students with disabilities. He served as the first park ranger in the nation's first national urban park, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, was the first naturalist for Chicago and served 52 years in the Boy Scouts.

Robert Chesebro, '60, Greenville, S.C., Daniel Professor of Music at Furman University in Greenville, was named conductor emeritus of the Carolina Youth Symphony after 25 years of conducting. He continues to advise and conduct productions. He and his wife, Gayle, play professionally with symphonies in Greenville, Asheville, Spartanburg and Henderson and are members of the Heritage Chamber Players.

Gilbert Kaczmarek, '60, Milwaukee, retired after serving 36 years with the city of Milwaukee's Howard Avenue Purification Plant. He was actively involved in the city's crypto sporidium crisis.

1950s

Don Rank, '59, Lewiston, Mich., is a district manager for the social security administration.

Curtiss Judd, '59, Wisconsin Dells, is an author and Christmas tree farmer. His book, *I Call Myself a Sheep Hunter*, relates experiences he enjoyed while hunting in the Rockies from Alaska to New Mexico. A founding member of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, he is dedicated to the preservation and re-establish-

ment of wild sheep in historic habitats. His second book, *The City Slicker*, is a collection of stories about a city boy's blundering attempts to become a country kid. To purchase the two-book set for \$20, contact Judd at 3126 Highway 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965.

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Twenty years of Eagle Walking

The 20th annual Eagle Walk left the University Center at 8 a.m. last March 16 for a 200-mile, nine-day hike.

Among the walkers was **Cindy (Minnick) Byers**, '84, master's '95, Stevens Point, the first person to complete eight of the walks. One of the founders of the fund-raising trek, she and her husband, **Tim**, '84, master's '90, have walked together on seven complete hikes. Byers said that finishing the 200 miles has taught her "to go beyond what I ever imagined I could."

The event is held each year during spring break when Wisconsin weather is unpredictable. Day one of the first walk in 1981 began with freezing rain and blizzard conditions that could freeze eyelids shut. The second day dawned bright and sunny, so the group continued on the planned route. On the third day it snowed again,

but by then the participants were determined to continue.

"It's the group spirit that keeps you going," Byers said. "Most of the students who walk for the first time have never done anything as difficult."

The Eagle Walk has followed the same route laid out 20 years ago. Byers sat down with **B.J. Welling**, '86, Custer; and **Dennis Weibel**, master's '85, and a map and looked for daily stops about 20 miles apart. The walk ends at Eagle Valley Nature Preserve.

After the first group raised money for the preserve and brought attention to the area, Kohler Company purchased the acreage to preserve it as a wildlife refuge. Kohler continues to support the walk with donations of food and lodging for the last overnight stop.

This year the event raised \$4,400 for the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, including matching funds from a state grant. Since 1989 the walkers have contributed \$48,335 to the group and are among its largest contributors.

Alumni in this year's event who trekked the entire route were Byers; **Mia Sondreal**, '95, Bellville; and **Barbara (Jablonski) Peterson**, '93, Rockford, Ill. Those who walked part of the route were **Welling**; **Joe Kies**, '84, and **Ruth (Kirsch) Kies**, '86, Necedah; and **Jennifer Varsik**, '90, Amherst.

Alumni who provided support for the walkers included **Tim Byers**; **Jennifer (Paust) Rabuck**, '94, and **Jason Rabuck**, '91, Arkdale; **Tim Gelhaus**, '94, Viola; **Merritt Nenneman**, '94, Stevens Point; and **Rob Nurre** who attended UWSP in 1981-82.

Cindy and Tim Byers would like to hear from anyone who has participated in past walks. Please send e-mail to tbyers@uwsp.edu.



Participants in the 20th annual Eagle Walk were alumni and students including, left to right kneeling, **Mia Sondreal**, '95, Bellville; Mary Jablonski, Wausau; **Cindy (Minnick) Byers**, '84, Stevens Point; Emma Byers, Lindsay Carter, Rosholt; back row, **Barbara (Jablonski) Peterson**, '93, Rockford, Ill.; Katy Kish, La Crosse; Embere Hall, Cicero, Ind.; **B.J. Welling**, '86, Custer; Scott McIntyre, Iron Mountain, Mich.; **Jennifer Varsik**, '90, Amherst; **Tim Byers**, '84, master's '90, Stevens Point; Bobbi Zbleski, Nekoosa; and Matt Byers.

Nelson's future up in the air

No plan for first residence hall

Nelson Hall, the oldest existing dormitory of the former State Normal School System, recently marked its 85th birthday. However, no concrete plans are in place to preserve the building.

UWSP's Board of Visitors unanimously approved a resolution at their April meeting in support of making every possible effort to preserve Nelson Hall.

Constructed in 1915, it is one of the few remaining examples of prairie-style architecture designed by the Milwaukee-based architectural team of Henry Van Ryn and Gerrit de Gellecke. The hall has been named to the Wisconsin State Inventory of Historic Structures and the Stevens Point City List of Historic Places and soon may be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Even so, the future of the aging building is uncertain. It is listed among the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation's 10 most endangered historic properties. One scenario would see it torn down and replaced with a parking lot. A more constructive plan would have it converted to apartments.

"We don't want to make the building sound like it's falling down, because it isn't," said Sally Clanton, co-chair of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). "The building is structurally sound, but it is old and it has been so long since anything major has been done. It just needs to be refurbished."

In 1992 things looked rosier when UWSP requested \$3.2 million from the state to restore the former residence hall.

