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Student Involvement Complex renovated



Renovation of the UC's lower level created 12 new offices for student organizations. Large storefront windows and a brick walkway gives a "Main Street" feeling.

A \$2.1 million renovation completed in the fall involved nearly the entire lower level of the Student Involvement Complex in UWSP's University Center.

The project began in May and student organizations were able to begin moving back into their offices in early October. The architect for the project was Ron Howard of Madison.

A new entrance to the lower level was added on the south end of the building to allow direct access to the complex without stairs. Twelve new offices bring together student organizations previously located across campus. The offices have large, storefront windows along a brick walkway, giving it a "Main Street" feeling.

"A chaotic and difficult corridor arrangement was replaced with an efficient, well-designed office suite layout and well-lit corridors," according to Carl Rasmussen, UWSP's facilities planner.

A 4,000 square foot addition at the back of the building created 7,000 square feet of program space by consolidating air-moving equipment and using the space more efficiently. Refrigeration units and a loading dock for Food Services were moved to make delivery of supplies and access to food storage more convenient. In addition, asbestos was removed from the area.

A major part of the renovation included the merger of the Student Involvement Office with the Student Employment Office which moved into the complex from the Student Services Center. The new location makes these services more visible and accessible to students.

"The new space will encourage collaboration, cooperation and communication by making the Student Involvement/Employment, Campus Activities and Recreational



Student Employment recently merged with Student Involvement in a \$2.1 million renovation of the office complex in the lower level of the University Center.

Services offices more visible and accessible," according to Rob Manzke, assistant manager of Student Employment. "We hope to involve as many students as possible in some aspect of university life."

The Student Involvement/Employment Office is a clearinghouse for work opportunities on- and off-campus, providing career experience as well as financial support for students. The new area provides computers for students to search job listings which are posted on the Internet. Community businesses and individuals can post jobs and receive a list of interested students. The office also periodically provides leadership workshops and job skills training for students.

In addition, the Student Involvement/Employment Office coordinates the activities of the more than 160 student groups represented in the complex and across campus.

A ribbon cutting by Chancellor Thomas F. George was held for faculty, staff and students in December.

Alumni chapters launched

The Alumni Association is launching "chapter programs" across Wisconsin in areas with the most concentrated populations of UWSP alumni.

"We made a decision to begin this program when we realized that 75 percent of our alumni population lives in nine geographic regions of Wisconsin," says Brant Bergeron, director of Alumni Relations. "The program will provide a way to stay in touch with alumni and have them reconnect with UWSP."

Bergeron reports that more than 80 alumni volunteers came forward to launch chapters, plan events and develop activities. Alumni Relations staff members met with each of the chapter groups during January and February to plan for the coming year.

The areas that are the focus of this program are Dane County, the Fox Cities, Marathon County, the Milwaukee Area, Northeast Wisconsin, Portage County, Waupaca County, the Wisconsin Rapids area and the Marshfield area. One event has already been held in each of these areas and another event is planned for each area during 2001. Invitations will be mailed preceding each event.

"We will not forget our alumni in areas where we have fewer members," Bergeron says. "We will host events in areas like Rhinelander, the Lakeshore and La Crosse, but perhaps not every year. We also will have events in places like the Twin Cities, Chicago, Washington, D.C., California and so on. Whenever we plan events, every alum in that region will get an invitation."

Alumni who are interested in volunteering to plan chapter activities may call the Alumni Relations Office, 346-3811, 1-877-POINT01 or send e-mail (alumni@uwsp.edu). An updated calendar can be seen on the Internet (www.uwsp.edu/alumni).



Chancellor Tom George, center, joined Pointers from Northeast Wisconsin who gathered at Titledown Brewery in Green Bay to kick off a UWSP alumni chapter. Similar groups are forming across the state.

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UWSP by the numbers...

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Greetings from the UWSP Alumni Association,

I'd like to take a look at UWSP and our alumni association "by the numbers," to steal a phrase from our friends at *Sports Illustrated*.



Brant Bergeron

- 9 UWSP alumni chapters created in Wisconsin in 2001
- 78 Alumni volunteers in those chapters
- 173 Wins earned by Dick Bennett and his teams at UW-Stevens Point
- 8,500 Students enrolled in 2001
- 11 Taverns on "The Square"
- 38 Percent of UWSP's budget funded by Wisconsin taxpayer dollars
- 42,950 Pointer alumni households with addresses in our database
- 10,842 (24%) Living Pointer alumni who have financially supported UWSP over the years
- 13 Percent of alumni who made a gift in 2000—*THANK YOU!*
- 100 Percent of Pointer alumni whose lives were changed because of their experience at UWSP
- ?? Percent of Pointer alumni who will make a gift in 2001

Best wishes from UW-Stevens Point,

Brant Bergeron, '85
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Spoerl urges alumni to reconnect

Bob Spoerl, '82, Waupaca, began a two-year term as the 17th president of the UWSP Alumni Association on February 3. A member of the board since 1993, he succeeds Bruce Bay, '65, Eureka, Mo., in taking on responsibility to oversee all activities of the 47,000 member association. Spoerl has been president of Premium Brands of Stevens Point, Inc. since 1988.

Greetings,

Like many other UWSP alumni, I didn't know what lay ahead when I graduated from UWSP in 1982. At that time, becoming president of the UWSP Alumni Association wouldn't have made my "top 100" list.

Nevertheless, when I returned to the Stevens Point area six years later, I became involved with the Alumni Association. Not until then did I realize how meaningful this university is to its graduates.

During my two-year term as president, it is my goal to share that meaning with our alumni, the heart and soul of UWSP. The Alumni Association has already taken several steps to provide opportunities to re-connect through reunions from Denver to Washington D.C., including nine new chapter gatherings in Wisconsin. It is at these reunions that alumni bring back memories of their education as well as their personal experiences at UWSP.

Part of the vision of this association is to continue to foster the relationship between the university and its alumni. While the Alumni Association has reached out to thousands of graduates, we believe countless more would like to share in that relationship.

In the coming months, if you have a chance to attend an area reunion, please do so. You will find the staff gracious and genuine, and you will enjoy the chance to meet with fellow Pointers.

Best wishes from the UW-Stevens Point Alumni Association,

Bob Spoerl, '82
President



Bob Spoerl

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If there are any problems with the address label on this publication, we would appreciate your help to correct it.

The Alumni Relations Office and the UWSP Foundation have nearly completed a merge of more than 80,000 address records using new computer software.

"Because of this project we may have included names on labels that are no longer up-to-date, such as an ex-spouse or a loved one who has passed away," said Brant Bergeron, director of Alumni Relations. "We are working to correct all this information and appreciate your cooperation and patience."

When the project is complete, there will be less duplication in mailings and more accurate updating of information sent to either office.

"Information we have received in the past year has significantly reduced our mailing costs and provided valuable information for us," Bergeron said.

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UWSP—Striving to be the best

Planning at UWSP will be driven by three major themes during the next few years. The themes are student-centered excellence, technology-enhanced learning and partnerships. Following these ambitious guidelines, we believe that UWSP can become the best institution of its kind in the country—a regional university serving a network of small urban areas.

When I came to UWSP in 1996, I named faculty-led improvement as a priority that has influenced our direction for the past four years. Now we are ready to adjust our focus to student-centered excellence, a concept that also is based on high standards and accomplishments, and which depends on faculty and students working together.

I am particularly interested in establishing and nurturing both on and off-campus partnerships. We have seen an increase of 70 percent in UWSP's endowment and a huge gain of 250 percent in annual giving of unrestricted gifts through the UWSP Foundation. Partnerships between the university and its benefactors help to enhance our financial base, provide funding for many institutional initiatives and represent the underlying support of the university's future.

Campus partnerships include faculty-student research projects, interdisciplinary majors and minors such as international studies, peace studies and women's studies. Interdisciplinary courses involving faculty from several departments have been well received and I have urged our faculty to develop more collaborative curricula in the future. The Freshman Interest Group program partners Academic Affairs and Student Affairs in helping first-year students adjust to campus life, both academically and socially.

Off-campus initiatives include the nearly three-year-old Collaborative Degree Program. This partnership among UWSP and the two-year colleges in Marshfield and Wausau provides a four-year degree to residents of Wood and Marathon Counties. Participants who attend classes without ever leaving their hometowns can obtain a major in general studies or the original business administration major. In the future, majors in computer information systems and technology and new media arts will be added to the collaborative offerings.

Last summer in response to needs identified by area businesses and their employees, UWSP, Mid-State Technical College and the Portage County Business Council agreed to establish a state-of-the-art education, training and services center at the Portage County Business Park. With the help of outside funding from several sources, this center will include distance education capabilities and a 30-student computer lab where a wide range of instruction will take place.

In charting UWSP's future path, we plan to involve campus leaders, faculty members, students and the community in forging a shared vision of the direction UWSP will take. If we embrace these goals, UWSP will soon be recognized as the best regional university in the nation.



Chancellor Thomas George

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Thomas F. George".

Chancellor Thomas F. George

UWSP Foundation Board announces giving increase

A 50 percent increase in unrestricted giving was announced and two new board members were appointed at the fall meeting of the UWSP Foundation.

Board president Judi Carlson, '63, announced a substantial growth in annual unrestricted giving during fiscal year 2000. During 1999 the foundation received \$172,000 in unrestricted money. This year unrestricted giving has risen more than 50 percent to \$260,000.

"We are very pleased with the dramatic growth in unrestricted giving this past year," said Executive Director Bruce Froehlke. "As we increase unrestricted gifts to the foundation, each of our four colleges and other campus initiatives receive additional support from a growing foundation asset base."

Bennett Katz and Mary Ann Nigbor, '67, both of Stevens Point, were appointed to the board.

Katz, an emeritus director of M&I Bank, was the owner of a potato brokerage firm in Plover until his retirement. In addition, Katz is a trustee of the Portage County Community Foundation and a life director of Mount Sinai Congregation in Wausau. Katz and his late brother, Eugene Katz, a past president of the foundation, established a generous legacy of support to the university. Their support is embodied in three endowed funds that memorialize family members and include funding for minority student scholarships and the Academy of Letters and Science.



Mary Ann Nigbor



Bennett Katz

Nigbor was an ex-officio member of the foundation board in the early 1980s and past president of UWSP's Alumni Association. In 1988 she was awarded the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award. The area of fine arts is one of her key interests at the university. She is co-founder and co-chair of First Nighters, a group of patrons who attend dinner and opening nights of the Department of Theatre and Dance mainstage productions.

Affirmative Action director sought

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point invites nominations and applications for the position of director of Equity and Affirmative Action.

The successful candidate will serve as the chief campus spokesperson and adviser to the chancellor on issues related to equity and affirmative action at UWSP, which has an enrollment of about 8,500. UWSP is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Applicants should have a doctorate or law degree or master's degree with extensive experience. Experience in the field is necessary and experience in an academic setting is desirable. In addition, mediation experience is preferred.

Screening of applications began Feb. 15, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send a letter of application addressing qualifications, a resume or vita, copies of official academic transcripts and three letters of reference to: Chair of the Search Committee for Equity and Affirmative Action, Office of the Chancellor, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI 54481, or via fax to (715) 346-2561.

For a complete job description, list of qualifications, and details of the application process see the Web site (<http://www.uwsp.edu/equity/positions/01-22AS38.htm>) or write, call, or fax for a position announcement.

Information is available by calling (715) 346-2123 or (715) 346-4420 or by e-mail (aabbott@uwsp.edu).

Alumnus returns scholarship many times over

Nearly every December since 1986, the Alumni Relations Office has received a \$50 check for the Thomas Meiers Scholarship Fund from David and Tamarah Boyd, Omaha, Neb. David, a 1970 graduate of UWSP, received the \$100 scholarship in 1969. This year's check will mean he has paid back the amount he received six times over.

Mary and Richard Meiers set up the scholarship in memory of their son, Tom, who died in an automobile accident on December 11, 1964. The scholarship is awarded every December. His brother and sister, Richard Meiers and Rita Canning, also have made significant contributions to the fund.

"Both Richard and I appreciate the Boyds' contributions to the scholarship in Tom's name," says Mary Meiers. "David and Tammy are remarkable people. David has worked hard for what he has and we've been very impressed with him."

Now an \$1,800 award, the scholarship is given to a senior male student, preferably a veteran as Meiers was. To put the figures in perspective, in 1969 tuition and fees cost \$196 for one semester; in 2000 the cost was \$1,582.

But it's not about how much money he received, Boyd says. "Measured in money it may seem like I've given a lot compared to what I received. But receiving the scholarship was very important to Tammy and me."

After the Boyds were married in 1963, David served in the Navy before starting college. As a nontraditional student, he believes he had a greater commitment and dedication to college than if he had started immediately after high school.

After receiving his bachelor's degree at UWSP, Boyd earned a master's degree at Illinois State University at Normal. He is now an assistant vice president at Physicians Mutual Insurance Company, where he does sales promotions, agency advertising, communications and publications for field representatives.

Boyd has kept in touch with the Meiers family, especially at Christmas. "I've enjoyed watching their children grow through pictures," Mrs. Meiers says.

"I just hope what I have given back will help somebody else," Boyd says.

This year's award went to Jodi Cherwenka, Merrill, a senior majoring in family and consumer education with a minor in health education.

Women's soccer advances to Final Four

Pointer women's soccer got the new decade off to an impressive start by advancing to the NCAA Division III Final Four for the first time.

UWSP women's soccer has been one of the school's most successful athletic programs during the 1990s, especially when the Pointers became the sixth school in Division III history to win at least 22 matches in a season with a 22-5 overall record. They also brought the nation's longest winning streak into the semifinals at 16 straight wins before falling to Tufts University, Medford, Mass., 1-0 in overtime.

UWSP's amazing run to the semifinals included another Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, marking the team's eighth championship in nine seasons and running its NCAA record conference winning streak to 44 straight matches. The Pointers knocked off three top 10 ranked teams to reach the semifinals, beating eighth-ranked Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., fourth-ranked Wheaton, Ill., and 10th-ranked Salisbury State, Md., along the way.