"Given the historical considerations, the sentiments of alumni and the fact Nelson is structurally sound, it would seem to make more sense to renovate than tear down and build new," a campus administrator said at the time. The plan received approval by the UW System Board of Regents, but apparently ran into trouble with the State Building Commission.

"We are working to get support from groups in the area along with local and regional politicians," said HPC co-chair Mark Seiler, professor of foreign language. "There's no specific timetable, but we'd like to come up with some resolution to the problem before the hall has deteriorated and is sold or demolished."

Many questions need to be asked and answered in the near future before the grand old structure becomes only a memory. Anyone who wishes to support the HPC's Nelson Hall project may send contributions to Historic Preservation Account 021624, UWSP Foundation, 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.



Nelson Hall pictured on a postcard in the late 1940s. No concrete plans are in place to preserve the building, however the Historic Preservation Committee hopes to get support from groups in the area and local and regional politicians to save the grand old building.

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In memorium

2000s

Ethan Meyer, last attended '00, Hilbert, died March 20 at age 24 while jogging with friends at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was a paratrooper serving in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army. He is survived by his mother, Sandra Meyer.

1990s

Tonja (VanCamp) Aagaard, '90, Janesville, died Jan. 16 at age 32. She is survived by her husband, Chuck, and one son. She enjoyed creative arts, especially those she gave as gifts to her family and friends.

1980s

Robert Fassbinder, '86, Oshkosh, died peacefully at his home March 28 at age 37. He was director of replenishment programs at OshKosh B'Gosh since 1999. Previously, he worked at ShopKo Corp. in Green Bay. While at UWSP, he was on the men's basketball team coached by Dick Bennett and he played with Terry Porter. He also was a resident assistant in Baldwin Hall. He is survived by his wife, Kristin, and two young children. Kristin requests Bob's friends to send letters sharing special memories so that she can preserve them for the children. A memorial was established for the children's education. Contributions may be sent to Kristin at 940 Wylde Oak Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Tammy Rendon-Orth, '85, Rochester, Minn., died of a brain tumor on March 15 at age 37. She was formerly an aerobic dance and fitness instructor at Sentry Insurance. She is survived by her husband, Larry, '83, and one daughter.

Kendall Smith, master's '84, Neillsville, died March 28 at age 66 after battling Alzheimer's disease. He served in the Army in Korea from 1952 to 1954 and earned a bachelor's degree at Winona College. He then taught in Weyauwega. He began teaching at Neillsville in 1961 and developed a Wisconsin history class for the Neillsville school district. An adviser for the television game show "High Quiz Bowl," he also directed plays and led the Clark County Male Chorus for many years. He retired in 1993. He is survived by his wife, **Renata "Roni" (Weir) Kaczor-Smith**, '75.

Michael Gratson, '83, master's '83, Lenore, Idaho, was killed in a helicopter crash Dec. 28 while conducting mountain lion surveys near the Clearwater River. He was a senior wildlife biologist for the Idaho Fish and Game Department. He also did research with Clearwater elk herds. He earned a doctorate at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, and co-edited a book on northern grouse population ecology. He is survived by his wife, **Gretchen (Rowader)**, '83.

Tammy Schmidt-Levine, '80, Forest Hill, Md., died Dec. 15 at age 42. She is survived by her husband, Paul Levine.

1970s

Janice (Plenke) Fahrner, '78, Wisconsin Rapids, died Jan. 17 at age 71. She was a counselor at Wood County Unified Services Crisis Intervention for 14 years. She and her husband, James, who preceded her in death, owned Modern Dry Cleaning until 1989. She was a volunteer treasurer for the Salvation Army for six years.

James Symons, '77, Orange Park, Fla., formerly of Tukwila, Wash., died in Dec. 27 at age 48 after a six-month battle with cancer. He had lived and worked in Madison, Tempe, Ariz., and Seattle, Wash.

Michael Overbeck, '76, Sturgeon Bay, died of cancer March 24 at age 50. He served in the Marine Corps before entering UWSP. He was a carpenter, fitter and wood-carver at Palmer Johnson Yachts. His wife, Karin Stuth, survives.

Michael Kuzma, '76, Franklin, died April 3 at age 47 after a 12-year struggle with cancer. He was a sales representative for Electro Power. He is survived by his wife, **Linda (Elkin)**, '78, and one daughter.

Mavis (Burger) Bobbe, '75, Minocqua, died Feb. 10 at age 47 after a courageous battle with cancer. She taught at Marathon Grade School for three years. She and her husband, Daniel, who survives, owned Bobbe Bus Service in Abbotsford until 1996 when they purchased Motel Minocqua.

Duane Monte, '73, Bend, Ore., was killed in a climbing accident Dec. 10 at age 50. He was a soil scientist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service for four years and with the U.S. Forest Service for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, Marcy.

Scott

Schultz, '72, Stevens Point, died of a heart attack on May 14 at age 51. A former Stevens Point mayor, he was executive director of the Community Foundation of Portage County and a member of the Stevens Point Area School Board.



Scott Schultz

As president of the UWSP Student Government Association, he first met Portage County district attorney William Bablitch when Schultz led a takeover of Nelson Hall in the early 1970s. He later served as home secretary for State Senator Bablitch from 1975 to 1977.

He was administrator of the Woodland Girl Scout Council from 1972 to 1975. He then became assistant director of the Alumni Relations Office for 10 years. In 1982, he was appointed to the Stevens Point Board of Park Commissioners. During that time, the board handled the Stevens Point 125th anniversary celebration, which became the Riverfront Rendezvous.