Senior Marie Muhvic, Stevens Point, was named the WIAC Player of the Year and the WIAC Scholar Athlete after scoring a conference record 30 goals. She finished her career with conference records of 74 goals and 173 points.

Senior Abby Rabinovitz, Green Bay, had the fifth lowest goals against average of any goalkeeper in Division III history at 0.23. Rabinovitz allowed just four goals in 1,586 minutes played this season and finished her career with the 11th best average in Division III history at 0.52 goals allowed per game.



Members of the Pointer women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA Division III semifinals, with a long winning streak, ending the season with a 22-5 overall record.



It started out to be another exciting winter for Pointer sports fans.

The teams got off to outstanding starts in the 2000-01 season as all seven had winning records entering the new year and five of the teams were ranked in the top 10 of the NCAA Division III in their respective sport.

Women's hockey made its debut at UWSP this fall with a successful start. Both men's basketball and hockey teams were ranked high in early Division III national rankings. The wrestling team also had a successful start to the season and was ranked 14th in the first national poll.

The women's basketball team got off to a strong start and the swimming and diving teams both captured WIAC relay championships this fall.

Tennis

The tennis team placed sixth at the WIAC championships and finished 3-6 in dual meets. Senior Jen Derse, Portage, placed third at number five singles to lead the Pointers.

Golf

The golf team was fourth at the WIAC championships, led by senior Kathryn Carlson, Chippewa Falls, who earned All-WIAC honors for the second straight year.

Cross country

The women's cross country team had its best season in several years, finishing ninth at the NCAA Division III championships and tying its best finish ever at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) meet with a second place performance.

Senior Leah Juno, Brillion, was the WIAC individual champion and placed 16th at the national meet to earn All-American honors for the second straight year. She also was honored as the WIAC Scholar Athlete in cross country.

Sophomore Becky Lebak, Burlington, finished second to Juno at the WIAC meet and was eighth at the Division III championships.

Senior Jesse Drake, Rhinelander, was the WIAC men's cross country individual champion for the second straight year. He also finished third at the Division III championships.

Football

It was a frustrating season for Pointer football, but the team ended the season on a high note, winning two of their last three games, including the "Border Battle" at the Metrodome.

UWSP finished 2-8 overall and 1-6 in the WIAC, beating UW-Platteville and Winona State, Minn., at the close of the season. Winona State was the champion of the Division II Northern Sun Conference and the Pointers beat the Warriors 30-25 in front of a regionally televised audience.

Volleyball

The volleyball team finished 12-22 overall, but had a strong second half for the season. The Pointers even won 15 straight games at one point, including sweeps in all four matches to capture the team title at Kenosha's Carthage College Invitational.

Men's basketball

The men's basketball team opened the season 9-1, capturing the tournament titles of both of their pre-season classics. The Pointers were ranked as high as third in the Division III national poll.

Women's basketball

The women's basketball team opened the year 7-0 and entered the holidays with an 8-2 record. The Pointers won the Terry Porter Tipoff Classic and enjoyed a perfect nonconference season.

Men's hockey

The men's hockey team entered its holiday break with an 8-4 record and was ranked sixth in the country. The Pointers claimed the Elmira, N.Y., tournament championship and defeated defending Division III champion Norwich, Vt.

Women's hockey

It was a successful start as Julie Rochford, Eden Prairie, Minn., scored the first goal in Pointers' history and UWSP swept a season-opening series from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. The team is enjoying a stellar inaugural season with a 5-4-1 record to open the year. All four losses have come to teams in the top seven of the national rankings, including two overtime losses.

Swimming and diving

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams both finished off the first half of the season with perfect 4-0 dual meet records. Both teams won the WIAC relays for the second straight year. The men were fourth in the first national rankings, while the women were ranked eighth.

Wrestling

The wrestling team was ranked 10th entering the holidays and opened its season with impressive performances at the UW-Stevens Point, Augsburg and UW-Parkside Invitationals. The Pointers had three individuals nationally ranked in their respective weight classes as well.

Check out the Official Home Page of UW-Stevens Point Athletics (<http://www.uwsp.edu/athletics/>) or phone the Pointer Sports Hotline: (715) 346-3888, press 4 for sports information.

Marjorie Spring — coach, educator, advocate



Marjorie Spring

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's field hockey team began with an unpaid coach, used equipment and no budget.

During her 18-year tenure at UWSP, Marjorie Spring not only coached that team, she also developed the track and field program for women, brought adapted physical

education courses to campus and was instrumental in developing the elementary physical education curriculum.

After her retirement in 1983, colleagues established the Marjorie Spring Adapted Physical Education Scholarship. In May, she will be able to personally present a \$500 scholarship to a student who has a specific interest in working with special needs children in adapted physical education.

Shortly after coming to Stevens Point in 1965, Professor Spring discovered some women's field hockey equipment in a storage area. A team at Stevens Point Normal School had used it from 1917 to 1939. She started a women's field hockey team and gradually replaced the antiquated equipment.

The team enjoyed its finest season in 1969, during

their coach's final year with them. They compiled a 9-0-4 record and outscored opponents 24-5. Coach Spring is particularly proud of the fact that her team beat La Crosse, her alma mater, twice while laying claim to the championship.

In 1968 and 1969 Professor Spring was among several women in the state who laid the groundwork for the formation of the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WWIAC). In about 1997, WWIAC merged with the men's Wisconsin State University Conference to become the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

She also started the women's track and field team from scratch in 1970, sending female student athletes into WWIAC competition for the first time. The pioneer of women's athletics took her players across the state and Midwest in a converted school bus, fondly referred to as the "green pickle."

She ended her coaching career in 1972 in order to finish her doctoral degree at Texas Women's University.

Also a pioneer in teacher education, she created several programs that still provide teaching opportunities for university students, including working with 120 to 150 children from the community.

She developed the "Friday program," which allows undergraduate students to work with physically and mentally challenged children from the Stevens Point School District. The program evolved from her work with Marie Wolf, who came to her at the request of a local doctor. Her work with Wolf demonstrated the motor patterns of a youngster for university classes. At the request of parents in the community, more children were referred to the program and it became a hands-on opportunity for students to work with challenged children.

"It was important to me that students learn about the children in the age groups that they wanted to teach," the professor said. "Hands-on experience helps students

decide which age groups they want to work with."

Another class she created brings third to sixth grade children from nearby St. Stanislaus Elementary School to campus for physical education classes. The university students work in teams, taking turns teaching and videotaping each other. By working collaboratively they learn how to improve their teaching of physical education classes.

A third class brings three- to six-year-olds to campus to work on motor development one-on-one with elementary education majors.

"The School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics (HESA) is still teaching these classes that are the cornerstone of our physical education curriculum in essentially the same way Marge created them more than 30 years ago," said Fred Hebert, head of HESA. "That speaks volumes to her awareness of what matters in developing future teachers. Her vision has allowed our future teachers to have many opportunities to work with students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. In addition, these classes provide the community with valuable programs."

In 1980 Professor Spring joined five others from the university and community to form the Women's Athletic Fund to help meet the financial needs of the rapidly growing program. The fund is still a vital support system for women's athletics.

For her contributions to women's athletics, in 1986 Spring became the first woman inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame.

Her former students and friends may assist both the Marjorie Spring Adapted Physical Education Scholarship and the Women's Athletic Fund with gifts to the UWSP Foundation, Room 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point 54481.

Schmeeckle adds oak acreage

At last fall's homecoming celebration, a parcel of land was dedicated as Berard Oaks, the newest addition to Schmeckle Reserve.

Robert "Hatch" Berard and members of his family attended the event with university and community members. The property honors the memory of Hatch's late wife, Mary "Pat" Berard.

"This is a marvelous gift," said Victor Phillips, dean of the College of Natural Resources. "It will definitely enrich the experience for UWSP students."

The 54-acre addition contains red, white and pin oak trees, several of them estimated to exceed 200 years in age. Berard donated a portion of the land and the remainder was acquired and donated by the city of Stevens Point.

During the next five years, the area will be restored as an oak savanna as it once existed in Portage County, according to Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeckle Reserve. The restoration will be accomplished through controlled burning and planting prairie grass. The oak trees will remain, Zimmerman said.

The Green Circle hiking trail will be expanded from where it crosses the new addition to connect with the visitors center and other points in the area.



Hatch Berard and members of his family were present for the dedication of a new addition to the Schmeckle Reserve.

McKenna named top music educator

Gerard McKenna, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, was recognized for distinguished service to the profession by *Teaching Music* magazine.

McKenna was named among the state's outstanding music teachers by the Wisconsin Music Education Association in a recent issue of the national publication. The magazine asked each state association to select educators "worthy of special recognition for their teaching skills and their efforts to advance music as a key element in the education of young people."

In addition to his administrative role at UWSP and his statewide community arts involvement, McKenna continues to teach an arts management class at UWSP each fall and spring. He has revised UWSP's arts management curriculum, the only major of its kind in the UW System. He also wrote the textbook for the intro-

ductory course. He estimates he has missed only four or five semesters of teaching since 1965.

"Teaching is something I really enjoy," McKenna says. "Being in the classroom also makes certain that I have that very necessary interaction with students."

He has taught music at the elementary, high school and college levels. Prior to joining UWSP in 1989, he was the associate dean of UW-Milwaukee's School of Fine Arts and chairperson of the Department of Music.

Since 1992 he has managed ArtsWorld, an interdisciplinary summer program for high school arts students at UWSP. McKenna also was honored with the 2000 Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education Arts Career Award. In 1992 he was awarded the Wisconsin Music Educators Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Chappell twins publish book

For four years during the heat of the Korean War, identical twins from rural Ohio put their hopes, fears and concerns in letters to their parents back on the dairy farm.

Corpsmen: Letters from Korea written by Gerald Chappell, emeritus professor of communicative disorders, and the late Richard Chappell, is a compilation of more than 300 letters sent back home. The Chappell twins were medical corpsmen serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Published by Kent State University Press, this personal account chronicles their experiences of the Korean War from boot camp to the front line. These letters bring to life the United Nations action often referred to as the "forgotten war." The book includes 55 photographs and two maps.

"Finally seeing our story in print means a lot to me," Chappell said. "I'm sure if my brother were here, he would say the same thing because he was the real catalyst for the book."

The book can be ordered from Kent State University Press, c/o Bookmasters, Inc., 30 Amberwood Parkway, Ashland, OH 44805. The softcover costs \$21 plus \$4 for shipping.

Jerry Chappell retired in 1993 after 31 years of service to UWSP. He was UWSP's first communicative disorders teacher, establishing a new concentration in speech and hearing therapy. He also served as clinical director of the department.

Richard Chappell was an audiologist for many years, and then served as an executive director of the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He also was an insurance agent with Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He died in 1998.

Political science alumni issue challenge

Three 1968 political science alumni have created a scholarship to honor Professor Emeritus Mark Cates. Their challenge to fellow graduates to raise pledges for the fund met with resounding success.

John Prais, Stevens Point; Dewey Sebold, Medford; and Jack LeDuc, De Pere, provided more than half the funds needed to create the endowment.

"We wanted to raise a minimum of \$10,000, so we could continue to award an annual scholarship," Prais said. "We challenged alumni to participate in this cause and honor one of our most revered professors." They raised more than \$12,000.

In his 34-year career at UWSP, Cates touched the lives of more than 1,300 students, several of whom have gone on to hold political office, including former State

Representative Bill Murat. Cates also served as chair of his department.

At this year's political science homecoming reunion, Prais, Sebold and LeDuc discussed creating the fund. The first \$500 Professor Cates Alumni Scholarship will be awarded in April. To qualify, students must demonstrate financial need, a minimum 3.0 grade point average and have declared a political science major. Interested students can apply by contacting the political science department.

Cates created and funded the department's first endowed scholarship more than 20 years ago. In 1994 he established a \$50,000 endowment to finance awards for top political science students. He also was instrumental in establishing the Political Science Association, the first student organization in the department.

Largest-ever grant awarded at UWSP

UWSP has been awarded a \$6 million grant to provide environmental education training to teachers and professionals throughout the country.

The award includes a \$5 million federal grant, the largest in UWSP's history, and approximately \$1 million of in-kind support from 10 partner institutions across the United States.

This three-year federal grant establishes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's first ever National Environmental Education Training Program at UWSP.

Rick Wilke, UW distinguished professor of environmental education, was lead author for the competitive grant and will oversee its implementation nationwide.

Augusto Medina, a former president of the North American Association for Environmental Education, will serve as project manager. He has more than 20 years of management experience with organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund.

"Serving as the national hub, UWSP will manage the consortium of partner institutions. The funds will be used in Wisconsin and distributed nationwide for state-of-the-art environmental education. It's a marvelous opportunity," said College of Natural Resources Dean Victor Phillips.

"The size and scope of this grant is a true measure of

the CNR's national prominence in the growing field of environmental education," said Chancellor Tom George. "I commend Professor Wilke and the CNR for their continued leadership in forging a science-based environmental education curriculum for Wisconsin and the nation."

According to Michael Baker, director of EPA's Office of Environmental Education, UWSP was chosen because of its continuing success in providing critically important training for environmental education leaders, as well as the strength of the organizations and individuals assembled by Wilke as partners in the proposal.

Other institutions participating in the project include the North American Association for Environmental Education, the Greater Washington Urban League and Project Learning Tree, Ohio State University, Northern Illinois University, World Wildlife Fund, National Project WET, Project WILD, the Groundwater Foundation and the Environment Roundtable.

"This grant allows Wisconsin and the nation to move environmental literacy beyond the handful of states and localities currently teaching about the environment so that millions more of our young people can better understand and use the science and tools of environmental knowledge," Wilke says.

Wilke reappointed

Richard Wilke, an international leader in the field of environmental education, was designated distinguished professor in the College of Natural Resources by the UW System Board of Regents for the second time.

He first received the honor in 1996 and will hold the position through 2006. The professorship includes funding for research assistants, equipment and supplies in addition to a portion of Wilke's salary.