Appointed to the Common Council in 1985, he was elected as a council member in 1986. He also was a member of the Portage County Board of Supervisors and was on the Stevens Point Water and Sewage Commission.

After serving for seven years as mayor, he took the post of director of capital giving at the UWSP Foundation, assisting the university's centennial fund-raising campaign.

He recently co-hosted WSPT-AM's "The Morning Show," a talk show about national and local issues.

He is survived by his wife, **Mary (Reinholdt)**, '88, and two daughters.

Kathryn (Prohaska) Jakel, '72, Curtiss, died Dec. 14 at age 68. She taught at the Curtiss Grade School for one year and taught kindergarten at Athens for 26 years, retiring in 1994. She also was active in numerous community organizations. Her husband, Carl, survives.

Elaine (Broeren) Rossmiller, '72, master's '77, Stevens Point, died Jan. 22 at age 74. She taught fifth grade in Thorp and Merrill and was a learning disabilities specialist at Plover-Whiting Elementary School until her retirement in 1989. She and her husband, Robert, UWSP professor emeritus of education, who survives, were involved in scouting for more than 50 years. She taught English as a second language classes for people working toward citizenship and had visited all 50 states after participating in an Elderhostel program in New Mexico in 1999.

Annette (Graydon) Sloper, '72, Milltown, died unexpectedly at her home Dec. 11 at age 52. She taught elementary school in Amherst, Fairfax, Va., and at Woodcrest Baptist Academy in Fridley, Minn. She and her husband, Robert, who survives, lived on a farm for the past 20 years. She recently worked at Wal-Mart in St. Croix Falls.

Pearl (Schroeder) Schuck, '71, Wausau, died Jan. 12 at age 76. She taught at rural schools in the Appleton area. After serving as a WAVE in the Navy during World War II, she attended McConnell Airline School and became one of Wisconsin Central Airline's first employees. She also taught at Weston Elementary School and St. Mark's Lutheran School. She is survived by her husband, Ken.

Thomas Kocurek, '71, Stevens Point, died May 6 at age 54. He was a painter and owned Tom's Aquarium Pet Shop in Stevens Point for 10 years. He also had been an assistant warden for the Department of Natural Resources in Portage County for a number of years.

Nicholas Ziegler, '71, Spring Green, died of an apparent heart attack March 4 at age 59. He served in the Marine Corps from 1961 to 1965. He is survived by his wife, Joy.

Sandra (Mountford) Klaila, '70, Morrisonville, died Dec. 5 at age 52 after a courageous nine-year battle with breast cancer. She worked for the Railroad Retirement Board, Affiliated University Physicians and Employers Health. Her husband, Roger, survives.

1960s

Robert Boyer, '69, Baraboo, died May 14 at age 53 while vacationing in Arizona. He served in the Army from 1969 to 1971 and then worked at Baraboo Sisco Food Services as head meat merchandiser until his death. His wife, Pat, survives.

Delphine (Weiland) Pomplun, '69, died Jan. 29 at age 65. A teacher in the Westfield school district for 38 years, she retired in 1999 and was active in many community organizations. She is survived by her husband, Marlin.

Michael Peterson, '69, Stevens Point, died March 26 at age 53 from complications associated with diabetes. A graduate of the campus grade school, he returned to UWSP for his bachelor's degree. He worked for many years as a graphic and print sales representative and became the West Coast regional sales manager for Rockwell International's graphics division. His wife, **Nora**, '70, survives. Memorial contributions may be made to the Department of Communicative Disorders through the UWSP Foundation.

Selma (Desens) Schoneck, '69, Marion died Jan. 31 at age 93. She received a teaching certificate from Oshkosh Normal School in 1927. She taught at Lake Michael School, Pioneer School, Sandy Hollow School,

Shady Grove School, State Road School, Manawa and Symco. She retired from teaching in 1970. She and her husband, Elmer, who preceded her in death, farmed in the Town of Dupont until 1979. She wrote local history for the Waupaca County Historical Society.

Opal (Smith) Stoehr, '68, Gresham, died Dec. 9 at age 94. She taught at Gresham and Lyndhurst grade schools from 1923 to 1928. She owned and operated a beauty shop in Mountain for 10 years and another in Red Springs for four years. In 1947 she returned to teaching in Gresham area schools for 26 years. She was active in many community organizations.

Dorothy "Jane" (Nieman) Stenerson, '66, Wisconsin Rapids, died Dec. 12 at age 84. She taught at elementary schools in Central Wisconsin for many years and was a substitute teacher in the Wisconsin Rapids school district. She also worked at J.C. Penney and Dahl's Floral Gardens in Wisconsin Rapids.

Barbara (Jakubowski) (Savoy) Nichols, '66, Madison, died Dec. 26 after a five-year struggle with ovarian cancer. She is survived by her husband, Donald. She taught in Indiana for three years and briefly at Madison Memorial High School. She taught English at Madison West High School from 1971 to 1983, while earning a master's degree from UW-Whitewater. She then earned a law degree from UW-Madison Law School in 1986 and practiced with the Michael, Best and Friedrich law firm until 1993. On a leave of absence from the firm, she was the first lawyer for the Wisconsin Lottery, writing many of the administrative regulations for the agency. From 1993 to 1998 she was a lawyer for several state agencies, retiring from the Department of Health and Family Services in 1998 because of her health. She also was active in charitable and community organizations.

Ellen (Worlund) Kronstedt, '65, Wisconsin Rapids, died Feb. 23 at age 95. She taught in Wood County for 33 years and taught special education in Arpin and Auburndale. She served as town clerk of Vesper for 28 years and was active in the Vesper Library.

John Wickstrom, last attended '65, Ripon, died March 23 at age 57. He taught and coached boys' and girls' basketball and football at Ripon High School for 34 years. He also was an assistant women's basketball coach at Ripon College and coached for Milwaukee Bucks summer youth camps for 25 years. His wife, Joanne, survives.

Donald Passehl, '64, Tigerton, died unexpectedly on April 29 at age 58. He taught at Wittenberg-Biramwood High School from 1964 until his retirement. He then worked at Willow Springs Heating Systems in Wittenberg and Country Fresh Meats in Bevent. He coached wrestling, football and golf and worked as a referee. His wife, Gloria, survives.

Douglas Barnard, '64, Houghton, Mich., died Oct. 24 at age 58 after a 13-year battle with cancer. He worked for the National Park Service for 35 years, was superintendent of Isle Royale National Park and was chief ranger at Grand Tetons National Park. Pete Armington, Isle Royal Park chief, described him as creative and innovative. Barnard supported new ideas put forth by younger colleagues that resulted in changes at both Isle Royale and the Grand Tetons parks, Armington said. Barnard received many awards for meritorious service. His wife, Sylvia, survives.

Eileen (Moe) Hansen, '64, Poynette, died Jan. 12 at age 85 following heart surgery. She taught in a one-room school in Door County for two years. During World War II, she was a secretary for the Department of

the Navy in Washington, D.C., serving in a section that shipped secret radar technology. After the war, she taught first grade for 33 years and earned her bachelor's degree. She was active in community organizations. She is survived by her husband, Tom.

Priscilla (Maas) Latzig, '63, Wittenberg, died Nov. 10 at age 90. The last survivor of 11 children, she lived her entire life within 100 miles of her birthplace in Merrill. She started teaching in the rural schools at age 19, with a certificate from Lincoln County Normal. She taught in one-room schools for 14 years and taught for a total of 43 years, retiring from Westfield School.

Delbert Greenman, '62, Mount Morris, died Feb. 16 at age 65. He taught in a one-room school in Mikesville and then at a new school in Winchester where he taught fifth grade. He trained and qualified as an alcohol and drug counselor. At the Winneconne middle school, he pioneered a hands-on experimental approach for science and mathematics, which was very well received. After 35 years of teaching, he retired and continued to live on the farm where he was born, keeping records of the wildlife, including Audubon bird counts. The DNR awarded him a special recognition for his many slide programs on flowers and nature and his far-reaching instruction. He also was a church organist and pianist for more than 45 years.

John Hewitt, last attended '62, Larsen, died unexpectedly March 24 at age 58. He was co-owner of Hewitt Machine and Hewitt Transmission Companies of Neenah until they were sold in the early 1990s. He also owned and operated a small farm from 1978 to 1988.

Allan Isensee, '62, Towson, Md., died Feb. 2 of leukemia at age 61. He was a research scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md., for 33 years, retiring in 2000. He earned a doctorate at UW-Madison. He is survived by his wife, Helen.

Iris (Pederson) Lenz, '61, Abbotsford, died Jan. 7 at age 80. She taught at a rural school in Marathon County until her marriage in 1944, then at Unity Elementary School from 1959 until her retirement in 1979. She earned a master's degree in 1972 from UW-Eau Claire. She and her husband, Milton, who survives, retired from farming in 1981.

Bernice (Brink) Brandner, '61, Medford, died Feb. 5 at age 66. She taught for 44 years at Frey and Mathey schools, rural Medford, Soo Grove School, Riplinger and for 36 years at Colby School. She retired in 1999. She cooked for weddings and events at Chelsea Conservation Club and curled for many years.

Jeanine (Cousineau) Rosenberg, '61, East Lansing, Mich., died Dec. 15 at age 61. She earned a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a doctorate from Boston University. She recently retired as professor of English at the University of Central Michigan. She had several poems published. Her husband, Donald, survives.

Thomas Charmley, '61, Florence, Ore., died Feb. 27 at age 67 after a car accident. He served in the Marine Corps in Korea for three years and worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 37 years. After his retirement in 1997, he moved to Oregon. He is survived by his wife, Joyce.

Harriet Hartman, '61, Altoona, died Feb. 13 at age 87. She taught in Medford and Neenah-Menasha for more than 40 years, retiring in 1983. She is survived by her husband, Ervin.

1950s

Irma (Bartz) West, '59, Neillsville, died Feb. 5 at age 91. She taught for 12 years in various Clark County schools and for 15 years in the Neillsville public schools, retiring in 1973. A member of the first 4-H Club in Clark County, she remained active in the organization and the community.

JoAnn Mallek, '58, Altamonte Springs, Fla., died April 22 at age 63. She taught in Portage and Wood counties and moved to Florida in 1971. She most recently worked as a property manager.

Marlene (Grubba) Fleig, '57, formerly of Washburn, died Nov. 20 at her home in Mason at age 64. She worked as a teacher's aide at the St. Louis Catholic School in Washburn for a number of years. She owned and operated Fleig Paint Center until her retirement in June. She is survived by her husband, **James**, '57.

Hulda Case, '56, Pardeeville, died April 3 at age 98.