Factors leading to Wilke's selection include his national and international reputation in the discipline, his contributions to the state and his record of performance in teaching, research and service at UWSP. He is the only faculty member in the history of the institution selected to receive all three of its major faculty awards, excellence in teaching, scholarship and service.



Richard Wilke

Top dog wins advertising contract

Abby, a yellow Labrador retriever being featured in advertisements for Purina Dog Chow and Puppy Chow, is owned by Distinguished Professor of Environmental Education Richard Wilke.

Abby's photo has already appeared in several magazines and will be seen throughout the year in publications such as Outdoor Life and The American Hunter.

The photo, taken by professional photographers from the advertising agency that represents Purina, is one of Abby leaping through the air and into the water to make a retrieve. Abby was one of three accomplished field trial Labrador retrievers the agency selected for a full day photo shoot.

Wilke trained Abby, who's full name is "Drake's Bay Dear Abby," and sometimes sends her south in the winter to continue working with a professional trainer while Wisconsin lakes and marshes are ice covered. Abby regularly competes in American Kennel Club Field Trials against the top retrievers in the nation. She has been in trials throughout the Midwest and as far away as Idaho and Utah. One of the few dogs to earn the title AKC Master Hunter, she became "Qualified-All-Age" in retriever field trials at age two.

Abby will be having pups in April and they usually sell for \$900 to \$2,000 depending on color and sex.



Abby, a yellow Labrador retriever owned by Professor Richard Wilke, appears in magazine ads for Purina Dog Chow. The photo is one of Abby leaping into the water to make a retrieve as she would in a field trial.

Biking and hiking tours planned

If you have a sense of adventure, check out the opportunities available through UWSP.

2001 Summer bicycle trips

- June 9-24: Five-country tour to Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, France and Germany
- June 11-29: Italy
- July 1-19: Switzerland

2001 Summer hiking trips

- June 28-July 12: Ireland (for adults)
- July 13-21: Ireland (for families)
- July 27-August 5: Austria

2002 bicycle trips

- January: Mallorca
- Summer: Portugal, Germany, France and Scotland

2002 hiking trips

- January: Costa Rica
- Summer: England, Italy, and Luxembourg and the Ardennes

Trips cost from \$2,000 to \$3,000, which includes airfare from Chicago, lodging, some meals, experienced leaders and lectures by experts and local guides. Rosters fill up quickly but latecomers may find openings, so it pays to check on availability.

For information, contact Trish Ramsay, hiking coordinator, (715) 344-8952 or Kim Brenegan Koepke, biking coordinator, (715) 345-0570. Information on all tours is available on the Internet (<http://www.uwsp.edu/acad/hphd/bikehike/index.htm>).

Collections named for professors

The Department of Biology has honored two emeritus professors by naming collections for them. The Vincent A. Heig Ornithology Collection and the Charles A. Long Mammalogy Collection were recently dedicated.

A native of Slayton, Minn., Heig came to UWSP in 1967 and retired in 1998. He was the first curator of the ornithology collection that he established more than 30 years ago. The collection contains more than 4,000 bird specimens.

In addition to his work at UWSP, Heig organizes an annual spring Audubon Society bird count. He consistently received praise from students and his ornithology course had the reputation of being the best in the state. Besides introductory zoology courses, he worked with graduate students on research projects.

Charles Long established and was curator of the

mammalogy collection, which contains more than 10,000 specimens. Long also founded the Museum of Natural History, which he served as director for 15 years.

Long, who came to UWSP in 1966 and retired in 1996, established the museum techniques academic minor in 1974 and organized and taught a museum methods class. UWSP is one of only four institutions in America to have such a museum-oriented undergraduate program, Long said.

Long has published numerous scientific and scholarly publications, including three books on mammals. He has published articles in numerous American and foreign scientific journals on diverse subjects including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, evolution, anatomy, ecology, paleontology, socialism, Art Nouveau antiques and poetry.

North honored for lifetime achievements



Joan North

Joan North, dean of the College of Professional Studies, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Professional and Organizational Development Network.

The award has been given only five times in the history of the national organization dedicated to faculty professional development. In conjunction with the honor, she gave the general session keynote address at

the organization's annual conference in December.

In addition to her service as the 1,100-member organization's first president, North has published many articles on various aspects of faculty development.

Dean of CPS since 1985, North began her career as a Head Start director in Mobile, Ala., and went on to serve as assistant to the president at the University of Alabama before coming to UWSP.

North has expertise in the fields of effective teaching, women leaders in higher education, quality work environments and conducting successful meetings. She has served as a consultant, led workshops throughout the country and served a variety of organizations at the local, state and national levels.

International Programs receives high marks

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, one of the nation's leading voices on higher education, UWSP ranks 11th nationally for sending students abroad.

This is the third year in a row that the Chronicle has ranked UWSP's International Programs among the top 15 in the country. Of all UW System campuses, only UW-Madison sends more students abroad to study.

The survey's data encompasses 1998-1999, when UWSP sent 366 students abroad to participate in 17 programs in 10 different countries. During the past year, UWSP's International Programs set a record with 427

students studying in Poland, England, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain, Germany, Mexico and Costa Rica, according to David Staszak, director of International Programs. More than 9,000 students have taken part in the program since its inception, Staszak said.

An endowment has been formed through the UWSP Foundation to provide scholarships for students who want the opportunity to study abroad but have limited financial means. The endowment hopes to raise \$300,000 in the next four years.

Student educator group tops in nation

The National Education Association awarded the Outstanding Local Excellence Award to the UWSP student chapter of the Wisconsin Education Association. The national group also recognized the group's newsletter as Outstanding Local Newsletter.

The chapter president for the 1999-2000 academic year was Jill Hassenfelt, Germantown, and the newsletter editor was Stacy Jorata, Rhinelander.

Hassenfelt won the Outstanding Local Leader award for Wisconsin at the organization's statewide meeting in Madison last spring. She also serves as the state organization's president-elect. The UWSP chapter, which has

a membership of more than 300 students, also was recognized at the state level.

UWSP student WEA members participated in a variety of activities to merit the recognition. They provided childcare during parent-teacher conferences at Jackson Elementary School in Stevens Point and provided tutors at Jefferson Elementary School. They have been active in Destination Imagination (formerly Odyssey of the Mind) and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Portage County. Working with the Stevens Point Area Education Association, they raised more than \$500 for the "Books From the Heart" program that gives books to first graders.

RHA rated best

UWSP's Residence Hall Association (RHA) has been recognized as the best in the region by the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

RHA received the Large School of the Year Award at the organization's recent annual conference. The Great Lakes region includes about 60 public and private institutions from Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

The award is based on programming efforts for the residence halls and campus, leadership development of students, relationships between RHA and other organizations and departments, service to the community and a commitment to diversity.

"During the past school year, UWSP Residential Living has shown great commitment to programming, especially programs that addressed diversity issues," according to junior Melissa Hicks, Chilton, the organization's fundraising coordinator.

"I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to advise this fine group of student leaders for the past eight years," said Julie Zsido, assistant director of student development and adviser to RHA. "I have been thoroughly impressed with their motivation, dedication and the overall impact they have made on our university community. These students are really committed to the education of their peers on important issues facing college students today."

Julie's husband, Mike Zsido, '91, assistant director for residential living, also is an adviser to the group.

Faculty Remembered

La Rene Tufts

La Rene Tufts, emeritus professor of communicative disorders, died Nov. 13 at age 73.

A specialist in child language, hearing rehabilitation and phonological disorders, Tufts served as associate dean in the College of Professional Studies and was head of the School of Communicative Disorders from 1987 to 1993. She retired in 1997 after 28 years of service at UWSP. She was active in research and was a strong advocate for students.

Tufts taught English, speech and journalism for two years before returning to college for post-graduate work. She then served in Yakima, Wash., public schools as a speech and hearing clinician, working mainly with severe cases. She set up a clinical program in speech and hearing in Yakima and established an audiology program that included an outpatient clinic. She also helped establish a preschool for deaf children.

Later, while she was an audiologist for the Renton,



La Rene Tufts

Wash., public schools, she saw the need to educate teachers in her field as clinicians. She came to Wisconsin and served on the faculty at UW-Eau Claire for three years before coming to UWSP in 1967.

She was active in Faculty Senate, chaired the University Professional Development Committee, and served on the North Central Accreditation Review Committee after her retirement. She chaired the Institutional Review Board, a UWSP administrative committee that reviews and approves research proposals involving human subjects. She also was chapter president of the Wisconsin Coordinating Council of Women in Higher Education.

She received an associate degree at Yakima Valley Junior College, bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Washington in Seattle and a doctorate at Indiana University in Bloomington. She also studied at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and the University of Virginia in Charleston. In addition to teacher certification, Tufts was certified in both speech pathology and audiology.

She established the Tufts Graduate Student Scholarship in the School of Communicative Disorders to support graduate students in externship assignments or summer sessions. Gifts can be made to the scholarship fund or to the Women's Athletic Fund in her name through the UWSP Foundation, 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by calling (715) 346-3812 or 1-800-585-5267.

vocational home economics in the Missouri Department of Education. She was honored for her involvement in state and federal home economics associations and vocational education.

While serving as president of the Missouri chapter of the American Vocational Association, she met the president of the Kentucky chapter, Dr. Charles Youmans, at one of the organization's annual national conventions. After discovering they shared the same last name, they got to know each other and eventually married in 1995.

The Rita and Charles Youmans Scholarship was established by a group of her former students in honor of her marriage.

The scholarship is given to a UWSP student in the School of Health Promotion and Human Development who exhibits academic achievement, leadership, involvement in student professional organizations and financial need. Gifts can be made to the fund through the UWSP Foundation, 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by calling (715) 346-3812 or 1-800-858-5267.

Charles Youmans died in 1998.

Raymond Anderson



Raymond Anderson

Raymond Anderson, professor emeritus of wildlife, died Sept 26 at age 72.

A renowned environmentalist and one of the nation's top bear experts, he played a major role in the reintroduction of elk in Wisconsin and is credited with saving the prairie chicken from extinction.

He grew up within sight of the Nicolet National Forest and arrived on campus as a freshman in 1950.

He received a bachelor's degree at UWSP, a master's degree from

the University of Michigan and a doctorate from UW-Madison. As a graduate student he worked with Frederick and Frances Hamerstrom, two of Wisconsin's most famous environmentalists.

He developed the curriculum for the wildlife management major, a program that has become one of the largest and best known in the U.S. He founded the Wildlife Society and advised the student group throughout his career. He was enthusiastic about research with his graduate students, including more than 50 projects with Cooper's hawks, black bears, frogs, loons and bald eagles in Wisconsin.

He continued bear research beyond his retirement in 1990, following 21 bears on the Apostle Islands. Anderson was assisted by his son Scott, who was a graduate student at UWSP.

He organized about 900 people from throughout the Midwest to count prairie chickens each April. The volunteers rise in the middle of the night on the designated day to watch the spectacular "booming," or mating dance of the prairie chickens.

Anderson's work with elk was as a volunteer. He wrote a proposal to begin the experiment in 1995 and when public funding failed, he initiated a fund-raising drive to bring 25 elk from Michigan to be transplanted in Wisconsin.

In the mid-1970s, he attracted national attention for his role in reintroducing the pine marten to the Rhinelander area. The project to save the weasel-like mammal was featured on the "Wild Kingdom" television program.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbi.

A fund has been established in his memory with the UWSP Foundation. Donations may be made to the Ray Anderson Memorial at the UWSP Foundation, 212 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by calling (715) 346-3812 or 1-800-858-5267.

Rita Youmans



Rita Youmans

Rita Youmans, Rochester, Minn., former head of the home economics department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, died November 25 at age 84.

A native of Neillsville, she taught home economics in several Missouri cities before coming to UWSP. She received a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State College, a master's degree

from Kansas State College and a doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Youmans chaired the UWSP home economics department from 1952 to 1956. She left Stevens Point to become dean of the home economics department at UW-Madison, then helped to develop a program in school social welfare at UW-Milwaukee.

She also served as dean of home economics at Central Missouri State and served as supervisor of

Changing Lives

How UWSP shaped alumni

Snakes, frogs and lizards are his forté

Tom R. Johnson, '70, became interested in herpetology at the age of six, chasing and capturing snakes in a vacant lot

near his house in Chicago. Just before he retired, he wrote and illustrated the second edition of *Amphibians and*

Reptiles of Missouri (2000), a book that will be used by scientists and children alike throughout the state.

His horizons were broadened at age 11 when the Johnson family moved to a farm in Central Wisconsin. "As I've said to friends over the years, 'this is where I bloomed,'" Johnson recalled. "This was really wild country to me, and, instead of having a few tiny, empty lots to search for animals, I now had a vast countryside of woods, sandy fields, old farm buildings, bogs, marshes, ponds, lakes and trout streams as my hunting grounds."

When he was 15, he discovered "THE book," *A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of the United States and Canada East of the 100th Meridian* by Roger Conant. By the time he entered Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point, following a four-year stint in the U.S. Navy, Johnson was a seasoned collector of amphibians and reptiles.

At the university he met Emeritus Professor George Becker, who accepted Johnson's collection of preserved animals on behalf of the biology department and added them to his large collection of fishes. This collaboration became the Ichthyology and Herpetology Museum and Johnson became Becker's student assistant.

"George Becker became my

mentor and we developed a friendship that has lasted to this day," he says. "The valuable time I spent working with him helped mold me into the person I became." During his college years Johnson supplied many drawings for Becker's publications. He credits Becker with pushing him to hone the skills of photography and drawing that later became an integral part of his own books.

Johnson began his professional career at a zoo in Louisville, Ky., followed by work as reptile keeper at a zoo in Topeka, Kan. After moving to the St. Louis Zoo, he helped to start the St. Louis Herpetological Society and wrote and illustrated *The Amphibians of Missouri*, published by the University of Kansas.

In 1977 he joined the Missouri Department of Conservation's Natural History Section as state herpetologist, a job that he describes as "made in

heaven." He served the state for 23 years, retiring last June after completing the second edition of his book.

The second edition is dedicated to Becker, "a very important person" in Johnson's life. He took 193 color photographs, drew 108 maps and did 103 line drawings for the book.

Johnson's photographs and illustrations have appeared in numerous other publications, including the third edition of *Reptiles and Amphibians of Eastern and Central North America* (1991) in the Peterson Field Guide Series. This book was written by the same Roger Conant who influenced him as a teenager.

Johnson's new book will not only influence young people, as he was influenced by Conant, it will be used by the seven universities in Missouri that teach herpetology and by professionals in the wildlife field.



Herpetologist Tom Johnson, '70, used a life-long interest in amphibians and reptiles to write and illustrate the second edition of *Amphibians and Reptiles of Missouri* last year.



Photo by Tom Johnson

Reynolds travels the world



Braced for action with guns in hand, Chad Reynolds, '94, (left) and fellow U.S. Diplomatic Service officer climbed to the top of a mountain in Kosovo on a protective security assignment. Reynolds was serving temporary duty at the U.S. Diplomatic Security Office in Pristina, Kosovo, as an assistant regional security officer doing protective security operations for various officials. He returned to his home base in New York in February.

Chad Reynolds, '94, was assigned to the security detail for the Middle East peace talks last July. His five-day assignment to Camp David lasted three weeks.

Then it was off to Bangkok, Thailand, for a weeklong assignment followed by a trip to Rome.

Reynolds works for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, the security and law enforcement branch of the U.S. Department of State. The bureau's mission is to provide a secure environment for the conduct of American diplomacy.

His assignments at the bureau can be as varied as investigating passport fraud to working at the United Nations to protecting the Secretary of State. Agency officers like him are stationed at every embassy overseas with more than 1,500 employees worldwide.

Agents must have a college degree and attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga. Reynolds also studied at the Diplomatic Security Training Center in Washington, D.C.

Reynolds was an international business major at UWSP and went overseas with International Programs for one summer. He says his Spanish minor was helpful, though not essential, in getting the job. He especially remembers the course, "Spanish for Professionals," taught by Emeritus Professor Roberto Assardo.

"That trip got me going on international travel," Reynolds says. "My language, business and international programs experience opened some big windows for me and showed me there was a lot more out there to shoot for."

When he was approached for his first trip overseas in January 2000, he was asked, "Have you ever been to South America?" He said he hadn't been there, but would like to go. He was told to pack a suitcase and be at the airport in three hours.

"It's that fluid," Reynolds says. "You have to be ready at a moment's notice to go anywhere in the world. That's what makes it exciting."

While on assignment he also gets time to relax. In Columbia he hit the beaches, in India he went shopping for rugs and in Italy he toured the Vatican.

"No one assignment is like another—the variety keeps us going. We are always visiting different countries and different cities," Reynolds says.

"UWSP taught me to widen my scope when looking at opportunities and challenges," he says. "I've continued to maintain the enthusiasm that was generated during my college years and have carried it into my personal and professional life. I can truly say that I don't think I would be where I am today without the influence of UWSP, its programs and its faculty. UWSP has had a tremendous impact on my life."

Reynolds most recent assignment was in Pristina, Kosovo—"I spent the winter in a war zone," he says, but notes that he can't say what he was doing there.

UWSP Top Ten

Faculty and staff recognized



Joan Karlen

Excellence in Teaching

Joan Karlen, professor of theatre and dance, has increasingly used technology in her classes since coming to UWSP in 1988. An interdisciplinary seminar she developed and offered for the first time last spring includes sessions on camera dance, multimedia performance and digital editing. She includes sessions with faculty members from interior architecture, sociology, film, psychology, music and art and design.

"Joan gives her students a strong confidence in themselves that builds their self esteem," said Amanda Fiedler, a student of Karlen's for the past three years. "This enables them to reach goals they once thought unachievable." Karlen also received the Excellence in Teaching award in 1991.

Excellence in Teaching

Beverly David, lecturer in French at UWSP since 1991, taught Spanish for the first time last year. She has developed a course about French language and culture in Africa and the Antilles. A native of French Guyana, David has taught in Ontario, Canada; Guyana and Bordeaux, France.

"The Foreign Language Department is truly fortunate to have a colleague like Beverly David, who is concerned not only that her students begin their language experience on a positive note but that they continue to develop a strong knowledge they can carry with them," said Marcia Parker, associate professor of French.



Beverly David



Shelley Jansky

University Scholar

Since coming to UWSP in 1990, Shelley Jansky, '86, professor of biology, has received nearly \$500,000 in grant funding. Her research focuses on the development of potato varieties that can be grown with reduced chemical input. She has been recognized by trade organizations and professional societies for her work.

Jansky involves students in her research, encouraging them to do independent study projects and to be coauthors of presentations with her. She has devoted time and effort to promoting science careers among high school girls and mentoring college women. She received the excellence in teaching award in 1992.

University Scholar

Since Michael Hansen, '79, associate professor of fisheries, came to UWSP in 1996, he has obtained nearly \$750,000 in research funding to support his acclaimed work in fisheries biology in conjunction with a variety of natural resources management agencies. He is widely sought as an expert in the population dynamics of lake trout in the Great Lakes and walleye in inland lakes.

"Dr. Hansen's scholarship greatly enriches the learning experiences of his undergraduate and graduate students," said Dean Phillips.



Michael Hansen



David Eckholm

Academic Staff Excellence

David Eckholm, '74, has held the position of registrar since 1980, adding the duties of director of admissions in 1996. "Dave clearly has made a difference in the lives of those he has served," said Howard Thoyre, former dean, vice chancellor and interim chancellor at UWSP. "Faculty members will tell you he has served them with distinction. His staff will tell you with great enthusiasm that he has served them with loyalty and compassion. And of greatest importance, we all know he has served our students with remarkable dedication."

In addition to serving on UW System committees, he has been active in the Stevens Point community.



Mary Day

Excellence in Teaching

Since coming to UWSP in 1983, Mary Day, clinical associate professor of communicative disorders, has taught graduate and undergraduate courses and supervised students in an on-campus clinic.

"When Mary talks about her experiences, her animation and humor reflect the joy that she finds in her interactions with students and clients," said faculty colleague Cynthia Forster. "She is professional and sensitive to the students' needs and learning styles, as she assists them in applying theoretical information to the clinical setting."

Excellence in Teaching

Ed Gasque, professor of biology, came to UWSP in 1978 and has twice before won the Excellence in Teaching award. Most recently he developed a course using "Fast Plants" that he presented for the first time last summer.

"Dr. Gasque taught me how important it is to set high expectations for your students, and how to teach so your students can reach those expectations," said Patricia Arndt, a biology teacher at Berlin High School who studied with Gasque.



C. Edward Gasque



Robert Freckmann

Excellence in Teaching

Robert Freckmann, professor of biology and curator of the herbarium, began organizing the UWSP herbarium when he arrived on campus in 1968. He has contributed more than 30,000 specimens to the plant collection that now numbers 200,000 and is second only to the plant collection at UW-Madison's Botany Department. He has been a consultant for the U.S. Forest Service in Wisconsin and Michigan, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the U.S. Army, private companies and local governments.

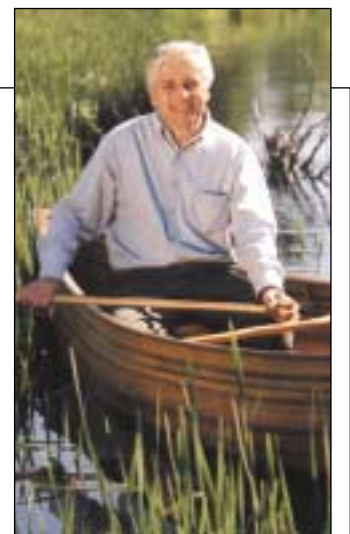
Academic Staff Spirit of Community Service

John Zach, career development coordinator in Career Services, came to UWSP in 1983. Among one of his achievements is a career exploration course for computer information systems students to help them become aware of career options. He also designed a career assessment system that is available to all students and alumni.

"I found that John is always available to lend a helping hand in any area of need," said Roger Lambert, associate director of the Center on Education and Work, which sponsored the Career Conference.



John Zach



Byron Shaw

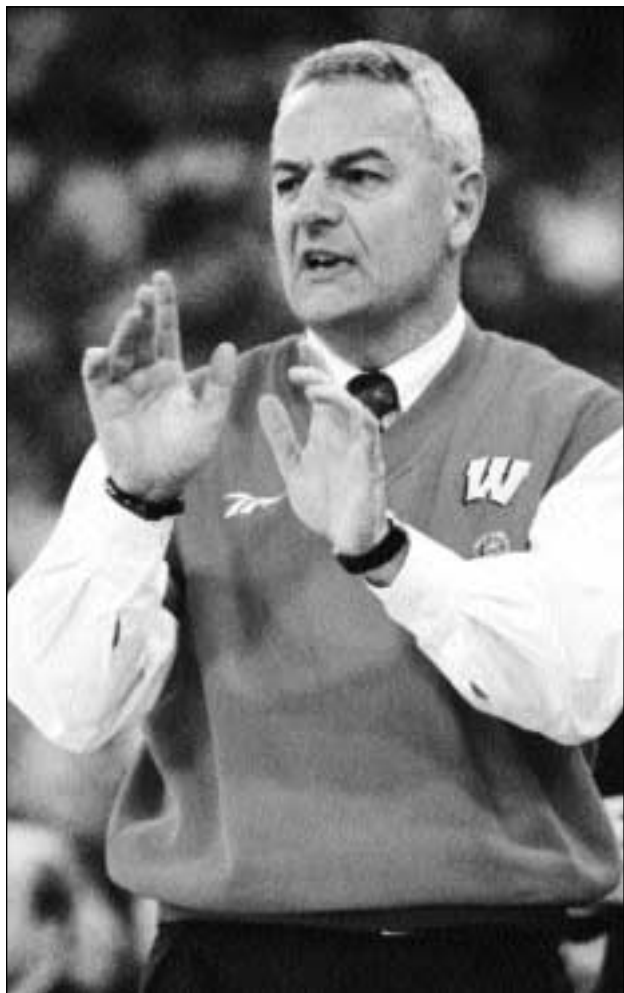
University Service

Byron Shaw, professor of soil science and water science, came to UWSP in 1968 and retired in July. He was instrumental in establishing the water resources program in the CNR and heads the Environmental Task Force. He has served on a wide range of committees that deal with natural resource issues, often resulting in improved state-wide policies. He also has worked to develop groundwater management plans, solve water resources problems and enable citizens to have affordable water testing services.

Well-known Wisconsinites honored as distinguished alumni

Two well-known Wisconsin personalities have been named distinguished alumni at UWSP.

Dick Bennett, '79, recently retired head coach of UW-Badgers basketball, and Frederick "Fritz" Wenzel, '56, former executive director of Marshfield Clinic and Marshfield Medical Research Foundation, were selected by the UWSP Alumni Association for the honor.



Dick Bennett

Bennett called outstanding coach, teacher, gentleman

Bennett retired in November after 24 years of coaching in the UW-System, the last six as head coach of the UW-Madison Badgers.

He capped his career by reaching the 2000 Final Four, leading the Big Ten in scoring defense each of the last four seasons. Bennett's last two Badger squads have each won a school record 22 games. No Wisconsin club had ever won more than 20 games prior to Bennett's tenure.

A coach for 35 years, he also taught English and coached high school basketball at five different high schools including West Bend and Eau Claire compiling an impressive 168-60 record.

"Bennett is an outstanding teacher, an outstanding motivator and just a totally outstanding man," said Dick Vitale in a special report to ESPN. "He really meant so much to college basketball. I wish him the best in his retirement."

Columnist Jay Bilas called him a "true gentleman" and "one of the finest tacticians and strategists" in college basketball.

Bennett earned his master's degree at UWSP in 1979, then coached UWSP men's basketball until going to Green Bay in 1985. He compiled a 451-257 overall record in collegiate basketball.

Under his leadership, the Pointers compiled a 174-79 record and became one of the strongest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics programs in the nation.

He spent much of his childhood in Wisconsin and was a standout athlete in baseball, basketball and football at Clintonville High School. As an undergraduate at Ripon College he excelled in all three sports and earned nine varsity letters.

Two of his children followed him into coaching; Kathi, the Indiana University women's basketball coach, and Tony, a UW-Madison assistant coach. His younger brother, Jack, is head coach at UWSP.

Marshfield native excels in his hometown

Wenzel, a native of Marshfield and 1956 graduate of UWSP, was executive director of the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation associated with Marshfield Clinic for more than 40 years. Since 1973 he has been a member of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors.

During his tenure, he and now-retired clinic physician Dean Emanuel did extensive research in farmer's lung disease and maple bark disease that brought international attention to the clinic.

"Fritz led the clinic in directions that no one had thought of before," Emanuel said. "He took the whole



Frederick "Fritz" Wenzel

organization a huge leap forward, not only from the standpoint of research, but in organizing and shaping the greater organization."

Wenzel oversaw development of the regional locations that now comprise half of the clinic's system. He established the clinic's health maintenance organization and helped plan the Melvin R. Laird research facility.

After retiring from the foundation, Wenzel began a second career as executive vice president and chief executive officer for the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), the MGMA Center for Research and the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

He has settled into a third career as a professor at the University of Saint Thomas in Minneapolis. In addition, his service continues as advisor to the president of Marshfield Clinic and on the clinic's National Advisory Council.

Wenzel has published papers in numerous professional journals on a broad range of topics including heart disease, snowmobile accidents and prepaid health insurance. He has made hundreds of presentations to professional organizations and universities on topics including management training, distance education and physician leadership. He has served as a consultant to medical organizations and clinics across the country.

An avid mountain climber, he has scaled 14 mountains over 14,000 feet on three continents, including the 19,000 foot Mt. Kilimanjaro. He intends to climb to Mt. Everest base camp in April and Mt. Elbrus, Europe's highest mountain, in August to bring his total to five continents.

Poetry anyone?

"What's your favorite poem?"