Gerald "Lefty" Foster, '55, Milwaukee, died Sept. 27, 2000, of congestive heart failure at age 72. He was committed to education, professional development and civil rights. On a full tuition scholarship he earned a master's degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He earned a doctorate at Arizona State University, Tempe. An associate professor of psychology, he taught at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and Indiana University, Bloomington, and was published three times. He served as director of counseling, testing and psychological service at Atterbury Job Corps Center in Edinburg, Ind. As assistant director of education and training with AVCO, he worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. As a psychological consultant, he worked with RH&R International in Boston, Mass. He was a corporate psychologist for C.N. Flag and Co. in Meriden, Conn., and a psychologist for the Army Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control in Germany. A member and officer of numerous community and professional organizations, he also was an honorary member of the Chickasaw Indian Tribe. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1948 and 1950-51 and was wounded during the Korean War. He donated his body to science. His wife, Alessandra, survives.

Lois (Paulson) Fritsch, '55, Medford, died Feb. 9 at age 94. She taught elementary school in Dorchester and Chippewa Falls until her marriage in 1933 to **Emery**, two-year diploma '30, also a teacher, who preceded her in death. In 1935, the couple moved to Rockford, Ill., where they both taught until retiring. In 1967 they moved to Arizona and many of her students continued to correspond with her. She returned to Medford in 1995.

Eugene Nickolai, '54, Poy Sippi, died Feb. 18 at age 71 in Celebration, Fla. He received a master's degree at UW-Madison and taught in Auroraville, Pine River, Redgranite, Green Lake and Poy Sippi until he retired in 1989. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Stationed in Germany, he was a member of the Choraliers, a men's singing group who were part of a Good Will Tour in Europe. He was a church organist for many years until failing vision caused him to retire. However, he continued in the church choir until his death. He is survived by his wife **Arlene (Schultz)**, '58.

Marjorie (Crosby) Hansen, '52, Menomonie, died Jan. 30 at age 71. She taught in Wisconsin public schools for more than 40 years, retiring in 1989 from the Menomonie School District. Her husband, Jerry, survives.

Elmer "Bud" Long, '52, Medford, died Jan. 24 at age 78. He taught in the Town of Hammel and at Pine Tree School in Molitor. He served in the Army Air Corps in Alaska during World War II and after the war, returned to teaching. He later did roofing and siding in the area, drove school bus and worked as a letter carrier for 22 years, retiring in 1986. His wife, Velores, survives.

Irene (Zielsdorf) Sherfinski, two-year certificate '51, Wausau, died Nov. 14 at age 87. She taught at the LaFollette School in Hamburg for two years and in Brokaw for 23 years. She was active in numerous community organizations, including service as the first executive director of Wausau Child Care Inc. for more than 10 years. A member and officer for many committees and boards in Wausau, she was on the Mayor's Commission and Affirmative Action Committee and was a nominee for the Golden Rule Award.

Harry Johnson, '51, Minneapolis, Minn., died January 28 at age 72. He taught high school English in Phillips, Wausau, Merrill and Menasha. Later he became fraternal director of the Sons of Norway and was editor in a publishing company in Minneapolis. He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Bloomington, Minn.

Virginia Pradt, '50, Lombard, Ill., died March 13 at age 73. A retired teacher, she lived in Milwaukee for many years and was a member of the Wisconsin Writers Association.

Robert Bennett, '50, Janesville, died Feb. 11 at age 78. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946. During his 34-year teaching career, he was principal of the Johnstown Community School for 6 years and taught at Marshall Middle School in Janesville for the past 17 years. During the summer he worked for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service as a field supervisor. He also tutored at Jackson School in Janesville. He is survived by his wife, **Mary (Okroy) Bennett**, '44.

Ray Blaskey, '50, Antigo, died Jan. 19, at age 78. He coached and taught mathematics in Crandon and Antigo high schools for more than 30 years, was head of the mathematics department in Antigo and retired in 1981. The Antigo baseball team he coached became Wisconsin Valley Champions. He also sold real estate and insurance. A first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was a bombardier flying 17 missions over Japan. He received a master's degree at UW-Madison and attended UW-Green Bay and Ripon College. He was a member of the Antigo Unified School District Board. For 19 years he served on the Langlade County Board of Appeals and was chairperson for 16 years. His wife, Helen, survives.

1940s

Stanley Hanish, '49, Marshalltown, Iowa, died Nov. 12 at age 80. He received a master's degree at UW-Madison where he also pursued a doctorate. During World War II, he held the rank of petty officer in the Navy. He taught in Beloit until 1967, and then moved to Marshalltown where he was district manager for Lindsay Water Conditioners. He was district manager for Kenetico Water Conditioners until he retired in 1997. His wife, Margaret, survives.

George Kosholek, last attended '48, South Milwaukee, died April 10 at age 75. He won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of photographs that focused on water pollution in Wisconsin published in *The Milwaukee Journal* in 1967. After serving as a photographer in the Navy, he worked for the *Stevens*

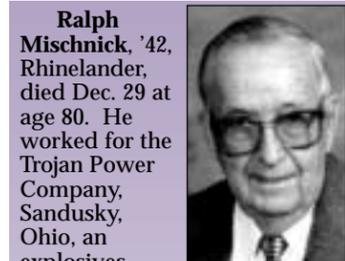
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Point Journal in the 1940s. He then worked at *The Milwaukee Journal* for 37 years until he retired.

Elvira "Vi" (Lindow) Horn, '46, Stevens Point, died April 25 at age 76. She taught English at high schools in Westfield, Columbus, Auburndale and Rockford, Ill. She also served as a substitute teacher at McDill Elementary School in Stevens Point. Her husband, **Rudolph**, '51, survives.

William Carnahan, '46, Washington, Utah, died Nov. 27 at age 79. After receiving a master's degree at UW-Madison, he served in World War II. He was a teacher and coach at Northland College, where he coached an NAIA national championship team. He taught high school and coached several sports, initiating wrestling at New Holstein and Ashland high schools. After retiring from teaching, he moved to Utah and sold real estate.

Robert Redfield, last attended '43, Sebring, Fla., died Dec. 25, 1999. He attended college until he was drafted for service in World War II. He had a long career as an insurance agent in Oshkosh. His wife, **Dorothy (Wirkus)**, '42, died July 24, 2000. She taught in Colby, Neenah and in Catholic and public schools in Oshkosh.



Ralph Mischnick, '42, Rhinelander, died Dec. 29 at age 80. He worked for the Trojan Power Company, Sandusky, Ohio, an explosives manufacturer. He attended Auburn University in Alabama for the Navy and flew as an aviation radio and radar air crewmember for antisubmarine warfare in the North Atlantic during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School. From 1948 to 1968, he was the advertising manager for the *Rhinelander Daily News* and then was the operating manager of WOBT Radio for two years. He was the advertising manager for the *Marinette Eagle Star* until his retirement in 1982. His wife, Gladys, who survives, owned the Ladies Fashion Store in Menominee, Mich., and he assisted her as bookkeeper until 1985. Active in numerous community organizations, he was a member of the Oneida County Republican Party. He was very proud that his three children, **Lynn**, '70, **Cindy**, '72, and **Scott Mischnick**, '73, were graduates of UWSP.

Eileen (Rose) Weigert, '41, Oshkosh, died Jan. 10 at age 81. She taught in high schools in Owen, Columbus and Milwaukee. She and her husband, Lee, who survives, were honored for their work with historical preservation, having presented more than 200 slide lectures on Oshkosh history. They were charter members of the Oshkosh Volunteers for Preservation. She played piano with the "Big Band" and at the Bethel Home.

Norman Benson, '40, Ripon, died April 30 at age 83. He was principal of the grade school in Aniwa and taught at Birnamwood. He also worked in the metallurgical laboratory at J.I. Case Co., in Racine and for a few years as general agent for Mutual Trust Life Insurance Co., Chicago. In 1951, he and his nephew, Phil Burgeson, purchased Western Auto and he retired in 1988. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce Sullivan**, '39.

1930s

Gordon Cowles, '39, Wittenberg, died Nov. 29 at age 82. He taught chemistry, physics, algebra, civics, electronics and vocal music for 35 years, including 31 years at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. A member of state and local teachers associations, he served on the teachers negotiating committee for many years. He was president of the Wittenberg Telephone Company for 27 years and owned and operated Cowles Insurance Agency. From 1944 until the end of World War II, he served in the Army. Active in a number of community organizations, he was choir director at the former First Lutheran, Immanuel and Redeemer Lutheran parishes for more than 35 years and was named Wittenberg Person of the Year in 1978. He and his wife, Betty, who survives, were well known for singing duets at funerals and social occasions.

Ole "Bud" Rismon, '38, Eagle River, died Dec. 28 at age 81. He was well known for his dedication to the Eagle River Snowmobile Derby. A member and past president of the local Lions Club for 37 years, he served as registration chairperson for the group's World Championship Snowmobile Derby. After the Lion's Club sold the event and track to Richard Decker, Rismon continued to handle the 500 to 1,000 registrations each year. He also assisted with advertising and other arrangements for the derby. "We paid him a moderate amount of money, but it was a labor of love for the derby. That's why he did it," Decker said. "He had a big heart and he was a very good friend." Rismon taught communications for the Army at Truax Field in Madison and Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill. A resident of Eagle River since 1946, he served terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle River School Board. He worked at the Northwoods Store for many years and owned and operated Rismon's Store. He worked at the *Vilas County News-Review* until he retired in 1985. His wife, Mary "Fran," survives.

Joanna (Walker) Hotvedt, '38, Rio Rancho, N.M., died Feb. 7 at age 85. She taught third grade in Barron for two years and in Edgerton for one year. She also worked in the family business, Walker Co. Building Supply. She served on the Waushara County Library Board and was a member of several community organizations. She and her husband, **Arnold**, '37, who survives, hosted the first foreign exchange student in Wautoma in 1960-61.

Johanna (Juliussen) (Kumm) Myhrwold, '36, Wisconsin Rapids, died March 15 at age 95. A native of Norway, she received a master's degree at the University of Minnesota. She taught in the Wisconsin Rapids School District for 30 years and was a biology teacher at Lincoln High School for most of her career. She retired in 1967.

Jeanette (Soeteber) Lind, '36, Stevens Point, died May 27 at age 86. She worked for Leo Gwidt, Village Fashions of Park Ridge, Siefert and Erzinger's Clothing. She also was active in community activities.

Blanche (Fobart) Maney, two-year certificate '34, bachelor's '71, Wausau, died May 14 at age

86. She taught in Lodi, Wausau, Appleton, Stevens Point and Plover. She was named District Teacher of the Year in 1977 by the Department of Public Instruction. Her husband, Thomas, survives.

Casimir Frankiewicz, one-year certificate '33, two-year diploma '41, Thorp, died February 22 at age 86. He began his teaching career at age 18 at the Blueberry School and taught in Goodman. After serving in the Air Force and the U.S. Maritime Service during World War II, he became a precision machinist in Chicago. In 1982 he moved to Thorp and was active in many community organizations, including as alderman from 1988 to 1992.