That's the question English Professor Emeritus Richard "Doc" Doxtator has for the 7,000 UWSP alumni who studied with him. Please e-mail your title and tell him how the poem came to be your favorite (doxvox@webtv.net).

He'll share your stories at Favorite Poem Presentations here in Stevens Point this spring and summer.



Richard "Doc" Doxtator

Anthropologist brings clean water to small town in Ecuador

The residents of a small town in Ecuador are drinking clean water, thanks to the efforts of a UWSP faculty member and the philanthropic support of her parents.

Social anthropologist Barbara Butler, who regards Huaycopungo, Ecuador, as her "second home," took a potable water system to the 3,000 residents of the indigenous community in the highlands north of Quito, Ecuador. Her efforts were financed by the Thomas and Clara Butler Foundation, a charitable organization established by her parents, residents of Durham, N.H.

Because of Professor Butler's personal and research efforts in Huaycopungo for more than two decades, the foundation has funded several projects there. Butler has been studying the changes in the community and its indigenous people during the past quarter century.

Butler, who is considered a godmother of the community for her work on behalf of its residents, returned to the U.S. with plaques commending her and her family for their support. She anticipates finishing the first draft of her book-length manuscript about Huaycopungo this fall, then seeking a publisher for this study of the people she has known so long and who have now made her an honorary member of their community.

Butler is also a director of the Maquipucuna Foundation, which is working on an ambitious project to



Professor Barbara Butler, right, was invited to participate in a celebration symbolizing her service to the Ecuadorian community of Huaycopungo. With the support of a charitable organization, she was able to take a potable water system to indigenous people in the highlands north of Quito, Ecuador.

set aside forested land. The project will create a biological corridor from Quito to the Colombian border, connecting the Maquipucuna Reserve, other reserves and a major national park. The corridor protects the flora and fauna of the rain forest, as does the 865-acre reserve that is supported by Maquipucuna and the Nature Conservancy.

Professor Butler brought the Maquipucuna Foundation's founders and directors to campus last spring during Earth Week.

Class Notes

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

2000s

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Albert Frohlich, '00, Springville, Calif., is a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He would like friends who are in Southern California to send e-mail (frochops@hotmail.com).

Annie Blaha, '00, Milwaukee, began working as a volunteer in Inverness, Scotland, in October and will stay for a total of 13 months.

Mary (Herbst) Burazin, '00, Oak Creek, is a programmer at tmp.worldwide.

Matthew Hudson, '00, St. Paul, Minn., is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. He sends "special thanks to Byron Shaw and the Environmental Task Force Lab for helping shape my career goals."

James Craig, '00, Franklin, Va., is a process engineer at International Paper. He and **Cassandra (Pelot)**, '99, were married in July.

1990s

Jennifer Simonton, '99, Abbotsford, is associate city clerk and treasurer for the city of Abbotsford. "Have you ever had one of those jobs that's so much fun you don't care if it pays well or not? I found it," she says.

Monica Monfre, '99, New York, N.Y., is a graduate assistant for residential life in the dean's office at Barnard College. She is attending graduate school studying student personnel administration in higher education. After graduation from UWSP, she interned for U.S. Senator Russ Feingold in his Milwaukee office.

Fang to dance at Sentry Theatre

Adriane Fang, '94, New York, N.Y., will perform at UWSP with Doug Varone and Dancers on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Sentry Theater. A relatively new company based in New York, the Doug Varone Dancers have quickly become known throughout the world. A member of the ensemble since 1996, Fang has taught and performed in the U.S. and internationally.

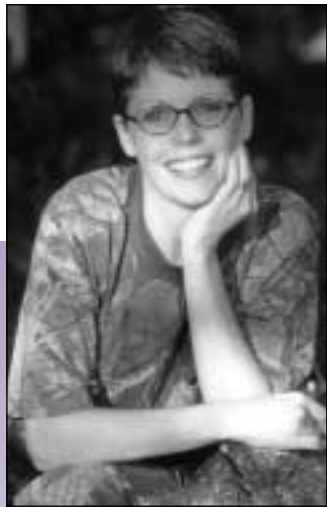
"I enjoy traveling because it's great to get out of New York, but I enjoy going home. It's also wonderful to come back to Stevens Point and be with my family," she said.

Her father, Marcus Fang, is director of Foreign Student Programs and a member of the psychology faculty and her mother, Constance Fang, is Foreign Student Program coordinator, both at UWSP.

"My parents and the university prepared me well to get along in New York," she says. "I am grateful to the UWSP dance faculty for providing such a grounded and quality education and encouraging me at all times to reach my highest potential," Fang says. She especially remembers Robin Moeller, her modern dance instructor, and Mary Fehrenbach, who encouraged her to move to New York.

She has taught master classes at UWSP with her former professors among the audience. Even so, she says she will be a little nervous performing before a hometown audience.

Part of UWSP's Performing Arts Concert Series, tickets for the event are \$20 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens, \$8 for youth and \$4 for UWSP students. Tickets may be purchased at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in Quandt Fieldhouse, by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378.



Kelly Wisinski, '99, Stevens Point, is the Wisconsin coordinator for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program, which originated at UWSP. She was a BOW instructor for two years before becoming coordinator and is a third generation woman hunter. She has lifelong experience in hunting, fishing and backpacking. "My parents were involved in conservation efforts throughout my life, and this is part of what brought me to UWSP," Wisinski says. BOW workshops are held in 46 states and seven Canadian provinces and offers classes in a variety of topics. For more information on BOW or upcoming workshops call Kelly at (715) 346-4151.

Jenny Baeseman, '98, Boulder, Colo., is employed by the U.S. Geological Survey. She received a master's degree from the University of Minnesota in August and is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Colorado.

Rachelle (Aggen) Cook, '98, London, England, is pursuing a doctorate at the University College, London, studying human herpes virus 8 transmission in families from Malawi, Africa. She met her husband, Matthew, while on a semester abroad program in London. He was working in the residence halls where UWSP students stayed.

Caleb Callahan, '98, Wauwatosa, manages hospital equipment installation projects in Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Virginia for G.E. Medical Systems.

Kate Brimblecombe, '98, Stirling, Scotland, recently was published in two anthologies, "In-between Days" by the International Library of Poetry and "Nature's Echoes" by Poetry.com. She will also have works in a collection of the year's best poets for 2000. She previously was published by The International Famous Poets Society.

Sheila Kuffel, '98, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at UW-Madison with plans to graduate next year and go into emergency room or intensive care nursing.

Shawn Wenzel, '98, Fitchburg, is a hydrogeologist for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce under the Site Review Section of the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Act, overseeing contaminated sites throughout Wisconsin.

Sandra Dykes, master's '98, Almond, received the national Agriscience Teacher of the Year award at the 73rd National FFA Convention. She was given \$1,500 and a plaque in recognition of her skills in teaching science principles and emerging technologies related to agriculture. She teaches agriscience at Weyawega-Fremont High School and advises the school's FFA. Her program has been recognized as one of the best in Wisconsin. Of about 380 students in the high school, 100 are actively involved in agriscience or FFA.

Micah Eberman, '97, is an interactive Web site designer at Hoffman York, a Milwaukee-based, full-service advertising agency. He will be instrumental in designing, programming and implementing an Intranet and client Extranet for the company.

Heather Kaiser-Hahn, '97, Sugar Land, Texas, recently completed a master's degree at UW-La Crosse and moved to Texas with her husband, Todd.

Bryce Reddemann, '97, New York, N.Y., is a pharmaceutical national sales trainer for Forest Laboratories. He continues to mentor for the Sales and Marketing Association (SAMA) at UWSP and returns annually to speak on campus.

Aaron Mithum, '96, La Valle, is athletic director, varsity baseball coach and a third grade teacher in the Weston School District. He also is a videographer for Drury Outdoor/M.A.D. Calls, an outdoor video and hunting company. He is pursuing an education administration degree at UW-Madison.

Shawn, '96, and **Angela (Baker) Simpson**, '96, Ashland, Ore., were married in June at Mount Ashland in Oregon. They met at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station while both were attending a summer CNR camp. Shawn is a hydrologist with the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, Ore., and Angela is pursuing a master's degree at Southern Oregon University in Ashland.

Melissa (Parins) Bousley, '96, Sturgeon Bay, teaches at Sevastopol Elementary School. She recently married Steve Bousley.

Chad DuFrame, '96, Milwaukee, is employed at Voith Paper Automation. He has returned to Wisconsin after three years in Sacramento, Calif.

Diana Reed Strommen, master's '95, Marietta, Ga., said goodbye to Stevens Point in July when her husband, Doug, took a new position. In

He wants to be a millionaire

David Coulthurst, '90, Wausau, was a contestant on the ABC TV game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," in October.

Although he didn't make it to the "hot seat," he had a great time participating in the show. His experiences are described on his Web page (www.beerpigs.com/wwtbam.html). The page is linked to the homepage of the Beerpigs, the UWSP Trivia team that gave Coulthurst his start in trivia mania.

"I think it would be great if the show saw a swarm of contestants coming from the ranks of 90 FM trivia teams," he says. When he's not immersed in trivia, he works for the advertising and marketing firm, Creative Consultants.



Stevens Point, she was general manager of the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra and director of youth music at Trinity Lutheran Church. As a vocal artist, she taught and performed throughout the community. She was on the staff at the Wausau Conservatory of Music, the UWSP Conservatory for Creative Expression and Waupaca High School. She also served on boards and committees in a number of community organizations.

Sandra Waubanascum, '95, Neopit, has received the Advanced Opportunity Fellowship Award to attend graduate school at UW-Madison. The award is given to a student at any level of graduate study and is intended to increase opportunities for students of color or who are educationally disadvantaged. Sandra says her inspiration to continue her education is her mother, **Barbara Waukau Tourtillott**, associate degree '93, Neopit. Barbara works at the tribal administration office in Keshena. Mother and daughter attended several classes together while at UWSP.



Mark Simonson, '95, Jefferson, is a forensic scientist and a firearm and toolmark examiner for the Wisconsin Department of Justice crime lab in Milwaukee. He is among 400 full-time examiners in the U.S. and 1,000 worldwide.



Chris Richards, '95, Glendale, Calif., **Craig Huelsman**, '97, Waterford, and **Chad Robran**, '96, Corcoran, Minn., traveled together to see the ruins of Monte Alban outside Oaxaca, Mexico, in July.

Scott Hellrung, '95, Germantown, is on the staff of Vrakas Blum and Company, accountants and business advisers. He encourages friends to send him e-mail (shellrung@v-13.com).

Jonathan Otto, '94, Ft. Campbell, Ky., is a captain in the Army's 101st Airborne Division. His wife, **Laurie (Price)**, '94, is finishing a second bachelor's degree in social work at Austin Peay State University. They have two children, a dog and a cat.

Kristine Szarkowitz, '94, is director of public relations for Webforia, an online business in Bellevue, Wash., that supplies specialized Web content and information services to businesses and individuals. Before joining Webforia, she was corporate public relations manager for LapLink.com, Inc.

Michelle Thorpe, '94, master's '97, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is a speech and language pathologist at the Dubai Center for Special Needs.

Julie Summers, '94, Ironwood, Mich., received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and is pastor of St. Paul and St. John's Lutheran churches in Ironwood.

Jay Joseph, '94, Los Angeles, works in the product planning department of American Honda Motor Company where he develops future vehicles and oversees marketing on new models. He and his wife, Theresa Lin, who were married on May 5, 2000 (Cinco de Mayo), live in the friendly Los Angeles neighborhood of Westchester with their black lab, Lucy.

Ahmet Altılar, '93, North Bergen, N.J., is a project manager in the information technology group at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York. He was recently married.



College roommate reunion

Four 1988 alumnae and former Thomson Hall residents who gathered in Las Vegas in November included, left to right, **Kristin (Sadogierski) Kwak**, Warrington, Pa.; **Connie (Mazna) Bennett**, Dubuque, Iowa; **Tracy (Smrha) Kohlsaatt**, Clarendon Hills, Ill.; and **Jodi (Rymer) Sorensen**, Woodinville, Wash.

"Memories were shared, pictures were taken and many glasses were raised to Point, Thomson Hall and Ella's," Bennett said. "Our fond memories and lasting friendships from Point are many."

Tonya Beckman, '93, Cleveland, Ohio, recently performed in the critically acclaimed *Look Back in Anger* at Charenton Theatre in Cleveland, *The Giving Star* at Commonwealth Theatre in Lanesboro, Minn., and will spend the spring with Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, Mich., working on *Orphan Train*. She recently left the acting company of Cleveland Signstage to pursue freelance work and teach acting and dialects in the Cleveland area.

Daniel Retzki, '93, Stevens Point, is activities director in the Wisconsin Dells School District. He taught social studies at Mosinee High School for six years. His wife **Nicole (Zabel)**, '96, is a dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield.

Eric, '93, and **Diane (Rosenbaum) Nienhaus**, '94, Burlington, were married recently. Eric is a master plumber and Diane teaches second grade at Riverview Grade School in Burlington.

Lynda (Spleas) Brzezinski, '93, Winona, Minn., works in the Counseling Center at Winona State University, assisting students with their personal, academic and career concerns. She recently received her doctorate from the University of Utah. She and her husband, **Robb**, '93, have made connections with some UWSP friends.

Christine (Ritzer), '92, and **Brian James**, '92, Madison, moved back to Wisconsin from Denver, Colo., in September 1999. Christine is marketing and sales coordinator for the Madison Athletic Club. Brian is a sales representative for Wellington Equipment Corp. Their daughter was born one year ago.

Steven Schmidt, '91, Theresa, is a publications information specialist for the John Deere Worldwide commercial and consumer equipment division. He, his wife, Brandy, and their two daughters are avid outdoors enthusiasts and have many pets. He invites friends to email him (mx10418@deere.com).



Artist is a hit in Point

Adam Ellyson, '91, Plainfield, has created several papier-mache artworks for storefront windows in Stevens Point including Central Camera, the Hilltop Pub and the Supreme Bean. He has papier-mache pieces for sale at Kurtzweil's Antiques, Stevens Point, and ceramic mugs and quilted items at Pedestrian Arts, Oshkosh.