Lucy (Kukanich) Johnson, one-year certificate '33, Eagle River, died Jan. 14 at age 87. She taught in Winchester and was a Vilas County clerk.

Florence (Skinner) (Wanta) Arnold, '33, Wisconsin Rapids, died Dec. 14 at age 87. She was an automotive accountant for many years. In 1983 she won the Best of Show blue ribbon at the Wisconsin Historical Society quilting contest, in competition with more than 1,000 quilters. She also won many championships as both a Class A golfer and bridge player.

Doris (Turner) Ryan, '32, McFarland, died Feb. 16 of Alzheimer's disease at age 87. She attended Carroll College in Waukesha before teaching at Blaine and Clintonville. During World War II, she volunteered as a civilian instructor, teaching radio for the Army Air Force at Truax Field in Madison. While teaching at Truax, she met her husband, William, who survives. She also worked at Sears Roebuck in Nashau, N.H., and for J.C. Penney in Madison.

Robert McMillen, '32, Perrysburg, Ohio, died May 30 at age 90. He served in the Pacific Theater with the Army during World War II. After earning a master's degree at UW-Madison he had a long and distinguished career as a teacher and principal in Wisconsin. He was the founding principal at Jerstad-Angerholm School in Racine. He retired to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., where he lived for 25 years.

Agnes (Whipple) (Rickman) Staples, one-year certificate '31, bachelor's '67, Port Edwards, died May 2 at age 88. She taught in rural Portage County and at Roosevelt School in Plover until her retirement in 1976. She was active in numerous community organizations.

1920s

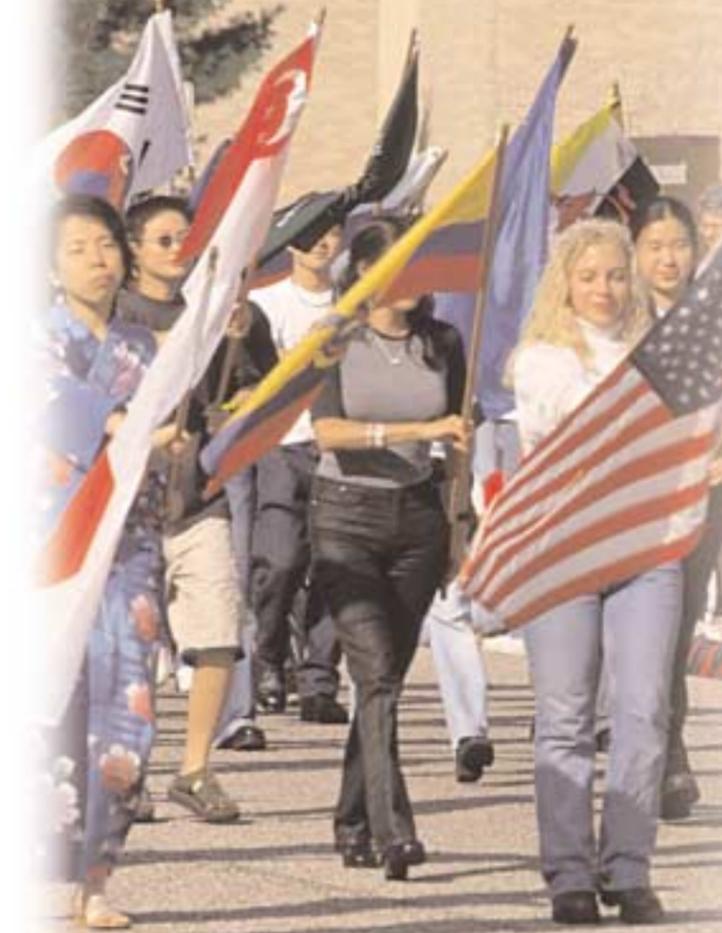
Ardale (Gurholt) Hirt, '28, formerly of Tigerton, died Nov. 28 at age 92. She taught at Arnott and Tigerton elementary schools. She was active in her church and other community organizations, including a community choral group during the 1950's.

Theresabell (Welch) Leary, '24, died Jan. 3 at age 99. She began working for the *Stevens Point Journal* in 1932. She covered a wide range of events during her many years on the news staff of the Journal, retiring in 1967. She was a member of several community organizations.

A supporter of UWSP, **Gerald "Gary" Wimpe**, Junction City, died May 23 at age 65. He co-founded Read-Mix, Inc., in Plover in 1960 and operated the business until retiring in 1994. He had been a member of the boards of directors for the Bank of Plover and the Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce and was one of the original members of the village of Plover board.

Homecoming 2001...

“ALL ACCESS: Pointers Rockin’ World Tour”



Friday, Oct. 5

Alumni Marching Band social
8 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill
Can you play an instrument?
Join us!

Cherry Pie:
revival 80’s hair band
8 - 11 p.m., UC Encore

Saturday, Oct. 6

Alumni and friends coffee
9:30 - 11 a.m., Berg Gym Lobby
Coffee, juice, donuts and the parade.

Homecoming parade
10 a.m. Begins on Isadore Street and winds through campus to Goerke Park.

College of Natural Resources reunion
“Schmeeckle and CNR: Legacy for the 21st Century”
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center
Information, refreshments, tours, entertainment for all ages.

History reunion
11 a.m., Michele’s Restaurant, 513 Division St.
Refreshments and conversation with fellow alums and faculty.

University Centers and University Activities picnic
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., UC patio (rain site - Basement Brewhaus)
Brats and beverages, \$3.
Contact Greg Diekroeger
715-346-4343

Biology reunion

11 a.m., Legacy Room, UC
Early morning nature walk, reception and afternoon social.