He has been creating contemporary quilts since graduation. In addition, he painted a mural at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Junction City. He will have a solo show of his quilts and sculpture at Stevens Point's Riverfront Arts Center in September.

Chuck Nelson, '91, Rhinelander, is territory manager for Sheldon's, Inc. He and his wife, **Kristy (Roediger)**, '93, have two children.

1980s

"UWSP prepared me to become the best elementary school teacher that I could be." – Gretchen (Mattson) Dekker, '88

Scott Bartz, '89, Westlake, Ohio, strength trainer with the Cleveland Indians, works yearround with major and minor league baseball players. He works out of the Sportshealth Center of Lutheran Hospital in Cleveland.

Dale Armstrong, '89, Vero Beach, Fla., is a senior forester in a six-county area around Lake Okeechobee in South Florida. In December 1999, he received a \$500 award from the Florida Department of Agriculture for his involvement in the 1999 Fire Prevention Strike Team. In September, he was appointed to the Florida Wildfire Program working group, which assesses the needs of Florida's Wildfire Program for the next decade. He assists landowners with ecological restoration, tree planting and prescribed burning. He also is information officer for the area he serves and is certified as an information officer in the National Interagency Incident Management System. He conducts Project Learning Tree workshops, assists with pine and bald cypress cone collecting, fights fires during Florida's wildfire season and serves as a resource unit leader and planning section deputy chief on Florida's

Alumni accept awards

Andrea Swanson, '81, master's '99, left, is regional educator for the School Nature Area Project at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. She is pictured with other members of the project's staff, **Erin Vos**, **Nalani McCutcheon**, master's '92, and **Craig Johnson**, master's '83.

The project received this year's excellence award in the local organization category from the North American Association for Environmental Education. The highly competitive international award recognizes outstanding work in environmental education. For eight years, the project has helped Minnesota schools and community members look at values, skills and citizen action. Using local nature areas, the group seeks to improve the environment through grants, training and support.



Gold Incident Management Team. "However," he notes, "I must say that my greatest success is the relationship I have with my wife, Deborah."

Dave, '89, and **Kate (Quirk) Panetti**, '89, Bloomington, Minn., and their two children, embarked on "the adventure of a lifetime," a one-year teacher exchange to Australia. Dave teaches high school social studies in Prior Lake, Minn. He exchanged positions and homes with a family from Ferny Creek in suburban Melbourne. They took two weeks in New Zealand in December and started the school year Jan. 30. Old and new friends can keep in touch via e-mail (davepanetti@hotmail.com or katepanetti@hotmail.com).

Michael Herrington, '89, Basking Ridge, N.J., is executive vice president of sales in the home office of Time Incorporated, Manhattan, New York. He started with Time after graduation and has held various management positions in Milwaukee, Tampa, Boston, Houston, Seattle and St. Louis. He and his wife, Christine, have three sons.

Gretchen (Mattson) Dekker, '88, Gallup, N.M., teaches second grade in the Gallup McKinley County School District. The school where she teaches uses the "Baldrige" principles, and will become a model school for educators from across the nation to visit. "UWSP prepared me to become the best elementary school teacher that I could be," Dekker says.

Sara (Millard) Meyer, '88, Geneva, Ill., teaches second grade at J.B. Nelson School in Batavia, Ill. She taught at St. Anthonys School in Loyal for 10 years.



David, '87, and **Shawn Pflugardt-Lang**, '90, spend their free time maintaining their turn-of-the-century home in Stevens Point. Shawn is a psychologist at the UWSP Counseling Center, will be an adjunct faculty member at UWSP later this year and recently relocated her private practice to Meta Associates, Inc., where she is a supervising psychologist. David is a senior account manager with Invensys Power Systems. He says "Hi" to all of his friends at UWSP Recreational Services. They have two house-trained rabbits.

Andrew Walloch, '87, Milwaukee, has been assistant supervisor of monitoring and sampling at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for eight years. He and his wife, Molly, have two sons.

Larry Axlen, '86, Sussex, has been an arborist for Waukesha's park and recreation forestry division since June. His wife, **Teri (Stiverson)**, '85, is a senior food scientist for International Food Solutions, a subsidiary of Bestfoods in Germantown. They have two children.

Brad Soderberg, '85, Sun Prairie, is serving as acting head basketball coach at UW-Madison following the resignation of Dick Bennett three games into the season. He played with Coach Bennett at UWSP and has assisted him for six years.

William Campbell, '84, Tucson, Ariz., is a water resources administrator for the Tohono O'odham Nation, working on the second largest reservation in the U.S., located in South Central Arizona with almost 100 miles of border with Mexico.

Michele (Boutin) Collingwood, '84, Decatur, Ill., works part time as an aerobic instructor, free-lance choreographer and dance teacher as well as a substitute teacher in her children's school. She and her husband, Greg, have two children.

Paul Aleckson, master's '84, Rothschild, was one of only two teachers nationally to win the Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit award for National History Day. A history teacher and social studies coordinator for D.C. Everest Schools in Schofield, he introduced the National History Day program in 1990. Ten years later, all eighth grade students in the district participate in the program as part of the curriculum. He has worked with teachers across the state, speaking at forums and sharing curriculum material to broaden the horizon of learning and enthusiasm for the program.

Gregory Ludvik, '84, Minneapolis, Minn., is an operations security assistant for the FBI. He ran in the 104th Boston Marathon in April, with a finishing time of 3:41:14. His wife, **Kay (Merkel)**, '85, is an investment operator and service representative for Wells Fargo Brokerage Services. They have one son.

Michele Schenk, '84, Crandon, is a grant specialist at Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander. She completed a master's degree at Norwich University of Vermont College in 1996.

Ted Jeske, '84, Big Coppitt Key, Fla., was listed on the 2000 *Business Insurance* magazine's risk management honor roll, representing small companies. As risk manager for Historic Tours of America, Inc. (HTA), he is responsible for safety and fleet management. Before joining HTA in 1996, he served for 10 years in the U.S. Air Force Intelligence Agency.

Daniel Schmidt, '83, Oshkosh, has been an associate professor of exercise physiology at UW-Oshkosh since 1997. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University. Before going to Oshkosh, he taught at Trenton State College in New Jersey for five years. From 1985 to 1987 he worked in Saudi Arabia as the fitness director for the Royal Saudi Air Force, then held a similar position with the U.S. Navy for one year. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children.

Dave LaBomascus, '82, Swisher, Iowa, is general manager of Genesis, Inc. His wife, **Jessica (Griffin)**, '82, is a food manager at College Community Schools. They have lived in Texas, South Dakota and Mississippi. Genesis is one of the largest indoor recirculating fish production facilities in the country, producing 1.25 million pounds of tilapia per year. All those fish are shipped live to New York City for Chinese retail markets. In Mississippi Dave built and was vice president of Nature's Catch, the largest striped bass farm in the world. A total of 83 ponds and 685 acres of water produce 1.5 million pounds of fish per year that are shipped to New York and California. He received a master's degree at Texas A&M University in 1985.

Carrie Brock, '82, Aurora, Colo., has been point of sale manager for Showtime Networks, Inc., in Denver. For seven years, she worked for a Colorado-based company that offers direct to home satellite broadcast service. "I feel very lucky that I work in a fast moving industry with great opportunity ahead," she says.



Scott, '86, and **Allison (Heller) Belisle**, '88, Beaverton, Ore., organized a group of alumni for a small reunion in Wisconsin Dells during the summer. Pictured left to right are, back row, **Mike Melotik**, '86, Birnamwood; **Mark Smiley**, '85, Baraboo; **Tim Downs**, '86, Appleton; **Scott Belisle**; middle row, **Sheryl (Schermer) Melotik**, '85, master's '87, Birnamwood; **Julie (Berry) Smiley**, '87, Baraboo; **Mary (Mader) Downs**, '86, Appleton; **Allison Belisle**; front row, **Sandi (Saari) McCloskey**, '86, master's '88, De Forest; and **Dee Wetzell**, '86, master's '88, Madison.

Theresa Wanta, '82, St. Paul, Minn., a fine artist, received a \$3,000 grant from the E.D. Foundation in Kearny, N.J., which she will use to hire models as she creates original oil paintings. She had an exhibition at the Ariana Gallery in Royal Oak, Mich., and has had artwork displayed in galleries throughout the United States and in private collections in England, Germany and Malaysia.

Mark Brue, '82, River Falls, is a marketing and investment analyst for Lutheran Brotherhood where he has worked since 1987. In 1994 he visited his UWSP adviser, John Heaton, in Montana and they took a tour of Yellowstone. He earned a master's degree at New Mexico State University in 1985. He has run in two triathalons and three marathons—"not so bad for a guy with a pacemaker," he says. He officiates high school and college basketball, including work with wheelchair basketball athletes who participated in the Sydney Paralympic Festival. He sends a message to Zar, Zach and Wubben: "I win the bet! (Clam Lake wager), you each owe me \$!!!"

1970s

"I have been teaching music continuously since 1977, thanks to a great education at UWSP." —Alan Paulson, '77

Lori (Kohn) Terra, '79, Grayslake, Ill., taught from 1979 to 1997 and is now a preschool teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School. She and her husband, James, have three children.

Mary Lou (Koch) Santovec, '78, is a free-lance writer and editor, covering topics as varied as credit unions, miniatures and higher education. She recently co-authored the book *1001 Commonly Misspelled Words: What Your Spell Checker Won't Tell You* published by McGraw Hill. She and her husband, Rick, live in Jefferson.

Alan Paulson, '77, Phoenix, Ariz., is a music teacher in the Washington, Ariz., School District. He was named Sam's Club's Teacher of the Year and was twice nominated for Arizona Teacher of the Year. He has one son. "I have been teaching music continuously since 1977, thanks to a great education at UWSP," he says.

Dale Holen, '76, Dalton, Pa., recently received tenure as an asso-



Pointers and Sig Eps forever

Eight members of Sigma Phi Epsilon trekked to Armstrong, Ontario, Canada, for a fly-in fishing trip and their annual reunion. They are, left to right, **Barry Norem**, '68; **Jim Martin**, '70; **Jim Richardson**, '65; **Bob Diverde**, '69; **Mike Schilleman**, '65; **Bob Woelfl**, '69; **Jim Tipple**, '65; and **Dan Leider**, '65.

They have remained close friends since their days at UWSP, even though separated by great distances, and have renewed their friendships every year with a variety of trips. A past adventure took them to Wyoming for a horseback excursion. Norem, Madison, is a sales representative for Abbott Labs. Martin, Mosinee, is a teacher at Mosinee High School. Richardson, Rockford Ill., is a program manager at Hamilton Sundstrand Aerospace. Diverde, Las Vegas, Nev., is a professional comedian. Schilleman, Layton, Utah, is director of quality assurance for I-Sim Corp. Woelfl, Port Washington, is business manager for Port Washington schools. Tipple, Wausau, is desktop manager for Wausau Insurance. Leider, Ringle, is a real estate broker.

ciate professor of biology at Penn State University, Worthington Scranton campus. He would like old friends to send e-mail (dah13@psu.edu).

Valerie (Hemmeter) Strege, '75, Walton, W.V., is an officer with the Charleston, W. Va., Police Department. She and her husband, John, live on wooded acreage where they unwind after work by watching deer in the backyard. Their two children are in college. They would love to get mail from friends at Rt. 1 Box 229B, Walton, WV 25286 or e-mail (valstalk@juno.com).

Robert Radtke, '74, Seoul, South Korea, is an information management specialist for the Eighth U.S. Army assistant chief of staff. He specializes in communications and computers and lives on the 18th floor of an apartment building in downtown Seoul.

Phil Whitford, '73, master's '76, Bexley, Ohio, teaches at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, where he holds the Geist Endowed Chair for excellence in research and teaching in the sciences. He also chairs the academic program review committee and writes occasionally for popular national magazines and has scientific articles published in arcane journals.

Alice Acor, '72, received a doctorate in counseling psychology at Marquette University in August.

"I am extremely proud to send my daughter to Stevens Point, which I believe to be an outstanding school." —Stephen Williams, '71

Stephen Williams, '71, Grand Masais, Minn., is sales administrator on Gunflint Ranger District, Superior National Forest. He has been involved with the gigantic blowdown storm of July 1999 that resulted in destruction of thousands of trees on more than 300,000 acres. Affecting more trees than the Mt. St. Helen's disaster and a larger area than Hurricane Hugo, this is a once in 1,000-year event. Williams' responsibility is to administer sales of logs resulting from clearing away debris. His daughter, **Erin**, is a freshman at UWSP studying natural resources. "I am extremely proud to send my daughter to Stevens Point, which I believe to be an outstanding school," he says.

1960s

Keno Hawker, '69, is mayor of Mesa, Ariz., and owns three small construction related businesses.

Bob Sakowski, '67, Barneveld, is an engineering manager and does research and development for Gammex-RMI in Middleton. The company manufactures quality assurance equipment for diagnostic and therapeutic radiology and patient alignment systems for radiotherapy. He and his wife, Jacqueline, were married in December 1999.

Ron Ernst, '65, Appleton, regional vice president of the Veritas Society, is responsible for major fundraising campaigns in Central and Eastern Wisconsin. The Veritas Society is a charitable fund of the Wisconsin Right to Life Education Fund headquartered in Milwaukee.

Pointer items available

If you are proud to be a Pointer, you will be interested in several items available through the Alumni Relations Office or from vendors who have agreements with UWSP.

A handsome sketch of Old Main in a cherry frame is offered through the UWSP Alumni Association and Milestone Designs of Madison for \$60. Shipping for the framed sketch is \$7, and it may be ordered directly from Milestone Designs, P.O. Box 45242, Madison, WI 53744.

A frame designed especially for your UWSP diploma featuring the same sketch of Old Main also comes from Milestone. The 16- by 20-inch frame is available in oak or gold for \$85 and in black for \$75. Shipping for these items is also \$7, and they may be ordered directly from Milestone.