Philosophy reunion

11 a.m., Michele’s Restaurant, 513 Division St.
Join philosophy, religious studies and anthropology alumni and faculty after the parade.
An archaeological dig to follow!

Theatre and dance reunion

11 a.m., FAC Courtyard
Join fellow alums for this first-time social.

Arts management reunion

11 a.m., Fine Arts Center Courtyard

Art and design reunion

11:30 a.m., Carlsten Gallery, Fine Arts Center

International Programs open house

11:30 a.m., 108 Collins Classroom Center

Alumni men’s soccer match

12:30 p.m., UWSP Soccer Bowl
Gather at Mike Mitchell’s home after the match. Contact John Clark, 616-974-8689 (work), 616-554-5501 (home) or by e-mail at john.clark@provia.com

UW-Stevens Point Pointers vs. UW-Whitewater Warhawks

1 p.m., Goerke Field
For tickets call 715-346-4100

College of Natural Resources alumni social and Clam Lake Revival

4 - 8 p.m., Stevens Point Brewery, Hospitality Room
Clam Lake survivors and other CNR alumni will share tall tales and legends.

Fifth Quarter reception

4:30 - 6 p.m., La Follette Lounge, UC
Post-game refreshments.

Homecoming banquet and Hall of Fame induction

The following Pointers will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame:

- Jon Julius, basketball
- Kirk Baumgartner, football
- Susie Lindauer, soccer
- Lori McArthur, softball and field hockey
- Kevin Deates, football
- Tom Weix, wrestling

Banquet: 6 - 9:30 p.m., Melvin Laird Room, UC
\$15 per person (\$7 for children)
Contact UWSP Alumni Association by October 1. send e-mail to alumni@uwsp.edu or call 1-877-764-6801

Residence Hall Association Homecoming Cotillion Ball
8 - 11 p.m., UC Encore

Homecoming 2002 Saturday, October 6

University Store Hours
Friday, October 5 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, October 6 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday, October 7 Noon - 3:00 PM

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Roach Hall reunion set

Did you live in Roach Hall from 1985 to 1988? Have you wondered what ever happened to all those crazy people (like Mr. Poon)? Wouldn’t it be great to get everyone together again? Now is your chance!

The first official Roach Hall Reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m., Partner’s Pub. Please inform anyone you are in contact with so we can get as many people as possible to attend. For more information, contact Lisa (Hackman) Messer, '91, 2759 Mohican Drive, Beloit, WI 53511, by phone at 608-363-9878, or by e-mail at jvlnet.com

Alumni chapters hold events

Events that were held during the inaugural year for UWSP alumni chapters included:

- Portage County Chapter kick-off of UWSP Trivia Weekend
- Waupaca County Chapter riverboat cruise
- Northeast Wisconsin Chapter reunion at Bayfest in Green Bay
- Dane County Chapter at the Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra on the Capitol lawn
- Fox Valley Chapter at a Timber Rattlers game in Fox Cities Stadium
- Marathon County Chapter reception followed by a Wisconsin Woodchucks baseball game
- Alumni Association Golf Outing in August attended by alumni and friends from several regional chapters including volunteers, retired faculty and past participants in the Terry Porter Classic golf outing

Every chapter is planning events and information will be mailed to alumni. Events include:

- Friday, Sept. 7, Marshfield Area Chapter at a Marshfield High School football game
- Tuesday, Sept. 18, Marathon County Chapter reception with art activities at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, with “Birds in Art” show and a jazz performance

The Alumni Association also will sponsor events, including:

- Thursday, Oct. 25, hospitality at Monona Terrace, Madison, for the Wisconsin Music Education Association
- Sunday and Monday, Dec. 2 - 3, Jacksonville, Fla., area alumni and friends picnic at Scott Thomas, '88, home and a Packers vs. Jaguars tailgate party
- Saturday, Dec. 8, Women’s Alumnae Basketball Game at UWSP
- Saturday, Feb. 16, Men’s Alumni Basketball Game at UWSP



The class of 1951 met in June for their 50th reunion and a weekend of activities. Pictured are, left to right, back row, **Rudolph Horn**, Stevens Point; **Theodore Dowd**, Shawano; **Dick Lorenzen**, Hartford; **Mildred (Attleson) Bagley**, Wisconsin Dells; **Louise (Oelrich) Putzier**, Eau Claire; **Harriet (Obinger) Koller**, New Lenox, Ill.; **Jacqueline (Hall) Hovertsen**, Clear Lake, Iowa; and **Phyllis (Peterson) Pope**, Medford; front row, **Maurice Mead**, Neenah; **Galen Parkinson**, Mosinee; **Ralph Storm**, Eau Claire; **Muriel (Neerhof) Storm**, Eau Claire; **Marjorie (Myers) Voie**, Stevens Point; **Mary (Schadewald) Kline**, Luxemburg; **Mary Jane (Buss) Zdroik**, Rosholt; and **Bev (Barnes) Johnson**, Slinger. Attending but not pictured were **Richard Ellingson**, Billings, Mont.; **Jane (Getlinger) Runnels**, Rudolph; and **Germaine (Kranski) Schoenhofen**, Waupaca.



In May the Wisconsin Rapids Area Chapter attended a River Cities Jazz performance. Chancellor Tom George, left, performed with the band, which boasts nine UWSP alumni musicians.



In April the Southeast Wisconsin Alumni Chapter held a tailgate reunion on the Dew Deck at Miller Park.