An award-winning photograph of Old Main taken on a glorious fall afternoon has been made into a full color 24- by 30-inch poster. It can be purchased from the Alumni Relations Office for \$3, plus an additional \$3 for shipping up to 10 posters.

Distinctive men's and women's Seiko watches that have a three-dimensional re-creation of the UWSP seal on the face are offered by Jostens, Inc. Complete ordering information is available at Jostens' Web site (www.jostensalumshop.com).

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

The classic UWSP class ring, offered by Jostens, is available in any class year. The ring includes the university name around the stone, a torch, seal and degree initial on one side. Old Main and the graduation year are on the other side of the stone. Ordering information is available from the Alumni Relations Office or call Jostens directly at 1-800-854-7464, then press 2. You will order the Curriculum Oval Standard, Code #S0130-061 for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Cost of the ring is \$451 for 10 karat gold, \$615 for 14 karat gold, \$886 for 18 karat gold and \$238 for lustrium (silver metal).

If you would like further information about any of these items, call the Alumni Relations Office at (715) 346-3811 or toll free at 1-877-POINT01 (877-746-6801)



As just one way to show your Pointer pride, a frame specially designed for your UWSP diploma is available from Milestone Designs.

Marianne (Feutz) Walker, '65, Los Angeles, Calif., retired as a California state parole agent in 1997 after 21 years in probation and parole work in Southern California.

Kitty (Colcord) Trescott, '63, Carbondale, Ill., and her husband, Bart, taught in Shantou and Beijing, China, for four months in 1999. This was their third session of teaching in China. Kitty was elected as a representative on the national board of U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association.

DuWayne Herning, '63, Wausau, retired in July as director of the Wausau School Forest. He received the Friend of Conservation award from the Marathon County Land Conservation Commission and the Aldo Leopold Award from the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.

Glenn Zipp, '61, Dunlap, Ill., retired in October after serving 36 years with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The board oversees employees' right to organize and engage in collective bargaining. He began his career as a labor management relations examiner and advanced through several positions to become regional director in the Peoria office of the NLRB, receiving eight Performance Award Commendations. He has served as a lecturer in labor relations at Sangamon State University in Peoria and as a visiting fellow at Templeton College, The Oxford Centre for Management Studies, Oxford University, and as a visiting professor at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

John Chwae, '60, Irving, Texas, is a retired mechanical engineer. He returns to Wisconsin occasionally to visit his children in Madison.

Alumni receive Golden Apple Awards

Four teachers were recently selected by the Portage County Business Council to receive Golden Apple Awards that recognize innovation in the classroom. All four recipients are alumni of UWSP. They were among 10 Teachers of Distinction selected last spring from a pool of more than 200 nominees.

And the winners are:

Steve Harris, '88, master's '97, Stevens Point, a biology teacher at Stevens Point Area Senior High School, has an enthusiastic way of challenging his students and encouraging them to "experience biology" with real life examples, applications and problems to help them learn and retain more.

Laurie Schroeder, '89, Stevens Point, teaches 10th grade mathematics at Pacelli High School. She always strives to answer the question, "When am I going to use this stuff?" Practical examples in her class include a floor plan for a house. When she saw a need for students to be challenged, she designed a course and textbook to meet the need.

Kathy (Singer) Hermann, bachelor's '68, master's '81, Stevens Point, has taught at St. Peter Middle School for 30 years. Using humor and drama, she motivates students and fosters a love of learning. She encourages her classes to get involved in the community and world issues, including participating in a World Hunger Walk.

Armin Nebel, '74, master's '80, Stevens Point, a fifth and sixth grade reading teacher at Plover-Whiting Elementary School, has been teaching for 26 years. He encourages students to set goals for reading and lets them choose their own books. He calls students at home to ask if they are studying and rewards them the next day in school—there are never penalties, only rewards to emphasize the positive.

Greer earns national recognition

Yvonne (Allen) Greer, '76, Milwaukee, nutritionist coordinator for the City of Milwaukee Health Department, received the 2000 Ross Award in Women's Health from the American Dietetic Association Foundation.

The award is presented to a dietetic practitioner who has worked in collaboration with people both inside and outside the profession in women's health to promote an understanding of the role of nutrition. She was nominated for the national award by the Wisconsin Dietetic Association for her service to numerous private and public agencies that seek to serve women and families.

In 1994 she received the Outstanding Alumna Award from the UWSP School of Human Development and Nutritional Sciences and was the keynote speaker at their spring recognition brunch. She holds a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.



Lutheran reunion slated

A reunion for former members of the Peace Lutheran Campus Center is being planned for the second weekend in June. Alumni who took part in the group's activities should contact the Alumni Relations Office to help update the mailing list and be certain they receive an invitation. For further information call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-877-Point01 or (715) 346-3811 or Paula Spangenberg at (715) 342-9525.

A photo in the 1955 Iris lists Rev. Wendell Frerichs as chaplain and Roland Trytten as adviser of the Lutheran Student Association. Pictured are, row one left to right, Christiansen, D. Hoeft, Wolter, G. Thompson, Solberg, Mr. Trytten; row two, Fuller, Becker, M. Petersen, Sturkol, Baehler, Bolander, B. Johnson; row three, Bauman, A. Adams, J. Smith, Due, Hager and Brocker. (Names are listed as they appeared in the Iris).



Eskritt family celebrates mother's legacy

The Harry E. Eskritt family has held reunions every Thanksgiving for the past 30 years, and since 1979 the gathering has been an opportunity to select recipients for a scholarship honoring their mother, Lenice Christine Merrill Eskritt.

Lenice, a homemaker and mother who passed away in 1963, was much beloved by her family. Her sensitivity and compassion to her fellow human beings served as an example to all who knew her. A very intelligent person, she was not able to continue her education beyond high school. This scholarship honors her by recognizing others in similar circumstances who can be financially assisted in developing their potential through education.

Her husband, Harry, enjoyed meeting the students who were selected and awarding the scholarships to them. He passed away in 1995.

The award is given to nontraditional students at UWSP who show financial need and hold at

least a 3.0 grade point average. During its first years the scholarship was a \$350 award and in 1985 it was increased to \$500. This year, family members awarded four \$750 scholarships to commemorate their 30th reunion. Including this year's awards, they have distributed 60 scholarships for a total of \$30,145.

This year's recipients are Thomas Brocken, Stevens Point; Christine Estrella, Rosholt; Michelle Krieg, Wausau; and Catherine Triplett, Tomahawk.

The family includes Ellis Eskritt, Glendale, Ariz.; Harry H. Eskritt, '70, Junction City; Myrna (Eskritt) Holdridge, '79, Stevens Point; Nyles Eskritt, '62, Waupaca; Jim Eskritt, '71, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Judy (Eskritt) Leitzke, West Bend.

More information about the scholarship is available from the Alumni Relations Office, 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St. Stevens Point, WI 54481 or by calling (715) 346-3811 or toll free 1-877-764-6801.

Jeepers, what good looking guys

John Jury and Jerry Wilson love their jeeps and their UWSP logo license plates.

Jury is the administrator for the University Centers and Wilson is resident district manager for Chartwells, the university's food service provider.

"Jerry got JWUWSP for his new jeep and then I bought an older used jeep and put the JJUWSP plate on it," Jury said. "I just thought it would make him laugh. It did."

Since 1990 a scholarship fund to assist talented incoming UWSP students has benefited from money collected as part of the fees for the plates.

The university plate offers the option of choosing a personalized message of up to six characters like the ones chosen by Jury and Wilson. A \$20 tax-deductible fee goes directly to the scholarship fund. There is an additional \$15 Wisconsin Department of Transportation fee for cars that do not already have a personalized plate.

Applications for personalized



John Jury, left, and Jerry Wilson have matching UWSP logo license plates on their jeeps.

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

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

Whenever you spot a logo license plate, you'll know someone is showing loyalty to UWSP and helping its students.

Uphoff named Woman of the Year

UWSP swimmer **Becca Uphoff**, '00, has been named Wisconsin's NCAA Woman of the Year.

The award honors outstanding female student-athletes who excel in academics, athletics and community leadership. Uphoff was selected among all senior female student-athletes from NCAA schools in all divisions in Wisconsin.

One of UWSP's most decorated female swimmers, she is the Pointer's first state winner in the 10-year history of the award. She holds 10 school records and was a four-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke, while also winning three straight 500 freestyle titles. Last season, Uphoff won three WIAC relay titles and became a five-time All-American.

Her individual feats helped the Pointers capture their first-ever WIAC women's championship and earn their highest Division III finish at 11th place.

Uphoff was a Judy Kruckman Scholar Athlete for WIAC women's swimming and was named a third-team Academic All-American by GTE and CoSIDA. A May graduate, she majored in communicative disorders with a minor in psychology, posting a 3.83 grade point average. She has begun graduate courses at UW-Madison.



Becca Uphoff

The University Store in the lower level of the University Center is now online. They can be "browsed" at www.uwsp.edu/centers/bookstore/ any time.

During the academic year hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and

Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

Mail information to: UWSP Alumni Association, 208 Old Main, 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, fax (715) 346-2561 or call toll free at 1-877-POINT01. An e-mail form is available on our Internet home page (<http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni>).

Note: Please return this form before May 15, 2001 to be sure to be included in the fall issue.

UWSP: We change lives

Obituaries of graduates

1990s

Richard Tuttle, '90, Solon Springs, died June 5 at age 33. He was a financial representative for American General Finance Company in La Crosse until 1996. His wife, Nancy, survives.

Sarah (Durant) Mirasola, master's '90, Eau Claire, died May 28 at age 60.

Joe McCarthy, '92, Kenosha, died August 19 at age 48. As director of the Kenosha Transportation Department, he was instrumental in starting an electric trolley system, securing state and federal funding for the project. Five restored trolley cars were recently installed to connect Kenosha's downtown with a commercial and residential development. He owned and operated McCarthy Transportation, Ltd., in the 1970s, which offered commuter service between Sun Prairie and Madison. He worked for the Madison Transportation System for two years, then moved to Wausau and later became that city's transit manager. He testified before Congress on urban transit issues. He is survived by his wife, **Judy (Ganser)**, '90, master's '92.

1980s

Paul Landowski, '85, Sauk City, formerly of Almond, died Oct. 28 at age 39. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and one daughter.

Joan Lurvey, '85, Oconomowoc, died August 14 at age 40.

1970s

Jim Schmid, '79, Fort Atkinson, died in June at age 42 after a year-long bout with cancer. He had been UW-Extension crops and soils agent in Dane County since 1996 and was Jefferson County's agent for 10 years. He received the Public Relations in Daily Education Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1998. He served the Jefferson County Extension Office as chairman when his team was awarded the 1995 UW-Extension Chancellor's Award for Excellence. He was a leader in the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Agents and was active as a coach in youth sports. He received a master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Jody, and two children.

Steven Levine, '78, Neenah, died July 30 at age 43. He was employed by Kimberly Clark for 20 years. He earned the distinction of being an Ironman triathlete and was very involved in his children's sports. He was an active member of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Oshkosh and in his children's sports of volleyball, soccer and karate. He is survived by his wife, **Jane (Jensen)**, who also attended UWSP, and three daughters.

James Thompson, '78, Oshkosh, died Sept. 11 at age 46 as the result of a car accident. He was a counselor at Shiocton High School and earned a master's degree at UW-Oshkosh. He is survived by his wife, **Laine (Sandmann)**, '80, and one daughter.

Judith (Seymour) Iris, '77, Plainfield, died Aug. 11 at age 57. She performed in and directed numerous community theater productions, winning the Best Actress of the Year Award in 1974.

Charles Luehrs, '77, Janesville, formerly of Houston, Texas, and Wisconsin Rapids, died of cancer May 23 at age 46. A musician and book lover, he traveled extensively throughout the U.S.

Mark Miller, '77, Rock Island, Ill., died Sept. 29 at his parents' home at age 44. He taught science at Temple Christian High School, Moline, Ill., and later was employed by Van Der Woude Plastics in Milan, Ill.

Karen (Firnrohr) Whitford, '73, Bexley, Ohio, died Sept. 8. She assisted her husband **Phil**, '73, master's '76, with his research on the behavior of Canadian Geese until her death. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter.

Kurt Englebretson, '72, master's '81, Mauston, died July 18 at age 52. He taught social studies at Olson Middle School for 29 years and was a referee for junior high and high school sports for many years. He is survived by his wife, **Barbra (Nelson)**, '73, master's '91, and two children.

Terry Spaar, '71, West Bend, died July 28 following surgery. His wife, **Kathy (Brockman)**, '71, preceded him in death four years ago. They are survived by two sons.

Richard DeFauw, '71, Golden, Colo., died June 4 at age 51. He was employed as a carpenter.

David Liebergen, '70, De Pere, died June 15 at age 54 after a 16-month battle with brain cancer. He served as senior vice president of human resources for Shopko Stores and was with Shopko for more than 26 years. He was very active in retail community organizations. He is survived by his wife, **Maureen (Wachtl)**, '71, and two daughters.

Gary Matter, '70, Stoughton, died unexpectedly Feb. 16 at age 52. He was a senior systems analyst for American Family Insurance and served in the Army in Germany. He was active in the First Lutheran Church in Stoughton as vice president of the congregation. His wife, **Valerie (Gorton)**, '71, and two sons survive.

1960s

Lorraine Slizewski, '69, Eagle River, died May 21 at age 76. She taught elementary school at Tripoli for many years and then at St. Germain for 32 years. She is survived by her husband, Lyle.

Margaret (Kasper) Lindsay, '65, Madison, died Oct. 4 at age 89. For many years she taught in one-room schools including Bear Creek and Readfield. She also worked with the CESA system in the New London area.

Geraldine Kloss, '65, Oxford, died Oct. 9 at age 87. She taught in several one-room schools in rural Marquette County, Zion Lutheran School in Appleton, Mendota School in Madison and Pine Lake School in Springfield Township. She taught at Oxford Grade School from 1950 until her retirement in 1977. While teaching, she attended UWSP during summers and evenings and Saturdays to earn her bachelor's degree. After her retirement, she substitute taught until she was 79. She also assisted her granddaughter in her classroom in Menomonee Falls.

Anne (Olson) Odegard, '60, Merrill, died Sept. 18 at age 92. She began teaching in 1929 at Tripoli. She taught in Minocqua and many Lincoln County schools. She also taught at Lincoln County Teachers College for 38 years, retiring in 1968.

Ruth (Stange) Brunner, '60, Shawano, died June 4 at age 86. She taught in Leopold, Seymour, Eland and Glidden. During World War II she worked for Boeing Aircraft Corp. and at the Naval Supply Depot in Seattle, Wash., where her husband, Clyde, who survives, was stationed. She taught at Sacred Heart Catholic School for 14 years until her retirement in 1973.

1950s

Lila (Krause) Kimball, '59, Pine River, died August 4 at age 91. She taught in rural elementary schools and then at Washington School in Berlin until her retirement in 1977. During her 40-year teaching career she focused on special education.

Verna (Schaefer) Freiberg, '53, Santa Clara, Calif., died July 9 at age 68. She taught high school in Frederick, Md., for a few years, raised a family, and then worked part time as an organist and secretary for various churches until her recent illness. She was active in numerous community organizations, including seven years as coordinator for the Young Audience professional music group that performed concerts for elementary schools.

Thora (Fink) Millard, '52, Milton, died of cancer May 23 at age 69. She taught first grade in Racine, Madison and Bemidji, Minn., and kindergarten in Wauwatosa. She also worked for several years at the U Serve U Save gas station in Milton. She was active in a number of charitable organizations. Her husband, Allan, survives.

Russell Roberts, '52, Wyoming, Minn., died of cancer July 3 at age 69. He served in the Air Force, achieving the rank of first lieutenant. He was a dentist in Clear Lake, Minn., for 10 years before serving as a dental consultant with the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services for 24 years. He retired in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine.

Gerald "Bud" Rued, '51, Iola, died Oct. 26 at age 71. After serving in the armed forces for two years, he was a loan officer at the Wood County Bank in Wisconsin Rapids. He joined First State Bank of Iola in 1971 as vice president and served as the bank president from 1978 until he retired in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Margie.

William Martini, '50, Rhinelander, died Sept. 26 at age 74. He served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He began his career with the DNR in 1950 and retired in 1984. He served as forest ranger at the Goodman Ranger Station for five years and as area forest ranger in Wausaukee for 12 years. He began the first volunteer rescue squad in Wausaukee and coordinated construction of the first home for the elderly in the area. In 1965 he was assigned to Wisconsin's first Forest Fire Simulator Team and was appointed to the original training team for the National Wild Fire Coordinating Group in Boise, Idaho and Marina, Ariz. He served on the team for 11 years. In 1970 he became area forest fire control supervisor in Rhinelander and finished his career as the fire control specialist for Northeast Fire Management Training Team serving 20 states. In 1982 he was named a Distinguished Alumnus in the College of Natural Resources and in 1988 he received the National Award for Outstanding Service in Fire Management. He served on the Rhinelander village board for many years, was active in his church and taught woodworking through 4-H. He assisted in the renovation of the Railroad Museum and the Rhinelander Public Library. He donated his body to the UW-Madison Medical School. He is survived by his wife, Gerrie.

1940s

Eileen O'Connor, '49, formerly of Mosinee, died April 17 in Charles Town, W. Va., at age 82. She taught in Marathon County schools for 11 years, in Sheboygan Public Schools for 10 years and was librarian at Wauwatosa Public Schools from

1957 until her retirement in 1979. After retirement, she was assistant librarian at Joseph Dessert Public Library in Mosinee for four years.

Marcus Bornfleth, '48, Lansing, Ill., died Oct. 5, 1999.

Gerald Haidvogel, last attended '48, Oshkosh, died on Nov. 12 at age 73. He played football and basketball in college and played semi-professional football with the Wausau Muskies for seven years. He served in the Navy during World War II and was employed as a prop grinder at Mercury Marine.



Rollie McManners, '46, Black River Falls, died March 25 at age 82. His college education was interrupted by four years of service in the Army during World War II. While stationed in Iran, he performed on trumpet for such audiences as the King and Queen of Persia. He played first chair in 30 concerts with the Andre Kostelanetz Band, accompanying performers such as Lilly Pons of the Metropolitan Opera. He also performed with the Air Corps dance band. Following graduation from college, he sold real estate with his father in Oregon. He returned to Wisconsin to teach instrumental music at high schools in Elcho, Glen Flora, Hawkins, Sauk City and Alma Center. In Elcho he organized the community's first high school band. When he retired from teaching due to illness between 1958 and 1969, he owned and operated a service station in Black River Falls. He earned a master's degree in music at MacPhail College of Music and Arts, Minneapolis, Minn., and studied at the VanderCook Music College, Chicago. After retirement, he and his wife, Lillian, who survives, entertained as volunteers for nursing homes, area hospitals and organizations.

Ellen (Gordon) Ritchay, '46, died Oct. 22 at age 75. She taught at Medford High School until her marriage in 1949.

Ruth (Lindsay) Schaub, '44, Oconto Falls, died July 6 of complications from Alzheimer's disease. During her college years, she was part of a vocal trio that entertained throughout Central Wisconsin and many times at Fort McCoy.

Dorothy (Wirkus) Redfield, '42, Oshkosh, died July 24 at age 83. She taught elementary and junior high school in Colby, Neenah and Oshkosh.

Donald Aucutt, '41, Antigo, died in May at age 81. He taught in Dunseith, N.D., for one year before joining the Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught radar in Wisconsin, New York and Florida, ending his service as a master sergeant. He then taught, coached and served as principal in Rosendale, S.D., for one year and Garretson, S.D., for 16 years. He also was principal at Elcho High School and taught at Antigo Junior High School. He was principal at Antigo High School for 18 years, retiring in 1984. He served as a planner for the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators and was on the advisory council for the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. He also was active in many community organiza-

tions. He earned a master's degree at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D., and studied at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.; Marquette University, Milwaukee; and Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. He is survived by his wife, Eunice.

1930s

Norman Hinkley, '39, Sun City Center, Fla., died March 16, 2000, at age 84. He served as a captain in the Army during World War II. He was a band director at Whitehall, Prairie du Chien, Portage and Green Bay East High Schools. After his retirement in 1978, he directed vocal groups in Florida and played in big bands and jazz groups. He is survived by his wife, **Betty (Gustin)**, '42.

Floyd "Whitey" Johnson, '39, Elroy, died Oct. 27 at age 88. He taught in elementary schools and served as a principal in the Wilmington and Morton, Ill., areas. He later became a steam pipe fitter in construction work. His wife, Ruby, survives.

Charles Scribner, '36, Appleton, died Sept. 19 at age 84. He taught for 43 years, including 37 years teaching biology at Appleton West High School. He also taught in Neillsville, Ettrick, Pardeeville, Reedstown and Siren. He received a master's degree from UW-Madison in 1940. For 11 summers, he served as a nature counselor at Gardner Dam Boy Scout Camp in Northern Wisconsin and served for 22 years as a National Park Service ranger in Glacier National Park, Mont. In 1969 he was selected as Outstanding Biology Teacher in Wisconsin and in 1970 was granted an honorary life membership in the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. He was a member of numerous professional organizations and a member of the Appleton Mac Dowell Male Chorus for 57 years.

Irene Miller, '34, Venice, Fla., died Oct. 31 at age 88. She did graduate work at Michigan State University and was a teacher and administrator for Milwaukee Public Schools for 39 years. She also was active in a number of community organizations.

Gladys Rasmussen, '34, Mountain, died July 11 at age 85. She taught school for many years and was active as a Girl Scout leader and church organist.

Earl Munding, '32, Marinette, died Nov. 3 at age 87. He taught in Iola for four years. He then managed Gamble Stores in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and in Marinette for 18 years. Later he became a district representative for Aid Association for Lutherans of Appleton, retiring in 1975 after 20 years of service with the company. He is survived by his wife, Hildegard.

Lynn Feutz, one-year certificate '31, bachelor's '48, Wisconsin Rapids, died Nov. 10 at age 86. He taught at Dewhurst, Cannonville, Humbird, Barron and Spencer. He also drove truckloads of turkeys from Barron to Chicago for a short time. He taught and was principal at Children's Choice School, Wisconsin Rapids for 26 years and served as principal at Grant School, Kellner, for six years. He was a 20-year charter member of the Grand Rapids Zoning Appeals Board, serving as chair for six years. He and his wife, Ruth, traveled extensively.

1920s

Amy Pfahning, '29, Marshfield, died at her daughter's home on June 8 at age 91. She taught school for one year before her marriage, then devoted her life to her family.

Homecoming 2000



1 A reunion in the Department of Art and Design during Homecoming 2000 included members of the first class to graduate from the department in 1965. They are, left to right, **Kathy (Koschak) Parkel**, Stoughton; **Kenn Spatz**, Manitowoc; **Cathy (Clark) Spatz**, Manitowoc; **Jerry Shafranski**, Cleveland; **Frank Parkel**, Stoughton; **Marianne (Feutz) Walker**, Los Angeles; and Professor Emeritus **Dick Schneider**.



2 Members of the Alumni Association Board traveled in style in a fire truck converted by Premium Brands. Alumni Association Board President Bob Spoerl drove while board members and others tossed candy, mini-footballs and Point H2O bottled water to the crowd along the parade route.



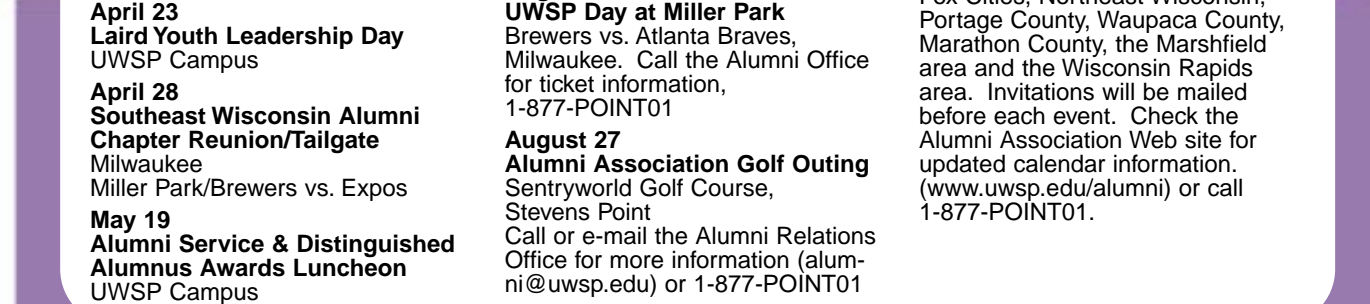
3 The annual UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame Induction banquet and alumni dinner concluded with seven outstanding Pointers joining the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame, left to right, Coach **Red Blair**, '89, Uppsala, Sweden; **Tim Naegeli**, '90, Racine; **Kate Peterson**, '91, Madison; **Jeff Stepanski**, '88, Menasha; **Tom Moris**, '90, Onkama, Mich.; **Nino Pisciotta**, '92, Denver, Colo.



4 With a temperature of 70 degrees and plenty of sunshine, it was a great day for the annual Homecoming parade. The alumni band was 50 members strong when it was joined this year by members of the Pointer pep band who wore purple striped polo shirts. The group followed the parade with a picnic on the lawn outside the Fine Arts Center.



5 Activities during the week leading up to the Homecoming celebration included students and alumni competing in the annual Prom Dress Women's Rugby game. This annual clash pits the "rookies" against the "veterans."



6 Continuing a tradition, academic departments held reunions in conjunction with Homecoming. The College of Natural Resources celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a program at Schmeckle Reserve Visitors Center. In addition to hundreds of returning alumni, attendees included, left to right, Ron Zimmerman, Schmeckle Reserve director; Milo Harpstead, emeritus CNR faculty member; Alan Haney, professor of natural resources; and Bernard Wievel, emeritus CNR faculty member. Other departments holding events included art, communication, political science, history, chemistry, education and interior architecture.

Gatherings in Wisconsin Dells
7 In September, a group of alumni from the Wisconsin Dells area enjoyed dinner at the Great Wolf Lodge and Resort built by brothers, Turk, '68, and Jack Waterman, '67.

8 The Alumni Association provided refreshments for UWSP students, alumni, faculty and staff members who attended a Wisconsin Association of Environmental Educators Conference at the Perlstein Resort in Wisconsin Dells in October.

Alumni events

Calendar of events

March 2
Central Wisconsin Educators Convention Hospitality
D.C. Everest High School, Schofield

April 20-22
Trivia 2001: Old Days
The World's Largest Trivia Contest on WWSP. Call 715-346-3755 for more information

April 23
Laird Youth Leadership Day
UWSP Campus

April 28
Southeast Wisconsin Alumni Chapter Reunion/Tailgate
Milwaukee
Miller Park/Brewers vs. Expos

May 19
Alumni Service & Distinguished Alumnus Awards Luncheon
UWSP Campus

May 20
Spring Commencement
UWSP Sundial

June 1 - 2
Reunion Weekend
Reunion on campus for all alums before 1957...tribute to the 50 year class of 1951

August 4
UWSP Day at Miller Park
Brewers vs. Atlanta Braves, Milwaukee. Call the Alumni Office for ticket information, 1-877-POINT01

August 27
Alumni Association Golf Outing
Sentryworld Golf Course, Stevens Point
Call or e-mail the Alumni Relations Office for more information (alumni@uwsp.edu) or 1-877-POINT01

October 6
Homecoming 2001
October 5, 2002
Homecoming 2002

UWSP Alumni Association Chapter events are being planned in Southeast Wisconsin, Dane County, the Fox Cities, Northeast Wisconsin, Portage County, Waupaca County, Marathon County, the Marshfield area and the Wisconsin Rapids area. Invitations will be mailed before each event. Check the Alumni Association Web site for updated calendar information. (www.uwsp.edu/alumni) or call 1-877-POINT01.

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